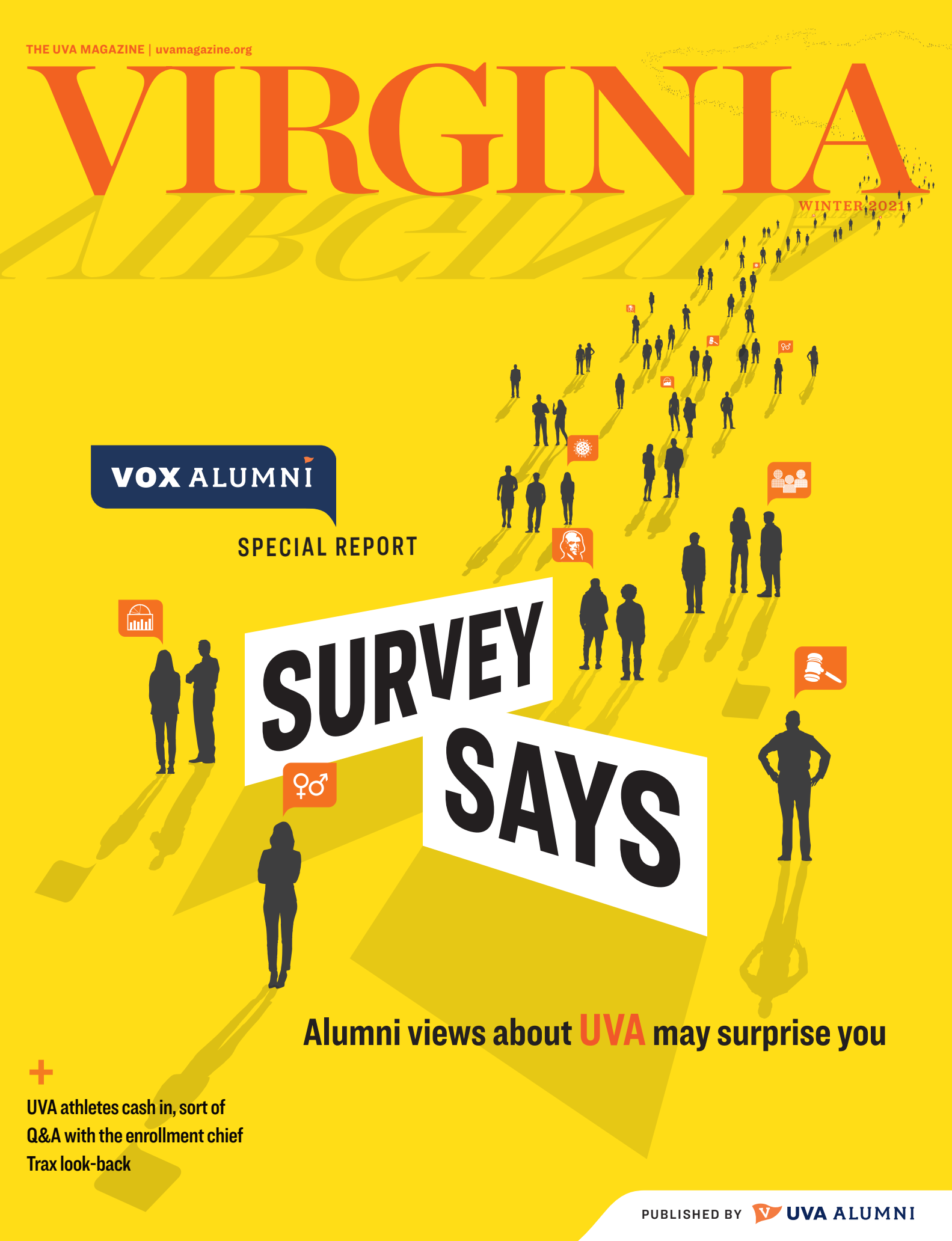
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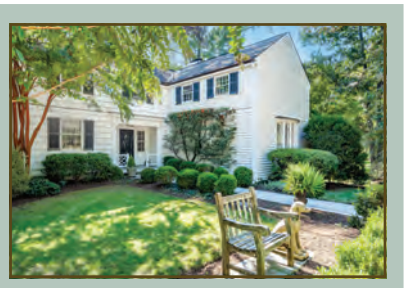

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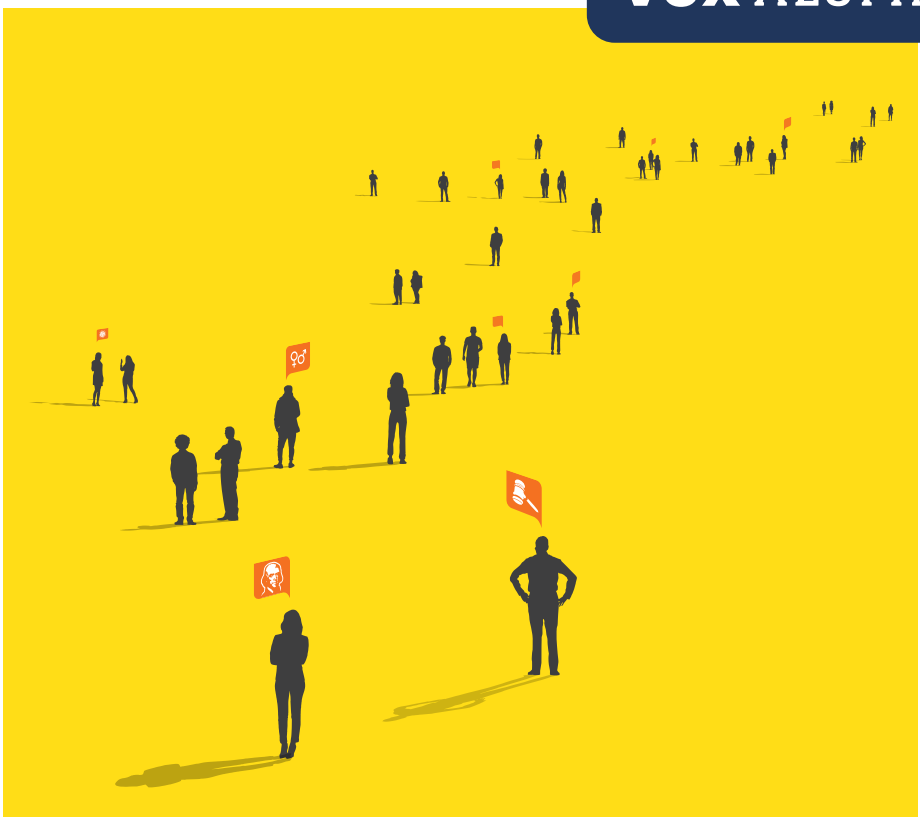


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www.LewisMountainVa.com



EDGEMONT

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• NORTH WALES •

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GREY OAKS • $4,165,000

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JUST OFF RUGBY • $2,875,000

Situated in Meadowbrook Hills, one of Charlottesville's best locations, is this circa 1946 3-level home now undergoing total renovation and enlargement. Features a main level master suite, 5 bedrooms, spacious & new eat-in kitchen.



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FROM THE EDITOR

VOICE IDENTIFICATION



I took my degree from the University of Virginia in 1981, the year Dumas Malone published *The Sage of Monticello*, the finale to his authoritative and reverent six-volume biography of Thomas Jefferson the hot graduation gift that season. It was the era of "Mr. Jefferson," uttered in a hushed tone as if the founder were in the next room. With like solemnity, the cognoscenti used to tell visiting speakers, "It's always good to begin your remarks with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson," followed by a pause, and then: "It's nice to end with one too."

When I returned to Charlottesville 35 years later, I reported a story I never could have foreseen. A group of faculty and students had taken up a petition to protest the University president for quoting Thomas Jefferson at all. That arc of change, both in the scholarship and the culture, is an astounding phenomenon. Now, as you'll see in the special report that begins on Page 28, we can graph it.

That's one of the products of a survey we conducted in August and September. Working with the experts at the Center for Survey Research within UVA's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, we sampled undergraduate classes at five-year intervals, 1970, 1975, 1980, and so on through the Class of 2020, a continuum spanning half a century.

The survey is the inaugural project of a sweeping initiative the Alumni Association is launching called Vox Alumni. It aims to gain a greater and more textured understanding of alumni sentiments and, in turn, to share insights. The name keys off the Alumni Association's mission "to represent the voice and perspectives of alumni."

Our special report is a start at trying to identify that voice and, more realistically, to identify the multiple voices that reflect the multiplicity of alumni experiences and perspectives. We used our survey to take soundings.

We threw a lot at the participants, some topics more controversial than even Jefferson. We tested an array of conventional assumptions, confirming many, upending others and, in just about all cases, gaining a more contoured sense of the alumni community. We identified generational and ideological fault lines, and a striking difference in UVA priorities between older and younger alumni. Yet, on some of the University's and higher ed's most divisive issues, we also tallied remarkable concurrence and moderation.

Much of the analysis will test your conventional assumptions too. As I said, our report is just a beginning and just one piece of a larger undertaking. Let us know what you think. In that spirit, you'll see we've added the Vox Alumni icon to our letters section. In these and all matters, we'd like to hear your voice.

Richard Gard (Col '81)
Vice President, Communications,
UVA Alumni Association



VOX ALUMNI

Letters

RECOVERING THE GLORY

I enjoyed your recent *Virginia Magazine* and coverage of the men's lacrosse championship. I graduated from UVA medical school in 1972 and plan to attend the upcoming 50th reunion.

Your article reminded me of a study I did in 1971 in conjunction with the Department of Cardiology. Our lacrosse team had won its first NCAA championship the year before.

The research paper defined what we know now as "the athletic heart syndrome." As an athlete's conditioning peaks, his or her heart rate slows down, and blood pressure and pulse decrease. This was once considered detrimental and a possible reason for exclusion from vigorous athletic participation.

I thought this might be a bit of trivia you would be interested in. As an added note, Dr. Richard S. Crampton, the co-author, treated LBJ when he had a heart attack while visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Charlottesville in 1972.

David M. Lavine (Med '72)
Fort Worth, Texas

Just wanted to write a note about the article "Recovering the Glory" by Ed Miller. This was a great article about the success of UVA's spring sports although it completely left out the Women's Rowing team. This article completely left out the fact that the rowing team won their 20th ACC Championship (the most by any UVA sport) and finished fifth at the NCAA Championships (not to take anything away from baseball, which was featured, but rowing placed higher).

The 'Hoos in Tokyo listing on page 49 shows the SEVEN (again the highest number) UVA rowers who were Olympians—who won two golds and a silver!

Admittedly I am biased as I am the wife of the rowing coach. I do think these women who work incredibly hard should receive the acclaim that they duly deserve in your publication along with the other athletes you choose to feature. Their results year after year put them among the elite of the sports at UVA—two NCAA Championships and 20 ACC Championships!

Barb Sauer (Nurs '94)
Earlysville, Virginia

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Amazed and humbled by the Class of '25 essays. Cannot help but see a brighter future for Virginia, and the nation, as these students move to maturity and service. Thank you for sharing.

C. COOPER PEARCE (MED '70)
Alexandria, Virginia

UVA Olympians Alex Walsh and Kate Douglass winning silver and bronze medals in the 200-meter individual medley was one of the most exciting chapters in the long and successful history of UVA athletics. Watching two world-class swimmers swim straight down the middle of their lanes, never veering to the right or the left, made me wonder whether there is a correlation with educating students at the University of Virginia.

In my era, the 1970s, the University proudly educated to the right. More recently, it appears, the University is hugging the left. What if Alex and Kate had hugged the left or right lane lines? Would they have swum so well? Very doubtful.

Can our University leadership learn something from this? Does educating with a strong left or right bias really accomplish the primary goals of education—teaching young people how to learn and how to think? Or, like Alex and Kate, would UVA students be better off being educated without a pull to the left or right?

John W. Guinee (Col '77, Darden '82)
Delray Beach, Florida

THE NEWEST 'HOOS

Sarah Lindenfeld Hall's report of UVA's incoming Class of 2025 brought me hope for a brighter future. UVA's recruitment efforts have certainly yielded much more opportunity and access to a superb education compared with when I was a student. The acceptance rate for this new class of 21 percent is comparable to elite universities. However, the reported rate of 37 percent for admission of legacy students shows a stark contrast.

Admitting legacy students can bring benefit and distinction to a university but is counter to the laudable recent efforts focused on diversity, equity and inclusion at UVA. Ellie Brasacchio, who recently served as president of Student Council, called to abolish legacy admissions in her Feb. 4, 2020, article in the *Cavalier Daily*.

While I agree with Ms. Brasacchio that doing so would send a clear message about UVA's commitment to diversity, perhaps we should consider a new approach to encouraging generations of families to attend. The same admission standards *should* be applied to all applicants. Upon admission, a legacy student could then self-identify as a "legacy scholar." This new cohort could be invited to match with a first-generation student to participate together in extracurricular activities they both enjoy,

as well as mentoring and tutoring in subject areas of need. This new model could benefit both the legacy and the first-generation student.

This may reduce the number of legacy students but will make the college experience more enriching and reflective of our future rather than an admissions practice that is as out of step from UVA's mission and vision as the memorials of the Confederacy.

Jeff ey H. Toney (Col '81)
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

UVA TAKES DOWN A STATUE, TAKES UP FREE SPEECH

As a UVA alumnus who's spent my entire career teaching at a public college in Idaho named after Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, whom Thomas Jefferson famously sent to explore the Louisiana Purchase and the Pacific Northwest, I quite enjoyed your article about historical statuary.

In particular, I appreciated the UVA-style rebuttal of current white-victimization canards about so-called cancel culture in relation to removing statues and monuments that no longer reflect mainstream American values. This is not the same as erasing or censoring history, rather simply saying we no longer wish to celebrate things like African slavery and Jim Crow, or equally the violent taking of Native American lands and lives for purposes of settler-colonial expansion and settlement.

Lewis-Clark State College's campus features a recently installed and quite beautiful large statue honoring Sacagawea, the young Lemhi Shoshone woman who guided, fed and protected the men on the Lewis and Clark expedition from 1804 to 1806.

Honoring the people who actually did the work seems a fitting way to remember history both here and nationwide, a principle now also being applied to good effect by UVA's honoring of the enslaved people involved in the construction and operation of Mr. Jefferson's University in its earlier years.

Chris Norden (Col '82, Grad '86)
Moscow, Idaho

As I began reading "UVA Takes Down a Statue, Takes Up Free Speech," I expected to be outraged. I wasn't.

As I understand it, the University is upholding the bedrock principles of free speech, free inquiry and free expression, while cleaning up some of the monumental mess left behind over the years.

I've never been a fan of statues. I have long advocated chopping out Jefferson's statue from the Jefferson Memorial while leaving the words on the walls. Jefferson's words are important. The giant image of Jefferson is not.

And don't even get me started on Mount Rushmore …

Michael Sultan (Col '88)
Springfield, Virginia

To commemorate the contributions Dr. Thomas Hunter made as dean of the medical school, guiding the University in medical affairs and contributions to world health and climatology, his name should adorn the Frank Hume Memorial.

Tristram C. Dammin (Med '74)
Boston, Massachusetts

I was surprised at the thoroughness of the BOV to remove all monuments of the Confederacy at the University. It would seem the BOV has left no stone untouched in its zeal to correct the past. However, I recall there is a Confederate cemetery near Hancock, my first-year dorm. Doubtless there are numerous memorials there that need to be

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addressed. I wonder what all this emotion will achieve in the end.

John Allis (Col '75)
Machias, Maine

I write to comment on the appalling story on the historical vandalism being carried out on the Grounds by removing various statues and memorials.

It is bad enough that such know-nothingism is being effected, but the article not only reported on such activity, but had an overall air not only of approval but of smug triumphalism. Such actions do not vary any material degree from the actions of the Islamic State fanatics in Iraq and Syria a few years ago. It is political correctness and "woke-ism" run amok. How in any sane universe could this mad destruction extend to George Rogers Clark?

If this arrogant ignorance is carried to its logical end, then Mr. Jefferson's statue and architectural memorials in the form of the Rotunda and the Lawn must surely also go down the *1984* memory hole.

Your article should have condemned these actions, but you obviously felt compelled to join in support, so as, no doubt, to seem to be trendy and to court acceptance by the woke mob.

It is this sort of nihilism that leads alumni such as myself to cease contributing to the University, which I have now done. What a sad and pitiful commentary on the fall of a great institution.

Richard H. Gill (Law '65)
Montgomery, Alabama


JOHN W. WARNER | *FEB. 18, 1927–MAY 25, 2021*

Longtime U.S. senator made a name in political, military and social circles

His law school career interrupted by the Korean War, **John Warner (Law '53)** returned to UVA in 1951 to resume his studies. Picking up where he'd left off proved to be no easy task, however.

"It was a bit of a challenge to get my mind oriented toward the life of a student after having served in Korea," Warner, the former five-term U.S. senator who died May 25 at age 94, told *UVA Lawyer* magazine in 2008. "Had it not been for the faculty's warmth and interest in me, particularly **Dean (F.W.G) Ribble (Col 1917, Law 1921)**, I wouldn't be here as a senator today."

Warner's tenure was the second-longest of any senator from Virginia. A Republican, he was known for his expertise on military affairs, but also for his willingness to buck the party establishment if he believed it was in Virginia's and the nation's interest.

Taylor in 1976. With Taylor accompanying him on campaign stops across the Commonwealth, Warner won his Senate seat in 1978.

Warner defeated Democrat **Andrew P. Miller (Law '60)** by a mere 4,700 votes, the closest Senate race in Virginia history, according to the *Washington Post*.

Warner made a glam-Taylor and the square-jawed, debonair ended in divorce in 1982.

Thank you for your tribute to U.S. Sen. John Warner in the fall issue of *Virginia Magazine*.

I remember meeting Elizabeth Taylor at UVA when she was campaigning for the senator in the late 1970s. She was gracious to all of us. Her eyes were as violet and beautiful as we had always heard.

I did have occasion to meet Sen. Warner a number of years later. After the Virginia Tech shooting, his office invited the families of the survivors and dead to meet with him at his office on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, on the day of the meeting, he was rushed to the hospital, but his staff met with the families. They had cleared their schedule and visited with them for hours. Their kindness and patience with the families surely was a reflection of him. I did get to meet him at an event in Alexandria a few months later. He was one of the few Republicans who had been an advocate for commonsense gun laws; we were grateful for his support and willingness to listen.

I last saw the senator at a luncheon where Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the guest speaker. I thanked him again for his advocacy, and he, as always, was modest and a gentleman.

LU ANN MACIULLA MCNABB (COL '79)
Centreville, Virginia

WHEN STUDENT ACTIVIST SABATO DUG IN FOR CLEMONS

Thanks so much for the fall issue's article "Retrospect: When Student Activist Sabato Dug in for Clemons." It brought pleasant memories of my fourth year when Larry lived on the front page of the *Cavalier Daily*. He seemed to be everywhere, doing everything, all the time … unlike the shy, almost reclusive faculty member he has become.

Steve Taylor (Col '74)
Reston, Virginia

I greatly enjoyed your recent piece on Larry Sabato's efforts to create Clemons Library. In the fall of 1978, I worked for a period as the librarian of the Institute of Government Library in Minor Hall. My job consisted primarily of making endless copies of cheerless legislative documents, working with an equally cheerless team of older bureaucrats. I was a freshly minted college graduate. Of course they were older! Standing out in this crowd with his wonderful sense of humor was my near doppelganger, Larry Sabato. I had no idea he was only four years ahead of me at UVA. We both sported black hair in a '70s coif, wore eyeglasses and had a mustache.

Evan Cantor (Col '78)
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Larry, thank you! I remember Larry back then, and Alderman Library was crowded at tables, in the stacks, etc.

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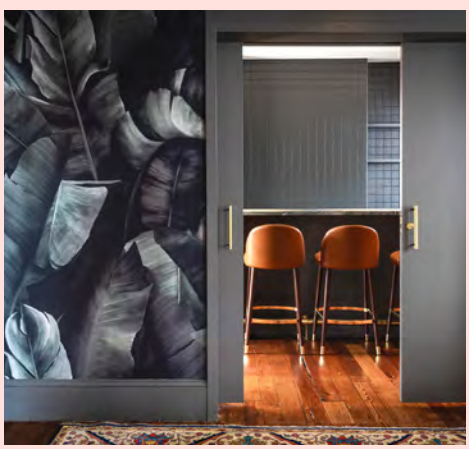
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Turning Voices into Insights

Last fall, when we were all tucked behind our computer screens and Zooming into meetings from home offices, kitchen tables, and wherever else our laptops would go, we at the University of Virginia Alumni Association noticed an uptick in alumni feedback. It usually came in the form of emails, but we also received phone calls and, in some cases, letters.

As an organization whose mission has always been to represent the independent voices and perspectives of alumni, the increase in volume inspired a few questions: Was this feedback representative of greater trends? Were there other widely held alumni sentiments that we should know about? How could we more systematically capture the diversity of perspectives among our 250,000 alumni?

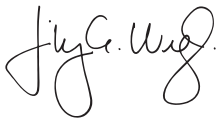
Enter Vox Alumni, a new initiative of the Alumni Association, designed to do that and more. The name is a play on the Latin phrase *vox populi* ("voice of the people"), and it is a reaffi ation of that part of our mission I just mentioned, to represent your voice.

Vox Alumni has two goals. The first builds on the Alumni Association's role as an indispensable conduit for you to share your views on important UVA issues. Some of that will come at your prompting, as you make use of the more-robust ways we're developing for you to talk to us. Some of the dialogues will start with our reaching out to you.

Vox Alumni's second goal is to use our unique expertise and relationship with alumni to provide you, University leaders and the Association itself deeper, more textured, and actionable insights. We aim not just to gather more input but also to turn what we hear into something more powerful and productive.

I hope that the special report inside this issue of *Virginia Magazine* is just the beginning of a much longer conversation with you, our alumni. We look forward to listening to and learning from you as we continue to bring Vox Alumni to life.

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CLASSES STAY OPEN WITH MASK, VAX MANDATES

BY ED MILLER

By the start of classes, nearly all students were vaccinated.

DAN ADDISON

With vaccines mandatory for students and expected for faculty and staff, and masks required in public spaces indoors, UVA's fall semester carried hopes that something approaching normalcy could be sustained, despite the threat posed by the delta variant of the coronavirus.

Students sat shoulder-to-shoulder on the Lawn for opening convocation in August. The virtual learning of 2020 gave way to in-person classes. Fans floc ed back to Scott Stadium.

Extended twice, the mask mandate remained in effect throughout the seme ter.

"Unfortunately, while cases within the UVA community remain low, the high prevalence of the delta variant in Central Virginia is straining health care resources in the Charlottesville-Albemarle region," Provost **M. Elizabeth "Liz" Magill (Law '95)** and chief operating officer Jennifer "J.J." Wagner Davis said in announcing the extension.

UVA also required that spectators at John Paul Jones Arena provide either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test before entering the venue.

"This requirement, along with our indoor mask requirement, will provide added assurance that UVA basketball games, concerts and other events at JPJ will not be sources of significant community spread," Magill and Davis said.

UVA announced a vaccine mandate for students in May. At the start of fall semester, more than 96 percent of students had been vaccinated. Forty-nine students who failed to meet the vaccine →

requirement were disenrolled, and an additional 335 students were granted exemptions for medical or religious reasons. Students who planned to get shots after arriving on Grounds were granted temporary waivers.

Vaccinations were a key component of UVA's strategy for returning to in-person learning and other activities, President **James E. Ryan (Law '92)** said at a town hall in August.

"We are in a much better and much diffe - ent position than we were last year, primarily because of the vaccines and the extraordinarily high vaccination rate in our community," he said. "This means we can return in person to classes, activities, sporting events and research labs as we have been planning to do in the fall semester, with the residential experiences that are at the heart of this university."

All academic division faculty and staff were expected to be vaccinated, and vaccinations were required for UVA Health employees. Weekly testing was required for any student or employee who is not fully vaccinated and did not receive an exemption, such as for fully remote work or for having recently had COVID.

The masking policy applies to academic and administrative buildings, dining halls, libraries, labs, and recreational facilities, regardless of vaccination status. It does not cover dormitories or private housing.

Masks could come off outdoors at sporting venues, which reopened without capacity limits. At Scott Stadium, masks were required in interior public spaces such as restrooms, suites and elevators.

Social distancing requirements and limits on gathering—in place throughout the 2020–21 academic year—were dropped.

As of Oct. 12, there were 51 active cases of COVID on Grounds, 30 of them among students. There had been 662 cases in the fall semester. The seven-day average of new cases was seven through Oct. 9.

UVA reported 1,949 cases in the spring 2021 semester. The weekly peak occurred in February, with a seven-day average of 113 new cases.



DAN ADDISON



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Top: **University official turn over ceremonial shovelfuls of dirt to commence the construction process on the School of Data Science.**
Above: **The school, at the corner of Emmet Street and Ivy Road, is forecast to open in two years.**

Rumblings at Emmet-Ivy

Crews have begun building the bones of what UVA leaders envision will become a vital connector between Central Grounds and North Grounds on the northwest corner of Emmet Street and Ivy Road. The work is part of a massive, years-long plan to transform the 14.5 acres, once home to the Cavalier Inn and a collection of other businesses and UVA properties, into a new gateway for UVA.

This fall, workers were constructing sidewalks, placing underground utilities, and creating tree lawns and bike lanes along Ivy Road.

"It's going to be a game changer for the entire neighborhood and the community to have academic buildings, a center for the arts, and the hotel and conference center," says Alice Raucher, University architect. "The whole district is going to be a place for the broader Charlottesville community as well as the University community to come together."

The first buildings are expected to open in about two years. Officials oke ground for the four-story School of Data Science in early October; construction is forecast to take 24 months. Raucher expects to break ground on the 215-room hotel and 26,000-square-foot conference center in early 2022. The first visitors might be checking in in two to 21/2 years.

Construction of the Karsh Institute of Democracy, which will collaborate with other programs on Grounds on issues facing democracy, likely won't begin for another two years; it could open by early 2026. A $50 million gift from arts patron Tessa Ader in September kicked off fforts for the performing arts center, which will feature concert and recital halls.

"It's really an extraordinary moment for the University, just to make the University's Grounds plan more cohesive, more connected," Raucher says. ***—Sarah Lindenfeld Hall***



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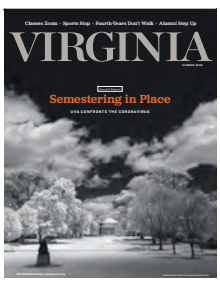
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9 Honors for *VM*

Virginia Magazine has received nine national honors this year for design and editorial excellence.

The fall 2020 special issue, "Women at UVA: What Took So Long," won best Design Full Issue in the magazine industry's Folio: Eddie & Ozzie Awards, recognizing Creative Director Steve Hedberg's vision, London illustrator Eleanor Shakespeare's distinctive photomontages, and the talents of graphic designers Xander Houff and Sarah Barton.



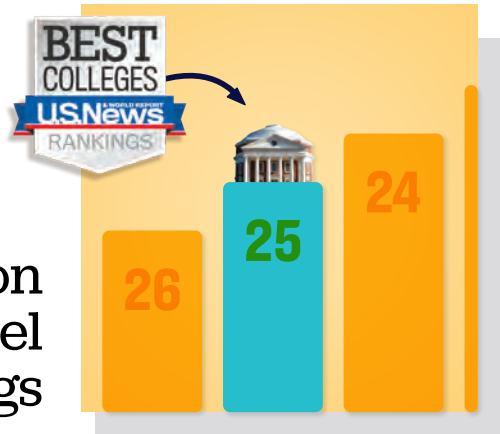


The content made the finals for best Full Issue, a tribute to the editorial team, including Managing Editor Judy Le.

The issue's cover story, "Not Without a Fight," won best Feature Design. That piece, new reporting by Editor **Richard Gard (Col '81)** on the federal litigation that forced UVA's hand on coeducation, was a finalist for Investigative Journalism. Earlier, it won Gold for Feature Writing in the CASE Circle of Excellence Awards for higher education publications.

Associate Editor Ed Miller was a Folio: Eddie finalist for Range of Work by a Single Author, which included his UVA Pep Band cover story, "Died Laughing."

Hedberg won an Ozzie Award for Overall Art Direction for a full year's worth of work in *Virginia Magazine*. Summer 2020's special issue, "Semestering in Place," was an Ozzie finalist for Hedberg's Cover Design and for Photography, contributor Andrew Shurtleff's use of infrared.



Graduation rates propel UVA in rankings

Two years after tumbling out of *U.S. News & World Report*'s list of the nation's top 25 universities and top three public universities, UVA is back in one of those slots, tying with Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for No. 25 in the publication's 2022 Best Colleges rankings, released in September.

UVA remains the fourth-best public university, behind the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of California, Berkeley; and the University of Michigan.

Exactly how much college rankings matter to potential applicants isn't clear. The same year UVA dropped to No. 28 on the 2020 list, application numbers soared to historic levels.

UVA scored best in graduation and retention rates. Here's how the University fared in some of the top categories that make up the final score .

Graduation and retention rates (counts for 22 percent of ranking score): UVA shone in this category, tying with multiple top-25 schools, including Yale, at No. 11. "As always, UVA performed especially well on the ranking factor for how well schools retain and graduate their bachelor's degree-seeking students," wrote Eric Brooks, principal data analyst at *U.S. News* in an email to *Virginia Magazine*.

Faculty resources (20 percent): This category considers class size and faculty salary, among other factors. UVA tied with Michigan for No. 37.

Undergraduate academic reputation (20 percent): For this category, administrators at peer institutions rated each school's academic reputation. Out of 5 total points, UVA earned 4.3.

Financial resources (10 percent): In this calculation of average spending per student, UVA came in at No. 41, tying with Michigan.

Student selectivity (7 percent): Factoring in students' standardized test scores and high school standings, UVA tied with Berkeley at No. 24.

Social mobility (5 percent): This category measures the graduation rates of students who receive federal Pell Grants, which are designed for students with exceptional financial need. Out of 391 schools ranked on social mobility, UVA came in at No. 297, tying with Michigan. UVA scored poorly in this category in part because a smaller number of the entering student body—about 13 percent—had received Pell Grants as compared with some other public schools, Brooks wrote.

In other rankings of undergraduate programs from *U.S. News*, UVA's business programs tied at No. 8, nursing at No. 10 and engineering at No. 36 among national universities. Among UVA's graduate schools, the Law School was No. 8, the Darden School of Business tied for No. 13 and the Medical School came in at No. 31.

In the *Wall Street Journal*'s 2022 College Rankings List, UVA landed at No. 55 among all colleges, down from No. 51 last year, and dropped to No. 12 from No. 10 among public institutions. The rankings consider student outcomes, academic spending, student engagement, and the diversity of the student body and academic staff.

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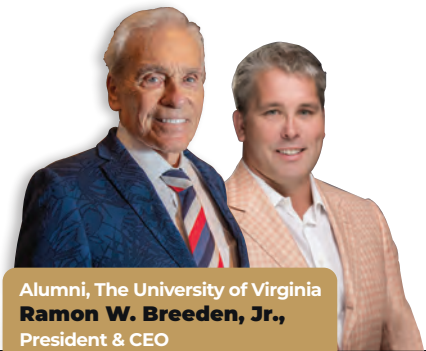




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EMPATHY IS THE SKILL THAT KEEPS GROWING

BY CAROLINE KETTLEWELL

Teenagers who have secure attachments in family relationships "pay it forward" in showing empathy and support for close friends. But even those teens who lack secure family attachments can catch up with their more securely attached peers by late adolescence, demonstrating that empathy is a skill that can be developed and strengthened with practice.

These finding , recently published in the journal *Child Development*, come from the Adolescence Research Group lab in UVA's psychology department, where a long-term study tracked development in a cohort of participants from the early teen years through adulthood.

Jessica Stern, a postdoctoral fellow in the lab and lead author for the study, explains that children feel securely attached when they are confident they will receive care and support from a caregiver, particularly in moments of stress. Secure attachment lays the groundwork for social and emotional health and well-being in adolescence and adulthood as well as greater social competence, which becomes particularly important in the teen years as peer relationships play an increasingly significant role

In the study, researchers interviewed 14-year-olds about their family relationships and then used an established tool to assess attachment. At ages 16, 17 and 18, the teens were invited to the lab with a close friend to talk about a problem the friend wanted help with.

The research confirmed that securely attached teens showed greater empathy with their friends. But the "hopeful story," Stern says, is that less securely attached teens who started off showing less empathy at age 16 and 17 had "fully caught up to their more secure peers" by the age of 18, suggesting the power of positive peer relationships to support healthy development. "You can't choose your family, but you can choose your friends," Stern says.

The important takeaway, Stern says, is that empathy is "like a muscle" that strengthens with use. For caregivers, she adds, it's important to remember that "it's never too late to build a good relationship with your teen, and teens actually pay forward what you show them."

YUKE LI

Combined therapies show promise against childhood cancer

A combination of therapies may be effective in treating patients with the most common form of childhood cancer, when that cancer has returned after treatment or hasn't responded to treatment. That's the finding in a recent study from researchers including UVA pediatric oncologist Dr. Daniel "Trey" Lee. The study looked at 50 young patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia who had received CAR T-cell therapy, in which a patient's own immune cells are modified to attack cancer cells. While the therapy leads to remission for 60 to 100 percent of patients, the relapse rate can be extremely high. In the study, however, when patients went on to receive a stem-cell transplant from a donor, only 9.5 percent experienced relapse within 24 months. By contrast, all the patients achieving remission with CAR T-cell therapy alone had relapsed within that time.



YUKE LI

DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, PTSD PLAGUE COAL MINERS

A recent study by UVA pulmonologist Drew Harris has found "astronomically high" rates of depression, anxiety and PTSD among patients at the southwest Virginia miner's lung disease clinic where Harris serves as medical director. The clinic serves mostly retired and disabled former miners from central Appalachia, where there are growing instances of progressive and debilitating lung disease from exposure to coal and rock dust in the mines. As part of a holistic approach to care, the clinic screens every patient for mental health issues, and these screenings have revealed rates of mental health problems that are "orders of magnitude higher than what we would expect to see," including PTSD from witnessing or experiencing traumatic accidents in the mines, he says. Pointing out that mental health is an important contributor to quality of life, Harris says, "We need to think about creative ways to bring more mental health resources to coal miners and to Appalachia in general."

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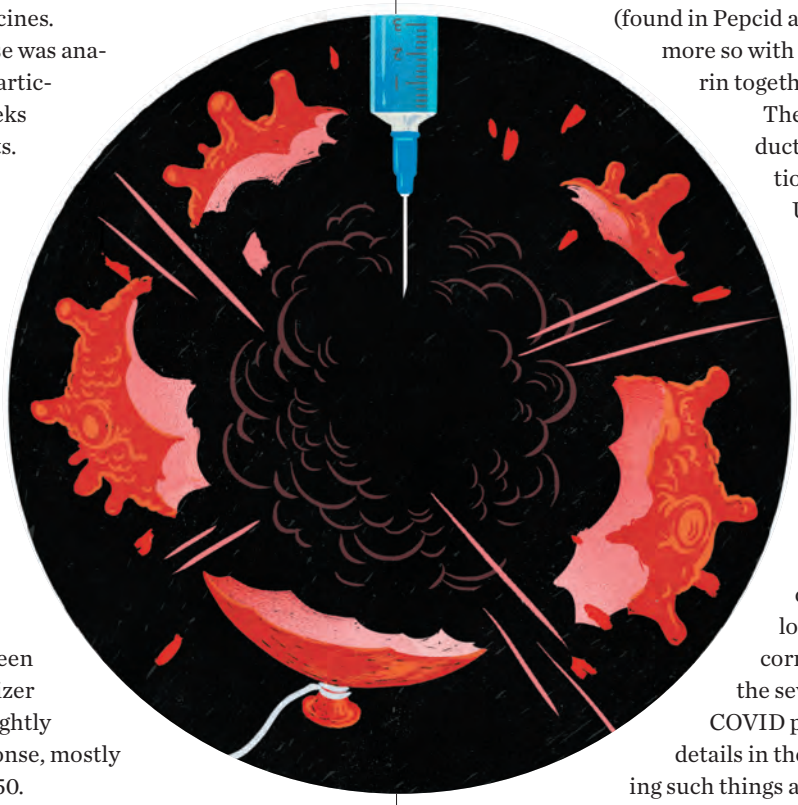
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Moderna vaccine's antibodies slightly edge out P zer's

After the remarkable development of effecti e COVID-19 vaccines last year, scientists are helping to refine under tanding of the shots' real-world performance. At UVA's School of Medicine, researchers performed a head-to-head comparison of antibody response to the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines.

Antibody response was analyzed for 167 study participants about two weeks after the second shots. The results showed that on average "both vaccines elicited pretty high amounts of antibody," says assistant professor of allergy and immunology Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, corresponding author on the study. However, he adds, there was a "statistically significant difference b tween the two," with the Pfizer vaccine eliciting a slightly lower antibody response, mostly in participants over 50.



But whether these differences result in different outcomes among vaccinated individ - als is unknown. And the fact that in their study the differing antibody response as found in older participants "prompts the suggestion that you need to look at subgroups in the population" to determine if one or the other vaccine would be better for those groups. Nevertheless, Wilson stresses, despite the subtle differences found in antibody le els, "at this point we still fully endorse both of these vaccines."

Data science nds new potential COVID treatments

Could a common over-the-counter antacid be a potential treatment for COVID-19? An analysis of data in some 23,000 health records from more than 30 countries has shown that the odds of progressing to severe outcomes of COVID-19 appear to be diminished for people taking the drug famotidine (found in Pepcid and Zantac), and even more so with famotidine and aspirin together.

The research, conducted by an international team including UVA School of Data Science Dean Phil Bourne and senior scientist Cameron Mura, used data science tools to sift through the vast trove of information contained in the health records. The large volume of data allowed them to look for any possible correlations between the severity of illness in COVID patients and other details in their records, including such things as age, weight, medications they take or where they live.

The scientists stress that the results from their research are not conclusive and would need to be confirmed through clinical trial . Nevertheless, this work demonstrates the potential for large-scale data to transform the future of medicine by being able to sort through enormous volumes of information to reveal unexpected connections and serendipitous discoveries. "It's a very large haystack," Bourne says, "but there are a lot of needles, too."

—Stories by Caroline Kettlewell

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VOX ALUMNI

SPECIAL REPORT





We mapped the views of alumni across a 50-year timeline of class years. The results should deepen your understanding. They may also upend it. *By Richard Gard*

It can be tempting to make assumptions about the views of University of Virginia alumni—that by and large they're rock-ribbed in their support of the Honor System, unflinching in their defense of Thomas Jefferson, and wistful in their remembrance of the professors who changed their lives; that older alumni are political conservatives, younger alumni liberals and, ask any of them, that UVA was a heckuva lot more fun back in the day.

Some of those stereotypes have elements of truth. Most get more wrong than right. None begins to capture the values and perspectives of UVA's 250,000 living alumni. We can say this because we conducted a survey of undergraduate alumni in August and September to test these and other assumptions.

It's the inaugural project of Vox Alumni, a multifaceted Alumni Association initiative aimed at developing a more contoured understanding of alumni views and concerns and, in turn, sharing the resulting insights with you and University leaders.

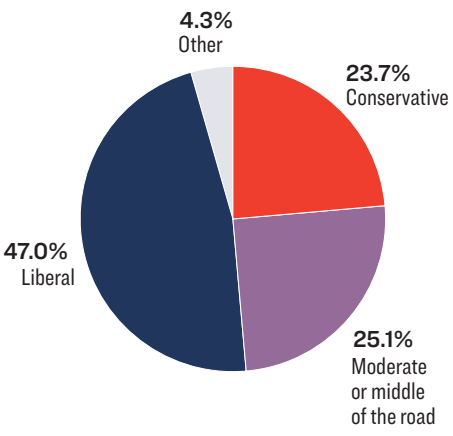
For this fir t foray, we kept things broad. We surveyed across a range of topics on the student experience (such as professors and social life) and on present-day perceptions (the state of Honor, the founder's proper place). Critical to the quest for contour, we mapped responses across a 50-year continuum of class years, sampling classes fi e years apart—1970, 1975, 1980, and so on through 2020. We analyzed the timeline to see how, and when, attitudes have shifted over time, and which values have transcended it. →

For a sidebar analysis, we also surveyed the Class of 2019, the last pre-pandemical Wahoos. We used them as a benchmark to test for a possible COVID effect on the school spirit of the graduates who came after them, the Class of 2020. It's a phenomenon larger than UVA, of course, as were the generational and ideological differences that came through in the survey. As particular as we made our survey to the idiosyncrasies of the University, the findings could well inform larger conversations taking place in higher ed.

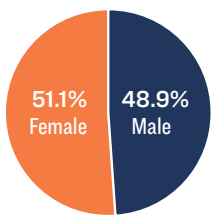
In developing the survey, and in analyzing the results, we consulted with Kara Fitzgibbon, director of the Center for Survey Research within UVA's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. We averaged 110 participants per class, 1,319 in total, representing a 5.3 percent response rate. The survey carries a +/-2.7 percent margin of error overall at the 95 percent level of confidence

The composite

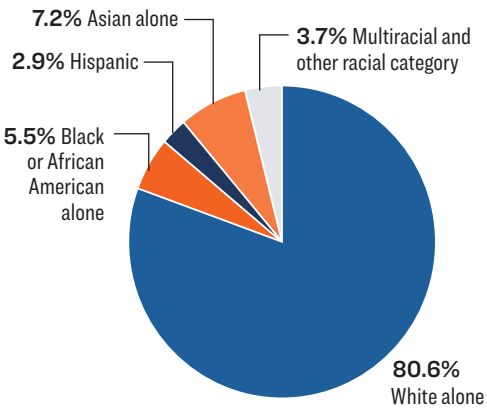
Political orientation of respondents



Gender of respondents



Race, ethnicity of respondents



NOTE: Proportions shown reflect those who answered the question. Though we invited respondents to offer alternative descriptions, none of those identifiers was statistically significant to be included here.

Feeling the Love, Measuring It

For all the multipart questions we dished out, all the gradations of scoring we imposed, all the hot-button topics we placed in their paths, participants consistently found ways to express their deep and abiding love of UVA. When we asked them to rate their overall student experience, 94 percent selected a score of "favorable" or "highly favorable," global positivity. When we asked the more complicated question of how they viewed present-day UVA, the positive response came to a stout 82 percent, with the gap between past experience and present perception wider the longer ago the class year, an early indicator of some of the generational disagreement that showed up elsewhere in the survey.

A particularly revealing question asked alumni to assess how today's UVA is doing in 18 different areas. For each, we gave them three choices: UVA needs to do more, UVA goes too far, or UVA gets it right. It was our Goldilocks question, only instead of applying it to hot or cold porridge, we took their temperature on things like "maintaining academic rigor" and "striving for athletic competitiveness," and on more fraught propositions, like "honoring Thomas Jefferson," paired with a separate line item for "viewing Jefferson more critically." We tossed participants a similarly two-sided coin that asked them to assess UVA's "openness to considering conservative ideas" and, separately, "openness to considering progressive ideas."

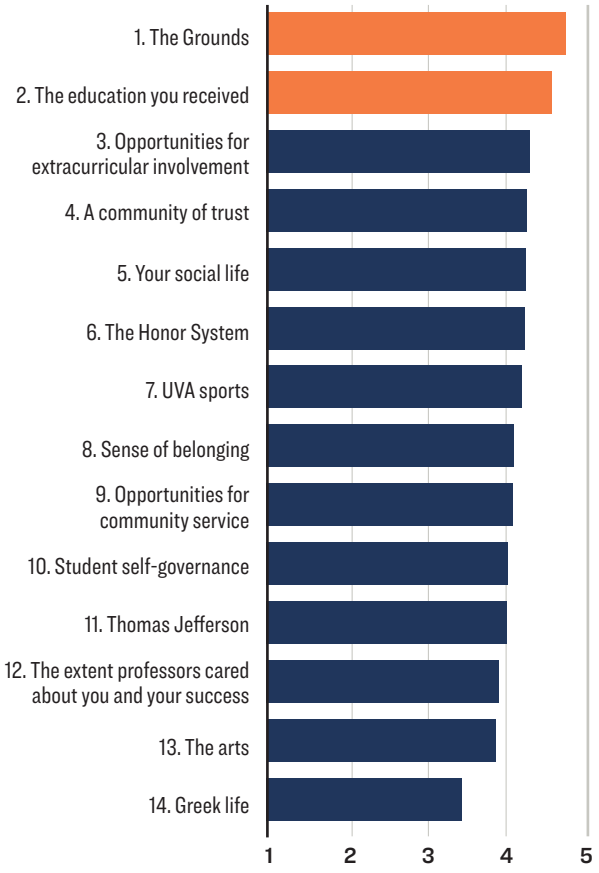
For 14 out of the 18 topics, majorities said "UVA gets it right." Even for the four remaining topics, a plurality concurred in UVA's current approach.

Our question listing various elements of the student experience returned the least surprising answers of the survey—and one of the most surprising. We asked participants to rank 14 different aspects of student life on a 5-point scale, from highly favorable down to highly unfavorable. Getting the highest mean score among the class years, at 4.74, was the Grounds. Of course it was. A similarly predictable and reaffirmin second, at 4.56, was "the education you received."

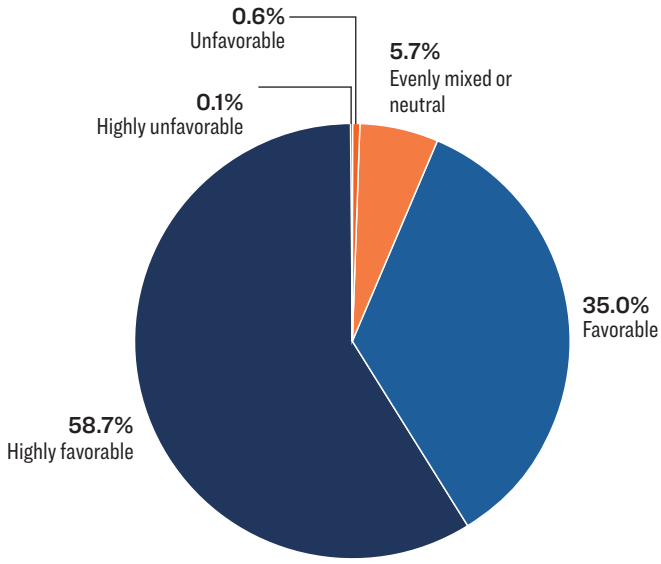
What should have logically followed from that didn't. Those special professor-student mentorships, long regarded as a key ingredient in the UVA secret sauce, turned out to be, to mix metaphors and menu items, a nothing burger.

By the numbers

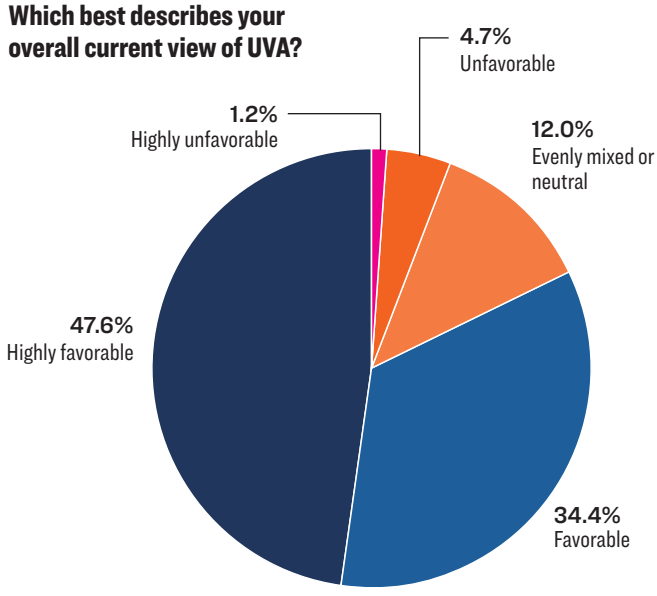
When you look back at your time as a student, how favorably do you remember the following aspects of UVA life?
Average favorability score on a scale of 1-5



Which best describes your overall experience as a UVA student?



Which best describes your overall current view of UVA?



"Professors who cared about you and your success" ranked 12th on our list of 14 at 3.90, barely above the arts and, in last place, Greek life, which only about a third of our sample would have experienced directly anyway. That's not to say those legends of the classroom, renowned for caring about their students outside its walls, too, don't make up a valued part of the student experience. They just had to take their place toward the back of the line.

Something else unexpected in the survey: student social life—specifically that today's students have one, and that it can more than hold its own against the bygone Easters era. We included the question in the survey to test the hypothesis that as UVA has gotten more selective, academic and career pressures more intense, and the zeitgeist more serious, that the good times would have to give. The survey's more recent graduates crushed that theory like an empty beer can.

Forty-three percent of the older cohort (1990 and earlier) remember their social lives highly favorably, vs. a slightly higher 47 percent among more recent graduates. Combine "highly favorably" with plain "favorably," and the responses jump to 83 percent for older alumni, vs. a still higher 86 percent for younger ones.

An important landmark in the results: Throughout the survey, the early 1990s seemed to be the continental divide in sensibilities, with alumni from 1970 through 1990 generally tending toward one side of an issue and those from 1995 through 2020 leaning toward the other. Bear in mind, too, that the more recent cohort represents a larger portion of the alumni population than do the earlier classes, almost twice as large, class sizes having more than tripled since 1970.

On to more difficult subject m ter. On to Honor.



Honor's Long Slide

When we set out to survey on the Honor System, we suspected we might detect a decline in passion among the most recent classes. We didn't expect to see a 50-year decline.

The trend line of those remembering Honor as a highly favorable aspect of their student experience starts at a peak of 78 percent within our sampling of the Class of 1970. Then it heads down the slope, shedding several percentage points with the Class of 1975 and several more with 1980. When it schusses past that critical 1990 gate, highly favorable dips below 50 percent and continues its descent, into the 40s, then the 30s, before bottoming at 20 percent among the Class of 2020.

Combining "highly favorable" with "favorable" bolsters Honor's performance across the class years but doesn't reverse the downward trend. A nearly unanimous 96 percent of the Class of 1970 consider the Honor System a positive part of their student experience. That tapers over 50 years to 51 percent, a slim majority of goodwill among the Class of 2020.

The survey indicated a political dynamic to how one regards the Honor System, whether looking back to student days or appraising the present. We asked respondents if they'd be comfortable telling us their political orientation, and more than 98 percent obliged. The older classes have the highest percentages of self-described conservatives (we offered choices of "slightly conservative," "conservative" and "very conservative")—but liberals (similarly offered three shades of intensity) outnumber them in every cohort of the survey, including the earliest, except for the Class of 1985. The Class of 1970 identifies as 37 percent conservative and 38 percent liberal. That one-point gap widens considerably along the survey's timeline, with liberals claiming increasingly larger majorities starting in 2005.

Overall, the survey results showed this half-century span of alumni to consist of 47 percent liberals, 24 percent conservatives, 25 percent self-described (and self-defined) moderates, and 4 percent other, a grab bag that included different varieties of libertarians, alternatively fiscal and social conservatives, classical liberals, progressives who eschewed the term "liberal," a socialist, a communist, and a self-proclaimed Jeffersonian

Overlaying right and left affiliation onto our Honor System questions showed the Honor System's strong conservative appeal. Sixty-seven percent of conservatives considered the Honor System a highly favorable part of their student life, compared with 41 percent of liberals. Combining "highly favorable" with "favorable" brings the political rivals closer together; 89 percent of conservatives consider the Honor System to have been a positive part of their student experience, as do 76 percent of liberals.

Ultimately, views came down to priorities. For our Goldilocks questions—UVA needs to do more, goes too far, or gets it right—we asked respondents to indicate how important a subject area was for UVA to get right. When we ranked results by each topic's mean score (averaging the full range of answers from highly important to not important on a scale of 1 to 5), older and younger alumni agreed on the top three priorities—maintain academic rigor fir t (4.80), encourage a sense of ethics and integrity second (4.70), and create a community of trust third (4.59).

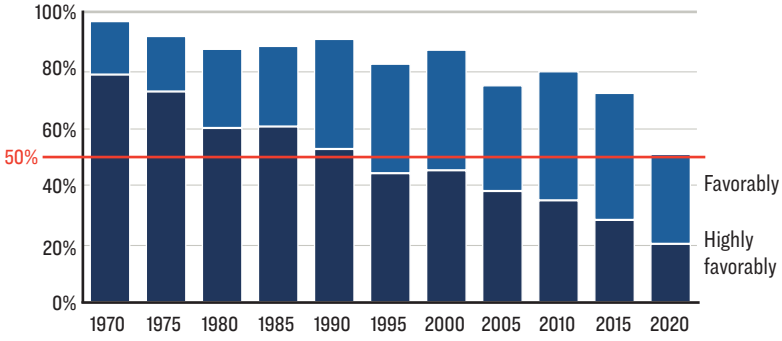
It's the fourth priority where the generations diverged. The older classes, 1970 through 1990, rallied around upholding the Honor System as No. 4. The more recent classes, 1995 through 2020, relegated it to No. 8. The No. 4 priority for the under-50 crowd: "Fostering student work/life balance, general well-being." Older alumni dropped that to sixth place.

Our query about the importance of UVA's "Working toward diversity, equity, and inclusion," known as DEI, produced the biggest disparity in rank-order priorities between older and younger classes. The more recent classes put that at No. 6, based on mean scores. The less recent cohort dispatched it to No. 13 on the list of 18. In fact, if you chart the "highly important" scores for upholding the Honor System and DEI along the same class-year axis, the inversely related trend lines etch a giant X of disagreement. Honor, as a priority, starts at 82 percent for

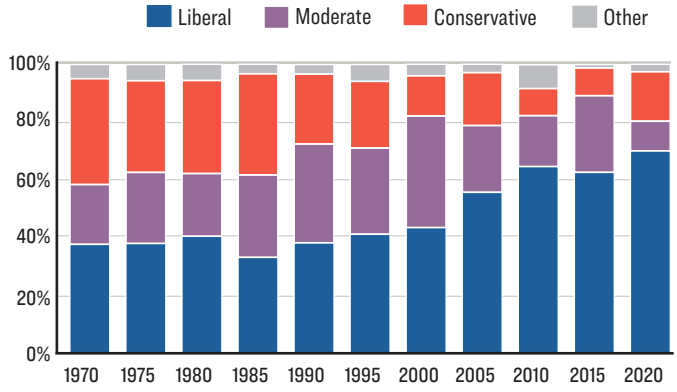
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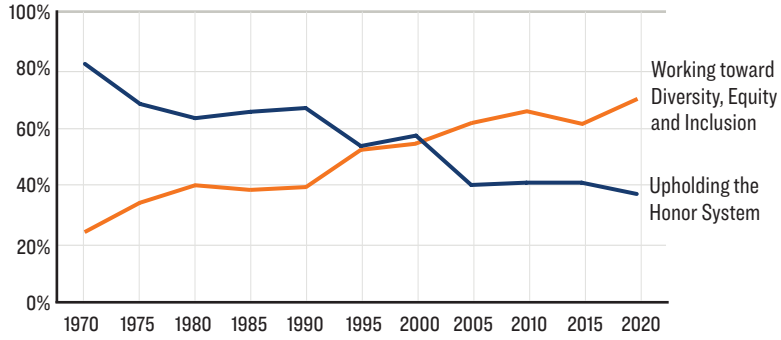
When you look back at your time as a student, how favorably do you remember the Honor System?



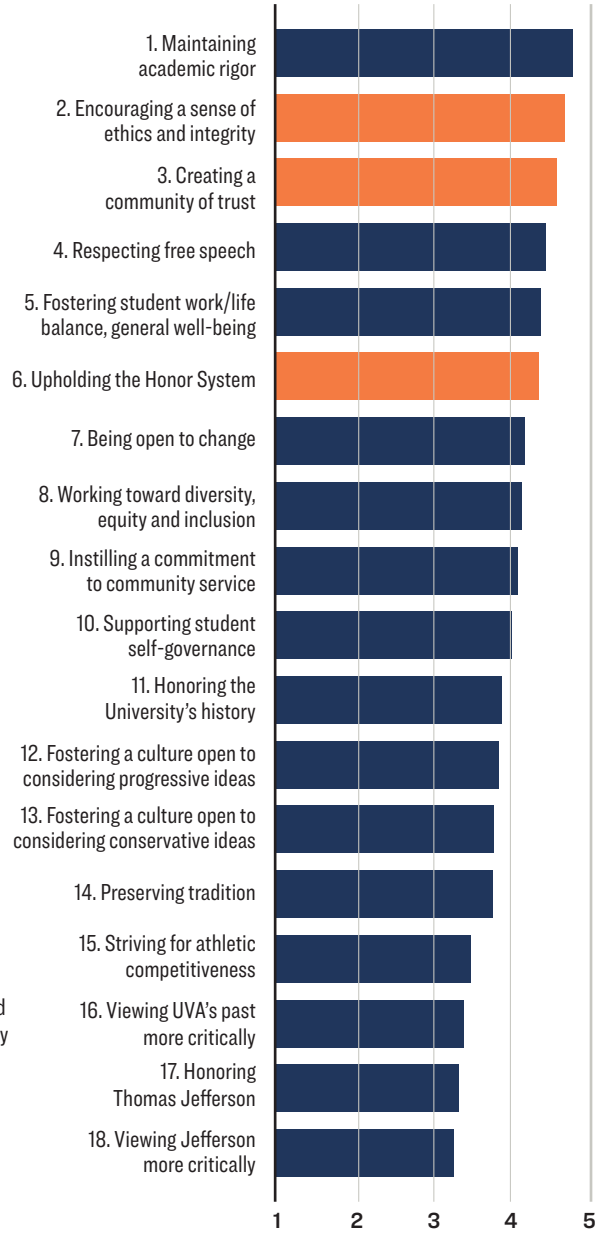
How would you describe your political orientation?



Percentage of class that says it's highly important that UVA get this right



For each area, please rate how important you think it is that UVA get it right.
Average importance score on a scale of 1-5

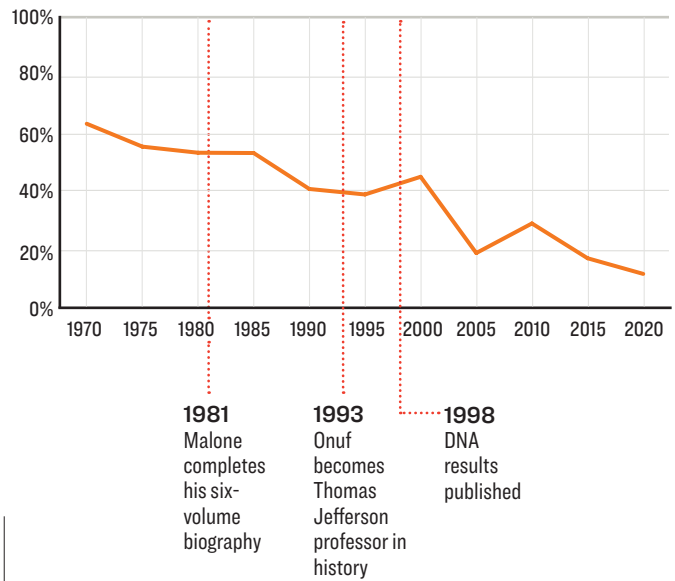


the 1970 cohort and plummets to 37 percent for 2020; DEI starts at 24 percent high importance for 1970 and climbs to 70 percent among the 2020 group. It's a study in diverging generational sensibilities.

Another takeaway: Support for the ideals of Honor has never flag ed. The breakdown occurs when you start talking about the regulatory apparatus charged with fulfilling them, "the System." Our polling on the importance of "ethics and integrity" and "community of trust" was just a surrogate means of asking about the Honor System without mentioning it by name. Those concepts are, after all, the defining principles of UVA Honor and, again, the No. 2 and No. 3 priority vote-getters, close behind maintaining academic standards. But pose the question as "Upholding the Honor System," and its support drops to sixth place. Such a cognitive chasm between Honor's ideals and its operations, between the mission and the machinery, would seem to indicate issues beyond semantics.

The Jefferson Regression

Percentage of each class that remembered Thomas Jefferson highly favorably



Views of Jefferson generally correlate to graduation era and, in turn, the prevailing Jefferson scholarship of the time, following the trend an earlier *Virginia Magazine* story (Winter 2019) called "The Jefferson Progression." The downward slope of Jefferson s favorability scores among the class years presents a Jefferson regression

Class years 1970 to 1985 give Jefferson the largest percentages of highly favorable scores in our student-experience questions. That coincides with the dominance of Dumas Malone and Merrill D. Peterson in the field and on the history faculty, eminent biographers and proponents of the public Jefferson the founding father and great statesman. By the Class of 1990, as a more critical assessment of Jefferson continued to gain scholarly and popular sway, highly favorable was no longer the majority alumni view. UVA would soon become a leading center of that approach with the 1993 arrival of Peter S. Onuf, who succeeded Peterson as holder of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation chair in the history department. Jefferson's "highly favorable" score takes a dramatic drop with the Class of 2005. They took their degrees during the reappraisal of Jefferson that gained momentum in the years after the 1998 publication of DNA results that, coupled with a growing body of circumstantial evidence, made Jefferson's paternity of his enslaved servant Sally Hemings' children the widely accepted view.



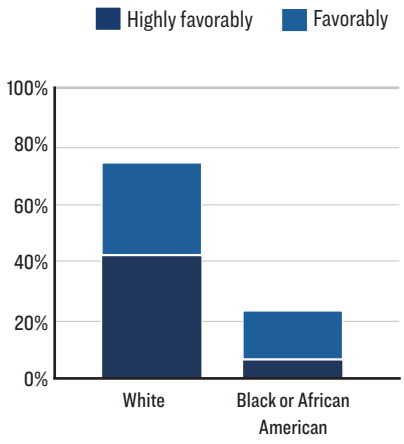
Read more about historians' evolving views of Thomas Jefferson at **uvamag.com/jeffersonprogression**

Jefferson produced the starkest racial divide in the survey. Only 24 percent of African American respondents regard him as a positive aspect of their college experience, compared with 75 percent of white alumni. The two groups moved closer together when we inquired about present-day UVA's honoring of Thomas Jefferson. Majorities of both Black and white alumni agreed that the University "gets it right." They disagreed about viewing Jefferson more critically. Sixty percent of Black alumni said UVA needs to do more. About half of white respondents said UVA gets things right, with the other half almost evenly divided between whether UVA needs to do more or goes too far. We should note that only 62 participants identified as Black alone, which is a relatively small count, but all reported relationships were still found to be statistically significant at the 95 percent le el of confidence.

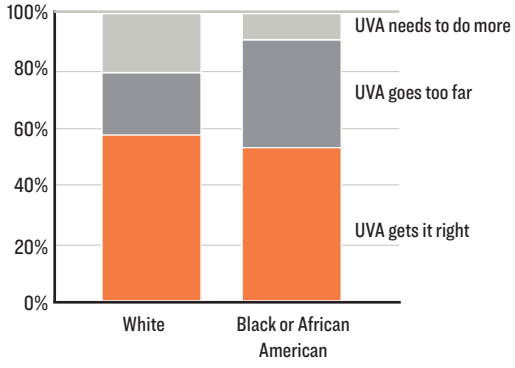
Similar to the pattern we saw with the Honor System, views of the founder break down along political lines. In our student experience set of questions, 68 percent of conservatives remember Jeff rson as a highly favorable aspect of their student life, vs. 22 percent of liberals. Combining "highly favorable" with "favorable" rallies the conservatives to 93 percent positivity, compared with 55 percent for liberals.

That question whether UVA needs to do more (or goes too far) in "honoring Thomas Jefferson," rendered more muted political differences. Close to half of conservatives, 45 percent, agree with the 57 percent of liberals who say that UVA gets honoring Thomas Jefferson right. It's the remainder who sharply disagree, with 52 percent of conservatives (generally those closer to the "very conservative" pole) saying UVA needs to do more and 40 percent of liberals (also generally the harder-core ideologues) saying UVA goes too far.

How favorably do you remember Thomas Jefferson as an aspect of UVA life?



How well is UVA doing in honoring Thomas Jefferson?



We evoked slightly sharper disagreement when we posed the corollary proposition, asking how UVA is doing in "viewing Jefferson more critically." Fifty-seven percent of conservatives said UVA goes too far here, which 49 percent of liberals countered by saying UVA needs to do more. This was one of those four out of 18 areas of the survey where UVA fell short of getting a majority willing to say that it gets things right.

Still, a plurality, a coalition among 47 percent of the liberals, 37 percent of the conservatives and more than half of everyone else, approve of UVA's current posture. And just about everyone participating in the survey agrees that mediating how best to regard Thomas Jefferson ranks at the bottom of the priorities list. Only 14 percent of all political persuasions combined consider viewing Jefferson more critically as something highly important for UVA to get right, last on our list of 18. The glass-half-full version of that question, about the importance of honoring Jefferson, finished second to l t.

Left and Right

We used the survey's Goldilocks questions to probe perceptions about UVA's ideological open-mindedness, a subject of fierce concern among higher education critics and an impetus behind the University's newly adopted principles of free speech and academic freedom. We asked alumni for their impression of UVA's openness to considering conservative ideas and, in a tandem question, its openness to progressive ideas.

Being open to conservative ideas ranked as the No. 1 area where UVA needs to do more, yet that wasn't the prevailing view.

We struck a nerve. On our list of 18 topics, openness to conservative ideas ranked as the No. 1 area where UVA needs to do more, though that wasn't the prevailing view on the subject. Consistent with other survey patterns, it is of greater concern among the older classes than the younger: An average 55 percent across the class years 1970 to 1990 want UVA to be more hospitable to ideas on the right—but as many as 32 percent of the 1995 to 2020 cohort agreed with them. It made for an average of 42 percent saying UVA tilts too far left.

That view persisted in the comments section of the survey, including the dozen-plus instances of alumni articulating their frustration through various conjugations of the word "woke." That said, a silent plurality of 47 percent assesses "openness to conservative ideas" as one more endeavor that UVA gets right.

Openness to progressive ideas polled as the No. 1 area where UVA goes too far, but the passions didn't show up as strongly. Forty-three percent of the older classes say UVA needs to rein in its progressivism, joined by 18 percent of the younger cohort, contributing to an average of 30 percent saying UVA goes too far. Among the more recent class years, "gets it right" is the predominant view, racking up 63 percent affirmation. And that's the majority view across all classes, accumulating 56 percent support.

Minority Experience

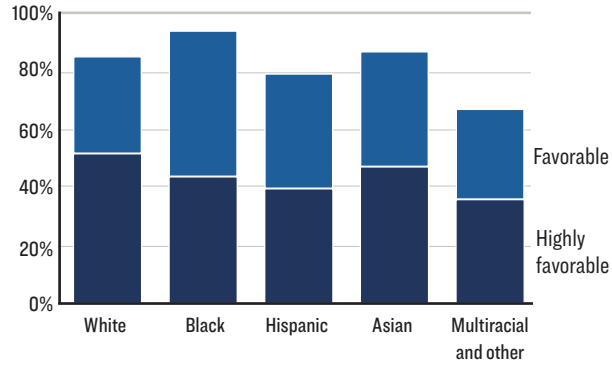
Our participant pool was 81 percent white, 6 percent Black, 3 percent Hispanic, 7 percent Asian and 4 percent multiracial or other. Though within margin-of-error and statistical confidence tolerances, the minority categories had relatively low headcounts.

All racial and ethnic alumni groups view present-day UVA favorably, with Black alumni at the high end, 94 percent saying they view the University favorably or highly favorably, compared with 85 percent of white alumni. Multiracial alumni fell at the low end with 67 percent positivity. When we compared just the top rating of highly favorable, it rendered an 8-point gap between the bullishness of white alumni at 51 percent and all others at 43 percent.

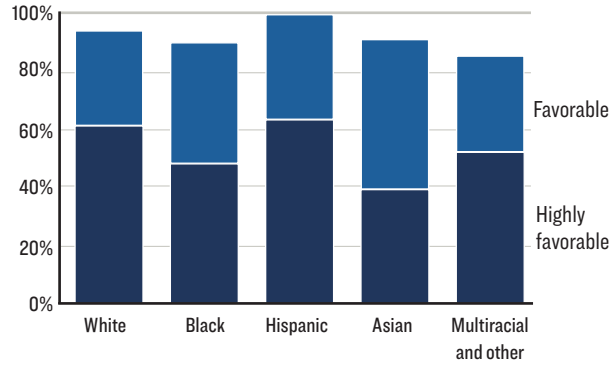
A similar pattern emerged when we surveyed alumni on how they remember their student experience. Among minority alumni, 90 percent of Black alumni, 91 percent of Asian alumni and 100 percent of Hispanic alumni rated their overall student experience as favorable or highly favorable, compared with 94 percent of white alumni. But minority alumni were less inclined to give out the top grade of "highly favorable." Compared with the 62 percent of white and 64 percent of Hispanic alumni who remember college life highly favorably, only 48 percent of African American and 40 percent of Asian alumni were willing to go that far. Fifty-two percent of alumni who identified as multiracial or other opted for "highly favorable."

When we asked about sense of belonging as UVA students, the survey showed high positivity but also racial disparity. Eighty-two percent of white alumni rated their sense of fitting in highly favorably or favorably, vs. 71 percent for the other categories combined. Asian alumni had the lowest percentage of a highly favorable sense of belonging at 22 percent, whites the highest at 38 percent. In between are multiracial alumni at 33 percent and Black alumni at 29 percent.

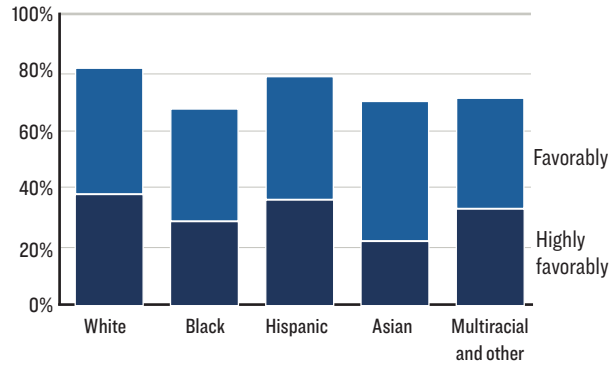
What best describes your overall current view of UVA?



What best describes your overall experience as a UVA student?



How favorably do you remember your sense of belonging?



Women at UVA

A year ago *Virginia Magazine* devoted a special issue (Fall 2020) to the story of coeducation at UVA—the 1969 lawsuit that stopped the foot-dragging on granting women full undergraduate admission, some of the hostility undergraduate women faced during those fir t few years, and the fairly rapid ramp-up to enrolling equal numbers of men and women. Echoes of that history showed up when we analyzed survey results by gender, women making up 51 percent of our statistical sample.

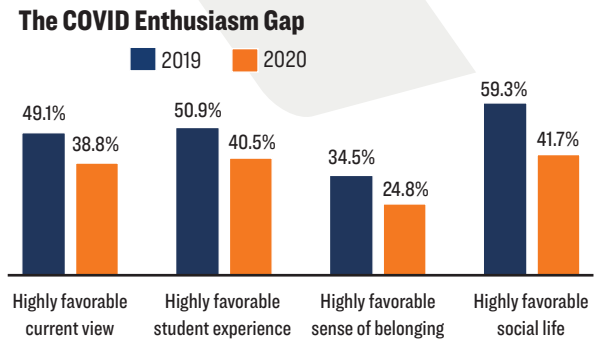
Women from the Class of 1970, who wouldn't have had benefit of the federal court order, and so whose undergraduate presence was limited, registered a 55 percent positive sense of belonging, compared with 85 percent for men. That deficit narrows substantially by 1975, with 75 percent of women saying they felt a sense of belonging, vs. their male counterparts' 85 percent. By the Class of 1980, women's favorable sense of belonging exceeded men's, as it did in four of the eight class years surveyed from 1985 through 2020. We need to disclose, however, only the Class of 1970's observed gender diffe - ences are statistically significant. While patterns were observed in subsequent years within the survey data, these relationships were not statistically significant, likely due in part to the small subgroup sizes, a result of dicing the data by both year and gender.

Women who responded were majority liberal, 58 percent of them choosing that description, compared with 38 percent of men. Only 18 percent of women identifi d themselves as conservative, vs. 29 percent of men.

More confidently, we can report that female alumni are majority liberal, 58 percent of them choosing that description, compared with 38 percent of men. Only 18 percent of women identified themselves as conservative, vs. 29 percent of men. Those differences between the sexes showed up in a few places in our question about priorities, what's highly important for UVA to get right. Sixty-two percent of women, for example, championed the high importance of DEI, vs. 39 percent of men. Twenty-one percent of women stressed the need to view Thomas Jefferso more critically, vs. 9 percent of men.

Women also accord higher importance than men to UVA's ensuring student well-being and work-life balance, 63 percent of them elevating that topic, compared with 41 percent of men.

Testing for COVID



The most recent class in our survey, 2020, had a markedly different fourth year from its predecessors. COVID-19 all but banished them from the classroom, canceled March Madness, left it to the postal service to confer their degrees, and delayed their commencement walk of the Lawn by a year. To gauge the effect those events might have had on their school spirit, we surveyed the Class of 2019, the last pre-COVID class.

Not surprising, and not unique to UVA, the survey verified a significant, across-the-board enthusiasm deficit from 2019 to 2020:

- a 10-point drop in the highly favorable percentages for their student experience, 41 percent vs. 51 percent
- a 10-point drop in a highly favorable view of present-day UVA, 39 percent vs. 49 percent
- a 10-point drop in highly favorable scores for sense of belonging, 25 percent vs. 35 percent
- a 17-point drop in highly favorable social life percentages, 42 percent vs. 59 percent

Neither the 2021 nor 2022 classes escaped the COVID force field either, so the results from 2020 speak to the accumulating longer-term challenges of keeping the newest generation of alumni fully engaged with UVA. On the other hand, the fact that 42 percent managed to maintain a highly favorable social life in the grips of a global pandemic may speak volumes about their resilient spirit.

Richard Gard is the editor of Virginia Magazine.

From Zero to NIL in Just 115 YEARS

Historic NCAA change lets UVA athletes profit from their names, images and likenesses

By Ed Miller

Has **Ryan Nelson (Col '24)** got a deal for you.

It's an online coupon, good for 15 percent off the sports apparel brand We Love the Hate, a California-based company that Nelson, an offensive lineman on the UVA football team, promotes on social media.

Nelson wears the gear—whose name refers to the motivation athletes draw from those who doubt or criticize them—shares it with his teammates and generally tries to spread the word as a "brand ambassador."

"It's a cool deal," he says. "I get clothing. I post for them. I get a cut of whatever I sell. It's kind of nice."

Welcome to the new world of name, image and likeness (NIL) deals. As of July 1, college athletes can monetize their personal brands through product endorsements, social media posts, appearances, sales of licensed merchandise such as school jerseys bearing their names, autograph sessions, clinics, and more.

It's a rapidly evolving marketplace projected to be a $1 billion-a-year industry. Congress has passed no federal legislation, leaving regulation to individual states or, in states where no laws have been passed, to individual schools. The NCAA's rather *laissez-faire* guidelines simply state that schools cannot directly facilitate NIL deals, but they otherwise leave much "up to interpretation," according to an Aug. 26 article in *Sports Illustrated*. →

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Indeed, as the article's headline states: "The first thing to understand about NIL is that nobody fully understands NIL."

Allowing student-athletes to tap into the profits from their name, image and likeness has been in the works for years, as the NCAA's amateurism rules have faced legal challenges. A federal antitrust suit filed in 2009 by former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon challenged the NCAA's rights to use athletes' likenesses without compensation in video games. In 2014, a federal judge ruled that the NCAA could not restrict schools from paying athletes up to $5,000 for use of their names, images and likenesses. That part of the ruling was overturned on appeal, but the issue lingered, with lawmakers joining the chorus calling for reform.

In 2019, the NCAA formed a working group to consider the issue. That same year, California became the first state to pass legislation permitting college athletes to hire agents and be paid for endorsements.

On July 1, after 115 years, one of the NCAA's principal tenets of amateurism was set aside.

Knowing that this change was coming was one thing. Implementing it has been another. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam included NIL language in the budget bill passed in August, but it gives schools some latitude to set their own guidelines.

"We're going a little bit slower than some, trying to be really thoughtful, trying to include a lot of really smart people," says Ted White, UVA's deputy athletics director for strategic advancement. "We're trying to help student-athletes benefit from short-term opportunities without sacrificing their long-term goals."

Through September, UVA athletes had made 140 NIL deals, White says. The vast majority (88 percent) have been social media promotions, but they also include everything from public appearances to podcast interviews to DIY videos hawking student dining plans and chicken sandwiches.

UVA did not provide a list of who is



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> *"It kind of feels like a full-time job, actually," says volleyball player Alana Walker (Educ '26).*

making what. But on the high end of earners, certainly, is volleyball player **Alana Walker (Educ '26)**, a graduate transfer from Northwestern University with a modeling background who has more than 400,000 social media followers between Instagram and TikTok. Walker says her in-season earnings could range from $50,000 to $70,000 and puts her potential yearly NIL take at $300,000.

Such earnings are an exception, both at UVA and elsewhere. Many deals would barely cover the cost of a large takeout pizza.

Blake Lawrence, CEO of Opendorse, a marketing firm for athletes, told *Forbes* that the average compensation for deals through Aug. 31 was $458. Large deals inflate that figure, however. The median deal through the fi st 30 days of NIL was for just $25, Jim Cavale, CEO of marketing firm INFLCR, a leading NIL marketplace platform, told *Sports Illustrated*.

That's a far cry from the "ungodly numbers" earned by University of Alabama quarterback Bryce Young through NIL deals. Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban used that descriptor while speaking to a convention of high school coaches, a prime audience with access to potential recruits. He put Young's NIL earnings at "almost" seven figure .

Ohio State quarterback Quinn Ewers signed a deal worth $1.4 million over three years.

Such deals can be great recruiting tools. So can team-wide deals, such as one at the University of Miami, where a local gym owner offered each Hurricanes player $500 to endorse his business.

To keep up, coaches and administrators need to send a message that athletes can do business at their schools, too.

UVA officials say the University has focused its efforts on providing best-in-class education and support, to empower athletes to make informed decisions and avoid pitfalls.

The athletics department has enlisted the help of Darden professor Kim Whitler, a marketing and brand strategy expert who is preparing an NIL how-to manual for student-athletes.

"The book is a journey of helping them discover what are their goals, what do they want their brand to be, and how can they best activate it to achieve their goals?" Whitler says. "If 100 students use the book, there should be 100 differen solutions."

Without education, NIL can be a tough space for students to navigate. Firms are rushing to enter the marketplace, and not all are competent. Many focus on tactics rather than brand-building. Students must realize, as companies do, that their brands are their most important asset, and avoid doing anything to harm them, Whitler says.

Students must also decide whether chasing deals is the best use of their limited time, or if it's better focused elsewhere—on school or, in some cases, pursuing a lucrative professional career.

"In talking with some of our students, they are getting approached with opportunities, and oftentimes it's unclear what the student-athlete is getting out of it," Whitler says. "These are mature, difficul decisions we're asking students to make."

The endorsement possibilities for athletes are not limitless. For example, were football legend **Bill "Bullet Bill" Dudley (Educ '42)** around today, he could not monetize that nickname. UVA's policy prohibits endorsing guns or ammunition, as well as casino gambling, sports betting, alcohol, adult entertainment, cannabis products, dangerous or controlled substances, performance-enhancing drugs, tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes.

Chicken sandwiches are fair game. Baseball player **Chris Newell (Col '23)** signed a deal with Bojangles through an Atlanta marketing agency. He and his roommate, **Liam Deegan (Educ '23)**, conceived and filmed a 30-second spot that begins with Newell attempting to bench-press 405 pounds.

Newell can't do it—until he takes a bite of Bojangles' chicken sandwich. As Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger" strikes up in the background, Newell tosses the weight around like a feather pillow.

"I love this chicken!" he says.



Offensive lineman Ryan Nelson (Col '24) is a brand ambassador for a sports apparel label.

The ad, which took 15 minutes to film, won't win any Clio awards. But as of Oct. 1, it has been viewed roughly 6,700 times on Instagram—and possibly moved some chicken.

"I've had people come up and ask me about it, whether I really endorse the sandwich," Newell says.

He does. As for the money, Newell says it's enough to help with books.

A video ad by basketball star **Kihei Clark (Col '22)** has a similar homemade vibe. Clark endorses the Elevate plan, a restaurant-based alternative to meal plans offered through U A.

"If you haven't switched from dining halls to Elevate, you need to get signed up ASAP," Clark says in the ad, in which he orders lunch on his phone and then picks it up. Clark's ad had been viewed 13,400 times as of Oct. 1.

Group licensing opportunities are another NIL space UVA is exploring, White says. That could involve custom jersey sales, for example, with the athlete, UVA and the manufacturer all getting a cut.

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> — Darden professor Kim Whitler

With her huge social media following, which spiked after a post from her first collegiate media day went viral, Walker was ranked No. 10 on sports business journalist Darren Rovell's list of the top 20 athletes expected to cash in on NIL.

Eight of the athletes on the list were women. Indeed, one of the early takeaways from NIL is that although most of the early money has gone to football players, female athletes with big social media followings, such as Louisiana State University gymnast Olivia Dunne and Fresno State basketball players Hanna and Haley Cavinder, are also signing big deals. Dunne has signed with a clothing brand. The Cavinders signed with Boost Mobile and were featured on a billboard in Times Square.

Walker began hearing from companies July 1, she says. She handles the inquiries herself and has her family's lawyer review contracts. Her father is former NBA player Antoine Walker.

"It kind of feels like a full-time job, actually," she says. "With me being in season, I'm trying to not overwhelm myself and only do things that are worth my time. I've been saying no to a lot of things and waiting on a lot of things."

Walker has endorsed sportswear brands Bo+Tee and Champion. During a weekend off from volleyball, she made a paid appearance at Lollapalooza, a music festival in her native Chicago.

She has other deals in the works but is waiting until volleyball season is over to pursue them, she says. She plans to save her NIL earnings, and move back to Chicago to model and work as a social media influencer full time. She also plans to start a nonprofit benefiting inner-city girls through sports.

Walker says she knows she's more fortunate than most. Still, she says, NIL is "long overdue" for all athletes, even those without large platforms like hers.

"Any money is good money," she says.

Nelson agrees. As an offensive lineman, hardly one of football's glamour positions, he didn't expect to land an NIL deal. He came across We Love the Hate a couple of years ago on Instagram and bought wrist bands to give to his fellow linemen as a bonding mechanism.

Like him, the company's founders are college students from California. They developed a relationship, and Nelson signed up as a brand ambassador.

"I don't have family here. I don't have help here," Nelson says. "For the most part my family makes me take care of everything financially with my (cost of attendance) stipend. So an NIL for a guy like me could help with extra living expenses.

"It doesn't really matter if it's big or small; it's still something we never had."

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Admissions Interview

Our conversation with Stephen Farmer, UVA's new head of all things enrollment

By Richard Gard

As if running college admission weren't a big enough job, the University of Virginia recently created an even bigger one: vice provost for enrollment. The new offic combines responsibility for undergraduate admission, student financial services and the registrar's office The new officehold is **Stephen M. Farmer (Grad '86)**, recruited from a similar post at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

It's a return trip for Farmer. After his graduate English studies here, Farmer went over to the business side of the academy, ascending the ranks of the UVA undergraduate admissions office before making a move to Chapel Hill in 2000. There he rose to admissions director and then, in 2011, enrollment vice provost. →

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Watch video clips from the interview at **uvamag.com/farmer.**



Farmer grew up in Rustburg, Virginia, 12 miles south of Lynchburg. He was a first-generation college student—and then some. Duke University didn't just award him admission; it selected him as one of its A.B. Duke Scholars, similar to UVA's elite Jefferson Scholar .

Virginia Magazine sat down with Farmer six months into the new job and at the end of an admissions cycle like no other. Standardized tests went optional, and the volume of applications went through the roof. The conversation that follows, edited and condensed, delves into those phenomena and others.

We asked Farmer about the dynamics of building an incoming class, like the role of diversity, why first-generation recruiting matters and where the children of alumni fit into the picture. As befits his big-picture job description, Farmer tends to speak in broad aspirational terms, starting with—of all admissions concepts—the notion of love.

VM: The language of admissions is often hard numbers—GPA, class rank, and then more broadly demographics and yield rate. I hear you speak a different language. You told the Board of Visitors recently, "We're going to work hard every day to prove to students that we love them." You told our own alumni Board of Managers, "Our job is to love students." What do you mean by that?

Farmer: Well, fir t of all, thanks for paying attention to anything that I've said. ... Students aren't numbers. They're not their GPAs. They're not their test scores. They're not the number of AP or college-level courses that they've taken. Where financial aid's concerned, they're not their estimated family contribution. They're not a few lines on a tax form. Where the work of the registrar's offi is concerned, they're not an academic record. They're not data that live in the Student Information System. They're not any of those things. They're people fir t, and they're people who deserve our respect and our care and our attention and our concern at every turn.



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UVA's incoming class was chosen from a record nearly 48,000 applications.

Why was one of your first orders of business to rework UVA's rejection letter to applicants?

I would call the letter something a little different—we're "declining" a student's application. We're delivering tough news in the most decent way we know how.

That's the most important letter we send, because there are [38,000] young people out there this year who [unsuccessfully] threw their hat in the ring here. They worked hard to get to the point to apply for admission. You know, some of them, when they hit that Send button, they were scared. They were spreading their treasure out on the table in front of us and hoping that we saw what was good and true about them. And the truth is that we did. The people we had to decline, we saw the good in them. ... And it was important that the news that we delivered bear witness to all of those truths and really honor the interest of students and help them understand that we're still here for them, even if we had to say no to them this time.

UVA went test-optional this year. How were you able to make admissions decisions without benefit of everyone's SAT or ACT? What's your view on the value and future of standardized tests?

Testing is—at very best it's a blunt tool. It's an ax and not a scalpel. You shouldn't try to do a lot of fine carving with a test score. Honestly, for that matter, nor should you try to do a lot of fine carving with any other particular data point in a file, because the student is the whole of everything that you see, not any one thing at all. My preference always is to know more about students rather than less. And so I think that testing properly understood ... properly used, used as a blunt instrument and not as a scalpel, can be a helpful thing for an admission committee that's trying to evaluate 48,000 different students. We're not going to use it again next year because a lot of students hadn't been able to sit for either test. We've already decided that we don't use it the year following because we suspect that there's still going to be a lot of turbulence in how students are able to prepare for and then take either the ACT or the SAT. We'll use this time to try to understand what the absence of testing has meant.

Is there an admission formula, where you weight 20 different factors and come up with a likelihood of acceptance?

No, there's no formula. The work of the admission committee involves reading applications, big applications that include a lot of information, reading those applications—in their entirety, one by one by one, and then passing them along to the next person. There's an intellectual framework for it, if you want to think about it that way—a discipline to it, but no formula. And the point is to try to make sense of complicated people and then put them into a community where each one of them has the chance to make everyone else better.

> "[Applicants are] people fir t, and they're people who deserve our respect and our care."

The incoming class is incredibly diverse, 48 percent nonwhite according to preliminary figure . Why is that important?

The reporting by race and ethnicity is complicated. Students learn better when they learn alongside people who've traveled different paths to get to the same place. That's *the* reason, really, why diversity is so important to us. It helps people do better together than they otherwise would.

Race and ethnicity aren't the only ways of contributing to the diversity of the student body here. So there are students here who bring diverse perspectives because of the way that they've grown up, the places they've grown up,

Students learn better when they learn alongside people who've traveled different path to get to the same place."

the fact that they've served in the military, the fact that they've worked jobs, the fact that they think differently from other people, the fact that they had to work to put food on the table, the fact that they took care of younger siblings. There are a million ways—and a million, million ways—in which students can contribute to the diversity of the student body.

And all of those ways are important to us. Because, again, we want students to learn and live alongside people who will ... challenge them and help them see that one way of thinking of the world isn't the only way of thinking of the world.

Why is recruiting fir t-generation college students a priority?

It's important because fir t-generation college students are a source of talent for the University that the University hasn't tapped into historically. It's important also because the presence of really talented fir t-generation college students can make every student around them better.

More broadly, I think the University does have a role to play in strengthening democracy and in providing opportunity for people, and in our efforts to recruit people who haven't traditionally thought of themselves as candidates for admission to the University. I hope we will be providing them a path toward a brighter future that's going to strengthen the Commonwealth and strengthen our country and bind us together in a way that we really need to be connected.

Where does the legacy-admissions piece fit into the puzzle

Our job really is not to think categorically about people, but to think about them in their fullness as individuals. There are legacy candidates in our pool whom we cannot understand unless we understand their relationship to the University and the difference that the University has made in their lives and in their families' lives.

What difference can it make practically in admission? You know, it varies from candidate to candidate. So there are very few on/off switches in admission. As we were discussing earlier, there's really no formula.

Practically, alumni children compete really effecti ely for admission here. The admission rates for alumni children generally run ahead of the admission rates of others. Again, I wouldn't characterize that as a categorical or an automatic boost that people give.

Is that to say there can be a certain preference for legacies that gets factored in, even if it's not a formulaic or set amount?

Never formulaic, never a set amount—or at least I wouldn't know how to turn it into a formula and I wouldn't know how to describe the amount. I think I would also maybe use a different word than "preference." Again, we're grateful for the interest of alumni children. We want alumni children at the University. Alumni students, legacy students, at the University make the University better. And so we have an interest. We have a real interest in making sure that we're an attractive option for alumni children. We have an interest in understanding them fully. We have an interest in trying to welcome them when we can. Whether that can be characterized as a preference, I'll leave it to other people to decide on the language. But we're glad when alumni children apply. We do our very best for them.

What I would encourage students to do is to help us see them for who they are, and if their relationship with the University is something that's formative to them, if it's something that's integral to their identity, don't be afraid about sharing that with us.

What compelled you to come back to UVA?

I had a great life at my previous school. I loved the school. ... I was surprised that I was interested in leaving, but here's why: The University is an incredible place. There's no place like UVA. ... I felt that the University was trying to do some really important work. I read the 2030 [strategic] plan. I saw the vision for how the University could build on its great strengths and become an even stronger institution.

And then every senior leader I talked with—everyone—left me more excited about the possibility of joining the group here. ... I came here right before the pandemic for my on-Grounds interview. It was the day before the University closed. And I got in the car, I was driving home, and I called my wife and I said, "Look, don't tell anybody this, but if they offe me the job, I'll take it. I don't care about the details." And then I said, "Even if they don't offer me the job, if they offe me some other job, I might take that job, too." I said, "If someone offered me a job, maybe sweeping the floor someplace, I would probably think about taking it," because I was just really excited about the hard, good work that the University was trying to do, and I wanted to be a part of it.

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UVA CANCER CENTER EARNS RECOGNITION AS IT RISES TO THE CALL

Providing world-class patient care is a key tenet of the mission of the University of Virginia, and UVA Health is well known as one of the country's leading academic medical centers. Several of its specialties, including pediatrics, cardiovascular and neurosciences, just to name a few, are among the nation's most highly regarded.

But a new designation from the National Cancer Institute, the world's largest funder of cancer research, may be among UVA Health's most meaningful accomplishments. Effective Feb. 1, 2022, the University of Virginia Cancer Center has earned a Comprehensive Cancer Center designation in recognition of its rigorous standards for interdisciplinary and innovative research in developing new and better approaches to preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer. The designation is also based on outstanding leadership and commitment to serving the local community. UVA joins only 51 other such cancer care centers in the U.S. to have earned the designation.

This recognition is far more than just an accolade. For those of us who know someone—a family member, friend or colleague—whose life has been affected by cancer, it represents hope.

Take glioblastoma, a deadly brain tumor with few treatment options. In the summer of 2020, a team of scientists led by Dr. Hui Li of the School of Medicine and the Cancer Center discovered a gene responsible for glioblastoma, which Dr. Li called "an Achilles' heel of glioblastoma." The finding not only opens new avenues for treatment, but it also paves the way for research that could identify the Achilles' heel of other cancer-causing tumors. Dr. Li's team's discovery was so significant that it earned a berth in the Elite Eight of "STAT Madness," a nationwide bracket tournament designed to name 2020's biggest biomedical advances and showcase cutting-edge research across the biomedical sciences.

That UVA is poised to make an even greater impact on cancer care and research comes as little surprise. Consider the expertise UVA has developed: More than 160 faculty members from 25 departments across the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the College of Arts & Sciences contribute to and are engaged with the Cancer Center. This depth and breadth of knowledge and talent are remarkable—and critical to solving the most pressing challenges in cancer research and care.

But to make continued progress in the fight against cancer, it matters not only *who* is working on a problem, but also *how* they work. At UVA, we are investing in ways to encourage collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to research, including cancer research. As with most complex problems, people can accomplish far more working together than they could working alone. Multiple viewpoints from a variety of fields and disciplines bring fresh perspectives to persistent problems and deepen understanding. And, by working alongside those from different areas of expertise, new scholars and practitioners learn to ask better questions and seek out complementary skills and ideas.

The UVA Cancer Center is poised to accelerate its growth and impact to facilitate more discoveries like Dr. Li's. It already serves 3.2 million residents from 87 counties throughout Northern, Central, Southside and Southwestern Virginia, as well as eastern West Virginia. Since 2016, funding for cancer research at UVA has increased 45 percent, totaling more than $30 million in 2020. Meanwhile, participation in UVA Cancer Center clinical research has increased by almost 300 percent, with participants from all over Virginia and its neighboring states. And, as part of our 2030 Strategic Plan, UVA has committed funding and infrastructure to augment and strengthen precision medicine, which will help to better understand and treat cancer patients in more targeted and individualized ways.

The Cancer Center is one of our University's great strengths and an invaluable community asset. The new Comprehensive Cancer Center designation has the potential to benefit the commonwealth of Virginia and patients, families, and healthcare providers across the country and around the world—through better quality of life, more effective care, higher likelihood of survival and, ultimately, hope for a healthier world.



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—Taz Coffey (Engr '81)

"The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown."
—Susan E. Dantzig (Col '04)

"The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway."
—Robert Kanich (Col '58)

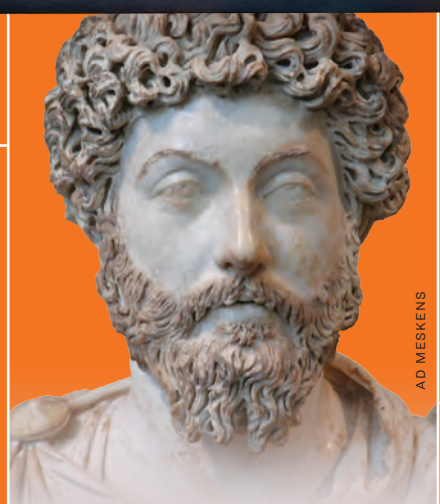
"Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand."
—Wendy Hamilton (Com '87)

"***Native Son*** by Richard Wright. I was introduced to the novel in one of Claudrena Harold's Intro to African American Studies classes. I've read it a few times since, and each time I'm struck by how much hasn't changed with regard to racial relations in American society."
—Nancy Cruz-Lara (Col '13)

"By almost scary coincidence, I am at this moment rereading my fave, *The Worldly Philosophers* by Robert L. Heilbroner. It is a quick and lively read about the founders of economic thought. I first read it in 1961 as part of a course aimed at getting me graduated."
—Taylor Buckley (Col '61)



"William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* told how even upper-class boys could revert to savagery. [I read it] in my engineering school humanities course." *—James Ralston (Col '68)*

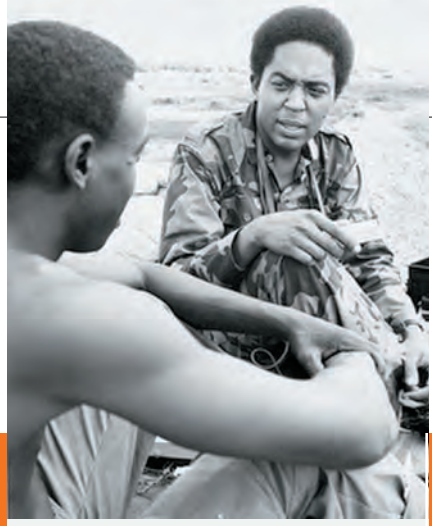


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"The Meditations of Marcus Aurelius. I kept it bedside after moving into Lambeth as a transfer student. It's still on my nightstand, showing some age after enduring coffee spills and trips overseas." *—Paul Hodskins (Col '12)*

"The American Constitution: Cases and Materials and Constitutional Interpretations for my con law classes with the late Dr. Henry Abraham."
—Chris Kniesler (Col '78)

"Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro. I loved the complexity of the issues but also the humanness of the characters."
—Emma Nargi (Col '22)



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"***The Unconsoled*** **by Kazuo Ishiguro. It forces one to contemplate where and why one finds meaning in one's life."** *—Asad Ali (Col '20)*

"***Bloods*** by Wallace Terry. I was drawn to read it not only because the author's daughter was enrolled at the University at the time but also because it focused exclusively on the Afro-American experience in Vietnam, a subject that was not discussed at length in the public space. The book was absolutely riveting." *—Wendi Hill (Col '86)*

"***The Vampire Lestat*** **by Anne Rice. Being away from home and being able to stay up to all hours, I identified with the idea of turning night into day and day into night!"** *—Yann Pirio (Col '94)*



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The Stranger **by Albert Camus was mentioned by a few alumni from the 1960s and 1970s.**

The book that alumni mentioned most

was *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Márquez, mentioned by several students of Douglas Turner Day III (Col '54, Grad '59, '62). Paula Peters Chambers (Col '89) told us: "I remember finishing the book on the first floor of Clemons, surrounded by friends who were all doing their own work. When I closed the book and sighed, one of my friends asked me to describe what the book was about. 'Everything,' I said."

"***Overcoming the Problematics of Art*** **by Yves Klein, translated by Klaus Ottmann. It was checked out under my name (and regularly used) for about two years before I finally caved and bought my own copy!"** *–Frankie Mananzan (Col '21)*

"As you walked into Alderman Stacks, B2, there was a book on the left called ***Życie Gospodarcze***. I never once opened it, but for my college roommate Jennifer (Streelman) Bell and me, it is a symbol of the many, many nights we spent in the library from 1996 to 2000. We still laugh over our attempts to pronounce it, and still remember what it looked like sitting there, untouched, for years—just waiting for our return each semester." *—Lydia (Grammer) Klinger (Col '00)*



"**1. *Roots* by Alex Haley and 2. *Weevils in the Wheat* by Charles Perdue Jr., Thomas Barden and Robert Phillips. I had the privilege of seeing some of the original documents during an office visit with Professor Perdue. As an African American studies major, it was an electrifying moment."** *—Susan (Henderson) King (Col '78)*

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'60s

Thad Long (Law '63 CM) has written a sequel to his first book, *The Impossible Mock Orange Trial*, which was released in 2020 and received composite reviews of 4.6 stars out of 5. The sequel is titled *The Vow: Ted Born's Last Trial.* Released in August 2021, it is also being well-received in early reviews. Though the books fall under the category of legal thrillers, Long intends them to go beyond that, exploring justice in America's courtrooms. Both are available in hardback, paperback and e-book formats.

Gary Alexander (Col '64 CM) has published *Poems for Your Pandemic*, a lighthearted look at the way we lived in 2020, available at downtimewithme.com. Also included in the book are humorous poems written more than a century ago by Americans struggling with the Spanish flu.

Sarah Yancey (Educ '66) was elected chair of the board of directors of AFS-USA, the largest partner in a worldwide network of nonprofit, volunteer-based international education organizations. Yancey is a former teacher and assistant principal at Parkway South High School in St. Louis and has been an AFS-USA volunteer for nearly 50 years.

Richard Ranellone (Engr '68) has published a novel, *The Aüslander.* "Aüslander" is German for "foreigner," and the story deals with a World War II German soldier who is captured in North Africa by the U.S. Army. After spending his captivity at a POW camp in Texas, he returns to war-ravaged Germany, disillusioned by the dismal state of the country and the lack of professional opportunities for him as a degree-holder in aeronautical engineering. He longs to return to the U.S. and finally achieves that goal. But life in the U.S. presents a new array of opportunities and challenges he must confront.

'70s

Rod MacDonald (Col '70 CM) published his 13th CD of songs, *Boulevard*, and second novel, *The American Guerillas*, in 2021. The CD is a collection of his first songs, written when he was a graduate student in New York City, living on Upper Broadway. Though released on the independent label Blue Flute Music, the CD made the top 20 in national folk and roots music charts. The novel, a story of a man on the run who ends up on a remote desert American Indian reservation, was published by Archway Publishing in April. MacDonald lives in South Florida and is a "geezer dad" with two teenage children. He works full time as a performer, as co-producer of the monthly Greenwich Village Folk Festival, and as Music Americana instructor in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida Atlantic University, where he was named Distinguished Faculty Member in 2012.

Steven Bingler (Arch '72) celebrated the 38th anniversary of Concordia, an architecture, planning and community engagement firm headquartered in New Orleans that he founded in 1983. Bingler is a leading advocate for innovative, equitable and community-centered architectural, urban design and stakeholder engagement solutions. His work has received support from the Ford, Rockefeller, and Bill and Melinda Gates foundations, among others. His research papers have been widely published, and his op-eds have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. Most recently he was the principal investigator for the Global Transformation Roundtable, a Rockefeller Foundation–funded initiative that produced "Sea Changes," a document outlining planning principles for communities to address climate change.

Michael Widener (Col '72 CM) has digitally published a novel, *Fishbein, Ascending*, now available, together with

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Alden Abbott (Col '74 CM) joined the Mercatus Center at George Mason University as senior research fellow in January 2021. He runs a research program on antitrust and competition policy. In August, the center released his podcast interview on antitrust and Christianity, featuring a discussion with UVA economics professor Kenneth Elzinga and University of Michigan law professor Dan Crane.

Roy L. Alson (Col '74 CM) was appointed as professor emeritus in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine after 30 years on the faculty. Dr. Alson's areas of interest and expertise were in pre-hospital and disaster medicine. He serves as the editor of the *International Trauma Life Support* textbook, which is now used in 27 countries. He and his wife of 41 years, Becky, live in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, area.

Steve Wann (Col '75) lives with his wife on an island off the oast of Brazil. He held an advanced Coast Guard captain's license for many years and delivered sailboats all over the world.

Robert E. Comet Jr. (Arch '76 CM), a principal with Quinn Evans, has retired after an architectural career that spanned more than 40 years with numerous award-winning projects throughout Virginia.

Robert Graboyes (Col '76 CM) interviewed **Eric Topol (Col '75 CM)** on the Discourse Magazine Podcast series "Fortress and Frontier." The two discussed artificial intelligence, the doctor-patient relationship, medical ethics, mRNA vaccines, CRISPR, telehealth and other topics—including a personal experience at UVA Student Health in the 1970s. Graboyes is a senior research fellow and health care scholar at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and a former clinical professor at the UVA School of Nursing. Topol is founder and director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, a professor of molecular medicine at the Scripps Research Institute, and a senior consultant at the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at the Scripps Clinic.

Robert "Cham" Light Jr. (Col '76 CM) is serving his third term on the board of trustees of the Library of Virginia, and he also serves as president of the board of trustees of the Jones Memorial Library. He is beginning his 17th year as an adjunct

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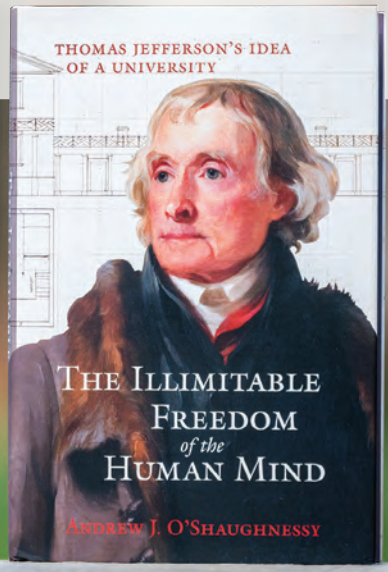
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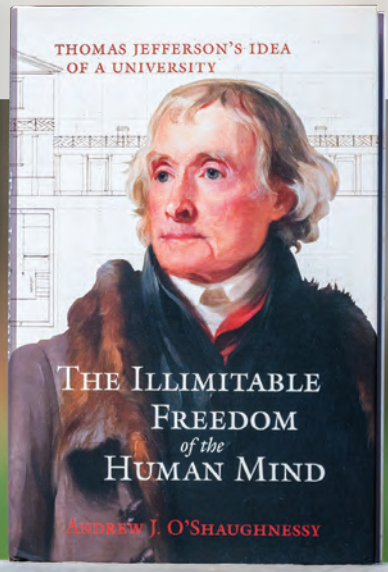
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'90s

Amie Herman (Col '90 CM) married UVA classmate (and college sweetheart) **Tom Tarnowski (Engr '90)** in 2020, after a hiatus of almost 30 years. They spent nine months building an adventure-ready camper van and will be living on the road for the next year with plans to hike, bike, kayak and explore the U.S. You can follow their journey at Amie.Substack.com.

John Stinneford (Col '90) has been named the Edward Rood Eminent Scholar Chair and Professor of Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He researches, teaches and consults in the areas of legal ethics, criminal law, criminal procedure and constitutional law. His work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, state supreme courts, federal courts of appeal and numerous scholars.

Heather D. (Maw) Curtis (Col '91 CM) was appointed Warren S. Woodbridge Professor in Comparative Religions in the Department of Religion at Tufts University, where she also holds appointments in the Department of Studies in Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora; the Department of History; the Civic Studies program; and the International Relations program. She is the author of two books on American religious history and is currently working on a religious biography of Ida B. Wells. In addition, she serves on the Faculty Advisory Board of the Tufts University Prison Education Initiative. She lives in Needham, Massachusetts, with her husband, Clark, and two teenage sons, Jonathan and David.

Geoff ey F. Weiss (Engr '91 CM), a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, published his first book, *The New Art of War: The Origins, Theory, and Future of Conflict*, in September.

Ellsworth K. "Kenny" Johnson III (Col '92 CM) retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of colonel on Sept. 30, 2020. He served in the Army for 28 years and was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal at his retirement ceremony, which was Aug. 6, 2020. His last military assignment was as the program manager for the Missile Defense Agency's X-Band Radars Program Office at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He lives with his wife, Terri, and their sons in Madison, Alabama.

Chris Lehman (Col '92) is an orthopedic surgeon for the Permanente Medical Group in San Francisco. Since the summer of 2019, he has been the lead orthopedic surgeon for the Golden State Warriors of the NBA. He encourages athletes, as well as 'Hoos young and old, to work on their strength and balance prior to participation in sports to minimize their risk of injuries.

Wendy Thomas (Col '92 CM) was named president and chief executive officer of Secureworks on Sept. 3, 2021. Secureworks is a global cybersecurity leader dedicated to providing innovative, best-in-class security solutions to protect organizations from cybercrime. Thomas joined Secureworks in 2008 leading finance and most recently served as the company's president and SVP of Customer Success, where she led and implemented a customer-centric approach to security partnership. Recently, Thomas was recognized as No. 1 in The Software Report's "Top 25 Women Leaders in Cybersecurity of 2021." She lives in Atlanta with her family and is a liaison for AFS Intercultural Programs, an international youth organization.

George Kliavkoff (L w '93) of Las Vegas was hired as commissioner of the Pac-12 Conference, starting July 1. Nicknamed the Conference of Champions, the Pac-12 has won more NCAA national team championships than any other conference.

Jennifer Beckett (Arch '94 CM) celebrated one year as the first director of protocol for the U.S. Space Force. Beckett has served in the Department of Defense for more than 17 years. She is responsible for developing protocol policy for the country's newest military service and providing expert advice to senior leaders within the department on matters regarding customs, courtesies, diplomatic formality, order of precedence and etiquette. Beckett also serves as the lead event planner for all official vents and activities hosted by Space Force senior leadership.

Deon Brown (Engr '94 CM) recently accepted a technical engineering position as test architect with Paragon Space Development Corp. He will be the lead point of contact for developing test strategies for space flight hardware supplying environmental control and life support functions to Lunar Gateway, the first planned space station in lunar orbit, as the United States returns to the moon under NASA's Artemis program.

Marc Friedman (Com '95 CM) and Gina Schaefer are selling their company, A Few Cool Hardware Stores, to their employees. Ownership will transfer to more than 250 employees over the next several years through an employee stock ownership plan. The company, a group of 13 Ace Hardware stores in the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore metro areas, was founded in 2003.

Kathryn Wilderotter (Col '96 CM) married Mara Bayewitz in May in a small ceremony held at a friend's home. While they were able to wait long enough for their loved ones to be vaccinated against COVID-19, they had absolutely no desire to wait one moment longer. Both women are mental health therapists practicing in Maryland and were overjoyed to be able

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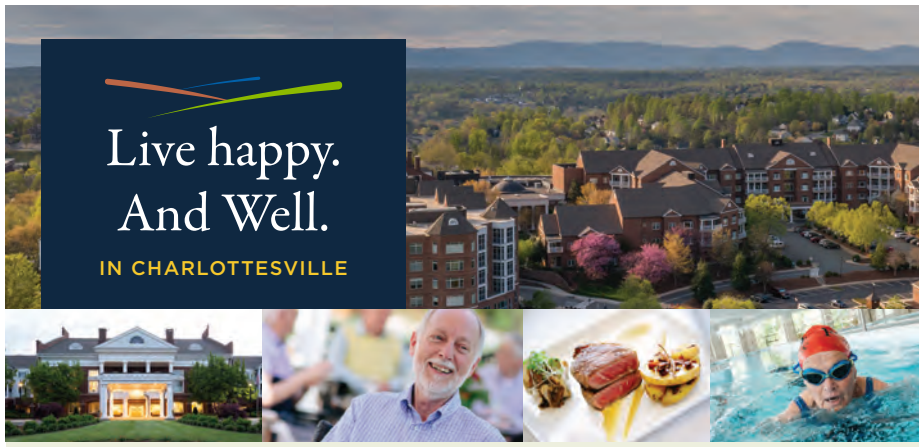
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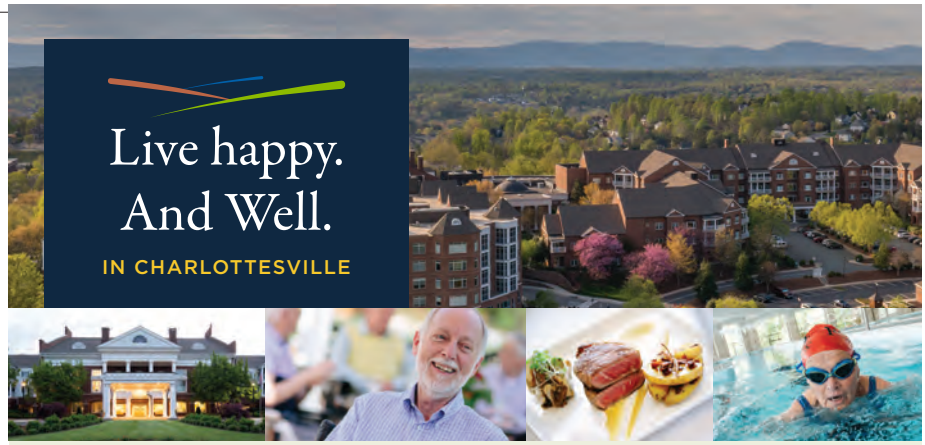
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recorded an audio commentary for *Flight to Mars* and wrote and narrated a documentary included on *The Brotherhood of Satan.*

Michael Keens (Grad '01 CM) was appointed executive vice president of operations at Anju Software. He will lead global operations for the health technology company, which provides platform technology for clinical trials and medical affairs, and analytical solutions for pharmaceutical, biotech and contract research organizations.

Michelle Jones Coles (Col '02 CM) has written a debut young adult historical novel called *Black Was the Ink* about the collapse of the Reconstruction era, which was to be published by Lee & Low Books on Nov. 2.

John Valliere (Col '02) earned tenure and was promoted to assistant professor in the Communications Department at Eastern Florida State College.

David Meredith (Com '03), CEO and board director of Everbridge, ranked among Comparably's "2021 Best CEOs for Diversity" in the Largest Companies category. Meredith was listed alongside peers from industry leaders including Zoom, Adobe, IBM, Google, Microsoft, Uber and Ford.

Joan Noelker (Col '04 CM) and her husband, Phil Moy, welcomed their second child, a daughter, Maeve SunYan Moy, on July 26, 2021.

Katherine Sheehan Sears (Col '05 CM), **Robert Sears (Col '05)**, and big brother Henry welcomed baby Benjamin Robert on May 25, 2021. Ben is the grandson of **Mary Gardes Sears (Col '82 CM)**, the great-grandson of **Col. George Gardes (Engr '60)**, and the nephew of **Annie Sheehan (Col '13)**. The family lives in Leesburg, Virginia.

Tom Gibson (Col '06 CM) has joined Community Preservation Partners, a national affordable housing developer committed to creativity, performance and purpose, as senior development manager. Gibson comes to CPP with extensive experience structuring and managing complex multifamily developments through creative financing strategies and public-private partnerships. In his new capacity, Gibson leads CPP East's in-house team of developers through the completion of preservation projects. He is responsible for assembling and managing external team members across various stages of development, including financiers, architects, designers, engineers and contractors. Gibson has earned a reputation in affordable housing within the D.C. metro area, having been appointed by the governor of Virginia, Senate of Virginia, Arlington County Board and City Council of Alexandria to various boards and commissions serving Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. He currently serves

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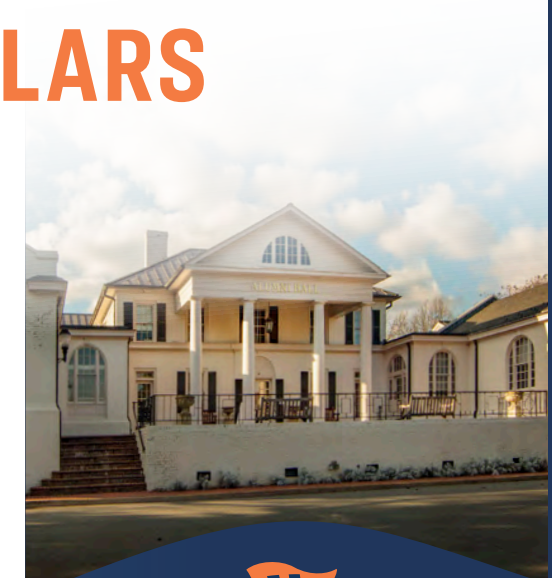
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as vice chair of the Virginia Housing Board of Commissioners and has held several positions with the organization since 2016.

Danielle H. Tangorre (Col '07 CM) has joined Robinson+Cole as a partner in the firm's health law group. Tangorre represents and advises a broad range of health care providers and trade associations on transactional matters, litigation, operational and compliance issues, fraud and abuse issues, HIPAA, and regulatory matters.

Hedieh Fakhriyazdi (Arch '09 CM), director of social responsibility and the Weil Foundation at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, has been awarded a 2021 Innovation Award by the *New York Law Journal* for her leadership in making communities more equitable, inclusive, just and sustainable through philanthropy and social impact initiatives. She has been recognized as one of the legal industry's innovative individuals and honored for her achievements leading Weil's Social Responsibility department and charitable foundation.

Sarah Elizabeth Eskew Schmidt (Col '09, Grad '12) and **R. Brennan Schmidt (Col '05, Educ '12)** welcomed their third child, Everett Fitzwilliam Schmidt, on March 22, 2021, at their home in Charlottesville. Fitz's arrival was joyfully celebrated by siblings Pippa, 6, and Bennett, 4.

'10s

Brett Herbert (Col '10) married Mallory Taylor Brennan on July 24, 2021.

Susan Shapiro (Col '10 CM) and husband **Zachary Shapiro (Engr '09 CM)** welcomed a son, Everett Morton, on July 21, 2021. His mom, dad, grandma **Kim Ratliff (Col '74)** and aunt **Anne Bowman (Col '02 CM)** are eager to share their love for UVA and Charlottesville with him.

Emily Echols (Col '11 CM) and **Robert DiCostanzo (Com '12 CM)** were married at King Family Vineyards in Crozet, Virginia, on July 10, 2021, surrounded by friends and family. The couple live in New York City.

Siddhant "Sid" Das (Col '13) joined the law firm Hirschler as an associate. He focuses his practice on commercial leasing and real estate transactions. He drafts commercial leases and their amendments, renewals, assignments, and termination agreements for retail spaces and shopping centers. Prior to joining Hirschler, Das practiced at Reed Smith and Nichols Zauzig Sandler in Northern Virginia.

Rebecca Clemo (Engr '13, Res '21 CM) and **Merrick Kozak (Col '12, Res '21 CM)** welcomed their first son, Rhys Philip James Kozak, on March 3, 2021. The family lives in Charlottesville, where Dr. Clemo is a hospitalist and Dr. Kozak is a dermatologist. Rhys is the grandson of **Dr. Henry Clemo (Col '81, Med '86, Med '87 CM)** and **Dr. Frances Lynne Clemo (Med '85).**

Oriana Dougherty (Col '15 CM) and **Michael Dougherty (Col '15, Med '20 CM)** celebrated their marriage in their home state of Kentucky on June 18, 2021, with several fellow UVA grads present. They live in Portland, Oregon, where Oriana works in cloud technology and Michael is an otolaryngology resident.

Luke Fox (Engr '15 CM) and Paige McGraw were married Nov. 6, 2021, in Austin, Texas. They met while attending UVA's Semester at Sea in 2014. Fox is the managing engineer and director of operations at Hampton Roads Executive Airport, and McGraw is an international business development manager with the Virginia Beach Economic Development Department. The couple live in Virginia Beach.

Cameron Sims (Col '18) was recently promoted from business development analyst to development analyst at Lloyd Jones, a multifamily and senior housing real estate investment, development and management firm.

'20s

Ryan Ten (Col '20 CM) has self-published his first novel, *Discordance*, through Amazon. *Discordance* follows the story of first contact with an alien civilization and the vast consequences for both humans and aliens over several generations.

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No-nonsense and no equal

He shaped student life, college sports and UVA history

BY ED MILLER



D. Alan Williams, the former UVA vice president of student affairs who died Aug. 3 at age 93, cut a classic academic figure on Grounds in his trademark tweed.

Williams also wore many hats, figuratively speaking, and it's the variety and number of leadership roles that he played over four decades that define his UVA career. From 1957 to 1998, he left a mark on numerous facets of University life, as a history professor and undergraduate program chair, as a founding dean of the Echols Scholar program, as assistant provost, as VP of student affairs in the tumultuous Vietnam era, as leader of a blue-ribbon panel charged with implementing co-education at the University, and as faculty athletics representative to the ACC and NCAA, a job he held for 30 years.

Williams also was a founding member of the College Football Association, four-time president of the ACC, and chairman of both the NCAA's Long Range Planning Committee and the powerful Committee on Infractions.

"Dad was something of a Swiss Army knife at the University," says Scott Williams, the oldest of his three sons. "Although that may not have been uncommon back in that era, it is not likely to be repeated today."

No matter the job or issue, no one had to guess where Williams stood, says Ernest H. Ern, who succeeded Williams as VP of student affairs in 1973. "Quite frankly, with Alan, there was no second opinion," Ern says. "He was straightforward and confident."

Scott Williams says his father brought a strong sense of duty and service to his various roles, as well as a well-honed sense of right and wrong formed by his Presbyterian upbringing and his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In a 1989 interview, the elder Williams provided a glimpse of his worldview. He was in his fifth year as chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, and the scandal-ridden Southern Methodist University football program had received the "death penalty" the year before. After dealing with a spate of cases involving major rule violations, the committee was enjoying a period of relative calm. Williams cautioned that it didn't mean such cases would not crop up again.

"I'm an old Calvinist Presbyterian, and I don't believe that we're all inherently good," he said.

The article was headlined "Williams Carries the Paddle for NCAA."

Williams grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of a steelworker. He went to work in a mill himself at age 16, for 59½ cents per hour, during World War II.

After leaving the Navy, Williams enrolled at Westminster College, a Presbyterian-affiliated school in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, with thoughts of becoming a minister, Scott Williams says.

Williams met his wife, Lou, at Westminster and earned a degree in history in 1952. He came to UVA as a junior instructor in 1957 after teaching for a year at Queens College.

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By current standards, the University was understaffed, with a far skinnier administration.

"It was amazing how few faculty we had," Williams said in an interview with *Virginia Magazine* in 2020. "Everybody taught. I mean, you were in charge of gosh knows whatever, and you still had two classes you taught."

In 1963, Williams was charged with revamping the Echols Scholars, which had launched in 1960 as an honors program in the College of Arts & Sciences. He visited Princeton, Yale and Duke, among other campuses, to gather ideas.

"And I came back, and I wrote it up, went to the faculty meeting—and I'm still not a tenured faculty member—and presented it to them, and they said, 'Okay,'" he recalled in 2020. "You know, now, if we were doing that again, we'd have 35 different commi tees meeting."

As assistant provost, Williams shepherded George Mason College and Clinch Valley College from two-year branches of UVA to independent four-year status in 1966. In 1968, he became UVA's first vice president of student affair .

It was the Vietnam era, which Williams later recalled as a "hectic and stimulating time."

To put it mildly. Anti-war protests erupted on Grounds in May 1970, after the shootings at Kent State University. Charged with helping police keep a lid on things, Williams became "the symbol of repressive administration," **Rory Little (Col '78)** wrote in his thesis *Strike! A Study of Protest at the University of Virginia in May 1970*.

On the final night of protests, it fell to Williams to read the riot act to students, from the loudspeaker of a police car, warning them they had three minutes to disperse. The message was inaudible or garbled to many in the crowd, and they moved forward to hear it.

"Three short minutes later, the police charged," Little wrote.

Police fanned out, chasing down and rounding up 68 people and loading them into a Mayflower moving van. Among those swept up were a man delivering pizza, the assistant director of buildings and grounds, and one student who had been at a fraternity formal and spent the night in jail in a tuxedo, Little wrote.

Scott Williams says his father was "furious" over the police reaction.

"Dad went down to jail and bailed out people he knew had been wrongly arrested," he says.

Two days later, UVA President Edgar F. Shannon addressed a crowd of 4,000 on the Lawn. He declared his opposition to the war but maintained his determination to keep the University open despite student demands for a strike.

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He sent a letter to Virginia's U.S. senators criticizing the Nixon administration's response to the Kent State killings and decrying attacks on universities, students and the press. Some 5,000 students and faculty signed the letter, which was delivered to Washington.

Shannon was roundly criticized by state politicians, including Gov. Linwood Holton. Editorial writers and alumni blasted him as well. There were calls for his resignation.

Williams also took considerable heat for the administration's handling of student protests.

"At one point he was going around with a police guard," says Scott Williams, who was 12 years old in May 1970. "We had people calling our house in the middle of the night. That was not a good time."

Williams felt conflicted about his role in the May unrest. He told Little in an interview that Vietnam was differen from his war, in which the enemy had been clear.

"I can't say I wouldn't have done the same thing," he said of the students who protested.

Williams resigned as vice president of student affairs in 1973. He'd been determined to go out on his own terms, his son says. Shannon stepped down in 1974.

Williams handed the reins to Ern without ceremony. "He said, 'It's yours. I'm finished, I have other things to do.' And that was it," Ern says.

Williams continued to teach, as he'd done all along, and became a national figure in athletics through his roles with the NCAA. The unpaid work took him away from home an average of 100 days per year, he said in 1989.

"It's a public service kind of thing," he said.

The Z Society saluted Williams upon his retirement as VP of student affairs in 1973. Scott Williams read from a scroll on a wall in his father's Charlottesville offic while sorting through his effect . (That same day, a trove of tweed jackets hit the local thrift store market, he says.)

The scroll reads, in part:

"You have dedicated your life to the improvement of the quality of our University. You dreamed and not all the dreams were fulfilled. You fought and at times lost. But you taught us to become responsible leaders and we believe you succeeded. Thank you for the long hours, for the numerous headaches and ultimately for caring. You have served the University honorably."

Williams is survived by his wife, Lou; three sons, Scott and his wife Amy, Todd, and Kevin and his wife Jennifer; four granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Ed Miller is Associate Editor of Virginia Magazine.

In Memoriam

'40s

Dr. Harold S. Yood (Col '40, Med '43 CM) of Plainfield, New Jersey, died June 12, 2021. After graduating from UVA's medical school, he served as a medical officer in the U.S. Army during World War II, seeing action in the Battle of the Bulge and receiving a Purple Heart, three battle stars and one arrowhead. After the war, he returned to his hometown of Plainfield, where he practiced medicine for 44 years. He was on the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center staff and served as chief of medicine and president of the medical staff for six years. Dr. Yood served in numerous civic organizations, including on the boards of the Union County Medical Society and the United Way of Plainfield Fanwood and Union County. An avid sports fan, he followed UVA in every sport, and was incredibly proud of the 2019 men's basketball national championship. He was predeceased by his wife, **Helen Yood (Nurs '40 CM)**, whom he met at UVA, and a daughter. Survivors include three children; two grandchildren, including **Jill Herskovitz Patterson (Col '93 CM)**; and five great-grandchildren.

George S. Vest (Col '41, Grad '47) of Bethesda, Maryland, died Aug. 24, 2021. A World War II combat veteran, he developed an interest in foreign affairs while serving in Italy as a forward artillery observer in the U.S. Army. He joined the Foreign Service in 1947 and, after a posting in Ecuador, thought he would become a specialist in Latin American affairs. However, an unexpected assignment to Paris in 1959 as a political adviser to the supreme Allied commander in Europe led him to focus on Cold War diplomacy. He had several assignments with NATO and in 1969 became acting head of the U.S. mission at NATO headquarters in Brussels. In 1973, he was chosen as chief negotiator in preparatory talks for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in Helsinki. His efforts helped lay the groundwork for the Helsinki Accords, which reduced tensions between the Soviet and Western blocs by recognizing the inviolability of post–World War II frontiers in Europe. The 35 signatory nations also pledged to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms and cooperate in economic, scientific and other areas. Vest served as State Department spokesman under Henry Kissinger and later as his top adviser on political and military affairs. He served as U.S. ambassador to the European Union from 1981 to 1985 and finished his Foreign Service career as director general, in charge of recruiting, hiring and training the country's diplomats. In retirement, he was a consultant to the Akin Gump law firm in Washington and volunteered as a reading tutor in Washington, D.C., schools. He was predeceased by his wife, Emily Clemons Vest, and a daughter. Survivors include two sons and two granddaughters.

Louise Aylor Montague (Nurs '42) of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Jan. 21, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband, **Dr. Benjamin Franklin Montague (Col '42, Med '44 CM)**, with whom she loved camping and hiking, and made many trips across Canada and the United States. She also loved bird-watching and reading U.S. history. Survivors include niece **Carol Aylor Martin (Col '74, Grad '76)** and nephews **Oscar Aylor (Col '62 CM), Stanton Aylor Jr. (Com '66 CM), Joseph Aylor Jr. (Col '70)** and **John Lewis Aylor (Col '77)**.

Ann Jones Wood (Educ '45) of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, died May 22, 2021. After earning her bachelor's degree, the Charlottesville native began working at the Virginia Textile Co. In 1948 she married her high school sweetheart, James. They raised their four children in Texas, Massachusetts, Georgia, Virginia and Pennsylvania, where she lived for 52 years. She was a member of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and P.E.O. Chapter M, completing a two-year presidency for her P.E.O. chapter in 1975. Ms. Wood also served on the Women's Auxiliary of Pennsylvania Hospital for more than 20 years. She orchestrated many functions involved with her husband's medical and university associations. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed bridge, knitting, golf and travel. Survivors include four children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dr. M. Lee Williams (Med '47 CM) of Irvington, Virginia, died April 26, 2021. He lived on the Lawn at UVA, was managing editor of *Corks & Curls*, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Eli Banana and IMP societies. After graduating from medical school, he served in the U.S. Navy and later served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War, receiving a letter of commendation for his care and treatment of the wounded. He returned to Johns Hopkins Hospital as chief resident



Civic-minded alumnus remembered for his service to UVA and beyond

In the Virginia procedures class that he taught at UVA's law school, **Leigh Middleditch Jr. (Col '51, Law '57, Darden '58)** would often end an important point by punctuating it with "K?" before quickly moving on. With his hand in so many activities, which eventually included spearheading a Virginia-wide effort to stop political gerrymandering and co-founding UVA's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, Middleditch didn't have time to waste—not even for the first syllable in the word "OK."

"He was a man of action, and he really did not sit around talking," said **Charles "Skip" Fox IV (Law '80)**, a student and, later, law colleague, who remembered the quirk.

Middleditch, a one-time UVA legal adviser and Board of Visitors member, died Oct. 3, just days after his 92nd birthday and shortly after he was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. He was remembered as a consensus-builder and connector who took advantage of his vast network to launch nonprofits and populate boards. His service work began as he started his legal career at what is now McGuireWoods. At the time, lawyers couldn't advertise, so he was encouraged to do good works around Charlottesville to meet potential clients.

"He certainly went far beyond that," said **Bob Gibson (Col '72, Educ '14)**, former executive director of the Sorensen Institute. "He became someone who hatched a good idea, got 10 or 12 volunteers to join him in discussing how to pursue something, and then let them take off and do it. He didn't micromanage, and he was not someone who was a very forceful, vocal leader. He was a quiet, strong leader."

Middleditch wasn't one for the limelight; he even asked that his obituary not list his civic work. "If you ever met my father and asked him what he did, he would say he was a country lawyer," said his daughter, **Katherine McDonald (Col '80)**. "He never expounded upon himself or what he did."

But his efforts were broad, working with the Charlottesville Free Clinic, the Virginia State Bar and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among many others. He helped build and served as a trustee for the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit that's doled out nearly $80 million since 1991, including to UVA's nursing and medical schools.

And he initiated the OneVirginia2021 Foundation, which seeks to stop the practice of drawing legislative district lines to advantage a political party or individual. The effort led to a successful 2020 referendum that set new redistricting rules and established the Virginia Redistricting Commission.

At UVA, his resume includes his service as president of the Law School Alumni Association and UVA Alumni Association Board of Managers and chairman of the UVA Health Services Foundation. He taught for decades at both the law school and the Darden School of Business. And he took a break from his practice at McGuireWoods from 1968 to 1972 to serve as UVA legal adviser during a particularly heady time amid integration, coeducation and Vietnam War protests.

"You would go to Leigh and say, 'These are the issues from my vantage point, where am I wrong?'" recalled Ernest H. Ern, who was UVA's admission dean at the time and became a close friend of Middleditch's. "And he'd tell you. He really would."

No single effort was Middleditch's favorite, McDonald said, but UVA remained close to his heart. As an undergraduate student, Middleditch, originally from Michigan, played center halfback on the varsity soccer team and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and eventually retired as a Naval Reserve captain in 1972. In 1986, he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which honors individuals for excellence of character and service to humanity.

Middleditch was also a man of few words at home, where he and his wife, Betty G. Middleditch, raised three children, McDonald said. But he always made clear that it was the responsibility of citizens to give back and that, in his own life, he was forever grateful for his education from UVA.

"When my father gave a grace," McDonald remembered, "he would stand up and he would always be thankful, and he would say, 'God bless our soldiers, God bless our nation, and God bless the University of Virginia, for they have done the most wonderful things for me.'"

Middleditch is survived by his wife and three children.

—Sarah Lindenfeld Hall

in otolaryngology and head and neck surgery. After his residency, he remained at Hopkins in charge of the teaching program at the department for 17 years. He received teaching appointments as a part-time assistant professor and later as associate professor emeritus, serving on the staff for 45 years. Dr. Williams also served as chief of otolaryngology at Union Memorial Hospital and helped establish the Hopkins Facial Rehabilitation Clinic. He worked at other hospitals as a consultant and on the medical team of the Baltimore Colts for 16 years. One of his greatest pleasures was teaching his children and grandchildren to fish and sail. He enjoyed racing with his sons in regattas and, at age 77, won his yacht club's single-hand racer of the year award, sailing alone in his 24-foot Raven sloop, Poe Bird. He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Katherine Ryland Williams, and his son **Dr. Howard S. Williams (Med '84 CM)**. Survivors include four children, two stepchildren, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

'50s

Lloyd L. Craighill (Com '50 CM) of Lexington, Virginia, died Sept. 14, 2021. At UVA, he was a member and Worthy Master of Alpha Tau Omega. After graduation, he worked for Philip Morris Inc. He progressed through many positions and retired in 1984 as general manager of the Richmond, Virginia, manufacturing center. After retirement, he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, to be close to a family property where fi e generations have vacationed for nearly 100 years. He gave back to the community through work on several volunteer boards, including St. Michael's School, Easter Seals Society of Virginia, Stonewall Jackson Foundation and the Historic Lexington Foundation, among others. More than anything, he loved his family. His love for UVA also stayed with him, and for decades he rarely missed watching a broadcast of a Cavaliers football or basketball game. Survivors include his wife; three sons, including **Lloyd L. (Lang) Craighill (Darden '78 CM)**; fi e grandchildren, including **Christopher L. Craighill (Col '06 CM)**; and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. Murray Marvin Hausner (Col '51, Med '55) of Los Angeles died Sept. 1, 2021. He served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He moved to California in 1962 and served as chief pathologist and director of laboratories at Inter-Community Hospital in Covina from 1967 to 1976. After completing additional training and receiving certification in dermatopathology and Mohs micrographic surgery, he entered private practice in Beverly Hills. Active in community affair , he served as president of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. After his retirement, he embraced lifelong learning as an enthusiastic member of the Plato Society of Los Angeles. Survivors include his wife, Leonore Blum Hausner, and two children.

Edward G. Cortright Jr. (Law '52) of Madison, Mississippi, died Aug. 11, 2021. He attended Virginia Military Institute for a year and then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He then attained a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a law degree at UVA. He engaged in the general practice of law for 18 years. During that time he served as a city alderman from 1957 to 1961. In 1970 he was elected as a chancery judge of the 11th Chancery Court District of Mississippi. He remained in that position without opposition until his retirement in 1997. After retirement, he served as a senior status judge for a number of years. Judge Cortright also served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Rules for the Supreme Court of Mississippi for 14 years and as chairman of the Mississippi Conference of Chancery Judges. He vigorously supported the promotion of judicial education for judges through the Mississippi Judicial College. He was active in Red Cross relief efforts and ser ed as chairman of the local Disaster Committee. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; three children; four grandchildren; and fi e great-grandchildren.

John Wesley McClintock Jr. (Law '52) of Richlands, Virginia, died Sept. 5, 2020. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, in the Philippines and in the postwar occupation of Japan. At UVA, he met his wife, **Elizabeth Jayne Christie McClintock (Nurs '50)** of Ronceverte, West Virginia. They were married in 1951. He began practicing law in Richlands in 1952 and was actively engaged for 67 years, until his retirement in 2019. He served as substitute District Court judge for the 29th Judicial Circuit from 1994 until 2006. He was also mayor and town attorney for Richlands; former director of the Richlands Area Industrial Development Corp.; past commander of American Legion Post No. 138, Department of Virginia; and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a great believer of the phrase "Blessed is he who hath found his work," and he also had this saying displayed in his office: "I am till learning." He was predeceased by his wife and a son. Survivors include six children, including **Steven McClintock (Col '82, Law '86)**.

Duncan Charles "Chuck" Merriwether (Col '52, Law '57 CM) of Naples, Florida, died April 24, 2020. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Virginia Law Review at the UVA law school and a Baker Scholar at Harvard Business School, where he earned his MBA. Mr. Merriwether had a successful professional career, and he won a case in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court while at the Philadelphia law firm epper Hamilton & Scheetz. He went on to lead a large lease finan - ing company in Philadelphia, and later he developed popular real estate communities in South Carolina and Colorado. Passionate about planes, Mr. Merriwether

served on the national board of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and on the boards of Hampshire National Bank in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and Widener College. He retired to Hilton Head, South Carolina, in the 1970s and settled in Naples after marrying his wife, Lynne. He enjoyed golf, reading, crossword puzzles, world travel, and watching college and professional sports. He spent his last years celebrating his Cavaliers' national championships in baseball, men's basketball and men's lacrosse. Survivors include his wife; three children, including **John Merriwether (Col '87)**; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother.

Frank MacConochie (Col '53 CM) of Atlanta died Jan. 18, 2021. At UVA, he wrote for the *Cavalier Daily.* He began his career in sales at IBM and was a manager for construction firm cDevitt & Street, where he worked on the Atlanta–Fulton County Stadium, the Cathedral of St. Philip and renovations to the Georgia State Capitol. He founded his own firm, MacConochie Construction Co., whose projects included the Cotton Exchange Building, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation and nearly 200 locations for FedEx. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation for 50 years and was past president of the UVA Club of Atlanta. Survivors include three daughters and a grandson.

Edward F. "Pete" Mitchell Jr. (Engr '56 CM) of Annapolis, Maryland, died April 30, 2020. After serving in the U.S. Navy in aviation electronics, he earned a degree in electrical engineering from UVA. He went on to receive a master's in engineering administration from George Washington University, which conferred on him an honorary doctorate in 1989. He began his career at Pepco in 1956 as a junior electrical engineer and worked his way up through every phase of the utility's operations to the top offic After joining the board of directors in 1980, he became president in 1983, CEO in 1989 and chairman of the board in 1992. An active leader of electric industry related organizations, Mr. Mitchell also served on the boards of local businesses and other organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Hospital, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the University of Maryland's College of Engineering. However, his proudest appointments were the chairmanships of the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education and the Corporation Against Drug Abuse. In 1980, Mr. Mitchell and his wife, Suzanne, moved to Potomac, Maryland, where they were a constant presence at their granddaughters' activities and events. He was a sailing enthusiast and active in efforts to revitalize th Chesapeake Bay. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Kent Island, enabling him to fulfill his lifelong dream o waking up to the bay every morning. Survivors include his daughter, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

James Douglas Smith (Grad '56, '60) of Williamsburg, Virginia, died Nov. 14, 2020. After graduating from the University of North Carolina, he served in the U.S. Navy as a supply officer on th *USS Zellars*. At UVA, he was elected to the Raven Society and Phi Beta Kappa. He taught history at the University of Georgia for three years. In 1962, he began his career with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, where he was director of exhibition buildings and then director of historic area administration until his retirement in 1994. He also directed a graduate program in museum management jointly sponsored by the College of William & Mary. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sanford Smith; daughters **Sallie Smith Hutcheson (Arch '82 CM)** and **Jennie Ellen Smith (Educ '84)**; son-in-law **Drewry B. Hutcheson Jr. (Col '77 CM)**; and a grandson.

Dr. Joseph H. Fitzgerald (Med '57 CM) of Miami died June 21, 2021. After a medical residency and internship in New York, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving as a battle group surgeon in Germany and completing 19 jumps as a paratrooper. He then returned to Miami, where he had grown up, and established a private practice in urology, which he continued until his retirement in 2003. An avid sailor, he also had a keen interest in history, particularly in exploration and antique maps. To share his passion, he proposed to the Miami Historical Society the idea of an annual map fair, which became the Miami International Map Fair, founded in 1994 and now in its 27th year. He is survived by his wife, Monica; three children, including **Karl Joseph Fitzgerald (Col '90 CM)**; and four grandchildren.

Jim Bazemore (Arch '59 CM) of Greenville, South Carolina, died May 17, 2021. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and graduating from architecture school, he opened Bazemore Architect in Niagara Falls, New York. He also taught design at Buffalo State College and later at the University of Buffal . He received two AIA design awards for his work. In his free time, he loved sailing and won many races at the local yacht club. After closing his firm in 1991, he and his wife, Trudie, enjoyed living aboard their large sailboat and sailing to Southern waters. Upon leaving Florida waters, they sailed to Trudie's hometown of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and built their retirement home on the shore of Lunenburg Bay. They lived there for 10 years sailing and working with community organizations, spending winters boating in Florida. They subsequently moved to South Carolina, most recently Greenville. Survivors include his wife, four children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

'60s

Dr. Ashby Carter Moncure (Med '60 CM) of Savannah, Georgia, died Aug. 22, 2021. He served in the U.S. Army as a captain from 1962 to 1964.

At UVA, he was a member of the Raven Society and the medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his training as chief resident in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital and established a busy practice in thoracic and vascular surgery. He became clinical professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and senior surgeon at Massachusetts General. He authored or co-authored 125 publications and served as team physician for the Boston Bruins hockey team for 34 seasons. He also served as president of the Boston Surgical Society, the New England Surgical Society and the Eastern Surgical Society. He moved to Savannah in 2011. Dr. Moncure was predeceased by two wives, Patricia Leighton Moncure and Margot Graham Moncure. He is survived by his wife, Annie Stanton Moncure; three daughters; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Douglas Fielder (Grad '64, '67 CM) of Oneonta, New York, died April 28, 2021. He graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1962 before earning his master's and doctorate degrees in physics from UVA. He served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of captain. In 1969, he and his wife, Dorothy Scott, moved to Oneonta, where Mr. Fielder began teaching at SUNY Oneonta. He served as department chair for several years and taught until his retirement in 2000. Over the years, Mr. Fielder was active in physics organizations, as well as many local activities and groups. His favorite hobby was photography, and in earlier years he enjoyed running and hiking. He ran in a number of marathons. The Fielders enjoyed traveling, especially after they both retired. Some of their favorite trips were to national parks of the Southwestern United States, Ireland, Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands and Iceland. Survivors include his wife, a son and a granddaughter.

Peter Hodson (Arch '65, '67 CM) of Richmond, Virginia, died July 2, 2021. A vigorous advocate for classical architecture, he served for four decades as a senior lecturer at the University of Portsmouth School of Architecture, where he taught classical architecture as a design resource for contemporary work, a unique offering in Britain at the time. He was also a special tutor at the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture in London. In 2007, he received the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art's prestigious Arthur Ross Award for architectural education. After his retirement from Portsmouth, Hodson made Richmond his permanent residence and continued teaching his foundation course on classical architecture through Virginia Commonwealth University. He also served as an instructor and design critic for Glavé & Holmes Architecture, a Richmond firm specializing in classical design.

Dr. Seth Huntington Jackson (Med '68 CM) of Willamina, Oregon, died April 14, 2021. As a UVA undergrad, he worked on the Corner at The Virginian. After graduating from medical school, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He also served two tours as physician for the U.S. naval base in Kenitra, Morocco, and as director of obstetrics and gynecology at the Great Lakes Regional Naval Medical Center. He retired from the Navy in 1977 at the rank of commander and moved to Portland, Oregon, to establish his own practice. From 1984 to 2012 he established a 40-acre organic farm in Willamina and practiced his golf swing, hitting balls into the upper fields and forest. He retired from medicine in 2014 and moved to Loreto, Mexico, in 2018 to enjoy fishing, sunshine and the ocean. Survivors include his wife, Jerilee; two children; two granddaughters; his fir t wife, **Sharon Jackson (Nurs '64)**; a sister; and a foster great-granddaughter.

David Cochran Dando (Engr '69 CM) of Memphis, Tennessee, died April 28, 2021. He worked in the construction industry his entire career as a project manager, business owner and president. He was involved in the construction of hundreds of projects for companies including Target, FedEx and Walmart and served as president of the Memphis and Tennessee chapters of the Associated General Contractors. He was also a founding member and 20-year chairman of the board of the AGC workers' compensation fund and a team leader for the American Council of Construction Education Accreditation Committee. He loved to travel with his wife, Ruth Jappe Dando, with whom he had just celebrated 50 years of marriage. He also loved UVA and was proud to be an alumnus. Survivors include his wife, two children and fi e grandchildren.

John T. De Fazio (Law '69) died Feb. 18, 2021. A native of Staten Island, New York, he enlisted as a judge advocate general in the U.S. Army after UVA law school and completed his service as a captain. He was taught by Justice Antonin Scalia at UVA and was part of a team that helped write a revision to the Virginia State Constitution. He settled in Ohio and did important work for teachers unions in that state and West Virginia early in his career and also worked with the Professional Air Traffi Controllers Organization. He established his own firm before finishing his career as a dedicated and successful trial lawyer for Nationwide Insurance, retiring in 2010. He played "old-timer" baseball, loved the New York Yankees, and had a natural eye for photography. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, and a daughter, Diane.

'70s

Douglas G. Reid (Col '70) of Charlottesville died April 29, 2021. He grew up in Arlington, Virginia, and as a teenager spent two years in Okinawa, Japan. He was an Echols Scholar at UVA and a proud Wahoo. Education was Mr. Reid's life work and passion, and he was a teacher for 46 years. He was named the "heart and soul" of Meriwether Lewis Elementary

School, where he taught fifth grade science and math for 31 years and led the after-school chess club. After retirement, he continued teaching and substitute teaching in the Albemarle County Schools until 2019. He particularly enjoyed substituting in ESL classes, where he learned about different world culture and languages. Mr. Reid had an insatiable thirst for knowledge, and everyone he knew described him as brilliant. He enjoyed reading; playing chess; and watching UVA sports, college basketball and baseball, especially the Nationals. He loved doing crossword puzzles, going to Fridays After 5 and spending time with his grandson, Charlie. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; three children; four grandchildren; and his sister.

Richard J. Joachim, D.D.S. (Col '73) of Blue Ridge, Virginia, died June 24, 2021. A physics major at UVA, he earned his doctor of dental surgery at the Medical College of Virginia and served in the U.S. Navy, providing dental services aboard the aircraft carrier *USS America* before establishing his dental practice in Roanoke in 1980. Known by his patients for his positivity, practicality and kindness, he was a caring member of the Roanoke community and generous in his support of charitable causes, most notably as director of dental services at the Bradley Free Clinic in Roanoke. An accomplished tennis player, he was honored as the fir t recipient of the Richard "Rich" Joachim, D.D.S. Sportsmanship Award by the Roanoke Regional Tennis Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, **Beverly Williams Joachim (Nurs '01)**; and three children, **Christopher Joachim (Col '12)**, Andrew and Bradley.

G. Clarke Mullins (Col '73) of Riviera Beach, Florida, died Aug. 14, 2021. At UVA, he was a member of the football team. He was president of L.D. Mullins Lumber Co. in Riviera Beach, where he worked with his father, Moon; and brother, Larry. He and his wife of 38 years, Pate', enjoyed travel and adventure, mostly off the beaten path. A legendary perfectionist, Mr. Mullins could often be found working on motorcycles and classic cars. He became a pilot in 2008 and enjoyed flying his Piper Comanche N5617P all over Florida. He always said, "Have a nice ride," and he most certainly did. Survivors include his wife, his daughter and three grandchildren.

Richard Joseph "Joe" Busch (Col '75 CM) of Louisa County, Virginia, died May 20, 2021. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned an MBA from Mary Washington University and a master's in accounting from George Mason University. He loved his family deeply. His love for all things UVA was rooted in his childhood in Charlottesville, grew during his undergraduate years as a Wahoo, and blossomed for the balance of his life. Survivors include his wife, Lisa; his stepson; four siblings, including **Stephen D. Busch (Col '77 CM)**; stepsister **Kim Leslie Hale (Col '80)**; and brother-in-law **Michael R. Sullivan (Col '72, Darden '78 CM).**

R. Steven Nichols (Educ '77, '93 CM) of Charlottesville died May 8, 2021. An adjunct faculty member of UVA's School of Education, he was a longtime and beloved principal at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia, and superintendent of schools in Amherst County, Virginia; Staunton City, Virginia; and Jefferson Count , West Virginia. He worked in several other school departments in Virginia, including Manassas Park City, Culpeper County, Manassas City and Alexandria City. He was a visiting scholar at Oxford University and received the Curry School Superintendent of the Year Award in 2010. He also received the Phi Delta Kappa Leadership Award. His passion for teaching was matched only by his love for UVA. The number of students he helped and mentored is immeasurable.

'80s

Dave "Lombo" Lombardo (Med '81 CM) of Jacksonville, Florida, died May 25, 2021. After graduating from Amherst College, where he played soccer and basketball, he graduated from UVA's medical school and trained in radiology at Harvard and Duke universities. He practiced medicine for many years in Jacksonville before retiring for medical reasons. He made the very best of the following years by traveling widely, hitting the golf links, becoming proficient in Italian, furthering his trumpet skills, attending jazz clubs, listening to opera and drinking the very best red wines. He became Jacksonville's "most interesting man." Although he was an accomplished athlete, student and physician, he was always humble. He was smart but never over-competitive academically. He always showed an interest in what his friends were doing and encouraged their pursuits. He had a dry yet profoundly witty sense of humor. After graduation from UVA, he kept up with his medical school classmates and enjoyed attending reunions donning the most outlandish sports coats. Dr. Lombardo was an outstanding physician, great friend, loving husband and supportive father. Survivors include his wife, Carol, and two children.

James Stephen Peters (Arch '84) of Williamsburg, Virginia, died April 26, 2021. A gifted pitcher, he began college as an athlete at East Carolina University but eventually graduated from the College of William & Mary, where he met his future wife and immersed himself in the fine art . He was always doing something interesting. For several summers, he worked blowing glass at Jamestown Island, and on a hiatus from his studies, he spent more than a year in Japan, teaching English to Japanese businessmen, traveling and exploring the culture. In his career as a landscape architect, he worked for Planning & Design Collaborative in Richmond, Virginia, and later for AES Consulting Engineers in Williamsburg. He poured his creativity, focus and keen problem-solving skills into his work and enjoyed collaborating with clients and colleagues

to make projects reach their full potential. His backyard, a space that grew more magnificent year by year, was a testament to his ability to make the world a more glorious place one small gesture at a time. Mr. Peters created beautiful paintings and pastels and enjoyed music, fishing, pl y-ing the harmonica and body surfing. e was known for his kindness, curiosity, creativity, and ability to catalog and retrieve perfectly timed jokes. Despite health challenges in later years because of a rare genetic disease, his belief in the power of beauty and art to sustain and soothe endured through every trial. Survivors include his wife, Michele; three children; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister.

Harry Shulman (Law '85) of San Francisco died June 21, 2021. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1980 and after two years of travel and adventure enrolled at UVA's law school. He practiced law in Colorado, for Holland & Hart, and in San Francisco. While living in Aspen, he had a near-fatal motorcycle accident, but he overcame the odds and never allowed the ensuing physical limitations to define him. In 1999 he met his wife, Annie, and they married the following year in Aspen. Harry moved to San Francisco to join Annie and was soon surrounded by many new friends. Mr. Shulman was always ready for a good time and to be there for his friends and family. He loved riding his bike in the hills of Marin and Sonoma, and when his heart no longer allowed him to pedal hard, his e-bike was his most treasured possession. His love for the underdog led him to focus his career on class actions for underrepresented communities. Survivors include his wife and two children.

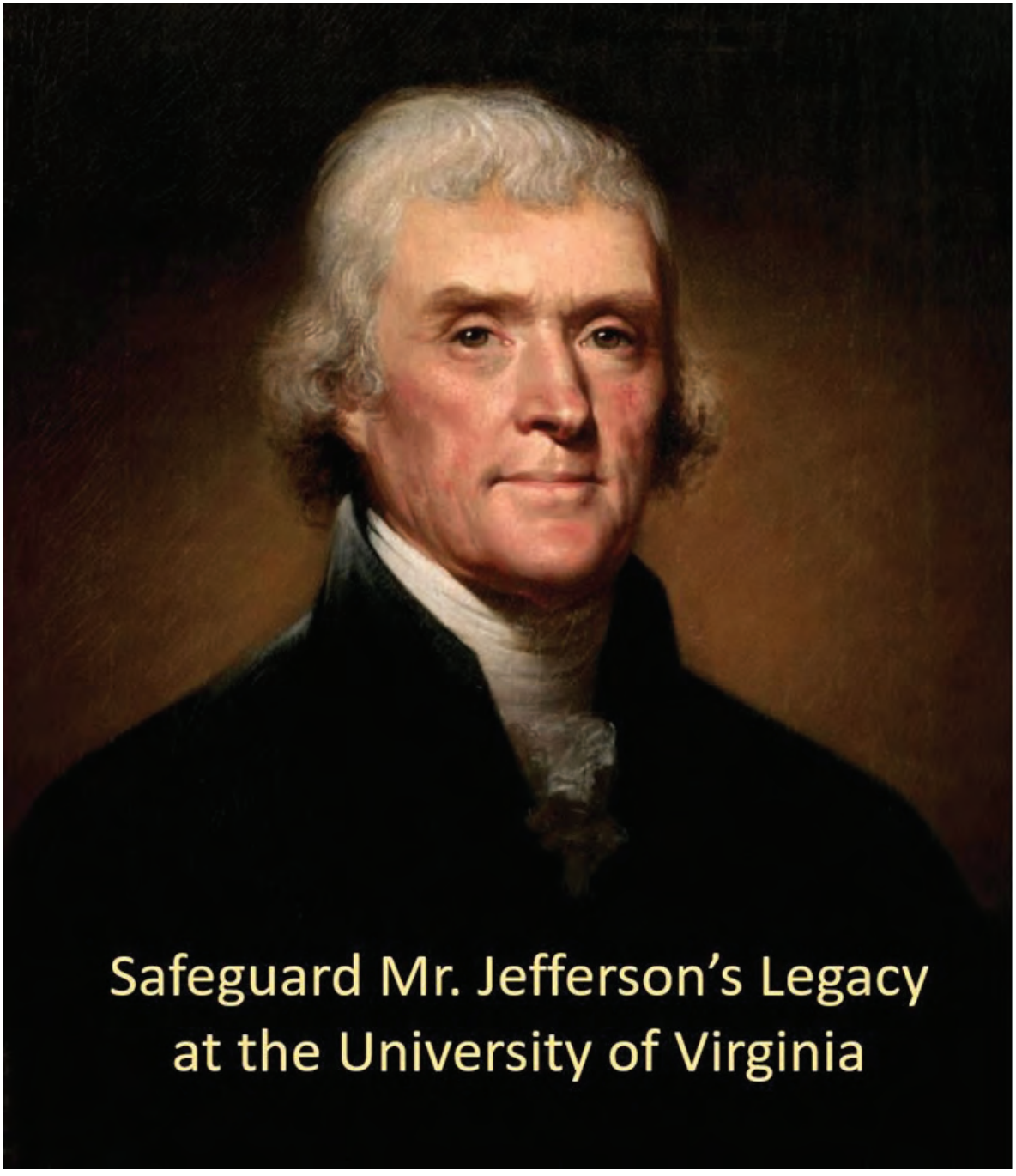
Harry Bondareff (Com '86 CM) of Portland, Oregon, died May 12, 2021. Raised in Alexandria, Virginia, he graduated from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, where he played three varsity sports, was class president and received the St. Stephen's Medal. After graduating from UVA, he earned a master's degree in environmental studies at the University of Oregon. An innovative businessman and entrepreneur, he spent his career focused on sustainability and work that bettered the environment. Mr. Bondareff l ved hiking, climbing mountains, rock climbing, camping and international travel. Survivors include his wife, Kerry Rae Connolly; three sisters, including **Lisa Bondareff emler (Col '80)**; a brother; and his father.

'90s

Anantha Sudhakar (Col '98) of Austin, Texas, died Aug. 11, 2021. She majored in English and women's studies at UVA and completed her M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Washington and Rutgers University. In 2012, she became a professor in the College of Ethnic Studies and Department of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University. She earned tenure in 2019 and served as the assistant dean of the College of Ethnic Studies from 2020 to 2021. She was granted status as professor emerita upon her retirement in 2021. Ms. Sudhakar transformed the field of Asian American tudies through her research, writing and activism. Before joining SFSU, she worked at the Asian American Writers Workshop in New York City and was the recipient of two Andrew W. Mellon fellowships, as well as a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship in Asian American Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign. Her published research focused on cross-racial solidarities between Black and Asian populations, and on art and activism about working-class, undocumented and queer South Asian immigrants living and working in the U.S. and Canada. Ms. Sudhakar was a tireless leader in racial and gender justice, most prominently within the South Asian American community. She was a board member of *SAMAR* (South Asian Magazine for Action and Reflection); the South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA), a nonprofit organization for the digital documentation and preservation of South Asian American history; and the South Asian Womxn's Creative Collective (SAWCC), an arts activist organization that promotes the creative work of South Asian women artists living in the U.S. and Canada. Most recently, Sudhakar wrote about her journey with metastatic breast cancer in the anthology *Untold: Defining Moments of the Uprooted*. The SFSU Asian American Studies Department and her family have established the Anantha Sudhakar Scholarship Endowment in honor of her scholarship and activism. She is survived by her husband, Ramesh Kathanadhi, and her parents.

'10s

Daniel Joshua Wendell (Col '16) of Roanoke, Virginia, and Charlottesville died July 28, 2021. During his fourth year at UVA, he established a business in Charlottesville, Automotive Aesthetic. He gained a national reputation working on many famous cars and dealing with celebrities who enjoyed his enthusiasm, honesty and mastery of his trade. An entrepreneur at heart, he began detailing cars in the family garage at age 12, began importing car products from England at age 13, and was featured in a *Roanoke Times* article at age 15. Family and friends described him as joyful, optimistic, generous and a humorous "old soul" who held himself to a high standard of integrity. Survivors include his parents, Jeff and arla Wendell.



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Retrospect

HOT TRAX

Alumni remember Charlottesville venue that launched Dave Matthews Band, others

BY SARAH LINDENFELD HALL



It was nothing more than a dark, hot, sticky, beer-soaked, cavernous roadhouse in an out-of-the-way college town—or so it might have seemed. For two decades, Trax drew big names and packed houses.

UVA alumni from the early 1990s remember it as the 11th Street place where Dave Matthews Band began its rise to superstardom with $5 Tuesday night gigs. But Trax was more than the launchpad for Matthews' band and its independent and now-global management company, Red Light Management. With a large stage and enough room, officially, for about 780 people and sometimes hundreds more, Trax was the biggest club in Charlottesville, luring national acts from the Ramones to George Clinton & the P-Funk All Stars.

Trax is long gone now, razed in 2002 for UVA's hospital expansion. But, for many, the venue is unforgettable. "The dressing room was totally funky, the stage was funky, the club was funky, but it was so casual and open and easy access," says UVA music lecturer Robert Jospé, who performed at Trax as part of the trio TR3. "There's nothing quite like it."

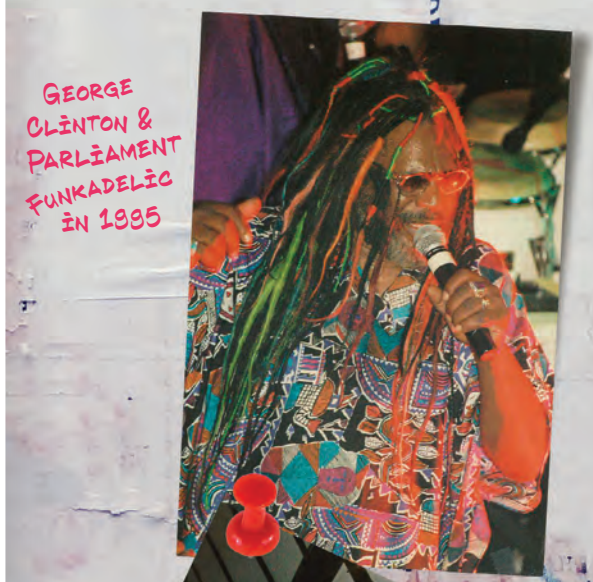
Max, then Trax

Charlottesville boasted a vibrant live music scene in the early 1980s with venues such as C&O, The Mine Shaft, Mousetrap, Miller's and Newcomb Hall's Pavilion XI. A club named Max was among them. The country music joint attracted mostly locals and was in another part of the building that would eventually house Trax, too.

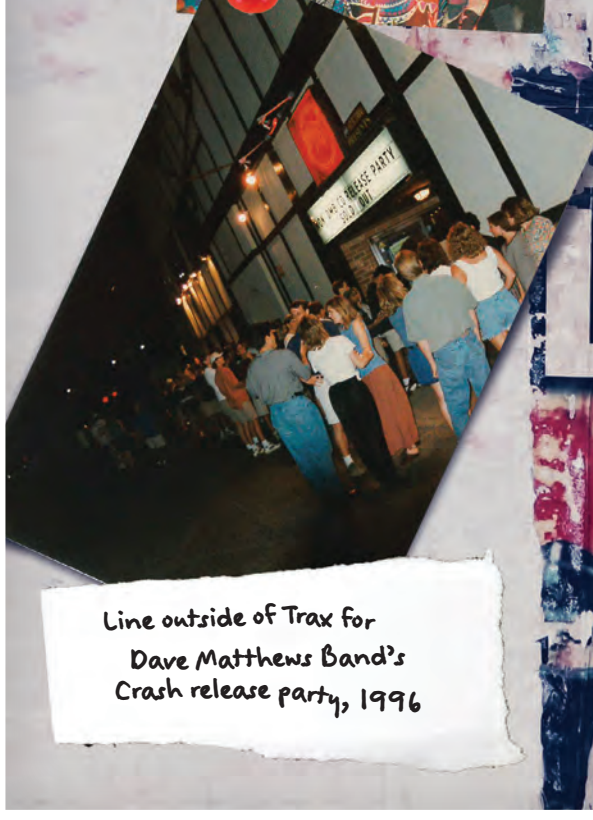
Trax started appearing in the *Cavalier Daily*'s weekly live music listings in October 1982 with a rock 'n' roll focus; UVA favorite The Skip Castro Band was an early regular. During its first show there, band member **Charlie Pastorfield (Col '75)** remembers looking out across a mass of people and seeing 7-foot-4 basketball star **Ralph Sampson**



Bruce Hornsby and Shawn Colvin, June 1996



George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic in 1995



Line outside of Trax for Dave Matthews Band's Crash release party, 1996

LEFT: COURTESY CHRIS FARINA; RIGHT: COURTESY DANA MURPHY

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Ben Harper's first appearance at Trax in 1996





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Below: Dave Matthews, right, with Trax bartender Pam Gurley (Col '97, Law '00), and local drummer Kevin Murphy, at the Crash CD release party





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(Col '83) popping up above everyone else. "That is my enduring memory of that place," Pastorfield ays.

By the mid-'80s, Trax had a few things on its side. Charlottesville was a convenient midweek stop for bands traveling between Atlanta and Washington, D.C., says **Rich Tarbell (Arch '89)**, author of *Regarding Charlottesville Music*. WTJU DJs introduced students to up-and-coming artists and helped promote the shows, says **Maynard Sipe (Arch '90)**, who served as WTJU's station manager and program director. And the town had two thriving music stores: Back Alley Disc and Plan 9 Music.

Joining a word-of-mouth, landline network of independent promoters, Sipe started booking national acts at Trax in the mid-'80s when the club was featuring mostly local and regional bands.

His fir t full house at Trax was punk band Dead Kennedys in 1985. The success prompted the club's owner to give Sipe, now an adjunct professor at UVA's law school, more freedom to bring in bands like The Replacements and Soul Asylum, building Trax's reputation on the national independent music circuit.

'Zero to 60'

For UVA students, Trax's location was off the beaten path, a mile from first-year dorms and near train tracks and run-down commercial buildings. The area's grittiness was captured when Trax appeared briefly in the 1991 movie *True Colors*, starring John Cusack and James Spader as UVA law students. "How bad could it be?" Spader's character asked. The red neon Trax sign that hung at the club was a prop from the movie.

"It was like the line between UVA and Charlottesville was drawn right there at that street where Trax used to be," says **Rusty Speidel (Col '82)**, who played there with his band Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin & Lille.

But for many students, it was worth the hike. The draw was an informal spot with a big dance floor where fans could get right up to the stage for cutting-edge national acts or regional favorites. It was much more intimate than University Hall or Mem Gym and much less formal than Old Cabell Hall, the usual on-Grounds concert venues.

As national acts streamed in, local artists were honing their craft there, too, including a nearby Fluvanna County teenager named Chris Daughtry, now front man of rock band Daughtry. By then, Dave Matthews Band was filling arenas with help from **Coran Capshaw (Col '83)**, Trax's former owner and Red Light founder.

Capshaw took over Trax in 1989, says **Chris Bowman (Col '88)**, who worked for Capshaw and was eventually part of partnerships that managed the club after Capshaw moved on in 1992. Even after he stopped managing Trax daily, Capshaw kept a small offic in the building to run Red Light, now the world's largest independent music management company representing artists as varied as Lionel Richie and Phish.

Matthews himself had performed at Trax long before his band's fir t performance there in March 1991. He occasionally sang with TR3, which included Matthews' future bandmate Tim Reynolds. The Tuesday gigs started in fall 1991, and "he went from zero to 60," says **Sara Habibian (Nurs '95)**, a regular at the early shows. Habibian remembers a reserved Matthews driving her and some friends back to the first-year dorms after some shows.

Soon, even the trek to Trax became a party as groups walked there from Grounds, stopping first for drinks on Rugby Road or the Corner. Dave Matthews Band fans lined up and down the street to get in, filling the venue beyond capacity. Bowman says they would confiscate 15 to 20 fake IDs Tuesday nights.

"It was definitely a bit of an event," says **Brad Willett (Col '95)**. "They were really coming together as a band. We were all into it, and we were all really rooting for them."

After Matthews' ascent

In December 1993, the weekly show ended as the band started touring the country. Trax went through several ownership changes and, in 1994, was briefl named Crossroads after the owner of the music store chain of the same name took over.

In 1995, Dana Murphy purchased the business and, with Bowman's help, celebrated the reopening as Trax in October with jam band Leftover Salmon. Through the 1990s, it became a popular spot for Greek organization charity events, and it was still luring big-name acts like Ben Harper, Hootie & the Blowfish and Edwin McCain, as well as regional groups that packed the house. Bowman bowed out in 1997.

Lydia Ooghe (Col '01) recalls crowd-surfing. "I was hoisted up into the waiting hands of the other audience members, and no one did anything creepy," says Ooghe, who also performed at Trax with the band Buzby. "I just got to sail over the crowd to the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and it was splendid."

Partly because of Matthews' recent ascent, it was an exciting time in Charlottesville's music scene, says Murphy, who sold Trax in 2000. "Charlottesville could have exploded and morphed into something bigger, but it never did. I don't know why. Maybe because Trax closed."

All along, a big force was tugging at Trax: UVA. For years, Jim Morris, the building's owner and Max's manager, fielded offers to buy the property, Bowman recalls. Eventually, Morris agreed. UVA paid $1.2 million for the property in 2002.

"It wasn't a shock," Pastorfield says. Other East Coast clubs were closing, too. "But it was sad beyond belief to know that that spot that was our home was gone."

Today, the property is a staging area and offic for the contractor working on hospital projects. Though it's been gone 20 years, the name lives on. When Dave Matthews Band releases live recordings, they still call them "Trax."

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