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*PHOTO: Col. Gerald Massengill (left), former interim director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Ed Clark, '73, co-founder of the Wildlife Center of Virginia.*



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## Andrew Young Takes the Podium at BC

Civil rights activist and former ambassador to the United Nations **Andrew Young** spoke at Bridgewater College March 31 as part of the Anna B. Mow

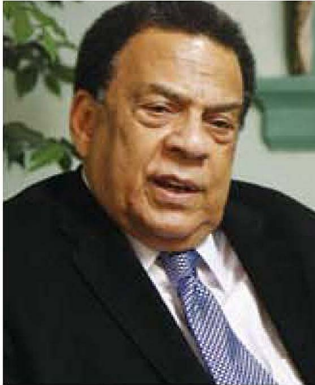


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Endowed Lecture Series. Young, who spoke about the Brethren ideal of nonviolence, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree the next day at the College's Founder's Day observance.

Young, 76, told an audience of several hundred people in Cole Hall that while some may view nonviolence as old-fashioned or out-of-date, "your responsibility is to think that through and upgrade it."

Young, who was a member of Martin Luther King Jr.'s inner circle and was with King when he was murdered in 1968, told the audience he was first introduced to the ideal of nonviolence when someone at a Brethren camp gave him a book about Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi. As a congressman from Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> District, Young consistently opposed efforts to increase the United States' military budgets.

The New Orleans native and former mayor of Atlanta also spoke about world affairs, particularly the state of the economy in Africa. Calling the continent "the missing link in the global economy," Young

suggested that travel to Africa would help boost its economy and, by extension, benefit the rest of the world. He said a "philosophy of development" would spur private companies to invest in the poorer areas of the continent.

"If you travel the world, you see how other people are quite like us," Young said. "If we don't learn to live as brothers and sisters, we will perish as fools."

In a press conference prior to his talk, Young briefly discussed politics with reporters, and said that while he admires the campaign successes of Barack Obama, he doesn't know him very well and therefore supports long-time friend and colleague Hillary Clinton.

Young is currently a Distinguished Executive Fellow and Honorary Professor of Public Policy at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Young is also co-founding principal and chairman of GoodWorks International, an involvement that allows him to execute his mission to advance economic development in Africa and the Caribbean.

He has published two books: *A Way Out of No Way* and *An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America*. He is currently writing a memoir on Africa. ◀ CC

## Founder's Day Honors Teachers

Bridgewater College celebrated the anniversary of its founding in an April 1 ceremony that saw the presentation of teaching awards to two faculty members.

Guest **Andrew Young**, civil rights leader and former mayor of Atlanta, was presented with the degree of Doctorate of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Recognized for their teaching were **Dr. Gary Adams**, professor of music, and **Dr. Alice Trupe**, associate professor of English. Adams received the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award and Trupe received the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award.



Alice Trupe



Gary Adams

The Wades established the award that bears their name in 1998 to recognize excellence in classroom teaching. **Dr. Ben Wade** taught religion and served as executive assistant to the president and provost at Bridgewater from 1979-85.

The Thornton Award, established in 1990 by **Dr. Martha B. Thornton**, professor of religion *emerita* at Bridgewater, honors faculty who "provide caring concern for students well beyond the role as teacher."

Founder's Day honors Daniel Christian Flory who, in 1880, began a new school at Spring Creek, Va., "to aid young men and women to secure a good, practical education and fit them for a higher sphere of usefulness." The school moved to Bridgewater in 1882 and became Bridgewater College in 1889.

The observance of Founder's Day began in 1920 as a commemoration of Flory's birth on April 3, 1854. ◀ CC

## BC Apartments Honor Wamplers

Four buildings known simply as the Student Apartments were renamed April 3 in a ceremony honoring members of several Wampler families who have long supported and sustained the College. Wampler Towers, as the apartments are now named, are located on Dinkel Avenue just east of the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics.

- Wampler Tower A was dedicated in honor of life trustee and former chairman of WLR Foods **William D. Wampler** (class of 1950) and his wife, **Bonnie Lou May Wampler**, who was recognized as an honorary alumna of the College in 2005.
- Wampler Tower B was dedicated in honor of former WLR Foods chairman and Virginia House of Delegates member **Charles W. Wampler Jr.** (class of 1937) and his wife, **Dorothy Liskey Wampler**.
- Wampler Tower C was dedicated in honor of life trustee **Dr. J. Paul Wampler** and **Priscilla Wakeman Wampler** (both class of 1954). The couple received the College's Outstanding Service Award in 1991.

- Wampler Tower D was dedicated in honor of the **Frederick Wampler** and **Anna Driver Wampler** families, which have been continually intertwined with the history of Bridgewater College. Eighty-seven of the family's descendants are BC alumni.

"The Wampler families being honored have made significant contributions to the life of Bridgewater College and, through their lives and works have brought distinction to themselves and the College they love," said Bridgewater College President **Phillip C. Stone**. "These names will be here as long as the bricks and mortar last. I expect that in 100 years, those names will still be there."

The buildings – completed in 2004 – are the first co-ed residences on campus, house 188 students and are reserved for upperclassman. ◀ CC

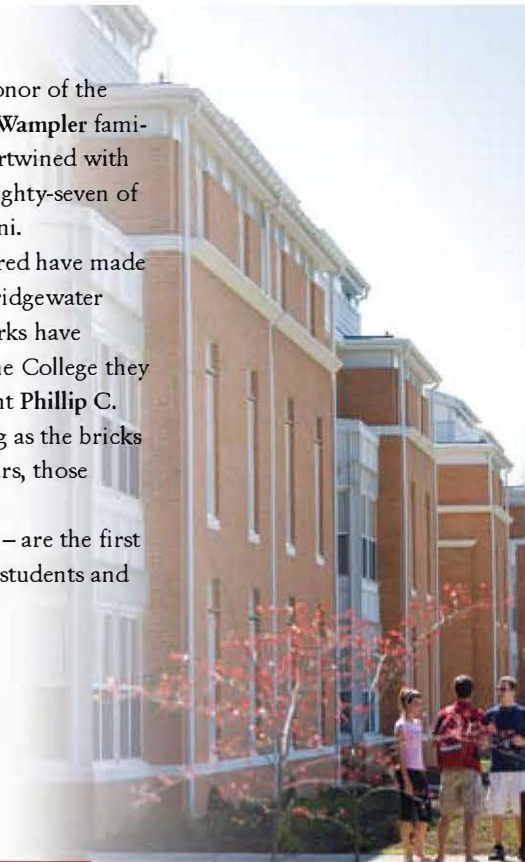


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## Fairchilds Ends 39-Year Run at BC

Bridgewater College's longest-serving employee is calling it quits after 39 years on the job.

**Joseph Vern Fairchilds Jr.**, director of financial aid, announced he will retire at the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Fairchilds came to work at the College in 1969, one year after graduating from BC with a degree in biology. Through diligence, talent and skill, he worked his way up

through the ranks and, by 1972, was named acting director of admissions. He was named director of admissions in 1973.

Fairchilds' progression from admissions to financial aid work occurred in a quick succession of stages. From 1978-80 he was assistant dean for admissions and financial aid, from 1980-82

he was assistant to the dean and director of financial aid and, in 1982, he was named director of financial aid.

Throughout the years, Fairchilds has conducted workshops on financial aid in the Shenandoah Valley and has been called upon by educational associations, high schools and other groups to interpret and explain financial aid programs for higher education. In 2002, Fairchilds was presented with the Lifetime Member Award by the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

"Vern, whose passion for enabling students to get their college education reflects a strong sense of mission, has worked tirelessly to upgrade and strengthen the financial aid work of the College," said President **Phillip C. Stone**. "He has established himself as the most knowledgeable college administrator in Virginia on student financial aid matters and has been an invaluable resource and good friend to Bridgewater College. His service has been greatly appreciated, and he will be greatly missed."

Fairchilds and his wife, the former **Cheryl Marlene Lackey**, '68, live in Bridgewater and are members of the Bridgewater Presbyterian Church. They have a son, **Page**, '94 and two grandsons. ◀ CC

## Alumna, PPG Exec Headlines Scott Symposium



Photo by Charles Culbertson

Donna Price Walker, '75, vice president of tax administration at PPG Industries, provided the keynote address for the 2008 Scott Symposium on Business Ethics on March 13.

Walker, who received her bachelor's degree from BC in business administration, reminded her audience of students, faculty and staff that not all

companies are ethical – a fact borne out by recent national headlines. Aiming her talk at students in the audience, she said that “If you want to be happy in your career, you have to go to a company that is ethical.”

She urged those entering the job market to seek out companies that have published policies regarding ethics and that

have made ethics a part of the corporate landscape.

Walker received the Bridgewater College Young Alumnus Award in 1993 and, in November 2007, was elected to the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees. She lives in Glenshaw, Pa., with her husband, Stephen, and has one son, Jimmy.

PPG Industries, a Fortune 500 company, is a manufacturer of coatings and specialty products, with its global headquarters located in Pittsburgh. Walker has worked for PPG Industries since 1976.

The Scott Symposium on Business Ethics is named in honor of former vice president for institutional advancement Charles H. Scott, '65, and his father, the late Harvey H. Scott, '35, who served on the College's Board of Trustees for more than 30 years. The symposium was developed to provide training for Bridgewater College students who are emerging leaders and future participants in the workplace. ◀ CC

## BC Launches Online Networking

A new Internet tool that enables alumni and students to connect with each other for career and social networking purposes has been launched by the College's Office of Alumni Relations.

“BridgewaterAlumni.com” ([www.bridgewateralumni.com](http://www.bridgewateralumni.com)) is designed for – and is accessible only to – Bridgewater College alumni and students who want to stay in touch with each other.

According to Wendell Esbenshade, director of alumni relations at BC, members of the site will be able to post personal and family photographs, exchange class note information such as births, marriages and career moves, and keep abreast of classmates.

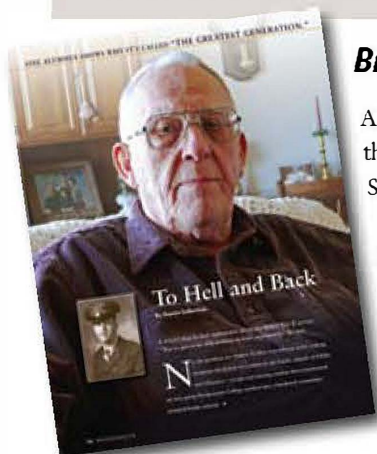
Esbenshade stressed the confidentiality of the site, noting that, by default, contact information is set to display so other alumni and students can get in touch with you. However, members may choose to hide any piece of information

in their profiles and that no one other than BC alumni may become members.

“It's a new and better way to keep the BC community connected,” he said. “It is similar to Facebook, but with more control and more specific features.”

Users register by creating a unique ID and password. Once alumni status has been verified by entering your alumni ID number (found on the address label of this magazine), members can log in to make use of the various functions of the site.

“One of the things you can do when you sign up is to select a career code, one that reflects what you do for a living,” Esbenshade said. “In that way, students can look for internships, or if a user just graduated, he or she can do a career-code search and make contacts about job opportunities. It's a great way to achieve career networking.” ◀ CC



## Bridgewater Story Wins Award

A story that appeared in the Spring/Summer 2007 issue of *Bridgewater* won a first-place award in the feature-writing category of the annual competition held by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The story, “To Hell and Back,” detailed the World War II experiences of BC alumnus Hobert Bodkin, '49, who served with the U.S. Marine Corps and fought on the Pacific islands of Peleliu and Okinawa. The story was written by Charles Culbertson, editor of *Bridgewater* magazine.

Judges' comments included “Excellent and original way in to the story,” and “The story is compelling from beginning to end.”

The Award of Excellence was presented at the CASE III's conference in Atlanta. ◀ DS

## Former Gov. Warner Visits BC

Former Virginia Gov. **Mark R. Warner** visited students at Bridgewater College Dec. 11, as part of his Hometown Days tour. During the tour, which began Dec. 10 in Luray, Va., Warner revisited some of the major projects and initiatives he launched in the area during his four years as governor from 2002 to 2006.

Warner spoke to students in a political science class, then spent an hour with faculty in the Kline Campus Center exploring the success of BC's Personal Development Portfolio. ◀ CC

▶ *Former Gov. Mark R. Warner addresses a political science class at BC on Dec. 11. Photo by Tommy Thompson*



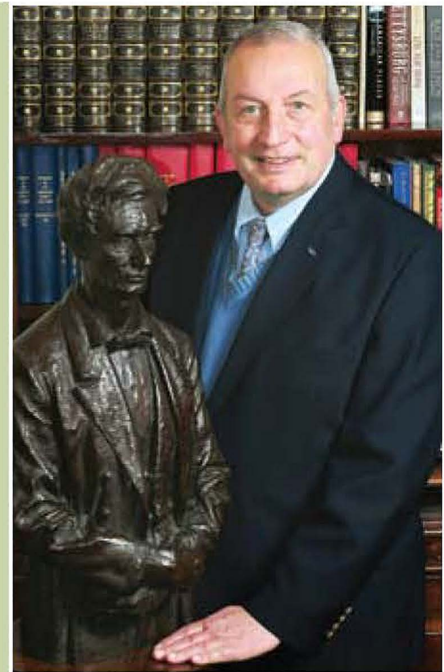
## Class of 2008 Urged to Look to Lincoln's Example

The Hon. **Frank J. Williams**, chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, delivered Bridgewater College's 2008 commencement address on May 11. Williams, who is also one of the nation's leading scholars on the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, urged the graduates to become leaders using as an example the life and legacy of Lincoln. Williams was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

"Abraham Lincoln, a simple country boy with roots here in the Shenandoah, crafted a legacy that will live on forever," Williams said. "In large part, it is because of him that we are one country, under one flag, one government... Ask yourself – what will be your legacy? What difference will you make to society? What change will you author?"

The Rev. **Judy Mills Reimer**, a member of the Bridgewater College board of trustees, delivered the baccalaureate service message in Nininger Hall. The topic of her address was "Cheering from the Balcony," in which she emphasized the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Nearly 400 seniors received degrees at the commencement exercises. ◀ CC



*The Hon. Frank J. Williams*

## BC Snags VFIC/Verizon Digital Age Grant

Bridgewater College has been awarded a \$22,500 "Digital Age Initiative" grant from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) and the Verizon Foundation.

The grant will help the college provide incoming freshmen from challenged backgrounds with instruction and assistance in developing the computer skills they need to succeed in their academic careers. Every year, five VFIC colleges are selected to receive the grant and to use the money to provide students with personalized instruction.

Founded in 1952, the VFIC is a nonprofit fund-raising partnership supporting the programs and students of 15 lead-

ing private colleges in the commonwealth: Bridgewater College, Emory and Henry College, Hampden-Sydney College, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Mary Baldwin College, Marymount University, Randolph-Macon College, Randolph College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College and Washington and Lee University.

The Verizon Foundation is one of the VFIC's most distinguished corporate partners, contributing more than \$3 million to the VFIC cause over the course of 52 years. ◀ CC



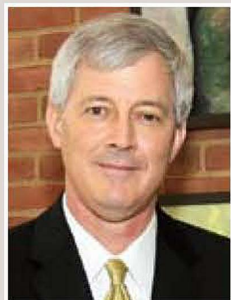
## Alumni Weekend Honors Five



*Members of the Class of 1958 receive their Ripples Society induction.*



*David Richard Radcliff*



*John Richard Milleson*



*Allen David Ervin*

**F**ive Bridgewater College alumni were honored as part of the College's annual Alumni Weekend celebration on April 18 and 19.

**John Samuel Flory Jr.**, '32, and his sister, **Margaret Flory Wampler Rainbolt**, '37, both of Bridgewater, received 2008 Ripples Society Medals at the annual banquet of the Ripples Society. Classes graduating from the College 50 or more years ago comprise the Ripples Society. The class of 1958 was inducted into the society on April 18.

During the Alumni Banquet on April 19, **David Richard Radcliff**, '75, of Elgin, Ill., received the 2008 West-Whitelow Award for Humanitarian Service. The West-Whitelow Award was established in 2002 to recognize exceptional humanitarian service as demonstrated by **Naomi Miller West**, '29, and **Carlyle Whitelow**, '59, who received the first awards in 2003.

**John Richard Milleson**, '78, of Berryville, Va., received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award, and **Allen David Ervin**, '91, was presented with the 2008 Young Alumni Award. ◀ CC



*Dr. Phillip Stone chats with the Florys before the Ripples banquet.*



*Margaret Flory Wampler Rainbolt*



*John Samuel Flory Jr.*

## Meet the Trustees by Karen Doss Bowman, '91

### NATHAN HUFF MILLER, '65

**N**athan Huff Miller, '65, isn't one to shy away from change. In fact, during his four decades as a lawyer, politician and entrepreneur in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Va., Miller has had the opportunity to influence the changes that are shaping his native Shenandoah Valley.

Recognizing that the Valley's agricultural base has dwindled for the past decade, Miller has been a leader in attracting the technology industry to the community. He is co-founder (with fellow Bridgewater board member Nancy Bowman) and president of the Virginia Technology Incubator, a privately owned facility in Harrisonburg that provides office space and equipment for small companies in the start-up phase. The managing partner in the law firm of Miller, Earle & Shanks, PLLC, Miller has focused on business and corporate law, municipal law, estate planning and real estate development (he owns and directs the real estate firm, Heatwole/Miller Inc.).



*Nathan Huff Miller*

Miller's political career began in 1971, just two years after his graduation from the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law, when he became the youngest person elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. In 1973, Miller ran for a seat in the Virginia Senate, emerging as the victor over a long-time incumbent. Five years later, Miller pursued the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. On the sixth ballot of the largest political convention ever held in Virginia, he delivered his support to fellow Bridgewater alumnus, **Richard "Dick" Obenshain, '56**, who tragically died in a plane crash before the election.

Miller ran unsuccessfully for the office of lieutenant governor in 1981. Though he retired from public office in 1983, Miller has continued to advise and financially support fellow Republicans seeking office.

A member of the College's board of trustees since 1986, Miller is a past president of the Bridgewater College Alumni Association and past chair of the College's Business and Professional Campaign. In 1981, he received the College's Distinguished Young Alumnus Award. He currently serves Bridgewater as a member of the Committee on Board Affairs, the Committee for Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations, and the Committee for Academic Affairs. Miller also is serving as chair of the Bridgewater College Capital Fundraising Campaign.

Though his career seems diverse, a common thread is the ability to relate to and work with people, Miller says. "Preparing students to interact with people from diverse backgrounds is one of the values of a liberal arts education," he adds.

"The fact that I had a liberal arts education gave me the opportunity to be prepared for the diversity I'm confronted with today, especially as a lawyer dealing with a rainbow spectrum of issues, personalities and social structures," says Miller, who is a licensed pilot and a former member of the Rockingham Male Chorus. "A liberal arts education gives one the ability to assimilate the multiple facets of an issue."

Bridgewater College has been a long-standing tradition in Miller's family. His great-grandfather, **Hiram G. Miller**, joined the board in 1906 and three years later was elected as president of the board—a position he held until 1924. Miller's grandfather, **Oscar S. Miller**, was a 1917 graduate, and his father, **Garland S. Miller**, attended Bridgewater until his education was cut short during the Great Depression. Garland Miller later became chairman of Bridgewater's Board of Trustees and was awarded an honorary degree.

Other Miller family members who graduated from Bridgewater include Miller's sister **Lucretia Miller Lane**, '66; his brother **Philip S. Miller**, '77; and his son, **Nathan H. Miller II**, '07. Miller and his wife, Kimberly, live in Bridgewater and have four children: Nathan Miller II, Andrew, Amanda and Caroline.

## SUSAN LOGAN CRAUN

**A**lthough **Susan Logan Craun** didn't graduate from Bridgewater College, she has a deep affection for it because "I'm surrounded by BC graduates," she says.

The daughter of the late **Dr. Bernard S. Logan**, '38, former chair of the College's department of business and economics, Mrs. Craun spent her teen years living just a "stone's throw" from campus. She later married her high school sweetheart, **Dr. Galen Glick Craun Jr.**, '68, whose father, **Galen Click Craun Sr.**, was a member of Bridgewater's class of 1933.



*Susan Logan Craun*

"I've always had Bridgewater College as part of my life," says Mrs. Craun, a 1968 graduate of Mary Washington College (now University of Mary Washington). During her summer breaks from Mary Washington, Mrs. Craun took courses at Bridgewater, studying with some of the College's faculty legends, including **Prof. Paul Kline** and **Dr. C.E. "Tiny" May**.

The Crauns were married in October 1967. After both graduated from college the next spring, they moved to Fauquier County, where they were teachers until Dr. Craun enrolled at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1971. For the next three years, Mrs. Craun taught elementary school for Albemarle County Schools. After Dr. Craun's 1974 graduation, they moved to Baltimore, where Dr. Craun had accepted a residency appointment at Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

While in Baltimore, Mrs. Craun worked for the Johns Hopkins University Hospital's Center for Teenage Parents and Their Infants. The program was designed not only to provide prenatal care, but also to teach basic life skills to young pregnant girls and their partners. Mrs. Craun served a stint as acting administrator for the program.

The Craun family returned to the Shenandoah Valley in 1981, when Dr. Craun opened a private practice as an orthopedic surgeon. Mrs. Craun was an English, reading and communication skills teacher for Rockingham County's Alternative Education Program. She was disappointed when funding for the program was cut a year later.

Since then, Mrs. Craun has devoted much of her time to civic activities, including the Medical Society of Virginia Alliance. The organization of physicians' spouses, which also has local and national divisions, works in partnership with the Medical Society of Virginia to promote health education and services throughout the state. Mrs. Craun served one term as president of the organization.

Now that her husband has retired, the couple enjoys traveling and visiting their two sons and three grandchildren. While the Crauns still maintain their home in Harrisonburg, Va., they now spend most of their time at their home on the Piankatank River in Dutton, Va.

A member of the College's board of trustees since 1994, Mrs. Craun has enjoyed watching the "wonderful changes" that have taken place at the College in recent years. Not only have beautiful buildings been added, she says, but the College is attracting more top-notch students and faculty.

"The college has made great strides and continues to do so under the leadership of Dr. Stone," she says.

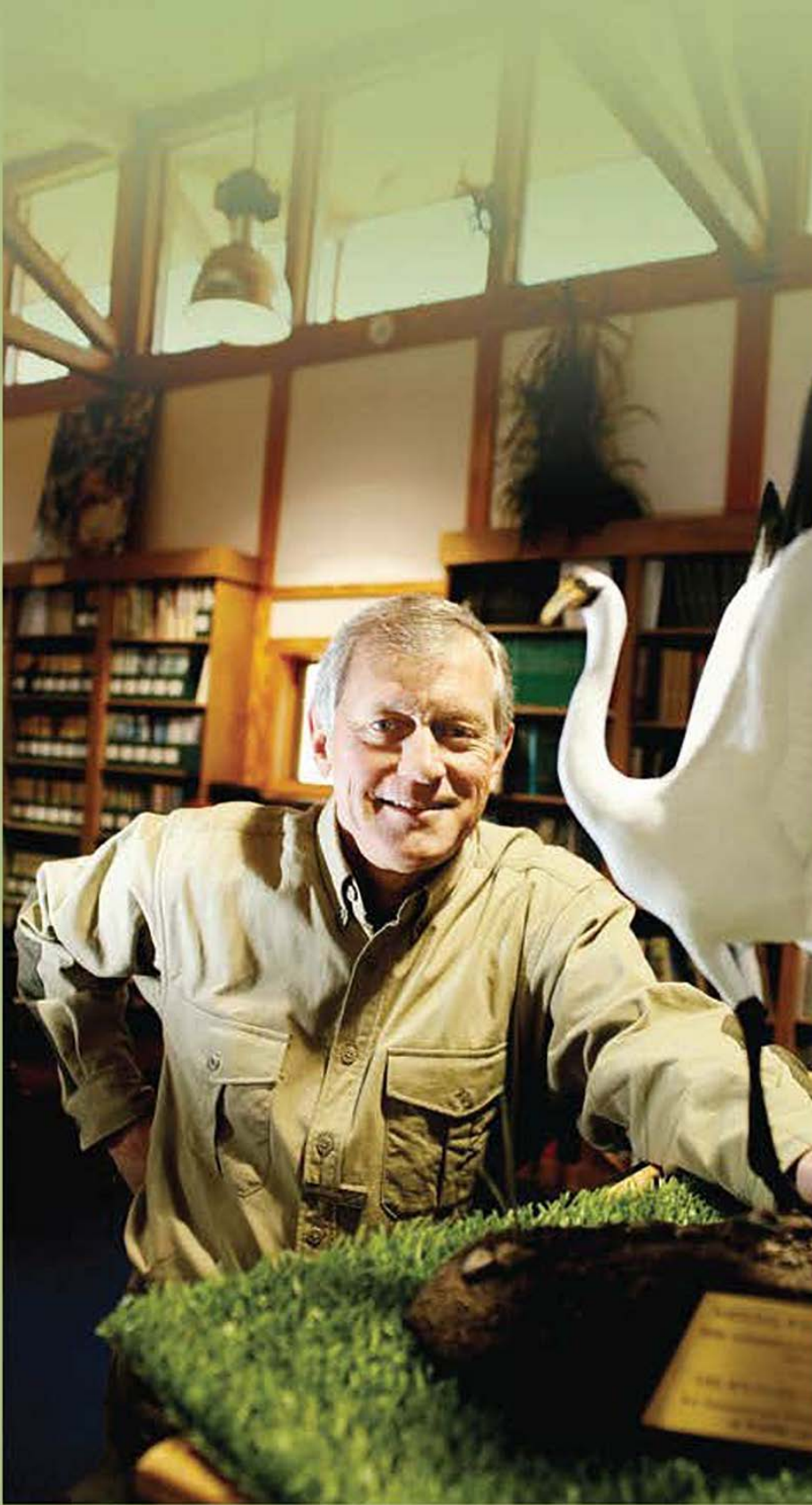


Photo by Holly Mancus



# Wild KINGDOM

by Karen Doss Bowman, '91

**W**hen Ed Clark Jr. talks about conservation, he likes to put a face on it.

A co-founder of the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro, Va., the 1973 Bridgewater graduate tells the story of an injured female bald eagle brought into the center in the fall of 1989 after colliding with a truck.

This particular raptor was special. She and her mate were believed to be the most prolific eagle pair in the commonwealth, having produced more than a dozen chicks during the previous five years. And since bald eagles were on the state and federal lists of endangered species at the time, nursing

Take a walk *on the wild side* with Ed Clark Jr., '73, and his sanctuary for injured critters.



*This bobcat survived an attack by two dogs and a 30-mile ride in the undercarriage of a dump truck before being brought to the Wildlife Center in August 2007. An exam by center vets found multiple abrasions, lacerations, and dog bites – but no broken bones. After several weeks of antibiotics and care, the bobcat was released back in Craig County.*

*Not ET. This gawky nestling is a two-day-old American kestrel. The baby bird will grow up to become one of the most colorful raptors in the world.*

her back to health before her mate abandoned their nest became an emotionally charged mission for the WCV staff. After about five weeks of treatment for a lacerated wing and pesticide poisoning, the bird was rehabilitated and ready for release.

The eagle was taken back to the field in West Point where she was found, Clark recalls, and she seemed to recognize her home.

“She takes off flying straight up into the air and lets out this almost blood-curdling scream,” he says. “And out of the woods behind was an answer. Out of the trees, almost straight up, flies her mate, and they dented feet in the air. They danced and they buffed and they tumbled.”

The next spring, Clark says, the eagle was back in a nest full of chicks.

“We felt like grandparents.”

This eagle’s tale is just one of hundreds of touching stories Clark has collected from the 50,000 furry and feathered patients who have passed through the WCV’s doors during its 25-year history. While his anecdotes aren’t always warm and fuzzy – some end tragically – Clark uses them to illustrate lessons in conservation and to inspire others to share his passion for taking care of wild animals and the Earth.

“You can tell when Ed talks that his presentation is coming from something deep within him, that he’s not up there just presenting raw facts,” says Dr. Jamie Reaser, president of Ecos Systems Institute in Stanardsville, Va., and a member of the center’s Scientific Advisory Committee. “He is inviting people into his

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*Ed Clark releases an adult bald eagle in February 2006 at Westover Plantation, a historic home on the James River below Richmond. This was the first of a record-setting 29 bald eagles admitted to the center during 2006 – a record eclipsed by the 36 eagles treated during 2007.*

*Photos courtesy of the Wildlife Center of Virginia*



*Each year, the center treats about 2,500 animals. About one-fifth come in during May – including baby squirrels (shown here), rabbits, opossums and birds.*

*This toad was unwittingly unearthed from his winter hibernation home by a garden tiller – an encounter that sliced open the toad’s back. It took more than 20 sutures to close the wound, and the toad was treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, and pain medication. After nearly six weeks of treatment, the toad was returned to its garden home in Crozet, Va.*

*This Eastern red bat is one of the 200 species of animals treated annually at the Wildlife Center. The average length of a stay for an animal at the Wildlife Center is 11 days.*

own personal experience and passion, and it awakens within people their own sense of values and morality and celebration for something other than themselves.”

Almost everything Clark does – even hobbies such as scuba diving and wildlife photography – is connected to his interest in conservation. His activism has led to major changes in state and federal legislation in areas such as wilderness designation, public land management, pesticide regulation and endangered species protection. Under his leadership, the WCV has received international acclaim as a veterinary teaching and research hospital for wildlife and conservation medicine. The center also is engaged in wildlife disease surveillance, monitoring patterns in wildlife illnesses that may have serious implications for human health and safety.

Clark and the WCV have received many honors, including the National Wildlife Federation’s prestigious National Conservation Achievement Award (also known as “The Connie”). In 2006, Clark received Bridgewater’s Distinguished Alumnus Award.

### Call of the Wild

Wildlife has been a lifelong passion for Clark, an outdoorsman who says, “I camped, hiked, hunted and fished from the time I was old enough to wear pants.” As a young boy, he spent almost every weekend with an aunt and uncle in their 20-foot by 16-foot cabin situated in the middle of 52 acres of forest in Pennsylvania. For a boy from the big city of Fairfax, Va., the cabin and its surroundings offered a much-needed retreat. Once his family relocated to rural Flint Hill, Va., when he was 13, Clark didn’t get to the cabin as often, but it has remained an anchor in his life.

“That one-room structure was, and still is, my

favorite place on Earth. I still go there any time I get a free day,” Clark says. “Some of the trees my uncle and I planted when I was seven or eight are now 75 feet tall and two feet in diameter. That will make you feel old, but they are *my* trees for sure.”

When Clark and his three co-founders – Nancy Sheffield, his wife at the time; Dr. Stuart Porter, professor of veterinary technology at Blue Ridge Community College; and Porter’s wife, Terry – established the Wildlife Center of Virginia in 1982, their purpose was simply to provide a place where sick and injured wild animals could receive medical care. It didn’t take long to realize that many of their patients’ injuries and ailments often were the result of human carelessness.

“It quickly became obvious that the problem was human behavior,” says Clark. “To change human behavior, we needed to educate humans about the consequences of their behavior and then, where necessary, regulate that behavior.”

At that point, Clark already had substantial experience developing regulations to protect the environment. One of his first victories came in the early 1970s when he was president of the Virginia Wilderness Committee. He led a successful eight-year crusade to protect more than 80,000 acres in Virginia’s two national forests.

Clark uses his tales about the wild animals to appeal to elected officials. In the late 1980s, he led a legislative battle to secure excise taxes on outdoor equipment that would be earmarked for Virginia’s Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Legislators seemed determined to defeat the proposed bill, saying that it would set a bad precedent. So Clark took a peregrine falcon with him to testify at the General Assembly meeting in Richmond, Va.



*Dani Strumbo, a wildlife rehabilitator at the Wildlife Center, restrains a red-shouldered hawk while a veterinarian (out of camera range) performs a physical examination.*  
Photo by Holly Marcus

“This is not about precedent, this is about peregrines,” he told the assembly. “If you’re going to vote this down, look into the faces of the animals whose futures you compromise.” Lawmakers were moved, and the measure passed, adding more than \$12 million to the state wildlife agency’s budget.

“We don’t talk about habitat issues because we have some sort of philosophy about it,” says Clark, creator and host of the Animal Planet show, *Wildlife Emergency*. “We talk about it because we fix animals that are broken because habitat has been destroyed. So when we speak about wildlife, we’re able to speak with a unique credibility.”

### Handle With Care

Clark and his co-founders knew that teaching people to care about wildlife and the environment was just as important as treating sick and injured animals. A former teacher at the Virginia School for the Deaf, Clark helped create the WCV’s education program that has reached an estimated 1.4 million children and adults across the commonwealth. The center’s resident animals – those whose injuries left them “non-releasable,” without the capacity to survive in the wild – are the stars in the educational presentations.

“All of our education programs boil down to one simple formula: Virginia and the United States and the world have incredible, marvelous wildlife and natural resources,” Clark says. “Wildlife is wonderful, and humans have an impact. You can have a positive impact, and because you can, you have a responsibility.”

These days, Clark spends much of his time training military and police agencies in Latin American countries to deal with the widespread problem of illegal wildlife trafficking. While most of these trips are business as usual, he has had a few harrowing experiences. Once, he and his travel companions were held up by armed men, who turned out to be a special forces squad of the Colombian army engaged in a drill.

Clark is the “consummate PR person” who presents conservation issues with “panache,” says his friend, Dr. Bruce Bowman, a veterinarian in Waynesboro.

“Ed has the gift of being able to explain and to rationalize the need for wildlife in our society to people at different levels,” Bowman says. “He can explain that to schoolchildren, and he can explain that to U.S. senators and representatives.”

Clark works tirelessly for the wild animals he loves and for the environment he wants to clean up. Though the center received the “Connie” award last fall, Clark hasn’t become complacent. There’s still important work to do, he says.

“I don’t think we’ve arrived anywhere – we’ve been recognized on the way down the road,” he says. “We’re continuing to fulfill our mission, teaching the world to care about wildlife and the environment. And every day we find a new way to do it.”

*Karen Doss Bowman, 97, is a freelance writer in Bridgewater, Va.*

# Caribbean, Ho!

by Cindy Corell

Wearing flip-flops to science class? Two biology professors – both BC alumni – think that’s just fine, especially in *this* classroom setting.

**E**very May, a group of Virginia college students and biology professors from across the country pack up their shorts, T-shirts and swim fins for nearly three weeks in the Bahamas. No, it’s not spring break come late. It’s a short study program designed to introduce the students to ecosystems, flora, fauna, and to their own innate curiosity and sense of wonder.







**“If we don’t have a scientifically literate population, then we’re going to be in trouble.”**

**– Dr. Beverly Marcum, ’68**

◀ **PREVIOUS PAGE:** *Prof. Beverly Marcum, ’68, taking underwater photos while snorkeling on a reef at San Salvador in the Bahamas.*

**ABOVE:** *Prof. Fred Diehl, ’60, points out to a student in his class some of the important geological processes involved in the formation of the Bahamas and Belize.*

▶ **FACING PAGE:** *Final day of the Bahamas course. Professors and students head out for one last snorkel, and a rare few minutes of rest on the beach.*

All those things comprise the research projects these students will complete before the trip is over, but it is the awe and the thirst for knowledge that they will carry with them always.

That’s nothing new for two of the professors involved, both graduates of Bridgewater College. Ever since retired University of Virginia professor Fred Diehl, ’60 – known to the students as Doc D – and California State University, Chico professor Beverly Marcum, ’68, dove headfirst into their careers as science teachers, fueling the flame of learning in students has come naturally.

### **The Jopson Factor**

Their own curiosity of the natural world was fostered by a Bridgewater College icon: Harry G.M. “Doc” Jopson, who retired in 1981.

“I wanted to be a coach and a counselor,” Diehl said. “Then I sort of decided on athletics. Then I switched over to psychology. Dr. Harry Jopson was my track coach, and he taught biology. He had a lot to do with my wanting to teach.”

Marcum, too, had trouble choosing one field of expertise.

“I was very close to being a music major,” she said. “Then I was going to be a physical education major. Doc Jopson was my biology professor, and he saw how fascinated I was with the research.”

Jopson, now 96, taught a class he called Special Topics. In this independent field study, he sent students into the world of nature where they caught fish, salamanders, frogs,

snakes and mice. Marcum even captured a bat while caving. The students identified the animals and studied them vigorously.

After graduation, Diehl and Marcum discovered that this type of field work enhanced their methods of teaching and brought them so much joy that they’ve returned for more than 30 years to one of the hemisphere’s great natural classrooms, San Salvadore Island in the Bahamas.

Diehl went first.

### **Natural Classroom**

It was 1978. Diehl met Don Gerace, a New York professor who had retrofitted an old naval base on this tiny island about 200 miles from Nassau. Gerace had discovered it in the 1970s and learned that the base was for sale. After leasing the property, he and others in a small consortium of New York colleges brought in others. Today a host of courses are run out of Gerace Research Centre throughout the year.

“He taught our best class,” Gerace said of Diehl. “He was utterly fantastic.”

The first year Diehl gathered up 30 students and a handful of adventurous professors. They moved into the quarters on the five-acre campus and spent long days wading in shallow waters, and examining bugs, fish, shrimp and snails. The students also donned snorkeling gear and paddled into the warm, blue waters to study the coral.

The next week, the professors gave them their assignment: Find an organism and complete a research project on it. And that was it. That was all they’d say.



Students accustomed to careful instructions on a clearly delineated set of questions were stumped.

“What do we do?” they’d ask. Stubbornly, the instructors would refuse to answer until, finally, the dozens of young scientists would find their snails, frogs or fish and prepare their set of questions — and deliver their answers.

“They don’t usually get a chance to learn the joys and the frustrations of doing research,” Diehl said.

Although the practicum and a comparative ecologies class that takes students to Belize are scientific endeavors (run through the University of Virginia’s biology department), organizers believe it is essential that students learn about the people of the locales, as well. It is what Diehl calls the “broader classroom.”

“When you take people out of their normal environment, some really interesting things happen, both academically and extra-

academically,” he said.

So during the normal “work-day” of 7:30 a.m. to midnight, the students and instructors travel inland to the tiny communities that make up the island. Students are welcomed in the community church, and Diehl makes a point of introducing them to his friends who live on the island.

The second year Marcum was invited, and she hasn’t missed many terms since.

“He’s such a magnetic figure that anytime that you’re involved with something that he’s doing, you know it’s going to be done well,” she said of Diehl.

Marcum brings her own expertise to the island. She won a grant in 2002 to establish the Hands-on Laboratory at California State University, Chico, a program that provides



*Flying Gurnard fish in Fernandez Bay at San Salvador, which use their modified fins (“wings”) to scare off predators and for attracting mates.*



extensive opportunities for budding science teachers to hone their skills.

"It's a cycle," Marcum said. "These undergraduates will be teaching students who will be teaching others. And promoting strong early education of science is critical.

"If we don't have a scientifically literate population, then we're going to be in trouble," she continued. "Long after they see a classroom, citizens must be able to critically think through the data they're given every day."

And teaching reminds teachers of the joy of curious investigation. That's what happens when Diehl's students work their projects.

"You see the light bulbs go off, but sometimes it's under duress," he said with a chuckle. "They get so frustrated, thinking 'I've got to do this. If I ask the right question ...' We see them grow up so much, and the light bulbs do go off."

### The Best Teacher

Both Diehl and Marcum lament the modern lifestyle that stymies children's natural connection with nature. Traditional science courses often don't widen the students' world enough, they said. Sterile laboratory classes teach the lessons, but fieldwork puts the information in context.

These were the lessons that Doc Jopson taught them several decades ago.

"I think it was taking it out into nature that made it work," Diehl said. "You can ask questions of organisms. What you see is a more total picture, what contributes to that organism's life."

The program works, and it has brought Diehl both official honors and the kind teachers like best.

The most recent official honor was that Diehl received the inaugural Study Abroad Teaching Award at UVA in the spring. In his usual modest manner, he sent an e-mail to all

**“We see them grow up so much. And the light bulbs do go off.” – Dr. Fred Diehl, '60**



**FACING PAGE:** Diehl watches in the foreground as the director of the Community Baboon (Howler Monkey) Sanctuary in Belize points out some of the medicinal plants used by local folks for healing diseases.

**ABOVE:** Marcum, left, who earned her Ph.D. with Diehl (behind her), and two other faculty, at Mayan ruins in Tikal, Guatemala, during the Belize January Term course.

**ABOVERIGHT:** Diehl examines marine worms at high magnification as they rebuild their tubes from sand grains.

the instructors who have joined him in the Bahamas and Belize adventures, giving them most of the credit.

“I am certain that Study Abroad does not have any idea why our courses work so well with so many faculty participating, but if they only knew you and the way our friendships enrich our teaching and interactions with the students, I am sure they would advise all programs to use the same model,” he wrote.

As for the measure of success that Diehl and Marcum both aspire to, one student’s attitude tells it all.

“I even had one of my students tell me that she can’t go to the beach just to lie in the sun anymore. Since she went with us, she is overturning rocks, looking for organisms,” Diehl said with a laugh.

“I told her, that’s what it’s all about.”

*Cindy Corell is a freelance writer in Staunton, Va.*





# NATIONAL Treasure

by Charles Culbertson

“I walk into Independence Hall and still get chills.”  
– Dawn Harrington, '76

**SAFETY OFFICER, INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

**T**hey are some of the most iconic – and invaluable – structures in the United States. Without them, our national identity wouldn't quite be the same.

Helping protect such gems as Independence Hall, Christ Church, the Dolley Todd House, City Tavern, Congress Hall and the structure that houses the Liberty Bell is Dawn Harrington, a 1976 graduate of Bridgewater College. Harrington, the safety officer at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, admits she never expected a career protecting some of America's most recognizable treasures.



▲ Dawn Harrington, 76, on the job – checking safety systems at Independence National Historical Park.

Rather, she blames it on timing.

“As luck would have it, my graduation year, 1976, was also the year of the country’s bicentennial,” said Harrington, a native of Pennsylvania. “The park needed help, so right after graduation I got a six-month, seasonal job as an interpreter. It fit right into my history major.”

It was during this sojourn as a seasonal worker that Harrington became fully aware of the riches contained in the 55-acre park, which is located on 20 city blocks in the heart of Philadelphia. As she provided tours to the throngs of people descending upon the park, answered questions and boned up on her knowledge of Colonial America and the Revolutionary War, Harrington realized the uniqueness of a historic national park bounded on all sides by a teeming, modern city, and began to understand the singular problems associated with maintaining it.

That understanding came in handy when, after a brief layoff following the bicentennial, she returned to the park as an interpretive park ranger, and eventually moved into a supervisory position. It was the top of the career ladder in that particular field, so when a safety officer job became available in 1985, Harrington – looking for opportunities – applied.

“Because it was an entry level position, all I needed was some basic skills,” she said. “The park service sent me to training to provide me with other skills I’d need to start the job. Accepting the job of safety officer provided me with a new challenge, and the challenge continues.”

And what a challenge. Imagine holding in your hands the physical well-being of Independence Hall and more than 40 other structures, most of which are well over 200 years old, that hold a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans. Making sure fire and life-safety code issues are up-to-date; ensuring that alarms, including those focused on intrusion, are in place and operating; dealing with asbestos and lead-based paint; and effecting safety measures for employees and visitors, are all on Harrington’s to-do list.

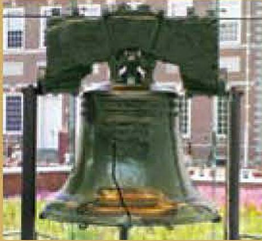
“There’s also a lot of give and take between those of us who are charged with the safety of these buildings and the architects who want to preserve as much of their historic character as possible,” Harrington said. “The architect doesn’t want you to put holes in historic wood or fabric to install fire systems, but then again, nobody wants the buildings to burn. We have to compromise.”

One of the things Harrington said she likes best about this high-responsibility job is the unconventional work environment. Not only are no two days the same, but, since 1976, Harrington has seen or met every U.S. president since Gerald R. Ford. She has also been involved with many of the movies that have been shot in the park, including *National Treasure*, *Shooter*, *Trading Places* and – perhaps most famously – the original *Rocky*. Every Independence Day, Safety Officer Harrington always finds herself right in the middle of Philadelphia Fourth of July events, ranging from an evening concert of Peter Nero and the Philly Pops to an afternoon Liberty Bell tapping ceremony with Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito.

“But what has really kept me here over the years are the buildings themselves,” she said. “I walk into Independence Hall and still get chills. It’s a big responsibility, and I don’t take it lightly. But I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

Photos courtesy of Independence Historical Park

## AMERICA'S MOST HISTORIC SQUARE MILE



On June 28, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 795, creating Independence National Historical Park. The majority of the park's buildings and acreage are contained within the broad plaza called Independence Mall, bounded by the National Constitution Center on the north, Independence Hall on the south

and Fifth and Sixth streets on the east and west.

The Mall was created in the 1950s by Ed Bacon, who demolished "blocks of Victorian architecture" to open up the heart of historic downtown Philadelphia.

The park was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966, and in 1979 Independence Hall was designated a World Heritage Site.

Most buildings in the park are open year-round. However, hours of operation change seasonally. Some of the major sites contained in Independence National Historical Park are:

- Liberty Bell Center
- Independence Hall
- Great Essentials Exhibit
- Congress Hall
- Old City Hall
- Second Bank of the United States
- New Hall Military Museum
- Carpenter's Hall
- Franklin Court
- Christ Church
- Bishop White House
- Todd House
- Declaration House
- City Tavern
- Philosophical Hall
- National Constitution Center
- Free Quaker Meeting House
- Merchants' Exchange Building
- Washington Square
- Deshler Morris House

For further information about the park, please visit its Web site at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/inde>



Christ Church



Independence Hall



Second Bank of the United States



# Military Brotherhood: Honor Spans Two Wars

by Peter Bacque

Twin brothers serving in Iraq – one of them a Bridgewater College alumnus – help honor one of America’s most famous Marines with an award-winning film.

Twin brothers serving in Iraq with the Virginia Army National Guard have been honored for a video they produced between convoy security missions in the combat zone.

Specialists Eli and Seth Lovell were recognized this month for their video portrayal of Private First Class Ira Hayes, an American Indian who was one of the Marines immortalized in the photo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima during World War II.

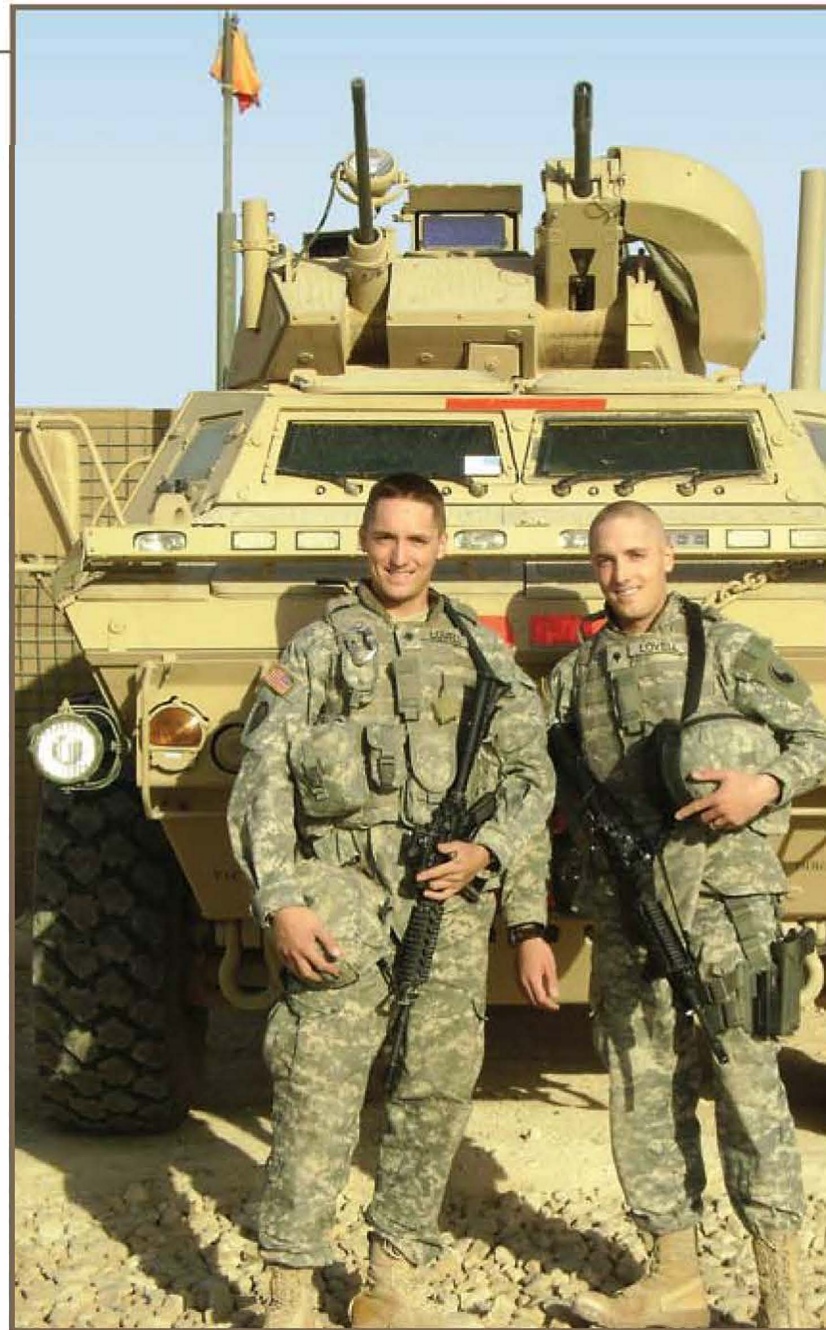
The 22-year-old guardsmen from Fishersville in Augusta County, Va., earned second place in the annual American Indian Heritage month contest for their 10-minute program.

The Lovells focused on Hayes, a Pima Indian, to show the legacy of American Indians in the U.S. armed forces.

“It’s overwhelming how much they contributed,” said Eli Lovell, speaking from Al Asad Air Base in Iraq’s Anbar province. “Our military would not be what it is today without the diversity that helps define it. It...forced us to think about the whole issue of diversity in the military.”

Hayes was the only American Indian in the six-man group (five Marines and one Navy corpsman) in Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal’s Pulitzer Prize-winning 1945 picture, widely regarded as the most memorable photo of World War II.

► Army Spc. Eli Lovell, '07, (right) and his twin brother, Seth, stand in front of an armored security vehicle (ASV) in Iraq. The brothers produced an award-winning 10-minute documentary film about Ira Hayes, one of the flag-raisers at the World War II battle of Iwo Jima.





◀ Joe Rosenthal's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi on the battle-swept island of Iwo Jima, Feb. 23, 1945. The front four men (left to right) are Ira Hayes, Franklin Sousley, John Bradley and Harlon Block. The back two are Michael Strank and Rene Gagnon. Three of these six men – Strank, Block and Sousley – would be killed shortly after the taking of this historic photograph.

Photo: Library of Congress

With Johnny Cash's version of "The Ballad of Ira Hayes" playing in the background, the Lovells' video tells the story of the highly decorated Marine's life, from his battles with Japanese in the Pacific to his well-documented – and ultimately losing – fight with alcoholism.

Hayes died in 1955 at age 32. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

According to the Defense Department, American Indians have historically had the highest proportion of military service of any U.S. ethnic group: 10 percent have served in the armed forces, triple the rate of any other ethnic group.

Eli is a combat medic and recent graduate of Bridgewater College. Seth is a gunner on the unit's armored security vehicles and a student at James Madison University. He also deployed with the Guard to Afghanistan. Both are married.

The Lovells are members of the Virginia Guard's B Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry, from Woodstock and Warrenton. The unit is due to return home this summer.

A program of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, the heritage contest was sponsored in Iraq by the Lovells' parent unit, the 507<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps Support Group.

"The observance was conducted to enhance cross-cultural awareness among soldiers and civilian employees," said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Michael James, an equal-opportunity representative in the Lovells' battalion.

Al Asad is a major convoy hub and, with thousands of troops and civilians, the largest U.S. military base in western Iraq. Soldiers at the huge base, about 100 miles west of Baghdad, have phone and Internet access. "We joke all the time, 'It's not your daddy's war,'" said Seth Lovell, "and that's true, for sure."

Still, said 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David Leiva, the Lovells' platoon leader, "every time you roll out that gate, anything and everything can happen."

Because they are brothers, the unit tries to keep them

widely separated during convoy missions. "We don't want to roll the dice more times than we have

to," said Leiva, who comes from Washington.

But when not "outside the wire" in their heavily armored vehicles, "we actually find ourselves with a lot of down time. One of our biggest enemies over here is boredom," Eli said, so the brothers welcomed the video project.

"It was kind of funny to be working on homework in a 'quote, unquote' combat zone," Eli said. "You know, I find a lot of things weird to be doing in a combat zone."

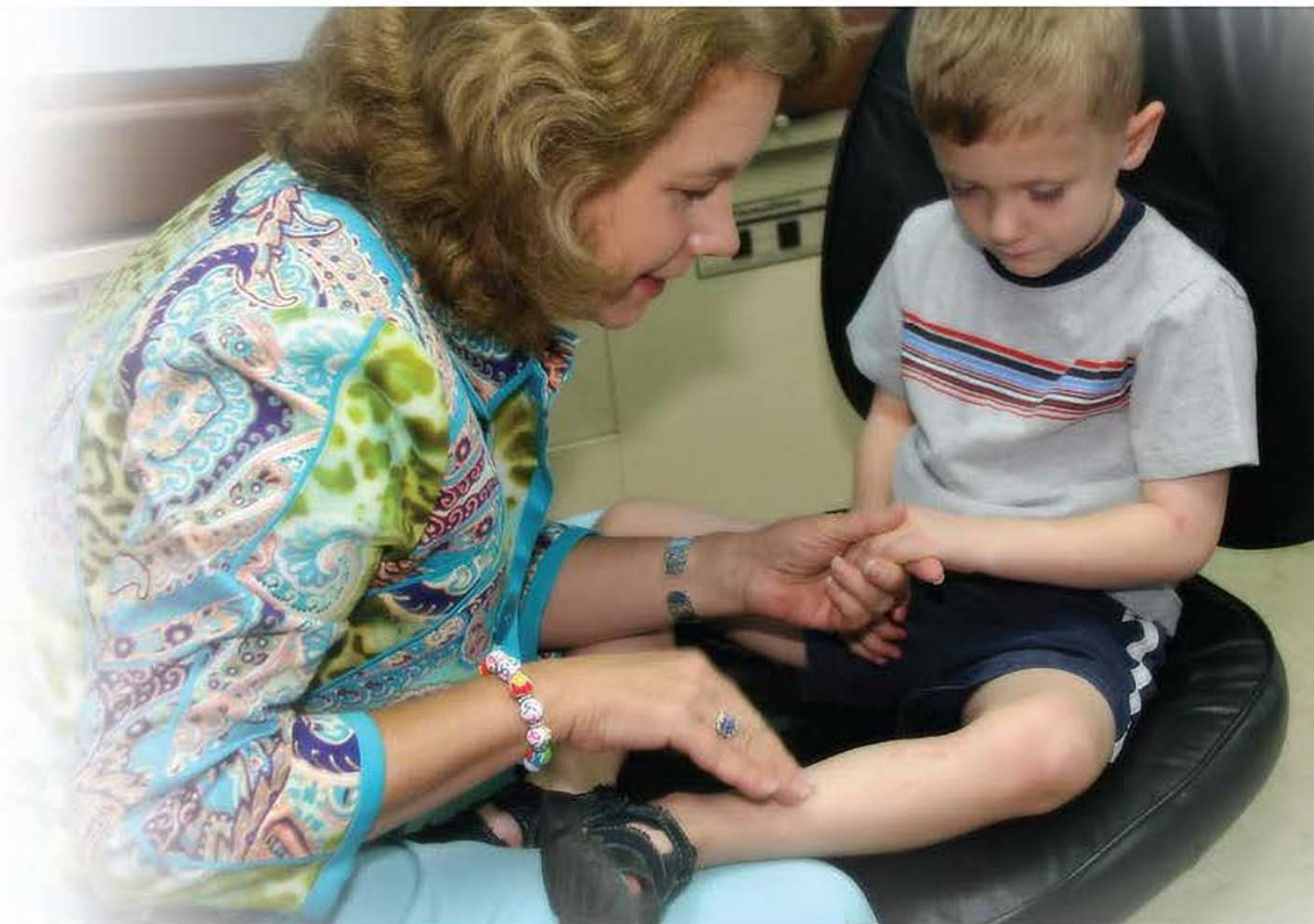
*Editor's note: Eli's wife is Katy Herr Lovell, '07.*

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*U.S. Army combat medic Eli Lovell, '07*

BRIDGEWATER ALUMNA DR. ELIZABETH MUMPER, '76, LEADS THE WAY IN THE TREATMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM.



# A NEW CITADEL AGAINST AUTISM

by Darrell Laurent

*Dr. Elizabeth Mumper, '76, interacts with one of her patients at the Rimland Center for Integrative Medicine, which she founded in 2007.*

*Photos courtesy of the Rimland Center*

**D**r. Elizabeth Mumper is now known as an “international expert” in the field of autism research and treatment.

She’s not entirely sure how that came about, or what to make of it.

“The term makes me a little uncomfortable,” the Lynchburg, Va., pediatrician said recently. “I was just struck by the incredible increase in prevalence of autism, and thought somebody should do something about it.”

Somebody like her, as it turned out. Mumper became intrigued by the writings and presentations of autism researchers like Bernard Rimland and Andrew Wakefield, information that seemed closer to what she had observed in her own practice.

She read voraciously on the subject, traveled to conferences, and began doing her own research (including some ground-breaking exploration into an apparent link between autism, some common childhood vaccines and inflammatory bowel disease).

Before long, she was rising rapidly through the vacuum of autism knowledge. And in November 2007, her Rimland Center for Integrative Medicine, dedicated to the treatment of the condition, opened at 2919 Confederate Ave., off Old Forest Road, in Lynchburg.

The address is curiously appropriate, because Mumper started out in the world of autism research as a rebel. When she first began poking and prodding at the conventional wisdom, it was generally conceded that

the condition was a mental health issue, most likely caused by a lack of maternal affection (the term “refrigerator mothers” was coined to describe this sort of neglect). It was considered rare (two in 10,000), and those diagnosed with it were generally believed destined to live with autism for the rest of their lives.

A lot has changed in just a couple of decades. The incidence of autism is now said to be one in 150, with boys four times more likely than girls to be affected.

And while some patients exhibit the classic signs – withdrawal, repetitive activities, reluctance to speak – Mumper and other newly coined experts have discovered a wide range of symptoms known as the “Autism spectrum.”

Most importantly, however, the emphasis has shifted away from mental health and (too late for several generations of guilt-ridden “refrigerator mothers”) toward treating autism as a physical ailment.

As to the increased prevalence of autism, a current argument advances the theory that it is the reporting and diagnosis that is up, not the actual cases. In other words, it was always around, but we didn’t recognize it for what it was.

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*The Rimland Center  
for Integrative Medicine,  
Lynchburg, Va.*

*Photo courtesy of the  
Rimland Center*

Elizabeth Mumper isn't buying it.

"Given the fact that people weren't supposed to get any better, we should have a whole lot of adults with autism now," Mumper said, "and we don't see that."

The Rimland Center is also the new home for the pediatric practice of Mumper and Kyle Van Dyke, "Advocates for Children." As her reputation grows on an international scale, Mumper finds herself increasingly tugged in two directions.

"I'm very sobered by the responsibility," Mumper said. "I have a 20-year mortgage, and I'm working a lot more hours. It's very challenging, from a time-management standpoint."

Did she consider starting the Rimland Center in a larger city?

"It's a little tricky as far as flying in and out of here is concerned," she said, "but I didn't want to lose the great staff I have, and the cost here is a lot better for families who are coming in and have to stay awhile. Staying in a hotel in, say, Los Angeles, would probably be impossible for most of them."

To Mumper, parents are more than unwanted bystanders and second-guessers.

"The parents of my autistic kids are some of the most intelligent people I've met," she said. "They come in with huge, thick notebooks charting their children's behavior and symptoms. They form support groups, they do a lot of research on their own."

"Typically, when they first get the diagnosis, it's a very depressing day. They hear that their child may never get better and might need to be institutionalized. Then they get on the Internet and talk to other parents and get some hope. Because of the high incidence of autism now, a lot of parents of autistic children are doctors and nurses."

One of the personalized bricks contributed to the Rimland Center proclaims, "Listen to the parents."

"Bernie (Rimland, who died a few years ago) used to say that all the time," Mumper said. "Our practice is definitely not from the old school of 'just listen to what the doctor says, or else.'"

Like most "before the curve" people, Mumper is a bit amused about the current attention paid to autism.

"I've heard (actress) Jenny McCarthy speak," she said, "and she seems like a very caring person, and all of a sudden everyone is interested. Everyone is talking about what we've been talking about for 12 years."

Mumper's greatest hope for the Rimland Center? She'd like to see it shut down one day, because it's no longer needed.

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## COACHES CORNER

by Matthew A. Barnhart, '03

Donnie Fulk

**E**ntering his 17<sup>th</sup> season, softball coach Donnie Fulk has faced a lot of formidable opponents – not the least of which has been interviewer Matt Barnhart, '03, who pitched these questions.

**Why are softball pitchers required to pitch underhanded? Do you ever see that changing?**

That's just part of the game. When they started playing softball, it was decided that you would have to throw underhanded. It was a different game from baseball. No, it will never change – it separates it from the game of baseball.

**Down by one run, you have a runner on third with two outs in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>. With every player at your disposal from your 17 years of coaching at BC, who would you want on third and who would you want at bat?**

On third base I would want Jennifer Hall. The combination of base-running ability and speed, she's probably the best that I've ever seen. Kameron Tucker would be the batter. In those situations she was fearless.

**What is your favorite sports movie?**

I've watched them all – probably *Remember the Titans*.

**Is it easier to address a team after a one-run loss or a blow-out?**

There's really no difference. We don't dwell on losses; you can't bring them back. We'll work on whatever we need to work on the next day in practice. We just don't talk about losses right after a game – nobody is in a great frame of mind.

**This season, 12 of your 22 players were freshmen. Have you ever had this many first-year players on a team?**

No. With this many new people, it's a challenge as a coach to try and find playing time for that number – which is almost impossible – to give them a fair shot. We're trying to line up some junior varsity games to give them a chance to play and just see what we have. It's more turnover than you want in one year's time. Obviously we think we have a good freshman class with a lot of talent, but with that comes waiting to get playing time.

**Have you ever had any close calls while standing by third base?**

Oh yes, and in softball – more so than baseball – because you're so close. If you see me at games – if I can and there's nobody on second base – you will see me way back out of the

## ►►► coaches corner



**TOP:** *Fulk interacts with the Eagles team.*

**BOTTOM:** *Fulk with Lisa Rhodes, '07, who was ODAC Pitcher of the Year in 2007.*

coaches' box. I feel like I still have good hand-eye coordination, but I've still had close calls with balls. I tell my other coaches that you have to be in position just like a fielder. If you're standing there flat-footed and they hit one at you, you're not going to be able to move.

**In Division I softball, how do teams like Arizona and UCLA stay nationally ranked in the top five for 14 straight years? What makes them consistently better than other schools?**

Once you get to the pinnacle, and you have a successful program with a lot of support from the athletic department, along with great weather, a developed reputation, a good coach, and good facilities, recruits will come. They don't have to do a lot of recruiting. Their name recruits for them.

**Of your three most successful teams – 2000, 2006 and 2007 – which was the best and why?**

2007. We had a combination of good pitching, the best defense in the history of the school, the most power, and we had some speed. We're a well-rounded team. The other teams you mentioned were quality teams, but the one through nine hitters were not as strong as this team. 2007, without any question, was the best team I've ever had.

**What are your thoughts on the chanting many softball teams seem to do? Do you have a favorite one?**

Being a former baseball coach, when I first started coaching softball I had a problem with it. I thought it was silly, and I didn't want our team doing it. I guess I've mellowed over the years, and it doesn't bother me anymore. Our team now does a lot of chanting, and they seem to have fun with it. It makes them loose, and that's fine with me. The chant that is close home to me is one

of our chants we do when an opposing pitcher throws a ball. As soon as they throw it, we chant "ball, ball, ball, ball..." and it builds up. It's kind of funny.

**Who hit the longest home run here at Bridgewater while you've been a coach?**

At Bridgewater, it was probably Kameron Tucker. She hit one close to the baseball press box – which was probably 250 to 260 feet. The farthest one I've ever seen hit was at Myrtle Beach by Caity Butler. She probably hit one 280 feet. The opposing coach – from Lebanon Valley – said it was the longest ball she had ever seen hit.

**What does it say about the College when seven of the major sports at Bridgewater have had their head coaches here 10-plus years in volleyball, football, men's and women's basketball, track, softball and baseball?**

What you see at Bridgewater is good working conditions with support from the President and the athletic director. It's a good place to work. You don't always get everything you ask for as a coach, but overall, when you look at other athletic programs, I think every coach here would say we have it pretty good.

**What makes your teams so capable of scoring so many runs and bat at such a high percentage?**

We are fortunate enough to recruit very good hitters coming out of high school. We critique them, of course, but our philosophy is to try to keep hitting as simple as possible. With the old adage 'see the ball hit the ball,' we don't want to make it too complicated. We do a lot of hitting drills, and Bridgewater baseball alumnus Larry French lets us use his four batting cages at Hit the Old Apple complex in Bridgewater, so we're there during bad weather. I think the amount of reps we get has a lot to do with our success. We also do a lot of live hitting, bringing in world class softball pitcher Carl Estes as a volunteer coach. Seeing live pitching is the way to go as far as developing our hitters.

**Who was the most unhittable when they were pitching their best; Sherry Kite, Kristin Pardue, Denise Goode, or Lisa Rhodes?**

I would consider Sherry as the best pitcher that has ever played at Bridgewater. She had a dominating fast ball with a lot of movement, and a great change up.



*Donnie Fulk reached 400 wins on March 15, 2008 ...named ODAC Coach of the Year twice ...won a school record 40 games in 2007 ...coached five All-Americans since 2003 ...has had 41 earn All-ODAC first team honors.*

## Heishman Relinquishes Coaching Spot

Dr. Mary Frances Heishman, '66, announced her resignation as Bridgewater College's head volleyball coach after 32 seasons at the helm of the program. She will continue with full-time teaching duties as a professor of health and exercise science.

Heishman, who came to BC in 1970 as head lacrosse and assistant basketball coach, started the volleyball program at the instigation of students in 1975. The program became a varsity sport for BC in 1976. Since then, Heishman has molded the program into one of the most respected teams in Division III.

"My favorite thing about coaching is seeing players succeed," said Heishman, who is the College's winningest coach. "The best part is the thrill of victory after a hard-fought match, but I also enjoy seeing the players succeed in their lives after college. It's exciting to see former players as coaches, athletic directors and guidance counselors, and see the things they are accomplishing."



Mary Frances Heishman  
Photo by Charles Gulbertson

**"My favorite thing about coaching is seeing players succeed."**

— Mary Frances Heishman

Heishman finishes her career with 653 wins and 270 losses. Entering this past season she ranked No. 5 in total victories among active Division III coaches.

"I feel very fortunate to have worked with the quality of athletes that I have," Heishman said. "People will mention the 653 wins and what an accomplishment that is, but that was earned by my players."

The Eagles won their first of five Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) championships under Heishman's guidance in 1988 when the team finished with a 33-2 overall record. That squad made the program's first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament appearance and earned Heishman the South Region Coach of the Year honor.

Bridgewater also won ODAC titles in 1989, 1992, 1996 and 2000. The Eagles made two more NCAA appearances during the 1989 and 2000 seasons.

Heishman was named ODAC Coach of the Year seven times (1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1996, 2007). She coached seven players who received the ODAC Player of the Year award and 37 players who received All-ODAC first-team honors.

Heishman saved one of her best seasons for last as the 2007 team became just the second group in BC volleyball history to reach the 30-win mark, finishing with a 31-2 record. The Eagles were undefeated in conference play during the regular season.

Heishman is a native of Montezuma, Va.

Steve Cox and Matt Barnhart, '03, contributed to this story.



### Top Winning Percentage in Bridgewater Coaching History (minimum 15 years)

COACH	WIN%	RECORD	SPORT	YEARS
1. Mary Frances Heishman	.707	653-270	Volleyball (W)	1975-2007
2. Donnie Fulk	.642	423-236	Softball	1992-present
3. Curt Kendall	.635	523-301	Baseball	1986-present
4. Laura Mapp	.632	484-282	Basketball (W)	1961-1995
5. Bill Leatherman	.561	335-262	Basketball (M)	1985-present



### Basketball Team Reunites

The 1957-58 Bridgewater basketball team returned to the College in February for the 50-year anniversary of the dedication of Nininger Hall, then known as Alumni Gym. Members of the team that attended the ceremony in Nininger Hall were, from left: Fred Diehl, Gary Osborne, Bill Littlepage, Daniel Geiser (coach), Dave Osborne, and Sam Ritchie (captain).

Photo by Tommy Thompson



Samuel E. Ritchie  
Photo by Charles Gilbertson

### Stadium Named for Ritchie

The Rockingham County (Va.) School Board voted unanimously in January to name the Turner Ashby High School football stadium after former coach, teacher and principal **Samuel E. Ritchie** – a member of the Bridgewater College class of 1959.

“He is one of the four corners of the stadium and of Turner Ashby High School, and we thought it was a fitting tribute to name the stadium after him,” said John Woodrum, athletic director at the high school.

Ritchie, who graduated from Dayton High School in 1950 at the age of 16, worked for two years and served three years in the military before entering BC in 1955. He was a three-sport athlete at the College, excelling in football, basketball and baseball, throughout his college career.

Ritchie began teaching the year after he graduated from Bridgewater. He was head football coach for six years and coached TA to its first district title in 1963. He also helped the varsity baseball team win two district titles in 1963 and 1964. He became principal in 1963 and served until 1992 when he took a job in the central office. Ritchie retired in 1995.

“I’m overwhelmed and honored,” Ritchie said of having the stadium named for him. “I did feel embarrassed because it’s more than about Sam Ritchie. It’s about the people who were around me. You surround yourself with great people and great things happen.”

Ritchie was inducted into the Bridgewater College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999 and was an inaugural member of the Turner Ashby Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

Ritchie and his wife, Donna Kay, live in Rockingham County. ◀ CC

### Highfill Snags Honors

**Jeff Highfill Jr.**, ’08, mathematics major and business administration minor from Roanoke, Va., made a near clean sweep of the academic awards and honors after his final season at Bridgewater.

For the second year in a row, the senior quarterback was named to the ESPN The Mag Academic All-American College Division second team and honored as the ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Highfill was named as Draddy Trophy semifinalist, recognized as the ‘academic Heisman’ of honors. He also earned the prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship, given to only 58 fall sport student-athletes from all NCAA divisions. The only other football player to earn the scholarship, Matt Huffman in 2001, is now a cardiology resident at the University of Virginia.

Highfill, who was 17-5 as a starter for the Eagles, finished his collegiate career with the third-most passing yards in school history (4,349), second-most completions (335), second-highest completion percentage (60.7) and third-most touchdowns thrown (37). ◀ MAB

## 1943

**ARLIE WAGGY** and his wife, Naomi, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 24. They live in Goshen, Ind.

## 1945

**JESSE D. ROBERTSON** and **WILMA KLINE ROBERTSON, '47**, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 4. The Robertsons live in Lorida, Fla., and Bridgewater.

## 1946

**EVELYN RITCHIE TOWER** of Richmond, Va., writes that she is active in her church and the Virginia Poetry Society. She also does volunteer work and enjoys writing and publishing poetry.

## 1947

**WILMA KLINE ROBERTSON** (see Jesse D. Robertson, '45).

## 1952

**THE REV. ORVILLE GARDNER** of Indianapolis stays active with volunteer work with the Professional Auto Racing/Formula-1 series by greeting foreign fans at the airport. He also served as a greeter and roving assistant for the 2005 American-European Women's Solheim Cup. For the past 40 years, he has served in various roles at North United Methodist Church, most recently as a greeter and welcoming-nucleus leader.

## 1956

**MAXINE MUNDY RITCHIE** finds work every summer in a different, beautiful place – usually a western national park. Last summer, she worked at the Grand Canyon's North Rim and hiked the 23.7 mile Rim-to-Rim. In the winter, she's at home near Tucson, Ariz.

## 1958

In July, **WILLIAM "BILL" LITTLEPAGE** retired as athletic director of Hopewell

High School after 27 years. He also stepped down as the head coach of the boy's varsity basketball team. During his tenure, he led the Blue Devils to 755 victories. He is second on the Virginia High School League list for career victories behind Robert E. Lee coach **PAUL HATCHER, '66**, who remains active with 801 victories. In his retirement, Littlepage will play golf and do local television color commentating for T/J Video, which films high school football and basketball games.

**NANCY DRAPER RHEA** of Staunton, Va., has been married to the same man, Robert, for 52 years. She has two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. She enjoys playing tennis and bridge. She also enjoys reading and "keeping up" with the grandchildren.

**EDNA MARIE SMITH** of Frederick, Md., was one of six persons – along with her sister, Grace – to become a Janis Miller Wertheimer Fellow in recognition of her community volunteerism. Awarded \$10,000 each, the Smiths established a fund for Partners in Care, an organization that provides transportation for the elderly.

**DR. JOHN YANCEY** of Pendleton, Ky., received Kentucky's 2006 second place Outstanding Forest Steward of the Year award based upon his winning 13 federal cost-share Forest Stewardship contracts and all of the major awards offered by Kentucky agencies dealing with forestry, wildlife and conservation.

## 1959

**THE REV. ROBERT R. COMPHER** of Birmingham, Ala., and his wife served as missionaries in South Vietnam from 1963 until leaving three days before the country's collapse in 1975. From 1975, until retiring in 1996, the couple served in Manila, Philippines. Compher is a full-time volunteer for disaster relief, building churches, Habitat for Humanity and other home repair for the elderly. The couple has four children and nine grandchildren.

**STEPHEN C. DAVIS** of Staunton, Va., writes that he has two children and five grandchildren "which means you can run, but you can't hide."

## 1960

**GAIL A. CONLON QUICK** of Hilton Head Island, S.C., retired on Feb. 29 as vice chancellor for student development at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. Before becoming vice chancellor, she served as associate chancellor for grants and government relations at USCB and, before that, was vice president of student and college development and executive director at Technical College of the Lowcountry. Active in the community, Quick has served on the board of trustees of Coastal Carolina Medical Center and as chair of the board of directors of Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce. She also has served as chair of the community relations and development committee of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

## 1964

On June 1, 2007, **DR. PAUL V. PHIBBS JR.** retired from East Carolina University School of Medicine as professor emeritus of microbiology and immunology. His teaching career included 16 years at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., and 21 years as professor and department chair at ECU. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Asheville, N.C., in 2006 and are enjoying the mountains, new friends and experiences. Recently, he was appointed by the North Carolina Senate to the board of directors of the North Carolina Arboretum and was appointed by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center to its Western Regional Office advisory board.

## 1965

**DR. C. DAVID JONES** and his wife, **VIRGINIA SUSANN LONG JONES**, are enjoying his retirement from Eli Lilly and Co. in 2004. The couple lives in Indianapolis and would enjoy hearing from friends and classmates at [jonescdvs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jonescdvs@sbcglobal.net).

## 1966

**T. KENNETH BRADY** of Sparta, N.C., retired from Nationwide Insurance in January 2006 after 32 years as an agent.

In the summer of 2007, **BING HIGGINS** of Colchester, Conn., participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Marion to Bermuda Yacht Race" (Marion, Mass., to St. David's Lighthouse, Bermuda). The race extended 650 miles into the Atlantic Ocean, and the course crossed the turbulent offshore Gulf Stream. A member of the International Sailing Federation, Higgins was chosen as tactician and senior navigator aboard the 51-foot Endeavour yacht "Intrepid." Higgins is employed by Allegis/TEK Systems of Hanover, Md., and is a senior information technology consulting manager with Citizens Bank/RBS of Rhode Island. He is also a retired Lt. Colonel from the U. S. Air Force and Connecticut National Guard with a combined service of over 21 years.

**THE REV. LAWRENCE M. JOHNSON** of Baldwin, Md., is director of pastoral care for Stella Maris/Mercy Health Services. He was elected to the board of directors of both Good Samaritan Hospital and Good Samaritan Housing Corporation, affiliates of MedStar Health.

## 1977

**WILLIAM "BILL" KYGER** of Bridgewater, Va., who serves as chair of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, was named the 2007-08 president of the Virginia Association of Counties. The VACo allows county government officials a place to share ideas and gather for discussion about issues that affect counties across the state.

## 1978

**W. KEITH BROWER** of Lovettsville, Va., has been married to the former **CHERYL VERJINSKI, '81**, since Oct. 24, 1981. Keith is chief fire marshal for the County of Loudoun. The couple has three sons.

**W. CRAIG WATERS** of Glen Allen, Va., completed the Richmond Marathon in 2007.

## 1979

**THE REV. DONALD G. and VIVIAN BOWMAN HUBBELL** have moved to a new home near York, Pa. Vivian

# Classes in Reunion

ALUMNI WEEKEND, APRIL 19, 2008

## CLASS OF 1943



Omer M. Long



Margaret Mason Norton



**CLASS OF 1948** **Front row:** Louise Bowman Callahan, Ermina Miller Petcher, Kathryn Rittenhouse Hall, Mabel Driver Flora **Second row:** Glenn Suter, Wendell Eller, Harold Petcher, Ina Mason Shank, Leon Rhodes, David Flora

## CLASS OF 1953 ▶

**Front row:** Mary Lee Wampler Spangler (standing), Jo Spangler Wampler, Helen Wine Shickel, Janet Smith, Barbara Sellers Roller (standing) **Second row:** Charles Simmons, J. H. Caricofe, Doris Moyer Whitmore, Willard Bowman, Wayne Spangler, Marion Mason



**CLASS OF 195** **Front row:** Joyce Glover Shell, Edna Smith, Kitty Garber Puffenberger, Martha Byerly Ware, Nancy Crockett Carter, Roma DeBolt Holloway **Second row:** Nancy Draper Rhea, Dawn Spangler Jeffries, Gladys Pfister Moss, Loretta Hartman Lohr **Third row:** Glenda Hensley Cavanaugh, Nancy Cline Driver, Deanna Lowry Warner, Faye Byerly Davenport, Norma Aist Diehl, Barbara "Bee" Wade Ellerbee **Fourth row:** Max Myers, Ralph Webster, Ed Jeffries, John Miller, Edgar Simmons **Fifth row:** Allen Driver, Russ Gerhard, Mike Mason, Owen Wright, Kenneth Smith **Sixth row:** Leroy Carter, John White, Kermon Thomasson, Fred Swartz, Curtis Coffman, Bill Littlepage, Gary Osborne



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## ▶▶▶ class notes

### 1984

**DR. RON ABERHATHY** and Donna have a daughter, Lauren Mishelle, born Nov. 28, 2005. Ron earned a doctorate education in administrative leadership from Shenandoah University on Aug. 14. He is a curriculum supervisor for Augusta County Schools. The family lives in Broadway, Va.

### 1985

**DR. TROY GLEMBOT** is medical director of the Winchester Medical Center Bariatric Program. As a surgeon, he specializes in bariatric (weight loss) surgery, emergency surgery and trauma at the hospital. A member of the Virginia Army National Guard, he has been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. He and his wife, Lea, live in Winchester, Va.

### 1986

**DOH A. HICKLIH** of Stuarts Draft, Va., is vice president of operations for the Piedmont Region for Nielsen Builders Inc. in Charlottesville, Va. He serves on the company's board of directors and is also on the advisory board of Piedmont Community College's Construction Academy. In addition, he serves on the Private Sector Council board of directors for the Thomas Jefferson Partnership for Economic Development.

### 1987

**TRACEY HOUGH BEACH**, '87, and the **REV. BRYAN A. BEACH, SR.**, '88, have a son, Benjamin Andrew "Drew," born Jan. 27, 2007. In September 2007, Bryan accepted the position of senior associate pastor at Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian, Va.. The family, which includes another son and a daughter, lives in Chesterfield, Va.

**PAMELA BUCKLINGER** and Jeff Gargiano were married Dec. 30. Pamela is the manager of membership and education programs for the Friends of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. She earned a master's degree in education from Marymount University. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

**HIALL A. PAUL** of Charles ton, W.Va., a member of the law firm of Spilman Thomas & Battle P.L.L.C., was ranked in the 2008 Chambers USA, an organization that ranks attorneys in the U.S. for a variety of practice areas. Paul was named a leading lawyer in West Virginia in litigation.

serves as a personal caregiver to a special needs child in the Lincoln Intermediate Unit at Shrewsbury Elementary School. Donald is pastor of worship at York First Church of the Brethren. Previously, he served 15 years at Black Rock Church of the Brethren in Brodbeck, Pa., and 10 years at Summit Church of the Brethren in Bridgewater, Va.

### 1980

**DR. AUDREY PUCKETT CHURCH** defended her dissertation, "Elementary School Principals' Perceptions of the Instructional Role of the School Library Media Specialist," and earned a Ph.D. in education from Virginia Commonwealth University in December 2007. She is assistant professor and coordinator of the School Library Media Program in the department of education at Longwood University in Farmville, Va. She and her husband **MIKE**, '79, live in Keysville, Va.

### 1981

**CHERYL VERJHSKI BROWER** (see W. Keith Brower, '78).

### 1982

**SUSAN GUM CATLETT** of Winchester, Va., has completed requirements as a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor. A licensed professional counselor, she works full time with the Winchester Public School System and part time with Reflections Christian Counseling Services. She also has been a part-time adjunct faculty member in George Mason University's master's level school counseling cohort program. Active in small group ministries and special programs at her church, she also helps facilitate spiritual growth retreats for women. She and her husband, Tommy, have two children, two stepsons and two granddaughters.

### 1983

**NANCY L. GORTON** and Sam Tale were married May 26, 2007. Nancy, a National Board Certified Teacher, teaches first grade in Hillsborough County. The couple lives in Wesley Chapel, Ra.

**J. David Clatterbuck** of Richmond, Va., teaches at Pocahontas Middle School in Henrico County, where he was elected "Teacher of the Year" and also was named Henrico County's 2007 Music Educator of the Year.

## ▶▶▶ class notes

**VICKI BROOKS SMITH** continues to be the head teacher at Old Providence Church PreSchool. She lives in Fairfield, Va., with her husband, David, daughter and son.

### 1988

**REV. BRYAN A. BEACH, SR.** (see Tracey Hough Beach, '87)

**RONALD W. "RON" RAMSEY** of Weyers Cave, Va., is the Harrisonburg Center supervisor for Blue Ridge Community College. Previously, he was office manager for the American Shakespeare Center.

**RAMSEY W. YEATTS** and Becky have a son, Ian Ramsey, born Nov. 29. The family lives in Chatham, Va.

### 1989

**REBECCA A. HUTCHISON** of Cordova, Md., is pursuing a master of social work degree at Salisbury University. She has a son and a daughter.

### 1990

**LT. COL. MATT GARBER** of Fort Campbell, Ky., was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

He is chief of physical therapy at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital which supports the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters.

**SHEILA REED MCKAY** and James have a daughter, Jenna Elizabeth, born July 14. Sheila teaches in the business department at Page County High School and is an adjunct instructor at Lord Fairfax Community College. The family, which also includes three sons, lives in Stanley, Va.

### 1991

**ANDREW SHIELDS** and Liza have a daughter, Brooklyn Elizabeth, born Jan. 7, 2006. Andrew is branch manager of C&F Mortgage Corporation in Lynchburg, Va., where the family lives.

### 1992

**BRIDGET RITTER BURNS** and Darren have a son, Bruce Michael, born Oct. 25. The family, which also includes a daughter and two other sons, lives in Annapolis, Md.

**DR. DARLA KAY DEARDORFF** is executive director of the Association of International Education Administrators, a national organization based at Duke University, where she also teaches cross-cultural courses. In addition, she is a visiting professor at North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has received invitations from around the world to speak on her research on intercultural competence and assessment, which will be published in two upcoming books. She lives in Durham, N.C., with her husband, Duane, and two children.

### 1993

**KATHRYN RHODES BREMNER** and **DAVID BREMNER, '94**, have a daughter, Lauren Gunn, born Dec. 28, 2006, and adopted on March 28, 2007. The family lives in Mechanicsville, Va.

### 1994

**DAVID BREMNER** (see Kathryn Rhodes Bremner, '93).

**EDWARD L. JONES** of Hampton, Va., writes that he and his wife, Jessica, have three children.

**CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL KEYES** and **MARIA DANIELLE DOVE, '99**, were married June 30, 2007. Christopher served as security police in the U.S. Air Force and works for the U.S. Postal Service in Staunton, Va. Maria is in her ninth year of teaching eighth grade English at Thomas Harrison Middle School. The couple lives in Penn Laird, Va.



## CLASS REUNION



**CLASS OF 1963** Front row: Harnet Flora Rader, Mandy Dixon Pence, Barbara Winters Huffman Second row: John Baker, John Garber, Ray Fike, Wayne Mitchell, Ed Henneberger



**CLASS OF 1968** Front row: Nancy Frambes Gleich, Lily Wilson Huffman, Sarah Patterson Castro, Carol DePriest Koger, Doris Meyer Tobias, Elaine Hartman McGann Second row: Barbara Martin High, Joyce Grove Wampler, Lynn Flory Riner, Susan Allender Hagedorn, Cheryl Lackey Fairchilds, Carolene Grossnickle Perry, Connie Flora Nichols, Janice Ausherman Walsh Third row: Allan Nicholas, Richard Masincup, Harold Furr, Sam Zigler, Vern Fairchilds, Bruce Barlow, Mike Guinn, Ted McGann



Christopher Russell Keyes, '94, and Maria Danielle Dove, '99

## 1995

**MARLA HUFFMAN LIVELY** and Chuck have a daughter, Lydia Joyce, born Dec. 19. The family, which also includes a son, lives in Frederick, Md.

**KIRK MOYERS** and **JENNIFER GLASSCOCK MOYERS, '98**, have a son, Jonathan Allan, born April 21, 2007. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

**FORIANE PAMPIGLIONE-BREART** and Stephane Breart have a daughter, Clotilde Blandine Alexandra, born Jan. 24. The family, which also includes a son, lives in Paris, France.

**TRACY HALTERMAN RHODES** and Philip have their third son, Robert, born May 24, 2007. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

## 1996

**SUZANNE JONES SNODDY** and Joe have a son, Thomas Alexander, born

March 10, 2007. The family, which also includes a daughter and two other sons, is stationed at Camp Pendleton Marine Corp. base in California.

**SANDRA INGRAM SPEAKMAN** has been named general counsel for the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in Montgomery, Ala. She will serve as an advisor to the state commissioner and the Alabama Board of Veterans Affairs. She lives in Auburn, Ala., with her husband Steven.

**REBECCA WHETZEL** and Tony Ijames were married Sept. 29. Rebecca is self-employed at Flowers Galore in Broadway, Va. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

## 1997

**CHAD CONLEY** and Tiffany have a daughter, Kendall Raye, born Dec. 25. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

**DR. TODD HUFFMAN** has joined Research Corporation Technologies as an analyst, assisting in the scientific and business analysis for the Tucson, Ariz.-based firm. Previously, he was a technology development associate at the University of North Carolina.

**TIFFANY GASTON NEWBOLD** and **KENNETH F. NEWBOLD JR., '99**, have a daughter, Cameron Elise, born Aug. 14, 2005. Tiffany is coordinator of students and program administrator for the School of Engineering at James Madison University, and Kenneth is director of research development at JMU. The family lives in McGaheysville, Va.

## 1998

**DAVID GATELY** and MaryAnn have a daughter, Ava Grace, born in May 2007. The family lives in Orlando, Fla.

**OLIVIA DIDAWICK HUTTON** and David have a daughter, Mallory Elaine, born March 19, 2007. Olivia is a certified public accountant with Yount,

Hyde & Barbour P.C. The family lives in Woodstock, Va.

**HARVEY S. LEDDY** and Amanda have a daughter, Hannah Faith, born Nov. 29. The family, which also includes two other daughters and a son, lives in Eden, N.C.

**ROSS LEVESQUE** and Linda have a daughter Alicia Marie, born Feb. 8. The family lives in Malmo, Sweden, where Ross teaches special education at a British school.

**JENNIFER GLASSCOCK MOYERS** (see Kirk Moyers, '95).

## 1999

**BILL** and **COURTNEY QUIMBY BELTZ** have a son, Rugby James, born Oct. 25. The family lives in Grand Prairie, Texas.

**KATHY HIGH BLOUCH** and Chris have a son, Leland Emmanuel, born Nov. 22. The family lives in Herndon, Va., where Kathy is a stay-at-home mom.

**MARIA DANIELLE DOVE** (see Christopher Russell Keyes, '94).

**BRADLEY EDWARDS** and **CARRIE SIMPSON EDWARDS, '00**, have their first child, a son, Peyton Timothy, born May 8, 2007. The family lives in Richmond, Va.

**DR. SARAH SMITH GREENLEAF** and Kevin Froelich have a daughter, Valerie Susan Greenleaf, born Jan. 13. The family lives in Sacramento, Calif.

**LISA UTTERBACK HIGGINS** and Bryan have their first child, a daughter, Elizabeth Brenny, born June 8, 2007. The family lives in Gainesville, Va., where Lisa is a seventh-grade math teacher.

**CHRISTOPHER R. HILD** and **CRYSTAL RILEY HILD, '02**, have a daughter, Emma Marie, born Aug. 27. The family lives in Stephens City, Va.

**MEGAN L. SNYDER KINCHELOE** and Chris have a daughter, Graycie Evans, born Sept. 9. The couple purchased Nuckols Gun Works in June of 2007, and Megan is a mortgage loan officer at Planters Bank in Waynesboro, Va. The family lives in Churchville, Va.

**KENNETH F. NEWBOLD JR.** (see Tiffany Gaston Newbold, '97).

**DAN** and **SARAH LUSKER REYNOLDS** have a son, Daniel Merritt, born Oct. 7. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Upper Marlboro, Md.

**STEPHANIE FOLTZ SLATER** and Anthony have their second son, Lee Matthew, born July 21. Stephanie earned a master of arts degree in education from Eastern Mennonite University in 2007. The family lives in Broadway, Va.



Melanie Soper, '99, and Brooks Weaver

**MELANIE SOPER** and Brooks Weaver were married Aug. 11. Melanie earned a master's degree in human service management from McDaniel College on May 19, 2007. She is a community living director for Target Community and Educational Services Inc. The couple lives in Taneytown, Md.

**CHASTITY D. SHAFFER WHITAKER** of Dayton, Ohio, has joined the law firm of Wood, Herron & Evans L.L.P., upon being admitted to the Ohio Bar. Her focus is in the areas of mechanical technologies and instruments. She received her juris doctor degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2007.

## 2000

**HEATHER N. ADAMS** and Jesse Dutton were married in August of 2003. They have a son, Jackson Thomas, born April 17, 2005. Heather teaches early childhood special education at Bethel Elementary School. The family lives in Gloucester, Va.

On Nov. 9, **MATTHEW C. BARNES** of Dayton, Ohio, graduated second in his class from Sinclair Community College's Police Academy and has

### ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1998:

Plans are under way for the class of 1998's 10-year class reunion this fall during Homecoming 2008, Oct. 3-5. For more information, or to assist with the planning process, please contact permanent class president, **Karen Monger Reeder** at bc\_reunion\_1998@yahoo.com or visit: [www.myspace.com/bc\\_reunion\\_1998](http://www.myspace.com/bc_reunion_1998).

## ▶▶▶ class notes

joined the Trotwood Police Department. He and his wife, Devon, have two children.

**JENNIFER HUFFMAN BAKER** and Randy have a son, Rylan Ellis, born Oct. 21. Jennifer is a special education teacher in the Rockingham County Public Schools. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

**KAREN REED BARLUP** and Daniel have a son, Colin Daniel, born April 7, 2007. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Newport, Pa.

**BARBARA BRIGHAM** and Robb Mowery were married in May 2003. Barbara is a paralegal for Williams, Moore, Shockley and Harrison LLP. She also teaches painting and drawing classes for the Worcester County Arts Council and the Ocean City Art League. In addition, she is active in the Lioness Club. The couple lives in Ocean City, Md.

**JENNIFER PORSCHEN DAMON** and Scott have a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, born Sept. 18. The family lives in Dallastown, Pa.

**CARRIE SIMPSON EDWARDS** (see Bradley Edwards, '99).

**KEVIN FLORY** and Lisa have their second daughter, Anna Claire, born Jan. 24. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

**HOLLIE JUSTINGER** and Bill Sojda were married June 6, 2006. Hollie is cardiac technical director at Erie County Medical Center. The couple, who have a son, lives in Blasdell, N.Y.

**SUSAN SCHROEDER KOK** and Eric have a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, born Sept. 21. The family lives in Clover, S.C., where Susan is a stay-at-home mom.

## 2001

**CHASE AUSTIN CLARK** and Jaime Aston Martis were married Sept. 22. Chase is a regional credit analyst for BB&T. The couple lives in Roanoke, Va.

**STACEY ANN FORMWALT** married Michael Kowalski on Oct. 13. The couple lives in Holyoke, Mass., where Stacy is pursuing a nursing degree at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**CHRISTINA RIGNEY MYERS** and **TRAVIS MYERS, '04**, have their second daughter, Ava Claire, born Feb. 18. Christina is assistant registrar at Bridgewater College. The family lives in Bridgewater, Va.

## 2002

**EMILY FAYE BURNER** and Lewis Ray Burkholder were married Oct. 20. Emily earned a master of business administration degree from Eastern Mennonite University. She is a manager at Specialty Title Insurance and Services LLC. The couple lives in McGaheysville, Va.

**PATRICK HARMON** and Ashley were married May 12, 2007. Patrick teaches Spanish in the Roanoke City Public Schools. The couple lives in Roanoke, Va.

**CRYSTAL RILEY HILD** (see Christopher R. Hild, '99).

**MADELYN L. LEVINE** and Michael Belt were married Oct. 20. Madelyn is assistant records management librarian at BearingPoint Inc. The couple lives in Hemdon, Va.

In May 2007, **DR. KATHERINE "KATIE" MULLINS** of Muncie, Ind., earned a medical doctor degree from the Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine. She is completing a family medicine residency at Ball Memorial Hospital.

**BRIANNE WITMAN SHIPLEY** and Allen have a son, Zachary Clarkson, born Nov. 29. Brianne is a physical therapist for Hanover Hospital Rehab Centers. The family lives in Hanover, Pa.

## 2003

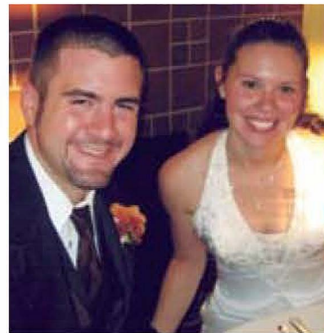
**MICHAEL HAINES** and **JENNIFER TURNER, '04**, were married April 28, 2007. Mike is a registered nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and Jenn is activities director at Heartlands Senior Living Village in Ellicott City, Md. The couple lives in Pikesville, Md.

## 2004

**SHANNA ARMENTROUT BILHIMER** of Broadway, Va., has joined Trumbo Electric Inc. as comptroller. A certified

public accountant, she previously was associate accountant with Brown Edwards & Company LLP in Roanoke, Va.

**JORDAN BLEVINS** and **HOLLY THOMASSON, '05**, were married Sept. 29. Jordan is assistant director of the Eco-Justice Programs for the National Council of Churches. Holly is an animal laboratory technician for Advanced Bioscience Laboratories. The couple lives in Gaithersburg, Md.



*Jordan Blevins, '04, and Holly Thomasson, '05*

**HEATHER N. FARR** is a certified athletic trainer at Waiimea High School on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

**CARRIE H. HARMAN** and Dr. Christopher A. Ashton were married May 19, 2007. Carrie is director of the Kline Campus Center at Bridgewater College. The couple lives in Weyers Cave, Va., with their two children.

**REBECCA MARIE LAM** and Joshua Dale Rawley were married Sept. 15. Rebecca is an operations assistant at Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver PLC. The couple lives in Mount Solon, Va.

In October, **KRISTI MARTIN** of Farmville, Va., was named the James River District Boy's Cross County Coach of the Year.

**TRAVIS MYERS** (see Christina Rigney Myers, '01).

**DANIEL PIPER** and **CRYSTAL DETTWEILER PIPER, '05**, have a daughter, Abigail Grace, born May 11, 2007. The family lives in Waynesboro, Va.

**BETHANY PIPPIN** of Ivy, Va., is a youth counselor with Community Attention in Charlottesville, Va. She is pursuing a master of social work degree at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**JENNIFER SHIREY POST** and Isaac have a son, Orian Austin, born April 18, 2006. In December, Jennifer

received a master of science degree in agricultural and extension education from West Virginia University. She is employed by WVU Extension Services as extension agent for 4-H Youth Development in Gilmer County, W.Va. The family lives in Morgantown, W.Va.

**AUTUMN FRANCES RUSMISEL** and Adam Heath Pequignot were married July 7. Autumn is a teacher for Albemarle County Schools. The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va.

**JENNIFER TURNER** (see Michael Haines, '03).

**RUSTY WRIGHT** graduated from George Mason University School of Law in May and has passed the Virginia Bar exam.

## 2005

**MATTHEW SCOTT ARMSTRONG** and **ANDREA DANIELLE ECKLUND** were married Sept. 22. Matthew is a real estate assessor for Rockingham County. Andrea earned a master of arts in teaching degree in special education early intervention from James Madison University. She is a preschool teacher at Edward G. Clymore Elementary School. The couple lives in Grottoes, Va.

In November, **ASHLEIGH KINGERY**, a third-year student at Regent University School of Law, along with two classmates, took first place at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition at American University in Washington, D.C.

**CRYSTAL DETTWEILER PIPER** (see Daniel Piper, '04).

**HOLLY THOMASSON** (see Jordan Blevins, '04).

## 2006

**MEGAN STUDWELL** of New York, N.Y., is a New York Teaching Fellow at Mercy College where she is pursuing a master of science degree in urban education with certification in general education and special education. As a teaching fellow, she teaches a class of emotionally disturbed sixth graders in the Bronx, while working on her master's degree.

## 2007

**JAIME LYNN BURKHOLDER** and Bryan Michael Embres were married June 9, 2007. Jaime works at Graham Packaging Co. The couple lives in Dayton, Va.

**SHARON FLATEN** has undertaken a Church of the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) assignment with the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Office in Elgin, Ill., to support, assist and continue to develop the church's work camp program. She will coordinate up

to nine denominational summeryouth and young adult work camps.

**KATELYN ROSEANNE MILLER** and Aaron Shawn Will were married July 21. Katelyn is a sales support specialist at North Pacific in Harrisonburg, Va. The couple lives in Bridgewater, Va.

**KARISSA DAWN MOATS** and Joseph Glenn Hunt were married July 21. Karissa works at Yancey, Miller and Bowman, CPAs, PLLC. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

**JANNA LYNNE MORRIS** and Carrel Whitmore "Whit" Grandle III were mar-

ried July 7. Janna is the personal lines department manager at Black & Morris Insurance Agency. The couple lives in Broadway, Va.

## 2008

**AMBER ELIZABETH WHETZEL** and Phillip Andrew Weatherly were married July 7. Amber is an office assistant at LD&B Insurance Agency. The couple lives in Hinton, Va.

### APOLOGIES IN ORDER:

In the Winter 2008 issue of *Bridgewater* magazine, **DENNY** and **MARIJEAN KAETZEL EYE** were listed in the class of 1947 rather than the class of 1971. We apologize for the error.

## MEMORIALS

**ETHEL COSDEN EVANS**, aka **ETHEL HAZELTON**, '26, of Lady Lake, Fla., died Nov. 29, following a short illness. She was 101. She was co-owner of the Cosden-Evans Co. in Dover, Del., founded in 1932. She was one of the first licensed women airplane pilots in the U.S. and was active in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. She was a charter member and president of Women for Better Government for the state of Delaware, and past president and life member of Soroptimist International Club. She served on the Chamber of Commerce Board for the Lower Keys and was a member of the Methodist church.

**JOSEPHINE WRIGHT CLINE**, '30, of Richmond, Va., died Oct. 30, at the age of 99.

**ANN KING NIES**, '31, of Ephrata, Pa., and formerly of Adamstown, Pa., died March 9, at the age of 94. A graduate of Daleville Academy, she worked in the business office and cafeteria for Bollman Hat Co. She was instrumental in the organization of the Adamstown Library and was a past president of the Adamstown Woman's Club. She was a founding member of the Ephrata Forsythia Club. A 50-year member of Ephrata Church of the Brethren, she was choir director and a life deacon. She was a charter member of East Cocalico Church of the Brethren, a mission church of the Ephrata congregation. She was a creative writer

with poems and stories published in various magazines and newspapers.

**MARIE J. SHOWALTER**, '31, of Bridgewater, Va., died March 9, at the age of 103. She earned a master's degree in nursing education and administration from the Medical College of Virginia and pursued graduate studies at the University of Virginia and Columbia University. She taught nursing at Norfolk General Hospital and for several years was a supervisor of nursing services for the state of West Virginia. In 1943, she volunteered for the U.S. Army Nursing Corps, where she set up field hospitals during the Normandy invasion and later at the Battle of the Bulge. She retired with the rank of major. Following the war, under Civil Services, she was supervisor of nursing services in veterans' hospitals in Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina and West Virginia. She retired to Harrisonburg, Va., in 1964. A member of the Dayton Church of the Brethren, she enjoyed community service, tutoring and traveling, visiting all the continents except Antarctica.

**CHRISTINE VIA MERRIMAN**, '39, of Fieldale, Va., died Dec. 17, at the age of 90. She taught in the Roanoke City School System and Fieldale for 34 years, before retiring from the Henry County School System in 1973. She was a member of Fieldale Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband George.

**MILDRED LANGRELL GLESSNER**, '40, of Georgetown, Del., and formerly of Preston, Del., died Feb. 18. She was the past owner and operator of the historic Linchester Mill in Caroline County. She enjoyed going to the Linchester Pond and the flour mill and was an animal lover.

**DR. STANLEY J. MILLER**, '40, of Ventura, Calif., died Oct. 25, at the age of 89. He received a master's degree from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from UCLA in organic chemistry. He was a research chemist for several chemical firms in California and then for NASA. Among his survivors is a sister, **DORIS MILLER GOOD**, '45, of Bridgewater, Va.

**VIRGINIA WILCOX MILLER**, '41, of Bridgewater, Va., died Feb. 5, at the age of 88. She was an English and music teacher for the Arlington County School System. She was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and a charter member of the Arlington Church of the Brethren, where she served as organist, pianist and choir member for over 30 years.

**DR. S. CABELL SHULL**, '41, of Oxford, Miss., died March 3, at the age of 87. He earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University and was a retired professor of economics at the University of Mississippi. He also had worked for the U.S. Government in the diplomatic service. Among his survivors is a

sister, **MARTHA SHULL PEAKE**, '52, of Wise, Va.

**MARY KATHERYNE BRADBURNE MOLLOY ROSE**, '42, of Richmond, Va., died Nov. 18, at the age of 90. Active in volunteer work, she served as Henrico County Christmas Mother in 1968. She was the founder of the former Wise Penny Shop and Elephant Trunk at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and a member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Council.

**JAMES W. CASEY** of Roanoke, Va., died May 10, 2000, at the age of 80. He taught in the Botetourt County School System. Among his survivors is a brother, **DR. BUFORD A. CASEY**, '38, of Oakland, Calif., and a sister, **WILMA C. WARREN**, '47, of Roanoke.

**FLOYD RUSSELL MASON**, '44, of Bridgewater, Va., died Jan. 8, at the age of 88. He earned an M.A. from the University of Virginia. He served in Civilian Public Service during World War II. A lifetime member of the Church of the Brethren, he served in many capacities, most recently in the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren where he was a member. He retired in 1980 after teaching 20 years in the Alexandria Public Schools and 10 years in the Roanoke County Schools. He is survived by his wife, the former **KATHRYN GARST**, '42, of Bridgewater. Also surviving is a daughter, **MARY K.M. TILGNER**, '71, of Woodbridge, Va.; three sisters, **MARIE FLORY**, '45, **MIRIAM**



## MEMORIALS

**HOLL, '45**, and **INA SHANK, '48**, and a brother: **IVAN MASON, '51**, all of Bridgewater, Va.

**WELTY HINKLE HENSLEY, '46**, of Elkton, Va., died Jan. 3, of complications from diabetes and congestive heart failure. He was 82. A member of the U.S. Navy, he worked as a flight simulator instructor during World War II and achieved the rank of Seaman First Class. He worked with his father at Hensley Sales and Service, a Chevrolet dealership. He served as mayor of Elkton from 1966 to 1970 and, in 1975, opened Spotswood Realty. A long-time and active supporter of Elkton United Methodist Church, he was a past member of the board of trustees and served as chair of the Administrative Council. He served on the board of directors of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Timberville Inc. for 22 years. Hensley was instrumental in helping form the Rockingham League of Towns and served as president of the Elkton Historical Society. He was chair of the Elkton Horse Show and helped organize the event for 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice.

**H. RONALD KLINE, '48**, of Linville, Va., died Dec. 20, at the age of 79. He served in the U.S. Navy on the destroyer the USS Zellars from 1945 to 1947. He served on the Rockingham County Planning commission for 11 years. He was active in many community service activities and enjoyed readings and lectures of Civil War era events. A member of Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren, he served as deacon. He is survived by his wife, the former **JANET GLICK, '85**. Also among his survivors is a brother, **DON KLINE, '51**, of Linville, Va., and two sisters, **BETTY KLINE BECKNER, '51**, of Mebane, N.C., and **CHERRILL KLINE STONE, '66**, of Bridgewater, Va.

**MARVIN E. DEEVERS, '49**, of Harrisonburg, Va., died Dec. 3, at the age of 79. He was a poultry inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 34 years before retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Band for many years. He was an active member of Harrisonburg Baptist Church, where he was a past deacon and secretary for the Sunday school for many years

and served on various committees. He is survived by his wife Joyce.

**JOSEPH H. EARLY JR., '49**, of Elkton, Va., died March 8, at the age of 85. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Australia and the Philippines over two years. He owned and operated Early Insurance Agency for over 30 years and served on the Elkton Town Council. He is survived by a son, **JOHN EARLY, '81**, of Elkton.

**MAX M. CARPENTER, '50**, of Harrisonburg, Va., died March 12, at the age of 88. He earned a master's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and was employed by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for 31 years. He was a game biologist most of those years. He was a member of the Montezuma Church of the Brethren. He is survived by three sons, **DONALD CARPENTER, '68**, of New Hope, Va., **LARRY CARPENTER, '71**, of Dayton, Va., and **DR. JOHN CARPENTER, '77**, of Charlottesville, Va.

**PAUL ALFRED WHITMORE, '50**, of Greenville, S.C., died Feb. 9, at the age of 84. Trained as an Army medic, he served in Europe during World War II. A salesman, he traveled throughout the Southeast, selling specialized equipment to paper mills, textile and converting plants. He then spent over 20 years at Nim-Cor Inc., before retiring in 1989. He was a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Delores.

**ROSEMARY TEXIERE SEESE, '52**, of Keezletown, Va., died Jan. 4, at the age of 78. She was educated at Rockingham Nurses Training School and was employed as a doctor's receptionist early in her life. She was active in Auxiliaries at Rockingham Memorial Hospital and at the local nursing homes. A member of Mount Pleasant and Harrisonburg First Churches of the Brethren, she was a life-long member of the choir. Among her survivors is a sister, **LORRAINE TEXIERE FIKE, '44**, of Bridgewater, Va.

**THE REV. ROBERT S. ROLLER, '53**, of Harrisonburg, Va., died March 3, at the age of 76. He graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary and

began his ministry with the Boones Chapel Church of the Brethren in Penhook, Va. He also served Church of the Brethren congregations at New Bethel and Henry Fork, Va., Franklin Grove, Ill., New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Fraternity, N.C. He also was involved in starting a church at Shalom, N.C. He retired from active ministry in 1998. He served with Brethren Volunteer Service in Falfurrias, Texas, and also with the Alternative Service in Germany. In retirement, he was active with the District Disaster Response, Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center and Bridgewater Home Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former **GOLDIE SHULL, '53**. Also among his survivors is a brother, **RICHARD W. ROLLER, '57**, of Dayton, Va.

**THE REV. HOMER P. "BUBBIE" CARPER, '55**, Norfolk, Va., died Dec. 20, at the age of 88. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Along with his late wife, Marjorie, he pastored 12 appointments comprising 20 churches spanning 40 years of service to the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**CHARLES DOUGLAS "DOUG" GRANINGER, '59**, of Fredericksburg, Va., died Dec. 7, at the age of 68. He was the owner of Graninger Mobile Home Supply and Park and served with the National Guard.

**MICHAEL A. GOODWIN, '67**, of Winchester, Va., died May 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife Brenda.

**MARY A. CRAIG, '70**, of Easton, Md., died July 30, at the age of 59. She earned a master's degree in instruction and curriculum development from Western Maryland College. She taught fifth grade at the Country School in Easton for 32 years, specializing in reading, language arts and social studies. Prior to that, she taught for four years for Talbot County Public Schools. She was a volunteer for the Talbot County Mental Health Association and a member of Perryville United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, and was an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles and University of Maryland basketball. She is survived by her husband, Charles.

**ESTHER KRZANOWSKI DIVIZIO, '70**, of Bridgewater, Va., died March 8, at the age of 87. She was an executive secretary at Rockingham National Bank. At the age of 12, she became a church organist and played at the Harrisonburg Baptist Church and the Bridgewater Methodist Church. She was the pianist at the Bridgewater Baptist Church, where she started and ran the Clothes Closet for 11 years.

**GLEN ALLEN DRAPER, '73**, of Bridgewater, Va., died Feb. 26, following a 12-year battle with cancer: He was 56. His career was in computers, the first 15 years at Smith Transfer in Verona and the past 20 years at the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife, the former **ELLIE (ELLIS ANN) HODGE, '72**, of Bridgewater, Va. Also among his survivors is a daughter, **DR. JENNIE ELIZABETH DRAPER, '03**, of New York, N.Y.

**EUGENE H. BLIZZARD, '75**, of Delta, Pa., died June 11.

**DR. DOUGLAS KNIGHT FERRIS, '79**, of Frederick, Md., died Dec. 29, due to complications from triple bypass surgery. He was 56. He joined the U.S. Army in 1972 and was stationed in Germany during his service. He earned a Ph.D. in biology from Virginia Tech. He was a scientist at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md., for 19 years, progressing to the rank of principal scientist. He also taught graduate level courses at Johns Hopkins University as an adjunct professor. In retirement, he joined the Friends of the Cheat organization, where he worked on the Cheat River Watershed. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fly-fishing, landscaping, canoeing and hiking. He is survived by his wife Melanie Nichols-Ferris.

**DONALD GLENN "D.G." COCKRELL, '81**, of Roanoke, Va., died Feb. 7, at the age of 49. For 10 years, he was director of sales and design for Corrugated Container Corporation. He is survived by his wife, Gwyn Gillian.

**MICHELLE R. MILBANK, '83**, of Fulks Run, Va., died Oct. 6, from natural causes. She was 46. She raised

sheep and goats for fiber that she spun and sold at arts festivals. She organized a cyber community of more than 1,300 members as the events coordinator for the Association of RhyDin Guild, an online role-playing society.

**SAMANTHA ANN COMER CONLEY, '98**, of Shenandoah, Va., died Jan. 28, at the age of 31. She was employed with Douglas L. Berry Accounting Service in Elkton, Va., and was a Notary Public. She was a Mary Kay Cosmetics representative and also volunteered with the Blue Ridge Boxer Canine Rescue. She attended Newport Church of the Brethren and Elkton United Methodist Church, where she played the piano. She also enjoyed teaching the piano to children. She is survived by her husband Dennis. Also among her survivors is a brother, **PAUL JENNINGS COMER III, '93**, of Luray, Va.

**MICHAEL J. MOREHEAD, '98**, of Charlottesville, Va., died June 6, from lymphoma. He was 31. He was a technical specialist in the cardiovascular department at Medtronic, USA. Last spring, he was awarded the Technical Specialist of the Quarter for his region. Among his survivors is his twin brother, **CHRIS D. MOREHEAD**, also '98, of Charlottesville.

**BC MOURNS JAN. 27 PASSING OF MAURICE HENRY**

**MAURICE KENT HENRY** of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Bridgewater College class of 1936, patriot, honorary member of the board of trustees and lifelong friend and supporter of the College – died on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Jan. 27.

The son of Dr. J.M. and Virgie Wickline Henry, he was a native of Daleville, Va., who, after graduating from Bridgewater, earned his master's degree from George Peabody College in 1939. During World War II he served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy and took part in four invasion landings as a member of the staff of Admiral Richard Connolly.

"While many of you might assume that Maurice simply responded as did so many of his generation, we should keep in mind that Maurice's father, a distinguished historian and college professor, was an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, a pacifist denomination," noted Bridgewater College President **PHILLIP C. STONE**, who delivered Henry's eulogy on Feb. 1.

"Maurice had been raised in a tradition that taught that participation in the military was not acceptable. Under those circumstances, he faced the additional daunting challenge of telling his father, whom he respected, that he could not comply with the tra-

dition of his family's faith. He needed to serve his country."

After the war, Henry became owner and publisher of the Middlesboro (Ky.) *Daily News Citizen* and owner of radio station WMIK and Tri-State Poster and Advertising Co. A past president of the Kentucky Press Association and former chairman of the board of trustees of Appalachian Regional Hospitals, Henry became a newspaper consultant and broker and operated all over the United States.

In 1963, he was awarded the Bridgewater College Distinguished Alumnus Award and the BC Outstanding Achievement Award in 1991. He was appointed an honorary member of the BC board of trustees in 1992. He and his wife, Gray Rowell Spear Henry, established the Maurice K. and Gray R. Henry Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to students from Surrey or Allegheny counties in Virginia and to students from Middlesboro, KY.

In addition to his wife, Henry is survived by his sister, **MARGARET HENRY IKENBERRY, '42**, of Washington, D.C.; daughters Kay Henry Ballard of Wilmington, N.C. and Duston Spear of Pound Ridge, N.Y.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Kincaid Henry.



Maurice Kent Henry

A celebration of life was held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club of Ft. Lauderdale, of which Henry had been a member for 30 years.

"The College is proud of one of its favorite sons," Stone said at that celebration. "Like many of you, we have benefited from his generosity and intense loyalty. He never forgot his alma mater, and never had his head turned with bigger and more visible schools. He remained committed to our small college." ◀ CC

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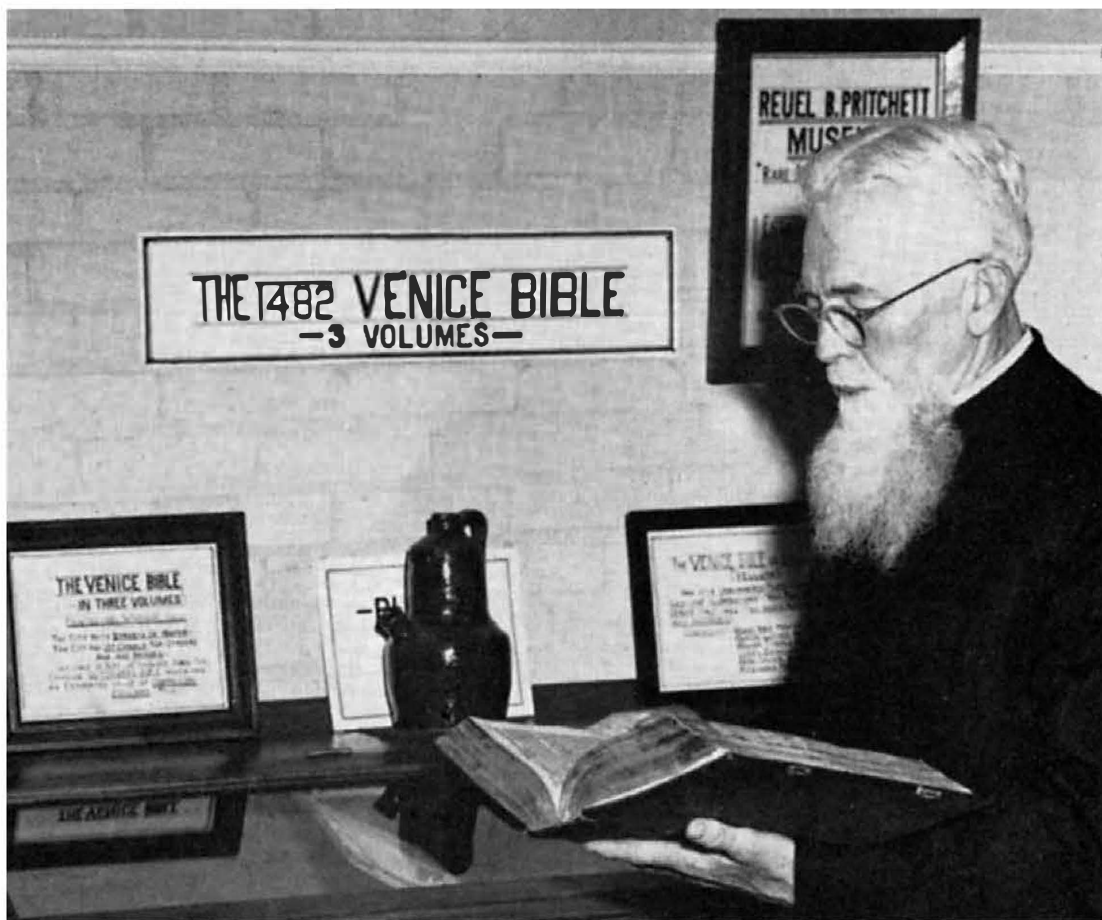
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► Elder Reuel B. Pritchett in 1954, at about the time he donated his massive personal collection of antiques to Bridgewater College.

Photo by staff of *The Newsette*, bulletin of Bridgewater College

## A Museum Is Born

In a special dinner at the campus on May 28, 1954, Elder Reuel B. Pritchett ('11, Daville) of White Pine, Tenn., gave to Bridgewater College his large collection of old books, Bibles, articles of antiquity and other collections. The donation would form the nucleus of today's Reuel B. Pritchett Museum.

The dinner was attended by the Pritchett family and friends, trustees and faculty members. The ceremony was presided over by President W.D. Bowman, and the collection was accepted by I.C. Senger, '08, chairman of the trustee board. Paul H. Bowman, '10, former president, paid tribute to Pritchett's generosity.

Included in the collection were 175 rare books including a Venice Bible published in 1482, (26 years after the Gutenberg Bible), and seven Sour Bibles printed in Philadelphia in the 18th century. Valuable Indian artifacts also were in the collection.

Hundreds of alumni and friends of the College viewed the collection during commencement weekend, with Pritchett on hand to explain the display.

The museum today is housed in the basement of Cole Hall. ◀ cc

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65.....	6.0%
70.....	6.5%
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80.....	8.0%
85.....	9.5%
90 & over.....	11.3%

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AGE	RATE
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65 & 65.....	5.6%
70 & 70.....	5.9%
75 & 75.....	6.3%
80 & 80.....	6.9%
85 & 85.....	7.9%
90 & 90.....	9.3%

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*Don't miss the fun & festivities  
planned for October 3-5.*

Before the football game, there will be a festival on the Mall that will include live music, kettle corn, an apple butter boil, cotton candy, a clown, balloons, games, give-aways and rides for kids of all ages!

Reunion picnic for the classes of '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03.

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