Not our lake
In places as varied as Senegal, Italy, Mongolia, and Peru, more than 300 students studied abroad during the fall semester, including Lourdes Figueroa, '13, who snapped this photo of friends she met on the frozen Neva River in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Fall study abroad by the numbers
• 306 students
• 284 juniors
• 208 women
• 17 European countries
• 16 non-European countries
• 32,000 lbs. of luggage (estimated)
• 1 student in Korea who blogged, “K-Pop everywhere—really!” Read her blog entry and more at urtravelogues.wordpress.com.
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A bald eagle perches in the trees along the edge of Westhampton Lake. Photo by John Hayden, professor of biology.

Late night at Boatwright
While you’re nodding off in the wee hours, students at Boatwright Memorial Library are getting another cup of coffee to get them through the night.
By Paul Brockwell Jr.

“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude”
An assistant professor’s travels from a red-light district in Japan to Richmond’s Shockoe Bottom have opened his eyes to the tenacity of human bondage and opened his heart to the call to continue the fight for emancipation.
By Monti Narayan Datta

Click to agree
We don’t ignore price. Why do we ignore the boilerplate contracts that pop up when we buy computers and update software? By Jim Gibson

After the crash
Physical scars are sometimes the most obvious—and sometimes the easiest to heal. By Holly Payne, ’94

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Culture, High and Low

Bolsheviks, Bombs, Ballet

When a disgruntled dancer threw sulfuric acid in the face of the Bolshoi Ballet’s director in January, Yvonne Howell, professor of Russian and international studies, saw a teachable moment.

Her course on Soviet culture is full of paradoxes and contradictions—the brutality of Bolshevism alongside scientific prowess and exquisite arts, for example—so she wasn’t surprised when the Russian police, who have a reputation for thuggishness, were asking about Bolshoi season tickets as they investigated the attack.

The course, focused on how people living within Soviet culture made sense of their own situation, tells students something about culture more broadly, said Howell. “It makes sense that the systematic study of the construction of culture in any society automatically makes you aware of your own position vis-à-vis your own culture.”

Gaga for Gaga

Beware, students who are registering for the course the catalog calls “Lady Gaga.” Madison Moore, the post-doc from Yale teaching the course, openly admits it’s a bait-and-switch.

“It was an exercise in branding that shows how someone can be so famous that you can just put their name on something and it sells,” he said.

Lady Gaga is the cultural text for his course in critical thinking about pop and media culture through analysis of the complex issues of hybridity, performance, and strangeness. As his syllabus puts it, “If cultural theory took a hammer to pop phenomenon Lady Gaga and shattered her aura, what would the pieces contain?”

As his students are reading everyone from Camile Paglia to Roland Barthes and Mikhail Bakhtin, Moore is already planning another new course next semester with a more straightforward title: Nightlife as Artform.

Yum … love those veggies and they’ll love you

Practical biology and rolled-up sleeves combine in a new organic vegetable gardening certificate offered by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The six-course program covers everything from soils and composting to garden planning and plant biology, and adds two field trips and volunteer time in a community garden. For more information, go to spcs.richmond.edu/noncredit-online/sustainability and click “Certificates.”

“Top producer”

The Chronicle of Higher Education identified UR as a “top producer” of U.S. Fulbright Scholars, the nation’s flagship international educational exchange program. Next year, Fulbrights will sponsor faculty members in Brazil, India, and Mongolia. Richmond has produced 17 Fulbright Scholars since 2000, more than half of them since 2010.
“Fulfilling the Promise”

Last year, approximately 24,000 prospective students and their families wound their way through the woods and hills around campus to find the admission office in Brunet Hall.

That journey is set to change. A new front door to campus that combines admission and career services in a single, 56,000-square-foot center is among the four priorities of The Campaign for Richmond: Fulfilling the Promise, a $150 million fundraising campaign that students, faculty, alumni, trustees, donors, staff, and other members of the University community celebrated with a public kickoff in February.

The campaign’s priorities are an outgrowth of The Richmond Promise, building on a record of significant achievement and capitalizing on a trajectory that is bringing the University to a new level of distinction. From 2007 to 2012, undergraduate applications increased 54 percent, average SAT scores were up 22 points, and enrollment by undergraduate students of color and international students each more than doubled. University rankings have risen dramatically amid increasing national competition for students.

The campaign has four priorities:

• Creating UR Summer Fellowships to provide full-time undergraduates with access to a stipend to pursue the very best internship or research experience they can, in any field and in any part of the world.

• Building the Center for Admission and Career Services to strengthen UR’s ability to recruit the very best students and help launch their success after Richmond.

• Bolstering scholarship support to ensure that UR attracts the very best students from all backgrounds who will benefit most from the exceptional educational experience offered here.

• Enhancing the annual fund to increase undergraduate alumni participation to an ambitious 30 percent and to signal externally the high regard in which Richmond is held by those who have been shaped by it.

“The focus is students, with the goal of attracting the best students to Richmond and ensuring they fulfill their own promise,” said honorary campaign chair E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B’68, H’86.

The campaign will conclude in 2014 with the centennial celebration of the University’s move to its current campus and the establishment of Westhampton College.

For more information about the campaign’s goals, progress, and impact, go to promise.richmond.edu.
**Books**

**Leadership**

Heroes come in many forms, from transitional teen idols (Justin Bieber) and unsung ancestors (the makers of fire) to some who lead with moral courage (Rosa Parks) and others who rise and fall with tragic self-destructiveness (Lance Armstrong).

In *Heroic Leadership: An Influence Taxonomy of 100 Exceptional Individuals*, professors Scott Allison and George Goethals profile 100 heroes as a way of offering a new conceptual framework for understanding the nature of heroic leadership.

**Politics**

A new study of our nation’s political landscape, *New Directions in American Politics*, could be subtitled, “observations from Richmond’s political science department.” The collection includes essays by Professor Dan Palazzolo and two of his former students: Sean Theriault, ’93, now on faculty at the University of Texas, and Joanne Miller, ’91, now on faculty at the University of Minnesota. In their essays, they analyze congressional policymaking, the limits of presidential power, and bipartisan deal-making in an era of polarized political parties.

**Lessons, plans**

In 1973, the Supreme Court put the brakes on a judge’s plan to consolidate school districts in Richmond and its surrounding counties to remedy a history of segregation in public education. Desegregation proceeded within existing districts.

Forty years later, a report by the Civil Rights Project shows that racial segregation remains commonplace in the region’s schools, and economic segregation is increasing.

What’s to be done?

That was the question on the minds of attendees at a two-day conference hosted by the University’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies and Virginia Commonwealth University called “Looking Back, Moving Forward” that drew regional leaders, including several district superintendents.

Social science research makes obvious the links between diversity, equity, and educational opportunity; all students, majority and minority, benefit from a diverse educational environment. Less clear is what to do to achieve it.

“We have to articulate a motivation for change everyone can buy into,” newspaper columnist Michael Paul Williams, a Richmond-area middle schooler 40 years ago, said during one panel. “We’ve got to escape this pattern in Richmond because it has so obviously been to our detriment.”

Tom Shields, director of UR’s Center for Leadership in Education and an organizer of the conference, took heart that what had started “as a small conversation among four friends is now a communitywide discussion.” He promised to keep it going.

Join the conversation at spcs.richmond.edu/moving-forward/dialog.html.
**MORTAR, BRICKS AND BARK**

**Suite life**
New construction fences in March signaled the start of two campus construction projects: a new suite-style residence hall next to South Court and new apartments in South Campus, both scheduled to open in summer 2014. The facilities, which will offer housing for approximately 225 students, are part of the first phase of the University’s 2011 Master Plan.

**Deep roots**
Lakeview Hall, built in 2007, is perched atop a slope overlooking Westhampton Lake and the woods beyond it. While studying the site for construction, Andrew McBride, UR’s associate vice president for facilities and University architect, kept his eye on an elm whose large limb hanging over a walkway reminded him of a giant bonsai.

“We went to some very special efforts to see that the tree stayed alive,” he said.

What careful planning preserved, nature took away in January when a snowstorm and soft ground toppled the elm and drew students from nearby residence halls into the night snow.

The photo above, taken by Conor Lemmon, ’16, drew more than two dozen comments on facebook.com/universityofrichmond. One from history major Dorothy Monroe Hill, W’44, showed it was no ordinary loss: “That tree must’ve been as old as I.”

**Permanence, beauty**
President Frederick W. Boatwright’s high expectations were evident as he planned UR’s move to Westhampton Lake nearly a century ago: “We shall need to plan for a great future and should build with due regard to both permanence and beauty.”

They built well. Three of UR’s oldest buildings—North Court, Ryland Hall, and Cannon Memorial Chapel—were added to the Virginia Landmarks Register in December.

**From left: North Court, Cannon Memorial Chapel, and Ryland Hall**

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**Feedback**

**Spider pride**
Painted for the VCU game … it worked so I must wear it for the rest of the season! Go Spiders!

—Allison Jones Vogler, W’78

**To who it may concern?**
A sterling issue, and I congratulate the new editor. As a sometime contributor, I am more concerned than most, I guess, about grammar. I know this is a quibble, but on page 7, third paragraph, in the “Treasures” article, you say, “their contents known, in some cases, only to whomever last closed them.” It should be “whoever,” as the subject in the clause with “closed” as the verb.

—Earle Dunford, R’48

**Dunford, not surprisingly, was an English major at UR. We welcome all feedback—grammatical, decorative, and otherwise—at magazine@richmond.edu.**
Moving Images

“My love story, loss of love, and love still there”—these biographical threads wind their way through the eight-minute animated short L. City by visiting professor Sandro Del Rosario. An elegant homage to photography, the film received first place in the 2012 James River Shorts film festival.

See an excerpt of L. City and more of his work at sandrodelrosario.com.

An innocent man

In 1977, a court convicted a Woodbridge, Va., man of abducting a woman and her two young sons at a rest stop in Prince William County. After some prison time, he left the state to start a new life.

They got the wrong guy.

That’s the conclusion Virginia’s Supreme Court made when it issued a writ of actual innocence in the case in March, an outcome supported by Virginia’s attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli.

The case succeeded, in part, because of the involvement of Richmond School of Law’s Institute for Actual Innocence, through which law students and institute director Mary Kelly Tate review cases for indications of factual innocence, often through new DNA testing, which is what conclusively cleared the Woodbridge man.

Actual innocence cases—as distinct from cases in which constitutional safeguards are at issue—are, politically speaking, “convergence issues,” said Tate. Unearthing wrongful convictions reveals both a public safety issue—a real perpetrator may still be out there—and a civil liberties issue as systemic failures contributing to the wrongful conviction come to light.

“This is an area where people of different ideological dispositions can meet, cooperate, and join forces,” Tate said.

Sticks

The drums of Westhampton woods

How many drummers does it take to celebrate Earth Day? This year, on this campus, the answer turned out to be nearly 100.

On April 21, a 99-person ensemble of musicians fanned out across the Greek Theatre and the wooded areas and paths along Westhampton Lake for a 90-minute production by Alaskan composer John Luther Adams called “Inuksuit.”

See and hear highlights at magazine.richmond.edu.
From tragedy, a legacy

Of the 15 bills Del. Jennifer McClellan, ’94, sponsored in the Virginia General Assembly this year, none hit closer to home for UR than HB 2211, which increased Virginia’s penalties for stalking.

The genesis of the bill was the murder of UR senior De’Nora Hill, whose ex-boyfriend stalked and killed her outside of her off-campus apartment in 2005. Campus advocacy followed, particularly by students in Women Involved in Living and Learning, that remained persistent through two failed attempts to pass the tougher penalties. A third attempt passed the General Assembly unanimously in February.

“These are people’s lives we’re talking about, people we love,” Hill’s mother, Becky Bieschke, told The Collegian. “Something needs to change.”

Quotable

“It’s much easier to have tacit collusion with just three airlines.”


“Uncertainty is the reality for all of us, me included, at various times in our lives. Sometimes you feel like it’s the only reality in your life. But it is what makes us human; it’s what makes us honest and, hopefully, helpful to others.”

—Political science professor Rick Mayes speaking as part of Richmond’s Last lecture Series

“Before video games, society blamed rock ‘n’ roll for violence and bad behavior among young people. Before rock ‘n’ roll, we blamed television. Before television, movies. Before movies, mystery novels, which were once known as ‘penny dreadfuls.’ Before mystery novels, Shakespeare.”

—Kristin Bezio, an assistant professor in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, in Christian science monitor

“This school invests a tremendous amount of time and money in making it possible for lower- and middle-income students to come here.”

—The Princeton Review, which again included UR on its annual list of “best value” institutions. Announcing the list on NBC’s Today show, publisher Robert Franek called the academic experiences offered by the schools on the list “amazing.”

“It’s not just my clips or résumé or anything physical I’ll take away from this school. It’s that mindset—the ‘of course I’m going to succeed, I just have to figure out how.’”

—Collegian opinion editor Abby Kloppenburg, ’13, in her final column Feb. 28. This summer, she will intern with Harper’s Bazaar.
She’s a Spider now
Incoming freshman Olivia Healy was named Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year and ESPNBoston.com’s Miss Basketball this spring.

“Nobody put a team on their back the way Healy did,” said ESPNBoston.com’s Brendan Hall. “Night after night, game after game, she delivered.”

Top scholars
Seventy-eight Spiders were named to the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll for the fall 2012 semester. To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 scale.

The A-10 established a new record for the number of honorees, with 1,637 earning the distinction.

Two out of three ain’t bad
Richmond came away 2-1 on the hardwood against VCU in their first season together in the A-10.

In a very loud Robins Center, the Spider men erased a 7-point deficit with 38 seconds left to force overtime. Students flooded the court at the buzzer to celebrate an 86-74 victory. Six weeks later, the ball bounced the other way at the Siegel Center, where UR fell 93-82 in a game that saw nine ties and 10 lead changes until VCU pulled away in the final two minutes.

The Spider women held off a late rally by the struggling Rams to win their only matchup 66-62 in the Robins Center.

Before the game, senior Rachael Bilney was honored for scoring her 1000th point. It came on an assist from twin sister Samantha against UMass Feb. 17.

Hello, Atlantic Sun
Men’s lacrosse, which will begin Division I play in spring 2014, has a conference home: the Atlantic Sun. Among Richmond’s conference foes will be Virginia Military Institute.

Coach Dan Chemotti was named the 2012 Division I Assistant Coach of the Year by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association for his work last season at Loyola University Maryland, which reached the Division I national championship.
Robins Center makeover

Fans closer to the court, full video replays on giant screens, and fewer empty seats—renovation is under way to make the Robins Center a lot more fun for Spiders and far less cozy for visiting teams.

When finished, the result will be an “aesthetic [that] is going to be better, and it’s going to be a lot more intimate,” athletics director Keith Gill told the Richmond Times-Dispatch, which said the renovations are “expected to offer a fresh vibe.”

Men’s basketball coach Chris Mooney put it more simply: “We’re thrilled with it.”

The $17-million first phase of renovation happening this summer will reconfigure the student section as one continuous seating area starting on the floor right under the basket. New lighting, ceiling paint, scoreboards, and video boards will better showcase action on the court, and refurbished seats, premium seating options, and pregame hospitality areas will give a great experience to the fans who come to watch it.

Those fans will also see fewer empty seats. In the 2012–13 season, the men’s team averaged approximately 6,000 fans per game and more than 7,000 for the A-10 portion of the schedule, but capacity was more than 9,000. Seating reconfiguration will reduce capacity to approximately 7,000, meaning players on the court can look forward to more full houses and intense crowds.

To keep up with the progress, visit Robins Center Renovations Central at richmondpiders.com.

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Spiders at home since 1972

2,959.445 All-time attendance (men)
8,349 Record attendance for women’s game (vs. Virginia, 1994)
1,004 Spider home games (men and women)
666 Spider home wins (men and women)
132 Most points scored in a game (men vs. Bluefield, 1979)
66 Most rebounds in a game (men vs. Appalachian State, 1973)
36 Most personal fouls in a game (men vs. VCU, 1979; women vs. East Carolina, 1999)
21 Most steals in a game (women twice; vs. Duquesne, 2002; vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore 1994)
17 Most three-point shots made in a game (women vs. American, 2000)
9 Fewest points in a half by an opponent (men vs. Southern, 2010)
THE SUN SET HOURS AGO. Shortly after dinnertime, students flocked to this place, built in the 1950s on the site of an old playhouse. Some are in it for the long haul. Some are pushing hard to get to bed. Some are just passing through. All of them seem well-caffeinated. It’s the week after spring break and a semester after a renovation changed how students use the library. There are group study areas, silent study areas, and just more study areas in general, as well as many more power outlets for all of those laptops and mobiles.

Forget the lodges or The Cellar. One of the most popular after-hours spots on campus is the library. And since 2004, it’s been open 24/7 during the academic year.

Just after spring break, a team from the magazine arrived shortly before 11 p.m. to wander with a recorder and a camera to capture what life is like in the late night at Boatwright.
At 11:05 p.m., Lara Pferdehirt, '16, and Jamie Patel, '16, are studying for a biology test on Basement 2.

What brings them here?
Jamie: 8:15 [coffee shop]. And also it's pretty quiet on this floor.
Lara: We knew we’d be up late, so we wanted to have caffeine with us at all times.

Been here long?
J: Since, like, 8 o’clock.

How long do you expect to be here?
J: Forever. For a long time.
L: Pretty late. Probably like 3 o’clock.

Come here often?
J: Every day. Even Saturday/Sunday.
L: Maybe not Friday.

What keeps you going through the night?
L: 8:15, and the fact that we don’t want to fail and we both know that we’re not going to wake up early in the morning to study.

At night, 8:15 at Boatwright, the coffee shop at the entrance, becomes the local watering hole, a place for night owls where the baristas know your name, your drink order, and what’s troubling you most. In the span of two hours, 235 students will come through the tiny, 800-square-foot space.
What brings other students to Boatwright so late?

1. Scarlett Christiansen, ’14, on Basement 2: A class I’m taking called Madness in Society ... We’re reading a lot of historical, scholarly articles and books on the emergence of the field of psychiatry and the way society viewed psychiatry and people with mental diseases back in the 1400s and all the way through today.

2. Priya Bhanderi, ’13, a marketing major from New Jersey: I’m studying for a market research test tomorrow afternoon. I just had to spread out. It’s quiet, especially down here.

3. Katie Lambeth, ’13, perched in the first floor social area: My thesis. The UN just declared family planning and birth control a human right, so I’m looking at laws in the U.S. and comparing them to the recommendations of the UN.
At 11:48 p.m. in the social area on the first floor, Jason Mathew, ’13, is strumming “Brown Eyed Girl” as he puts off an article summary for a class on consumer behavior. “It’s like my hub, personally. You have to understand I’m an enigma. I come here for free time. Other people stay away. But this is like my haven, I guess.”

Nearby, Nicholas Xenakis, ’13, is studying for a marketing research test. “It’s always good to see your friends in the library, to know you’re kind of struggling together.”

Some students want to avoid the more talkative areas of the library. A “red zone” on the second floor is purely silent study, with a glassed-in inner sanctum of quiet. We don’t meander here long.

Pet peeves?
Jenna McAuliffe, ’13, an English major here working on a “bunch of things”: People talking in the quiet section, but I’ve also done that before.

Curtis Robbins, ’15, from Newton, Mass.: It was a great renovation, but it also attracted more people to the library, so it didn’t get any less crowded.

Leadership studies major Emmy Morse, ’15: Loud freshman boys.

Don’t call them the shushing librarians.
Boatwright staff point out that it is the students, more often than not, who request staff help keeping the peace.

“The library has always been a social space as well as a study space,” Lucretia McCulley, director of outreach services, tells me. “Sometimes I think there’s a tension between the two.”

At the entrance near midnight, the magazine’s art director overhears a student walking out. “I love leaving the library,” she says. “It feels like freedom.”
What keeps you going through the night?

“Music, and the hope of a good sleep. Because the harder you work, the better you sleep.”

— Masnoon Majeed, ’16
How do you keep from going crazy?

Christiansen, the student taking the Madness in Society class: Sometimes I like to run around the lake if I’m feeling antsy.

Thomas Davant, ’16, who’s writing a paper about civil rights-era protest literature: Sometimes coffee. Sometimes just hope. Just the idea that soon I’ll be finished.

Midnight brings a dreadful moment for students who have retreated to the quieter basement levels. At that hour, the first of several jarring, automated recordings reminds them to relocate upstairs before the lower levels close at 1 a.m.

“My heart skips a beat every night,” reads one of Boatwright’s comment cards.

For other students, it’s just an unwelcome reminder of how long they’ve been at it.

After midnight, Matt Burns, ’13, an accounting major, works on the first floor on a modeling exercise for Corporate Finance. He rarely comes to Boatwright at night. “I’m pretty good at time management,” he explains.

Around the corner in the collaborative area, Milica Pejicic, ’15, from Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Emmy Morse, ’15, from Norfolk, Va., have been here for a couple of hours. They’re working on a Capstone project examining hybridity and its relevance to language, economics, and immigration.

Morse plans to head out in about half an hour, but Pejicic is here for the long haul: “I’m planning to pull an all-nighter,” she says. “Like 5 [o’clock], then go home, take a shower, maybe a nap, and then continue with my life. It’s a bad week.”

What keeps you going through the night?

Masnoon Majeed, ’16, from Faisalabad, Pakistan, whose decision about a major “changes every day”: Music. And the hope of a good sleep. Because the harder you work the better you sleep. I have a French test tomorrow. ... I hope I don’t dream of French.
Majeed has stations of study. “If I have to learn vocabulary, I have to lie down. If I have to work on my homework, I need to get a table. If I need to do some thinking work, I need to go by the window.”

If you ruled the library, what would you change?
Jessica Morris, ’13, a double major in religion and women, gender, and sexuality studies: I’ve been a Boatwright regular since freshman year. If I could change anything, I would make another floor to Boatwright that would be just dorm spaces. I think it would be the best thing ever.

Paul Brockwell Jr., a writer and editor in the office of University communications, flew under the radar while reporting this story. Two of the eight books he had checked out from Boatwright were overdue.
This fall, a new addition arrived unexpectedly to the special collections housed in Boatwright Memorial Library: a tattered but voluminous scrapbook that Calvin H. Robinson, R’26, kept during his undergraduate years.

In its many pages, Robinson comes across as an arts lover, a sports fan, and a jokester. Pages are filled with doodles, puns, Richmond cheers, and quips about dating. There is even a page devoted to a fraternity he calls Mu Cow Mu (Alfalfa chapter).

Robinson was also a great gatherer of ephemera: a pencil and card from a freshman “Hand Shaker’s Contest,” postmarks and signatures from old-fashioned snail mail, newspaper clippings, and even confetti from a junior class reception thrown by Frederic Boatwright. To Robinson, Boatwright was, of course, not the name of a building but the University’s president.

The University had a different library in the ’20s; Robinson wrote about that too:

“For there’s nothing exactly like
A library’s alcove wherein 2
Sit, and read, and talk, and quite
Forget the world has other pleasures too!

“After this page is faded and worn,
And the writing can scarcely be seen,
Will I remember the joy that was born
To me, in the library with —?

“I will, I know I shall!”

—Matthew Dewald
“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude”

—13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

As a young man, assistant professor Monti Datta visited one of Japan’s most notorious red-light districts on a dare. He came away shocked and saddened, but in that experience were seeds he is sowing today as part of a growing, modern abolitionist movement. During this 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, he hears a renewed call to end human bondage, starting right here in Richmond, Va.

By Monti Narayan Datta
Photo by Casey Templeton
**Fukuoka, Japan, summer of 1999** Neon signs atop skyscrapers scorch the midnight sky in flares of red, blue, and yellow—electric swirls written in the scripts of Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji. On a dare, my friend Matt and I trespass on a Saturday night along the thoroughfare of one of the most notorious red-light districts in southern Japan. They call this place Nakasu.

The streets of Nakasu are drenched with drunken Japanese businessmen groping younger women wrapped in traditional kimonos, their faces painted as white as porcelain, their mannerisms just as delicate. Businessmen stumble from a labyrinth of alleys, each leading onto the main dragway, dotted by a small fleet of idling black limousines with tinted windows. On one side of the strip, in a moment of vertigo, one inebriated, heavyset businessman clutches onto another, bracing the door of an awaiting limo into which a Kimono-garbed woman stuffs him and gingerly bows goodbye before it speeds off into the night.

On the other side of the street, a teenage girl who sounds sadder than Fantine from *Les Misérables* sits squat on the sidewalk and busks, wailing on her acoustic guitar, riffing off the Beatles. “Yesterday” echoes throughout the Pachinko Parlors and drinking establishments sandwiched between the skyscrapers. One passerby—an older man with a scantily clad young woman—drops the equivalent of $500 into the girl’s guitar case and strolls off.

Matt and I pause in front of a drinking establishment smoldering in neon and Las Vegas-style lights so bright that we no longer have shadows. A large, well-built young Japanese man, impeccably dressed in all black, beckons us into the light. He offers two large black binders stacked on top of his hands and thrusts one of them open. He flips through the pages, and his fingers dance across snapshots of young women dressed in traditional Japanese schoolgirl blue-and-white sailor uniforms, many of them looking like teenagers, most draped across a bed or a sofa in a dimly lit room, faces down and eyes cast upwards. To our disbelief, a girl dressed like those in the pictures emerges from the drinking establishment and rounds the well-built man, sucking on a red lollipop. She appears to be South Asian and is wearing bright blue contact lenses.

“You wanna taste?” she teases. The man in black pushes her away with the back of his hand and makes us an offer. We politely refuse in our broken Japanese.

What surprises us more than anything else is what we see next. Just down the main strip are other well-built men in dark suits standing near a local police station—a police box really, complete with a large blue police shield on top—in the middle of the red-light district. The men in dark suits smoke cigarettes with the police officers, casually exchanging conversation. They laugh and smile.

It sinks in. These men in dark suits are the local Japanese mafia—the *Yakuza*—in league with local law enforcement. This means that all of Nakasu, most likely, is under the protection of organized crime.

What I wouldn’t learn until nearly a decade later is that many of the prostitutes in Japan’s red-light districts are victims of modern-day slavery, trafficked from other countries on “entertainer” visas to service Japanese men. According to Kevin Bales of the not-for-profit Free the Slaves, in Japan, “the entertainer visa is a gift to human traffickers from politicians who are willing to do favors for organized crime. In 2003, 80,000 of the ‘entertainers’ came from the Philippines; another 6,000 to 7,000 came from each of the United States, China, and Russia. Over the years, some 40,000 young women have come from Latin America to Japan on the visa.”

Many of these girls are lured to Japan on false pretenses, promised a job at a bar as a waitress—all with the requisite legal framework—but, upon arrival, are told by their Japanese employers that they owe an exorbitant debt that they must pay off by servicing men on a daily basis. Should a girl refuse her newfound situation, she is then most likely “broken,” which means she is drugged and brutalized until she understands she has no choice but to
pay off the debt. Given that many such girls new to Japan do not speak the language and that the police are cooperating with the Yakuza, such “entertainers” have little recourse but to become sex slaves.

The sex trade grabs headlines, but modern-day slavery takes many forms across the globe, spreading like a cancer in the 21st century. Scholars estimate that there are as many as 27 million slaves today; the majority are not in forced prostitution, but instead in other heinous forms of exploitation (though rape and/or other forms of torture are often tools of coercion).

Slavery permeates northern India, where children, to help pay off their family’s exorbitantly high debts to corrupt local businessmen, hunch over in the dark for hours at a stretch as they weave carpets on looms until their small, delicate fingers bleed. Slavery is embedded in Nepal, where children and families in debt bondage spend years making bricks by hand, never making enough money to pay off their debts. Slavery is also rooted in Brazil, where poor farmers are lured to remote forests and forced to work in hot kilns to produce charcoal for the production of pig iron, which goes into the steel of the cars we drive and the appliances in our kitchens. Slavery is found in West Africa, where the cocoa industry obtains about half of its world crop, in part from child labor, for the chocolate we enjoy and the cosmetics we use. Contemporary slavery touches us all.

Corruption and human trafficking go hand-in-hand around the globe, like gin and tonic, wherever demand fuels supply, even in the United States. My stomach turned over when I learned that Super Bowl Sunday is the largest annual sex trafficking event in the U.S. According to Texas attorney general Greg Abbott, “The Superbowl is the greatest show on Earth, but it also has an ugly underbelly.” Think about it: a major city like New Orleans on a festive day with tens of thousands of boisterous young men with fistfuls of cash and access to bars and limitless alcohol. The demand for sex is invariably sky-high. Accordingly, organized crime profits handsomely from selling girls, some of whom are runaway American teens.

But what harrows me most is that 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, slavery still exists here in Richmond, where I live and breathe, where I work and teach. In February, NBC12 reported the arrest of a man and two women pimping a 13-year-old from Miami to men via online ads. She was found, the story noted, “at a pretty nice hotel on Paragon Place in Henrico County.” Nineteen such cases were prosecuted in Richmond’s federal courthouse last year, and all but two of the 29 victims were teens or children, according to the report. Gangs traffic schoolgirls around the state, relocating them from one brothel to the next to elude law enforcement. Forced labor most likely exists in some of our restaurants, to which immigrants are lured by the promise of the American dream but, upon arrival, find they owe several thousand dollars for their travel—a debt that they have as little chance of repaying as the children weaving carpets in India or making bricks in Nepal.

My curiosity about contemporary slavery became very personal when I spent an afternoon in Richmond’s Shockoe Bottom touring the site where African-Americans were bought and sold on the open market a century and a half ago. I viewed the site of Lumpkin’s Jail and heard the stories of people confined there prior to their sale, and I couldn’t help but imagine and wonder what it was like for these souls to endure such a hellish life. When I reflect on

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I came to Virginia from California four years ago when I took a job as an assistant professor at the University of Richmond. When I arrived, I did a doubletake at the statues along Monument Avenue—gigantic stone edifices honoring the Confederate elite: Jefferson Davis, J.E.B. Stuart, Stonewall Jackson, and, of course, Robert E. Lee.

As time went by, and as I settled into teaching at UR and transforming my doctoral thesis (on the politics of anti-Americanism) into a book-length project, I bided my time. I knew I wanted to focus more on the subject of human rights and modern-day slavery, but I still didn’t know enough to get started, let alone have the community or national connections to begin exploring this issue in a substantive way. My heart and soul were alive with the issue, but, intellectually and professionally speaking, I had much to learn.

I began to educate myself, reading books like *Disposable People* and *Ending Slavery* by Kevin Bales, one of the intellectual pioneers of the contemporary antislavery movement. Then, as if on cue, in September 2011, at the invitation of UR’s Women Involved in Living and Learning program, Bales came to campus to give a guest lecture on modern-day slavery.

After his presentation, we chatted. “You know,” he said, “I’ve been looking for you for quite some time now, but I just didn’t know it.”

A strong friendship developed quickly. I found myself with an insatiable appetite for thinking about human trafficking and modern-day slavery, but from the perspective that my graduate school training had engendered—as a social scientist.

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When I think back to that summer in Japan, I think not just about the pain and sorrow of those girls, but also about Japan and other countries as variables for developing predictive and explanatory empirical models on the growth of contemporary slavery. I want to generate more hard data with which to inform policymakers and international organizations so that they may, I hope, engender more potent government reforms with an eye toward eradicating slavery.

What’s even better than research, though, is teaching, and here I am thrilled about the opportunities I can offer students at the University. This fall, during the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, I will teach a yearlong course titled Human Rights and Modern Day Slavery. This course is part of a new Sophomore Scholars in Residence living-learning community. The beauty of the SSIR class is that the students apply, interview, and self-select into it, and there is a budget with which to immerse our students in a number of off-campus experiences beyond the so-called campus “bubble.”

This fall, my SSIR class will investigate human rights and modern-day slavery around the U.S., but we will begin with a tour of the Richmond Slave Trail and Lumpkin’s Jail. We will also hear from President Ed Ayers, a historian of the American South, who will discuss what we can learn about the abolitionism of the past so that we may better frame our understanding of the contemporary abolitionist movement. We will visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, which is fast becoming the hub of the modern-day abolitionist movement in the U.S. Our journey will take us to visit several not-for-profits in
Washington, D.C., and the Coalition Against Slavery and Trafficking in California, probably the most active antislavery nonprofit in the nation. I cannot tell you how good it will feel to devote the first couple of weeks of this SSIR course to the legacy of slavery right here in Richmond. It will be a chance to invite my students to reflect upon the past in a way that is not critical or condemning of its bloody roots, but in a manner that, I hope, can inspire us to find creative solutions toward ending slavery’s cancerous spread today in the 21st century.

“Do you really think you can end slavery? Come off it!” a colleague recently smirked at me over lunch at Heilman Dining Center.

I stared at him and felt a rush of blood to my face. But I settled down and then said, “I would like to think that I can at least try. If we can’t work toward its eventual eradication right here in Richmond, Va., the former hub of the American slave trade, then what does that say about us as teachers and activists?”

I recently attended a conference about abolition at Yale University. Although some of the top names in the contemporary antislavery movement were there, the person who struck me most was Ken Morris, the great-great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass. Morris is a soft-spoken man with features not unlike his famous relative. Although his family is steeped in the history of abolitionism, Morris didn’t get involved in the contemporary antislavery movement until very recently. There had been so much pressure on prior generations of his family that his mother wanted him to escape the burden of his intimidating lineage. And yet, perhaps because it is in his blood or in his soul, Morris felt the call to fight against modern-day slavery when he began learning the stories of slaves today.

I think that call is in all of us. As I learn more about the roots of Richmond and the rich—albeit bloody—history it embodies, I feel like I might know the real reason why I came here from California. Certainly, it was to secure a tenure-track job in my area of study. But I also like to think it was a greater purpose that brought me here, a purpose that has proud and noble roots and wants to honor the city of Richmond in a way that dignifies the lives of so many slaves that lived and died here centuries prior, and the lives of those slaves who still dwell in its shadow today.

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We don’t ignore price.
Why do we ignore boilerplate contracts?

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As Americans, we have great faith in the power of the free market. And rightly so. Adam Smith’s invisible hand is an unrivaled engine of economic prosperity. Its genius lies in its decentralization, its reliance on the collective power of billions of private, individual decisions about what to sell, what to buy, and how much to pay. This decentralization means that if a seller sets its price too high (or makes its quality too low), the government does not have to do anything. The market will take care of it by driving consumers to a competing seller with a lower price (or higher quality).

In theory, the invisible hand governs contracts as well, keeping their terms competitive. Salary too low? Bargain with your employer by demonstrating that others would offer you more. Interested in buying that nice yellow house with the picket fence? Once you remind the owner that there are other houses out there, you have the leverage to haggle over repairs, closing date, and whether the washer and dryer convey.

But despite what we teach in law school about offer, counteroffer, and the meeting of the minds, the vast majority of consumer contracts are contracts of adhesion—standard-form boilerplate that consumers either accept or reject wholesale.

In theory, this lack of negotiation presents no problem. So you can’t bargain for different contract terms. So what? No one haggles with a supermarket cashier over the price of a loaf of bread, how thinly it is sliced, or whether it’s covered by a warranty. If you don’t like the pricing or the slicing, just take your business elsewhere. Our collective power as consumers drives unwanted terms out of the marketplace. Competition, not negotiation, is the answer.

Like price, a contract term is just a feature of the transaction. If you don’t like the contract, just walk away. When you walk away, you’re signaling to the invisible hand to come down hard on that seller.

But does the theory work in practice? Consider this: A couple of years ago, a British video game retailer hatched an April Fool’s Day scheme. Buried deep in its online sales contract, to which customers had to agree when making a purchase, was the following term: “By placing an order via this Web site on the first day of the fourth month of the year 2010 Anno Domini, you agree to grant Us a non transferable option to claim, for now and for ever more, your immortal soul.”

The fine print described how the company could exercise its option, including serving notice “in 6 (six) foot high letters of fire.” But if you were an attentive customer and you wanted to hold onto your soul—or had “already given it to another party”—you could opt out of the provision by clicking a link. Those who did were rewarded with a discount offer and the chance to win free games.

You can guess what happened. The vast majority of customers never clicked the link. They simply agreed to the entire contract without reading it.

We’ve all been there. We’ve all installed some new software on a computer or made a purchase on some website. Up pops a long, undifferentiated mass of legalese. What do we do? Breeze right past the terms, click on “I Agree,” and get
How to accept a boilerplate contract when you

Buy a computer and get reading...

On average, for each purchase you will enter into 25 binding contracts totaling 74,897 words.

This is just a tad fewer words than the first Harry Potter book.

Based on studies of reading rates of legal texts, the average reading time for 74,897 words of boilerplate would be just over 7 hours.

Even though sellers sometimes use the same boilerplate, reading the various contracts of all four, plus analyzing and weighing their differences, would take more than 15 hours.

Actualy, buy four.
Q: How is boilerplate like an iceberg?
A: Most remains hidden until it’s too late.

Computers are expensive, but time is also money. For the average computer purchase you’d read 93 words per dollar spent. Imagine having to read that much for some everyday purchases:

- Revealed BEFORE a purchase
- Revealed AFTER a purchase

Select the computer with the best specs and most favorable terms, and register your rejection of the unfavorable boilerplate by returning the rejected computers. Then, hope for your refund. Good luck!

Congratulations!
You have sent a signal to the marketplace.

Now that you’ve read and compared boilerplate from four computers, send your signal to the marketplace.

*Disclaimer: This is something no reasonable person should do.*
on with our lives. By doing so, we fail to send any signal to the marketplace about the content of the contract.

Why don’t we read these terms? Courts take them seriously, so why don’t we? We don’t ignore price. Why do we ignore contracts? Perhaps we’re just lazy and get what we deserve when we become bound to contracts we never read. That’s the attitude that contract law takes: As long as we have an opportunity to read, and we indicate our assent, the fact that we didn’t read makes no difference to a court.

But at a certain point, the failure to read may be more smart than slothful. If the boilerplate is too long or arrives too late in the transaction, the cost of reading and rejecting it may exceed the benefit—even if we don’t like its terms. We may rationally decide to allocate our limited time and attention to something other than fine print.

Which explanation is correct? Are we lazy, or are we smart? It’s hard to answer that question in the abstract because some form contracts are shorter, more accessible, and easier to understand than others. It’s a context-specific inquiry. And as I mulled over these issues last year, I found myself searching for a way to give the inquiry some context.

So I bought four computers. I bought one computer from each of the top four sellers of Windows-based systems (Acer, Dell, HP, and Toshiba). Together, they account for two-thirds of the domestic market. Through their websites, I ordered a basic unit with no extra bells and whistles, just the standard hardware and software included in the purchase price.

Most of you have probably done something like this yourselves. But then I did something you didn’t. I paid attention to the boilerplate. In fact, I kept track of every form contract to which I became bound in the course of these four transactions. Why? Because I wanted to measure the cost to the consumer of actually doing what the law thinks we should do: read all those terms.

My approach was conservative; I included only contracts to which I explicitly expressed consent and whose terms were easy to locate. In other words, I included only contracts that a court would clearly enforce against me.

The result? Even with my conservative approach, each purchase produced, on average, 25 binding contracts totaling 74,897 words. To put that in perspective, it’s just a tad fewer words than in the first Harry Potter book. Of course, Harry Potter is a page-turner, whereas boilerplate contracts are anything but. So perhaps a better analogy is tax forms: You could read every word of the instruction booklet for IRS Form 1040a, cover to cover, all 88 pages, and still be more than a thousand words short of the boilerplate total from a single computer purchase. (Or the truly masochistic can try reading a typical law review article, then reading it again, and then once more. Without skipping the footnotes.)

How long would it take the average consumer to read all those terms? Based on studies of reading rates of legal texts, the average reading time for 74,897 words of boilerplate would be just over seven hours. So if you want to send an informed signal to the marketplace about the terms of computer contracts, set aside almost a full working day. And even at that slow rate, studies show that comprehension is pretty poor.

But wait—computers are expensive. One should expect to spend some time checking them out before parting with so much money. I addressed this issue by expressing the consumer’s burden in words per dollar. Even under this metric, the burden is high: 93 words per dollar spent. Imagine having to read 93 words of boilerplate each time you buy a can of soda, 279 words when buying a $3 gallon of milk, or 5,580 words when filling a 20-gallon tank with gas.

What’s more, these figures probably underestimate the cost to consumers of reading the fine print because competition works best when consumers can compare products. To really send an informed signal to the marketplace, a consumer would have to read the boilerplate from more than one product. Some contracts will be the same from seller to seller—for example, all four here use the same Windows license—but it would still take more than 15 hours.
just to read the various contracts of these four sellers, let alone the time it would take to analyze and weigh their differences.

And it gets worse. Of the 74,897 average words, only 7,698 were presented to me before my purchase. That’s about one in 10. The other 90 percent revealed themselves only after the computer arrived and I started it up. So if you really want to “shop” for boilerplate, you have to order multiple computers, wait their arrival, start them all up, open the various programs, and then examine the boilerplate within. Only then could you register your rejection of boilerplate terms with the marketplace—e.g., by returning the rejected computer and receiving a refund. Good luck with that.

What does all this mean? With computer purchases, at least, it means that the cost of actually reading the fine print is so high that doing so is irrational; consumers who don’t read are being smart, not lazy. Consequently, the market is doing nothing to regulate the terms of boilerplate. The market will respond if Dell charges a high price, but if Dell buries a pro-seller provision in its boilerplate (really just a subtle way of raising the price, right?), consumers will have no idea, and the market will not pressure Dell to remove it. And that means there’s little reason to enforce the contract.

Mine is not the only study that tracks the costs of reading contracts, although it is the only one that follows consumers all the way through a transaction. Despite the mounting evidence that consumers don’t read, some scholars argue that boilerplate should be enforced. One theory is that some subset of consumers reads, and the readers can represent the rest of us. That sometimes happens—witness the recent public outcry over Instagram’s changes to its user terms—but those instances are very rare exceptions to the rule. Another theory is that these terms don’t matter—that sellers ignore them just as much as consumers do—and that disputes are handled as customer service issues, not legal matters. But this argument proves too much; if that’s the case, why bother with boilerplate terms at all? Why bother to pay attorneys to write them and make courts enforce them if no one cares about them? It would be cheaper for seller and consumer alike to do away with them.

No, the fact is that these terms do matter. It’s in the fine print that you promise to arbitrate rather than litigate. It’s in the fine print that you agree to pay Dell a restocking fee, allow Microsoft to share your private information, and limit the remedies you can claim against McAfee. It’s in the fine print that you agree to waive participation in a class action suit.

Reasonable people can disagree about whether waiving class actions or paying restocking fees is a good thing. But the whole point of the competitive free market is that we do not make these decisions for each other. Rather, each of us makes an individual decision, and the market responds accordingly. That almost never happens with consumer contracts. Their length and manner of presentation actively discourage it.

When we fail to read, we fail to make individual decisions, and the market fails as well. Contract law needs to catch up with this reality.

Richmond Law’s Intellectual Property Institute

Intellectual property is one of the most important and fastest-growing fields in all of law, and Richmond Law has been at the forefront since 2004. That year marked the founding of the Intellectual Property Institute.

The institute has since grown to include four full-time faculty, a curriculum of more than a dozen courses, and a clinic that offers students the chance to work with real clients on real intellectual property issues. The institute also offers a certificate in IP, an opportunity available at only a handful of law schools in the nation.

For more information about the clinic, go to law.richmond.edu/centers/mpi.

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Shortly after graduating from UR, I stopped my car to give two mountain bikers a flashlight in Crested Butte, Colo. I had just been on a night hike, so it was very dark and I could barely see the boys in my rear-view mirror. I pulled over to see if they needed more light. When I got out of my car, a drunk driver struck all three of us.

After the surgeon reattached pieces of my femur with a titanium plate and ten screws, I lay in bed most days for six weeks, while my broken hip and pelvis stabilized, wondering whether I'd be able to walk again. A few months later, after transfusions, surgeries, and intense physical therapy, I left the country with crutches and a brace, determined to fulfill a teaching contract in southeastern Hungary.

I refused to let the drunk driver take away my dream. While he might have taken away my ability to walk—temporarily, I hoped—there was no way I would let him significantly alter my future again.

Six months after the accident, on a bone-chilling January morning in a Hungarian village, one of my students knocked on the door with a rolled up fax from the mayor’s office. I closed the door and sat down to read a letter signed by the driver, Patrick Pash, asking for forgiveness. It was the most unexpected and unwelcome letter I had ever received.

At that moment, forgiveness had become the other f-word. It never felt good to say it. It never felt good to hear it. And it certainly didn’t feel like anything I’d ever like to do. Forgiveness seemed to belong to another group of people who had an uncanny disposition for kindness. “Spiritual” people. I was not feeling particularly generous of spirit in those days. Patrick did not deserve my kindness.

I dismissed his request and any remote possibility of ever responding, then shoved the letter into a file folder that I did not open for another 12 years.

Still, Patrick’s request for forgiveness haunted me for the next decade, well into my early 30s. Ignoring him only kept me in survival mode. Anyone who’s been there understands the tragedy of never being able to experience any sustained joy because of a choice to stay stuck in the past. No achievements could breach the wall I had built to protect myself. I was angry, and I wanted Patrick to know it. I refused to reread his letter or acknowledge any amount of pain that he, too, must have suffered as a result of the injuries he inflicted.

I wanted to prove to myself and others that the driver hadn’t affected me, that no one needed to worry about me. I was fine. It was only broken bones, after all. I remained positive. I vowed never to be seen as a victim. I was not prone to pity and spoke of myself as a survivor, using the word over and over as if it had become my new identity.

In those early years, I had fooled a lot of people who mistook my positivity as courage when really it was the opposite. I had yet to know what true courage meant. Though I learned to walk again, I had no idea how I’d ever recover from the limp in my heart, which I showed to no one. A fire fed off my anger and fear, but I silenced my rage by ignoring Patrick Pash. This was moving on, I believed.

But living in denial didn’t do much for me other than generate ironic humor. By choosing not to forgive, I also chose to suffer. The very pain I wanted Patrick to feel I had inflicted on myself. I couldn’t see it then, but the more I withheld my heart by refusing to forgive, thinking I was causing him to suffer, the more I only made myself suffer.

The ratio became clear: forgive more, suffer less. A simple choice now, but back then, very hard. The wounds were festering.

If someone had told me the night of the accident that I would need to forgive in order to heal myself completely, I would have smiled politely.
PHYSICAL SCARS ARE SOMETIMES THE MOST OBVIOUS—
AND SOMETIMES THE EASIEST TO HEAL.

BY HOLLY PAYNE, ’94

while striking that tip from the records. Why would I or anyone release another person from responsibility for their actions? I did not ask myself one other question: Why did I refuse to take responsibility for my own?

The very notion that I also had played a part in creating this accident overshadowed my best intentions to heal completely. After all, I had chosen to stop my car that night on a dark mountain road. I didn’t want the boys to get hit, but we all got hit as pedestrians by a small pick-up truck. Ironic?

I had to do something with the moment of impact that remained stuck inside my body. The events played out like a movie scene almost daily. I became freakishly paranoid of other people’s driving habits well into my marriage. Post-traumatic stress followed me for years like a ghost until I discovered that writing would help to release it.

Instead of answering the driver’s letter directly, I wrote a book that eventually became Kingdom of Simplicity, a novel about a 16-year-old Amish boy faced with forgiving the person who destroyed his family. I used Eli Yoder, the Amish kid, to disguise myself and work through the stages of forgiveness, which, for me, turned out to be a lot like death: anger, denial, bargaining, acceptance. I would never have power to change what happened in 1994, but I had a choice in how I dealt with the aftermath.

After reading Fred Luskin’s book Forgive for Good, I realized that forgiveness begins with the motivation to not suffer anymore. I wanted that for Eli Yoder. I wanted that for myself. I wanted to live honestly and have my smile reflect my heart.

Why is it so hard to forgive the people who hurt us? Why was it so hard to forgive myself? I was still clinging to the belief that the driver didn’t deserve my forgiveness. I had a few things to understand: When you forgive, you don’t forget. Forgiveness is not about making everything OK, nor is it about inviting an unhealthy person back into your life and calling it reconciliation. Forgiveness is simply a choice to be present by letting go of the past—clearly much easier said than done. Everyone has their own timeline.

I was so very wrong when I first read Patrick’s letter. He wasn’t asking me to be kind. He was taking responsibility and apologizing for his actions, and he was giving me a chance to recognize his sincere remorse and pain. His tone had been genuine, but I had not discerned that through my own clouded emotional body at the time. I wish I had because my healing and my life would have changed far more quickly for the better.

I could see the struggle of this man’s spirit, and in that, recognize my own. He was hurting as much as I, and when I let go of punishing him and myself, my life changed.

A few weeks after the book was published, I learned that I was pregnant. And almost one year after I finally wrote a letter to Patrick—15 years after I received his letter on that cold winter morning halfway around the world—I gave birth to my daughter.

We named her Gracelyn because she was made of the very thing I had needed to move on.

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Even the best apprentices need someone to show them the ropes. At a recent lunch, for example, marketing students sat down with Alex Stultz, '94, director of merchandising for the Dave Matthews Band. Baritone Matt Worth, '00, gave a few master classes during his campus stopover to perform at the Modlin Center. And at the law school, students hear each year about judicial clerkships from alumni who sit as judges.

Career services programs around campus cover everything from networking to etiquette and what to expect in an interview. There are panels and expos, lunches, roadtrips, and bootcamps.

Alumni play a key role in many of them, giving students the opportunity to get in front of people who might turn out to be potential employers.

And in any job market, it’s all about the relationships.

That’s the experience of Brandt Portugal, ’02, a biology major who broke into the financial industry on Wall Street with the help of alumni connections made through the Office of Alumni and Career Services.

Now he gives students similar connections through Deconstructing Wall Street, a program the University’s alumni association sponsors. Portugal, who serves on the urAA board, helped organize the first program with co-chair Jordan Rice, ’07. This year Lindsay Cressy, ’05, co-chaired the event with Rice—and Portugal remains committed to finding similar opportunities for students in other fields.

“We’re constantly thinking of ways to connect alums to undergraduate students,” Portugal said. “One of the best ways is either in a mentor or career advisory role.”

To learn more about getting involved with Richmond’s career services programs, visit hirespiders.richmond.edu or email hirespiders@richmond.edu.

Balancing Act

The fine art of juggling dishes, handshakes, and cocktail etiquette

Holding a wine glass, small plate, and napkin all with your left hand is hard.

Turns out, there’s an art to it—the napkin between your pinky and fourth finger, the plate between your middle and index fingers, and the wine glass propped upright on the plate, held tightly by the thumb. The napkin, securely tucked away, made sure barbecue sauce didn’t stay on my fingers for very long.

I had to keep my right hand free—and clean—to shake the hands of alumni and potential employers gathered at an Alumni and Career Services cocktail reception.

At this Evening of Etiquette, we practiced everything from handshakes to conversation starters. My favorite moments were spent talking with alumni, who gave a glimpse of life after college. I met a graduate who started a company that creates the virtual tours you see on college websites. Another helps restore historic homes in Richmond’s Church Hill neighborhood.

Seeing the different paths that Richmond and Westhampton students before me have taken helps me feel more confident about the steps I am slowly accepting that I must take after graduation in May.

Another big takeaway? Avoid sushi—it’s never just one bite.

— Anika Kempe, ’13
Pi Kappa Alpha’s creed doesn’t get into details and examples.
But it doesn’t have to.
Take the example of Matt Felix and Pat Kacani, both ’85. The two New Jersey natives met freshman year playing soccer, pledged PIKA together, and later became roommates. After graduating, Kacani stayed in Virginia, and Felix went back to Jersey. The two stayed in close touch—sharing stories from work and their families, including Felix’s son, Andrew, a first-year student at UR.
But there’s one thing Felix didn’t share: a pretty serious liver disease. Early in 2012, Felix’s condition, primary sclerosing cholangitis, began to deteriorate. He needed a transplant, but livers from deceased organ donors are scarce and doctors had ruled out family members.
Felix reluctantly agreed to let friends from his soccer club spread the word online. The morning after they sent the message, it found its way to Kacani.
“As soon as I got the email, I somehow knew I would be a match and would be doing this,” Kacani told PIKA’s national magazine. “So I went ahead and contacted the hospital.”
After months of testing, Kacani was approved, the surgery was scheduled, and doctors transplanted 62 percent of his liver to Felix.
Less than a week later, both men left the hospital—the staff had dubbed them the dream team—and both celebrated their 50th birthdays earlier this year.

During interviews for this story, Felix (left) and Kacani emphasized their concern about the shortage of donor organs for transplants. For more information or to register as a tissue and organ donor, visit donatelife.net.

The Definition of Brotherhood

“Ho Hey”
The Lumineers—led by frontman Wesley Schultz, ’05 (center)—were nominated for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album at the 55th Grammy Awards. Just before the award show, Schultz and company took the stage on Saturday Night Live. The group didn’t walk away with any Grammy hardware, but that didn’t dim their outlook.
“We’re pretty honored to be nominated, and that’s pretty shocking in and of itself,” Schultz told TV host Carson Daly before the Grammys.
“To me, it means I don’t have to bus tables any time soon.”

Art in Bloom
Claire Miller and Jan Tabb Enright, both W’78, will showcase their work during Reunion Weekend May 31–June 2 and give an artists’ talk at the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature. Visit alumni.richmond.edu for details.
Above: Purple vanda orchid by Miller.

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Mission Possible

Each year thousands of people set out to hike the entire Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia, but most drop out along the way.

Scott Jenkins, ’82, isn’t most people. Last fall, he fulfilled his dream to hike its 2,180 miles. Here are his tips for the outward bound:

Make arrangements. You’re going to be away for several months. Cover what’s crucial: time away from work, bills, house care, emergency contacts. Prepare and mail food packages ahead of time, or get someone to mail them to you. Create a communication plan, and leave your itinerary with someone.

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Study up. Review maps, note water sources and road crossings, and consult guidebooks. The first leg of Jenkins’ journey in Maine included 100 miles of wilderness between resupply points.

Get in shape and find a friend. Make sure you’re physically up for the task, and for safety it’s best not to hike solo. Jenkins’ hardest days on the trail came after his son, Tracy, left to start graduate school.

Pack light. Make sure all the gear fits in your pack and that it’s as light as possible—under 40 lbs. Take a practice hike before setting out.

Get the right gear. Jenkins went through four pairs of boots—often holding them together with duct tape and glue. On the trail, he lost enough weight to need new pants.

Expect everything. Wildlife. Poisonous plants. Weather. The fire that Jenkins and his son discovered and put out. Then there are trail magic and angels, trailspeak for the moments when complete strangers go out of their way to help you.

Jenkins—who’s trail name was “Possible”—is paying forward his trail magic by opening a hostel to serve hikers in Front Royal, Va.

Books

Remembering the Battle of the Crater, Kevin Levin, G’05. An examination of the Civil War as seen at the Battle of the Crater, which was fought in Petersburg, Va., and included an entire division of U.S. Colored Troops. Levin’s essays appear regularly on theatlantic.com.


Hello WebstUR!, Dana Misner, ’03. Because this Connecticut resident can’t just pop over to campus to feed the ducks with her kids, she brings campus to them through the nicest eight-legged tour guide you’ll ever see. Visit her blog, masteringmommybrain.com.

Discovery, Lisa White, L’93. White kicks off a trilogy of eBooks exploring a paranormal romance in which two friends discover hidden powers and the love that makes them great.


300 Quotations for Preachers and 400 Prayers for Preachers, Elliot Ritzema, ’01, editor. Quotes and prayers from a variety of biblical and historical sources, resources for ministers and all of us.

Monkeytown, Chris Vola, ’07. “This is the fear. The fear that builds slowly, that grips the underlining of your skin, shakes guts, won’t let go,” begins this dark, dystopic debut novel from Vola, a Manhattan-based writer.
Looking for a good summer scare?

John Kenneth Muir, R’92, is your guy. Muir’s written 24 books about film and television, with special attention given to horror. His personal top 10 horror films of all time:

Plays like the subconscious fantasy of a lonely kid attempting to make sense of all the death around him. Surreal and creepy, the film reminds us that we all construct intricate mythologies around mortality.

Zombie apocalypse survivors seek refuge in a mall and promptly start shopping rather than killing zombies. Director George Romero’s point: Shopping is the opiate of the masses.

This movie concerns the ways we see and process modern media, and the artificial filters we erect to reinforce the belief that we’re safe.

The scariest haunted house movie ever created, with scintillating ambiguity, unreliable narrators, and tense moments built out of little touches like a slowly twisting doorknob or a not-so-distant thump in the night.

Brian De Palma at his malicious best, and two set pieces that are the stuff of horror legend: Carrie’s prom night and Sue Snell’s visit to a cemetery.

5. *Alien* (1979)
Transforms outer space from an optimistic, Kennedy-esque adventure to a blue-collar world of “space truckers.” Its monster is like no other: always changing shape and always out-thinking its unlucky human prey, including the genre’s first female icon: Sigourney Weaver’s Ripley.

Attacked as immoral, its implication is plain: If God exists, then so must the devil. Remembered for its climactic pyrotechnics and documentary-style approach to encountering the supernatural.

Alfred Hitchcock’s murderous mama’s boy Norman Bates forces audiences to switch points of identification halfway through the film when he murders protagonist Marion Crane.

A family of cannibals live off what the land provides, mainly sightseeing hippies. The film shatters the three-act narrative structure with its paradigm of “no learning.” The plot doesn’t develop, just twists madly, like Leatherface’s valedictory dance with his chainsaw.

1. *Halloween* (1978)
A meditation on unclassifiable evil in a modern society that believes it can diagnose everything. It remains—in the form of its faceless villain Michael Myers—terrifying.

Read more of Muir’s writing at reflectionsonfilmandtelevision.blogspot.com.
CLASS OF ’42

Through the marvels of this electronic age, Clarke Cunningham Bergren of South Carolina was able to participate in her grandson’s Richmond wedding last fall. She saw everything, talked to her whole family, and even enjoyed a special wedding cake with her friends.

Ann Kathleen Smith Palazzo’s grandson was commissioned a Marine in June.

Peggy Vickers Early fell and broke her leg last summer, but she has healed well.

Both Rosellen Hoffman Via and Helen Moon Cashwell report that they are in good health. It’s no surprise that Jayne Maire Massie has adjusted well to her recent move. She is an avid reader and secretary for the residents’ council. She enjoys the birds outside her window and frequent visits from her faithful cocker spaniel.

Do you have a vivid memory of your Westhampton days that you’d like to share with us? I had a request for information about Evelyn Cosby Jackson, who died in 1970. I had a delightful search through scrapbooks and albums, remembering so many tidbits I had forgotten.

I regret having to include sad news. Jean Grant Andrews died July 12; Mary Virginia Mangum Arrington died in early September; Audrey Thurston Johnson died Sept. 25; and Eunice Bass Browning died Dec. 24. Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of these classmates.

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CLASS OF ’45

Jane Wray Britstown McDorman is settled in her new home. She still lives in Chester, Va., but frequently goes to the country near Delightville, Va. In December, she attended a meeting of the Westhampton Club at Christ Church Parish House, where the speaker’s topic was traditions at Westhampton. We have no shortage of these!

I caught up with Elizabeth Weaver Martin, W and G’75, who lives with her husband in their family home in Mocksville, N.C. Their son is nearby and helps with management. Elizabeth retired from teaching in 1976 and sends greetings to us.

I was active with the Nov. 6 election, especially on one of Maryland’s ballot questions. The practice of gerrymandering to obtain a congressman is bad politics and not democratic.

I am missing a number of our classmates’ phone numbers, including Ann Leland, Cora Lawson Foster, Elizabeth Kibler Keith, and Ellen Brooks Blackwell. Please call me if you have any of their numbers.

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CLASS OF ’46

Frances Bleight Elliot did it! She sold her beautiful home in Williamsburg, Va., where deer routinely marched the plantings, and moved to a senior community in Nashville, Tenn., near her daughter and family.

Mary Frances Bethel Wood moved to a senior community in Waynesboro, Va. She faced the same problems as others who have moved—boxes, boxes, boxes—but is happily settled now.

Frances Anne Beale Goode moved a couple of years ago to a retirement community in Richmond and seems well-adjusted to her home. Her son David lives in Virginia Beach, Va., and sometimes drives to Richmond to spend a day with her. They occasionally go to the movies.

Calley Goode Jackson and I keep in touch. She still lives in her house, surrounded by her beautiful gardens where she’s held art shows in the spring. Calley enjoys summer vacations on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with friends, attends concerts and operas, gives lectures in the spring at MCV, and continues to do some woodworking in her tiny shop in the garden. I have quite a collection of her beautiful, tiny animals and other small, artistic, hand-made objects that I use as pulls on my kitchen drawers.

Jean White Robeson and Andy plan to attend one or two antique car gatherings this summer. They depend upon their children to drive them. Quite a number of family members live close by and they have scheduled times for dinner together, so they get to see each other quite frequently. Their grandson Tim is very active in Class 1979. He went to high school in Monrovia, and moved to Africa, South America, and other places presenting the program and bringing happiness to many people who need it. Tim is a nurse and often visits at the University of Virginia, where he trained.

Virginia “Ding” Lambeth Shotwell’s grandson Noah married. Both he and his wife are lawyers. Ding enjoys classes in poetry, art, peace making, and meditation. She mentors in Toastmasters and helps with segments on the new in-house spiritual TV programs at Brookby. Successful therapy meant no knee surgery for Ding. Her daughter, JoAnn, loves her work at the Massachusetts attorney general’s office.

Virginia “Jinks” Booth Grabc sent me a beautiful Christmas card. It has a picture of her with a half smile and a very sensitive, sweet expression. Didn’t she grow up to be such a caring and giving person? She still counsels male addicts at the Salvation Army rehab center, serves on a recovery from grief team, and is an inspirational speaker. There were two weddings in her family this year, and she had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to speak with her son Mayfield at a teacher’s conference on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. Jinks had major surgery in July, which was successful. She was in Birmingham, Al., for Christmas with Mayfield’s family. As she said, “Not bad for an old lady.”

I am pretty much healed from my fall last April but it has been a difficult, long recovery. Medicine had been a major source of my problems, but we’ve solved that. I’m living in my house and hoping to stay here. It is so pretty in the fall but I can’t say much for February!

Please say a little prayer for a glorious 2013 as we all grow older and recognize how blessed we are. Take care!

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CLASS OF ’47

Helen Cole Richardson had a busy 2011. She welcomed her first great-grandchild, Susannah Lee Martel, in the spring and attended the weddings of three grandchildren in the summer. She was blessed with another great-granddaughter, Claire Elizabeth Corbett, in 2012.

Marion Collier Miller, W and G’66, welcomed a great-granddaughter, Katherine Marguerite Jacob, in September. Destined to be a traveler like her great-grandmother, little Katherine flew to Australia in February with her parents to attend a family wedding. The many wedding attendants wore colorful saris. A miniature sari was made for Katherine. We were so pleased to have Jean Sadler Surgi join us for our WC’47 lunch in September. (You may recall that Jean was the great-niece of Dr. R.E. Loving, head of UR’s physics department for many years. Jean lived in his house for the three semesters she was at Westhampton. The late Shirley Davis Sanford was her roommate.) Jean brought us the sad news of Kimi Fujimoto Durham’s December 2011 death. Kimi, who was a part of our class for only a short while, spent Christmas and other holidays with the Sadler family and remained in touch with Jean throughout the years. World War II was in full swing during school, and because Kimi was Japanese American, everyone on campus knew her. Jean sent me a copy of a news article that appeared at the time of Kimi’s death. It described how she had been in an internment camp in Arizona for more than a year before coming to Westhampton. She is survived by her husband, Lee Durham, three sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Jean lives in Maryland, and for more than 20 years she was a budget officer with the Pan American Health Organization, a part of the World Health Organization in Washington, D.C. Although she retired at 61, she went back for two more years as a contract worker to train her replacement. After a brief hiatus she returned again in a supervisory capacity. Today she remains active in several retiree associations.

Betsy Slate Riley now lives in the Richmond area. Lois Rynaldo has also moved and is in Richmond. If you would like the contact information for either or both of these ladies, please let me know and I will share it with you.

Just in time to be a 2012 tax deduction, my third great-grandson made his appearance late in December. Named Caden Robert Smith, he is a most welcome addition to our family—especially since his home is in nearby Chesterfield County, and my other two great-grandsons live west of the Mississippi.

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CLASS OF ’50

With the exception of a broken arm, this has been a good year for Libby Rowe Wilson. She keeps busy with grandchildren and always has her best pal, Max the springer spaniel, with her.

Kitty Rosenberger Garber and John Garber Jr., R and G’49, still garden. They have a granddaughter working on a doctorate in Wisconsin and a grandson at UR.

Two of Hilda Moore Hankins’ granddaughters, Emily Ann and Rebecca Chandler Guillote, ’07, were married this summer. Becca, our class scholarship student, had a destination wedding in Mexico.

Ludie Hickerson Wiley had a great holiday season visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Hawaii.

Barbara Beattie Fanney is recovering well from shoulder surgery. She enjoys bridge and exercising at her retirement home in Williamsburg, Va.

Frances Sutton Oliver and Raymond are joyful that son Bill, the associate registrar at Virginia Military Institute, is studying for the ministry.

We extend our sympathy to Gatewood Holland Stoneman on the loss of her older sister, Betty Robinson, and to Gene Hart Joyner on the loss of two of her brothers, Ralph in June and Philip R. Hart, R’45, in November. Please send me your news.

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RICHMOND ’37

Too Ghoul for School?

Flora Zbar, ’50

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A message to the Westhampton Class of ’49

We’re not the only ones who miss your notes. “Many of us have been disappointed that no one has agreed to collect & edit ’49 class notes,” writes Betty Ann Dillon, W’49 and G’49, “Is there anyone who would join me in sharing this responsibility?” To volunteer to help, please call us at 804-289-8241 or email classconnections@richmond.edu.

CLASS OF ’51
Frances Arrighi Tonacci reports that the original bridge group of town students is meeting for lunch monthly instead of playing bridge.
Liz Latimer Kokiko and George had a big Christmas get-together with their children and grandson in Philadelphia. Liz says the Megabus as a means of transportation between major cities is worth checking out when flying and driving become an issue.
Paula Abernethy Kelton and John welcomed their first great-grandson, Kelton James Brelie, Aug. 1 in Madison, Wis. Betty Musney Spatz and Bob stopped by to see them in December when they were on their way to Deerfield Beach, Fla., where they spend the winter.
Helen McCarthy Hopkins and John enjoyed having 20 family members for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.
Helen Clark Hensley fell and broke her left shoulder and right foot three weeks after her husband, Dick Hensley Jr., W’51, died. By Christmas she was able to do “nearly everything” and was able to visit family in Richmond and Deland, Fla., where her sister and son live.
Anne Marie Hardin Bailey traveled to Arlington, Va., for a family Christmas get-together that included her 18-month-old great-grandson. Family members came from New York, Maryland, North Dakota, and Virginia. They were able to visit Arlington Cemetery, where Anne Marie’s husband, Ben, is buried. Her granddaughter planned to deploy to the Middle East with the Air Force.
Millie Waters Harford lives in Princeton, N.J., and experienced the fury of Superstorm Sandy last fall. She was without power for a week.
Libba Evans Baskerville enjoys chatting with Eleanor Wright Woodward, Mary Booth Davis, and Anne Rogers Crittenden.
Libba shared the news that Betty Treadway Blake died Nov. 4 in Emporia, Va. She was the widow of Henry T. Blake and is survived by two daughters, their husbands, and three grandchildren. We will miss Betty and will always remember her strong faith and courage. I added a message of condolences on behalf of our class in Betty’s Richmond Times-Dispatch obituary. Irene Groves Howland enjoyed a large family reunion at Pawley’s Island, S.C. Four generations came from Texas, Florida, Maryland, and New York. Irene meets for coffee twice a month with high school classmates and is on the board of the senior center where she volunteers.
Norma Streever Craig and Norm, who between them have five children, have fun taking care of their 16-month-old granddaughter every Sunday. Norma’s experience teaching kindergarten for 15 years comes in handy.
Mary DeVillebiss Barton and Clarence moved to a lovely new apartment complex near Louisville, Ky., in November. On Dec. 27, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. If you would like their contact information, please let me know.
Elizabeth McRae Dudley had a great Christmas with family. Her daughter, Marshai, made 30 cards for a large family reunion at Pawley’s Island, S.C.

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Dave Propert, R’54, and Joy Winstead’s son, Bruce, married Amber Barber Sept. 29, 2012, in Alexandria, Va. Among the Spiders attending the wedding were Alice McCarty Haggerty, Lovey Jane Long, W’57, Lenora Burnet, G’80, historical archeologist and gift-speaker manager for the Robins School of Business. Amber, a graduate of Ohio University, and Bruce are employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Arnett Kitzia Bromell’s husband, John, died Nov. 7, 2012, after several years of poor health. We extend our sympathy to Arnett.

Myra Embrey Wormald and Bob were in and out of Richmond in early October. Unfortunately their schedule was too tight they didn’t have a chance to catch up with Westhampton friends. The focus of their trip was a conference at the Williamsburg Inn, but on the way down, they visited their grandson Michael Wormald, ’14, at the university. On the way home they had lunch in Ashland, Va., with a childhood friend of Bob’s.

Cameron Freeman Napier and John adopted a Shih Tzu and named him Chen. John continues to write historical archeology and give speeches. Cameron has been a pammaker installed in 2005 and was told that it is good for another 7–10 years.

Peggy Hall Flippin and her husband traveled to Dallas to visit their daughter Shelley and son-in-law. Shelley is dean of Baylor University’s college of nursing. They look forward to their annual June trip to Sanibel Island, Fla.

Last September Jackie Kilby Brooks and a neighbor at Lake wood Manor flew to St. Louis to join six others, including E. Bruce Heilman, H’86, University Chancellor and president emeritus, who led a cruise on the American Queen Steamboat up the Mississippi. They boarded at St. Louis, toured Hannibal, Mo.; Dubuque, Iowa; La Crosse, Wis.; and Red Wing, Minn.; and flew back to Richmond from St. Paul, Minn. It was a delightful and entertaining trip.

Bobbie Reynolds Wyker, W’76, Polly Bundick Dize, and Virginia “Sunshine” Murden met for their traditional Christmas luncheon in December. Bobbie attended one of Dr. Mavis Brown’s Ethics in Education classes last fall. Visiting lecturer Christine Mowery shared with them and spoke about Westhampton traditions. The class was vocal about the changes in the Ring Dance and Bobbie got to add to the discussion—especially regarding the traditional song contest.

I spent four days in the hospital with C-diff (a bad intestinal bacterial infection) in early December and spent the rest of the month getting my strength back. My daughter brought my twin grandson, who shares my Dec. 22 birthday, to my house so that we could celebrate his 9th and my 79th together. I hope everyone has a good year.

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CLASS OF ’55

Sue Easley Candler and Addie Eicks Comegys, and Sue Easley Candler for helping me gather news. Sue Easley Candler, and

Mary Ann Coates Edel, at the university. On the way up they met for their traditional Christmas luncheon and a choir trip through North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, and Kentucky.

Dottie Stiff Price and her husband, Madison Price, R’55, have been living in the Richmond area for four years and are very happy to be near the university. After the conference, they made a trip to Summerville, Ga., where Paradise Garden, the environmental folk art site of their friend the late Howard Finster, is being restored. Ann has been appointed to the nation al advisory board of Paradise Garden Foundation, so she was anxious to see the progress they had made. Ann’s two daughters and their husbands came from Richmond and California to join them at the conference, which made it really special. Ann and Boo continue to publish Folk Art Messenger, the only such publication in the U.S., which is also in its 25th year.

Phyllis Gee Wagner and Roger Dickinson, B’58, traveled to Tirana, Albania, for a week with the Sarasota, Fla., Friendship Force, and then rent ed a car and continued on their own for a wonderful 16-day trip through Croatia, Slovenia, and Venice, Italy. The Northern Neck/middle pen insula alumnae had a lovely luncheon at the Christ Church Parish House in Middlesex County in December. Lois Reamy, Helen Critten don Calbertson, and I represented our class. Afterwards I had a delightful evening with Helen and Wayne in their home

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CLASS OF ’54

Congratulations to Cos Washburn Barnes, who was named woman of the year by the Community Foundation in Moore County, N.C., in November. She was recognized for her many volunteer activities. Nearly all of her grandchildren attended the celebration, including one who came from Germany. The day after, they all celebrated her 80th birthday.

Please send me any information about yourself and any of our classmates so that we can include news of as many different folks as possible.

Thank you.

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CLASS OF ’57
An article in the Farmville Herald described Nancy Day Haga’s adventures. Written by a friend of hers, it told of Nancy jumping out of an airplane on her 70th birthday and convincing the friend to go with her on a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon. Nancy assured this friend that she would save her if she fell in the water, so it didn’t matter that her friend couldn’t swim. The two went by helicopter into the canyon for the three-day rafting trip in a group of 28 with four guides. Each afternoon they stopped to set up tents, enjoy dinner, and share stories around a campfire. On the last day of the trip a thunderstorm struck just as they were making camp for the night. When the storm abated and the sun went down, the pink glow of sunset filled the sky. All at once a solitary cloud appeared, and with it the pink glow of sunset filled the sky.

In addition to teaching full time at Old Dominion University and publishing her recent book, Kathy Clark Kersey is involved at Court Street Academy, her church’s school, where her husband, Wilbur Kersey, R’56, has been pastor for 52 years. They both feel very blessed!

I continue to enjoy living at Lakewood Manor. I joined the Manor Singers, and we have presented two concerts in our auditorium. We have season tickets to UR basketball games and like going to games on our Lakewood bus with a group of other UR grads and fans. I enjoyed lunch with Joyce Garrett Tidye, W and G’77, in September. Westhampton Class Secretary Ruth Tipton Powers 1950 Lauderdale Drive, Apt. 304 Henrico, VA 23238 rthru.pow@virgin.net

CLASS OF ’58
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CLASS OF ’59
It is with great sadness that I report the death of two of our classmates, Grace Lane Mulanax and Martha Jordan Chukinas, who fought a courageous battle against cancer.

Katharine Schools Covington lives in Monmouth County, N.J., which was considered to have been the hardest hit by Superstorm Sandy. Fortunately, her home is about 10 miles from the shore, so they did not have to deal with the storm surge. They spent six days without power and now have their names on a list for a home standby generator system. Seven days after the storm, Katharine and her husband left for a long-planned Road Scholar trip to New Orleans. While they were away, a nor’easter came, dumping 12 inches of snow and knocking out the power again. Fortunately, when they arrived back home the power was back on. Katharine says the people nearer to the coast are really suffering and that she is grateful to have only minor damage.

Marian Gates Breeden’s son James married in Atlanta Nov. 2, 2012. James and his wife, Michelle, live on a farm west of Atlanta. Now all four of Marian’s children are married, and she has eight grandchildren. The whole family was together at her home for a short time during the holidays.

Bev Brown Peace is slowing down and wonders when we got to be seniors. Her trusty walker allows her to keep going. Her kids are all doing well, and her equestrian granddaughter in Florida competes in dressage.

Paige Young, R’59, and Sibby Haddock Young spent many weekendst at the river with their grandchildren last summer. Their daughter Grace Young Fell, ’94, and her four boys spent a week with them and attended the local Vacation Bible School. All went well until the last night, when 9-year-old Grant fell and hit his head. He ended up with 13 stitches and plastic surgery. Paige and Sibby celebrated their 75th birthdays with a family party at their son’s house, went to Busch Gardens with their daughter’s family, had another dinner at “The 525” in Richmond, and took in Cirque du Soleil. Sibby had her kitchen transformed by Shelf Genie, and Paige drove a Sprint Cup racing car on the Richmond race track. They then went to Disney World and later spent a weekend in Williamsburg, Va.

Sibby joined Eleanor Dickson Campbell and Ruth Adkins Hill, W and G’85, for a delightful luncheon and theater event last summer at the Riverside Center in Fredericksburg, Va. She sees Bonnie Haynie and Jerry Haynie, B, and Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum and Ellis Dunkum, B and GB’69, at the UR games, and encourages the rest of us to come on out and support the Spiders! Elizabeth and Ellis took a steamboat tour on the Mississippi River in September with E. Bruce Heilman, H’86, University Chancellor and president emeritus. They traveled from St. Louis to St. Paul for a fun vacation learning and relaxing. In October the young woman for whom they served as host parents while she was at UR was married, and they hosted her Ukrainian parents at their home. On Dec. 12, Ellis’ birthday, they welcomed their first great grandchild, Mason Rowe, who made news as a “12-12-12” baby boy.

If you would like to send some mail to Jacqueline Connell Atkinson, contact me and I will give you her address. Jacqueline and Charles enjoyed college-age grandkids being home for a couple weeks during Christmas. Their grandson Matt suffered a Concussion during his third football game at Davidson and had to cut his season short. Granddaughter Sarah has been accepted at Duke for next year, so they will have two granddaughters 10 minutes away! Jacqueline and Charles, who is seeing well after cataract surgery, will lead exercise once a week at the assisted living and health care facilities where they live. She continues to play the flute, and he is finishing up his 2-year term as a church trustee. Last year they
enjoyed spending a week in Florida, a few days in the Amish country of Pennsylvania, and a leaf-peeking cruise from Boston to Montreal in October.

Barbara Kris Anderson's son, John Turtleton, '00, and his wife, Kendra, flew in from Austin, Texas, for Christmas. They had a big family gathering with her daughter and granddaughter, and guitarist and his relatives. It was a fun time for all.

Barbara Dulin Polis and Charles Polis Jr., 'R58, held their annual Christmas brunch at their home, and all 13 were there. Merrill, the late Peggy Dulin Crews' husband, visited them, but he spent Christmas with his two sons and family. Barbara continues to play tennis and golf. She would love to see the Westhampton gang and wants to know if any mini reunions are on the calendar.

Cary Hancock Gilmer was diagnosed with early-stage endometrial cancer early in 2012. She had a robotic hysterectomy, which cut her recovery time in half, and since her pathology report was good, no further treatment was necessary. After 27 months on the market, she and Don sold their home. Don continues being involved in their church and with Habitat for Humanity. The happy highlights of 2012 for the Gilmers was their granddaughter Eliza's outdoor wedding July 7 in Jacksonville, Fla. (Eliza is Melanie's daughter.) Some of the family was able to spend the next week in Amelia Island, Fla. Eliza and her husband live in Columbus, Miss., where he is in training to be a pilot and she works in a bridal shop. Cary's daughter Carylee is a part-time librarian in a Christian middle school. Daughter Melanie teaches fourth grade in Jacksonville, and her husband has a financial planning business. Grandson Jess is a senior in high school, grandson Eric is a junior in college, and granddaughter Morgan is a senior in college. Melanie spent Thanksgiving with Cary and Don, and they were together at Carylee's for Christmas.

Nancy Kipps "Kippy" Hughley's husband, Ray, celebrated his 75th birthday with a hot-air balloon ride near their home in New Windsor, Md. Nancy said it was impossible to describe how awe-inspiring it was to be suspended over God's beautiful world. October found them in Indiana visiting son Mike and his family during the week of the annual Renaissance Fair. The whole family participated in the fair. Mike's wife, Gloria, was a member of the queen's court, and granddaughters Rebecca and Rachel were her ladies-in-waiting. They also took in the fall colors on a trip to Mountain Lake, Va., where some of Nancy's high school classmates met her, and made two short trips to Washington, D.C. Thanksgiving was spent with daughter Linda and her family at their home in New Windsor, N.Y., where he is in training to be a pilot and they made two short trips to Washington, D.C. Thanksgiving was spent with daughter Linda and her family at their home. Mike and his family joined them.

Mary Ann Williams Haske attended a few concerts this winter until the dizzy virus hit her. The exercises for that led to a neck problem, but physical therapy made the pain go away. Her daughter-in-law had to be rushed to a Norfolk hospital for foot surgery from Nags Head, N.C., where she and Mary Ann's son, Tom, live. Tom was named the 2012 outstanding secondary math teacher for Dare County, N.C. In May, Mary Ann's grandson Reed celebrated his 9th birthday as an honorary player on the Richmond Kickers soccer team. He was able to run out on the field and be in the lineup. Family members from Asia came home in June, and on June 10 she picked up her son Jim and his family at the airport. Jim and Liz gave Mary Ann a new grandson, Bryce Matthew, who was born in Jakarta, Indonesia. She loved hearing her granddaughter Amelia call her "Ga Ga." Daughter Margaret and son Dave also joined them, and they all went to Nags Head. Later in the summer, Mary Ann spent a few days at Gwynn's Island with part of her family. Mary Ann's activities include being editor of Pollo Deja View, the Central Virginia Poin-Polio Support Group's newsletter. In March I was diagnosed with Stage 0, noninvasive breast cancer. There was precancerous tissue but no lump. After two outpatient surgeries, I underwent 30 radiation treatments, which turned out not to be bad at all. I have only a five percent chance of a return, which are pretty good odds in my opinion. I still dance (line and ballroom), participate in church and women's club activities, and am a secretary for the recreation association in the neighborhood and at church. My son-in-law Bob has recovered from his liver resection. He and Carol continue to travel to Houston for his six-month checkups. I spent Thanksgiving and Christmas with Carol and Bob in Purcellville, Va., where we had a white Christmas and were snowed in. Carol and I didn't get to do our annual day-after-Christmas shopping, but thankfully we didn't lose electricity, and we stayed nice and toasty watching the History Channel.

I apologize for mistakenly reporting that Bonnie Lewis Haynie and Jerry Haynie, R, took a seven-day cruise on the American Cruise Line to several New England harbors in August 2011. They didn't. That information was about another classmate. Please let me know if you were the one who took that trip so I can make the correction for our next issue. If you are not getting any emails from me, please send me your email address. I would like to get your news sent to me all year long!

The Richmond-Madison football game on Oct. 20, 2012, was the first time Peter Neal, Hewlett Stith Jr., Clifton Collins, and Jim Epps, R'61, found themselves together since 1959. Peter had kept up with everyone, but the other three hadn't seen each other since Peter's wedding in June 1959. "A good time was had by all," writes Peter. "We'll do it again next year, I hope." Wally's son Cameron, eating in the dining hall, and catching up on each other's lives since 1959. And Richmond won."

CLASS OF '60

Judy Cyrus Johnson and I enjoyed serving as hostesses for the University's Chapel Guild House Tour. The Guild raises money to support the chaplaincy and Cannon Memorial Chapel. We saw many Westhampton graduates from different classes and were joined for lunch by Elizabeth Thompson Zimmerman and Martha Pugh Woods. Elizabeth has a new grandson in California and has been visiting him. She is planning a trip to Italy this spring.

Jeanette McWilliams Welsh and Jack Welsh, R, visited with us on the house tour, as did Evalane Green Slaughter. Jeanette and Jack went aboard the Queen Mary II on their way to London, where they previewed plays that will make it to Broadway for Jack's next University of Richmond theater excursion. They spent 13 days in Italy seeing Rome, Perugia, and Florence. They found works of art in Italy that they had studied in classes at UR. Jeanette found her time in classes with the coeds at UR to be very impressive, saying they work hard and are most welcoming to alumni.

Joan Batty, spent W and G'70, had aortic valve replacement surgery in November and is recovering nicely.

Laurel Burkett Lonnies is on home base as chair of our local Shepherd Center and has planned and conducted quite a few tours. In September she and her husband, Jerry, led a trip of 40 seniors to the Hamptons in Long Island, N.Y. They ate delicious seafood, visited a winery and an old lighthouse, and looked at the homes of the rich and famous. Laurel and Jerry visited Stilish Battlefield and stayed in Florence, Ala., for a few days in October.

Phyllis Jenkins Polhemus finds it exciting to be alive. She has joined a gym for some fitness training. Her stamina is improving every day, and she looks absolutely wonderful. We've enjoyed having her back in our local Westhampton activities.

Millie Bagley Bracey and her husband, Penny, spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in Richmond. Penny was hospitalized in December for emergency surgery but had returned home and was recovering nicely. Millie hoped to start an update to her kitchen in January, which she says will give her an excuse not to cook!

I was busy as usual last fall with church, club, and Westhampton activities. My husband, Wayne Key, R, and I enjoyed the UR football games and every home basketball game at the Robins Center. I am busy but never too busy to hear from classmates. Please email, call, or snail-mail me about your activities. We want to know what's happening with all of the Class of 1960. Westhampton Class Secretary Em St. Clair Key 5 Bailey Court Richmond, VA 23238 foxkey@aol.com

Carl W. Johnson, B'60, GB'65, and H'87, was elected president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in November 2012. He previously served as BGAV president in the 1980s and retired in 2000 as the chief financial officer for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
Africa last October for a photo safari. The trip included two jeep safaris each day, and they saw every animal except the leopard.

Martha Fleer and Jack spent three weeks in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia in October. What a great experience.

Mary Burke Pipas and Noland took a Viking River Cruise on a small ship through Germany last fall. Mary keeps busy with prayer ministry and daughter Sarah’s hot fudge/caramel sauce business. She makes more than 600 jars each year! Mary’s 17-year-old grandson survived a bout with West Nile virus.

Mary Levering Evans planned to spend several weeks in sunny Florida with her family and was looking forward to many walks on the beach. She dreaded returning to the grey skies of Ohio in winter and the possibility of shoveling snow.

Virginia “Ginny” Needham Whitfield enjoys being near family in eastern North Carolina. She eagerly anticipated a trip to Sacramento to meet her great-granddaughter. Ginny and Cindi Deatelhauser Nash had a nice visit while Cindi was on vacation last September. They shared many memories of school days.

Betty Pritchett White and Ray will be in Australia for six weeks while their son is doing a sabbatical year in Sydney with his family.

Polly Thompson Marshall and Bob Marshall, B, took a 15-day European trip in September. They began in Paris, took a Viking River Cruise on the Rhine, Moselle, and Main rivers, and ended in Prague. Judy VanderBoegh Carroll and Bob enjoyed a three-week tour of the western national parks last June and a visit with Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn at her summer home in Maine in August. They are looking forward to a cruise of the Norwegian fjords.

Suzanne Foster Thomas was elected to the University’s board of trustees last year. She says it is a great honor to serve UR. Her son Will chairs and teaches in the history department of the University of Nebraska and has published another book, Her son Sandy, an attorney, is chairing the litigation department and a member of the senior management team with ReedSmith LLP. Daughter Meg and her husband live in Montana, where she teaches at Montana State University. Suzanne and her husband, Bill Thomas, L’63, have five “perfect in every way” grandchildren.

Jean Stonestreet Lloyd had back surgery and a subsequent staph infection, but she is doing well now. She had a fun trip to New York at Christmas and returned to her Venice, Fla., condo after the holidays.

Nancy Tingle Traylor is happy to be in good health and is busy taking care of life’s affairs. Things are less stressful now that she and Larry have installed a new ramp at their home.

Ann Bertsch continues to volunteer two days a week at an elementary school, working with K-3 students individually and in small groups. Many of the students enable Ann to harren back to her WC Spanish. She took a wonderful trip to Italy in April 2012 and anticipated a Viking cruise in Russia. Ann spent the holidays in Richmond and Staunton, Va., with Barbara Bertsch Cox and her family. Skip DeeAnna Spivey Drumm has become our first ‘61 bionic woman! In 2012, she had a shoulder replacement. Encouraged by how well the shoulder operation went, she opted to have her left knee replaced in May. This one didn’t go as well, and three weeks after knee surgery she fell and broke the other shoulder. She was finally discharged from therapy Oct. 15. Her medical schedule made it very difficult and forced her to cancel attending the NOW National Conference. During Superstorm Sandy she lost power for only 40 hours but was able to direct a phone bank during Election Day.

There is sad news to report. Anne Pultz Roesch’s husband, Gordon, died in October. Our love and prayers go out to her. Jackie Thomas lost her battle with cancer Dec. 6. She and her husband, Jake Thomas, B’58, have two daughters. Jake planned to spend the holidays with their daughter in Los Angeles. Our love and prayers go to them as well.

Bob and I feel so blessed. Our sons and their families honored us with a lovely reception for our 50th anniversary. My sister came from Colorado, and so many of those who are dear to us and those who were with us long ago we haven’t seen.

I am grateful to those of you who sent news. We really do care about what we are all doing, and this is a major way to keep up with each other. Please send me an update on your present email address, as it is so much easier to communicate that way.

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CLASS OF ’61
Jennie Stokes Howe is discovering new cousins through Family Tree DNA tests. With just a swab, Jennie was sent a list of 867 matches—all new to her. One of those was Ann Avery Hunter, W’57 and G’58. A California cousin—another DNA match—will visit soon.

Georgia Lingle Waldrop remains quite busy with her horses and was nice enough to give my daughter-in-law advice about hers.

Last fall Joyce Smith Allison and Ed Allison Jr., B, traveled to follow their grandson Scott’s football team, which made it all the way to the state championship. Now it is swimming season and both Scott and Brad are on the high school team.

Barbara Bertsch Cox supervises student teachers for James Madison University. She and Bob looked forward to holiday time with children and grandchildren. They were quite challenged last fall by their new springer spaniel puppy.

Martha Kessler Goodman and Bill continue to work with Forte Chamber Music and follow their interest in Egyptology. Their son Richard, who was born our senior year (our est in egyptology. Their son richard, Chamber music and follow their inter-

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“Shes has a hazy memory of lobsters, foie gras, breast of duck, chards, capon, cheeses galore, and then, as the table and all the guests groaned, the traditional 13 desserts of Provence.”

—on the Christmas feast enjoyed by
Judith Trunzo, W’62, who retired to France

CLASS OF ’62
We were saddened to learn of Darlene Anne Morgan’s death Aug. 22. As a teacher and administrator, she dedicated many years to educating the children of Virginia’s Henrico and Fairfax counties.

She was a loyal friend, and we can still envision her as a lively UR cheerleader during her years at Westhampton.

Last June was a whirlwind month for Charlotte Adams Higgs of Montana. After attending our 50th class reunion, she went to Chicago for a granddaughter’s high school graduation and grandson’s middle school graduation. All 12 kids, spouses, and grandkids then departed for a week in Kauai, Hawaii. After this memorable vacation, she was happy to return to and enjoy the summer on Flathead Lake.

Shirley Easter Miaze of Kansas attended an exciting alumni event in December at the Kansas City home of a local vice president of Hallmark Cards. It was held the evening that Richmond’s basketball team played a very good game against the University of Kansas. Guests at the event were introduced to the dean of the Robins School of Business and the new athletic director.

A post-holiday note from Judith Trunzo, who is retired and still living in France, described her Christmas lunch with friends: drinks, oysters, mussels, and other tidbits at noon, then to the table at 1 p.m., finished at 5 p.m. She has a hazy memory of lob-
esters, foie gras, breast of duck, chards,
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Fifty years later, Bob Dawson, R’62, is still happy he took a chance on a blind date set up by Lanny Horton, R’64. Bob and his wife, Pat, began their courtship at a UR basketball game and recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Pictured left to right: Rodney Hale, R’62, Arthur Kennedy, R’65, Dawson, and Horton.

CLASS OF '64
Robert S. Jepson, B, GB’75, and H’87, was included in Georgia Trend’s annual listing of the state’s most powerful and influential citizens who affect the lives and livelihoods of all Georgians. He is chairman and CEO of Jepson Associates Savannah, serves as chair of the Georgia Ports Authority, and is leading the capital campaign for the Savannah College of Art and Design’s Museum of Art.

CLASS OF '65
Dianne Minter Vann, Linda Armstrong Farrar, our class travel agent, Barbara Vaughan, Margaret Beitele Brown, and Millie Bradshaw Hotchkiss enjoyed a Baltic Cruise in August. They toured Northern European countries visiting Amsterdam; Copenhagen; Warnemunde, Germany; Helsinki; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Stockholm; Norway; Reykjavik, Iceland; Greenland; and then Nova Scotia before docking in New York City. Millie and Dianne came home after two weeks, but the others continued on for an additional two weeks. It was a great experience, especially because they dodged three hurricanes coming across the Atlantic. All of these women find it very meaningful to maintain friendships that were created almost 50 years ago.

Last fall Cynthia Shellhorse kept a blog during a trip through Europe that included Budapest, Hungary, and Paris. It can be found at senora.word press.com. Margaret Brown says it is a delightful read and would like to know if any other classmates maintain a blog.

A surprise 70th birthday party was held for Barbara Vaughan in Richmond in November. Linda Farrar made most of the arrangements, but Harryet Hubbard Wallace-Boulster, Janet Renshaw Yates, Millie Hotchkiss, and Margaret Brown participated as well and surprised Barbara with a gathering of about 35 friends and relatives. Other classmates who attended were Dianne Vann, Ann Carter Carmody, and Cynthia Shellhorse.

Ann is enjoying spending more time with her grandchildren now that she is retired. Margaret and Bill did some additional traveling last year. They avoided Hurricane Sandy by making a well-timed road trip to Georgia; Charleston, S.C.; and Durham, N.C. They stopped in Franklin, Va., and on the Outer Banks of North Carolina to visit with Millie and Edward Hotchkiss, and ended up in Richmond for Barbara’s party. After being home for a week, they turned around and drove to Winchester, Va., for a family Thanksgiving.

Wren Dawson Olivier, Marionette Parker Jones, and Jackie Branch Rocca held their periodic get-together at Marionette’s home in November. They were joined by Harryet, which was delightful. Marionette retired in 2010 after 10 years of teaching English to adults in Richmond.

Kevin finished out the year with a trip to Paris in June with her brother. After their little local group is growing.

CLASS OF '66
Margaret Brown

CLASS OF '67
Jane Lasley Quinn
Kevin Quinn

The last summer Marionette and Ed moved from their long-time home in Chantilly, Va., to Warrenton, Va. Liz Morris Meador took a trip to London after Christmas to celebrate Charles Dickens. She is planning a trip to Paris in June with her brother. Liz still teaches part-time, writes an article about language for the local newspaper, and volunteers in the Guardian ad litem program. She and Dave are blessed with good health and with happiness they find in church and family—especially their grandchildren.

Jane Lasley Quinn and Kevin Quinn, R’67, had a wonderful 2012 traveling about the country in their Airstream trailer. In March, they went to Louisiana and learned about Cajun culture. In May, they toured Virginia and Pennsylvania, following in the footsteps of Robert E. Lee. For a month in the fall they joined a group following the Great River Road along the Mississippi River. Among this group they were delighted to find Barbara Barton German and Bill German, R’63. After all these years Barbara and Jane recognized each other as fellow Westhampton classmates and had a great time reminiscing about life at WC in the 1960s. On a previous trip to the Galas Fiddlers’ Convention they ran into Grace and Linton Leary, R’64. Jane and Kevin finished out the year with a trip to Highland Heights, Ky., to see their daughter Kathleen’s husband, David, receive a master’s degree in public history from Northern Kentucky University. David and Kathleen have lived in the Cincinnati area since 1996.

Jackie Harper Burrell saw Bettie Lee Currell Gaskins in October when Bettie Lee played for a funeral in Irvington, Va. Jackie said the Northern Neck had a great regional alumnae gathering last fall and that their little local group is growing.

Linda Holt Lilly welcomed a grandson, Holt. He arrived on Ed and Linda’s 47th wedding anniversary and is the first child of her son Kevin Lilly, L’97. Ed and Linda still struggle with knee problems.

I enjoyed the Christmas season in Columbia, S.C., with my youngest daughter, Katie, and her family. Her third child and my 10th grandchild, Anne Sawyer Thompson, arrived Dec. 26. After her birth, I kept Katie’s 2- and 3-year-olds, so you can imagine how exhausted and happy I was. I continue to serve on the Wicomico
County Board of Education and the Salisbury University Foundation Board. I look forward to hearing from each of you this spring when we share our news for the next issue. Westhampton Class Secretary

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CLASS OF ’66
In April 2012 Nancy Hilliard Campbell, her daughter Jean, and 10-year-old granddaughter Angela spent four days at Universal Theme Park in Orlando, Fl., where they enjoyed a butter beer at the Three Broomsticks restaurant. (Harry Potter, anyone?) Jean and Angela visited Nancy in June and attended Vacation Bible School. The trio traveled to Georgia for some sightseeing later in the summer. Nancy’s summer travels also included touring the Tetons and Badlands; hiking under the heads at Mt. Rushmore; and visiting Devil’s Tower, which Richard Dreyfuss built in his living room in the movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Last fall, the granddaughter. Theodore “Thea” Carol Robinson was born to their daughter Mattie and her husband, Jason, on Sept. 10. They are enjoying every minute of being grandparents, and Carol has especially loved seeing her daughter become a mother. She invites you to friend her on Facebook for pictures. Barbara Ruscus Thompson continues to work part time as a senior research analyst for ManTech International. She is in her fourth year as chair of the MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital board, which is both interesting and rewarding. Her daughter, Virginia, has completed a doctorate in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina. Barbara and Mike now have 10 grandchildren and will soon have their son Paul and his family living with them on Berrywood Farm in Hollywood, Md.

Quita Tansey Collins has been in Ashburn, Va., helping her son who has ALS. His son, Jack, was born on Nov. 15, and is their ninth granddaughter. Quita saw in the Richmond paper that Elaine Nevolon Peterson was the 2012 Richmond Christmas Mother. Elaine has seven grandchildren.

Lyne Griffith Marks and Dick Marks, R’65, had a fabulous time traveling and hiking in Argentina and Chile. They landed at Cape Horn with good weather, affording an amazing view of what Lynne called “the end of the world.” They also went to Brazil to see Iguazu Falls, which she says was breathtaking. Lynne and JoAnn Jamison Webster called and spoke to Jean Reynolds McIntyre at our last reunion and had fun catching up on all the news.

I was elected secretary to the executive board of the North American Farmers’ Direct Marketing Association at the February 2013 convention in Portland, Ore. I am also in the process of organizing a national association of professionals like myself who are agritourism service providers — those in professional lines of work who help farmers succeed in developing agritourism farms and/or on-farm markets selling directly to the public. I plan to retire in November and hope that a few of my next-life plans fall into place! Westhampton Class Secretary

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CLASS OF ’67
C. Anthony Raiff, R and G’74, retired from Jumonji University in Saitama, Japan, after 21 years as a language professor and department head. He is the first nonnative awarded the distinction of meijyuu kyooju, or professor emeritus. While at Jumonji, he also taught as an adjunct professor with Tokyo International University, Saitama University, Kyoritsu Women’s College, and Shimbara Institute of Technology. He was a regular member of the Japan Association of Language Teaching and trained teachers, airline personnel, and Japanese businessmen in English and American culture.

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CLASS OF ’70
Linda McCubbin Warren is working as hard in retirement as she did before. She is now treasurer for the Positive Vibe Foundation, an organization that provides job training in the restaurant business for people with disabilities. It is a wonderful program, and the organization’s café is in Richmond’s Southside. She invites everyone to try it out, as dining there supports the program and gives you a great meal.

KC Klinedinst Swallow and Steve Swallow, R’69, took some interesting trips last year. The most exotic were to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and India, where Steve taught an implant dentistry course and KC enjoyed the junket. She also went to Romania twice — once to teach her annual course in environmental science and later with a group from her church to visit their partner church. She and Steve visited Vancouver, B.C.; Washington, D.C.; and Harpole, England, where they attended the 70th birthday party of a dear friend at a garden party right out of Downton Abbey. When they are not traveling, KC and Steve still work. She is a chemistry professor at Meredith College, and Steve is a dentist. They have lived in the same house for 35 years, but grandchildren have livened up their lives considerably.

Sharon Morrisett Caldwell and Bob spent 12 days in China last fall when Bob’s chorus, the Alexandria Harmonizers, was invited to sing in Beijing as part of a cultural exchange. The trip included six days in Beijing, three in Xi’an, and three in Guilin. They biked up a mountain to spend the night at the top (not an easy thing for a bunch of 60–80 year olds who hadn’t biked in 10 years), and spent an overnight train ride to Xi’an in a deeper coach, which Sharon said was like sleeping on an ironing board. Her personal adventures included being locked in the bus in the dark while everyone else went to dinner, a large porcelain sink falling on her foot in a hotel bathroom, and other mishaps too numerous to tell. After having recovered from the traumas, Sharon admits that she did enjoy the beautiful scenery, the awesome Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, and rafting down the Li River.

Linda “Zym” Zimmerman Wiseman and Dick both retired in 2012, although she says the current terminology is that they’re “transitioning and reinventing themselves for the second half.” Dick continues with some basketball coaching and broadcasting. Zym is helping several nonprofits with their strategic plans and teaching a class at Muhlenberg College. They are having fun and are not bored! They vacationed in Greece last summer, enjoying ruins, museums, and an 11-mile hike thru the Samaria Gorge. They are looking forward to more travel in 2013, including trips to Salt Lake City where their son, Drew, was just named associate director of communications at the University of Utah.

In November, Kitty Taimi McCall and her family — including two cats — moved into a rental house while they began a big remodeling of their home in Arlington, Va. It was challenging to make even a temporary move after 23 years in one place. She says it was disruptive but very good because it forced them to dispose of so much accumu-
lated stuff. They will move back into their home in mid-2013. Their son is a junior in high school and does very well academically and is active in the JROTC. He is looking into colleges—including the military academies.

Mary Pearson lives in Middletown, N.J., and took her usual winter break last year to Key West, Fla., to visit Dale Allen. She and Dale spent a fun evening with Ann Marie Pearson Wood and Reggie Wood, R’69, as they were in Key West, too. In the spring, Mary went on a tour of San Antonio and Austin, Texas. She continues to do a lot of volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Monmouth County SPCA, and Old First Church. September was busy for Shirley Jo Beck Unger, who enjoyed a Mediterranean Cruise with her husband, Don, and friends, and then celebrated her stepdaughter Susan’s marriage. In November, Shirley Jo had a lumbar spinal fusion with anterior and posterior incisions but was recuperating nicely at Christmas time.

Well, sisters, that is all that I received in the way of news this time. From what I gather, it appears that everyone is traveling and enjoying life. That is always fun to read about, so everyone is traveling and enjoying life. From what I gather, it appears that operating nicely at Christmastime.

Jeanie Shorter Smith and Ron continue to volunteer for the Aylett, Va., Humane Society, where they coordinate the puppy rescue and transport program. All of the puppies are transported to the no-kill shelter in Sterling, Mass., through the Homebound Hounds program.

Millie Cochran Cooper and Roger have four grandchildren and continue to live on a farm in Staunton, Va., where they rent out parts of their farm and fields to a man who raises beef cattle. They took both a driving trip and cruise to Nova Scotia and New England in 2012.

Lela Baum Hopper was busy last year with preparations for her son Cory’s October wedding, which took place at Cannon Memorial Chapel. The bride was Elizabeth “Lizzie” Sauvain, ’05. Lela continues to enjoy her work at the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Mary Morekis Mitchell of Richmond enjoys reading history and biographies. She recently completed a five-act play based on the lives of her grandparents in Samos, Greece, after the Greco-Turkish War ended and the repatriation of ethnic groups began. Mary’s main hobby is watching Fox News and baking cookies while watching the Food Network.

Debra Furches Crowder, B’72, and Spencer Crowder, R’70, still live in South Hill, Va., and spend time each summer at their house on Lake Gaston. Debra works as a hospital volunteer and tries to keep up with their five grandchildren. They love going to UR football games on campus with their son, Hunter Crowder, B’96 and GB’01, and running into old friends from school.

Bet Harrell Neale was gearing up for the 2013 Virginia General Assembly session when we spoke and hoped to score some wins for K-12 public education. Her husband, Mark Neale Jr., R’70, had just returned from a fishing trip in the Bahamas, which she said was a fun break from his dental practices in Williamsburg and West Point, Va. Bet, Mark, and their 15 ½-year-old pup, Madison, live in West Point and enjoy spending time in the mountains of Bath County, Va.

Pam Haycox Wheeley continues to work as the clinical auditor at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She lives in Norfolk, Va., and owns a big poodle named Perry. Pam enjoys her work at church, dining out with friends, and going to lectures.

Anne Ryland Sica and Alan Sica, R, have lived in Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. They have two grandsons and are enjoying life.

If I inadvertently left any out, please resend them to me for the next issue.

W. Joseph Owen III, B, was included in the listing of Owen & Owens in Richmond and is chair of the Drug Court Foundation of Chesterfield County, a voluntary, court-based program designed to assist drug-addicted individuals in changing their criminal lifestyle and becoming free from alcohol and other drugs.

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Christmas was crazy for the Kirbys. Sam broke his right ankle before the holidays, so I was his chauffeur. He is doing well now, and we did have a wonderful time with the children and grandchildren. Linda Williams Muirhead celebrated Christmas with two new daughters-in-law. One joined the family in March 2012 and one in September. She says her family is now complete… until the grandkids start coming.

Peggy Peters Stalnaker’s son Walker Forehand lives in Washington, D.C., and recently married Kristin Fisher, who works as a correspondent at the CBS affiliate in D.C. Her daughter’s family also lives in D.C. Peggy and Jamie love retirement in the Northern Neck of Virginia and welcome a visit from anyone who wants to catch up in a fun place.

Jon and Jeannie Nicholson Veith had a busy holiday season. They visited friends in England and Berlin for the holidays and were home for Christmas. Their son Joseph is preparing to become a captain of the Airbus 320 with European Condor Airlines. Jon and Jeannie vacationed in Zell am See, Austria, for their 40th wedding anniversary in January. Jon has retired, and Jeannie still enjoys her travel agency work with the U.S. Air Force.

Drew Chapman Brown tore her Achilles tendon running to her car during the derecho at the end of
June 2012. She said she knows all of her lacrosse and hockey teammates will think, “Drew, running? Really?” Her surgery went fine and her sister, Rachel “Dink” Brown, W’71, helped with recovery. After one month, she lost the foot and another month in a boot, Drew was back in matching shoes. She looked forward to biking by New Year’s and walking along more storm water management sites.

Agnes Mobley-Wayne was nominated for a 2012 Alli Award, presented by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads for her work as artistic director of Schola Cantorum of Virginia for the past five years.

Meg Kemper has been traveling all over the country visiting family. Her daughter, Susan, lives and teaches in a charter school in downtown Cincinnati. Susan’s fiancé works in a Cincinnati law firm. Meg’s son, Will, is thriving in San Francisco and recently visited Boston and New York City. He is thinking about going to grad school for engineering. His job with Google has been a tremendous learning experience and will be hard to leave if he goes back to school.

Marcie Weinberg’s daughter, Rachel Weinberg-Rue, ’16, loves Westhampton. She plays Quidditch (a sport played on brooms from the Harry Potter series). Marcie hosted three additional students for Thanksgiving—one from mainland China, one from Spain, and one from Staten Island, N.Y.

Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick had a scare this summer when their daughter Amanda had some pregnancy difficulties, but all went well. William Russell Bevis was born a little early but there were no difficulties, but all went well. William’s daughter Amanda had some pregnancy difficulties, but all went well. William’s daughter Amanda had some pregnancy difficulties, but all went well. William’s daughter Amanda had some pregnancy difficulties, but all went well.

CLASS OF ’74

I start this letter with some exciting wedding news, and it’s not one of our children’s weddings! Ann Gordon and Marty Singer were married Nov. 10 at Mount Vernon Inn near Alexandria, Va. Janet Ferrell and Mark Bearden, Laura Feller and John Fleckner, and Faye Ehrenstamm, W and L ’77, and Sam Forstein attended the non-rehearsal dinner Friday evening at the Lorien Hotel in Old Town Alexandria. Lindsey Epps Edwards and Herb Edwards Jr., R, joined the group for the wedding and reception. Ann and Marty honeymooned in Curacao. They met Laura and John on New Year’s Eve at Blues Alley in Washington, D.C., to see Monty Alexander.

Sandra Sperry delved into ancestry .com last summer and discovered she had 14 relatives on the Mayflower. She finished her three-year project of making digital albums of the family’s 25 years of vacations. Each was 524 pages!

Karen Gay Lukhard, W and G’83, and Ralph’s son Clinton was married to Graham Magill, L ’08, in November in High Point, N.C. They were happy to have Pat Raasch Tutterow attend the wedding. Although it seemed like just yesterday that Pat and Karen were roommates and then bridesmaids in each other’s weddings, it must have been a little longer, since sharing stories about grandchildren was the hot topic. In February Karen’s daughter, Johanna, moved 1,000 miles closer to home—from Waco, Texas, to Durham, N.C.

Judith Owen Hopkins and Marbury B. “Hop” Hopkins, R, enjoyed racking up the frequent flyer miles during the past few months.

They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary visiting friends in Estes Park, Colo., where they hiked and watched elk. They then went on to Bald Head Island, N.C., for a good friend’s wedding. In early December, they visited the hill country of Texas and enjoyed the LBJ Ranch, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and lots of quaint and scrumptious cafes, along with many bird sightings. In between their travels, they found time to make a commercial for a local tea room owned by friends and are now cable TV stars. Hop retired in September and continues to receive chemotherapy every other month but is doing well. Judy continues her active practice in oncology and research and has added a monthly survivorship lecture series to her busy schedule.

In her spare time, Susan Brock attends concerts and a variety of University of Kentucky sporting events with her son, and reads everything she can get her hands on.

Susan Lindler Stephenson and Ned Stephenson, R’76, enjoyed one family hosted by daughters Laura Jordan Agaba, ‘07, and Elise Nelson. Leslie Lolley Kellenberger is spending more and more time on the Neuse River through her work with the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation and by opening a guest house in Oriental, N.C. Leslie delighted in visiting Carol Schreffler Daly, B, and Bill Daly III, B, in Richmond over Christmas.

Mary Ann Liggan Riter’s grandchildren, Nathan and Nadia, are members of the UR Spiders Kids Club. They’ve enjoyed attending Kids Club activities, including football and basketball games, movie night, and parties. Nathan was chosen as the coin-toss kid for the football home opener. Nadia was a model for Regency Square’s holiday fashion show. For Christmas, Mary Ann’s mother treated everyone to the Richmond Ballet’s production of The Nutcracker at Richmond’s CenterStage. Mary Ann appeared in holiday ads for Zacharias Ganey Health Institute.

Linda Jo Moses Mays and her husband, Monte, enjoyed a relaxing 60th anniversary trip to one of their favorite towns, historic Abingdon, Va. They rambled through antique shops and enjoyed a play at the Barter Theatre. Linda Jo’s 60th birthday was celebrated with a surprise birthday dinner given by Monte at a local restaurant with family and many good friends in attendance. She planned to continue babysitting her 3-year-old granddaughter, Maddie, and assisting Monte in his accounting/tax business from February to April.

Anita H. Garland is now in her 32nd year working in the admissions office at Hampden-Sydney College, and she still gets a great kick out of it. She has been in contact with more than a half-million teenage boys during that time and has now recruited 67 percent of the college’s living alum-
Hopkins Barnes, Ellen Early Lusk, and several large schools of humpback whales, one of which fed and swam all around the boat. Becca and John continued their sail and are now living in Seattle. Our daughter Katie Chandler lives in Richmond and works at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Thank you to the classmates who have sent news. It makes my job so much fun! I hope to hear from many more of you this year!

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Stephen C. St. John, Jr., is the chief bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He was chosen for the seven-year appointment by the region’s district judges and is the first Hampton Roads judge to hold the position. He was appointed to a 14-year term as a bankruptcy judge by the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1995 and reappointed in 2009.

CLASS OF ’75
William C. Hall Jr., B, vice president of executive communications at Dominion Resources, received the Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities for his work promoting understanding and respect among people of different backgrounds in the Richmond region. A native of Danville, Va., he is chair of Equality Virginia’s board of directors.

CLASS OF ’77
Sandy Heilman Kuehl, W and G ’86, has been teaching the past five years at a Title I school in St. Mary’s County, Md., where she received the county’s teacher of the year award and is nominated at the statewide level. She has taught for 35 years, including 23 years with Department of Defense schools in Germany and Okinawa, Japan. Kuehl is the daughter of E. Bruce Heilman, H ’86, University Chancellor and president emeritus.

John and Susan Nagy, both ’81, celebrated their 30th anniversary with a trip to Switzerland (shown here) and Italy.
Deborah Singleton Tinsley, W and L’88, has been in private practice in Louisa, Va., since 1995 and has served as a substitute judge.

**CLASS OF ’86**

Amanda Montgomery, B. was selected by the dean of the Robins School of Business to be one of four women to speak at the “Women in Finance Panel: Lessons on Successful Careers in the Financial Services Industry” in October 2012. She works at UBS Investment Bank.

**CLASS OF ’87**

Keith Baer, R. is vice president of sales and marketing at National Ticket Company. He lives in Richmond with his wife, Leslie, and their son, Axel. Previously he was vice president of marketing for Research Data Inc. and Conquoset Graphics for six years.

Jean Hawshurst, W. is superintendent of the Frankfort District of Kentucky United Methodist Conference. A graduate of Lexington Seminary and Louisville Seminary, she has served congregations in Bowling Green and Louisville, Ky., and is on the boards of several organizations, including the Kentucky Council of Churches. She is married to the Rev. Jerry Cappel, serving as the Kentucky Council of Churches. She was a featured guest on “Archaeology of the Mediterranean World.” A historian by trade, Caraher is professor of history and the director of the John N. Gardner Institute for excellence in undergraduate education in Brevard, N.C.

**CLASS OF ’91**

Wes Allison, R. is an attorney at the Kahn Law Firm in Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Mt Pleasant, S.C., with their sons Cross, 8, and Fisher, 4.

Michael V. Beall, L. is president and chief executive officer of the National Cooperative Business Association. He had been president and CEO of the Missouri Credit Union Association.

Brian Hauser, R. is general manager, U.S. and Canada, of Transitions Optical Inc. He is responsible for the company’s north American region including strategic planning, business growth, and organization leadership. He has been with the company since 2004.

Brian J. McCormick Jr., R. was appointed by Philadelphia mayor to a five-year term on the independent Philadelphia Board of Ethics, which is charged with enforcing the city’s lobbying, campaign finance, financial disclosure, and conflict of interest laws, and administers and enforces the city’s public integrity laws for all city employees. He is a trial attorney at Sheller PC. in Philadelphia, where he lives with his wife, Meredith Long McCormick, W’92, and their three children.

**CLASS OF ’92**

Heather Breuninger Granato, W. is vice president of content at VIRGO’s Health & Nutrition Network. She had been the company’s group editorial director. In her new position she oversees all strategic content initiatives around the group’s online, print, and in-person events. She recently joined the National Association of Professional Women and was named the alumnae committee for Kappa Alpha Theta women’s fraternity.

Jim Hippe, B. is chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann of Tennessee. He has served as Fleischmann’s legislative director and counsel since January 2011.

Julie Strott Linquata, W. her husband, Louis, and their sons Michael, Will, and Charlie, have relocated to Berywn, Pa.

John Kenneth Muir, R. is the creative force behind the media blog “Reflections on Film and Television.” He is also the author of 24 reference books and guides to popular film and TV series in the science fiction, comedy, and horror genres. He has made television, movie, and radio appearances.

Mary Pettit, L. became the first woman elected commonwealth’s attorney in Montgomery County, Va., in November 2012. She had been in the position since July and had served as chief deputy in the office since 2005.

Heather Tucker, W. is senior motorsports editor for USA Today. In her seven years at the paper, she has worked as the cover story editor, helping plan coverage for live events such as the Super Bowl and Daytona 500; as a desk editor for major league baseball and motor sports; and for special sections for NASCAR’s season preview and the Chase for the Sprint Cup. James Wilson, L. an attorney who has been helping people start, finance, operate, buy, and sell small businesses for 20 years, was a featured guest on host Eric Dy’s Enterprise Radio show.

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Mary Ellen Broderick gave birth to a girl, Kelsey Alyse, July 21, in Rockville, Md.

Kristen McNamara moved to Hong Kong in January.

Andrew Olsen and his wife, Sarah, are the owners of TimeReview Newsgroup of Marin, N.Y., which publishes The Suffolk Times.

**CLASS OF ’94**

Bill Caraher is the author of the long-running blog “Archaeology of the Mediterranean World.” A historian by nature and an archaeologist by vocation, Caraher is professor of history at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Stephanie Nolan Deviney was elected vice chair of the board of trustees at Penn State University. She is a 1997 graduate of Dickinson School of Law and a partner in the litigation department and construction law group at Fox Rothschild in Exton, Pa. She and her husband, Jim, live in Glenmoore, Pa., with their son, Seamus.

Stacy Landolt Mayer was promoted to chief legislative officer by Maryland’s governor. She had been deputy legislative officer.

**CLASS OF ’96**

JoEllen Carol Moore Abraham completed a cardiology fellowship in July and is now an electrophysiologist fellow at the Cleveland Clinic.

John Cunningham is a partner in the investigations and business crimes, corporate compliance, and white collar defense practice groups at Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C.

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Elizabeth Francy Demaret, W. is chief customer relationship officer for Sedgwick, the world’s largest third-party administrator. In 2009 she became the first woman chair for the World Federation of Insurance Intermediaries and is the only chair to have been asked to serve a second term. She lives in Elk Grove Village, Ill., and has four children: Madelyn, 16; Catherine, 14; Thomas, 13; and Delaney, 11.

**CLASS OF ’89**

Julie Schrank Luhrsen, L. was recognized with an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell. Along with her husband, she is founding partner in the Luhrsen Law Group, a personal injury law firm in Sarasota, Fla.

**CLASS OF ’90**

Drew Koch, R and G’94, has been named vice president for new strategy, development, and policy initiatives for the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education in Brevard, N.C.

Michele Adams Mulligan, L and GB’99, is an attorney in the Richmond office of Mercier/Trigiani, where she represents common interest community associations and practices medical, legal, and accounting malpractice defense law.

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the first person to hold the position in a full-time capacity.

Carol Lynn Kendall, L., an attorney in Hollywood, Fla., ran as a candidate for commissioner of Hollywood’s second district in November’s elections.

Justin McAlister is an assistant professor of biology at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He earned a doctorate from UNC-Chapel Hill and master’s degree from the University of South Carolina. He has been published in a number of scholarly journals including PLoS One, Evolution Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology, and Biological Bulletin.

Arlen Schweiger is editor of Electronic House magazine and electronichouse.com, the sister publication to CE Pro. He joined EH Publishing in 2006 and most recently was the managing editor of CE Pro and Commercial Integrator magazines. In 2010, Will Willis and his brother, Dave, founded Bully Boy Distillers, Boston’s first craft distillery. Will has an MBA in real estate finance from George Washington University and previously worked for global real estate investment firms.

CLASS OF ’97
Christopher P. Compton is president and managing principal at Compton Financial Group, a Towson, Md., company that provides investment and planning advisory services to businesses in the mid-Atlantic region.

Scott R. Forester, GB’06, is vice president of finance and operations at the SEN Design Group, the industry’s first kitchen and bath buying and business development group. He was previously director of accounting at Cardlytics, a transactional-based marketing company that connects retailers with current and potential customers.

Vanessa L. Jones, L’01, is a shareholder at Barnes & Diedl. She was named to the 2011 list of “Influential Women of Virginia” by Virginia Lawyer Weekly. She has also served in a variety of leadership positions in local bar associations.

Dana Lowe is president of Infolob, a Dallas-based Oracle solutions provider and member of the Oracle PartnerNetwork. Prior to joining Infolob in August as senior vice president of the company, he was senior managing partner for defense contrac-

White House confidential
Reggie Skinner, ’97

Reggie Skinner followed a fairly typical track after graduation—graduate school, law school, judicial clerkship, and a position as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Things took an unexpected turn, though, when a colleague walked into his office, shut the door, and asked, “How would you like to do a detail at the White House?”

“There are days in your life when incredible things happen to you, things you weren’t actively seeking out,” he says. “I didn’t know anyone who worked at the White House. I’d never set foot in the building. Needless to say, I snatched the opportunity up quick, fast, and in a hurry.” Soon after a vetting process he says was intense and uncomfortable, Skinner began reporting to work on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The vetting process proved to be good preparation for Skinner’s assignment—six months on a team vetting nominees for everything from obscure appointments to Cabinet-level positions. Yes, you’ve heard of some of them. But no, he can’t identify them.

At this level, candidates are by definition qualified for the job. It was up to Skinner and the vetting team to evaluate the political and reputational risks of candidates. “The point of vetting is to determine how the candidate could possibly hurt us,” he says. That meant a lot of probing personal questions into candidates’ finances, tax records, public writings, and relationships.

The process regularly put Skinner in contact with some of the most accomplished and powerful people in the world, whether it was taking photos and chatting with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office or sitting across the table from Latin pop sensation Shakira.

After vetting her for an appointment to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, Skinner met Shakira when she came to Washington for a meeting on the initiative.

“Let me tell you,” he says, “I had all sorts of street cred with the vetting team after that.”

—Kim Catley

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Andrew Atwood is an architect and partner at First Office, a design firm in Los Angeles. He was a presenter for a Southern California Institute of Architecture’s public lecture last July.

Elizabeth Rose Larouer and her husband, Christopher, welcomed their first child, daughter Daphné Rose, Aug. 28, 2012. Both Elizabeth and Christopher work for the U.S. Embassy in Paris. She is the director of events at the George C. Marshall Center in the Hôtel de Talleyrand, and he is Ambassador Charles Rivkin’s special assistant and speechwriter.


Jonathan Wakefield was a guest blogger on “Inkwell Inspirations” in October. He is an information technology specialist and a freelance writer. The author of Saving America: A Christian Perspective of the Tea Party Movement and the inspirational thriller Fatal Reality, he lives in Richmond with his wife and two sons. He and his wife have adopted a third son from Ethiopia and are waiting for final clearance to bring him home to the United States.

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Scott R. Forester, GB’06, is vice president of finance and operations at the SEN Design Group, the industry’s first kitchen and bath buying and business development group. He was previously director of accounting at Cardlytics, a transactional-based marketing company that connects retailers with current and potential customers.

Vanessa L. Jones, L’01, is a shareholder at Barnes & Diedl. She was named to the 2011 list of “Influential Women of Virginia” by Virginia Lawyer Weekly. She has also served in a variety of leadership positions in local bar associations.

Dana Lowe is president of Infolob, a Dallas-based Oracle solutions provider and member of the Oracle PartnerNetwork. Prior to joining Infolob in August as senior vice president of the company, he was senior managing partner for defense contrac-

White House confidential
Reggie Skinner, ’97

Reggie Skinner followed a fairly typical track after graduation—graduate school, law school, judicial clerkship, and a position as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Things took an unexpected turn, though, when a colleague walked into his office, shut the door, and asked, “How would you like to do a detail at the White House?”

“There are days in your life when incredible things happen to you, things you weren’t actively seeking out,” he says. “I didn’t know anyone who worked at the White House. I’d never set foot in the building. Needless to say, I snatched the opportunity up quick, fast, and in a hurry.” Soon after a vetting process he says was intense and uncomfortable, Skinner began reporting to work on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The vetting process proved to be good preparation for Skinner’s assignment—six months on a team vetting nominees for everything from obscure appointments to Cabinet-level positions. Yes, you’ve heard of some of them. But no, he can’t identify them.

At this level, candidates are by definition qualified for the job. It was up to Skinner and the vetting team to evaluate the political and reputational risks of candidates. “The point of vetting is to determine how the candidate could possibly hurt us,” he says. That meant a lot of probing personal questions into candidates’ finances, tax records, public writings, and relationships.

The process regularly put Skinner in contact with some of the most accomplished and powerful people in the world, whether it was taking photos and chatting with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office or sitting across the table from Latin pop sensation Shakira.

After vetting her for an appointment to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, Skinner met Shakira when she came to Washington for a meeting on the initiative.

“Let me tell you,” he says, “I had all sorts of street cred with the vetting team after that.”

—Kim Catley

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Andrew Atwood is an architect and partner at First Office, a design firm in Los Angeles. He was a presenter for a Southern California Institute of Architecture’s public lecture last July.

Elizabeth Rose Larouer and her husband, Christopher, welcomed their first child, daughter Daphné Rose, Aug. 28, 2012. Both Elizabeth and Christopher work for the U.S. Embassy in Paris. She is the director of events at the George C. Marshall Center in the Hôtel de Talleyrand, and he is Ambassador Charles Rivkin’s special assistant and speechwriter.


Jonathan Wakefield was a guest blogger on “Inkwell Inspirations” in October. He is an information technology specialist and a freelance writer. The author of Saving America: A Christian Perspective of the Tea Party Movement and the inspirational thriller Fatal Reality, he lives in Richmond with his wife and two sons. He and his wife have adopted a third son from Ethiopia and are waiting for final clearance to bring him home to the United States.
CLASS OF ’99
Mark Ardrey-Graves is pursuing a doctorate in choral conducting from James Madison University. He also works as the organist and choirmaster at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg, Va., where he lives with his wife, Sara.

Sarah Kinney Gaventa is the associ- ate rector at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Ivy, Va. She earned a master’s degree from Virginia Theological Seminary and was assistant rector at a church in Princeton, N.J., while her husband, Matthew, earned a divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Their son, Charlie, was born in 2011.

Jennifer Williams Johnson and her husband, Mikael, welcomed their second son, Jacob Mikael, Sept. 6. He is the Chippenham place Community High School, and is vice chairman of the Judiciary program at Midlothian

A founding partner in the law firm Arant Boult Cummings. His practice focuses on emerging growth companies.

Rita Poindexter Davis, L’99, has called him a “dashing, fine bright.Dallas Morning News

Andrew Kintzi

CLASS OF ’00
Rita Poindexterv Davis, L, was promot- ed to counsel at Hunton & Williams. She works on the firm’s PR/media rela- tions team in Richmond and focuses her practice on business torts, complex commercial disputes, insurance coverage disputes, personal injury litigation, and alcohol beverage control regulation.

Matthew K. DiCintio earned an MFA in theatre pedagogy from VCU and is working toward a doctorate in drama at Tufts University.

Andrew Kintzi is senior editor at JPL, an integrated communications company where he creates corporate videos, television commercials, and multimedia event presentations.

Margaret “Lyn” McDermid, GB, is the Federal Reserve System’s chief information officer. She previously was senior vice president and chief information officer at Dominion Resources. She chairs the board of trustees of Mary Baldwin College.

Darren Ritsick is the director of research at Braverman Reproductive Immunology in New York City. He earned a doctorate in biochemistry, cell, and developmental biology at Emory University, where he began working on research on novel biological roles for reactive oxygen species. He received his NIH supported a portion of his doctoral work. He has worked as a scientific advisor for a patent law firm, in the department of neurosurgery as senior research project coordinator at Emory, and as coordinator for the cancer cell biology program at the Winship Cancer Institute.

Matthew Worth performed Feb. 11, at the Modlin Center. The New York Times has called his baritone voice “fully powered and persuasively expres- sive,” and the Dallas Morning News has called him a “dashing, fine bright baritone.” He was recently the featured “Sound Bites” artist in OpenNew and enjoys success on both operatic and concert stages in all styles from the Renaissance to new repertoire.

CLASS OF ’01
Billy Becker is director of enterprise sales for Comcast’s Belway region, which serves Maryland, southern Delaware, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and portions of West Virginia and North Carolina.

Kip Horton III is director of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings. He is a co-founder and member of RPA Advisors, where he specializes in financial and turnaround advisory ser- vices for companies and creditors.

Jonathan Kipp is a partner in the Birmingham, Ala., office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings. His practice focuses on emerging growth companies.

Elliot Ritzea is an editor at Logos Bible Software and is the editor of 300 Quotations for Preachers and 400 Prayers for Preachers. He is also a major contributor to Faithlife Study Bible and Bible Study Magazine. He blogs at elliotritzea.com.

Cristin Witcher Siegel and her hus- band, Adam, have a daughter, Margaret, who was born Dec. 7, 2012. The family lives in Chicago with their dog, Kaya.

CLASS OF ’02
Kristen Brown Allen and her hus- band, Lance Allen, welcomed their third child, a daughter named Avery


Ben Gajewski, GB’09, works for Vision Services Plan as an account executive in Washington, D.C.


Kate Materna Rezabek and Joe Rezabek, L’05, have a son, Ryan Michael, who was born April 6, 2012. They live in Richmond.

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Doug Boyle Jr. is an associate in the corporate practice group at Troutman Sanders in Richmond.


Sarah DeVeau and Ross Gore were married Sept. 22 and live in Arlington, Va. Jamie Paulson Diaz, Jocelyn Rhoades, Nick Morales, Brian Pages, and Cameron Snapp were in the wedding party. Ross received a doctorate in computer sci- ence from the University of Virginia.

Jillian Lair Harris and her hus- band, James, welcomed a son, James Michael Whitworth “Jack” Harris, who was born Sept. 23, 2012.

Eric Lien is an associate in the

Boston office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. He practices in the areas of corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, commercial agreements, corporate governance, and other business transactions.


Katherine Tyrrell Toussaint and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their first child, a daughter named Virginia Ruth, Nov. 23. The family lives in St. Louis.


CLASS OF ’04
Abby Barden Carrico earned a doctorate in French from Emory University in December. In October she and her husband, Thomas, welcomed a baby girl, Vivian Eleanor. In the fall, Abby will join Virginia Military Institute as an assistant professor, “My husband and I are excited about making the move back to Virginia,” she writes.

Kelly Thompson Davis and her hus- band, Paul, welcomed a daughter, Caroline Garratt, April 14, 2012. They live in Moseley, Va.

Jack Goodson is manager of com- munications at the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals. In his new position he will concentrate on build- ing a stronger online presence for the association.

Mason Tweet was an activist behind the campaign to legalize mari- juana in Colorado. He is the cofound- er of SAFER, which advocates for laws and policies that treat marijuana use similar to alcohol use.

Melissa Whitlock married Seth Caplan Sept. 2, 2012. Megan McSevery and Whitney Tarchin, both ’03, were in the wedding party. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where Melissa is pursuing a master’s degree in global affairs from George Mason University.
Checking Twitter

Amanda Sullivan, ’11

Amanda Sullivan loves hockey. The Washington Capitals bonded her with two older brothers, spurred family traditions, and made her a natural fan.

“You feel an automatic connection with hockey fans, especially of your team” she says. “The community is so strong for so many fans and players. I love what it’s about.”

Unlike most fans cheering from the stands or distant sofas, Sullivan parlayed her childhood love into a job as a social media and business development coordinator for the National Hockey League.

Classmates and professors shouldn’t be surprised to find her there. She covered ice hockey for The Collegian, worked for NASCAR for a weekend, took a class on sports and society, and wrote papers about sports culture. All of that initiative landed her a marketing internship at the NHL and then the job.

“Social media is such a growing space,” Sullivan says. “In a lot of ways it’s unknown, so there’s a lot of creativity.” Half of fans live outside of their team’s geographic area, so social media is a vital way to connect with them, she says. The NHL’s Twitter account has 1.6 million followers.

Since March, Sullivan has helped manage the brands and messages of the NHL and its many corporate partners to engage with hockey fans around the country. After a 5-month lockdown, the NHL is back to business as usual both on and off the ice.

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—Catherine Amos, ’07

Wesley Schultz is a guitarist and vocalist for the Lumineers, an American folk rock band based in Denver. The group was nominated for two Grammy awards and have played sold-out shows in the U.S. and abroad. They performed their hits “Ho Hey” and “Stubborn Love” on Saturday Night Live Jan. 19.

CLASS OF ’05

Erin Bagley married Chris Xiao Gang Lai Nov. 23, 2012, in Philadelphia. Samantha Clancy, Ashley Bell, Jennifer Coles, and Julee Wilson Wareham, ’04, were in the wedding party. Krystal Cunningham, Joycelyn Bassette Blizzard, Kimberly Besono, Sara Flowers, ’12, and Diamond Mickleberry Revell and Romney Smith, both ’04, were among the guests at the ceremony.

Kelsey Clayton and Benjamin Teufel, ’06, married in Pittsburgh Aug. 6, 2011. Kelsey is an event planner at Hello Productions.

Matt Brey is manager for client services at Allianz Global Assistance USA. He has been with the company for more than four years.

Nathanial Givens runs the blog “Difficult Run” that focuses on episodic humility and its implications. He is also a guest blogger on timesandusa.com.

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Matthew Miller, vice president and chief operating officer of the National Hockey League, met Amanda Sullivan as a Brand Ambassador during the NHL’s launch of its Twitter channel in 2010. Sullivan’s passion for the sport was immediately apparent, and Miller saw a potential opportunity for her at the NHL.

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Spiders in Chicago. Four of them read or served as ushers for the ceremony. 

Jessica Goldin, ‘07, and Scott Green, ‘06, celebrated their marriage with 33 fellow classmates. Their wedding party included many alumni who attended.

Bert Gilbert III, both ‘06 alumni, officiated the ceremony. The couple’s first child, a son named Carter, was born in May 2012.

Scott Green, ‘06, completed his degree in elementary education at Arizona State University and works for the Arizona Charter Schools Association.


Suzi Sherman, a second-grade teacher at Cool Spring Primary School in King William County, Va., was one of eight finalists for Virginia’s Teacher of the Year award. She won the Cool Spring, King William County, and Virginia Region 5 teacher of the year honors.

Chris Vola’s first novel, Monkeytown, was published in November by a small independent press. He works in Manhattan, N.Y., where he writes, edits two literary magazines, and lives with Brad King and Reid Schuller, ‘09.

CLASS OF ’07
Laura DiLibero owns York Design Company, which offers preppy needlepoint accessories. She recently contributed her thoughts about Bethesda, Md., to the blog “Political Style.”

Jessica Goldin married Scott Green, ‘06, July 29 in Chicago. Kara Swift, Jill Pace, and Bill Schmid and Bert Gilbert III, both ‘06, were readers and ushers at the wedding. Thirty-three alumni attended.

William Hews works for the Arizona Cardinals Football Club. Abby Dutcher Murray and her husband had a son, Liam Dutcher, in May 2012. Johnny Campbell and Liz Gillespie Lang are his godparents.

Rhiannon Nohl completed her Teach For America commitment last May after serving two years as a second-grade teacher in Phoenix, where she was nominated for the region’s Emily Wagner Award for excellence in teaching language arts. She also earned a master’s degree in elementary education at Arizona State University and works for the Arizona Charter Schools Association.

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Amanda Walsh LaRiviere and Michael LaRiviere married Dec. 8, 2012, in Savannah, Ga. Mallory Huggins, Amanda Rosenthal, and Kathleen Shea-Porger were in the wedding party. The couple lives in Atlanta, where she is a research analyst at Ipsos, a global market research firm, and he is a third-year medical student at Emory University.

Amanda Lebow is vice president of digital and ancillary sales at Oscilloscope Laboratories, an independent film distribution company in New York City.

John Molz ran the fastest time of any Richmonder at the Anthem Richmond Marathon in November. He coaches cross country and track and field at Richmond and races professionally for New Balance Richmond.

Madison Simmermon is a guidance counselor at Mimi Preparatory School in Freeeland, Pa., where she oversees guidance for sixth- to ninth-grade students. She earned a master’s degree in school counseling from Johns Hopkins University.

After graduating from Richmond, Christine Wrublesky worked with teens as an outdoor guide for Adventure Treks. She now works at ICF International as an environmental consultant in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF ’09
Shannon Birk and Ivan Jibaja married Dec. 28, 2012, in Peru. Gheorghe Grecu, Christine Wehrli, Leah Milazzo Whittaker, and Kristof Zetenyi were in the wedding party, and many Richmond friends attended.

Jeffrey Chadwick, ‘08, is an associate in the wealth preservation practice group at Winston & Strawn’s offices in the Woodlands, Texas, and Houston. He was formerly an associate with Williams Mullen in Richmond.

Frederick Crosby II became chief of Horrory County, S.C., Fire Rescue. He had been the fire and EMS chief in Hanover County, Va., where he had worked since 1987.

Kevin Garden is a licensed financial advisor at L&M Financial in Rochester, N.Y.


CLASS OF ’10
Blair Brandt and Belton Baker started The Next Step Realty, a real estate company designed to help recent college grads find their first apartments. They operate in New York, Miami, Chicago, and London.

Matthew R. Farley, L’10, is an associate in the intellectual property litigation group at Venable. Previously he clerked for U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston in the Southern District of West Virginia.

Alissa Hurley, L’10, is an attorney in the professional liability practice group at Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Umanoff in Southfield, Mich. Her practice focuses on professional liability and general liability defense litigation.

Michael Matthews, GB, is president and CEO of H&A Architects and Engineers in Henrico County, Va.

CLASS OF ’11
Chelsea Babcock was selected by the dean of the Robins School of Business to be one of four women to speak at the “Women in Finance Panel: Lenses on Successful Careers in the Financial Services Industry” in October. She works at Morgan Stanley.

Stanley Hammer, L’11, is an associate in the white collar and government investigations and intellectual property practice groups at Troutman Sanders in Richmond. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer of the Eastern District of Virginia.

CLASS OF ’12
Kelsey Farbotko, L’12, is an associate in the health care practice group at Troutman Sanders in Richmond. She had been an intern for the office of the attorney general of Virginia.

Nic Jackson, a centerfielder for the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, was named the PointsAboard American Association “Star of Stars” for the 2012 season. It was his fourth season with the team. He was also named the 2012 American Association Player of the Year and selected to the American Association all-star team.

Remo Kommnick is one of five entrepreneurs who launched StartVirginia, a map-based site that aims to connect startups with key resources such as angel investors and potential employees.

Geoff Weathersby and Kailey Raymond co-founded inLieu, a crowdfunding platform that serves as a tool for people to raise funds for good causes in lieu of receiving gifts for birthdays, weddings, and other occasions. In March, Geoff sat on a panel of entrepreneurs at TEDx Richmond.
1929 / Thomas H. Austin, R., of Richmond, Sept. 14, 2012. He was 102 when he died. He served as a navigator in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked in insurance.


1938 / Ellen Leonard “Bessie” Omebundro, W and U,S. of Richmond, Sept. 27, 2012. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Women’s Club.

1939 / Stuart Robertson Allen, R. of Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 29, 2012. He was a supply officer in the U.S. Navy and retired as commander after 22 years. An accountant, he earned a master’s from Harvard Business School and was assistant to the dean of the University of Virginia’s medical school.

1939 / Richard H. Saunders Jr., R. of Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 12, 2012. He served as a medical officer during World War II. After the war, he taught medicine and worked as an administrator at many universities, including Yale and Cornell. He helped create the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he was professor and associate dean.

1940 / John I. Crews, R. of South Boston, Va., Dec. 17, 2012. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, helping to evacuate civilians from Europe. He owned a wholesale grocery store, after which he retired to start a summer camp for youth that he operated until age 88.


1940 / Caroline Doyle Saunders, W. of Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17, 2013. She was a medical secretary at the Medical College of Virginia.

1940 / Roy W. Talmage, G. of Longview, Texas, Nov. 27, 2012. He began a doctorate in endocrinology at Harvard before serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, flying combat missions in the Pacific. After completing his doctoral program, he taught at Rice University before becoming the director of orthopaedic research at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

1941 / Mayne O’Flaherty Stone, W. of Richmond, Nov. 16, 2012. She followed in her mother’s footsteps by becoming president of Westminster College’s student government. She was a retired minister of music from Third Presbyterian Church. She served as a past chair of the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and was an organizer of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.


1942 / Ennise Bass Browning, W. of Richmond, formerly of Ertrick, Va., Dec. 24, 2012. She was a lifelong member of Ertrick Baptist Church.

1942 / Audrey Thurston Johnson, W. of Falls Church, Va., Sept. 25, 2012. She was active with the women’s board of the George Washington University Hospital.

1942 / Virginia Anne Sauer, W. of Richmond, Aug. 25, 2012. She began her career in retail and human resources for Miller and Rhoads. She later co-founded and managed a career resource and placement center.

1943 / M. Elizabeth Webb, W. of Richmond, Nov. 22, 2012. She taught high school English and Latin for 35 years. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for 50 years.

1944 / James T. Hatcher Jr., R. of Richmond, Dec. 8, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later spent 61 years growing Pleasants Hardware from one store with 12 employees to a local institution with nine locations and more than 185 employees.


1945 / Virginia Marguerite Boehling Irving, W. of Richmond, Sept. 17, 2012. During World War II, she wrote advertising jingles and scripts for human interest programs at WRVA. She taught grades K-5 and was a guidance counselor for Henrico County Public Schools.

1947 / Cecil Eugene Duncan, R. of Palo Alto, Calif., July 27, 2012. He was a World War II fighter pilot who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He completed a doctorate in mathematics and worked as a research scientist with Lockheed for 20 years.


1948 / Ellen Chambliss McCluskey, W. of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., formerly of Rawlings, Va., Aug. 15, 2012. She loved her biology studies, working as a laboratory technician, and encouraging her daughters to careers as doctors.

1948 / William L. Stigall Jr., R. of Norfolk, Va., Sept. 28, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Rosyler Memorial Presbyterian Church.

1948 / Wilbur Wallace “Wally” Wilson, R. of Adamstown, Md., Dec. 6, 2012. He worked for the FBI as a fingerprint technician and later in planning and zoning for Montgomery County, Md.

1949 / William G. “Bill” Jackson, R. of Tazewell, Va., Dec. 17, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a third-generation owner and pharmacist at Jackson’s Pharmacy.

1949 / Claude Bruce Jenkins, R. of Richmond, Jan. 18, 2013. He worked 42 years in customer relations for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

1949 / Elizabeth Hsu Lee, W. of Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 16, 2013. She served as a nurse with a Quaker ambulance in China during World War II. She retired as head of the microbiology lab and senior researcher with University of Michigan hospitals. She was part of the team which discovered Leggyonnaires disease.

1949 / Aubrey T. Phillips Jr., R. of Mechanicsville, Va., Dec. 9, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked as a loan officer for Southern Banking and Trust and retired as a sales executive with J.M. Fry Co. in Richmond.

1949 / E. Morrison Smither, R. of Pinchunt, N.C., formerly of Suffolk, Va., Oct. 1, 2012. He was an optometrist, serving in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps, and a musician, serving as a pianist and member of several choirs.


1950 / Louise Lynham Gravitt, Dec. 2, 2012. He served as a naval medic during World War II. After managing the family chicken hatchery, he felt called to minister to Presbyterian churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

1950 / Paul B. Woodfin, B. of Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 22, 2012. He was a certified public accountant and member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

1951 / Betty Tredway Blake, W. of Emporia, Va., Nov. 4, 2012. She taught middle school, served as a principal, and was a tree farmer.

1951 / Roland C. Houghton Jr., R and GB’65, of Richmond, Dec. 2, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II at both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He retired from Dominion Resources and was a charter member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.


1952 / David P. Beverly, R. of Smyrna, Ga., Jan. 12, 2013. He was a member in social work at VCU and a doctorate from the Catholic University of America. He taught at University of South Carolina and VCU and founded Family Care Inc., a home health care provider in central Virginia.


1952 / Lewis C. Waid, R. of Virginia Beach, Va., Oct. 4, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was one of the first American officers to land in occupied
Japan. He later taught chemistry and physics in Norfolk Public Schools.  
1953 / Russell T. Hunt, R, of Crema, Va., Dec. 29, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a Baptist minister.  
1953 / Lois Atwood Moody Mackey, W, of Newport News, Va., Sept. 18, 2012. She was a homemaker, a mother, and a teacher.  
1953 / Mary Elinor Covington Sorrels, W, of Wadesboro, N.C., Sept. 6, 2012. She worked for the North Carolina secretary of state and managed prison farms for the state.  
1954 / Mary Alice Wagner Grebner, W, of Essex, Mass., July 31, 2012. She was a medical research technician.  
1954 / James E. Lindsey Jr., R, of Richmond, Oct. 11, 2012. He was professor emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University and a retired Presbyterian minister. He earned master’s and doctoral degrees from Union Theological Seminary.  
1954 / Betty Mozingo Lucas, W, of Roanoke, Va., Aug. 31, 2012. She was a social worker for 30 years, retiring as superintendent of social services in Roanoke County, Va.  
1955 / Gail Tench Miller, W, of Morehead City, N.C., Dec. 24, 2012. She was an educator.  
1955 / W. Nelson Taylor Sr., G, of Richmond, Aug. 31, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He sold his insurance agency after falling in love with teaching and working in public schools in Henrico and Hanover counties. He founded the Hanover chapter of the AARP.  
1955 / Barbara Turner Willis, W, of Richmond, Jan. 16, 2013. She was active with the Spider Club and Boardwright Society and a member of First Baptist Church.  
1956 / W. Roger Powers, R, of Grundy, Va., Dec. 19, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army and later served Grundy on its town council, as mayor, and eventually town manager. He was a member of Grundy United Methodist Church.  
1956 / Murray Siegel, B, of Viera, Fla., formerly of Richmond, Nov. 21, 2012. He served in the U.S. Air Force and later worked for the U.S. Department of Justice as a senior bankruptcy analyst.  
1958 / Cline R. Price, B, of Greensboro, N.C., Jan. 5, 2013. He was a certified public accountant with Jefferson Pilot Corp.  
1959 / Melvin A. Caeiro, R, of New Brunswick, N.J., Dec. 19, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army and in the reserves. He taught high school chemistry and coached football at the high school level and at Rutgers University.  
1959 / Martha Jordan Chukinas, W, of Danville, Va., Oct. 19, 2012. She taught school in Richmond and later in Danville, where she was involved in the family plywood business. She was committed to the arts and historic preservation.  
1959 / Grace Lane Mullinas, W, of Richmond, Sept. 5, 2012. She was a research technician at the Medical College of Virginia. She fulfilled her goal to write and publish a novel.  
1960 / George S. Bernard III, R, of Nassau, Bahamas, formerly of Petersburg and Richmond, Va., Nov. 5, 2012. He taught chemistry at the University of South Carolina and later helped found the Anglican Church of the Bahamas.  
1960 / Philip B. Walker Jr., R, of Richmond, June 17, 2012. He completed graduate studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He had a passion for cooking and attended many local and U.S. regional food festivals.  
1961 / Carey E. Stronach, R, of Petersburg, Va., Dec. 16, 2012. He was active in the civil rights movement and taught physics for 40 years at Virginia State University.  
1963 / Allen Lee Puffenberger, R, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Jan. 3, 2013. He ministered to eight Methodist churches in the West Ohio Conference.  
1964 / Jane Fitchett Harvey, W, of Southern Shores, N.C., Dec. 13, 2012. She was a retired schoolteacher who settled down at the beaches she loved.  
1964 / Claude Richard “Rick” Hoggard III, R, of Chesapeake, Va., Nov. 10, 2012. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Air Medal. He founded Gulf Enterprises, which provided cabinetry and computer repair services.  
1965 / Jonathan Ayres Hawkins, R, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., Nov. 5, 2012. He was the chief financial officer of Southern States Cooperative. He served as an instructor in the U.S. Army’s school of photo intelligence and established the municipal bond department at the Bank of Virginia.  
1965 / Edgar V. Shrum, R, of Red Bank, N.J., Sept. 16, 2012. He earned a doctorate in physics from the University of Virginia and worked for Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, N.Y., and for Bell Laboratories.  
1966 / Clarence W. Sprengle Jr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 11, 2012. He founded the 60s soul band The Grandeurs, for whom he played saxophone and organ. He worked as a teacher, farmer, songwriter, choir director, and small business owner.
1966 / Roosevelt “Rosy” Takesian, GB, of Richmond, Nov. 5, 2012. He worked for 47 years with C&P Telephone and AT&T.

1967 / James “Jim” Chambers Jr., R, of Richmond, Nov. 30, 2012. He worked as an engineer with DuPont before owning his own small businesses in graphics and upholstery. He was devoted to lay ministry as a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

1967 / David J. Wilson, R, of Richmond, Jan. 12, 2013. He taught physical education for 31 years in Henrico County Public Schools and in retirement was a personal trainer.


1970 / Herbert T. “Hap” Arnold, R, of Richmond, Jan. 6, 2013. He served 23 years in the Virginia Air National Guard, including during Operation Just Cause in Panama. He was later a pilot for several airlines.

1970 / Betty T. Baker, G, of Richmond, Nov. 26, 2012. She was a founding member of the University’s Chapel Guild. She loved bridge, earning life master status, and was a member of River Road Presbyterian Church.

1970 / Anne Goodpaster Batte, W, of New Minas, Nova Scotia, June 6, 2012. She earned a master’s degree in church music and Christian education. She sang in the choir at her church, St. James Anglican Church.

1970 / Judy Baughan Lankford, W, of Richmond, Oct. 24, 2012. She served as president of the Westminster College Alumnae Association and also as president of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She founded and led a fundraising consultancy devoted to advising nonprofits and taught at the University’s Institute on Philanthropy, whose advisory board she helped establish.

1971 / Kenneth T. Whitecaver III, R and L79, of Fredericksburg, Va., July 7, 2012. He was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army and later worked as an assistant commonwealth’s attorney. He retired from a career in banking and served on many community boards and foundations.

1972 / Larry A. Maier, R, of Longmeadow, Mass., formerly of Richmond, Oct. 27, 2012. He was the president and owner of a machine parts manufacturer.

1972 / Edna Virginia “Jenny” Reynolds, W, of Chesterfield, Va., June 12, 2012. She was an educator at Christian academies in the Richmond area.

1973 / Michael Michaux Martin, R, of Richmond, June 13, 2012. He was a retired commercial real estate appraiser who remained active with the Virginia chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

1974 / Anne Folkes Miller, G, of Richmond, Sept. 24, 2012. She was the women’s editor for the Richmond News Leader during World War II and later led a travel company. A community activist, she led groups benefitting Richmond’s libraries and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and helped found Leadership Metro Richmond.


1980 / Mary Alice Akers Florey, W, of Yorktown, Va., Nov. 13, 2012. She was a member of Northside Christian Church and worked for the Lackey Free Clinic.

1981 / Michael F. Radlubowski, GB, of Staunton, Va., Aug. 25, 2012. He was a regional sales manager for Roanoke Cement Company and a leader in the Mid-Atlantic construction region.

1983 / Kimberly Jones Vereen, W, of Lorton, Va., May 15, 2012. She was chief of a special support unit at the Drug Enforcement Agency in Washington, D.C.

1983 / Edwin O. Wiles, GB, of Mechanicsville, Va., Aug. 31, 2012. He was a national sales manager for Loewer’s Cement Company and a leader in the Mid-Atlantic construction region.

1989 / Constantine N. Dombalis, H, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Richmond, Nov. 16, 2012. He was pastor for 42 years at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. He served as a presidential appointee to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and received an honorary doctorate.

1989 / Jean N. Woodward, H, of Mount Vernon, Va., Jan. 7, 2013. She was president of the Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia and became the second woman to lead the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

1990 / Walter F. Sullivan, H, of Richmond, Dec. 11, 2012. He was a Catholic priest who served as bishop of the Diocese of Richmond. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

1991 / Paul A. Keyes, G, of Mechanicsville, Va., formerly of Newport News, Va., Nov. 3, 2012. He served 17 years as head coach of the baseball team at Virginia Commonwealth University.


2013 / Gary M. Green, L, of Richmond, Feb. 22, 2013. He was in his last semester at law school after a career as a chemist for pharmaceutical companies.

Staff

Jim Gwin, of Richmond, Feb. 23, 2013. He joined the University in 1975 as head catalog librarian and held several positions, including interim University Librarian, before retiring as the head of Bookwright’s collections department.

Jean M. Tarpley, of Richmond, Feb. 21, 2013. She joined the law school as secretary to the dean in 1951 and was named director of admission in 1972, a position she held until her retirement in 1990.

Trustees
John E. Houghton, R51 and F88, of Richmond, Jan. 12, 2013. He completed master’s and doctoral degrees at Union Theological Seminary and served as vice president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He received an honorary doctor of divinity and served as a trustee from 1985–89.


Faculty
Harry L. Carrico, H’73, of Richmond, Jan. 27, 2013. He was the longest-serving justice on Virginia’s Supreme Court. After retiring, he joined the faculty at Richmond Law, where he was visiting professor of law and civic engagement. The School of Law’s pro bono clinic is named for him.

Lynn C. Dickerson II, of Richmond, Feb. 14, 2013. He was professor emeritus of English, having taught 30 years at the University. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve and maintained a lifelong interest in farming the Botetourt County land that had been in his family for generations.

Philip R. Hart, R’45, of Richmond, Nov. 3, 2012. He was professor emeritus of religion, having taught 35 years at the University. He earned a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, after serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

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Why We Run

If you love running, it’s something you have to do everyday, right away. Even when you don’t want to, you need to.

I was athletic in high school but hated running. After my first year at college, I backpacked through Europe with a friend, and we found ourselves making spontaneous running tours of the big cities. (Running alongside Parisian shoppers on the Champs-Élysées in my shorts and sneakers was an awkward and interesting contrast I’ll never forget.) When I got back to Maine, I didn’t stop running.

I remember the first time I ran 60 minutes without stopping. I’ve never felt so invincible. I could feel my body going through the transition—sore muscles recovering, my pace quickening, my resting heart rate decreasing. In my private life, I was a confused, unsettled 19-year-old away at school. But in my runs I was so calm, my thoughts crystal clear, enlightening. I could control my pace, my distances, think through my conflicts, or just leave them behind when I walked out the door.

I became a runner without even realizing what an involved, long-term commitment I was getting myself into. I was so free on the road, on the trails, anywhere I went in my size 8 Supernovas, that I never stopped to think about the addiction.

Six years later, I still lace up every day. Because here’s the thing—you can never permanently turn your back on running. And the road or trail or mountain or lane will never turn its back on you. Sitting here now, I understand why I first fell for the sport, but what’s more interesting is why I keep doing it. At one time in my life, running gave me the clarity and resolution that I needed, but why didn’t I just stop when I moved on?

Running is so, so simple—all you need is a surface. But as simple an act as running is, it is versatile in its rewards. We all fall in love with running for a reason, but we stick with it for countless more reasons.

Running gives us control in a life of chaos, freedom in a world of obligations, a selfish escape. It boosts confidence, builds endurance, tightens abs. It lets us process difficult feelings and thoughts.

People sometimes ask what we are running away from. What they misunderstand is that running is always, always a way of running toward something. Any runner will tell you that they feel twice as alive after a run as before it. Even when you’re running to get space from a disturbing situation, you’re actually giving yourself space.

Sure, it lets us blow off steam after a stressful day, but it also makes a great day even better. It lets us discover new trails and explore our own hometowns like children again.

We run because it feels good, and when it doesn’t feel good, it at least feels right. We keep plodding on.

Because even if we do run at the same time in the same shoes at the same-ish place every day, we don’t have the same run every day.

—Zoë Romano, ’09

Zoë Romano has a new running goal. In May, she begins running the route of the 2013 Tour de France and will finish one day ahead of the peloton in Paris, to raise money for World Pediatric Project. Follow her progress at zoegoesrunning.com.
Be part of the promise.

From now until June 30, 2013, one new summer fellowship will be created for every 100 gifts—of any size, to any designation—giving students a chance to create their own opportunities.

This is YOU.

This is a student.

Your gift could be $5. It could be $50. No matter the amount, you can help.

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If uncharacteristic cramping around mile 21 hadn’t slowed Michael Davis, ’07, he might’ve been crossing the Boston Marathon’s finish line around the time the bombs went off. Next year, he says he will cross it.

“I plan to go back,” he said. “I fell in love with Boston. The marathon was 26 miles of paradise.”

Some are inspired by Davis, who is legally blind and raised approximately $2,000 for The Hoyt Foundation with his run. He is inspired by the city of Boston.

We are inspired by both.