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Learning takes place within the quiet study carrels at Swem Library and in the bustling cities of Washington, Vienna, Cape Town and Beijing that serve as backdrops for programs offered by the D.C. Office and for some of the 30-plus study abroad programs led by William & Mary faculty and exchange institutions.

It takes place during late-night chats in dorm rooms and sorority houses and at lively performances in Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Ewell Recital Hall and the Kimball Theatre.

It takes place in Williamsburg and beyond — anywhere and everywhere in the unique, far-reaching and special community that has come to define William & Mary.

“There’s a certain kind of energy you get at William & Mary,” says Carter A. Rosekrans, Class of 2012. “It’s a very positive atmosphere.”

“Our students are diverse in race, age and experience. That makes the classroom richer,” says Jayne W. Barnard, professor at the Law School.

The richness of the student body combined with the depth of knowledge and enthusiasm of the faculty ignites a passion for scholarship and service within the walls of William & Mary and beyond.

Jayne W. Barnard, the James G. Cutler Professor of Law at William & Mary, is the epitome of the “citizen lawyer,” a distinguished legal scholar who also excels in service to the public.

When disgraced financier and former Nasdaq chairman Bernard Madoff was sentenced in 2009 for bilking investors of billions in a Ponzi scheme, Barnard watched the proceedings from the New York courtroom, where she was a guest of U.S. District Judge Denny Chin.

Her invitation came because of her efforts on behalf of white-collar crime victims. Barnard’s legal scholarship and advocacy had prompted a change in federal court procedure that enables victims of fraud and economic crimes to testify during sentencing hearings about the crime’s impact on their lives. Because of Barnard, a contingent of Madoff’s duped investors was having its say in court.

“It was fascinating and heartbreaking to hear their stories,” says Barnard. “But I was able to see a victim impact process at its best.”

A nationally recognized expert in corporate governance and securities regulation, Barnard served four years on the 14-member Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) panel hearing appeals in disciplinary cases involving securities brokers and firms. Most recently, she was appointed to a FINRA foundation board dedicated to investor education.

She also is passionate about protecting the rights granted by the U.S. Constitution and has volunteered for more than 30 years with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She is currently the president of the Virginia ACLU.

“Some people will roll their eyes or laugh about the ACLU,” says Barnard. “But if people have questions or criticisms, I am happy to hear them out. Lots of people misunderstand or even fear the organization.

“But I think that most people recognize that the ACLU performs a really important service to people who otherwise would never have lawyers or whose rights would never be defended. I’m proud of the work we do, and the values we represent.”

Barnard has been teaching at William & Mary School of Law since 1985. Her time spent in public service with various state and national organizations not only informs her work in the classroom, but brings a clear impact to her students and society at large.

“I think my practical experience and my public policy experience make my teaching stronger and quicker,” says Barnard. “When someone asks a practical question, or a
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question that may not be directly in the reading, I don’t have to scratch my head.”

Barnard came to William & Mary with a distinguished legal career involving a mix of corporate and securities work (she was a partner at the Jenner & Block law firm), government work (she was deputy corporation counsel for the City of Chicago under Mayor Harold Washington) and headline-grabbing voting rights work (among her clients with ballot issues was the Socialist Workers Party). She’d also done stints on Capitol Hill and in the Chicago office of two well-known Illinois politicians.

She teaches Corporations, Securities Regulation and a Securities Enforcement Seminar. She has been recognized with numerous awards for her university work, including the 2010 Plumeri Award for Teaching Excellence and the 2011 Thomas Jefferson Award. This is her third year holding the Herbert V. Kelly Sr. Chair for Teaching Excellence.

Her classes are “interactive,” with law students taking on the roles of corporate CEOs, corporate directors, union representatives, bankers and institutional investors to understand a hypothetical legal or regulatory issue.

“The students do role playing and solve complex problems with a little prodding from me. I don’t lecture but I also don’t do the kind of Kingsfield hammering of some poor student up in the corner for 20 minutes,” she says, referring to the classic 1973 movie The Paper Chase.

Barnard’s energy in the classroom and enthusiasm for her subject make her a magnet for students looking for advice and direction. She is the faculty adviser for the Business Law Review and the Journal of Women and the Law, two of the five law reviews produced by students at William & Mary Law School. She also is the adviser to the student ACLU chapter.

“I really love my job,” Barnard says. “I feel very privileged to have students who are innovative and curious. I don’t need to light the fire. The students come here with the fire, eager and ready to be involved. They have projects and programs they put together. I may help them brainstorm, or get a speaker, or bring people together.

“But helping them put their projects and programs together and then watching them take off, I love doing that.”

AMY A. QUARK

Even in a brief conversation, Amy A. Quark can masterfully explain the links between cotton farmers in Benin in West Africa and their counterparts in the United States.

More importantly, Quark makes you care. This assistant professor of sociology at William & Mary takes what some may consider esoteric details about cotton bolls or coffee beans and turns them into lessons about global politics and economic control.

For undergraduate students awakening to the machinations of power and cultural hegemony, Quark’s courses, Globalization and International Development and The Sociology of Food and Agriculture, can be eye-opening — and enlivening.

“This week, a student got so excited by the material that he begged me to write a longer response paper,” Quark says. “It was three times as long as I’d asked and he included charts and graphs.”

Quark, who came to William & Mary in fall 2009, is impressed by the caliber of students attending the College and their level of intellectual interest and pursuit.

“They are genuinely curious and are so thoughtful and engaged.”

She feeds their curiosity by taking classes on field trips and engaging students in research on international topics.

One recent field trip was to Day Spring Farm, not far from the campus. The lesson was on alternative food systems. Students learned how the risks and rewards of the farm are shared by consumers who buy shares in the farm at the beginning of the season. A lack of rain, or a proliferation of pests, can affect the consumers’ haul but not sink the farm.

Quark’s students also are conducting research on pesticide residue standards in soft drinks, a question at the center of controversy in India because of the use of polluted water to bottle soft drinks. The question becomes: who sets the standards internationally, should it be uniform across the globe and what should the standard be?

Quark’s students also are working with a chemistry professor, Jonathan Scheerer, to understand the technical component of measuring water contaminants.

According to Quark: “I’m trying to give them the tools to understand how they can be effective in making change in the world around them.”

A native of Mossbank, Saskatchewan, Quark grew up on a farm that has been in the family for four generations. Once predominantly planted with wheat, the farm — now run by her brother — has diversified into chickpeas and lentils.

As an undergraduate in Canada, Quark said she tried to escape anything that smacked of the rural life and existence in her hometown. But the more she studied international development — her major — the more she realized those issues centered largely around agriculture.

“All of these places — Mossbank to Indonesia — were linked into the same global market and subject to many of the same regulations and pressures and market forces,” she says.
“To teach, you have to keep learning.”

— Robert T. Vinson
Using case studies from various regions of the world, and mixing in the historical context, she juxtaposes some of the “big ideas” about development that emerged in different regions during different periods, such as post-World War II. Students read and discuss where the ideas came from and evaluate their effects.

“For example, we may look at Latin American industrialization versus East Asian industrialization and why one worked better than another,” she says. “We try to make sense of the different strategies and theories.”

Many of her students, Quark says, are engaged in service work that has development at the core. “They’re going on alternative spring break, studying abroad in developing countries, getting involved in fundraising efforts for organizations that do development work. They are trying to plug themselves in to all of these efforts.”

Her goal in teaching, she says, “is to try to connect some of the dots for them — to help them put those efforts into a bigger context so that they understand the structure of the global economy and the political system. Then they will have a much wider array of tools to help them understand what they’re doing in an organization — like what does it mean to be involved in micro finance versus building a school versus being involved in an activist campaign looking at U.S. foreign policy.

“So many students are so passionate about these ideas,” she says. “I want to help them figure out how they can address these issues in an effective and meaningful way.”

ROBERT T. VINSON

There’s a gentle intensity to Robert T. Vinson, university associate professor for teaching excellence in William & Mary’s Department of History.

He is fascinated with discovery and making the connections between past and present. The results, he offers, can serve as guideposts for the future.

“History,” he says, “is storytelling. You simply use dates and facts to anchor your story.”

Students learn when the arc of history is presented “with real flesh and blood people,” he says. Like the story of Martha Matabani, who grew up in apartheid South Africa in a tin shack in Soweto. “You tell how this apartheid hit real human beings,” he says. “And then students can find the common ground, the points of interest they can understand and relate to. You learn how to speak their language and break it down.” Many of his courses — African-American History to 1865, African-American History Post—Civil War, African History to 1800, and African History 1800 to Present: The Rise and Fall of Apartheid and The Long Civil Rights Movement — deal with sensitive subjects of race, ethnicity, equality and freedom.

“I create an atmosphere of respect and collegiality,” he says. “Students feel that my classroom is a receptive environment, a safe environment” to share their thoughts, perceptions and misperceptions without judgment.

Vinson grew up in South Central Los Angeles during the height of the crack epidemic and the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa. Nightly newscasts showing an eerily similar militarization in both communities piqued his interest in history as he asked why.

He headed to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on a tennis scholarship, where the trailhead of his ultimate career path was marked by a kindly and astute history professor who took note of Vinson’s talent and acted to help him.

“It was my last semester in college and I wasn’t sure what I was going to do. I was a psychology major, and I thought I’d try to play on the professional tennis circuit, but I’d torn my rotator cuff. My history professor, Thomas Wright, said, ‘Hey Vinson, you have a little talent for history. Have you ever thought about graduate school?’”

And with that, the professor helped him maneuver the process of applying, writing letters of recommendation and presenting himself in a way that would be attractive to prospective programs. Vinson was accepted to the graduate history program at Howard University, where he earned his master’s and doctoral degrees.

That professor’s act of interest, and the subsequent mentors and kindness of people at Howard, influence Vinson’s dealings with students at William & Mary. He writes recommendations and helps students connect with people and programs for the next step along their career paths.

“I understand how professors can make a difference in a student’s life,” he says, noting that many William & Mary students are the first or second generation in their families to attend college. They, like he at the time, may lack the tools and the role models to successfully take the next step.

“They may have the interest and the desire and the want to, but they don’t know how to do it because they don’t know what’s possible. I want to share the possibilities,” he says.

His commitment has been rewarded with both honors and further responsibilities. William & Mary students honored him with the 2009 NAACP/Student Assembly Image Award for outstanding efforts to build bridges across lines of difference and helping to create an inclusive campus community.

Early this year, he also was nominated by Provost Michael Halleran and appointed by the Board of Visitors as a University Professor for Teaching Excellence. Awardees are selected based on demonstrated excellence in teaching, commitment to students and the ability to
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instill interest and to challenge students. With the honor, he now must take an active role in improving education by contributing to curriculum or teaching development.

Vinson eagerly embraces his added responsibilities, including his leadership as cochair of The Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation. Established by the College’s Board of Visitors, The Lemon Project was created to collect, preserve and disseminate the 300-year history of African-Americans at the College, beginning with the ownership and exploitation of slaves. The project has the added goal of fostering better relationships between the College and the African-American community.

Vinson’s teaching extends beyond the Williamsburg campus. In summer 2011, he and his wife, Iyabo Osia pem, a visiting assistant professor, taught at the William & Mary Washington, D.C., Office. His course was The Global Color Line: The American Civil Rights Movement and South African Anti-Apartheid Politics in the 20th Century.

He also leads a six-week, study abroad learning-service trip to South Africa. On his last trip, 24 William & Mary students learned about post-apartheid South Africa’s attempts to combat racial, economic and political disparities. The students also engage in service activities, including tutoring youngsters from one of Cape Town’s largest townships in English, math and computer skills.

For Vinson, his experiences all boil down to a simple truth: “To teach, you have to keep learning.”

At William & Mary, Bauer is satisfying that craving as an interdisciplinary studies major, with a concentration in women’s studies.

“I’ve studied within seven departments to fulfill my major,” says Bauer, who is now a senior eyeing law school. “And it has been so cool to use so many different lenses to approach my subject, women’s studies. I mean you can’t understand women if you don’t understand the environmental impact on women. You can’t understand women around the world unless you study them in Africa and India, and in Islam and Christianity.”

One of her favorite courses was Women in Islam, taught by Tamara Sonn, the William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Humanities and Religious Studies. “I didn’t know anything about Islam before taking the class,” Bauer says. “There were images in the media about how terrible Muslims are to women, how they’re oppressing them, and how Americans and Westerners need to go in and rescue all the women. That created a lot of friction for me. It just didn’t sound right. So I wanted to take the class to understand the complexity of those issues.”

The class turned out to be a pivotal source of enlightenment and inspiration for Bauer, who delved even deeper into the subject by attending related campus lectures and events, initially for extra credit.

When Sonn offered extra credit for attending a concert by the Sufi rock band Junoon, Bauer went with a couple of friends to the event, part of the Asian Studies Initiative Silk Road Event Series coordinated by Sonn.

The next morning, Junoon’s founder, lead guitarist and songwriter Salmen Ahmad, held a workshop for students in the Wren Building, where he talked about his background, how he attended medical school in Pakistan, but was drawn to music as a means of bringing peace and awareness to the world, including trying to unite Pakistan and India. Most recently, he has used his music for global health initiatives, including HIV/AIDS awareness, and to help flood victims in Pakistan and earthquake and tsunami victims in Haiti and Japan.

His talk stoked a fire within Bauer.

“His whole workshop was about finding your passion and using it to enact change in the world,” says Bauer. “It was one of the most inspiring things I’ve ever been to.”

She read Ahmad’s autobiography during the summer, Rock & Roll Jihad: A Muslim Rock Star’s Revolution, and now is applying to spend a year after graduation and before law school working in Bangladesh — which is 89 percent Muslim — as a teaching assistant at a women’s university.

“It’s combining my interest in women’s roles within an Islamic society and my passion for women’s empowerment through education,” says Bauer. “So it’s incorporat-
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ing everything I’m really excited about.”

She credits Sonn’s class and others at the university for giving her the direction she long sought.

“I’ve always been interested in humanities and social justice and humanitarian issues,” says Bauer. “College for me was a place to determine how best to address those issues and what profession would get me there.

“My education at William & Mary has given me the vocabulary and the ability to express myself and to understand which points of those issues I was actually interested in and how I could help make a difference in that way. That's why I'm always so grateful I ended up here.”

STEPHANIE L. KUMAH ’12

S tephanie L. Kumah found a sense of confidence, community and connection at William & Mary; interesting, given the fact that the Northern Virginia native had a global upbringing.

She spent her early elementary years in Accra, Ghana, before returning to Virginia to live for three years. She spent summers visiting her grandparents in Ghana, learned French while living in Djibouti and completed middle and high school in a boarding school in Oxford, England.

Now a senior at William & Mary with a double major in government and French, this citizen of the world feels a close connection to others through her dorm life, academic work and service to others.

“While I’ve loved growing up in different parts of the world, I always felt like an outsider looking in. Everywhere I was, I had a different identity,” says Kumah.

“In England, I was the American girl from Virginia. In Djibouti, I was the ‘Americaine.’ Visiting home in Virginia, I was the international girl from the English boarding school. I was trying to find a way of incorporating who I was within these separate communities, but I always felt like an outsider.

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Kumah credits much of that to her yearlong experience as a Sharpe Community Scholar when she entered William & Mary as a freshman. The group took a special academic seminar focused on citizenship.

“A course on Comparative Politics touched off her interest in and how that affects the community. We looked at it from the perspective of different authors and different perceptions. And it was very interesting, especially as someone who has been part of so many different societies. It was nice to see what it means to be a citizen within the United States and what that looks like.”

The Sharpe Program continued during her second semester, moving the learning experience from the classroom to the real world. Student scholars undertook a community research project investigating the “three-person rule” restricting rental housing within Williamsburg. Under the law, no more than three unrelated people could live together in rented property. The rule primarily affected William & Mary students living off campus.

Kumah worked with the group to survey attitudes among students and Williamsburg residents about the law and to set up forums with local officials, students and community leaders about the law’s impact.

“It was a great way of opening up dialogue between students and members of the Williamsburg community,“ Kumah says. “And it was a great way to see how deliberative democracy can provide a forum where both parties involved can really understand each other’s perspectives and use that as a means of moving forward.”

As a result of the student initiative, the rule has been modified to allow four unrelated people to rent living quarters together under certain criteria.

Kumah’s dedication to service has continued — as a tutor to elementary students in Williamsburg and undergraduates at William & Mary; as a vice president for advocacy in the William & Mary Student Assembly; as an Admission Office intern; and as a “Buddy Baseball” volunteer, playing baseball weekly with disabled youngsters and adults in the Williamsburg community.

For her sophomore and junior years, Kumah chose to live in Mosaic House, which is dedicated to cross-cultural understanding and celebrates diversity. Her roommate was from Pakistan. Her hall mates were from Sudan, Ghana, India and El Salvador.

“We would have these late-night conversations — just talk, express our own views and ask questions,” Kumah says. “We could ask those questions because we were in a safe place, we were open and we were friends.”

They would talk about similarities and differences among people, cultures and religions.

“My roommate was Muslim, and she didn’t know a lot about Christianity. I am Christian, and I didn’t know a lot about Islam even though I had come from a Muslim country and, in Djibouti, I lived right next door to a mosque,” Kumah says.

A course on Comparative Politics touched off her intent to merge service, politics and policy. She wants to go to law school and focus on domestic and international human rights, particularly within immigrant communities. She is considering a dual juris doctorate program in the United States and France.

“I owe a lot to William & Mary for building my confi-
dence in my abilities,” Kumah says. “My professors have really pushed me to reach levels I didn’t know I could achieve. I know now I can do whatever I want, achieve whatever I want because I have the framework and the background.”

CARTER A. ROSEKRANS ’12

When Carter A. Rosekrans neared graduation from Lansing Catholic High School in Michigan, he was searching for that unique place that would satisfy his desires for both independence and community.

Rosekrans found it at the College of William & Mary.

The international relations major has been discovering his passion — and his wings — since leaving his family home nestled in the shadow of Michigan State University, the alma mater of his parents, two grandparents and two older brothers. He has embraced the scholarship and camaraderie that defines the College — participating in courses through the William & Mary in Washington, D.C., Office during his sophomore year, spending the spring of his junior year abroad studying in Germany, and now, as a senior, working part time as a researcher at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg.

“One of the best things about coming to school here is the flexibility to build opportunities into your schedule. I’ve taken advantage of that,” he says.

Rosekrans still remembers the day he first visited the Williamsburg campus with his parents. His William & Mary tour guide, a senior, stayed and talked with him and his parents for about 20 minutes after wrapping up the official tour.

“She talked about the school so honestly, but so enthusiastically and positively,” he says. “She had so much energy.”

He also talked for about 5 or 10 minutes with a government professor.

“I was impressed that a professor would take time out to talk with me,” he says. “And that’s when I got the sense of how William & Mary was kind of different academically from other schools — the energy, the enthusiasm, the small class sizes and the more personal interaction with professors. I just remember thinking I could see myself fitting in.”

And that is what he has done — as member of Phi Kappa Tau, a social fraternity, and now as a William & Mary tour guide and student interviewer for the Undergraduate Admission Office.

Rosekrans was one of 17 students selected to study and intern in Washington as a William & Mary in D.C. Scholar. Daily, he attended class led by T.J. Cheng, Class of 1935 Professor of Government. And then he’d head out to the Hudson Institute, where he served as a research assistant to John C. Weicher, a former federal housing commissioner under President George W. Bush.

Rosekrans examined federal affordable housing goals during the housing bubble from the mid-1990s to its recent collapse. He looked at economic data from segments of the secondary mortgage market and traced the factors influencing affordable housing policy.

“The experience definitely tipped me in the economics direction,” says Rosekrans.

“When I left D.C., Dr. Weicher’s recommendation to me was I had done so well, I should consider a master’s and Ph.D. in economics,” says Rosekrans.

With the experience in Washington so positive, Rosekrans returned to campus and worked with the Reves Center for International Studies on crafting an economics-focused study abroad program in Freiberg, Germany. He spent spring 2011 in the city situated in southwest Germany on the edge of the Black Forest, studying European politics and economics, specifically the European Union. He lived in a dorm with a mix of international students and traveled to nearly a dozen countries in Eastern and Western Europe.

The capstone of the semester was participating in a two-day model European Union. He was chosen by the other students to play the role of the British prime minister. He considered pressing issues brought before the international assembly of students from that perspective.

“It was pretty amazing,” he says.

His part-time work with the National Center for State Courts stems from an internship set up by William & Mary’s Sherman and Gloria H. Cohen Career Center. His latest project is researching procedures used across the nation in specialized courts established to handle drunk- and drugged-driving cases.

When he graduates in spring 2012, he wants to work for a few years “to build an income,” or possibly continue his education to earn a master’s degree in financial economics. He talks about returning to Germany, or perhaps working in an emerging market nation such as Brazil.

It’s all about the independence he learned at William & Mary.

“Definitely I’ve grown professionally with the jobs and experiences I’ve had, and academically with the classes I’ve taken,” says Rosekrans. “I think I’ve become a more confident, mature person because I’ve been able to have the kind of independence here at William & Mary that causes you to grow.”
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HEYFARL Is Scoring Big for W&M Football —
One Small Gift at a Time
For Mike Callahan ’10, M.Acc. ’11, a walk-on quarterback, persistence paid off his senior year. He was awarded a HEYFARL scholarship and earned the starting quarterback position, racking up five touchdowns in his first three games.
In the fall of 2006, Mike Callahan ’10, M.Acc. ’11 came to William & Mary from Lancaster County, Pa., with two goals: to study business and to play football.

As a quarterback, Callahan knew he had a tough challenge facing him. “I was 5 feet 11, 180 pounds — not exactly prime-time scholarship material,” Callahan says. Coach Jimmye Laycock ’70 nonetheless saw his potential, and invited Callahan to join the team as a walk-on. Walk-ons are team members who do not receive college athletic scholarships.

In his first two seasons, Callahan gave 110 percent in practice, but didn't spend a single minute on the field, in large part because of the Tribe's depth at the quarterback position. Ahead of Callahan were Mike Potts ’08, Jake Phillips ’09 and R.J. Archer ’10, all of whom ended up playing professionally.

At the start of his third season, Callahan finally had a chance to compete for the backup quarterback spot. He tore his ACL in the final preseason scrimmage. “For that whole season, I pretty much just rehabbed during practice,” he says. “On game days, I would stand on the sidelines in street clothes.”

But Callahan wouldn't give up. “I always knew in my heart that I was good. And I love the game, I love the whole team aspect. There are 90 guys on a football team, and those are some of the best friends of my life.”

His perseverance ultimately paid off. Coach Laycock delivered the good news at the end of the spring 2010 semester. For the upcoming season, Callahan would be competing for the starting position. And for the first time, he would be receiving a scholarship.

Walking on to Victory

When Callahan took the field at Zable Stadium as starting quarterback in fall 2010, he was, in a very real sense, being carried on the shoulders of generations of players who'd gone before him. The walk-on scholarship Callahan earned had been funded over the years by hundreds of small donations from former members of the Tribe.

The scholarship program — created, developed and sustained by William & Mary football alumni — has a simple premise and an unusual name: HEYFARL.

The brainchild of former Tribe standout Tom Mikula ’48, HEYFARL stands for “Hundred Each Year for a Rising Letterman”: members are asked to contribute $100 each year to the program. In just two decades, the many small checks written to HEYFARL have added up to an astounding $1 million.

“The financial support has been overwhelming,” Laycock says. “It sends a great message to designated walk-ons, speaking to the fact that they’ve really earned something.”

“It’s an opportunity for us to give back to these kids who come to William & Mary on a promise: if you play well, we’ll give you a scholarship,” says longtime supporter Bud Porter ’62. “I’m very proud to be part of that. It obviously makes life a whole lot easier for them and their parents.”

“You work so hard for a long time, and then to see your work pay off, it’s a real honor — especially at William & Mary,” Callahan says. “If you look at the guys who’ve walked on and earned a scholarship, they’re all pretty notable players.”

In a final season straight out of a movie script, Callahan secured his own place among the Tribe’s notable players. He racked up five touchdowns in his first three games as a starter, and came back from a mid-season injury to help lead the Tribe to its first CAA championship title since 2004 and a spot in the national playoffs. During the season, William & Mary also spent a week ranked No. 1 nationally for the first time in history.

Callahan’s story goes a long way toward explaining why HEYFARL has been so successful. Bringing together players from across the generations, HEYFARL is defined by the traditions of Tribe football — dedication, loyalty and, above all, camaraderie.
Camaraderie, in fact, was key to launching HEYFARL back in the early 1990s.

Mikula had come up with the concept based on his own experience playing for the College. “I was a walk-on back in 1943, and that meant a lot to me. Supporting walk-ons was a natural,” he says.

“Tom came into my office, sat down and told me, ‘I’ve got a great idea how we can raise a lot of money for football,’” says Bobby Dwyer M.Ed. ’94, senior associate director and chief fundraiser for athletics. As Dwyer explains, Mikula’s plan of soliciting small gifts from a large number of donors didn’t fit the traditional fundraising model.

“I got the idea from Clemson, which had started the IPTAY program — ‘I Pay Ten a Year,’” Mikula says. “For us, I knew $10 a year wouldn’t do it, so I proposed a donation of $100 a year.”

Mikula was confident his plan would work. “As the head of Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, I’d learned how to do fundraising, and I knew you had to have something behind you. The football program is really important to a lot of us. The product sells itself.”

By fortunate coincidence, a perfect means for reaching out to football alumni — the William & Mary Football Club — had just been started by another former player, Steve McNamee ’81, with the help of his old roommate Duane Ragsdale ’81. The club sent out regular mailings to

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Tom Mikula ’48 and Steve McNamee ’81, who are both founding members of HEYFARL, celebrate at a tailgate during Homecoming 2011. The vision and determination that Mikula, McNamee and many others have possessed throughout the years for HEYFARL has benefited countless Tribe football athletes.

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alumni and sponsored tailgates at all home games.

A mutual friend, Ted Filer ’52, introduced McNamee to Mikula. It was, in the immortal words of Humphrey Bogart, the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

“We hit it off right away,” McNamee says. “He’s a really smart guy — he’s got a lot of ideas.”

One idea Mikula brought up with his new friend was HEYFARL. “I remember thinking, ‘That’s a heck of a name,’” McNamee says with a laugh.

“We had a mailing list, we had an organization going,” McNamee continues. “Tom said we ought to be able to start raising $20,000 a year. I’d already learned he knew what he was doing, so we went to work.”
Mikula soon came up with another plan: to create HEYFARL endowments. For a minimum contribution of $2,500, members could make a gift to establish an endowment and honor a former teammate or friend at the same time. Mikula himself spearheaded the effort. “There was a period of time when Tom was working on it every day, making personal calls,” Ragsdale remembers. “It kind of snowballed from there,” McNamee says. By the 1996–1997 season, HEYFARL had raised enough money to fund its first walk-on scholarship, awarded to Brian Sorrell ’98. The second-year recipient, Sean McDermott ’98, is now defensive coordinator for the NFL’s Carolina Panthers.

**GIVING BACK, PAYING FORWARD**

Today, the HEYFARL mailing list numbers over 800 names; donors include not only former players, but also spouses, former cheerleaders and other devoted fans of Tribe football such as Hall-of-Famer and former William & Mary Head Football Coach Marv Levy. And it’s far more than just a fundraising program. With members from all different eras trading stories at tailgates and forging new friendships, HEYFARL has helped create an even stronger bond among the Tribe football community.

“A lot of the success has to do with the diligence of Duane, Steve and Tom,” Coach Laycock says. “They’ve had the vision and they made it happen. I’m not surprised that so many people have become involved.”

McNamee, a dedicated fifth-grade teacher at Swansboro Elementary School in inner city Richmond, still makes time to create and mail the semiannual newsletter to HEYFARL members. He also sends two update letters each year from Coach Laycock.

With the funds currently available, Laycock and his coaching staff are now able to award four HEYFARL scholarships a year. The outstanding record of HEYFARL scholarship recipients is a testament to Mikula’s original vision.

“There are better opportunities to arise from a walk-on to a scholarship athlete at William & Mary than a lot of other schools. There’s no dramatic difference — you’re always treated as part of the team,” says Lang Campbell ’05, who received a HEYFARL scholarship in the 2001–2002 season.

In his final season as quarterback, Campbell set single-season records for passing yards, total offense and touchdowns, and led the Tribe to a share of the Atlantic 10 title and its first appearance in the NCAA I-AA semifinals. Capping off his college career, Campbell received the 2004 Walter Peyton Award — the only William & Mary player to receive this prestigious honor.

Campbell quickly became a HEYFARL donor himself. “The best part of the program is that it allows for everyone to give back in a meaningful way, even if they’re not making six figures. When you’re finished playing, you can give back the first year out.”

Bud Porter notes that the endowment program, enabling members to create endowments in the name of a teammate or friend, also creates an incentive to support HEYFARL. Porter has funded an endowment honoring his SAE fraternity brother Jim Ukrop ’60, L.H.D. ’99 and is currently raising funds among members to create an endowment for his friend Frank Govern ’64 — who in turn has established five endowments of his own.

Both Campbell and Porter admit that there’s some friendly peer pressure involved as well. “The guys I played with in that era, we’re so competitive, we can’t let just one guy start an endowment,” Porter jokes.

“The preseason newsletter prints the names of everyone who’s given,” Campbell says. “I find myself always flipping through it, looking for my name, looking for friends and new additions.”

More than any reason, however, members support HEYFARL to give back to the school that’s given them so much.

“I preach to some of the local kids I know that four years of football is wonderful, but you have to make a life for yourself afterward,” Porter says. “I think you will be more prepared and more well-rounded going to William & Mary than anywhere else. That’s why I believe in this program so strongly, and why I give to it, and will continue to give to it.”
A PLAYER’S THANKS

Each year, HEYFARL scholarship recipients write a personal letter thanking members for their support. The following is an excerpt from a thank-you letter written by Nick Rogers ’04. Rogers, a fullback awarded a scholarship in the 2001–2002 season, is now a HEYFARL member himself.

Dear Mr. McNamee and Members:

I would first like to say thank you for such a great gift before my junior year. Where can I start? Well, I am from a small school in Northeastern Ohio. I sent tapes to the coaching staff, but was never looked at that seriously. Coach Solderich would call from time to time to see if I would like to walk on, but I didn’t think that would be possible due to the cost. Finally after a talk with my family, I decided to come here.

My promises to my family were that in two years I would earn a scholarship, and by the fourth year I would be on full scholarship. My parents were 100 percent behind me, and believed that my choice to come to William & Mary would benefit me in the long run. Neither of my parents went to college and told me throughout my life to push for something better than a 40-hour week at a factory.

I am now able to help my parents with the loans, and don’t have to worry whether or not I will be able to pay next semester’s payment. Instead, I can concentrate on my studies, and football. Through my hard work, I hope to be able to continue William & Mary’s great tradition of successful walk-ons. Thank you, again, so much for this great gift.

— Nick Rogers ’04

A SIMPLE PLAN

Reflecting on the growth of the program, Duane Ragsdale and Steve McNamee believe that the formula for HEYFARL’s success is as simple as its premise.

“We’ve met guys from the ’30s and ’40s on through to the present who are part of it,” Ragsdale says. “Overall, it’s just a great group of people who really care about the program.”

“People love helping out — that’s pretty much the nuts and bolts of it. It perpetuates itself,” McNamee adds.

“The next thing you know, you’ve raised a million dollars from a few guys giving a $100 a year. People really love the program and the school that much.

“It’s unbelievable.”

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Tribe football walk-on and HEYFARL scholarship recipient Lang Campbell ’05 led the 2004 team to its first appearance in the NCAA I-AA semifinals and became the only William & Mary player to win the Walter Payton Award. Today, Campbell is a financial adviser and a HEYFARL donor.
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— Steve McNamee ’81