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Turning Point

Every year the William & Mary family pauses to celebrate the exceptional class of new alumni. Each May, we welcome them with open arms to the ranks of the more than 92,000 alumni, all of whom play an essential role in the present and future life of William & Mary. As we congratulate the Class of 2014, we both look back on those who came before and look forward to the future with ever increasing aspirations.

The spring is also a time of celebrating tradition and recognizing those on whose shoulders a new breed of W&M alumni rest. In April, we welcomed more than 120 members of the Class of 1964 back to campus for their 50th Reunion, which was followed by Olde Guarde Day where alumni from the Classes of 1962 to 1964 reconciled in service to and appreciation of the College they call home.

All alumni, young and old, have something in common that ties us together. That connection binds us in purpose and vigor: the past, present and future of the College of William & Mary. These are the ropes that the Alumni Association works to connect and strengthen. Bringing the community together for tailgates, Homecoming and reunions. Providing regional and chapter events across the globe. And communicating the news from the College as well as the extraordinary stories of alumni, faculty members and students who are making the world a better place.

This issue of the Alumni Magazine marks a turning point. Ten years ago we reinvented the magazine providing the quality and content deserving our exceptional readers. This fall, that tradition continues, with a fresh look and the opportunity to go into more detail and tell even more great W&M stories. If you have 15 minutes, we would like you to participate in this exciting project by completing the survey at wmalumnimagazine.com/participate.

In addition to a new magazine, all of us at your Alumni Association are hard at work planning another year of tremendous engagement and service. We have events planned that will connect alumni with next year’s incoming students; more chapter and regional events than any previous year; increased opportunities for professional development; and of course, Homecoming and reunions on Oct. 16-19 and the Charter Day Celebration on Feb. 6-7. Be sure to keep your information up-to-date at wmalumni.com/update to ensure you receive all the information as it becomes available.

Finally, I challenge you to think of ways you can give back to William & Mary and pay it forward. I do not just mean monetarily (though of course, that is always welcome!). There are many ways to give back to the College, from career mentoring to volunteering your time at chapter events. I encourage you to get involved with your Tribe, wherever you are.

Karen R. Cottrell ’66, M.Ed. ’69, Ed.D. ’84
Executive Vice President
William & Mary Alumni Association
The difference a day can make...

Over 1,700 alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends gave back and paid it forward — setting a record for gifts made in a single day to the university.

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Athletics the W&M Way

I take as my text a story Cliff Gauthier, our men’s gymnastics coach for the past 41 years, told when he was inducted as an honorary alumnus of W&M during Commencement week 2014. It seems Cliff launched his athletic career as an errant swimmer scared of water. In a tryout race for a swim team, he managed to reach a pool wall, gazed up sensing victory, saw the other swimmers off in the distance, and discovered he had taken a right angle turn into the wrong wall. The coach suggested he try diving. Cliff was not more adept initially at that than swimming, but it did not require a sense of direction. He was determined, worked hard, trained for diving on the trampoline and emerged as both a superb diver and gymnast. He had enormous success as an intercollegiate athlete.

Cliff says athletics helped him overcome his fears and taught him that setbacks often open up new opportunities. He also learned athletics and academics can be complementary.

Coach Gauthier’s teams at William & Mary have compiled an 829-326-2 record. This year’s team won the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship and competed in the NCAA Championships. Perhaps even more impressive, our men’s gymnasts have garnered more Academic All-America designations than those at any other university. Since 1974, 30 gymnasts have gone to medical school.

A wonderful aspect of this story is that it’s just the way things are at William & Mary. We do athletics right. Our coaches are superb teachers and mentors. Our athletes achieve great results on the fields of friendly strife and in the classroom, and they do it at all levels — from our many club sports through Division I NCAA competition. They learn to overcome their fears and to find opportunity in failure. They learn to work together in teams and what it means to lead.

We offer a wide range of varsity and club sports, so athletes can find a team that fits their personal interests and abilities. William & Mary has 23 varsity sports, more than any other school in our Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA). The Tribe has 45 club sports, the most in Virginia, everything from badminton, crew and ice hockey to rugby and wrestling. This year, there were 442 teams in our seven intramural sports drawn from all parts of the university, plus over 50 wellness and fitness classes per week.

Almost 100 varsity athletes graduated in the Class of ’14. They won 15 CAA championship titles over the past four years, and earned degrees in 22 different disciplines. Thirty-three of them earned all-conference honors during their careers, and 29 were inducted into the national honor society for college athletes. Thirty of them earned Provost Awards this year for achieving cumulative grade point averages over 3.5.

Even though there is no place for anyone to hide in our demanding curriculum, W&M varsity athletes still have the best graduation rate in the CAA and in Virginia. The cumulative grade point average for all 500 of our varsity athletes consistently averages above 3.0.

This year, women’s gymnastics claimed its fifth ECAC Championship. Over the last two years, women’s cross country and track and field have won three of four CAA titles, raising their total to 30 of the 54 league championships awarded in those sports. Tribe football narrowly missed its third NCAA playoff bid in the last five seasons, with a 7-4 record. Men’s soccer had a spectacular 10-day stretch defeating two No. 1-ranked teams, earning a spot in the NCAA tournament. Men’s basketball came within one basket of the CAA championship title and an automatic NCAA tournament berth. Tim Rusthoven ’14 was named the CAA’s basketball “Scholar-Athlete of the Year;” the third consecutive season a Tribe player has won, and the sixth time in the 12-year history of the award. Tribe varsity baseball, coming off an impressive NCAA appearance in 2013, won the regular season CAA Championship finishing 32-20 overall, and 15-5 in league play, before finishing second in the league tournament.

William & Mary competes just as aggressively at the club level, where students work hard under often-trying conditions for the pure joy of sport. This past year, the club baseball team won their regional tournament and finished second in their division world series, gymnastics went to the national championship, men’s rugby won a division championship and women’s varsity 4 crew won a gold medal at their regional championship.

Most W&M athletes recall their days of athletic competition with great relish. They learned lessons as Tribe athletes that last a lifetime. Like Coach Gauthier, they sometimes swam to the wrong wall, but learned from their mistakes and bounced back from adversity. They worked hard to achieve their goals and measured themselves against demanding standards, while competing hard within the rules and respecting opponents. And they treasured their bonds with teammates. Along with the rest of the William & Mary family, they delighted in victory. Go Tribe!

W. Taylor Reveley III
President, College of William & Mary
Justices Hold Court
Kennedy and Goldstone Discuss Constitutions, Old and New, at the Law School

William & Mary law students had a chance to learn about constitutions from two of the preeminent jurists of our time — Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Honorable Richard Goldstone, a former justice of South Africa’s Constitutional Court — during an April 8 panel sponsored by the Law School’s Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peace-building (CLS/PCP).

Justice Kennedy shared his observations about the U.S. Constitution, the world’s oldest written constitution, which was drafted in 1787. He harked back to Chief Justice John Marshall, one of the court’s most influential jurists, who studied law at William & Mary. Kennedy explored the question of whether jurists such as Marshall have more freedom or more constraints when a constitution is in its infancy. Marshall, he said, “saw the Constitution as this unifying document to which we have allegiance, the document that in Madison’s words [in The Federalist Papers] ‘must endure for ages to come.’”

Interpreting a new constitution, Kennedy said, may pose a challenge for it “does not have a built-in history of allegiance and respect.” However, he said, “with a new constitution there is an excitement, a sense that you should reach out for new ideas, that you should show how important your constitution is.” Marshall did just that in 1803 in Marbury v. Madison, Kennedy said, an opinion that asserted for the first time the power of judicial review.

In her introduction of the speakers, CLS/PCP Program Director Christie Warren said that Justice Goldstone is known as “one of several liberal judges who crafted and issued key rulings that undermined the apartheid system from within.” After South Africa adopted its new constitution in 1996, President Nelson Mandela appointed Goldstone to the nation’s newly created Constitutional Court. Warren noted that among his
many recognitions and honors, Goldstone received the Law School faculty’s highest honor, the Marshall-Wythe Medallion, in 2013.

Goldstone described his experience of being among the few lawyers and judges in apartheid-era South Africa who regarded it as their duty to “apply the law as far as possible with regard to the rights of the majority,” who were black South Africans. He recalled the challenges of working within a system in which “there was no power of review, we couldn’t set any law of our parliament aside. There was no constitution, so therefore there was no such thing as a law being unconstitutional.” However, he said, the quest for justice went on. “Within the law we could find spaces and apply human rights precedents that came to us, interestingly, from the Roman-Dutch law system.”

He noted that when the court faced the task of interpreting the constitution for the first time, its authors had given them an important resource: the constitution required them to consider international human rights law and allowed them to consider foreign laws. “It is a huge benefit to consult foreign law,” he said. “Obviously, it is not binding. It gives one ideas, it gives one a perspective. You may agree or disagree with what the foreign court has said, but you will certainly learn from the comparison.”

— Jaime Welch-Donahue

Donning of the Kente: A Celebration of Accomplishment

It didn’t take long for the tears to fall on Friday night of Commencement weekend as parents, friends and professors embraced William & Mary graduates, one by one, on the Phi Beta Kappa stage and wrapped black, embroidered stoles around their necks as part of the 2014 Donning of the Kente ceremony.

The annual event, started three years ago, seeks to celebrate the accomplishments of William & Mary’s students of color. More than 100 students participated in the May 9 ceremony, including graduate students who were included for the first time this year.

“I’m really excited to participate in this year’s ceremony because I didn’t have the opportunity as an undergrad,” said Kendra Cabler, who received her bachelor’s degree from W&M in 2011 and graduated with her master of education degree this year. “I think it’s really important to celebrate each of our students’ accomplishments. Donning of the Kente provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of multicultural students in a more intimate setting with friends and family.”

During the donning portion of the ceremony, the students were called to the stage individually to receive the stoles from one or two people of their choosing. Many of the “donners” were parents or family members, but fraternity brothers, fellow students and faculty or staff mentors also participated. The stoles that the graduates were presented were designed by a student and include a symbol that means “unity in diversity.”

The ceremony was co-sponsored by the Hulon Willis Association and the W&M Lemon Project. Chon Glover M.Ed. ’99, Ed.D. ’06, William & Mary’s chief diversity officer, presided over the event.

Jody Allen Ph.D. ’07, co-chair of the Lemon Project, said that the ceremony provides an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the growth that has occurred in the country and at the College over the last three centuries.

“This ceremony remembers those who paved the way for you, and you, in turn, have paved the way for those who will come behind you,” she said. “You’re part of a strong legacy and don’t ever forget it.”

Earl Granger ’92, M.Ed. ’98, associate vice president for development fundraising and president of the Hulon Willis Association, also encouraged the graduates to think about those who would come behind them.

“This is a very, very special place, and I just hope that each of you will pay it forward in some way,” he said.

Provost Michael R. Halleran praised the students for successfully completing their work at W&M but noted that their graduation would just be the beginning.

“Our job as educators is to help prepare young men and women to help make a difference in the world. How you chose to make a difference, that’s up to you,” he said. “We say in our vision statement that...
students come here wanting to change the world and they leave with the tools to do it. That’s what I hope you have been able to obtain during your course of study. I want you to go out and make the world a better place.”

One person who has been making such a difference at William & Mary for more than 28 years was honored at the event for her contributions to the institution. Charlotte Davis Brown, director of the McLeod Business Library at the Mason School of Business, “has been a stalwart pioneer at William & Mary,” said Glover. She has been involved in the Black Faculty and Staff Forum and served as a mentor through the Black Student Organization.

Also honored at the ceremony was Olivia Armstrong ’14, the recipient of the 2014 Hulon Willis Association Leadership Award. Armstrong, a business major, was very engaged during her time at the university, serving with groups such as the W&M NAACP, Orchesis Dance Company and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She was also a Monroe Scholar and employed at the Sadler Center.

Although the emotional ceremony did occasionally draw tears from participants and audience members alike, the crowd also shared many smiles and laughs throughout the evening as husbands and wives, friends and classmates met on the stage.

“I love the Donning of the Kente because we do a lot of laughing and a lot of crying,” said Allen.

For Cabler, the event was about community and celebrating “the accomplishments of the many sub-communities William & Mary is comprised of.”

“We challenge students day in and day out to be mindful of their roles as members of the Tribe, but how awesome is it that we provide junctures to celebrate and thank them for playing that role,” she said.

“As we continue to press toward the mark of true diversity and inclusion, it’s critical that we acknowledge and support the students already present here on campus. Donning the Kente is important because it exemplifies all of these notions. I am excited, honored and humbled this Commencement weekend to celebrate with peers all of our accomplishments throughout this journey.”

— Erin Zagursky

William & Mary’s 2014 Commencement Awards

Several awards are presented annually to graduates, staff and faculty members during the William & Mary Commencement ceremony in May.

Gabriel Manion ’14, described by one of his nominators as “the hardest working person I know,” received the James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup. The Carr Cup is awarded to a graduating senior on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership. The recipient should be a well-rounded student, having a good standing in all three of these respects, and carrying within the spirit of willingness to sacrifice and give oneself to a cause. Manion fits the bill.

The Thatcher Prize for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Study was created to honor the 21st Chancellor of William & Mary, Margaret, the Lady of Thatcher. It is given to an outstanding graduate student completing an advanced degree in arts and sciences, education, marine science, business administration or law, and is awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Andre Buchheister Ph.D. ’14 is the 2014 recipient; a man whose supporters say has distinguished himself as an exemplary student, a successful scientist, a dedicated teacher and an active member of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science and local communities.

The Lord Botetourt medal was established in 1772 “for the honor and encouragement of literary merit.” In contemporary times, it has been given to the graduating senior who has attained the greatest distinction in scholarship. The 2014 recipient is Stephen Cameron ‘14. Cameron graduated with a bachelor’s in mathematics and a minor in physics. His honor’s thesis, which an adviser noted was “easily at the graduate level,” required a mix of analysis, number theory, abstract algebra and geometry.

Two graduating seniors are selected to receive the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards each year at Commencement for their “characteristics of heart, mind and helpfulness to others.” This year, the student recipients were Rachel Brooks ’14 and Chase Koontz ’14.

Brooks, a public policy major, plans on pursuing a career in public affairs following graduation. “She does more good deeds than anyone I know,” said one of her nominators. The Office of Community Engagement also recognized her this spring with the Tradition of Service Award.

A government major and business minor, Koontz was a career-long campus leader at William & Mary, most recently serving as president of the Student Assembly and as a student representative to the Board of Visitors. It is “impossible to know Chase and not recognize how genuinely he cares about the College of William & Mary and each member of the Tribe,” according to one nomination letter.

Each year, one Sullivan Award is presented to a person with “a close working relationship with the College.” This year, Rev. John Maxwell Kerr, an Episcopal chaplain, was the honoree. “It is the unique combination of his penchant for teaching, hands-on service, and accepting and loving spirit that has helped so many students on this campus thrive,” wrote one nominator.

Two professors received the Thomas Ashley Graves, Jr. Awards for their sustained excellence in teaching: Elizabeth Camell and John Noell Moore. Camell is a professor at William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Moore, a professor of education, has worked with students for more than 40 years, teaching classes at William & Mary on curriculum and instruction.

— Jim Ducibella and Erin Zagursky
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### BY THE NUMBERS

4,700  The admissions office received more applications this year than ever before. After evaluating more than 14,500 applicants, the office sent out 4,700 acceptance letters to potential members of the Class of 2018.

88  The College received a green rating of 88 from the Princeton Review. The guide gave institutions a “green rating” between 60 and 99 based on a survey by campus administrators, and then recognized the 332 schools that received scores of 83 or above. The profile highlights the activities of the W&M Committee on Sustainability and the Student Green Fee.

20th  The Wren Building was ranked 20th in the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects’ “Virginia’s Favorite Architecture” poll. The Virginia Center for Architecture noted in a press release that respondents “chose buildings that evoke powerful emotions and memories as their favorites.”

1st  William & Mary was ranked No. 1 in the country for smartest students, according to Business Insider. Using data collected by Niche, a college review site formerly known as College Prowler, the article compared overall intelligence of university students. W&M beat out the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Virginia, among other institutions.

4th  In addition to having the smartest students, the College also has some of the smartest professors in the country. William & Mary is the only public university on the list of “Top 5 Schools with the Smartest Professors,” according to USA Today.

1,700+  One Tribe One Day set a record for single-day giving participation, with more than 1,700 individual donors. More students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends made gifts to William & Mary during the April 10, 2014, event than on any other single day in the university’s history.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

Mary Jo White ’70 among Time’s “Most Influential People”

Mary Jo White ’70, chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, was included among Time magazine’s “100 Most Influential People.” White is a former U.S. attorney, and was the first woman to hold the position of U.S. attorney in Manhattan. One of her most notable cases was the conviction of Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. White appears in the “pioneers” section of the list, and her profile notes her expertise in prosecuting white-collar crimes.

W&M will participate in the inaugural PULSE Institute

William & Mary has been selected as one of 14 institutions nationwide to participate in the PULSE Institute at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania this July. The PULSE (perspective, understanding, leadership, sustained, exchange) Institute will help college students and staff members develop on-campus discussion programs about diversity in order to build more inclusive communities. Supported by a gift from the Roger I. and Ruth B. MacFarlane Foundation, five students and staff members from the W&M Center for Student Diversity will attend the institute.

W&M, EVMS launch M.D.-M.B.A. program

Eastern Virginia Medical School and William & Mary have partnered to create a dual Doctor of Medicine — Master of Business Administration program. The collaboration recently gained approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and will begin accepting students beginning July 2014.

College welcomes alumnus as new head of human resources

John Poma ’86, M.B.A. ’00 is William & Mary’s new associate vice president for human resources. Poma, previously the president of n1Health, comes to William & Mary with more than 25 years of human resource management and leadership experience. Since his graduation with a bachelor’s degree in government, Poma has remained fervently engaged with the College. Through the Alumni Association he has served as chair of each of his five-year reunion classes, was a member of the Young Guarde Council from 1986-2001 and held numerous leadership positions in the Richmond Alumni Chapter, including president. With the Mason School of Business, he also served for a decade on the Business Partners Board.

Kathleen Powell to fill career development position

Kathleen Powell has been selected as the new assistant vice president for student affairs and executive director of career development. Powell currently serves as the director of career exploration and development at the University of Ohio, but will join the Tribe in July following the retirement of Mary Schilling. Powell will oversee the operation of the Cohen Career Center and the university’s career development program, which serves all undergraduate and graduate students, with the exception of M.B.A and law students. Powell has worked in career development for approximately 30 years and will lend her experience in order to strengthen employer relations and expand alumni outreach.
BATTERED WOMEN’S PROTECTIVE STRATEGIES
Sherry Hamby ’85, M.A. ’89
Hamby examines interrelationships among forms of interpersonal violence and addresses research on co-occurrence and the significance for victims and perpetrators of violence.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY AND ENGLISH UNITARIANISM IN AMERICA
J.D. Bowers ’89
Bowers reexamines the origins and development of Unitarianism and reveals the extent to which Joseph Priestley’s ideas concerning Congregational policy were recognized and established within the United States.

BANKRUPT AT BIRTH
Joe Mason M.B.A. ’97
Stories and statistics describe the growing epidemic of child identity theft and offers parents and educators practical advice to protect their kids.

FAMILIAR GHOSTS
Henry Hary, Hickman Professor of Humanities
Striking poems chronicle a 2004 trip to China and Inner Mongolia to retrace the steps of Hary’s great-grandfather and relatives who fled the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.

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What moved me.

“As a career journalist, I have reported for newspapers in Memphis, Raleigh, NC, and Phoenix and, after 1980, the Los Angeles Times. With each move, I had enjoyed a newspaper community, and that’s what I wanted after retirement: a community.

I heard about the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) concept and I liked it. This launched years of research, and as the CCRC movement grew, I visited communities across the country of every variety and developed a lengthy priority list which included cultural life, a top-notch gym, excellent food, and—please!—large, airy rooms with lots of closet space.

When Williamsburg became my destination for family reasons. I went to the computer with my fingers crossed. There, among a maze of retirement websites I found a beautiful place called WindsorMeade. As I checked off my priorities and WindsorMeade met them all, I stopped holding my breath. I had found.

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While graduates of the College have always made headlines, these days, they’re often writing them, too. Even though William & Mary doesn’t have a journalism program and doesn’t offer reporting classes, a significant number of recent grads are applying their liberal arts educations to careers in news. Politico, Atlantic Media, U.S. News, Kiplinger and ESPN all employ young Tribe alumni, as do new digital darlings Vox and FiveThirtyEight. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment of reporters and broadcasters to decline 13 percent between 2012 and 2022, but the uncertainty of the industry hasn’t deterred these 20-somethings from diving headfirst into media’s murky waters, where they work behind content management systems and in front of cameras to beat deadlines and break stories.

Many of these rising reporters got their start at student publications, scribbling away in the Campus Center late into the night. Budding journalists at The Flat Hat, The Virginia Informer and other outlets developed news judgment by covering the Wren Cross controversy and the election of a student to the Williamsburg city council.

“I’ve always believed it’s the best experience,” Max Fisher ’08 said of writing for a college newspaper. Now content director of Vox, he credits a column he penned for The Flat Hat about then-president Gene Nichol with setting him on his career path, which has included jobs at The Atlantic and The Washington Post. “I’ve done things at the college paper I’m nowhere close to being able to do in the real, grown-up media world. Anyone can walk in freshman or sophomore year and have a decent shot.”

There’s more to the phenomenon than impressive college clips. Rather than hindering their progress, the reporters believe having liberal arts, instead of journalism, degrees contributed to their success. Walter Hickey ’12 was inspired to apply his math major toward a media career when data journalist Nate Silver made a splash predicting 2008 presidential election results. Assistant professor Tanujit Dey recruited Hickey to contribute to a data visualization project about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the type of timely, analytical work a journalist might undertake.

“The math department is really, really good at identifying skills,” Hickey said. “They definitely steered me in that direction once they realized I could be good there.” He now works with Silver as lead lifestyle writer at FiveThirtyEight.

For Jeff Dooley ’09, general editor at ESPN Insider, the writing training he received as an English and government student was invaluable. “I didn’t take a class where good writing wasn’t essential to doing well in the course,” Dooley said. “In government classes, it was structuring an argument, backing it up. I took several creative writing courses focusing on the craft of writing, and I draw on that every day.”

There’s no escaping the fact that the media job market is competitive. While interning without pay at The New Republic...
after graduation, Fisher applied to every job opening he spotted. He finally snagged a phone interview with a newspaper in rural Idaho, only to find the editor, dissatisfied with his own job, was interested in pursuing Fisher’s unpaid internship himself. “He asked, ‘Do you think they’d hire someone with a little more experience at that internship?’” Fisher recalled.

“That was when I started to try to get more aggressive, making myself into something more hireable.”

Some alumni broke into the market by way of graduate school. The optimism Dooley felt at the end of his internship with ESPN Magazine the summer before senior year was punctured when the company issued a hiring freeze in response to the recession. So Dooley applied to Teach For America and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and was accepted into both programs. “It was a dream of mine to get my graduate degree in journalism, but I viewed it as a later-in-life sort of thing,” Dooley said. “But friends and family all advised me to do the Columbia admission.” Receiving the Sizemore Fellowship for Graduate Study in Journalism, a generous scholarship funded by Mason ’63 and Connie Sizemore ’62, made his decision to attend Columbia easier. “It was a fantastic experience for me,” Dooley said. “Having not had technical instruction in journalism previously, that was really valuable to have professors who were experts in each of their fields. It made me a much better journalist.”

Other grads seized ill-timed opportunities. Vanessa Remmers ’13, now a local government reporter for the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, wrote articles for the Petersburg Progress-Index during her senior year and graduated a semester early to take a full-time job with the daily Virginia paper. Hired as a reporter at an ABC station in Staunton, Va., Todd Corillo ’11 also graduated a semester early. “Saturday night [after graduation], I walked out of the Sadler Center, got in the car and drove to the Shenandoah Valley, then started on Monday,” he said. “I finished my Hispanic studies major capstone during my first week on the job.” He now works for WTKR NewsChannel 3 in Hampton Roads, Va.

And some alums bucked tradition altogether. Cristina Marcos ’13 interned at The Hill during her sophomore spring while participating in the William & Mary in Washington program, and when one of her editors offered to introduce her to Fox News Capitol Hill producer Chad Pergram, she jumped at the chance. “Twenty minutes into our conversation, [Pergram] asked, ‘How would you feel about interning at Fox with me?’” Marcos recalled. “It seemed like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with someone I really admire and respect.” Surprising her classmates, she took a semester off to take advantage of the opportunity. “It was definitely an unusual thing to do, but it was an extremely good career move for me,” she said. “You learn so much more in the field, getting to know lawmakers, seeing what they do every day.” Marcos then graduated a semester early to take an internship at CQ Roll Call and now works for The Hill.

Regardless of how they got their first gigs, these journalists don’t stay put for long. Half of the alums interviewed were transitioning to new positions at different media outlets, all after less than two years at their current jobs. The tenuousness of the business makes some young reporters eager to job hop if they sense a chance to advance their careers. “There’s still a great deal of uncertainty,” said Kristin Coyner ’09, staff writer for CQ Roll Call. “I’ve seen rounds of layoffs already.” Yet the breakdown of traditional barriers has benefited those willing to take risks. “I don’t think you’ve ever really had a time when there’s been so much opportunity,” Hickey said. “If you’re someone new to the business, it’s an exciting time.”

Although none of the reporters viewed William & Mary as a journalism incubator when they enrolled, in hindsight, they’re not surprised the school attracts future media mavens. “W&M has a culture where they really teach us to question everything, challenge the status quo, look at things in an intellectual way,” Marcos said. Corillo agreed: “I think that curiosity that makes you a good W&M student makes you a really good journalist.”

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Embracing a Culture of Engagement and Philanthropy

Class of 2014 president, classmates pay it forward

BY ROBIN FARMER

In the weeks as she prepared to graduate from William & Mary, Senior Class President Grace A. Martini ’14 couldn’t stop thinking about the impact her class would have on the institution that has provided them with immeasurable treasures.

As a Senior Class Gift co-chair, she happily embraced the task of encouraging seniors to transform their love for the College into philanthropy. “I do not think I truly understood the importance of giving back to William & Mary and how much of my William & Mary experience was enabled and shaped by private donations,” said Martini, a business and environmental policy double major from Cary, NC.

With the help of Martini and the entire senior leadership team, the Senior Class Gift committee’s goal was to get 70 percent of the senior class to give a minimum of $10 in support of the class gift, although many tend to donate $16.93, in recognition of the College’s founding charter. Two weeks before Commencement, the goal was met, with 1,015 seniors contributing.

“The fact that my out-of-state tuition does not fully cover my William & Mary experience made me realize how important it is to give back, even if it is initially a small amount,” said Martini, who served as one of three student members of the College’s Annual Giving Board.

The size of the gift was not important; what matters most is for students and alumni to embrace a culture of lifetime engagement and philanthropy, Martini said. Annual gifts to the Fund for William & Mary help ensure memorable experiences for students from all backgrounds.

In fiscal year 2013, individual gifts of $250 or less to William & Mary totaled nearly $3 million. “Collectively, gifts of all sizes make a significant impact for William & Mary and the students,” Martini said.

Gifts impact every person on campus in some way, every day, said Martini, who studied Italian and art history for a month in Florence, Italy, with scholarship support. One of her favorite courses, sustainability inspired innovation and design taught by Associate Professor Michael G. Luchs in the Mason School of Business, also was made possible with private gifts. The class taught her how to be inventive and solution-oriented, valuable skills for business.

Martini also was a Sharpe Community Scholar, a highly selective program for first-year students, enabling them to develop leadership skills through a blend of academics, research and community engagement. The program was started by the vision and generosity of Jane A. and Robert Sharpe Sr. Robert Sharpe served several years on the William & Mary Foundation Board.

After participating in the program as a freshman, Martini served as a teaching fellow in one of the first-year classes during her sophomore year. “It enriched my William & Mary experience with a new responsibility,” she said. “I thoroughly enjoyed working with students to develop their projects and I loved the accountability the opportunity instilled.”

Martini, who grew up visiting William & Mary’s campus with her father, Douglas Martini ’82, said she was drawn to the College’s combination of tradition and academic excellence. Her father, a biology major, played football before heading to medical school. He is an orthopedic and sports medicine physician in North Carolina. “I just always kind of knew William & Mary was a place for me,” Grace said. “It was the combination of tradition and absolutely phenomenal education.”

Active in many organizations and activities, Martini has served as a president’s aide, vice president of academic excellence for Kappa Kappa Gamma and sophomore liaison to the Board of Visitors, among other leadership roles. She credits the College with preparing her for the two job offers she accepted before graduation.

“I was offered a position as a federal human capital consultant with Deloitte in Washington, D.C.,” Martini said. Deloitte, she said, will hold the position for her for two years while she completes a stint with Teach for America. She is teaching first-graders in Memphis, Tenn.
Innovation that helps students thrive begins with vision and private giving

BY BONNIE V. WINSTON

Students are learning to think beyond the usual boundaries, thanks to a new course, sustainability inspired innovation and design, taught by Associate Professor Michael G. Luchs of the Mason School of Business.

“The design we’re talking about is Design with a big D,” said Luchs. “It’s understanding people’s needs more deeply by getting customer insights and then coming up with entirely new products and services that meet those needs. That not only benefits the consumer, it benefits the company.”

The course is among the many creative opportunities for learning that are supported by private gifts to William & Mary. The course is being taught again this fall.

Luchs, whose background and training is both as an engineer and a psychologist, sees design thinking as a nexus of the two.

The process involves a lot more than simply coming up with ideas, Luchs said. It’s working with an interdisciplinary team in a cross-functional way to completely rethink a company’s products and services.

“Our students are learning the tools of collaborative innovation and learning divergent thinking skills,” Luchs said.

By analyzing companies on the basis of four principal categories — people, environment, culture and economy — and coming up with new products or services, students also become comfortable with what Luchs calls “the iterative mindset” used currently by many corporations and businesses.

Iterative mindset, Luchs explained, means being willing and unafraid to take an idea to people, or customers, for feedback. The feedback typically leads to changes and adjustments — or new iterations — of the proposed products and services that eventually are successful in the benefits they bring to consumers and to the companies.

“We’re striving to give our students an accelerated start to their careers by showing them how best-in-class companies define and solve problems,” Luchs said.

“This process of design thinking also helps students develop confidence in their creative ability.”

Students inspired by the course have created a Design Thinking Club, which has attracted more than 100 members from across campus. With guest speakers and activities, they have explored design thinking in technology, strategic planning and industrial design.

Luchs’ course is taught in the Mason School’s new Design Studio, which was cited by Bloomberg Businessweek in ranking William & Mary’s undergraduate business program No. 1 in the nation for marketing in 2013. In April 2014, the Mason School’s undergraduate business program was ranked seventh among public universities and 22nd best in the nation overall by Bloomberg Businessweek.

The Design Studio, which looks more like an innovative warehouse space than a traditional classroom, signals to students and visitors alike that fresh and imaginative ideas are not only welcomed, but encouraged.

Luchs said design thinking led to the creation of the course and the studio, and funding from a private benefactor helped make it possible.

“We worked with a benefactor to prototype the studio on a very tight budget,” Luchs explained. “We learned from the prototype — including from course evaluations by the students — and the benefactor has followed through with a more significant financial investment once we had proven out the model and the space.

“I think applying that approach has been successful for us,” Luchs continued. “And it might resonate with other donors — strategically giving a smaller gift, seeing some results from it and then following through with something more substantial.”

Two related courses, solving creative problems and design thinking for strategic advantage, have been taught in the Design Studio during the past year. Additional courses across campus — and integrated programs that apply the design-thinking methodology and mindset — will continue to be explored in the coming year.

Private gifts from alumni and friends to the Mason School Annual Fund allow the business school to pursue such innovative opportunities as this.

The revolutionary course also has earned national recognition and kudos. In June 2013, Luchs won the nationally coveted Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula from the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina for the course. The judges specifically noted the truly interdisciplinary approach of blending materials and students from various disciplines to gain broader perspectives. They also cited the course’s hybrid approach of melding traditional classroom instruction with the experimental instruction of the Design Studio.

To Luchs, the award was validation.

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Mitchell Byrd began studying bald eagles in the dark DDT-haunted days, a time when fieldwork included picking up poisoned birds lying on the ground under their nests.

Things have changed since the 1970s. The bald eagle has made a triumphant return to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The birds are healthy and the population is too, having reached a point at which Byrd and his colleagues at the Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) have begun to study the sociology of the national bird. Revelations from the population density has prompted scientists to start writing a new chapter in the natural history of the great birds and it’s a chapter punctuated by mystery and a surprising amount of sex and violence.

Byrd has seen the evolution of an entire arsenal of high-tech tools studying eagles. The CCB captures the birds (sometimes using remotely triggered rocket nets) to fit them with lightweight transmitters and then track their movements via satellite, assembling vast amounts of metadata on eagle movements. Videocameras record the nesting and chick-raising behavior of eagle parents as well as challenges and disruptions to their family lives.

Even with all the high-tech assistance, the cornerstone of the CCB’s eagle research is comparatively old-school. Each spring, they fly low over nests and count the eagles, the eggs and the chicks. Spring is when the thoughts of eagles turn lightly to the weighty business of nesting. For the past 23 years, Byrd has been part of the same three-man team that flies just above treetop height, peering into eagle nests. He joins Bryan Watts, director of the CCB, and a former fighter pilot who answers to Captain Fuzzzo. (The middle “z,” he says, is silent.)

Even after more than 20 years, Watts and Capt. Fuzzzo are the “new guys” on
Eagles have plenty of challenges from non-human sources, too. During the census flights, Byrd and his colleagues often see raccoons in eagle nests. Byrd said they always thought that the raccoons just moved into vacant nests, but he had to revise that hypothesis after visiting a nest up on the Rappahannock. He and a graduate student retrieved a tape from a video camera monitoring an eagle nest.

“There were eagle parts all over the ground from the two chicks,” Byrd recalled. “We looked at the video and we saw three big raccoons go up in the nest and just demolish those eagle chicks. So it might be that they’re actually displacing the eagles. We don’t really know.”

Raccoon marauders are bad enough, but a slasher film aimed at the wildlife market should cast a great horned owl as the villain. This species of owl, Byrd says, displays “a weird behavior,” a penchant for what a non-scientist might call indiscriminate slaughter. Byrd tells the stories: mass decapitations in a heron colony, a takeover of a peregrine nest, which the owls had festooned with the mauld corpses of jackrabbits. Eagles are not exempt from owl attacks.

“There’s been a fair amount of conflict between great horned owls and eagles. We’ve seen some fairly good-sized bald eagle chicks decapitated by great horned owls,” Byrd said. “It seems to be something that great horned owls like to do. Well, whether they like to do it or not, I don’t know, but they do it. They don’t usually eat them; they just take the heads off.”

Despite the losses, the eagles of the Chesapeake region continue to expand in number and territory; Byrd says the growth rate is around 10 percent each year. The number of new questions about eagles seems to grow along with the population. For instance, the CCB saw a number of immature eagles nesting back in the ’90s, but they didn’t know if the birds were actually breeding. Today, there’s a glut of adult birds and the subadult eagles have been pushed out of the nesting pool. Another mystery surrounds a number of mature breeding pairs along the James River between Jamestown and Smithfield, Va. These birds consistently breed much earlier than other eagles.

The scientists have found that bald eagles can get into romantic entanglements straight out of a trashy novel. The CCB has ample evidence of cheating wives and threesomes among our nation’s bird. Byrd knows of at least one bigamist — a male in New York who commuted between mates in two separate nests. He also has a story about an osprey with a midlife crisis and he believes that eagles might also “trade down” in age of mates.

Many people are eager to discover virtues in the national bird and so Byrd, Watts and other eagle scientists are often asked if the eagles mate for life.

“I tell them no,” Byrd said with a smile, “they take a break sometimes.”
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SECOND CHANCE
Coach Tim Rivera Helps Gymnasts Achieve Their Goals
By Ashley Murphy ‘15

This past gymnastics season, the Tribe women had a stellar year, breaking the team vault record, the school record in the all-around, earning the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) regional title for the first time in 11 years, and producing the ECAC’s Gymnast of the Year, Specialist of the Year and Scholar Athlete of the Year.

A big part of the team’s success was the guidance of assistant coach Tim Rivera. Rivera was chosen as the Assistant Coach of the Year for the ECAC for the second time, an impressive feat given that he has only coached at William & Mary for four seasons.

Even more impressive is the fact that Coach Rivera is alive. He has died. Twice. After an accident in 1997, in which he was pronounced dead at the scene and again several days afterward in the intensive care unit, doctors told him he would never walk or speak again. Despite these obstacles, Rivera has gone on to a successful coaching career with many collegiate programs.

Rivera grew up in Monterey, Calif. His interest in gymnastics was piqued when he began competing as a walk-on for the men’s team at California State University, Chico. After graduating, he moved from the competition to the coaching sphere immediately, becoming head coach of women’s gymnastics at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo for seven years, then the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) for four years. During his tenure with UCSB, the team won many national and regional accomplishments, and Rivera was chosen as the 1992 Big West Conference Coach of the Year.

In 1994 Rivera moved to Michigan, where he worked as an assistant coach at Michigan State University, earning NCAA Central Region Coach of the Year honors in 1996. During the summers, he volunteered at several gymnastics camps.

At the conclusion of one of these camps at Texas Woman’s University (TWU), Rivera was helping move mats from the site. Riding in the back of a pickup truck that was going approximately 15 mph, he was somehow thrown from the bed. He has no memory of the accident that occurred in which he was pronounced dead at the scene. He was revived on the way to the hospital, but pronounced dead again days later. He was revived a second time and stayed in the intensive care unit for 10 days, drifting in and out of comas three times.

When he talks about the incident these days, he jokingly says, “I never saw lights or anything.” He has no memory of the three-month period following the accident. He stayed in semi-intensive care for five weeks and the doctors delivered a grim prognosis. His family gathered to support him during his recovery process. Although Rivera does not remember it, his brother hired a private jet to fly Rivera to Michigan to one of the leading brain hospitals in the country. There, he regained the ability to walk and speak again, defying the medical professionals’ predictions.

His vision, brainstem, reaction time and motor function on his left side were severely impacted. Rivera said that he is still working on a sense of normalcy, and visits a speech therapist and physical therapist yearly. Much like gymnastics, his recovery is a continual effort. After his accident, he had decided to retire and devote some time to volunteering at a gymnastics club. However, it only took six months for him to begin coaching again full time. He made a phone call to his friend and coach at TWU, who coincidentally was the driver of the truck from the accident in 1997. From 2004 to 2010, Rivera worked at TWU, specializing in uneven bars routines. It may seem like returning to the place where such a devastating accident occurred would be difficult, but it didn’t phase Rivera. He has always been focused on coaching and helping gymnasts achieve their goals. During his tenure with the team, the program ranked No. 1 or No. 2 on bars in the USAG National Collegiate rankings and TWU gymnasts were bars champions at their conference championship meet five times.

Rivera came to William & Mary in 2010, working with bars and vault and serving as the recruiting coordinator. In his second year with the Tribe, Rivera was nominated by head coach Mary Lewis for Assistant Coach of the Year. This honor is well deserved. “Tim’s biggest strength as a coach is how much he cares about his job,” said gymnast Larson Lasek ’14. “He always puts us first. It’s easy to see how passionate he is about this team.” Rivera takes little credit for his honors. “I’m very proud. It’s nice to be recognized by peers. But I told the girls it’s a team award. It won’t happen without them; we do everything together.”

Rivera believes that the team has a bright future ahead. Always putting the team first, he wants to continue their winning streak and hopes the team will defend their ECAC title next season. William & Mary has given Rivera a second chance to coach for the sport he loves, and he is determined to make the most of the opportunity.
Ashleigh Akens Rabe ’94, Basketball
Ashleigh Akens Rabe’s basketball career included some impressive firsts. During her junior year at the College, Rabe led the team to the CAA Championship for the first time. After a successful four years with the College, helping to set the program’s record for wins in a season and setting the still-standing record for 205 free throws, she was the first W&M women’s basketball player to play professionally, trading in her green and gold when she signed with a Belgian team.

David Corley Jr. ’03, Football
As the current record holder in total offense, passing yards and touchdown passes, Corley was named A-10’s Rookie of the Year in 1999, earned second team all-conference honors as both a junior and senior and helped lead the team to the 2001 league championship and the first-round NCAA Playoffs. A dedicated and resilient player, Corley started the last 42 consecutive games of his career, the most consecutive starts by a quarterback in school history.

Ann Ekberg Saunders ’03, Field Hockey
Ann Ekberg Saunders helped the Tribe field hockey team earn its first two NCAA appearances. Her individual successes include being honored as a second-team All-American in 2002, a two-time All-Region team member; an All-CAA and the 1999 CAA Rookie of the Year. Saunders ranks fourth in W&M history in goals scored, third in game-winning goals and third in games played. She also holds the second-most hat tricks in a career at William & Mary.

Debbie Hill, Coach
In her 30-year career as coach of the Tribe volleyball team, Debbie Hill helped to shape the modern women’s athletic program at W&M. In addition to being named CAA Coach of the Year five times, Hill led her team to eight CAA Championships, a 56-match conference-winning streak and three Northern Intercollegiate Volleyball Conferences.

Tracey Leinbach ’81, Golf
Tracey Leinbach is known as the Tribe golf program’s first great woman golfer, winning three-straight Virginia state titles, and helping her team win the 1981 AIAW Division II national title. As one of only three AIAW Division II All-Americans in school history, Leinbach had at least five top-five finishes in her career, and was a record-holder in both fall scoring average and spring average.

Carrie Moore ’99, Soccer
Carrie Moore is one of the most successful women's soccer players in W&M history. She was a two-time All-Region selection and helped lead her team to four-straight conference crowns and NCAA appearances. Named one of the top 25 players in CAA women's soccer history and a CAA Silver Star, Moore went on to a successful professional soccer career that saw her selected as a W-USA All-Star.

Billy Owens ’95, Soccer
During his four years on the men's soccer team, Billy Owens was part of three NCAA tournament appearances, three CAA regular-season titles and one CAA Championship. Owens also set individual records, ranking first in school history with 41 assists and ranking second in starting matches with 90 matches in his career. Owens’ 13 game-winning scores rank second most all-time, and he boasts 35 career goals.

Lisa Rayner ’96, Track and Field
Eighteen years after Lisa Rayner graduated, many of her records have yet to be broken. As the only Tribe female field athlete to earn All-American honors at an NCAA Championship, she set the still-standing records for both indoor and outdoor high jump. With 20 first-place finishes, Rayner was selected as one of the top 25 athletes in CAA track and field history.

Trevor Spracklin ’01, Tennis
In 1999, Trevor Spracklin was ranked No. 97 in the nation, named CAA Player of the Year and helped his team to the NCAA Team Tournament. In 2001, Spracklin competed in the NCAA Doubles Championship and finished the season ranked No. 26 nationally. Ranked as one of the top 25 players in CAA men’s tennis history, Spracklin is W&M’s all-time career leader in singles and doubles wins. Spracklin went on to a successful professional career, winning more than 10 doubles titles in his six-year career.

Dan Stimson, Coach
Under Dan Stimson’s guidance as director of the track and field and cross country teams, W&M won 49 of 94 possible CAA titles, including sweeps of all four championships in 2003-04. Tribe athletes earned 64 All-American awards and one spot on the U.S. Olympic Team during his 25-year span. In 2011, Stimson retired as director of the program to focus on coaching the throwing athletes. In the 12 men’s and women’s throwing events, eight events have had the school records reset by Stimson’s athletes, many multiple times.
Funiciello earns NCAA All-America honors
Senior men’s gymnast Landon Funiciello earned NCAA All-America honors on rings for the third time, placing fourth at the NCAA Championships in April. With his performance, Funiciello joins former Tribe standout Ramon Jackson as the only other three-time NCAA All-American in program history.

Tribe baseball wins CAA regular season title
For the first time in school history the William & Mary baseball team captured the CAA regular season title back in May. The Tribe went on to compete in the CAA Tournament, advancing to the championship game for the second straight year before falling 6-4 to No. 2-seed College of Charleston. W&M concluded its season with a record of 34-22, making it the third straight season the Tribe posted 30 or more wins.

Tribe Athletics hosts celebration of women’s athletics
This past February, the William & Mary Athletics Department held its fifth annual Celebration of Women’s Athletics Luncheon. The event originated to highlight the history of W&M’s women’s athletics programs, bringing together female athletes and coaches to celebrate shared successes and to honor women whose experience in intercollegiate athletics has shaped their lives. Awards were given out to Kathy Carter ’91 and Brittany Ann Lane ’11, both former soccer players for the Tribe.

Strait claims historic CAA Swimmer of the Year award
William & Mary senior Andrew Strait was voted the CAA Men’s Swimmer of the Year, becoming the first Tribesman ever to earn top honors from the CAA. During the conference championships in February, Strait took home six gold medals and helped lead W&M to a second-place finish. He finished his career holding the Tribe’s all-time records in seven events, and his 1,300.5 points rank second all-time. In 2012, Strait swam in the U.S. Olympic Trials in three events.

Tribe earns runner-up finish at CAA Golf Championships
The William & Mary women’s golf team earned a historic runner-up finish at the CAA Championships in April, its best-ever showing and three places better than they were projected to finish. The Tribe finished 633 (+57) overall, tied with Delaware and behind College of Charleston. Freshmen Kelly Moran and Kelly McGovern earned all-tournament honors, tying for fifth place overall.

VILLANOVA HOME: OCTOBER 18
It was a narrow 20-16 loss to the Wildcats last season, with Villanova outscoring the Tribe down the stretch to rally for the win. After limiting Villanova to just 97 yards of total offense in the first half, W&M was outgained in the final 30 minutes. The Tribe looks to finish stronger in this year’s Homecoming game.

JMU AWAY: NOVEMBER 1
Last Homecoming at Zable Stadium, the Tribe upset the Dukes, 17-7, holding them scoreless in the second half and sealing the win with a 90-yard interception return for a touchdown. With a new head coach and a new quarterback, JMU will be looking for revenge at their own Homecoming game in Harrisonburg, Va.

ELON HOME: NOVEMBER 8
With Elon joining the Colonial Athletic Conference for the 2014-15 season, this will be the first meeting ever between the Tribe and the Phoenix. Elon competed in the Southern Conference last year, finishing 2-10, but will look to improve on that record with a new head coach.

[SPORTS BRIEFS]

(1-r) Senior Woman Administrator Peel Hawthorne ’80, Athletic Director Terry Driscoll, Kathy Carter ’91 and President Reveley.
SHOOTING SCRIPT

A New York Lawyer’s Journey Through Movies, Murder and Southern Manners

BY
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In 1995, attorney and film producer Samuel Rael J.D. ’73 used this cabin to shoot scenes for an independent feature film he was producing called “Deadly Run.” Thirteen years after the movie was released, the story took an interesting turn.

An elevator operator takes a man and woman to the fourth floor of a building. As the elevator heads up, the man sighs quietly. He wants better for his son. He wants his son to go to college.

No one in Rael’s family had gone to college, but fate was decided early on. “We didn’t have any money, so they really wanted me to be a lawyer,” he said. “I see in my scrapbooks at the age of 5, they have me studying to be one.”

After attending New York University, Rael applied to the Law School at W&M, “I got into a lot of fine schools, but I thought William & Mary would be small and have a lot of good-looking girls,” said Rael.

While at the College, Rael represented The Flat Hat in 1971, after the newspaper had written some obscenities in a February edition and received backlash from the administration. Rael wanted to fight for the paper’s free speech. “I was a rabble-rouser,” Rael said. “I think I still am.”

After graduation, Rael came to Atlanta and opened his own practice. “The whole purpose of having your own practice is to be on your own and do your own thing,” Rael said. “That was three-quarters of the reason to be a lawyer. Very little of it had to do with money, as I can now attest.”

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FADE IN:

EXT. CABIN IN THE WOODS — DUSK

The cabin is in the mountains of northern Georgia, near the town of Cleveland. Out in the middle of the woods, miles from anywhere, there’s no one around to hear you scream.

CUT TO:

INT. AN ELEVATOR — DAY

An elevator operator takes a man and woman to the fourth floor of a building. As the elevator heads up, the man sighs quietly. He wants better for his son. He wants his son to go to college.

No one in Rael’s family had gone to college, but fate was decided early on. “We didn’t have any money, so they really wanted me to be a lawyer,” he said. “I see in my scrapbooks at the age of 5, they have me studying to be one.”

After attending New York University, Rael applied to the Law School at W&M, “I got into a lot of fine schools, but I thought William & Mary would be small and have a lot of good-looking girls,” said Rael.

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A Chevron gas station in DeKalb County, Ga. Hilton is vacuuming his van and washing out the interior. Inside the van, the rear seatbelt is cut out. Police pull up and surround Hilton. In a nearby dumpster, they find the seatbelt and fleece tops with blood on them.

Meredith Emerson, a 24-year-old University of Georgia graduate, was last seen alive hiking with her dog Ella on Blood Mountain in northern Georgia on New Year’s Day in 2008. She was seen with an older man on a spur trail connecting the Appalachian Trail with a parking lot. On Jan. 4, a witness at the gas station called DeKalb County police and said the man they were looking for was out in the parking lot, cleaning his vehicle.

Hilton confessed to murdering Emerson when the prosecution agreed to take the death penalty off the table if he led investigators to her body. Thirty miles away from the cabin Rael had used for “Deadly Run,” the cabin Hilton himself had suggested, Meredith Emerson’s decapitated body was found. Hilton said he asked Emerson for her debit card PIN and when she didn’t give him the correct one, he kept her four days before killing her and decapitating her. He told investigators that he could not bring himself to kill her dog, who wandered into a grocery store 60 miles away.

“I was flabbergasted,” Rael said. “I had no clue whatsoever. Which is what is very strange about it. I’d like to think I’m a good judge of people and know how to analyze somebody. Yes, he had some crookedness in him and a couple of screws loose. But then again, so do many of my friends.”

Rael has pictures of himself and Hilton together, hanging out with friends, even Rael’s family. “He was very nice to me and to everyone I knew, wonderful to animals, had that kind of desire to just help you. I had absolutely no fear of him whatsoever. I had been much more fearful of the last two women I went out with than I was with him.”

Hilton was also charged with the murder of Cheryl Hodges Dunlap, a nurse from Florida, who was found decapitated in 2007 in the Apalachicola Forest in Florida, her headless and handless body found by a hunter. When Hilton was arrested in north Georgia for the murder of Emerson, blood on a sleeping bag and pants found in his van were matched to Dunlap. A jury voted unanimously to recommend the death penalty. He also eventually confessed to the murder of John and Irene Bryant, an elderly couple from North Carolina who vanished while hiking in 2007.

“All I wanted to do for my movie was have a little blood, a little excitement, and I have a serial killer help me make my serial killer movie?” Rael said. “What is going on? That in itself is a movie. As a
matter of fact, it should be my next one. Would I have ever even dreamt that the very first movie I did, we’d be talking about it 20 years later? Life is stranger than fiction.”

Rael has definitely had his fair share of interesting experiences as a film producer.

“In ‘Deadly Run,’ we had a scene where there were a lot of folks with machine guns and weapons in a nice neighborhood. But apparently somebody forgot to tell the police and they got 911 calls. Eight or nine SWAT cars all ran in. But it was OK because we filmed it. It’s a scene that we couldn’t have otherwise done.”

Once the guy in charge of props bit the ear of the line producer in a dispute. Another time, the sound guy felt like he wasn’t going to get his last week’s pay, so he held the sound tapes and was eventually arrested for extortion.

“If you could think of every disaster … the Hindenberg would be nothing compared to making a feature-length film. The making of a low-budget films is an entire universe away from what you think when you go watch ‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ or ‘Spiderman,’” Rael said. “Instead of Sylvester Stallone, you get Sylvester Stallone’s brother. Instead of Glenn Close ‘74, D.A. ‘89, you get Glenn Close’s hairdresser.”

But Rael wouldn’t have it any other way. “It’s an exciting adventure. You nurture it, you use your creative energies. Independent films give you a lot of freedom to express yourself. There are no committees and no boss to tell you, ‘Don’t do this.’ The best part (besides the girls) is being able to create something from nothing.”

And Rael certainly does a good job with that. “I think you have to break the ice before a jury,” he said. “They find it amusing. I’ve had judges laughing uncontrollably, but I wasn’t trying to be funny. Courtrooms are very solemn and quiet and all of sudden I’ll hear the judge let out a howl and I know I’ve done something.”

Rael has worked his share of interesting cases. He once had a Mafia trial in the Southern District of New York, where he represented an exotic car dealer. The dealer’s wife was the daughter of one of the members of the Five Families. They had gotten the man involved to change titles and then they would sell cars overseas.

“I’ve always got a half dozen murder cases going on appeal or in court, so I’m busy. But in order to retire, I probably shouldn’t be making movies. Actually I shouldn’t be in criminal law at all. I should’ve listened to my professors and done a couple of trusts and wills and estates and be done with it. They warned me.”

But in a way, Rael is suited to be a trial lawyer. As someone who boxes in his spare time, Rael’s time in the ring has helped him be a fighter in the courtroom: “People want you when they’re facing some serious cases, they want you to fight for them hard and that’s exactly what boxing does. It prepares you to be able to be in a courtroom as a fighter. You have to be a fighter; it’s the nature of the game.”

Rael tries many of his cases out in the country, in a lot of small towns and very southern parts of Georgia.

“It’s funny. I came from New York and I would have to explain in Atlanta that I’ve come from New York, but it’s OK. And then when I go to the small towns, I have to explain how I’ve come from Atlanta, but it’s OK.”

CUT TO:

INT. COURTROOM — DAY

A courtroom in southern Georgia. Rael is standing before a jury, wielding a baseball bat. His client is accused of attacking someone with the bat. Rael cracks some joke about Ted Williams and the jury laughs.

While practicing law and film producing might seem worlds away, Rael says they are actually pretty similar. “When you’re before a jury it’s just like a movie. You have to be able to relate a story and make things interesting and exciting.”
Robert Mann ’81 is standing at a sink. The sink is in an old, dingy house with a long dirt road running in front and a coal pile in the backyard. Perhaps it is in West Virginia somewhere; he’s not quite sure. Mann takes a glass and fills it with water from the sink. Then he puts soap in it. Somehow another inhabitant of the house, a member of Mann’s family, drinks the water and dies. Everyone else in the family blames Mann and he is given away.

Mann doesn’t know if this recurring dream he had as a kid is based on an actual incident or is random. What he does know is this: when he was 3 years old, he was in fact given away.

Today Mann is a forensic anthropologist and director of the Forensic Science Academy at the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, the largest forensic skeletal lab in the world. A member of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, Mann has assisted law enforcement agencies with the recovery and identification of human remains, sometimes traveling to the world’s most dangerous and remote places.

From serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer’s first victim, to the soldier in Vietnam’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to victims of the Pentagon plane crash on 9/11, Mann has examined more than 4,000 ancient and modern human skeletons during his career, searching for clues to their identity — which is ironic because he got his start in the field by searching for his own.

Born in a coal-mining town in West Virginia as Robert Dean Churchwell, Mann doesn’t remember much about life in his early childhood, but his adoptive mother told him that he had a difficult childhood, speaking little and mostly keeping to himself until the age of 3.

In Tampa, Fla., with his adoptive family, Mann’s grandfather took him fishing. Mann would often climb into the dumpster in the parking lot of Beezee’s Drugstore, searching for anything interesting. He chased grasshoppers in the backyard. It was a normal childhood. But he always wondered who he was and how he ended up as someone else’s child. It was a thought he could not escape.

By the time he was 15, Mann had read the works of Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung and wanted to follow in their footsteps, but he struggled in school. “I was always rebelling because I didn’t understand my life,” said Mann. “I was really searching for me.”

Mann dropped out of high school his senior year. He thought he was going to be a rock star, but it turned out he didn’t have the skills for it. He
joined the Navy for a few years, then became a hippie, hopping trains and hitchhiking across the country, once with a guy named Nasty. When Mann needed to eat, he would pop into a diner for a “Hobo Float” — which consisted of a toothpick and a glass of water — then swipe the crackers left out for paying customers who had ordered soup. When he needed money, he would find a job, working about 30 different ones by the time he was 29. His nickname was Ghost because sometimes he would disappear without warning, going out for a pack of cigarettes and never coming back.

“There are companies in Tampa that have checks for me that are waiting to be picked up. I would take a job to learn the trade and then I thought, oh, I’ve ‘mastered’ it, and I’d take another job. I realized I was going nowhere. I had no direction at all.” Mann claimed his finest hour came when he woke up drunk on a beach in Tampa, surrounded by beer bottles, as a crowd of people waited for police to remove him so they could start their Easter Sunday mass.

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While medical examiners can usually determine the time since death of someone who has died within the past 24-48 hours, once decomposition begins, it’s a whole other area of expertise. That’s where research done at the Body Farm comes into play. Bodies here are buried at different depths, or placed on concrete. Some are wrapped anthropology course. One day for class, Mann was doing volunteer work in the Wren Building, numbering pieces of broken pottery and arrowheads, when the lab archeologist came up to him and handed him a bone. “What is this?” he asked Mann.

“Like a genius, I said, ‘It’s a bone.’” The archeologist proceeded to tell Mann that the bone belonged to a young, domesticated turkey. “How can you tell all that?” Mann asked him. “Just by looking at it,” the archeologist replied.

“He’d given me more information than I thought you could get from a bone,” Mann said. “At that point he really had my attention.”

It fascinated Mann that life’s events were recorded in bones. He enrolled in an osteology class at the College, where his professor told him he had a real knack for the subject and that he should go study under the best person out there. That person was the author of the textbook he was using at William & Mary, Dr. Bill Bass at the University of Tennessee.

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The one thing that no one can take away from you is your education.” It was something his mom had said many times. In 1976, it finally sunk in. Having earned his GED in the Navy, Mann enrolled at Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Va. After earning his associate’s degree, he applied to William & Mary on a whim, still searching for what he wanted to do. He found it in an introductory biology class. Upon hearing about the Body Farm, he applied to William & Mary, Dr. Bass didn’t even open it before he slid it back across the table. “Anybody can write a thesis,” he said. “Do you know your bones?”

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Data is collected in all seasons to see how long it takes a body to become a skeleton and establishing how much time has passed since death, information that can be crucial in solving crimes. Findings are published and used all over the world.

Mann’s experiences at the Body Farm gave him the confidence to start a career in forensic anthropology. “Dr. Bass really turned the light switch on,” Mann said. “Everything fell into place and I really started getting the confidence that I could do it. I started feeling that with hard work, I could be an OK anthropologist.”

The third floor of the Smithsonian is known as “America’s Attic,” housing the bones of 3,000 individuals, some identified, some not. It was here that Mann went to work after graduating from Tennessee in 1987, and it was here that he was working when the bones of Steven Hicks, Jeffrey Dahmer’s first victim, came to the Smithsonian to be identified.

“Few people realize how difficult it is to destroy a body completely,” said Mann. But Dahmer sure tried. After strangling Hicks, Dahmer defleshed the body and smashed the bones with a sledgehammer, throwing the fragments into the woods behind his boyhood home in Ohio.

“What people trying to destroy a body don’t realize is we can put those bone fragments back together,” Mann said. “We can take this puzzle that has been shattered and purposely destroyed and reconstruct it. You can smash bones and strew them around, but you still haven’t destroyed their value as evidence.”

Mann and his boss set out the remains on trays, sorting each bone fragment according to which part of the body it came from. They estimated they had less than 20 percent of the complete skeleton. “The 26,000 bone fragments sitting in front of me aren’t going to tell me much,” Mann said. “But even if you can’t put those 26,000 bone fragments back together, you’re going to find pieces that tell you things about that person. You’ve got to find the one little piece of the puzzle.”

It took nearly a month to undo Dahmer’s damage to Hicks’ bones, but during the reconstruction, Mann and his partner found two crucial pieces of evidence. A neck bone and a tooth helped them identify Hicks by comparing a dental X-ray Hicks had when he got braces at 13.

“Something is always overlooked, no matter how determined or thorough the killer,” Mann said. “That’s the beauty of forensics. It allows us to find evidence even in the most hidden places.”

At the burial ceremony of box X-26 into the Vietnam Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1984, President Ronald Reagan said, “We write no last chapter. We close no books. We put away no final memories.” Mann brings these words to life everyday.

Mann joined the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL) in 1992, the largest forensic skeletal lab in the world. Based in Oahu, the CIL is the scientific section of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, which works to search for, recover and identify American members of the military killed in battle or missing in action. The mantra of the organization is “Until they are home.”

Mann has traveled to places such as Vietnam, South Korea, Russia and Laos, extracting the remains of individuals lost in battle, bringing them back to the lab and working to identify them. “It is an Indiana Jones kind of job,” Mann said. “You go to work in a helicopter or a bamboo raft. You’re in the jungles of Laos or you may be digging in Russia. There are real dangers.” As teams dig with shovels and pickaxes, one of those dangers is bombs, as a team once took out 18 100-pound bombs from a plane crash site.

But sometimes Mann works in our nation’s own backyard. In 1998, a CBS broadcast claimed that a seven-month investigation revealed that the identity of the Vietnam unknown soldier was Michael Blassie, an Air Force lieutenant who crashed into enemy territory in 1972. The broadcast caused a stir, and while the government had an obligation to the American veterans who viewed the tomb as sacred ground, it also had an obligation to family members with unresolved questions and to the military’s promise to identify every one of its fallen soldiers. While the remains seemed unidentifiable at the time of burial, new advances in technology...
might be able to prove who was in box X-26. It was decided the tomb would be opened.

It took more than four hours to slice through the 10 inches of granite around the tomb. Mann’s role was to oversee the anthropological work that would provide specimens for examination. Mann and another CIL anthropologist analyzed the remains and came up with identical findings. They believed X-26 was between 30 and 40 years old when he died and stood about 5 feet 8 inches. After the initial analysis, bone samples, about the size of postage stamps, were sealed in plastic bags and submitted for DNA testing.

DNA, first identified in 1944, is easily destroyed, and DNA found in bones that have been burned, as was the case with X-26, are contaminated. That’s why the remains of X-26 were considered unidentifiable when they were buried in 1984. But the discovery of mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) in the 1990s means there may never again be an unknown soldier. Mitochondrial DNA is useful in identifying older skeletons not only because it is more plentiful than nuclear DNA, but also because we receive our mtDNA from one source, our mother. Every child’s mtDNA is identical to his or her mother’s and their mother’s blood relatives. In the case of X-26, scientists compared the mtDNA in the bone samples to the mtDNA in a blood specimen Pat Blassie, Michael’s sister, had donated. They matched exactly.

“Although he had rested on U.S. soil for nearly three decades,” Mann said, “Michael Blassie had yet to make it all the way home. Seeing the closure for the families when their loved one makes it home is worth all that we do. It’s the best job I ever had. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.” Twenty-six years after he had been shot down in An Loc, Vietnam, Blassie was laid to rest in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, home to more than 125,000 veterans. In 1999, a new inscription was placed on the empty tomb of the Vietnam unknown: “Honoring and keeping faith with America’s missing servicemen.”

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The stench of death and burned flesh was overwhelming as more than 200 dead bodies arrived by helicopter to the back door of a converted hangar. The hangar was separated into examination rooms, each filled with the buzz of activity as groups of forensic anthropologists, forensic pathologists, radiologists, fingerprint technicians and embalmers worked with the bodies. In a back room were the personal effects. Tables were lined with magazines, shoes, car keys and family photographs. One table contained a woman’s watch stopped at 9:43, one hour and 43 minutes after her plane took off.

This was the scene at the Dover Port Mortuary at Dover.
Air Force Base in Delaware five days after Sept. 11, 2001.

At his home in Hawaii, Mann had been woken up the morning of the 11th at 5 a.m. by a ringing phone. Either a prank or a wrong number, there was silence on the other end. Mann, realizing he couldn’t go back to sleep, turned on the TV. New York City was on fire.

As news of the plane crash at the Pentagon reached Hawaii, Mann wondered if his team would be called into action. Three days later, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, handling the Pentagon identification operation, asked the CIL for four anthropologists. Mann arrived at the Dover Mortuary on Sept. 16 and went to work. In mass disasters, like the attack on the Pentagon, forensic anthropologists are valuable in associating body parts and small pieces of bone with individual victims, and with distinguishing pieces of bone from other items like plastic and rubble.

“The work wasn’t all that different from what we did every day in Hawaii with the remains of soldiers,” said Mann. “But these weren’t soldiers. And, although it looked like they had, they hadn’t died on a battlefield.”

While working to identify victims, Mann held their disembodied hands, some adorned with wedding rings, a grim reminder there were family members somewhere in search of their loved ones. Although Mann has studied countless bodies, each case is still an emotional drain. “I don’t think anyone can ever get so accustomed to dealing with remains that they feel nothing,” Mann said.

The Pentagon case was no exception. Mann walked slowly among the table of personal effects. “For some reason it’s always these tiny reminders of our humanity and personal preferences that serve as the visual and emotional link to the bodies I handle,” said Mann. “Perhaps it’s because we all look pretty much the same with our skin off. It’s the toys, shoes, eyeglasses, watches that bring everything to life. Our selection of particular items is what sets us apart from everyone else.”

Mann recalled a case where they had found a pencil sharpener with a fallen soldier. When the lab handed it to the soldier’s daughter, she knew they had found her dad. “He always wrote me letters from the field,” she told them. “And they were always in pencil.”

“The science can be so important to the identification of an individual, but something as simple as a pencil sharpener or coins found in a pocket can have as strong an emotional impact and be just as convincing that we’ve identified someone’s loved one,” Mann said. “It’s like the head and the heart. The head is telling you the science has nailed it. And the heart is telling you this is my loved one because this is what they had with them. An object that might seem insignificant to us as scientists is the final piece of the puzzle. It means as much to them as the science.”

By Sept. 22 most of the bodies had been removed from the Pentagon, but the identification process would go on for months. In the end, one child on the plane and four people on the ground could not be identified, but scientists did get DNA sequences for the five terrorists.

“My hope is that we at the mortuary and those who recovered the bodies were able to provide family members, friends and colleagues some small measure of closure.”

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One time while in Laos, surrounded by local children, Mann passed out some Oreos. He watched as one girl untwisted the cookie, licked out the cream, then ate the rest of it, the exact same thing he had done as a child in Florida. “It was something I just stood there and looked at,” Mann said. “This girl in the jungles of Laos had never even seen a cookie before. She didn’t learn that at school or watching TV. That came naturally. How did that happen?”

As an anthropologist, Mann studies people. And he’s learned a few things about them along the way. “Perhaps the most surprising thing I’ve learned in all of this is that people are so much more alike than we imagine. I think people think others around the world are different from them, but our differences are few, our similarities are many.”

It’s things like this that Mann thinks about while on the job, things he started to jot down a while back. What started out as a few notes scribbled during work in the field turned into a journal, then a manuscript and then a book. Forensic Detective, published in 2006, chronicles some of Mann’s most interesting cases in forensic anthropology.

And it was these cases, compiled in this book, which brought Mann the final piece of his own puzzle. Someone who had read Forensic Detective noticed an online genealogy search for a man named Churchwell, the name Mann listed in his book as his birth name. The individual reached out to the person conducting the search. When Mann came into work one Saturday, there was a voicemail waiting for him. A very southern voice came over the line. “Robert, you may not remember me and you probably don’t know who this is, but I’m your sister Kathleen. We’ve been looking for you for 55 years, honey. We never gave up.”

Mann hadn’t given up either. “I often wondered if I pulled up to a stoplight, if I turned and looked to my left or my right, was I looking at my brother or sister?” Now he knew.

“The things I’ve learned from anthropology, the experiences and people I’ve met over the years and the fascinating cases that I’ve been fortunate enough to work on have taught me more about myself than I could have ever imagined. It’s been an experience that’s pushed the limits of my physical stamina, my emotions, creativity and scientific ability seeking to understand the mysteries of life and death.”

Mann’s own life started as a mystery, headed down an unconventional path. But through hard work, he found his way. “I must admit that as a child I was more interested in cars and music than I was in science or solving puzzles. That all changed when I took my first bones class at W&M. I now find myself driven to identify even the smallest piece of bone, to explore the unknown, to find that eureka moment when I’m able to put the final piece of the puzzle back together. Thank goodness I found anthropology ... or that anthropology found me. Either way is fine.”

And either way, Robert Mann has come home. And he continues to help others do the same.
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TWO YEARS UNDER THE CRANE
WILLIAM & MARY’S ST. HELENA EXTENSION

BY RICH GRISET
It was located in the slums under the shadow of a giant crane. Its faculty was a ragtag mix of high school teachers and former professors. Its student body consisted of war veterans living in Navy barracks.

And for two years, it was a part of the College of William & Mary.
Norfolk’s St. Helena Extension was born of a campaign promise made by Gov. William M. Tuck 1915, that all Virginian veterans returning from World War II would have the opportunity to attend college under the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (G.I. Bill), provided they had a high school diploma.

But by spring 1946, it became clear that this would be impossible given the amount of space available at state colleges. Like the rest of the country, Virginia’s campuses were flooded with veterans after the war. Tuck, William & Mary President John E. Pomfret and Burser Charles J. Duke formulated a solution.

The College would take over an abandoned Navy berthing yard in Norfolk, Va., and transform the dozen or so buildings into a makeshift campus. Organized in just six weeks and with rules created by the students themselves, the St. Helena Extension was open for business in the fall of 1946.

“St. Helena was a product of desperation. In the years immediately following World War II, hordes of eager veterans, sobered by the tragedy of which they had been a part and determined to build a better future, knocked at the gates of colleges,” wrote Ed Grimsley ’51, L.H.D. ’11 in a Richmond Times-Dispatch column in 1967. Grimsley himself had attended the extension.

“A stranger school never existed,” Grimsley wrote. “It was surrounded by slums, and a crane, its boom stretching into the sky, stood, for some reason, on one corner of what was laughingly known as ‘the campus.’ The William & Mary campus in Williamsburg had its statue of Lord Botetourt, but we at St. Helena had our crane, and that was enough.”

Grimsley recalls his fellow students as being untidy in dress — usually some variation on their military uniform — but being very serious in their studies.

As most of the veterans hadn’t seen the inside of a classroom in years, special sections were organized for intensive review of subjects like foreign languages. Barracks served as both dorms and classrooms, though Grimsley recalls one English professor holding his seminars in a beer hall on Norfolk’s East Main Street.

“It was a pretty primitive way to live,” recalls David Eissenberg ’50. “Along the window side of the barracks was just one bed after another, and then in the middle of the barracks were the lockers for our clothes.”

Eissenberg was just 17 when he was sent to St. Helena, and was one of the few students who hadn’t served in the military.

“I guess we were at the bottom of the list for acceptance at Williamsburg,” said Eissenberg, now 84. He was attending as part of a five-year program that would earn him two bachelor’s degrees, one from W&M and one from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Eissenberg went to St. Helena from February 1947 to February 1948, but doesn’t recall any beer hall lectures. Though the veterans and non-veterans didn’t mingle much, he remembers them being a fun crowd.

“They all had war stories, and they enjoyed playing cards, playing poker or some form of gambling cards. Hearts was a favorite game, and they would play all hours of the night,” Eissenberg said. “[St. Helena] was a good way to get started when many campuses were flooded by the G.I. Bill.”

The men started their own sports teams and created a student newspaper titled “S.H.E.,” named for the initials of the St. Helena Extension. But as much as the veterans tried to make the campus feel like home, the extension was to be short-lived.
From its inception, St. Helena was only meant to serve as a learning facility until the mass of students could be absorbed into other campuses, including the main W&M campus and its Norfolk Division across town, which later became Old Dominion University. The College’s administration opted to close the extension, and the Board of Visitors adopted that decision in February 1948.

“Regardless of how successful the program at St. Helena has been — and among veteran’s colleges it is outstanding — it could never be more than an ad interim, substitute program,” wrote President Pomfret in a letter to the student body. Unhappy about their unique campus closing, the vets complained to U.S. President Harry S. Truman, their commander in chief. Though sympathetic to their wishes, he saw the issue as one that should be determined by the state. The veterans then made their appeal to Gov. Tuck, the man whose campaign promise had launched their campus in the first place.

“Tuck patted the boys on the shoulder, praised them for the ‘great job’ they had done for their country in World War II, gave them — it is suspected — a shot of bourbon, and refused to intervene,” Grimsley wrote.

The Williamsburg campus and the Norfolk Division, both of which had sizable veteran populations, absorbed some of the students. For vets, the school obtained a housing project on Richmond Road where Williamsburg Shopping Center currently stands. It housed about 150 men, and was dubbed “Vetville” by students.

In the spring of 1947, a temporary dorm sprang up near Phi Beta Kappa Hall called “The Chicken Coop.” To go with the name, someone painted a chicken on the building’s chimney. These dorms housed single men, and married couples lived in College-owned houses on Richmond Road. Twenty demountable houses were also erected for couples and families on Matoaka Court.

For Eissenberg, the move to Williamsburg was a welcome one.

“It was very refreshing to be on a real college campus, and of course the professors were standard, old-time college professors instead of something that was put together in a hurry,” he recalled.

The brick structures of the Williamsburg campus weren’t the only pleasing change of scenery for Eissenberg. Though he had dated a girl in Norfolk, he appreciated attending a coed campus.

“I recall the Sunken Garden, I recall the woods in the back of campus where we would go with a girlfriend and have a little romance,” Eissenberg said with a laugh. After graduating from W&M and MIT, Eissenberg went to work at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, and started a small business.

“Time and again, William & Mary professors commented on the veterans’ most outstanding trait: a seriousness usually not found among college students,” wrote Jim Baker ‘51 in a 1989 article for Williamsburg Magazine. Baker had gone to St. Helena, and didn’t confine its importance to just the 1,600 men who attended. He saw St. Helena as a prime example of how the G.I. Bill changed the course of American education.

“It was an intellectual haven for veterans of World War II who returned home to find classrooms overflowing at Virginia’s established colleges. More importantly it was about democracy,” Baker wrote. He then quoted the extension’s yearbook:

“It demonstrated the soundness of the new concept, first formulated in the G.I. Bill of Rights, that every American should have the opportunity for a college education — that a college education should be, not the privilege of the aristocratic few, but the right of the democratic many.”
Campus is serenely quiet in summer. The only wildlife sightings are squirrels, birds and tourists scurrying through lush blankets of flowers and greenery. Although most of the College’s staff are enjoying these few peaceful student-free languid months, Alumni Engagement is feverish with activity!

We ended the 2013-14 school year with the addition of approximately 2,000 alumni to the William & Mary Alumni Association, and one new assistant director of alumni engagement. Allison Puryear joined us from Phi Mu Fraternity, where she served as a chapter consultant. Prior to Phi Mu, Alli graduated from Christopher Newport University (CNU) in 2013. At CNU, Alli was very involved on campus, including serving as a resident assistant, a student assistant in the Office of Student Activities and an orientation crew leader. Alli is our alumni contact for designing and executing engagement events, including communications, social media and logistics. She can be reached at atpuryear@wm.edu or 757.221.1173.

We then started the summer by welcoming Angela Undercuffler as senior assistant director of alumni engagement. Angela came to William & Mary from Dickinson College, where she was residential community director, and before that, Michigan State University, where she worked in residential life while getting her master's in student affairs administration. Angela brings extensive experience in leadership training and management to our engagement team and will work with our chapter boards on strategy and volunteer management. She can be reached at acundercuffler@wm.edu or 757.221.1171.

As we added new staff, we also said good-bye to Javier Cabezas, program manager. Javier and his wife embarked on a teaching adventure in Quito, Ecuador. We wish them all the best on their exciting personal and professional journey.

All through this summer, our newly staffed office partnered with the offices of Parent & Family Programs and First Year Experience, and the Parent & Family Council to host 30 incoming student receptions across the world to welcome new students and their parents into the William & Mary family. With this partnership, we hope to provide all W&M students, parents and alumni an opportunity to connect locally throughout their lifelong engagement with the College. Also, we were proud to partner with and promote Young Guards Council’s Tribe Spring Into Action Week (May 31–June 7) with 10 chapter community service events — harnessing the passion for service found in William & Mary alumni and giving back to communities all over the world.

Read on to learn more about W&M alumni engagement events across the globe. Remember to “Like” your chapter or region’s Facebook page to view photos from recent activities and learn more about upcoming opportunities to connect with W&M alumni and the College.
ATLANTA
Atlanta alumni welcomed President Taylor Reveley to a May reception, and hosted their first chapter organizational meeting in June. This new chapter is looking forward to hosting local engagement events soon.

BOSTON
W&M Boston was wicked active! The chapter hosted a successful One Tribe One Day giving event on April 10, and partnered with Virginia colleges for a happy hour in May. The Boston chapter also continued their chapter’s commitment to local community service projects at the Greater Boston Food Bank during Tribe Spring Into Action Week. In June, Boston alumni welcomed Provost Halleran to a reception at the New England Aquarium. The chapter will end the summer by welcoming incoming students and their parents to the Boston W&M family at a Boston Red Sox game.

BOTETOURT — VA.
The W&M Botetourt Alumni Chapter hosted a night of fun, friends and live entertainment at the Court House Players dinner theater production of “The Three Angels.”

CHARLESTON, S.C.
Charleston continues to welcome young W&M alumni with its monthly happy hour series. They also always make sure that there is green and gold in the stands during any Tribe vs. College of Charleston sporting events, including the William & Mary baseball team’s recent historic capture of the Colonial Athletic Association regular season title, with a victory over the College of Charleston.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.
W&M Charlotte alumni welcomed incoming students and their families at their annual summer wine social, hosted by Rob Van Schooneveld ’99. The chapter is also looking forward to a summer evening gathering at a Charlotte Knights baseball game.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
Charlottesville alumni welcomed President Taylor Reveley to Ash Lawn-Highland for a reception hosted by James B. Murray Jr. J.D. ’74, LL.D. ’00 and Bruce R. Murray. The chapter continued their support of the College’s owned and operated treasure, hosting a Tribe Spring Into Action event painting fences at Ash Lawn-Highland. The chapter closed out the trifecta of events at Ash Lawn-Highland by hosting incoming students and their families at their annual summer supper.

CHICAGO
Chicago’s April 10, One Tribe One Day event to support philanthropy for the College provided funds for the chapter’s student scholarship and connections for local alumni. More connections were made with alumni from other Virginia schools at an area happy hour in May. The chapter then continued their community support of the Big Shoulders Fund and their Auxiliary Board with a morning of service for Tribe Spring Into Action. In August, the chapter looks forward to welcoming incoming students and their parents into the W&M family at an event hosted by Michael and Trisha Nelson P ’16.

COLORADO
W&M Colorado alumni, and current students and their parents welcomed incoming students and their families into the Colorado W&M family at a reception hosted by Lauren Schmidt ’97 and Eric Olson.

HOUSTON
Houston alumni gathered on April 10 for One Tribe One Day to celebrate giving to the College and the chapter’s student scholarship. In May, the chapter welcomed incoming students and parents at their annual spring barbecue at the home of Jenn Dewhirst ’94, with food provided by Carl Hacker ’63 and Claudia Kozinetz.

LOWER NOTHERN NECK — VA.
The W&M Lower Northern Neck Alumni Chapter hosted Dr. Aaron De Groft ’88, director of the Muscarelle Museum of Art, at their annual spring banquet at Indian Creek Country Club. In July, the chapter held a summer picnic at the Deltaville Mariners Museum to welcome incoming students and their parents into the W&M family, while connecting with alumni and current students and parents.

NEW YORK CITY
April was a month for giving back in NYC! The chapter started by hosting a One Tribe One Day reception for giving to the College, and continued by volunteering on New York Cares Day. In May, NYC alumni, and incoming and current students and their families welcomed President Taylor Reveley at a reception hosted by Jonathan ’87, P ’13, P ’14 and Elysia Doyle P ’13, P ’14. Young alumni in NYC also gathered in June for a social networking event sponsored by University Development and Young Guard, and the chapter continued its successful Tribe Thursday happy hour series in July.

PHILADELPHIA
W&M alumni in Philadelphia welcomed President Taylor Reveley, Mason School of Business Dean Larry Pulley ’74 and Tribe Men’s Basketball Coach Tony Shaver to a reception hosted by Alan B. Miller ’58. Philly alumni then gathered for a fun Tribe Tuesday Quizzo match in May, followed by participation in Tribe Spring Into Action with a community service event at Mifflin Square Park. The chapter continued the summer by taking in a Camden
River Sharks baseball game and gathering after for a picnic.

**PITTSBURGH**

The W&M Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter continues to meet monthly for Tribe Thursday happy hours and looks forward to hosting more alumni engagement events in 2014-15.

**RICHMOND, VA.**

The W&M Richmond Alumni Chapter held a One Tribe One Day event on April 10 to promote giving to their chapter’s scholarship endowment, which is close to reaching its $50,000 goal. In May, Richmond-area alumni and incoming and current students and their families welcomed President Taylor Reveley at a reception hosted by John ’85 and Sarah Van Der Hyde. First Tables chapter events were held all around the Richmond area on the first of the month, April to July, including on June 1 to kick-off Tribe Spring Into Action at Max’s Positive Vibe Cafe. In June, the chapter continued its commitment to community service by hosting two Tribe Spring Into Action events at Ronald McDonald House and with Operation Paintbrush. In addition, the chapter promoted the Mason School of Business Leading the Business of Cycling program, and the Tribe Club’s Richmond Golf Outing at The Foundry.

**ROANOKE, VA.**

The W&M Roanoke Alumni Chapter provided support to local W&M freshmen during finals by sending them boxes of treats to help them through their exam week. The chapter also participated in Tribe Spring Into Action Week with a service event and potluck picnic at Brambleton Rec Center.

**SAN DIEGO**

The chapter held its annual admitted students reception at the San Diego Yacht Club, and welcomed eight potential freshmen and their parents into the W&M San Diego family.

**SAN FRANCISCO/BAY AREA**

The W&M San Francisco/Bay Area Alumni Chapter has officially started, and kicked off its creation by holding a One Tribe One Day event on April 10. In May, the new chapter board, joined by Alumni Association board member Tom Flesher ’73, held an amazing retreat at Napa wineries owned or operated by W&M alumni — Daniel Orrison ’09 of Ma(is)sonry, Katharine DeSante ’92 of DeSante Wines and Kent Fortner ’92 of Road 31 Wine. Activity continued throughout the summer with a Tribe Spring Into Action event cleaning up Baker Beach, and a reception hosting W&M Dean of Arts & Sciences Kate Conley and incoming students and parents in Berkeley, Calif.

**SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS — VA.**

On April 10, the South Hampton Roads chapter hosted a One Tribe One Day event in Virginia Beach, Va., to celebrate giving to the College. In May, the chapter gave back to its own community during Tribe Spring Into Action Week by volunteering at the St. Paul’s Downtown Farmers Market. The chapter also looks
forward to hosting an incoming students and parents reception in August.

**SOUTH OF THE JAMES — VA.**

The annual spring picnic for the W&M South of the James Chapter was held at the home of Kyle M.B.A. ’88 and Lisa Arcand Ed.S. ’91, Ed.D. ’92. Alumni and current students and their parents welcomed incoming students and parents into the W&M family.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In April, the D.C.-area alumni chapter held One Tribe One Day to celebrate giving to the College, and then promoted the Project on International Peace and Security (PIPS) policy symposium. In May, the chapter hosted the networking event at the Clifton Wine Shop, and championed a Young Alumni Networking Brunch presented by University Development with support from the W&M Alumni Association, the Cohen Career Center and the W&M Washington Office. In June, the chapter participated in Tribe Spring Into Action by volunteering with Ronald McDonald House. They also elected two new board members at the chapter’s annual meeting.

**WILLIAMSBURG**

The W&M Williamsburg Alumni Chapter continued its popular monthly Tribe Thursday happy hour series connecting area alumni with key College departments. In May, area alumni gathered at Jamestown Settlement to hear remarks from Provost Michael Halleran, and chapter volunteers passed out pins to graduating seniors at the Alumni Induction Ceremony on campus. In June, the chapter hosted its annual meeting at the Alumni House, and they have summer plans for lawn bowling at Williamsburg Inn and a happy hour with local UVA alumni.

**BALTIMORE**

It was a family affair when Baltimore-area incoming students and their families were hosted by Doug ’86 and Ellen Brinkley ’86 at an event that was followed by a reception for alumni and current students and their families, hosted by James W. ’59, L.H.D. ’03, P ’82, P ’86, P ’88 and Dana B. Brinkley ’60, P ’82, P ’86, P ’88.

**CHINA**

W&M alumni in China were invited to a reception in Beijing to welcome incoming students and parents to the W&M family.

**CINCINNATI**

Alumni and incoming and current students and parents from Cincinnati, Dayton, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., Lexington, Ky., and Indianapolis joined together to enjoy a Sunday at the Cincinnati Reds Ballpark. Many thanks to Dave Croall ’77 for providing tickets to incoming W&M students.

**DALLAS/FORT WORTH**

W&M alumni in the Dallas/Fort Worth area came together to participate in Tribe Spring Into Action with a volunteer event at the North Texas Food Bank.

**HONG KONG**

In June, Mark Munoz ’97 hosted a Victoria Harbor and Kowloon Bay cruise for W&M Hong Kong — area alumni to welcome Professor Stephen Hanson, William & Mary vice provost for international affairs and director of the Reves Center for International Studies.

**SOUTH KOREA**

In June, Soh Yeong Roh ’84 hosted a reception with guest W&M Vice Provost Stephen Hanson to welcome incoming students and their parents into the William & Mary family. This event also was an opportunity for W&M alumni and incoming and current students and their parents in South Korea to connect.

**ST. LOUIS**

W&M St. Louis-area alumni gathered in June at the Sheldon Art Gallery to hear a presentation by Fred Fausz M.A. ’71, Ph.D. ’77, a history professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and then enjoyed lunch together.

**TRIANGLE — N.C.**

In April, W&M Triangle-area alumni and parents of current students welcomed President Taylor Reveley at a reception hosted by Michael Hennessey ’79.

**UK/EUROPE**

W&M alumni in London had 100 percent giving participation at their April 10 One Tribe One Day event!
FAMILY WEEKEND
The College of William & Mary welcomes all Tribe families to experience campus life first-hand at Family Weekend 2014! This year, the event will take place on the weekend of Sept. 19-21. The weekend features a wide variety of family-friendly events and special programs that you can enjoy together with your W&M student or on your own. Register now at wm.edu/familyweekend.

INCOMING STUDENT RECEPTIONS
Each summer, Parent & Family Programs, First Year Experience, the Parent & Family Council and Alumni Engagement partner to host incoming student receptions across the world to welcome new students and their parents into the William & Mary family.

We hope to see you at upcoming incoming student and family receptions later this summer. Locations include Austin, Texas, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas/Fort Worth, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey, St. Andrews, Scotland, Wilmington, Del., and more locations throughout Virginia (see www.wm.edu/parents or pp. 50-53).

Through this partnership, we hope to provide all William & Mary students, parents and alumni an opportunity to connect locally throughout their lifelong engagement with the College.

PARENT & FAMILY COUNCIL
What a busy year it has been for W&M parents and families! Thanks to the generosity of many parent volunteers, alumni chapters and hosts, the College has held more than 20 national and international events, which welcomed hundreds of incoming students and parents to the Tribe family. Locations included: Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, N.C., Beijing, Cincinnati, Denver, Hong Kong, Houston, New York City, South Korea, Southern Connecticut and many throughout Virginia (see pp. 50-53).

We are grateful for the leadership and devotion of many W&M parents and family members who contributed their time, talent and treasure to our students this year. Parent & Family Council members visited campus to speak about their careers, piloted an on-site mock interview program during Spring Break and provided meaningful internship and full-time positions at their places of employment. And collectively, W&M parents and families raised more than $3.5 million to benefit people and programs across the College.

The Parent & Family Council spearheaded one of the most exciting initiatives of the year, the creation of the Cohen Career Internship Fund. The Council raised more than $60,000 to provide summer stipends to students with unpaid internships. Students receiving these funds are interning at a variety of organizations including the Pittsburgh Public Theater, the U.S. Department of State and the Smithsonian Institution, to name a few.
The day before Commencement, the Class of 2014 took the first step in their lifelong relationship with the College at the Alumni Induction Ceremony. Enthusiastic members of Young Guarde engaged in a day full of activity in early April. The Class of 1964 ended their 50th Reunion weekend with an Olde Guarde Induction Ceremony and Service of Remembrance. At the gift presentation lunch with President Reveley, the Class of 1964 revealed their gift of over $6 million to the College. Members of the Class of 1949 celebrated their 65th Reunion at the Olde Guarde Celebration dinner.
A Match Made at W&M
Gene ’75 and Karen Kennedy Schultz ’75

BY ROBIN FARMER

When Karen Kennedy ’75 and Gene Schultz ’75 arrived at W&M fresh out of high school in 1971, little did they know they would find love — and lifelong connections — on day one of Freshman Orientation.

Now, after 35 years of marriage and two children who also graduated from William & Mary, what better place to celebrate their anniversary than on the campus where they met each other and half the friends who would become bridesmaids and groomsmen in their wedding party?

“This is the place where we met 42 years ago,” said Gene, retired manager of the Virginia Employment Commission’s Winchester office.

Was it love at first sight?

“Oh, no, absolutely not. We were good friends,” said Karen, who is director of the Center for Public Service and Scholarship at Shenandoah University.

The Schultzes and about a dozen guests — including their children and members of the wedding party — gathered at the Plumeri House on campus for a 35th anniversary celebration in mid-December. The weekend festivities highlighted the lifelong love, friendships and connections that personify the W&M experience.

Gene was a cross-country star from Winchester, Va., and Karen was a field hockey player from Washington, D.C. They first laid eyes on one another on the first day of Freshman Orientation. They started dating in their junior year.

They recalled the good times they shared with teammates, at her Gamma Phi Beta Sorority dances and at a campus pub, the Hoi Polloi, located behind the Campus Center. That was before Virginia raised its drinking age from 18 to 21. The Sunken Garden was also a special place for the couple, who graduated in 1975. They married in 1978.

Karen said the College had a major impact on shaping the personal and professional identities of the Schultz family. The long-lasting, special relationships forged while she and Gene were William & Mary students have been an added bonus. Four College friends were members of the wedding party. Returning to campus for the Schultzes’ anniversary allowed the friends to experience “the majesty and beauty of campus together, and to celebrate long marriages of all of us,” said Karen.

Wedding party alumni included Karen’s maid of honor and sorority sister, Peggy Lawlor Hutchinson ’75, and three of Gene’s four groomsmen, Christophe Tulou ’76, Ron Martin ’75 and Steve Nobles ’76. The three groomsmen also married William & Mary alumnae.

Recalling her wedding day, Karen joked that it was serendipitous that Gene and three of his four groomsmen were on the cross-country team because they had to quickly seat numerous guests.

The Schultzes passed on their love and respect for their alma mater to their daughter, Katie, and their son, Ben, who graduated from William & Mary in 2009 and works on Capitol Hill. Katie, whose degrees are in education, teaches at a Williamsburg elementary school.

“Because of William & Mary and lots of other wonderful, influential people, she just got her National Board Certification, which is huge,” Karen said.

The College’s rigorous academics and excellent faculty support attracted Karen as a young high school student, and now she and Gene eagerly give back in many ways.

“I mentor several William & Mary students. I have hired William & Mary students,” Karen said. During the anniversary weekend, she had meetings with students about “career things they wanted to talk about,” she said.

She and Gene often return to campus for Homecoming. Their graduating class started an association called “Staying Connected” to keep alumni in touch with current students and assist with their needs.

“William & Mary has been such an important part of every member of my family,” Ben said. “I am thrilled that it once again was a gathering point for such a great group of family and friends.”
It started on a sweltering day in August 1981. An 18-year-old Michael Powell ’85, D.P.S. ’02 had just arrived on campus and was outside his new home on the third floor of Yates Hall. Powell had driven from Washington, D.C., to Williamsburg in his powder-blue Ford Pinto. With him was a large trunk his mother insisted he take to college — the kind big enough “to hold at least two bodies in.”

“I pulled up to Yates with no ability whatsoever to get moved into my room,” said Powell, remembering when he first approached his freshman roommate, Todd Stottlemyer ’85. “My first impression was ‘Boy, he’s big. He’s definitely the guy who is going to get that trunk up the stairs.’”

Stottlemyer, a freshman offensive lineman for the Tribe football team, had arrived two weeks earlier for training camp. He was happy for two things: Two-a-day practices were over, and he was finally getting to meet the person who would live just a few feet from him over the next nine months.

“[Yates Hall] is where it started,” said Stottlemyer, adding that the two had written letters, the “Facebook of the day,” over the summer. “[Michael] is a great letter writer. We talked by phone that summer, too, so I felt like I knew him a little bit before we showed up. I was just really excited to meet my roommate and excited to start college. We hit it off very, very quickly.”

Powell and Stottlemyer would develop a close friendship with each other and a deep bond with William & Mary that remains strong today. Both have also served W&M with distinction, and both have risen to the College’s highest leadership role — as rector, or chair, of the Board of Visitors.

When they were undergraduates, Powell and Stottlemyer admit, they didn’t know much about rectors or the work of the Board of Visitors. Both say they never imagined they would serve the College in this leadership role.

But, even as freshmen, they did know there was something special about W&M.

“I think we knew soon that we loved this place,” Powell said. “That love gets bonded on this college campus early. It is not too hard to imagine that later in life you will be doing your best to get back to it.”

“I think my experience here was in those formative years,” added Stottlemyer. “It was such a privilege to be here at William & Mary for four years and be part of the incredible history of this university, to sit here today and talk about our respective roles as rector. There will be someone 200 years from now sitting in this position, and they’ll be talking about history and we’ll be part of that history.”

It’s not hard to imagine that Powell and Stottlemyer will be firmly entrenched in William & Mary’s history books. When it comes to their professional lives, both are among the College’s most well-known and successful alumni. Powell is the former chair of the Federal Communications Commission and current president of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association. Stottlemyer, a successful and respected chief executive in the technology sector, is currently chief executive officer of Acentia, a management and technology company with more than 1,000 employees. The Washington Business Journal recently named Stottlemyer to its “Power 100” list, which profiles the region’s most influential business leaders.

Both are also among the most engaged leaders of the College community. Powell served on the Board of Visitors from 2001 to 2009, including three years as rector. Stottlemyer was appointed to the board in 2011 and was elected this past April as rector.

The two men attended rival high schools in Northern Virginia. Powell was at Lake Braddock and Stottlemyer at West Springfield. But the two didn’t know each other during high school. Powell laughs when he remembers his first thoughts about rooming with a football player.
"I said, 'I got a football player for a roommate — what's that going to be like?'" he said. "Of course, you come in with a stereotype. Todd very quickly smashed it, and I realized he was an amazing guy."

Stottlemeyer said the two teenagers, both government majors, quickly found they had a lot in common.

"Mike was an athlete as well and was ROTC in the Army and very interested in public policy," he said. "We had some fun conversations, even as freshmen, about politics and the world."

Both would later be initiated into prestigious honor societies while at William & Mary — Stottlemeyer in Phi Beta Kappa and Powell in Omicron Delta Kappa.

During the 1981-82 academic year, room 337 at Yates Hall was pretty bare bones. There was a refrigerator, a stereo, two beds and two dressers. The walls were equally bare. Powell said he was not a poster guy, and Stottlemeyer joked that "Sam Sadler '64, M.Ed. '71 (longtime vice president for student affairs) would have fined us $10 if we put anything on the walls that peeled off the paint."

Both agree that Powell, the ROTC cadet, was the neater of the two. "That was me, the guy who had the iron," he joked. "The football culture was different."

They also had a third roommate. Powell's wife, Jane Knott Powell '85, lived just down the hall. The two met early in the school year and became inseparable.

"Todd is owed both an apology and gratitude for his never-ending acceptance of that little girl coming into my room constantly, stealing out of our refrigerator, there all the time," joked Powell. "Todd was always a great sport, and Jane was a good friend and fan of Todd's as well."

Today, the two men remain in touch despite busy lives with work and families. They live near each other in the Washington, D.C., area. When Stottlemeyer was elected rector, one of his first phone calls was to Powell.

"We got together for a very, very long lunch, and I probably had a hundred questions," Stottlemeyer said. Stottlemeyer said he followed Powell's time as rector very closely as both friend and alumnus.

"The time when he was rector was one of the most difficult times for the university because of the presidential transition," Stottlemeyer said, referring to former President Gene Nichol's 2008 resignation following a brief but tumultuous time as president at the College. "I was watching from afar and just to watch how Michael handled the situation with such incredible leadership and grace was truly amazing."

Powell said he warned Stottlemeyer that serving as rector was not a part-time assignment.

"We can talk romantically about the College, but it is a true living, breathing institution that has to be fed and clothed and housed and watered," Powell said. "I learned as rector that's an amazing challenge, particularly with the kind of resource constraints we have. It takes a serious-minded person with strong organizational business leadership chops to handle those reins. Todd has demonstrated that in numerous positions. I think the school is really in fantastic hands."

**A Love of W&M**

Both say their love of William & Mary also only has grown over time.

Powell said he and Jane feel immediately at home when they return to campus. He said the history of William & Mary's campus and buildings serves as an anchor for them in a very fluid world.

"What's not to love? William & Mary manages to blend everything that was worthy in the past with this excitement and enthusiasm for the future," he said. "It somehow lives on this extraordinary line — not old but venerable."

Both credit the work of faculty to prepare them for the future.

"I picked government [as a major] because I really had a sense of wanting to be a public servant," Powell said. "The professors, all of them, took time with you one on one. I have been in government positions several times and some part of what I have learned here never failed to come back to me."

Stottlemeyer said he remains in touch with his professors in government, such as Joel Schwartz and John McGlennon, current chair of the department.

"They really made you think and that was probably the most important thing," he said. "They broadened your horizon. How do you solve problems? How do you handle big issues? And, of course, one of the great things about William & Mary is you get to take courses in other areas. It was a great experience."

In addition to serving as rector and a member of the board, Stottlemeyer visits campus as a parent. His daughter, Caroline, is a junior at the College. Stottlemeyer and his wife, Elaine, visit campus often in official and unofficial capacities. The more time he spends with students, the rector said, the more he gets excited about William & Mary’s future.

"You see the future. You see hope. You see optimism and just the exceptional students," he said. "They are excited about their ability to transform the world in their own way."

"To think you were a small part of that as a student and continue to be part of that as you see the next generation enjoy that special experience we had when we were on campus. William & Mary is timeless."

The rectors do their best to stay in touch.

When they do get together, Stottlemeyer said, "It's just like we’re back in college."
Kelley Quinzio ’14 was born on William & Mary’s campus. Or that’s what she told prospective students as she gave admissions tours. Although she was really born at the Williamsburg Community Hospital that once stood where the School of Education is now located, Quinzio spent much of her childhood toddling around campus, attending Homecoming, and cheering on the Tribe at football, basketball and soccer games. As a native of Williamsburg, the daughter of an alumna and a former member of the Green & Gold Club, Quinzio was even pictured on the cover of the Alumni Gazette 13 years before she joined the Tribe, as a 5-year-old wearing “like eight temporary tattoos” and her Green & Gold Club T-shirt during Homecoming 1997.

Despite the fact that her mother, Elizabeth “Betsy” Dolan ’84, her aunt Kathy Dolan ’81 and her uncle Skip Dolan ’82 all graduated from the William & Mary, Quinzio was eager to have a college experience that was completely her own, although she did live in Dupont, the same freshman hall in which her mother and aunt both lived. Quinzio says that her relatives do not tell her too many “I had to walk uphill both ways to get to Blow Hall” stories, but they do chuckle about the now-defunct phone rooms that still grace the halls of Dupont. “They wish they could go through it now,” Quinzio noted, explaining that her relatives have been interested in how the curriculum has been implemented and changed over time.

Quinzio started William & Mary intending to pursue a degree in Hispanic studies, but took natural psychology for her general education requirement. After loving that class, she decided to take social psychology, again just for the GER, but by the end of her freshman year decided to major in psychology. Her minor in anthropology was similarly serendipitous, as she was convinced to get involved in the department while studying abroad in Cambridge, England, the summer of her junior year.

As both a tour guide and an intern for the admissions office, Quinzio used her extensive experience with both the College and the Williamsburg community to help prospective students and incoming freshman. Having seen how her own plans had changed since freshman year, Quinzio encouraged new students to remain open-minded as they started college, and is happy she could share her positive experiences with others. “From the admissions standpoint, they pitch community, tradition and ‘life-long relationships,’ so to actually be able to say how true it is as a tour guide was great.”

After graduation, Quinzio moved away from Williamsburg for the first time in her life, relocating to Kennebunkport, Maine, with a friend. She plans to apply to nursing school, but will first take some post-baccalaureate classes at the University of New Hampshire. Although Quinzio has been asked about what she expects from life outside of the ‘Burg, she thinks the better question is how her mother will handle the change. Quinzio says her mother is “glad I got the William & Mary experience, but she knows it’s time for me to see the rest of the world.”

Even though she is eager to explore the Northeast, Quinzio anticipates remaining closely tied to the College, through both her family and the friends she has made over the past four years. She is thankful that, even as they make plans for their future, her fellow classmates remain close. She said, “As new graduates you’re either going to burn bridges or build bridges and a lot of my friends have adopted the build bridges, mentality, which I really appreciate. What I’ve learned is that you always run into people again. Living in one place for so long, you do see how people come in and out of your life. It’s surprising how small the world is.”
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What are your favorite aspects of working for the Admissions Office?
My favorite part of the job is planning and leading the efforts for Day For Admitted Students (DFAS). Because I am able to watch all of our newly admitted students begin to form their lifelong connections with William & Mary. I am also responsible for supervising the tour guides and I absolutely love working with current William & Mary students. I am lucky to work with students who love sharing their story with prospective students and families, and give tours regardless of Williamsburg’s weather!

How did you know that W&M was the right place for you?
The moment I stepped onto the Sunken Garden, I fell in love with the campus! I had that “Say Yes to the Dress” moment on campus many years ago and I still love the school passionately. Fit on a college campus is so important and something our office hopes all prospective students will find throughout their college search process.

Of what are you most proud?
During my time at the University of Virginia, I was the president for Campaign for Dance, pushing for the development of a dedicated dance minor. I was lucky enough to develop the syllabus for the proposed dance minor with the help of faculty mentors, and coordinate a dance benefit concert which prompted sponsors to support the creation of a new department. Learning that one person could make such a big difference on a college campus inspired my career path and my dedication to higher education.

What do you do within the Women’s Network?
I am currently one of three co-chairs for the Women’s Network. The Women’s Network provides a way for all women at W&M to support one another, help newcomers learn the ropes of our very special institution, socialize and network with each other, celebrate our successes and (occasionally) advocate for one another when things get tough. It is our mission to ensure that all women’s voices are heard, whether it’s about tenure or promotions. We create programming based on what women request, such as workshops, networking opportunities or professional groups.

Interview by Ashley Murphy ’15
Donald Sweig spends a lot of time in some beautiful places. An avid birder and nature photographer for many years, he's had more time to indulge his passions since retiring in 2002.

While gazing through the camera lens, Donald started looking back on his life and how William & Mary helped shape it. As he began to consider his estate plans, he wanted to help future generations benefit from scholarships just as he did. With assistance from the Gift Planning Office, Donald included a bequest in his will to support graduate students in history.

“I owe a lot to William & Mary,” says Donald. “It’s an integral part of my life story.”

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