TV DRAMAS MAKE FORENSICS LOOK EASY, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR CASE IS 2,700 YEARS OLD?
Office hours

Historian and University President Edward L. Ayers, now five years into his administration, sat down to answer questions about history, himself, and the University.

You teach a class each spring semester. Why?
Because that’s what this is all for. It’s very enlightening for me to meet the students, see who they are, what they care about, and what doesn’t resonate with them. It’s a significant investment of time, but I think it’s one of the better investments I make.

Let’s say you could teach a class anywhere in the world on any subject. What would you teach, and where would you teach it?
I like teaching what I teach right here where it happened. There’s a depth and resonance to thinking about slavery, the Civil War, and segregation right here on this landscape. It’s very nourishing. One of our assignments is to discover a previously unknown story about how someone in slavery made themselves free here in Richmond. For the final assignment, we travel around the city, and the students stand on the very places where these events happened and tell us about them. It’s remarkable to see how deeply affected they are. I am where I want to be and teaching what I want to teach.

What’s the most important lesson we should take away from the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and emancipation?
It’s in the very name itself, “and emancipation”: to recognize that the black and white stories are the same story, woven together from the very first moment.

What do you most want alumni to do?
I want alumni to love the University and spread the word about the amazing things happening here every day. We are tackling the hardest challenges in American higher education in the best way that we can. I’m particularly proud that two-thirds of our students have financial aid. I had a wonderful high school teacher tell me, “Our daughter could never come here if the University weren’t so generous with financial aid.” I love that.

What’s been the most important change at the University during the last five years?
The University is currently enjoying the culmination of generations of hard work—in every school and in every dimension of life. That is why our applications have risen from about 6,000 to 10,000 in the last five years. Students who have a remarkable range of opportunities are choosing us over really excellent schools because we’re realizing the potential of the University we’ve inherited from our predecessors.

Why such a strong focus on improving the student experience? Didn’t they already have it pretty good?
The student experience is devoted to pushing yourself to try things and to learn things that you would not have otherwise. We’ve invested our energies in making this a place where people of all backgrounds feel comfortable. As we’ve become more diverse, we’ve found that people are happier, and retention has increased because everyone feels more welcome, majority students as well as minority students.

What do you miss most about being a student?
The good thing is, I’ve never stopped. That’s why I’m a professor. I’m a student forever.

What do you daydream about?
Unless I’m actively distracted, I’ll be thinking about some project that I have. All the work is fun for me. I am uniquely blessed to be in a position of responsibility at a great institution, but I have not had to shut down all the other things that got me to this point—the teaching, the writing, the public history. The great luxury of my life is that everything is interesting.

Have a question for President Ayers for the winter issue? Email magazine@richmond.edu.
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Caroline Cobert, ’12, picked up the nickname “mummy girl” sophomore year by mummifying rats in Gottwald Hall. But this was no joke—just her determined pursuit of what science could reveal about a woman who lived 2,700 years ago. By Caroline Kettlewell

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Amid the grinding poverty of Bangkok’s slums, a newspaper story about one woman’s struggles caught the eye of John Quinley, B’79. What he decided to do next changed the course of his life. By Bruce Wallace
WELCOME

We’re glad you’re here

A record 10,232 students applied for 780 spots in the Class of 2016, which arrived on campus in August.

The incoming class is among the most academically prepared and diverse by many measures. The percentage of applicants admitted declined to 30 percent, while grade point average and SAT scores rose over last year.

Roughly one in four is a domestic student of color, one in five grew up speaking languages other than English, 13 percent are first-generation college students, and 10 percent are citizens of other countries. In all, 42 U.S. states and territories and 37 countries are represented by the class.

Among them is Caitlin Murphy of Basking Ridge, N.J., the daughter of a Spider. Like all children of UR graduates, she was eligible for an application fee waiver.

The All-American debater has lent her talent to causes as diverse as juvenile justice, women’s rights, and disability rights in her work at a law firm and on the juvenile conference committee of the Superior Court of New Jersey. Her classmates include accomplished artists and dancers, class presidents, all-state athletes, and students deeply committed to community service.

CANDLES

Two schools celebrate milestones

In September 1962, University College enrolled its first student, Raymond Adams, at a building on the northeast corner of Grace and Lombardy streets. Fifty years later, that building now houses a private business, but the legacy of what happened there lives on in the thousands of degree- and nondegree-seeking students who have attended its classes in the years since.

The school, today called the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a weeklong series of events Sept. 15–22. For more information, go to spcs.richmond.edu.

In 1992, Robert S. Jepson Jr., B’64, a visionary entrepreneur, and his wife, Alice, saw their $20 million investment in leadership studies at Richmond take root with the launch of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. “All

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“The numbers suggest that if the federal government was a business, it would fail,” wrote Nancy Bagranoff, dean of the Robins School of Business, in a June 12 Richmond Times-Dispatch op-ed. Her commentary, “Listen to the accountants,” outlined conclusions by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, which analyzed the federal budget in layman’s terms during its 125th anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C.
great achievements begin with dreams,” Jepson later told graduates at a commencement. The school is celebrating its dreams and achievements on its 20th anniversary with a yearlong series of events. For more information, go to jepson.richmond.edu.

RAWR
Preserving biodiversity
Lions and wolves make for unlikely summer companions, and most people prefer to avoid a close encounter with either beast. Junior Patrick Murphy isn’t most people. He’s hopped across the globe to work with them and protect biodiversity through conservation and education programs.

He got his start in summer 2011 on a small lion preserve in South Africa working to establish a large enough pride to release into the wild. This summer, he worked with a wolf program in upstate New York, helping to maintain the preserve and run educational programs.

Murphy has loved animals since he was a child and began exploring ways to advance conservation through his four-year commitment to community engagement as a Bonner Scholar. Each year, 25 new Bonner Scholars commit to four years of civic engagement in areas as diverse as youth development, public health, refugee and immigration services, and community development. For more information, go to engage.richmond.edu.

ACCOLADES
Great business across borders
Bloomberg Businessweek ranked the Robins School of Business No. 1 in international education for the second consecutive year and 15th overall.

Attorney privilege
The best lawyers of Medieval England wore an elaborate white headdress, called a coif, as a sign of their distinction. Today, top law schools and their top graduates are affiliated with The Order of the Coif, the national honor society for legal education. This summer, The Order of the Coif admitted Richmond Law as a member and will in the coming years wel-

Letters to the editor
I just received my copy of the magazine in the mail today, and it was wonderful getting to feel like I was back on campus again. I enjoy reading the updates and stories each issue, and I especially enjoyed the look at today’s leaders [“Today’s Leaders,” Spring 2012]. It was inspiring to see the places Richmond alums have gone and see the vast reaches of the Spider Web.

Keep up the great work!
—Jill Cavaliere Masters, ’10
Stuart, Fla.

Great article on some fantastic women! Karen Wimbish is a role model for me at Wells Fargo, a very awesome woman!!
—Kathleen Moses, ’03
Fredericksburg, Va.

Today I received your well-composed edition of the alumni magazine. I always look forward to its arrival and commend you for its fine presentation. It was lots of fun to read about Today’s Leaders.

As a proud member of the Class of ’49 at Westhampton, however, I find it terribly disappointing that there has not been alumni news from this class for more than two years. We were an outstanding class at Westhampton! For four years in a row, we won the school’s song contest. We won numerous athletic honors and participated actively in every aspect of the college.

Please do not put out another issue of the alumni magazine without a class report for 1949!
—Louise W. McCutcheon, W’49
Durham, N.C.

We would be delighted to fulfill her wish and invite members of the Class of ’49 and all alumni to send information for Class Connections to their class secretaries or to us directly at classconnections@richmond.edu. —Ed.]
come the top 10 percent of Richmond Law graduates among its ranks.

**TRUSTEES**

**Three join the board**

This summer, the board of trustees welcomed three new members, all parents of current students.

Stephen J. Aronson, R’87, is managing director, global senior relationship management, at Barclays, which he joined in 2000. He serves on a UR campaign committee and on the executive advisory committee of the Robins School of Business. His son is a UR sophomore.

Herbert (Bart) McDade III, who also has a son in the UR Class of 2015, is CEO and co-founder of River Birch Capital LLC, a global long/short trading hedge fund. He held numerous positions during his 25 years at Lehman Brothers, including president and COO.

Also joining the board is William H. McLean, vice president and CIO at Northwestern University, where he is responsible for managing the institution's $7.1 billion diversified portfolio. One of his three children is a UR senior; another is a member of the Class of 2009.

Patricia Rowland, W’77, GB’81, who joined the board of trustees in 2005, now serves as a UR senior; another is a member of the Class of 2009.

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*The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported on “Visualizing Emancipation” (dsl.richmond.edu/emancipation), a digital humanities project by the Digital Scholarship Lab. The interactive timeline chronicles what historian and University President Edward L. Ayers calls “the least-understood social transformation in American history,” the emancipation of more than 4 million people.

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Patricia Rowland, W’77, GB’81, who joined the board of trustees in 2005, now serves as a vice rector. She served on the senior management team of Connecticut-based CIGNA HealthCare, a leading health insurer, from 1995 to 2002, and received the University's Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in 2000.

**ACCESS**

One percenters, the kind we can all agree on

Fewer than one percent of the nation’s colleges and universities can say about themselves what Nathan A. Crozier, director of admission, said this summer about UR: “Richmond is one of only a few colleges and universities in the nation to offer need-blind admission and a commitment to meet 100 percent of an undergraduate student's demonstrated financial need.”

He and the University shared that message during
Quotable

When a California dairy cow tested positive for mad cow disease in April—the first such case since 2006—Wisconsin Public Radio turned to Elizabeth Ransom, associate professor of sociology, for perspective on the broader issue of food safety. “With fewer plants [and] with more animals being slaughtered, ... even one animal that’s contaminated can contaminate a much larger quantity of meat [than in the past],” she said.

Virginia Private College Week July 30–Aug. 4. Last year, Richmond awarded nearly $65 million in financial aid to undergraduates, putting the quality of a Richmond education within reach of the remarkable students who best fit our mission, not the bottom line.

Math, science, and diversity
Richmond is one of 47 small colleges and universities sharing more than $50 million in Howard Hughes Medical Institute grants to create engaging science courses, conduct real-world research, and increase diversity.

The $1.4 million, four-year grant to UR builds on previous funding to develop the two-semester Integrated Quantitative Science introductory course, which integrates science and math in courses and research. The new grant also funds the creation of URISE, a program designed to address the low percentage of underrepresented populations that graduate with science and math degrees and pursue careers in those fields.

The grants specifically targeted smaller colleges and universities with strong undergraduate programs. “We know that these schools have engaged faculty,” said Sean B. Carroll, vice president of science education at HHMI. “They care deeply about teaching and how effectively their students are learning about science.”

Friendly climate
The Campus Climate Index awarded Richmond a four-star rating for promoting an LGBT-friendly learning environment. The University received the maximum five-star rating in the areas of support and institutional commitment.

In July, the University appointed Ted Lewis, who has taught women’s and gender studies and managed LGBTQ programs in North and South Carolina, as associate director of Common Ground for LGBTQ campus life, a new position at the University.

“Bringing Ted to Richmond strengthens

Strangers in law, but not love

“We have alimony. We have palimony. Why don’t we have preglimony?”

Thus begins a Stanford Law Review article by associate professor of law Shari Motro that looks at a lacuna in the legal framework governing the obligations of a man to a woman pregnant with his child when the pair are unmarried. The problem is that the parents-to-be are, in Motro’s words, “strangers in the eyes of the law.”

For the mother-to-be, this creates unfair burdens. Most states require unwed fathers to share financial responsibility for the child. But for the pregnancy? Not so much. Maternity clothing, childbirth classes, and her lost wages, for example, are the mother-to-be’s own exclusive burden. Should the pregnancy end in termination, he has absolutely no obligation.

Motro adds that an unwed couple inclined to accept pregnancy as a shared responsibility will find little support in tax law, which reinforces the lovers-as-strangers framework. Legally, any support the father-to-be provides is a mere gift and taxed as such.

“The legal tradition,” writes Motro, “has not been kind to unmarried love.”

“It’s time to inject some common sense into the law, she argues. “Pregnancy results from a connection between two people; its burden should be borne by both parties to the act.” She acknowledges that erecting the legal framework to do so is complicated but necessary. In the meantime, tax law should be amended to treat the economics of pregnancy as a shared responsibility by allowing a pregnancy-support deduction.

“Preglimony is a new word; it is not a new practice,” she writes. “It’s time the law noticed.”

Motro published a version of her argument as an op-ed in the July 7 issue of The New York Times. Read it online at nyti.ms/OD810k.
The Virginia Native Plant Society named the partridgeberry (Mitchella repens) its 2012 Wildflower of the Year. “Though small, they are strikingly beautiful plants,” said professor of biology W. John Hayden, who serves as the society’s botany chair.

GO GREEN Setting the standard

The report highlights UR’s commitment to green building, energy conservation, and recycling, and notes "the picturesque campus," adding, "it's no wonder that the university is dedicated to preserving that beauty."

For more information about campus sustainability initiatives, go to sustainability.richmond.edu.

Faculty-student duo explores eco-lights
Is it overly dramatic to say it's now possible to light up a live performance with less juice than it takes to power a microwave? Between the lights and the air conditioning needed to prevent overheating, live theatre traditionally racks up incredibly high electric bills, so Mark Ferguson, '12, and his faculty mentor, Maja White, researched and experimented with low-powered LED lighting for a musical produced in a small theater.

LEDs offered other benefits as well: similar aesthetics with greater control, for example. LED fixtures don’t produce the heat of older rigs and allow for changes implemented with low-powered LED lighting for a musical produced in a small theater. They found that LED fixtures used roughly 1,010 watts at maximum power, compared to the 12,050 watts drawn by traditional fixtures.

"Not even fake IDs are made in America anymore," lamented student John McAuliff in a June 10 USA Today story examining an increase in sophisticated, forged IDs being shipped from abroad, particularly China. McAuliff, now a senior, was one of 14 college journalists selected by the publication to write a weekly column during the spring semester.
in color without requiring additional fixtures.

The technology is just hitting the mass market, and its potential lit interest among industry peers when the two presented their research at the annual Association for Theatre in Higher Education conference last year.

**CELEBRITY**

**A ‘Lost Boy’ and a real opportunity to do good**

As the magazine was going to press, junior Manyang Kher was on his way to the star-studded Do Something Awards hosted by VH1 in Santa Monica, Calif. Kher was one of five advocates who were finalists for the evening’s grand prize, a $100,000 award to support his or her cause.

Kher’s cause is Humanity Helping Sudan Project, which provides fishing nets, agricultural programs, and community gardens to approximately 40,000 displaced Sudanese people in eastern Ethiopia, refugees forced there by Sudan’s 17-year civil war.

Kher knows their plight because he was one of them. One of the so-called “Lost Boys” of Sudan, he spent 13 years living in border refugee camps after his father was killed and he was separated from his mother and sister at age 3. He came to the U.S. at age 17, learned English, and now majors in international studies.

**RED PENS**

**New magazine editor**

After a year with an interim editor, University of Richmond Alumni Magazine now has a full-time one, Matthew Dewald. He will also edit Richmond Law, the alumni magazine of the law school.

As the magazine evolves in the coming issues, share your thoughts about it and the stories within by emailing him at magazine@richmond.edu.

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**An American abroad**

Passport stamps tell the story of how Heather Thornton, ‘12, developed a serious case of wanderlust, ditched her plans for law school, and charted off to a career of service abroad.

Her sophomore year, she saved money from work as a resident assistant for a spring break service trip, where she and others built stoves for women in Guatemala’s highlands.

“This was my first experience collaborating with people completely different from myself,” Thornton says. “It gave me a passion for service that extended beyond my comfort zone.”

That first trip drew her to international studies, a major she’d never considered. What kept luring her back overseas was that sense of disorientation that comes with new exploration. The next summer she honed her Spanish skills in Seville, Spain.

But her real epiphany, she says, came while studying in India, where she encountered extreme poverty and begging, rode elephants, and took crash courses in Hindi. She studied development and interned in a rural village for three months. There she crafted basic English and math curricula for the children of migrant families.

Thornton’s global exposure left her wanting more. Her strangest experience involved sharing with skeptical people that she was American. Most assumed that by “American” she meant South America, or they’d ask from where her parents had emigrated to come to the U.S.

Those reactions sharpened her resolve to make a career encountering new cultures and redefining perceptions of America abroad. “I want a career where I can show people America’s more than just a stereotypical image that they see on TV,” Thornton says. “America is diverse.”

She’s on track to do just that after securing a Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship. (She applied, appropriately enough, while studying in Brazil.) The program supports two years of graduate study and provides internships in Congress and in a U.S. embassy. Thornton also made a three-year commitment to serve as one of America’s faces abroad while a foreign service officer.
U.S. Soccer named junior forward Becca Wann to the 2012 U-20 Women’s National Team in August. She was one of 21 players representing the U.S. at the FIFA U-20 Women’s World Cup in Japan Aug. 19 to Sept. 8. In its announcement, U.S. Soccer called her “a dangerous weapon on set plays due to her aerial dominance.”

Facilities
Robins Stadium makeover
Opposing football players have something fresh to ponder when Spiders knock them into the turf at Robins Stadium this season: a new playing surface.

The new surface, called FieldTurf, is used on all but one Colonial Athletics Association football fields and in 21 of 32 NFL stadiums.

The new surface improves the playing experience for all five Spider teams that call Robins Stadium home: football, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s lacrosse, and track and field.

Scholars
Spider smarts
The NCAA honored eight UR teams for their academic performance as measured by the multiyear Academic Progress Rate. The NCAA award recognizes teams that rank in the top 10 percent of all Division I teams in their respective sports.

Junior Mali Kobelja was named A-10 Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She is both the first Spider and the first swimmer to earn this honor.

Lacrosse
A-10 runners-up
The Spiders met top-seed UMass in the conference final for the third consecutive year, but the No. 16-ranked Minutewomen took home their fourth consecutive A-10 championship.

Richmond, playing on home field at tournament site Robins Stadium, staged rally after rally in the final match after dispatching Duquesne in the semifinals, but couldn’t overcome an early deficit, falling 14-9.

Mary Flowers, Caitlin Fifield, Victoria Roebuck, and Sam Stevenson were named to the All-Tournament team.

Speed
Spiders compete in championships
Steeplechaser Nicol Traynor and 1,500-meter specialist Matthew Groff competed in national championships in June.

Traynor, a senior recovering from an ankle injury sustained during the NCAA preliminaries in May, capped
Spider swimmers compete in Olympic trials


For Spider swimmers Lauren Hines and Mali Kobelja (above), years of hard work were rewarded this summer with the opportunity to compete among the nation’s elite swimmers at the USA Swimming Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, Neb. Hines, a senior, qualified for the trials in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke events, while Kobelja, a junior, qualified in the 200-meter individual medley.

Hines and Kobelja knew well, as they trained in the weeks before leaving for Omaha, that the trials would be a fiercely competitive and high-pressure eight days. Only a handful of exceptional swimmers would win their way, sometimes by hundredths of a second, onto Team USA. Each of the women recognized that making the demanding time cut to qualify for an event at the trials was a victory in itself, and that the trials represented a chance to meet personal goals and swim with the best in the country.

“To be in a place where great swimming and hard work are celebrated, watching people who have sacrificed a lot for what they love—that is the part I am really excited about,” Kobelja said a few days before the meet. “I am ready to watch that, learn that, be inspired by that, and take it back here to Richmond.”

Hines and Kobelja wrapped up their first year as a Spider by finishing 22nd overall in the USA Junior Outdoor Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

FAME

Reds honor Casey

On June 24, the Cincinnati Reds inducted Sean Casey, ’99, into its Hall of Fame.

“I am one of his biggest fans,” said head baseball coach Mark McQueen, who was an assistant during Casey’s student days. “Not just because of the accomplishments he achieved on the field …, but as a person and a friend, there are none better.”

BOOKSHELF

December madness

The 1998 media guide listed 1,443 men as past and present Spider football players. By the end of that season, 85 of them would call themselves national champions.

2008 National Champion Spiders: Celebrating a Remarkable Season

By Mike Radford, G’78, chronicles their magical season through photos, game recaps, and recollections from multiple points of view—from players and coaches to alumni, students, and even President Edward L. Ayers.

After crisscrossing the country for a month during the championship run, Collegian sports editor Barrett Neale, ’10, wrote, “Forgive me readers, for I have lost my mind.”

She wasn’t the only one, as this collection shows. Relive the thrill yourself. The book, published in August by Dementi Milestone Publishing, is available in the campus bookstore.

TENNIS

Chasing an NCAA championship

A bitter truth of college athletics is that great seasons that don’t bring a national championship always end with a loss. For women’s tennis, it came in the first round of the NCAA tournament against No. 7 North Carolina. It was the Spiders’ fourth straight NCAA appearance and 11th appearance overall.

“We played hard today, and I’m proud of our team’s accomplishments this season,” coach Mark Wesselink said after the match.

The A-10 champions finished the season 14-5, and four Spiders were named to the A-10 All-Conference teams—Helen Cunningham, Melissa Kandinata, Joanna Matuszczycz, and Elizabeth Sims.

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His father’s son

The eleventh hour overhaul had brought them back to the root of the project’s inspiration: Geoff’s father, Terry. Geoff and Kailey had shied away from making their pitch too personal, but in so many ways the story of the business they hope to create is the story of a father and a son.
Doctors expected Terry Weathersby to live long enough to see his son, Geoff, graduate from the University of Richmond. Even though five years had exhausted the available treatments to fight his throat cancer, he had made it to Geoff’s senior year, and the medical team predicted more good months ahead. Then early in the fall semester, before the leaves even turned, Terry took a turn for the worse. He died Oct. 23, 2011, just a week shy of his 59th birthday.

The sudden loss hit hard. The family had not spoken often about Terry’s struggle. Instead Geoff, his mom, and his sister had focused on savoring their remaining time together. “We felt he was happiest when he wasn’t thinking he was terminal,” Geoff says.

Weathersby’s father had taught at Eastern University, a small, Christian liberal arts school in Pennsylvania. His students called him T-Weather, and he was known for being a quiet, well-loved mentor. Terry was too nervous and self-conscious, his wife Jill says, to let her sit in on his lectures.

“He was not a man who would enter the room and take over. That’s something he struggled with early in his career,” Jill says. “He thought he would dedicate his life to research, and life’s journey took him in and out of the lab. But mostly it always brought him back to teaching.”

The quiet lessons of his father are the ones Geoff recalls from early childhood. Back then, he was more focused on the game of catch he couldn’t wait to play for hours in the backyard.

“We would just go out behind our house and throw the ball for hours until dark,” Geoff says. “It wasn’t actually speaking that was so powerful in my memory. It was something about the way he would throw the ball to me. It was like he was throwing it to someone his age. I was treated like an adult by him in so many ways.”

Years later Geoff identifies those moments less with a love of baseball—which faded as he grew older—and more with the unspoken things his father taught him.

“I learned the most from what he didn’t say. He didn’t have to teach me about work ethic because he lived it. He didn’t have to teach me about ambition because he lived it. He didn’t have to teach me about the importance of developing myself and my integrity because he lived it.”

Not long after his father’s death, Geoff was back at Robins School of Business finishing his senior year when his innovation and entrepreneurship professor, Jeff Pollack, gave the class a challenge: $14 and 14 days. With those two parameters, they were told to generate as much value as possible, whether financial or social. Past group projects had done very well. Some raised money by selling cupcakes (more than $300 in revenue). Others offered video game consulting services (more than $200 raised). Another team netted a record $6,000 for the Red Cross by raffling off donated airfare and a stay at a Virgin Islands villa. The exercise was a test of creativity for the students in the class.

Geoff knew almost immediately what he’d do. His family had begun working with the development office at Eastern University, where his father had taught, to start an endowed scholarship in his father’s name. Endowing the scholarship meant that it would be available in perpetuity, but it also raised the threshold for funding it. To offer a deserving Eastern student $1,000 every year, they’d need to raise a $20,000 endowment. Finding the capital was a problem Geoff was eager to solve, and when his mom mentioned a special report on crowdfunding on NBC’s Rock Center, the young entrepreneur saw opportunity.

“He came to me,” Pollack recalls, “and he said, ‘I have an idea. It’s really important for me. It involves the passing of my father.’ That’s how it really got started.” Pollack agreed and supported Geoff using the idea not just for the class assignment but after, continuing to raise funds for two months.

So Geoff set up an account on a crowdfunding website called RocketHub, put a camera on a tripod in front of the fountain on Westham
ton Green, and began talking about a part of his father’s life he’d never talked about publicly, the part that inspired him the most.

“It was all the adversity he overcame before I even existed.” Geoff says. “Most people don’t know my dad’s story because he never wanted it to be told.”

Born on Halloween in 1952, Terry had no memory of his mother, who died from ovarian cancer when he was 3. His father, Oscar, was a bulldozer operator who raised Terry and his older brothers as a single parent before marrying again. His new wife would emotionally abuse and scar the young Terry due to mental illness. He was cared for by older siblings and became the first in his family to go to college. He went on to study behavioral pharmacology, or how drugs affect mood, thinking, and behavior. After earning his doctorate, he completed postdoc work on alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

From there, he pursued research and teaching, mostly at smaller universities. Along the way he brought a quiet determination to encourage those around him to work without limitations. And if that’s what he preached, it’s because it came from what he had practiced.

In the RocketHub video, Geoff tells the story straightforwardly, even charmingly. He posted it and old family photos to RocketHub and appealed to family, friends, and complete strangers for help funding a scholarship for psychology majors at Eastern in his dad’s memory.

And people answered.

Within 60 days, Geoff’s project raised $20,306, fully funding the memorial scholarship. All told, 524 people pitched in to help make it possible. Contributors included family, friends, and complete strangers, a community gathered and moved to action by the father-and-son story Geoff told.

7 ways to be a better entrepreneur

Reno Kommnick, ’12, and Joel Erb, ’06, know how to make an idea happen. Both created their first businesses while in their early teens—Erb in Chesterfield County, Va., Kommnick in Germany. The two have built a total of seven ventures but haven’t lost the energy for solving problems. Here are their tips for snaring start-up success:

1. Do something you love. “It’s much easier to solve a problem that you’re connected with,” Kommnick says. “Focus on problems in your own life, and see if you can scratch your own itch.”

2. Have fun while doing it. Ping pong. Xbox and Wii tournaments. Music piping through the workspace. Creativity thrives where fun lives, they say.

3. Get a mentor. “Find someone who’s been where you are trying to go, and allow them to get to know you and provide feedback,” Erb says.

5. Maintain a balance. “It’s very easy to go all-in and not allow any time for yourself and to reflect,” Erb says. “It’s something that I’ve personally struggled with—not working all the time and making sure that I still have a personal life.”

4. Seek positive energy. “When entrepreneurship stifled in my life, it’s when I was around the wrong people,” Kommnick says. “People who are pessimistic, who see problems but not solutions. People who don’t believe in themselves to begin with and drag you down with them.”

6. Don’t stop dreaming. Erb thought his first business would be his one and only. Several ventures later, he’s eager to find the next idea. He cautions that when you stop dreaming, you fail to see new opportunities and lose touch with your creative fuel.

7. Give back. Last year the two paired up to incubate tech talent among Richmond high schoolers who lack a computer science curriculum. “We want to give back,” Kommnick says. “We got to where we are based on people that helped us.”
Although a growing number of people use crowdfunding websites to raise funds and fuel projects, the trend is still relatively young. Rockethub.com and its main competitor, Kickstarter.com, both launched within the last four years.

Vlad Vukicevic, a co-founder of RocketHub, likens the platforms to a modern, more democratic incarnation of the relationship between patrons and artists during the Renaissance. The idea is simple enough: let people hear about projects and decide which ones merit their investment. Everyone votes with his or her wallet.

The major crowdfunding sites have helped raise millions from across the world and have supported projects as varied as movies, albums, and even artificial insemination. A recent campaign at indiegogo.com had one incoming University of Virginia law student raising money to finance her tuition and textbooks.

“What’s driven the rising popularity of crowdfunding is that it gives people the opportunity to make a difference,” says Scott Steinberg, the CEO of TechSavvy Global. “Ultimately, it flips the traditional investment model on the head. Instead of a small, wealthy, and influential group of investors attempting to decide what the public will want, it allows the masses to decide for themselves.”

Geoff’s experience with a crowdfunding website didn’t so much satisfy his urge to solve problems as fuel it. Typical crowdfunding appeals raise money for business and creative projects. Geoff saw an opportunity to change the way we think about giving gifts. His idea was to create a company that offered a perfectly tailored way to redirect well-meaning but often unnecessary gifts associated with major life milestones—birthdays, graduations, deaths—to causes that focus on social good. Though Geoff had seen such appeals, he recognized that there was no company dedicated specifically to doing this. The familiar wording to give “in lieu of” inspired his online company’s name, inLieu (inlieugiving.com).

By sheer chance, he sat next to Kailey Raymond on the first day of class as the idea for inLieu was kicking around in his head. The two have since struck up an enduring partnership with daily phone calls and constant emails as their plans to launch inLieu have become reality. There would be the meetings with potential investors. The couch-surfing. The pavement pounding. And, of course, the pitches as they sold their plan to tap into and leverage the billions of dollars spent each year on giving gifts to effect social good.

Launching a new venture isn’t for the faint of heart or for those who crave stability. Like any startup, the team has had both triumphs and setbacks. When the duo won $3,500 in seed money this spring at the University’s 2012 Business Pitch Competition (a competition sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Club and the Association for Corporate Growth), they also got a chance to pitch the business to a group of angel investors. After pitching, they just barely missed the cut-off for further consideration under the group’s internal points system.

Despite that setback, the two continued on. Geoff put off a job offer to consult in D.C., and Kailey put herself through a boot camp for startup companies in Boston. They both also set their sights on another, potentially big step forward: the

“It wasn’t actually speaking that was so powerful in my memory. It was something about the way he would throw the ball to me.”

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i.e.* startup regional business pitch competition in Richmond. Competition would be tough—more than 140 teams would enter—but the potential rewards were big: $10,000 in seed money, plus downtown office space for six months for the winner. A real chance to launch their business.

Like any good entrepreneurs, they knew the value of a calculated risk. That was why, the night before their presentation, Geoff and Kailey junked months of planning to rewrite their pitch at the eleventh hour. Even with time running out, their guts told them to go with the story of Geoff's father, the story that had inspired it all.

At the Carpenter Center in downtown Richmond, Geoff's head was shaking incredulously. Alongside Kailey, on the stage where both had been sure their pitch had bombed, he held an awkward, oversized check for $10,000. They had just won. They bested 14 other finalists to win seed money from the i.e.* startup competition and were named the Richmond region’s next best startup. Six miles from campus felt like a completely new world.

To say it's surreal for Geoff is an understatement, but his mind is quickly back to thinking about the next steps for inLieu. His impulse is to plan the initiatives he can fund with the startup cash and figure out how to maximize the six months of free office space in downtown Richmond. In his mind, the landscape ahead offers more problems waiting to be solved, and he's OK with that.

Terry Weathersby's son has a seemingly inexhaustible energy to create. It's the kind of drive and confidence that developed somewhere between those games of catch and his first successful business pitch. As much as the scholarship at Eastern, inLieu is becoming a living memorial to his father. Through it, Geoff hopes, others will give meaningful gifts on behalf of their loved ones.

Terry Weathersby probably would shy away from all the fuss being made over him, his son says. “He was pretty reserved,” Geoff says. “He was so humble. He would be proud of me, and a little embarrassed that it was him that sort of launched this whole thing.”

Paul Brockwell Jr., a writer and editor in the office of University communications, remembers the quiet example of his own father’s work ethic as he sold and serviced big rig trucks.

How inLieu works

inLieu empowers users to redirect money that would be spent on unwanted gifts. Instead, the cash flows to causes that fire the passion of the giver and recipient. Here's how:

1. **Create an Event.** Birthday? Anniversary? Arbor Day? Happy special moment! Identify your meaningful cause and set your fundraising goal and time frame. Then upload videos, photos, and your words to explain why a contribution on your behalf means more than a Target gift card or tacky sweater.

2. **Pass the Hat.** Once inLieu approves your proposal and sends you a link to your campaign page, start spreading the word to family and friends. Even strangers might run across your appeal and be moved to drop a dime.

3. **Leave Social Good.** When the campaign ends, inLieu transfers the funds to your nonprofit cause, keeping a percentage fee to fund its operations. You and your friends get satisfaction from creating social good.
THE MUMMY & THE MUMMY GIRL

by Caroline Kettlewell
photos by Jay Paul
One died nearly 3,000 years ago.

The other spent four years reconstructing her humanity.
Some 2,700 years ago, a woman named Ti-Ameny-Net lived in Thebes, in ancient Egypt. And then, around the age of 30, she died. A single life is a blip in the span of human history, and hers was probably no more extraordinary than any one of the countless other millions of lives that have come and gone since.

In death, though, she was lavished with care, bespeaking the wealth and possibly also the love of her family. Her body was carefully and expensively preserved, then entombed in an elaborately, exquisitely detailed coffin meant to shelter and protect and guide her safely on her journey to the afterlife.

For more than 2,500 years it did. As century followed century and millennium turned into millennium, Ti-Ameny-Net lay undisturbed. And then, in the 19th century, she was unceremoniously dug up and tossed into the tumultuous fray of the modern world.

She changed hands as a gift. She was sold. She was transported across the seas and gawked at by ticket-holders at a national exhibition. She was likely, at some point, the victim of one of the more peculiar pastimes of wealthy and socially prominent Victorians, the “mummy unwrapping party,” where guests would gather around as the mummy’s wrappings were cut and pulled away and protective amulets found on the body were handed out like party favors.

At last, in the waning years of the 19th century, she found her way to a drowsy Southern city, thousands of miles and nearly three millennia from the time and the place of her birth, to be donated to a small, young Richmond College. There, but for the occasional flurry of interest, the intermittent college legend, the every-so-often story in the school paper, she slipped into mostly undisturbed obscurity.

Meanwhile that young college became a modern university, and in 2008 that university welcomed a freshman with an unusual selection of books filling a shelf in her dorm room.

It is probably safe to say that Caroline Cobert is the first University of Richmond student ever to arrive on campus with her own well-thumbed copies of *The Scientific Study of Mummies* and *Mummies, Disease and Ancient Cultures*.

If those seem an unlikely pair of treasured volumes for a member of a generation often derided for lacking interest in anything older than the most recent Facebook post, for Cobert, they represented a years-long interest in ancient Egypt in general and mummies in particular. Instead of cartoons, she watched Discovery Channel documentaries. Her teenage idol wasn’t a buffed-up actor or star athlete, it was an Egyptologist.

And in February of her freshman year, an article in *The Collegian* caught Cobert’s attention: “Classical department displays 2,700-year-old mummy.”

Cobert had known, of course, that the mummy of an Egyptian woman rested in the University’s Stuart L. Wheeler Gallery of the Ancient World. In her own quiet way, Ti-Ameny-Net had been part of why Cobert had made Richmond
her first choice for college. Until Cobert saw the article, though, she had never thought that Ti-Ameny-Net might need her—no renowned scholar, but a mere college freshman. Yet the article, “seemed to imply that there were mysteries around Ti-Ameny-Net’s life, and how she got to Richmond, and even what happened to her here that no one had looked into,” says Cobert. She had been thinking about a good research project she could pursue, “and with all the reading I had done, I knew that maybe if I was allowed the opportunity, I could make a difference and see if I could answer some of those questions.”

AN ODYSSEY BEGINS
Cobert conceived a project that would be narrow in focus—but, for a first-year college student, ambitious in execution. Could she extract, isolate, and identify DNA from Ti-Ameny-Net, and could that DNA help tell some of the mummy’s unknown story?

“DNA is the most recent area of research that has been happening in mummy science,” says Cobert. “DNA analyses look for information about viral diseases, look at ancestry, look at genes relating to disease, stature, genetic abnormalities and even little sequence changes to see how things have evolved over time. If we are able to isolate DNA from ancient people, we can help recreate them, in a way.” Recent DNA analysis of Tutankhamun (“King Tut”), for example, revealed that his parents were brother and sister and that the boy king was infected with malaria during his life—both factors that may have contributed to his early death. That research, however, was carried out by a dedicated international team of experts using the most advanced technologies available. Cobert would be one undergraduate working in a university biology lab.

The odds against success didn’t daunt her. Armed with her stack of books, she sought out professors Elizabeth Baughan in the classical studies department and April Hill in biology and asked for their support. Each, they now admit, wasn’t quite sure what to make of this eager student and her proposed mummy project. Both thought the undertaking might exceed Cobert’s abilities. As Hill notes, “Caroline had never even isolated DNA.” Nevertheless, Hill and Baughan willingly offered to mentor Cobert through the process. “They both said, ‘Whatever we can do, we’re on board,’” Cobert recalls.

THE MUMMY MATTER
Why exactly is the University of Richmond in possession of a nearly 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy? The answer to that question reaches back to the Egyptomania of the 19th century, when both England and America were gripped in the throes of an obsession with all things Egyptian that unfortunately was often marked by an avaricious lust for artifacts and entertainments. Mummies in particular were a fascination, and on an 1869 trip to Egypt, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) was presented with a cache of 30 mummies, one of which, Cobert’s research confirmed, was likely Ti-Ameny-Net. She was in turn given to an American translator on the trip, who eventually sold the mummy—still in Egypt—to a professor and trustee of Richmond College, Jabez L.M. Curry. From there, Ti-Ameny-Net traveled to America, where she was first exhibited at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia before finally making her way to Richmond to be donated by Curry to the...
college, where she has remained ever since.

Although she has been the subject of occasional research, mostly Ti-Ameny-Net has spent her more than 130 years in Richmond as the school’s most unlikely and least-known permanent resident. Hill admits that when Cobert first approached her about the project, “I actually didn’t know the University had a mummy.”

In Cobert, however, Ti-Ameny-Net—or “Tia,” as those closest to the project would come to think of her fondly—had found a champion, someone who hoped to honor her by making her story better known and more complete.

RAT MUMMIES
In the spring of her freshman year, Cobert began by reading “anything and everything I could find on the scientific research of mummies,” she says. What she learned suggested the problems she might encounter with her project.

With fresh biological material, the basics of DNA isolation aren’t terribly complicated; middle school students can isolate strawberry DNA during a single laboratory class. But ancient DNA is another matter. Ti-Ameny-Net is nearly three thousand years old. Her DNA would be fragmented and degraded by time and possibly as well by the chemicals used in the embalming and mummification process.

These factors would make it challenging for Cobert to amplify the DNA—that is, to produce a result that was both identifiable and could provide meaningful information. In addition, there was significant risk of contamination, which can occur when DNA of anyone who has handled the mummy or the extracted sample or even who is working in the same laboratory is accidentally introduced, leading to false or unreliable results.

Finally, simply obtaining biological material from which uncontaminated DNA might be isolated would be no easy matter. With a living subject, a simple cheek swab on the inside of the mouth would do the trick. With an ancient mummy, a bone or tooth presented the best likely source of DNA. Yet here, important ethical considerations came into play. Once mummies were treated as curiosities; today they are rightfully recognized as human remains, and Cobert and everyone else involved in her project shared a deep commitment to respecting and honoring Ti-Ameny-Net’s bodily integrity. Any DNA sample would have to be obtained in a manner that protected that integrity.

“Ethics in mummy studies is really essential,” says Cobert. “You have to balance your own priorities in research with what is best for the body, for the mummy.”

In search of possible answers to these issues, in the spring of her sophomore year Cobert made her project something of a minor legend in the halls of the Gottwald Science Center by mummifying a pair of rats. “By mummifying the rats I would get rid of the time factor and see what effects the mummifying process itself would have on DNA,” explains Cobert.

Her subjects were euthanized rats donated by one of the biology labs, and as closely as possible Cobert replicated what is believed to have been the methods by which ancient Egyptians prepared and preserved mummies. Her work earned her the nickname “mummy girl,” but it also proved to her satisfaction that mummification “didn’t affect the DNA very much,” she says. “We got some great DNA out of those rats.”

Still, a pair of recently deceased rats represented an imperfect experimental proxy for working with an ancient mummy. “The real obstacle we would have to face with Ti-Ameny-Net,” says Cobert, “would be time and the deterioration of the DNA over thousands of years.”

TIA TAKES A ROAD TRIP
So far, Cobert’s project had remained within the original parameters she had imagined, using the resources available on the University’s campus. All that changed when Cobert contacted Ann Fulcher.
A 1983 graduate of the University of Richmond, Fulcher is the chair of the department of radiology at VCU Medical Center. In the summer of 2010, following the spring of Cobert’s rat mummy experiments, Fulcher opened her inbox to find a short but intriguing email from a rising Richmond junior.

“Hi Dr. Fulcher,” began the email, in which Cobert briefly introduced herself and her research project before continuing. “My main goal is to analyze the mummy’s DNA, but I would like to obtain a CT or X-ray images of the mummy . . .”

“I get a lot of weird emails,” Fulcher says now with a laugh. But she was immediately intrigued by Cobert’s request. As a radiologist, she was curious what imaging studies might reveal. And as a Richmond alumna, she was delighted to offer her expertise to support an undergraduate’s research. “It was a great opportunity to bring together the resources of an academic medical center and a liberal arts school.”

Which is why, if you’d happened to find yourself at the VCU Medical Center’s valet entrance early on a Sunday morning in August 2010, you would have encountered a most unusual sight—a University of Richmond van unloading a large case holding an ancient mummy carefully protected by dozens upon dozens of Disney Princess-themed sandwich bags packed with small foam beads.

“I got a bean bag chair and spent about three days disemboweling it and packing those sandwich bags,” says Cobert. And the Disney Princesses? They were merely a whimsical note, “just to let her know that we respected her and wanted her to be happy and comfortable,” says Cobert, who remembered how her own father called her his princess when she was a child.

At the medical center, Cobert, Hill, and Baughan joined a team of experts assembled by Fulcher, including CT technologists and a bone radiologist, Kevin Hoover. In a matter of a few short hours, Cobert saw her project begin to take on dimensions she could hardly have dreamed of when she’d set out “just” to analyze some DNA.

First the CT scan. “We acquired 22,000 images of her,” says Fulcher, each image a vanishingly thin 0.67 millimeter “slice” or cross section of Ti-Ameny-Net’s body. Computer software would assemble these slices into a coherent whole. “You can create 3-D images and turn and rotate them and do an incredible analysis,” says Fulcher.

Everyone waited breathlessly to see the results.

“The first images,” says Fulcher, “gave me chills.”

“We were all just spellbound,” agrees Cobert.

As the pictures flowing across the computer screen revealed, Ti-Ameny-Net’s body had been exceptionally well preserved. Bones, teeth, cartilage, muscles, heart, aorta, even the tiny, delicate bones of the middle ear would become visible as Fulcher helped Cobert study and read the scans in the months to come.

“Every time we go back over those scans we see something else,” says Cobert two years later. 

And before Ti-Ameny-Net was carefully returned to her case for the journey across town and back to the Richmond campus, the bone radiologist Hoover—using a biopsy needle under sterile conditions and with the same care he would have given a living patient—extracted a small sample of bone marrow. Cobert had her DNA tissue.

“The material was coming from inside her bone, so we knew it was degraded bone marrow tissue,” says Hill. “It was very carefully placed in a vial, and then when we brought it back to the lab, it was immediately put in a solution to extract DNA. So we knew DNA was in it, but the question would be how good was that DNA? Would there be something that we could look at?”

**THE 2,700-YEAR-OLD PATIENT**

As she began her junior year, Cobert sought to find out. She spent weeks working painstakingly with fractions of droplets extracted from the small bone marrow sample—little more than dust—taken at the medical center. “At first it was disheartening, because it didn’t look like we had anything,” she says. And then one day—something. “In October, we finally got it right. We had a little faint band of what we were almost
sure was the mummy’s DNA, and that turned out to be conclusive. It was Ti-Ameny-Net’s DNA."

As Cobert and Hill had anticipated, the DNA was indeed very fragmented. “It was not immediately clear what we would be able to look at, and it took a lot of fine-tuning,” says Cobert. Following the research that had been conducted on Tutankhamun, she decided with Hill to look for indicators of malaria and tuberculosis, two diseases that might have led to Ti-Ameny-Net’s death.

“We were pretty conclusive that she tested negative for both,” says Cobert.

With these results, Cobert was getting only the most tantalizing taste of what the DNA might tell. The work was demanding and time-consuming though, and it had to be balanced against her other school obligations; by now she was pursuing dual degrees in biology and classical civilizations, echoing the focus of her Ti-Ameny-Net project.

Meanwhile, however, continued review of the CT scans yielded a bounty of information. Ti-Ameny-Net’s body had been so well preserved that small details, like an abscessed tooth, were easily identified. Although she had suffered from scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, all other indications were that she had been well nourished and healthy, with strong bones and no indications of chronic diseases.

Except one.

Fulcher identified calcifications in Ti-Ameny-Net’s aorta and heart that indicated the young woman had atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. “These are normally seen in someone 60 or 70 years old or older,” says Fulcher. “And she has part of a DNA sequence that correlates with heart disease.”

Could Ti-Ameny-Net have died, in fact, from heart disease? It was certainly a possibility, given the evidence. For the Tia team, this was an exciting and astonishing moment—a diagnosis rendered across centuries, a 21st-century physician and her 2,700-year-old patient.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

With so much being learned about Ti-Ameny-Net, it became clear that it was time to share her story with a wider audience. In the fall of Cobert’s senior year, with the help of Elizabeth Schlatter, deputy director and curator of exhibitions, and the rest of the University museums staff, Cobert curated a full-scale exhibition in the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature. The exhibition was the culmination of her project, but it also proved in some ways to be the most challenging step.

“All of the little components—the science, the history, the writing, finding sources—we had to visualize and articulate separately for the...
exhibit,” says Cobert. “And particularly with exhibiting a human body, it was essential that we considered our phrasing and our presentation to make sure that we had kept Tia in dignity and provided her with the respect she deserves.”

The exhibit opened on Feb. 23, and on Feb. 29, a rainy weekday evening, Cobert, Fulcher, and nearly everyone associated with the project were greeted by a packed house and an audience eager to listen as Cobert and Fulcher discussed their research and all that it revealed about Ti-Ameny-Net’s life and death.

Today, preparing to head to England and a master’s program in funerary archaeology and human osteology, Caroline looks back on her project and marvels at how it unfolded.

“I conceived this as a freshman as a simple science project. Let’s get some DNA and look at it and conclude basic things about Ti-Ameny-Net,” she says. “It was really incredible how it grew and how everyone involved in the project here and at VCU really pushed through with 100 percent effort.”

“It captivated the attention of students here and people from the community,” says Hill. “People stopped me many times and asked me about this project. For Cobert, the possible life of this one human occupied a lot of her mental space, and I think it’s really wonderful to imagine that any one person could leave behind that kind of impression.”

“Working on the cutting edge of mummy research—it was the opportunity that Richmond provided for me,” says Cobert. “I was able to do all this, and I was able to get the supervision and training that I needed in the lab, in the library, everything I needed to do to complete this project.”

And Cobert leaves her own legacy for a future undergraduate with a passion to explore. The CT scans, the DNA sample, and all of Cobert’s research are waiting, ready for the next student eager to take up Ti-Ameny-Net’s story and seek its next chapter.

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Forensic artist Josh Harker reconstructed images of what Ti-Ameny-Net may have looked like based on information gathered during Cobert’s research. The effort was consistent with the entire project’s focus on understanding her as a person rather than a curiosity. To see video of the reconstruction, go to magazine.richmond.edu.
THERE IS NO MAGIC BULLET that solves the problem of grinding poverty in Thailand’s urban slums and rural communities. But one woman’s story in a local newspaper was enough to convince John Quinley Jr., B’79, that helping people one by one is, at least, a start.
Even by his own standards, June was a hectic month for John Quinley Jr., B’79. The father of four was recovering from a recent back injury and a February heart attack, keeping his 30-person Thailand-based NGO on track, and sloshing through another rainy season in Bangkok. He was also moving into a new house. “We’d been in this other place for 12 years, and it was really good for us, but the ongoing, increasing flooding was utterly crazy,” Quinley explained recently, talking over Skype from a Bangkok Starbucks because the Internet wasn’t up at his new house yet. He spoke fondly of the old place (“It had a nice little yard and everything”) but not of the fact that it filled with half a foot of water four times a year.

His own inconveniences were an aside that Quinley laughed through, though, quickly moving to the subject he’s been focused on for the better part of 20 years: poverty in Thailand.
Thailand’s economy in the past few decades has been, in many ways, a Southeast Asian success story. The country’s per capita GDP tripled between 1980 and 2005 and, since 2000, the percent of people living in poverty there has dropped from 20 to around 7. Coupled with these positive economic signs, though, has been a persistent gap between poor people and those who are better off. Thailand leads Asia in inequality, with a big chunk of its workers still clustered in low-paying agricultural jobs.

One thing keeping the poor poor is the difficulty of borrowing money at reasonable rates. The Thai government has introduced several programs in the past 10 years that attempt to make loans available to low-income people. They’ve had some success, but many poorer Thais still borrow money on informal markets at stifling interest rates as high as 20 percent a month.

It was the inequities of this lending system that led Quinley to found the community development nonprofit Step Ahead (stepaheadmed.org). He’d traveled to Thailand in 1987 to visit a friend who was working in an orphanage there. That friend, Kim Paradee, would soon become his wife, and the couple moved to Thailand to live full time in 1989, doing mission work through their Portsmouth, Va., church. They took their 2-month-old daughter Carter with them.

Quinley was reading through the Bangkok Post in the late ’90s when he stumbled on a story of a woman who had taken one of these high-interest loans. She ran a stall in one of Bangkok’s sprawling open-air markets and had borrowed the money to keep her business going. She fell behind on her payments, and, maybe to make an example, her loan shark beat her severely.

What struck Quinley about the story was not so much its brutality —sadly stories like this weren’t uncommon. It was how the woman responded to the reporter’s questions. “They interviewed her and she basically said, ‘I need to get straight because I need this guy. He funds me to do the business I do,’” Quinley recalls. “She wasn’t saying, ‘This is horrendous. I’ve been assaulted and beat within an inch of my life.’ No, she’s saying, ‘I need to get my finances right. I owe this guy a lot of money, and I need to pay him back.’”

Quinley knew about the concept of microfinance from reading about Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus and his Bangladesh-based Grameen Bank. The idea is a simple one: make small loans with decent rates available to poor people, give them a few basic financial management skills, and they can start to work their way out of poverty.

As he thought about the woman in the Bangkok market, it occurred to Quinley that there was an opening for the economic and social tools of microfinance. He started Step Ahead in 2002 with a meager budget and a basic motive: “Why don’t we jump in and be involved in proper microfinance that’s going to make the moneylender redundant?” he says. “Money lending that has to do with beating up a woman in a market because she doesn’t pay is what proper microfinance is displacing.”

Step Ahead opened an office in Klong Toey, Bangkok’s largest slum community, where more than 100,000 people are crammed into less than one square mile. “They live in all these little alleys that go left-right left-right left-right all over that area. You could walk in and take a few turns and be pretty lost pretty soon,” says Quinley. “They have little shacks right next to each other, and if you look at it from above, you’d see nothing but little roofs touching each other. That’s...
how you know you’re in a slum community.

Potential clients first found out about Step Ahead’s microloans through presentations the group gave at community meetings in Klong Toey. Soon its reputation started spreading. To get a loan, people fill out a basic, two-page application. If the application looks good and they pass a credit check (a Step Ahead staffer visits the applicant and confirms the facts of the application), the organization approves a small loan, generally around $100.

Klong Toey residents use the loans mostly to start businesses or make changes to already existing ones. Quinley loves to tell the story of an inspired innovation one of his early clients made. Vimon Romphum was running one of the ubiquitous Thai noodle stalls. Her son noticed a growing craze for sushi among his fellow students. The delicacy was mostly out of reach of poorer Bangkok residents.

“Nobody told members of this slum community, ‘Oh, you should make fancy sushi!’” Quinley says. “No, that’s only in nice malls, nice sushi restaurants. No one ever imagined seeing that available in a slum community.”

Her son saw an untapped market and, with a loan from Step Ahead, Romphum started rolling sushi. Soon she was making four times more money than she had with noodles. “We just cheered for this son,” Quinley says. “He was 17 or 18 years old, and he had a great idea. It was a breakthrough.”

Many of Step Ahead’s early microfinance clients are still with them. One, named Bun, has used loans to add chairs and tables to her market stall and a chimney that keeps the chili- and garlic-laced smoke out of her customers’ eyes. Quinley says she now serves a steady stream of customers from early in the morning through the middle of the afternoon. Once a client has made payments reliably on an original loan, they can get slightly larger ones. Quinley estimates that Step Ahead has lent around $500,000 to more than 1,200 Bangkok families over the past decade.

While microfinance in Klong Toey is still central to its mission, Step Ahead has expanded its work to respond to needs elsewhere in Thailand. The group mobilized quickly in the wake of the devastating Indian Ocean tsunamis Dec. 26, 2004. The tsunamis hit Indonesia hardest. In Thailand, headlines dealt largely with the tourist destination of Phuket, but Khao Lak, on Thailand’s Southwestern coast, was the country’s hardest-hit area.

“Our whole family went down immediately from Bangkok to be a part of relief operations after the tsunamis,” says Quinley. They concentrated on helping children in Khao Lak who had been separated from their parents and worked alongside large international groups like World Vision and Habitat for Humanity. A year on, as international relief efforts...
tapered off, the Step Ahead staff realized that a lot of the underlying stresses on poor families in the area remained. So they did too.

“We opened these four child safety zones, which basically said to parents, ‘We can watch your children while you’re trying to get your life back together after this disaster,’” Quinley explains. They transitioned the zones into more permanent centers with services including day care and education for young children and language and computer courses for adults. A primary concern in Khao Lak is giving poor families the resources they need so they can care for their children instead of giving them up to orphanages. Mary Hampton Elam, a junior at the University of Richmond, finished a two-month internship in Khao Lak in June. Elam, one of several UR students who have interned with Step Ahead in recent years, taught conversational English and accompanied families on regular Step Ahead outings.

Elam has worked in orphanages before and says the difference between kids there and those still with their families in Step Ahead’s program is stark.

“In orphanages, the kids get attached to you immediately. They’re huggy and lovey and just want to cuddle,” Elam says. “[The children in Step Ahead] don’t because they have secure attachments. They have families that love them. They aren’t looking for affection from every passing stranger.”

Khao Lak is also where Step Ahead launched a new, cottage-industry piece of their work. They took a basic type of woven-plastic bag made in the area, swapped out the plastic for strips of bullrush, added simple, geometric embroidery, and started selling them online last year under the name “Thai Totes.” They’ve since introduced a higher-end line of woven leather purses under the name “ITSERA.” The bags are available, among other places, in the campus bookstore in Tyler Haynes Commons. All of them are handmade by Thai women.

Breaking into the e-commerce world has its challenges. “The marketing is real. It doesn’t just happen automatically,” Quinley says, laughing. He’s getting some help on this front from Robert Maddux, an adjunct professor in the Robins School of Business. Maddux visited Quinley this summer and is now at work integrating Step Ahead’s products into a website he runs. Maddux wants to expand the market for the bags beyond humanitarians.

“John is after the type of customer who wants to buy because they want to do something noble,” Maddux said during a recent phone call. “I’m just after a high-end customer who wants to buy a really nice bag at a reasonable price.”

Soon, Quinley wants to expand the bag- and purse-making into the northeastern part of the country. He says it’s the country’s poorest area and home to nearly 80 percent of the women who end up in the country’s sex trade. Often women are lured into this trade when their families send them to Bangkok to look for work.

Left to right, Carter Quinley, ’11, John Quinley Jr., ’79, and a street vendor.

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— Carter Quinley, ’11
“If you can make a way for people to live and work in the place they’re from,” Quinley says, “then their families won’t see it as a normal thing to send a 14-year-old girl off to Bangkok to send money home.”

Working to keep women out of the sex industry has become a focus for John and Kim’s daughter, Carter. “Living in Bangkok, the commercial sex trade is totally in your face,” she wrote in an email. As a student at the University of Richmond, she started a group to raise awareness about sex trafficking, and, after graduating in 2011, spent a year working with the Thai Anti-Human Trafficking police in Bangkok. She recently took a new job with an NGO called Urban Neighbors of Hope, which works out of the same Bangkok slum and on many of the same issues as Step ahead.

She says she knew very early on that she would follow in her parents’ footsteps. “Growing up watching my parents give their lives to those less fortunate,” she wrote, “I gained a deep understanding of the importance of sharing our lives with others and using our freedoms to contribute to those caught in cycles of injustice, abuse, and poverty.”

Of course, Step ahead is taking aim at deep social problems at a time when nonprofits everywhere are scrambling for scarce donor dollars. “The global financial crisis basically hit us pretty hard,” Quinley says. “There’s been significant reorganization to try to carry things forward and refocus on the most important issues that we have.” Step Ahead recently had to cut down on staff at its Klong Toey headquarters. It’s also developing new methods of microfinancing that pool local savings and rely less on regular infusions of outside cash.

In talking about his organization’s work, Quinley often peppers in its name—“we want to help people step ahead,” “it’s clear they’re looking for a way to step ahead.” In part this seems like clever branding; Quinley worked in advertising for a decade before moving to Thailand. In another way it shows a clear understanding of how to help people out of poverty. Progress happens a step at a time, and it’s an ongoing collaboration.

“They have a very realistic picture of what it takes to truly alleviate poverty, which is to provide dignity to people and give them the means and the capital that allow them to work on their own to bring themselves out of poverty,” says Elam.

Miki Doan, another junior who interned with Step Ahead last summer, said that the group’s emphasis on individuals sustained her. “One of the most precious lessons I learned was to focus my energy first on an individual level,” Doan wrote in an email. “The social injustice at times was so complex and unjust that there seemed to be no solution. For a long time, when that thought occurred, I wondered if my work was futile and where it would lead to.”

She said that changed when she got back to school, saw Itsera purses for sale at the bookstore, and remembered vividly the women who had made them.

Bruce Wallace is a freelance journalist and multimedia producer based in Brooklyn, N.Y. He reports regularly for several public radio shows and has contributed recently to The New York Times Magazine and The Washington Post. Lately he’s been dreaming of Bangkok street food.
For one new alumna, family and the University fit nicely

When Grace Preston, ’12, moved into her North Court room sophomore year, her mother had a bit of déjà vu.


“This was Ann Page’s side, and this was mine.”

That coincidence was just one of many shared connections that tie Grace and her family to the University. At ring dance junior year, Grace slipped on a gold ring with a Westhampton seal worn by both her mother and her grandmother, Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey, W’54.

Mary Lu’s husband and Grace’s grandfather, John Dorsey, R’55, courted Mary Lu on campus despite the 6 p.m. curfew. O’Neil’s college sweetheart, future husband, and Grace’s dad, Rob Preston, R’83, did the same in a far different era.

Grandfather John might never have come to UR at all. His father, Clark Lawler Dorsey, studied and played football at UR but left to serve in World War I and never completed his studies. He did, however, return later with a $5 deposit to secure John’s enrollment.

If Grace Preston’s family history with UR ended there, that would be enough, but it stretches back to a fifth generation. Great-grandfather Clark’s parents, Socrates Lawler Dorsey and Judith Virginia Hiter, attended Richmond College and what was then called the Richmond Female Institute, the precursor to Westhampton College, in the 1880s.

As an undergraduate, Grace entertained her grandparents’ classmates at reunions with stories about student life today (no curfews, for example). Now she looks forward to discovering an alumna’s perspective.

“I’ll always come back and go to my reunions,” she said.

“It’s so much fun to see my mom with all her friends from Richmond come back. It kind of makes me love the idea of coming back and donating and always being involved.”

You’ve been good, so you get a sticker. We’ve included a UR version of the popular RVA bumper sticker in this issue in the spirit of a pledge made five years ago by University President Edward L. Ayers during his inaugural address: to ensure that we are “a university for Richmond as well as of Richmond.” Display it with well-earned pride in the University and our community.

Democracy, y’all

Fewer than a quarter of the 95 million country music fans in the U.S. are likely to vote for president at the polls this November.

That bugs Max Hamel, ’96, and Chris Ashby, ’96 and L’01, who estimate that 38 million of the fans aren’t even registered to vote.

But Hamel and Ashby are hoping to strum up greater engagement from fans of ballads and fiddles. Earlier this year they founded Twang That Vote, Nashville’s answer to Rock the Vote, the nonpartisan youth voter
River stewards
The Chesapeake Conservancy thinks the James River could use some love—for its history, health, and recreational resources—to ensure its future as an asset in Richmond and across the state.

To do that, the Annapolis-based nonprofit, which aims to celebrate and conserve the resources of the bay, has embarked on a three-year project in hope that Virginia is for river lovers. The project, called Envision the James, will define a community-based, long-term plan for conserving and promoting the river and its watershed.

At the heart of that project are two of the conservancy’s five full-time employees, Joanna Bounds Ogburn, ’05, and Jeff Allenby, ’07, each bringing a distinct passion for the river stemming from their time on campus.

Ogburn, a biology major who completed independent research on the James and its tributaries, could often be found on the rocks at Pony Pasture. Allenby, an environmental studies major who rowed with the crew team, spent time nearly every day—sometimes twice a day—on the water.

“Hopefully people in Richmond want to have a healthy James to go boating on, go swimming in,” Allenby said. “There’s no downside to having a cleaner river.”

Envision the James’ goal is to bring together communities, governments, and businesses to provide input and support a plan. The team has partnered with National Geographic to build geopolling software so people can map areas of interest online at envisionthejames.org.

“The river has really served as a way to unite communities throughout the area,” Ogburn said. “People rally around the river. When people are able to experience the river or bay, that’s when they start to care about it and be stewards of it.”

To learn more about the Chesapeake Conservancy visit chesapeakeconservancy.org.

—Catherine Amos, ’07

NOTABLES
Alumni awards
Alumni leaders in business and politics were honored during Reunion Weekend by the alumni association.

Lawrence C. Marsh, B’82 and GB’94, managing director and senior research

natural resources.” She does that today in Tanzania through APW (afpw.org), a nonprofit that builds the capacity of locals to promote conservation and alleviate poverty. One recent project: living walls. The barriers shield approximately 25,000 cattle, sheep, and goats nightly, protecting the livelihood of 2,000 Maasai community members and reducing pressure to eradicate the lions at the tip of a spear. A win-win for the big cats and their human neighbors, not to mention the livestock.

TRUCE
When good walls make good neighbors
Among the FAQs on the website of the African People and Wildlife Fund (APW) is this: How do I get to Tanzania?

It’s a fair question. For Laly Lichtenfeld, ’96, the route wound through Belize and the Richmond campus, where she studied biology and Swahili and earned a Fulbright to Kenya. There, she says, “I dreamt of starting a community center that would teach its members how to sustainably manage natural resources.”

Twang hopes to register more country fans and prod infrequent voters back to the polls. They’ve partnered with artists to draw out a fan base that Hamel and Ashby argue is larger and more diverse than many realize.
In a special Reunion Weekend ceremony, with loved ones in attendance, the University recognized David B. Brady, R’82, Donald T. Jones II, R’84, Thomas R. Clark, R’86, and Michael B. Finnegan, R’86, all of whom died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Above are family members of Finnegan with University President Edward L. Ayers, left.

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**Books**

*John Randolph of Roanoke*

“I would not die in Washington, be eulogized by men I despise, and buried in the Congressional Burying Ground,” John Randolph once groused. The architect of southern conservatism grabbed headlines with such comments, public brawls, and clashes with every president from John Adams to Andrew Jackson. In the first biography of him in more than a century, David Johnson, L ’87, deputy attorney general for Virginia, takes a renewed look at the Virginian who did much to shape politics in the new republic.

*More alumni books*

Three years into a corporate consulting gig after graduation, David Slenk, ’08, felt, well, stagnated. Not an unusual feeling, but he then took the very unusual step of acting on it.

He sold his house, quit his job, and bought a one-way ticket to Guayaquil, Ecuador. The flight was the start of a yearlong trip that took him around the world and led to his decision to start a publishing company, SlenkDee LLC, to tell stories of travelers.

In June, he published his first book, *From the Grand Canyon to the Great Wall*, a collection of 67 stories set in 45 countries written by 54 different authors. Among them are John Tramazzo, ’07 (New Zealand), Dani Pierre, ’08 (Japan), Katie Mulroy, ’08 (Japan and Italy), and Stephanie Swisher, ’09 (Thailand and Egypt), plus himself (Peru).
When I received the invitation to my 30-year college reunion, my first reaction was denial (“No way can I be that old!”) followed by more denial (“I can’t possibly go”).

June’s a busy month with my kids’ end-of-school activities, plus a close friend’s cancer had me reeling and a career detour had left me underemployed and lacking confidence. Traveling to my reunion seemed too much to consider. But when a friend created a 30-year reunion Facebook page, the idea gained momentum.

Classmates started weighing in. People began posting photos from our glory days. Fond memories came flooding back, prompting me to pull my college scrapbooks down from the attic. I didn’t even mind when my kids said we “looked creepy” in the photos. My initial denial progressed to acceptance. I should go, I decided.

Finally, after waiting until the last day to register, I signed up and convinced a classmate to give up her four-star hotel and rough it with me in a campus dorm.

After I registered, people who’d originally said they were going began backing out with reasons like “My son’s playing in an important game” or “My kids have finals that week.” Although tempted to take this route, I instead focused on the important, yet troubling, question: What to wear?

My first shopping excursion ended in disaster. I’m sure the saleswoman thought she was doing me a great service when, after ringing up my purchase, she said, “You know, white pants make your butt look bigger.”

I brought those white pants home and then promptly decided not to wear them—at least not to the reunion. After quite a few more shopping trips and arranging travel details, I was soon on a flight to Richmond.

One look at the cinder-block walls in our dorm room and the slabs that were our beds, and my roommate and I were giggling like old times. Just like in college, I was eager to take part in all the University activities, planned and unplanned. We watched fireworks over the lake, sunbathed on the lawn, and even pulled ourselves out of bed for a morning yoga class. When tornado warnings forced our outdoor party indoors, we opted to leave and make our own party to catch up without yelling over the band.

Despite our varying degrees of success in life, we were all in it together, just like we’d been at school. I was surprised how comfortable it felt to be with my classmates. I liked hearing the Southern accents again. I liked the honest, direct way we talked with one another.

Our criteria for success seemed as varied as we were. When considering income, earning potential, health, children, the quality of marriage and family life, how well we’d aged—and yes, butt size—all of us clearly had made it in one way or another.

Instead of asking myself, “How can I get where I want to be in life, preferably before our next reunion?” I felt relaxed and confident that my true friends accepted me right where I was.

—Mary Alice Cookson, W’82

Beverly, Mass.
CLASS OF ’42

It was a very stormy day, but the bagpipes were playing for our 70th class reunion in June. Ann Pavey Garrett and her husband, Karl, attended the Boarwright dinner. Ann and Aylett “Skee” Goode, our only representatives, were seated with some of the Class of 1947. Ann, who has attended all of our reunions, said it was a enjoyable and memorable but she wished more of our class could have been there.

Anne Kathleen Smith Palazzo and her husband rejoiced over the recent accomplishments of three of their grandchildren. One granddaughter graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and the other received her master's degree in archaeology while teaching at the University of Virginia. Their grandson graduated from Rhode Island School of Design and was commissioned in the Marines.

After many years of traveling and living on two other continents, Ann Robey Gaulding is happy to be settled back in Virginia. She ran a long-term hotel business in France and now misses the luxury of sailing there. Her family, scattered from coast to coast, includes a son who rescues horses, a daughter who serves many communities through various civic organizations, and a daughter who retired from the Smithsonian and now travels, lectures, writes, and exhibits. Four of her grandchildren are involved in their own art studios, composing music for film and television or creating commercial designs. She also has seven great-grandchildren.

Frances Calisch Rothenberg and her husband, William Rothenberg, R’39 and H’03, have settled at Beth Sholom Gardens in Richmond. Bill was in the rehab unit for his leg problems. Jayne Maire Massie moved from her home in Hanover, Va., to Our Lady of Hope in Richmond. Frances, Bill, and Jayne were doing well, and we wish them the best in their new homes.

Christine Lawson Eawaran is active in the ashram meditation community in northern California, where she has lived for more than 40 years. She fondly remembers her friends and experiences at Westhampton and hopes many bright women from the University will continue to make a difference in this world.

Jean Grant Andrews and I shared a hotel room and pleasant experiences at our 60th reunion 10 years ago. We both regret being unable to get to Richmond for our 70th. Jean is still doing okay in an assisted living center in Philadelphia, with added support from family members who live nearby.

Your contributions to our class scholarship fund have accumulated in 20 years to well over $62,000 and made it possible to help many women in college expenses. Sharon Belcher from Midlothian, Va., and Elliott Waiden from Blackstone, Va., will again receive our scholarship. Sharon is majoring in history, Elliott in political science.

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CLASS OF ’50
Several classmates have moved to retirement communities. Lee Reeves Childress lives at The Hermitage in Richmond. Her son has been over several times from London. Aggie Feild Burke and David are now living in Irvington, Va. Penny Wills Fitzgerald and Earl are enjoying being close to their family in New Bern, N.C.

Nancy Chapin Phillips feels lucky that all five of her children are near Tulsa, Okla. Nancy is still really into bridge and her taking flying lessons didn’t surprise me, but sewing lessons?

Margaret “Peggy” Wells Meador had a great trip to Alaska with her son and his family.

Frances Chandler Long still enjoys Bible study, bridge, exercising, and book club.

Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara White Balderson, David “Banny” Burbank, R. and Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy had a great time with Helen Lampathakis Kostyal and Dick at their home in Cobbs Creek, Va.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert and Pete celebrated their 60th anniversary with all of their family. They’ve finally finished restoring the damage Hurricane Irene did to their home. This is the second time they’ve had trees fall on their house in storms.

Marjorie Parson Owen enjoys attending UR football and basketball games with her family. They continue to farm in Jarratt, Va., and she’s still cooking Sunday dinner for an ever-increasing family. She recently enjoyed a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean.

Marjorie sent news from Ellen Largent Perlman, who travels frequently with her husband, Al. Recent trips included two weeks in San Diego and a week in Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, for 10 plays at the Shaw Festival. Ellen is active at the Abbey in Delray Beach, Fla. She finished illustrating The Rainbow Rat and Colorful Cat at the Hermitage, a book she’s been working on since their trip to Russia.

Barbara Beattie Fanney’s youngest son, Keith, died in March. We also have lost two of our classmates. Mary Sue Mock Milton—who was the youngest Marine to make the rank of major—died Nov. 26, 2011. Jane Pitt Robinson passed away in April. Our sympathies go to their families. We thank Marianne Beck Duty for her work as class secretary. Do we have any volunteers to take her place? In the meantime, please send your news to me.

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CLASS OF ’51
Frances Arrighi Tonaccio helped gather news from members of the ’51 bridge group, which was started in the Westhampton Tea Room more than 60 years ago and still meets. The group’s members are Frances, Norma Streever Craig, Pat Smith Kelley, Sue Pitts Hodder, Gwendolyn Priddy Donohue, and Bobbie Lee Brown Yagel.

Paula Abernethy Kelton sent a picture of herself and Jane Slaughter Hardenburgh to Jane’s grandchildren, who are students at Davidson College.

Helen McCarthy Hopkins and John attended their granddaughter’s graduation from Duke University. They had a lovely 60th wedding anniversary celebration in June.

Helen Clark Hensley’s husband, David Robert Hensley Jr., R’51, was inducted into the UR Athletics Hall of Fame. There was a lovely reception with family and friends at the Jepson Alumni Center, where Dr. Ayers presented the awards. Later, during halftime at the basketball game at the Robins Center, their son, Ret. Col. David Hensley, stood in for his father when awards were announced.

Gwendolyn Priddy Donohue enjoyed a week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last spring.

Jane Lawson Willis plays bridge with the Westminster Canterbury group.

Mary DeVilbiss Barton and Clarence flew to Florida in March for their grandchildren’s Court of Honor when he became an Eagle Scout, and they traveled there again in May for his high school graduation. They flew to California in June for their oldest granddaughter’s graduation from UC Davis. She earned a master’s degree in community organization. Mary and Clarence plan to move in October to Miralea, a retirement home on the Masonic Home Campus in Louisville, Ky.

Pat Smith Kelley enjoyed a week of music in Nashville, Tenn. She vis-

Then and Now
Mom was a letter writer but big brother was not, writes Eileen Ford, W’66, in appropriately enough, a letter. But her brother, Richard Ford, R’59, brought home these postcards to show his mom about life on campus in the late ’50s. “Even some years later when I attended Westhampton,” writes Eileen, “my mother wrote weekly as she had done for my brother, always enclosing a dollar or a $5 bill and news clippings she thought would be of interest.”

How different a world today’s students and their parents live in, with instant access to text, photos, and phone calls just a mobile device away. Now there’s one more way of keeping up with UR: a new mobile app for iPhones and Android devices. The University of Richmond app offers the latest information about UR tailored to your personal interests, plus lets you read the latest Collegian or play the fight song whenever you like.

RICHMOND 35
Jo Ann Ashbury Hopkins and Harold live in Seattle and spend a month in Casa Grande, Ariz., with their sons Bert, a philosophy profes-
sor who wrote The Origin of the Logic of Symbolic Mathematics, and his wife, Olga; Ralph, a photographer for National Geographic; and Russ, a recording studio owner. In spite of an MRI-disclosed stroke, Jo Ann walks and plays golf regularly. 

I flew to Madison, Wis., in September 2011 to visit my son and his family, and to Freeport, Bahamas, last May to enjoy more than two weeks of fun in the sun with several “resort friends.” I was installed as a deacon in my church, as librarian in my DAR chapter, and as corresponding secretary in DAC. Many thanks to all who shared news! We look forward to hearing from each of you in the near future. 

We enjoyed hearing Westhampton Class Secretary Barbara McGregor Cooke 8808 Nottingham Parkway Louisville, KY 40222 

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CLASS OF ’53 

Reunion Reminder 

May 31–June 2, 2013 

To register, visit UROnline.net, email reunion@richmond.edu, or call the alumni office at 804-289-8030 or 800-480-4774, option 8. 

June Pace Kilpatrick, W, is the author of Ways in the Bedroom. Butler in the Bwell: Growing Up During the Great Depression, published by Inkwater Press. The book details life in Hopewell, Va., during the Depression. Kilpatrick has worked as a writer and editor for nonprofit orga-
nizations in Richmond and Northern Virginia and served as a consulting writer for the Business Council in Washington, D.C. She and her hus-
band, Fritz, live in Haymarket, Va.

CLASS OF ’54 

Can you believe we have known each other for nearly 64 years? It feels like yesterday when we were moving into Westhampton College for the first time. During our 60th reunion, Harriet Willingham Johnson found a photo-
graph on the deanery wall of the Class of 1926 and discovered a picture of her mother, Harriet Willingham, W’26. Claire Carlson then found her mother, Margaret Fugate Carlson, W’24, in another picture. 

We enjoyed hearing Westminster College Dean Lampbrair explain the model of a women’s college within the larger university setting. It is an example to be followed in national and international communities.

Our student guide for the cam-
pus tour Reunion Weekend was so informative. We appreciated hearing about life on campus in 2012, and she was surprised by our stories of life on campus in 1948! On Saturday night, we enjoyed watching fireworks over the lake.

We look forward to future reunions and celebrations. Charlotte Bob Edmonds said that her next project was planning her 90th birthday! Thank you all for the kind notes and the wonderful gardening book. It is a gift I will surely use. I have enjoyed being class secretary but you know, nothing would have happened without you, so you deserve the thanks!

Kathleen Cooke O’Bier, Harriet Willingham Johnson, Mary Ann Coates Edel, and ‘Super Sleuth’ Addie Eicks Comogys have agreed to work together as our new class secretaries. We thank them all and look forward to helping them gather the news. Please send your news for the next issue to Harriet Willingham Johnson, 619 8th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, or email her at cork@umn.edu.

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CLASS OF ’55 

Grace Phillips Webb, Jean Crittenden Kauffman, Jackie Kilby Brooks, Emily Menefee Johnston, Joy Winstead, and Nancy Johnson White met for lunch last May at Skilligalee Restaurant in Richmond. 

Miriam Thurston Butt writes that although she was with us for only two years and then transferred to get her nursing degree, she is pleased that she has a granddaughter who is a first-year student at Richmond. Miriam hopes to make it to a UR activity in the future.

Janice Boyer Baldrige and her husband, Bob Baldrige, R, continue to stay busy doing volunteer work where they live at Gwens Estates, a United Methodist retirement community in Asheville, N.C. Janice volunteers in the assisted living and health care areas taking care of the library. Bob plays his clarinet with groups at both places. They love Asheville and have a grand view of the mountains from their balcony.
Myra Embrey Wormald and Bob were in Orlando, Fla., for a week for a Young Life celebration that included time at Disney and SeaWorld. They spent two weeks in March with their daughter, Ellen, in Destin, Fla., and cruised on a small ship along Italy’s Dalmatian Coast in June.

Betty Leigh Stembridge Leggett has moved to Winter Park in South Boston, Va. Margaret English Lester visited her and said she is doing well.

Bobbie Reynolds Wyker, W and G’76, and her husband sold their boat and purchased a smaller one with the excuse that they were getting older. They found they really missed the boat they sold; so when the opportunity arose, they bought it back. This is the same powerboat in the painting Golden Dawn by artist John M. Barber.

In April Virginia “Sunshine” Murden met Bobbie in Newport News, Va., for lunch, and the two shopped for spring plants for their gardens.

Ruth Owen Batt’s daughter Kathy has been transferred from New York to Florida. Ruth is very pleased that she is only two hours away.

Peggy Hall Flippin and her husband have moved for the 29th time since they married. It is only a few streets away from the home where they lived for six years, and Peggy hopes they will stay there. She is president of the ladies’ golf league.

The Alumnae Luncheon was held March 31 on the UK campus. The Class of ’55 had a table with Bobbie Reynolds Wyker, Jean Crittenden Kauffman, Joy Winstead, Emily Menefee Johnston, Jackie Kilby Brooks, Alice McCarty Haggerty, and Grace Phillips Webb. The program was titled “The Evolution of Westhampton Traditions,” and Dr. Christine Mowery, visiting lecturer of sociology, had slides to illustrate changes through the years, including the Daisy Chain and Ring Dance.

Alice McCarty Haggerty and three friends stayed in a delightful cottage on the Cotswolds of England, for a week last winter. Thinking they weren’t up to driving on the wrong side of the road, they took public buses, visiting a number of other villages and shopping.

After a brief illness, Ida Mae Speeks died in Fairfax, Va., April 17, 2012.

Despite tornadoes and the economy, 2011 was a good year for Cameron Freeman Napier. She sends her best wishes to her Westhampton friends.

Alma Pitt Perkins married in 1953 and was widowed three years ago. She and her husband had two sons and five grandchildren. She worked in advertising in Richmond with Cargill, Wilson & Acree and owned Perkins Real Estate in Shreveport, La. She is retired, and her passion for horses occupies her time. She recently became a member of the Dressage Foundation’s Century Club, in which the combined age of horse and rider exceeds 100.

Joy Winstead and Grace Phillips Webb exercise together two or three times a week and go out for bagels afterward.

A Richmond Times-Dispatch last January told how Ann Shirl Lee Garrett Masson and her husband enjoy shopping at Libbie Market.

Margaret English Lester’s grandson is a preferred walk-on punter on UVA’s football team. He has worked long and hard for this, and they are all very proud of him.

On Mother’s Day all three of our children and four of our seven grandchildren were together with us. We had a wonderful time enjoying brunch at the Mathews Yacht Club, Westhampton Class Secretary Nancy Johnson White 8228 S. Mayfield Lane Mechanicsville, VA 23111 white@vcu.org

CLASS OF ’56

Our “Silver Cup” baby, the first daughter born to a member of our Westhampton class after graduation, was Bruce Wacker Forehand, the daughter of Phyllis Gee Wacker, W and G’65. Bruce now has a grand- daughter, Rhoda Elizabeth, born Feb. 22. Phyllis spent a week in May visiting Augusta and Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C.

The Richmond-area group of our class met in February at the James River Club of the Country Club of Virginia. The food and the setting were both lovely. Julia Hubbard Nixon, Phyllis Gee Wacker, Helen Melton Lukhard, Janet Knobel Jones, Anne Jennings Vaughan, Anne Pope Kitchen, Pat McEvoy Smith, and Ann Peery Oppenheimer attended. Thanks to Ann for being our hostess.

Janet Knobel Jones took her 15-year-old granddaughter, Cassie, to Alaska for a two-week land/cruise trip in July 2011. It was a great trip for intergenerational togetherness.

Lunar latitudes

Desiree Stuart-Alexander, W’52

When astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took their first steps in the Sea of Tranquility, they used maps that Desiree Stuart-Alexander created. With the photographs returned by several lunar space crafts, she then became the first person to map the far side of the moon.

“Turns out that the far side was not significantly different from the near side—lots of craters on both sides that were created primarily by planetary debris hitting the moon” said Stuart-Alexander, who watched the first lunar landing from Houston. “That was kind of neat; we even have some craters in the U.S. that are similar to some on the moon.”

Stuart-Alexander started working for the U.S. Geological Survey as a geologist in 1966. From Lick Observatory above San Jose, Calif., she created her first lunar map. “I started mapping the moon just before the first spacecraft returned pictures of the moon,” she said.

She worked as a lunar geologist for the USGS from 1966 to 1989 and was detailed to NASA during part of that time. A pioneer in her field, in 1980 she was named the first female branch chief in the 100-year history of the USGS. In the late ’50s and early ’60s, as she earned her master’s and doctoral degrees in geology from Stanford University, the Westhampton graduate was the only woman in any advanced class she took. She was also the first woman to do independent field work.

“Women were not doing independent field work at that time” she said.

While leading a storied career, Stuart-Alexander also found time to earn her commercial pilot’s license and accepted an honorary doctorate from Westhampton College in 1980. In retirement, she lives in California and takes Scottish dance classes.

—Catherine Amos
CLASS OF ’57
Carolyn Wood Aldredge, Grace Blossom Cofer, Pat Moore Ewell, Lee Feld Griffiths, Nancy Day Haga, Barbara Goodman Harding, Anne Byrd James, Kakie Parr Jenkins, Mary Garland Cox Johnston, Mary Loving Bell Tipton Powers, Carolyn Naumann Robertson, Meg Kidd Tenney, Joyce Garrett Tidley, W and G’77, Jackie Randlette Tucker, and I attended our 55th Westhampton class reunion in June.

Nancy Archbell Bain planned to attend but had breast cancer surgery Reunion Weekend. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We missed either classmate who could not make it this year. Kitty Clark Kersey was celebrating her granddaughter’s graduation with family.

Rosie Allen Barker, W and H’82, also had a big family gathering. Her family is geographically widespread but planned to gather for Rosie’s nephew’s wedding in New York City.

Marcia Slaven Moss had a grandchild graduating from high school this weekend. Pat Harper Winston and Bob Winston, R’58, could not attend because Bob had surgery in March, and Lida Etra Rice Matlock could not attend because her younger daughter is ill.

Jennie Sue Johnson Murdock was hosting guests from Colombia.

Lucy Burnett Garmon, W and G’60, was looking forward to reading a section of the AP chemistry exams in June. It was the 17th year she had read the exams.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Nancy Moore Plonk on Dec. 13, 2011.

The planning committee for our reunion did a nice job providing opportunities to see old friends, meet other graduates, and see how the University has changed. Several of us attended a lecture about the Civil War by University President Ed Ayers. There was a picnic by the lake Saturday and a breakfast Sunday morning at the Westminster Center just for the Westhampton Class of ’57.

Mary Loving Bell Kirby, Nancy Day Haga, Carolyn Naumann Robertson, Lee Feld Griffiths, and I stayed on campus in South Court, as we did in 1957. The rooms and bath-rooms seemed much smaller, but we enjoyed additional conversation while sitting on the beds in the dorm.


Lovey Jane Long heard from Mary Elizabeth Hix-Baldwin, who is a master gardener and enjoys gardening. Mary Elizabeth moved back to her parents’ farm in 1993 and has since leased the farmland and sold the cattle. Her daughter lives with her and is on the faculty of the school of nursing at Longwood University. For a short while she was on the rescue squad in Farmville, Va., with Nancy Day Haga.

Lovey Jane lives near Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, Va. In my last letter to you, there was an editorial error indicating that she lived “across the road from Westminster College.” It should have read that she lives across the street from Westminster-Canterbury. Lovey Jane’s Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula alumni group continues to thrive with about 65 members on the list. They meet quarterly for lunch or wine and cheese. They have good support from the office of gift planning at UR, but the only agenda item is where to host the next party. The events are now online at alumni.richmond.edu/events. All UR graduates are welcome.

Jim and Carolyn Naumann Robertson moved to Williamsburg, Landing, a retirement community just four miles from their former home in Kingsmill in Williamsburg, Va. Jim will have top medical help there for his Alzheimer’s and peripheral neuropathy.

Ruth Tipton Powers moved to Lakewood Manor in Richmond, which boasts a number of UR graduates, including Jackie Kilby Brooks, W’55. She is looking forward to seeing other classmates more frequently.

I have enjoyed keeping in touch with classmates for the five years since our 50th reunion, and I thank you for sending news and messages. Ruth Tipton Powers has agreed to be class secretary for the next five years. I hope you will continue to send news to her.

Let’s plan to attend our 60th reunion, Westhampton Class Secretary Margaret Foster 119 Prospect Street Port Jefferson, NY 11777 foster@aps.org

William Powell Tuck, R and H’77, visited on a book tour, Modern Shapes of Baptist Thought in America, published by the Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies at the University of Richmond. The book details 24 individuals who were instrumental in shaping Baptist thought in recent history. Tuck lives in Midlothian, Va.

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Betty Harris Bones, W, lives on Lake Gaston in her parents’ old cottage. She returns to Richmond during the General Assembly session, where she has worked with the House of Delegates for 21 years.

A number of classmates met last spring at Mary Alice Revere Woerner, W, and Charles’ home facing the Ware River.

CLASS OF ’59
Patricia Macdonald Allen’s husband, Dick, is alive and well! (My apologies to Patricia for this mistake in the last issue.) Patricia and Dick had a busy spring getting ready for the rose festival and a trip to Chicago in June.

Jean Martin Wyndham, W and G’70, and her husband, Herb, spent a week in April in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It was their first time without any children or grandchildren, and it was quiet, restful, warm, and sunny.

Barbara Kritz Anderson enjoyed her two grandchildren, Carter and Riley, while they were on spring break.

Barbara Dulin Polis took the annual family vacation in July, with all 13 going on an Alaskan cruise. She stays busy playing tennis and golf and, of course, enjoying her five grandchildren. In November 2005 Margaret “Peggy” Tabor Small and her husband moved to Georgetown, Texas, to be close to her son and his family.
They have a great church family and terrific neighbors who have been very supportive since her husband died. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in 2006 and died Jan. 24, 2012. Her daughter, Tracey, and her husband are missionaries in Ecuador. Tracey flew home last fall to visit with her dad, and he enjoyed her being there. She came again when her son, Paul, who stayed with Margaret for a couple of weeks. Margaret went to Ecuador in June with her son’s daughter, Jessica, who took care of “Grandma.” Mary Ann Williams Haske is thankful for Skype, which has allowed her to watch her grandchildren grow and change since they went back to China. Her daughter Margaret is also in China living in an apartment above her son, Dave, and his family. At Easter, Mary Ann went to Washington, D.C., to visit her daughter Sue, and she enjoyed spending time with her family this summer.

Jolien “Jo” Edwards Mierke and her husband Edward Mierke, R’60, have a great-granddaughter. Sophia was born in January to their granddaughter Kelley and her husband, Nick. Jo’s grandson James is just eight months older than Sophia! Beverly Wine Bowers visited Jo and Edward for a long weekend on her way to New Jersey. Jo spoke to spend time with her daughter, Tammy, and her family in New Jersey. She is grateful for our scholarship support. Elizabeth hopes each of us will continue to support the Class of 1959 scholarship so that we may continue to help deserving and appreciative students.

In May Sylvia Olney Kelley and Frank returned to Maine from Key West, Fla. While in Key West, she had the opportunity to be with Beverly Eubank Evans while Bev visited with her sister, Sylvia. And Frank went on a “once-a-year cruise” following the family gathering in November 2011 when their immediate family gathered at Jo’s home in Maryland for their annual Thanksgiving celebration, which was also a costume party. After Thanksgiving they had visits from their grandchildren. They had a good report last year from Ray’s doctor in Sarasota, Fla., and then spent a week on the beach in Siesta Key, Fla., and in Edisto Beach, S.C.

Last year Karen Diedrich Gardner’s husband, Jim Gardner, R’55, was involved in a very serious tractor accident while raking hay. After a frantic ride to the hospital, he was transferred by helicopter to another hospital in Tennessee. They lost Jim en route, but a surgeon who met the helicopter revived him. It turned out that the surgeon had been their son’s roommate while he was in medical school. Jim had three months of hospital care that included rib plating and facial work followed by home care. In February he was back feeding their cattle and one year later, on June 11, his surgeon removed his braces. Karen and Jim flew to Texas in May to visit their daughter, Kari, who is recovering from an autoimmune disease. Karen and her family are grateful to God and all their friends for their support.

Our sympathies go to Frances Elane McAlexander Woods, whose husband, George, died Nov. 11, 2011. Frances left Westhampton after sophomore year. I am enjoying having my daughter, Carol, and her husband close by in Northern Virginia. I stay busy with church, women’s clubs, and both line and ballet dancing.

Please send me news for the next issue by email or snail mail.

The Richmond Star, May 7, 1960

Shirley Satterfield Flynn and Leslie Flynn, R’61, are enjoying life in Florida. ... They watched the space shuttle leave when it flew toward the Smithsonian atop a 747.”

CLASS OF ’60

We send our deepest sympathy to Miriam Rothenberg Livermon, whose husband, William R. Livermon Jr., died last October. He was a retired major in the U.S. Army and served as a chaplain. Miriam and Bill have three children and nine grandchildren.

Zimmerman, Judy Cyrus Johnson, Nancy Rae Taylor Owen, Anne Hurd Eastridge, W and C’71, Laurel Burkett Lonnies, and Jeannette McWilliams Welsh went on the University of Richmond Theatre Excursion to New York City in May. They had a great time and were met by Ruth Greenfield Byrne and Joan Silverstein Oberman for lunch. This trip was organized more than 30 years ago to take UR theatre students to see plays in the city during spring break, and it has evolved into a trip with UR alumni, staff, retired faculty, and no students. Let’s hear it for senior citizens!

Millie Bagley Bracey and I missed that trip. Millie had a hip replacement a month before, and my husband had back surgery the week before. Both are well on the way to full recovery and will be ready to take part of the UR group next time. Jeanette and I visited Millie in the hospital in Richmond one day after surgery and she was amazing.

Suzanne Hatcher Rooney visited Williamsburg and Orange County, Va., this year. She is looking forward to visiting Bath County, Va., for a reunion of the camp she attended in the 1950s. She and her husband also traveled to Santa Barbara, Calif., in February. One of the highlights of that trip was a visit to the Reagan Ranch.

Elizabeth “Betty” Brown Creech and Frank recently visited Jacksonville, Fla., to attend the international convention of her perfume bottle-collecting group. She says they have made so many friends from all over the world just from collecting old perfume bottles. Her collection has one piece dating back 2,500 years. Betty and Frank love living in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

Paula Williams Davis has been doing more gardening than playing golf. Her grandson Evan attends UNC-Charlotte. Paula spent a day at the Masters and says the golf course at Augusta National is absolutely beautiful.

Nancy Madden Simmons took two grandchildren to a dude ranch in Tuscany.

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Florida, the other is from Seattle, and both are soccer players. Nancy had cataract surgery early this year and says she can’t stop marveling over the color and light differences she sees every day. As an artist these variances are most important for her painting.

I enjoyed time with Anne Hurd Eastridge and Nancy Rae Taylor Owen, her mother. Afternoon they returned from their New York trip. Anne stays busy with piano lessons and inspired us with reports of her reading. She and a friend read the classics to each other and recently finished Proust’s Remembrance of Things Past.

Laurel Burket Lonnes, Jane Batten Wood, W and G’70, Evalane Green Slaughter, and I attended the Richmond-area Westhampton Luncheon in March. It was great fun to meet and greet Westhampton graduates from the 1940s through 2011.

It’s always exciting to hear from classmates, and this year has been especially good for that. I’m always amazed when the email says, “Sent from my iPad.” Kudos to you techies, and thanks to all of you who have responded. Please write, text, email, call, or snail mail me your news. We want to hear from everyone.

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CLASS OF ’61

CLASS OF ’62
Our 50th reunion has come and gone, and many of us would agree with Jane Thompson Kemper that it was too short! Many thanks to Barbara Davies Brewer for designing the bright green tote bags that were a gift to 1962 attendees. If a prize had been given for farthest travel, Judith Trunzo, who made the trip from southern France, would surely have won.

The Friday luncheon was attended by about 40 classmates (plus a couple of hardy husbands) and set the tone for the weekend. We had family, friends, bags, and chatting as we caught up on the years since life at Westhampton College. Libby Wampler Jarrett, our class president, kept order (more or less), and directed our bits of business so well that she was re-elected president. JC Shapard Conroy announced her decision to retire as class secretary. Thank you, JC, for your years of service writing the Class of ’62 news! I have volunteered to take over the newsgathering and look forward to hearing from many of you.

Many thanks also to Bett Burrell Brooks for compiling the bio booklets distributed at the luncheon. They are the perfect resource for keeping in touch! It’s striking to read about the extensive travel and the many leadership roles our classmates have assumed in their communities. Contact Laura Krajewski in the office of alumni and career services if you would like a book.

Other special reunion events included the WC ‘62 breakfast, the all-alumni picnic, and the closing dinner for the Class of ’62. A few classmates hosted Westhampton “4-Bitz” for the weekend. Nell Gracey Jones and Karen Blake Wible stayed with Nancy James Buhl. Julie Perkins Crews provided beds for Jane Thompson Kemper, Diane Light Riffer, and Judith Trunzo. Kitty Borum Fitzhugh and Robin Cramme Perks came by Julie’s for breakfast. Much talk centered on grandchildren. Diane’s fifth grandchild, Kate Elizabeth Wickers, was born just days before the reunion.

Jane left early Saturday for a big market day in Irvington, VA. She and C.B. have officially retired from the nursery business but still keep a hand in it by attending local markets in the Northern Neck. At another “B&B,” Barbara Harrell Holdren hosted Bett Burrell Brooks and Anne Coldfeather Tucker. They stayed up until the wee hours talking and reminiscing. Anne is a master gardener, Bett is a “pink lady” at the local hospital, and Barbara belongs to women’s clubs and a book club. On Friday they attended the Reunion Rally, at which Tuckie Smart Paxton and Barbara Davies Brewer accepted an award for our class for having the highest participation rate in alumni giving this reunion year. (Does that make up for never winning the song contest?)

Nancy Vaughan Downey couldn’t attend all the events because of health problems but enjoyed seeing classmates at the luncheon. She still babysits for grandchildren. One of her sons just published a book and the other works for a mayor, often representing him in travels in the U.S. and abroad.

Alice Hall Lingerfeldt’s husband, Harold, died in November 2011. Bett Burrell Brooks lost her husband, John Brooks, R’56, in February. Darlene Anne Morgan’s stepfather, a WWII veteran of the Merchant Marines, died in May. We extend our condolences for their recent losses.

Other Class of 1962 attendees included JoAnne Wortman Andrews, Sherry Ratcliffe Crawford, Joan Bishop Davison, Catherine Carr Elverston, Toni Cousins Ewell, Pam Koch Fay-Williams, W and G’78, Judith Cashion Godfrey, Mary Godsey, Charlotte Adams Higgins, Iris Creede Jarrett, Lucy Hardy Johnson, Shirley Easter Maize, Carolyn Paullette, W and G’75, Sylvia Brown Pond, M.J. Willett Puckett, Nancy Richardson Elliott, Betty Morris Villers, Sandra Nunn Wallace, Carolyn Parsley Wilkins, Sharon Alderson O’Connor, Mary Ellen Deckelman Fraley, Joanna Elliott Pickering, and Sandra Britton Saunders. We missed those of you who weren’t able to join us. Next time …

Dick and I enjoyed a spring trip to Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. We saw friends along the way, some of whom we hadn’t seen since graduate school. Dick attended our reunion with me, meeting many of the classmates I’ve mentioned over the years. We walked the campus, marveled at the new additions, and revisited some old haunts. Both of us keep busy with local volunteer work and regular “grandparent gigs” in Richmond with the three children (ages 2, 3, and 4) of our son Carter Hansen, ’93.

Please send me your news.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Donna Houff Ludwig, whose father died Nov. 14, 2011.

Margaret Brewer Almond and Hilton Almond, R’61, spent last Thanksgiving in Las Vegas with their daughter, Julie, and her husband.

Charlotte Hines Forrestor, W and G’86, and Dick enjoyed a trip to Spain and Portugal last fall.

My husband, Jim Davis, L’64, and I did something different last year for Christmas. We took our son, daughter, and son-in-law on a trip to Quebec. It was a magical place with snow, twinking lights everywhere, and everything very festive.

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The Rev. Dr. N. “Gene” Lasitter, R, retired from active ministry after 39 years with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He served eight congregations in South Carolina and West Virginia and now lives in Spartanburg, S.C., with his wife, Nancy, six children, and six grandchildren.

CLASS OF ’65
Dianne Minter Vann, Linda Armstrong Farrar, and Millie Bradshaw Hotchkiss planned to take a Baltic cruise in August.

Linda Holt Lilly’s son Kevin Lilly, E’97, remarried in October 2011, and her grandchildren doubled from two to four. Ned’s two girls are 14 and 11, and Kevin’s stepchildren are a 4-year-old boy and 9-year-old girl. Linda is busy making scrapbooks.

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for them and participating in tennis, bridge, Mahjong, book clubs, and community responsibilities. Her husband, Ed, has been retired for four years and enjoys tennis, biking, skiing, and numerous community jobs. He had a knee replacement in April, and Linda served as nurse just as he did for her when she had back surgery.

Ann Carter Carnit was instrumental in convincing the Maryland Board of Regents to begin a pharmacy program on the Eastern Shore. His hope was to retain our talented local young people. The children and I decided on this way to honor his memory. I look forward to summer visits from my daughters and their families. My son Steve and his family will help me entertain since they live here near the beach. Life is good on the Eastern Shore.

Jackie Harper Burrell is still working and staying as busy as usual. To be closer to their daughter Erica, Susan Sorden Schneider and Larry have purchased a home in Mission Viejo, Calif. They are in the process of selling their current home. Susan is still busy as a CASA volunteer supporting children who are to be adopted and/or returned to their mothers. She also is working on a project to make simple dresses for girls in Appalachia. Amidst such poverty, a dress brings them much joy. If you are interested in joining this project, please contact Susan for information. Her entire family loved a trip to Costa Rica, especially zip-lining!

Liz Morris Meadon recently spent a week in Rome. Highlights of her trip included a visit to a mosaic studio and the Keats-Shelley House on the Spanish Steps. They saw all the usual sights for tourists and heard great lectures. Liz says that she and Dave are lucky to have good health and happiness.

I enjoyed visiting with Anne Sartorius Payne, W’64, at the annual dinner of the Eastern Shore of Maryland Delegation. She was there with her husband, F. Carvel Payne, who was honored for his work at legislative services. He was the go-to person for all of Maryland’s legislative bills during the past 30-plus years. I remain busy with my work on the Salisbury University Foundation, the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce board of directors, my church, and most importantly, my family. I also work on the school board. (I filled the vacancy left by the former board president, Robin Harden Holloway, B’81.) This winter my family and I endowed a scholarship at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy in honor of my husband, the late Page Elmore, R’62. As a Maryland delegate, Page was instrumental in convincing the Maryland Board of Regents to begin a pharmacy program on the Eastern Shore.

CLASS OF ’66

When JoAnn Jamison Webster and Ed recently moved, many classmates’ emails mysteriously disappeared. Please contact me to send you her address and email, as she wants to reconnect with many friends. She and Ed are still in Oklahoma.

Mimi Proctor Games and Dale Games, R’64, enjoy opening their old family farm, Burleigh Plantation (burleighplantation.com) in Semora, N.C., for weddings, special dinners, and other events. Its spirit comes alive when filled with guests. They’ve had a Southern-style wedding complete with big tents on the lawn and a barbeque reception for 265 people, a series of “Dinners by the Lake” catered by area gourmet chefs with wine from local vineyards, and summer brunches. Hanging quilts on the clothes line and setting tables with mixed-and-matched china and old pressed glass with flowers and herbs from their garden is a wonderful way to be a part of the green and locavore movements.

Caywood Garrett Hendricks is a grandfather! Dalton William Combs was born to daughter Ginger and her husband, Heath, on Feb. 18, 2012, in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is named for his two grandfathers.

Fran Stewart Chambers enjoys retirement with her husband, Doug, who just earned his Master of Divinity degree. She lives in Fort Mill, S.C., where she volunteers with the American Red Cross blood drives and recently donated her 100th pint. She still performs with other seniors in the Carolina Copy Cats.

Quita Tansey Collins and Bill have eight grandchildren. They enjoy retirement and spending time visiting their children. Two are in Northern Virginia, and one is in Charlotte, N.C. Their son Mike Collins, ’95, is an Army veteran who served 14 months in Afghanistan. Their son Sean, a Marine veteran of the first Iraq war, was recently diagnosed with ALS.

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Ron Hughes, R, retired at the end of June after 58 years as a research psychologist. His career was in the fields of military/defense, aerospace, and transportation and involved work with the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, the Flying Training Division of the Air Force Human Resources Lab, and the McDonnell-Douglas Helicopter Company. For the past 20 years he has worked in the transportation safety field with duties at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center in Chapel Hill and the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at North Carolina State University. He and his wife, Jane Ann, who also is retiring after more than 25 years as an elementary school principal and former school psychologist, live in Raleigh, N.C. They have two daughters. Julie works in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Department of Energy and Jaime is working toward her doctorate in psychology at NC State.

CLASS OF ’69

The Chapel Guild will be conducting a Christmas House Tour Dec. 13, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sally Wood, W, G’70 and L’80, would like to make this a mini reunion of 1969 alumnae. A group from the class of 1969 gathers the first Wednesday of each month for lunch or bridge, and they would like to include you, too. Contact Sally at wwoodl@virginia.com or 804-741-4607 for information about the monthly get-togethers, the Christmas House Tour, or being a hostess for the tour.

CLASS OF ’70

Dee Warren Harrell Roberts and her husband, Harvey W. Roberts III, B’67, celebrated the marriages of two of their sons last year. One was married on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and the other in Seoul, South Korea. After the traditional Korean wedding, the family toured the DMZ and Jeju Island—South Korea’s Hawaii.

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Carolyn Polis Smith-Williams has a new granddaughter. Her son has a daughter and her daughter has a son. Carolyn has just finished a second year at seminary.

Joan and Quentin Sargent live in Salt Lake City and enjoy their eight children and eight grandchildren.

Martha Sanders Brandt has had a delightful experience traveling around Spain with her daughter and sailing to North Africa. She is now a grandmother! She will be going to Singapore to visit little Logan Sanders, daughter Catherine, and her son-in-law, a Navy intelligence specialist at the American embassy there.

Susan Bain Creasy and her husband, Richard, are still in Winchester, Va., enjoying retirement by volunteerizing and visiting their children and their new granddaughter, Amelia.

Janice Carter Reagan and John enjoy spending time with their children and are proud of his daughter, who has written a children’s book, and their youngest, Megumi, who graduated with bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Janice stays busy with work at the newspaper and in a local indie bookshop and caring for her mom.

Linda Weinstein Andrews and her husband enjoy antiquing and working in their vegetable garden. Linda has begun at assisted living facility each week and plays hand bells at church.

Ann Dowdy Anderson had an ankle replacement and loves having a straight and pain-free foot. Her daughter, son-in-law, and their children live in Richmond, and her son and his wife live in Alabama.

Jeanne Hankinson LeFoe and Hunter LeFoe, R, celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Bermuda.

Susan Breed Beach enjoys life in Goochland, Va., with her horse and pony and making sure her husband is safe on the tractor. They are busy with their children and 12 grandchildren.

Sally Andrews Gudas and Steve are quite proud of their daughter, Skylar, and her singing career (she toured in Europe) and of their son, Jason, who graduated in May from UNC-Wilmington.

Linda McCubbin Warren and Art took a cruise to Hawaii to celebrate Linda’s retirement from Altria. She is on the board of the Positive Vibe Foundation, an organization that runs a café that trains people with disabilities to work in food service.

A café that trains people with disabilities is the work of the Employment Foundation, an organization that runs New Life Services, a program that helps people with disabilities find employment. The program is run by people with disabilities.

While most of us are winding down, Bettie Shaffer Biern is just hitting her stride. She is expanding her résumé/career coaching business and leaving the world of HR management.

Her company name is Career Change Central, and her specialty is writing résumés for senior-level professionals. She feels she is exactly where she is meant to be.

Ann Marie Pearson Wood has continued her leadership role in the outreach program at her church helping people who are dealing with unexpected emergencies. When they are not enjoying their precious dogs at home in Roanoke, Va., Ann and Reggie Wood, R’69, travel much of the time. They recently planned an excursion to Alaska.

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Christmas House Tour

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Carol Rostvedt Ranck attended Westhampton during her freshman and sophomore years and then transferred to Penn State. She and her husband live in Heathrow, Fla. Carol volunteers at the Orlando Museum of Art. They recently traveled to France, where they spent time in Paris and rented a 17th-century home in Bréhémont in the Loire Valley.

Naina Harper White and her husband, Rich, live in Thaxton, Va., between Roanoke and Lynchburg near the Peaks of Otus Lodge. Naina still teaches kindergarten. This summer they traveled to Colorado to attend their niece’s wedding. Their youngest son just graduated from Virginia Tech.

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Perhaps some will be Spiders one day! We left with promises to get together sooner rather than later. . . and I think we just might!
Judy Samuelson Shapleigh was at the reunion. Her daughter, Alison, married in June 2011 and lives near Denver. Judy and her husband, Jim Shapleigh, B’74, spent some time in Denver last fall and again at Christmas. They hope to visit again this fall. They spent a week in Duck, N.C., and went to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. Judy is copy chief at Politico and will be busy with the upcoming elections. In April she renewed her skills at the American Copy Editors Conference in New Orleans. Judy volunteers at Inova Fairfax Hospital as publications manager for the auxiliary and quilts and gardens on her days off. She looks forward to retirement.

Ann Greene Turner and I chatted about North Court and shared horror stories about double-dating with upperclassmen our freshman year, but who doesn’t have a story or two to share on that, right? Ann and I will look for each other in the Robbins Center since we both are basketball season ticket-holders. Go Spiders! Ann will be our class president for the next five years, so she takes the reins from Catherine Dowd Pemberton. Thanks, Ann, and thanks to Cathy for her work on the reunion planning and representing our class. Thanks to all involved in planning the reunion.

Betty Gammon Fulgham was unable to attend the reunion. It was the only one she has missed. We phoned her Friday night and I’m guessing she had some interesting voice messages to sort out when she got around to listening to them! A few of us, including Judy Johnson Maver, tried to remember the words to our WC Alma Mater, but the years had dulled our memories … shocking! I later found this reminder online that was penned by another WC alum: http://bit.ly/NiMmLi. Judy’s son, Todd, was married in October 2011 and lives in Richmond. In December, Judy and Jim left their 10 acres in Hanover County, Va., and downsized to Glen Allen. They are closer to family and church. Jim loves retirement, and Judy still teaches music at the preschool, coordinates children’s choirs, and sings in the Symphony Chorus. Mary Kay Reynolds Norfleet and Frances Maddox Smith came to check out the Maywir’s new house, and Tricia Mason Prillaman and Betty Gammon Fulgham joined them. They also had their annual music majors get-together at Judy’s house this year with Rachel Pierce Newell, Donna Renfro Williamson, Marilib Henry Tomb, and Gerry Robinson, B’72. Last year Nancy Clevinger Carpenter, W and E’66, joined the girls, and they headed to New York City for a long weekend. They stayed in one room (just like college), saw teacher licensure program, where Carolee had her in class.

Rachel Pierce Newell has a new grandson, Henry Darden Lentine, who was born April 8, 2011. Faye Patteson Green and her husband, Chuck, live in Farmville, Va., in the house they started out in. She is working but looking forward to retire- ment to have time to spend with her growing family.

Both of Barbara Crews Speece’s sons were married in 2011. William’s daughter Kristen Hall Martin, ‘02, and her husband, Clay’s big sister is Rhodes. The family lives in Richmond, so Carolee and Fred see them often. Their son, Camden, had a destination wedding in summer 2011 in the Bahamas. His wife, Stephanie, is a graduate of UR’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies, where Carolee had her in class.

Class, W and GB’78, and her husband, Mark, stayed with us for the weekend. It was like old times … except for the men in the house, of course! Becky and Mark’s son, Stephen, is in his second year of dental school at VCU. Becky and Mark are still working hard, but retirement is a glimmer down the road. Each year we visit them at place on Lake Gaston.

Trisha Mason Prillaman and her family are well. Trisha will use her considerable powers of organization to arrange an informal, come-if-you’re-around get-together for us this fall.

Beth Robbins DeBergh brought her photo album of our 25th reunion! What fun to see us all at a tender 47 years old (or so)! Beth and her husband traveled to France with Libby Lynch Heskett, Donna Abbott Livesey, and Anne Tootelian Norris and their husbands to celebrate life and health.

Marilis and her husband, Tom, got around to listening to them! It was so fun reminiscing with Susan, Sallie Stone Cook, Deborah Pearson Ellis, and Kathy McDorman Goyne about some of our professors.

My roommate, Becky Waggoner, lives near Manteo, N.C. He is the sound engineer for the North Carolina Symphony, among other clients, and splits his time on the road and at home. Check out our Casa del Wacho online! Pleased away. Her father was sion for pingpong and participated in the Senior Games in October 2011. Joan is president of the local garden club (and wonders if they realize they have an “old hippie” at the helm). She continues to create costumes and had a gallery show of her creations in October 2011 at Roanoke Island Festival Park. She also took botanical watercolor classes and volunteered at an intensive weeklong archaeological dig at Fort Raleigh, N.C.

Another theatre-centered classmate, Nancy Boykin, missed the reunion because she was in Bogota, Colombia, with her husband and son, who had just graduated with a degree in music. They vacationed in coordination with a visit to several former Temple students from Colombia. Nancy found it fascinating, and she enjoyed the cuisine, especially the mangoes! In 2011, Nancy’s father, J. Wesley Boykin, B’38, passed away. Her father was devoted to Richmond, and she was truly touched to hear from so many former classmates.

It has been my great pleasure to write our class notes for the past five years. Corresponding with you all has been a blessing. As mentioned above, Linda Christopher Swartz will take on this responsibility. You can reach her at nkwarszt@comcast.net. Westhampton Clau Secretary Jere Hudson Mollen 2609 Starborough Drive Richmond, VA 23225 jmollen@richmondmu.edu

Beth Robbins DeBergh, Libby Lynch Heskett, Donna Abbott Livesey and Anne Tootelian Norris celebrated their 40th college reunion and their six decades of life last fall with a trip to France. Along with their husbands, Jimmie DeBergh, B’71, Ken Heskett, B, Woody Livesey, B, and Rob Norris, B’74, they met in the hilltop village of Puycelsi in the Midi-Pyrénées region of Southern France. They then canvassed through rural areas and castle towns to Vieux Lyon and spent a week in a farmhouse in Burgundy.
CLASS OF ’73
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Our annual Wonderful Westhampton Women’s Weekend was held in May at the home of Agnes Mobley-Wynne in Virginia Beach, Va. Kelly Hardy, Sharon Foster Burdick, Donna Strother Dreken, Nancy Bendall Emerson, Pam Minterelson, Betty Rodman Harris, Meg Kemper, Agnes, and I attended. We ate, laughed, and talked until we were hoarse.
Agnes had just finished the school year at Old Dominion University and was looking forward to her summer at the beach.
Kelly and Jack were busy cleaning out their house as they prepared to build in Southern Pines. They took a river cruise in France last spring.
Sharon stays busy with her granddaughters, Ginny Grace and Scarlett, who live in Bringtonham, Ala. Her daughter Emily is in Tallahassee, Fla., and Madeline is in medical school in Ontario, Canada. Sharon recently went antiquing in England with some Texas friends.
Donna stays busy with her tea party business and has started working in a consignment shop in Manakin Sabot, Va. She had wonderful pictures of her son’s mission trip to Africa.
Nancy’s son Benjamin was married in Atlanta. Nancy and her partner’s catering business is in its 27th year.
Pam’s daughter was married at the beautiful Veritas Vineyard.
Betty came in from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., after a late night helping her son Scott and his family move into their new home in Raleigh, N.C. She has beautiful grandchildren. Her son John still lives in Nepal.
Meg came from Chapel Hill, N.C., where she works part time as a psychologist. She had picked up some new work from the university and enjoys working with students. Her son, Will, is debating whether to attend graduate school in mechanical engineering or continue working at Google as an engineer. Her daughter, Susan, is job hunting in Cincinnati.
Polly Winfrey Griffin was unable to join us because her son Daniel graduated from medical school. He will be going to Bethesda for a six-year orthopedics residency. Her son David will graduate from University of Oregon this year.
Peggy Peters Stalnaker was unable to join us for the reunion because her first grandchild, Kate Howell Angerholzer, was born the weekend before. We managed to forgive her.
Carol Reeder Truescon had to miss because daughter Whitney was graduating from her physician’s assistant program.
Betsy Davis Bushkar and Bob Bushkar, R’71, live in Meckinville, Va., and still work. They recently took a trip to New York to visit their older daughter. Their younger daughter is married and lives in North Carolina.
Donna Kingery Huddins and Carter Huddins, R’72, moved to Charleston, S.C., in April and welcomed classmates to visit. (Betty already had) Carter is director of a graduate program in historic preservation. Their daughter, Caroline Huddins Nuxon, ’08, completed her master’s degree this summer.
Ann Washlington’s daughter, Caroline, is a ninth grader at Maggie Walker Governor’s School in Richmond. In June Carson went to London and Liverpool, England, and to Ghana, with the Greater Richmond Children’s Choir, led by Hope Armstrong Erb, W’74 and G’80. They followed the slave triangle and sang to children in Ewe, a language of Ghana.
We have another legacy! Marcie Weinberg’s daughter, Rachel, is a freshman at UVA.
Jeanie Nicholson Veith and her family were in Baltimore last spring to celebrate her mother’s 90th birthday. Her mom is doing well and living independently in a retirement community. Jeanie’s younger son, Jerry, defended his dissertation in Freiburg, Germany, in June. He is earning his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston College. Jeanie works full time with the Air Force travel agency at RTT Travel. She cruised to the Norwegian fjords—from Bergen all the way to the Russian border—in June with Jon and then led a travel group to Kyrev, Ukraine, in July.
I enjoyed the pictures of Linda Wilkins Muirhead’s son’s wedding on Facebook. She and George celebrated their 30th anniversary in June by relaxing on the Gulf Coast of Florida.
Susan Sheffield Yowell is working at UVA and pursuing her master’s degree in information sciences from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She became a grandmother to Haley Ann Yowell in October 2011.
Mark your calendars for our 40th Reunion (oh my!) May 31 to June 2, 2013. I hope to see lots of you there!
Westhampton Class Secretary
Susan Sheffield Yowell

CLASS OF ’74
Tina Marston Kury’s daughter, Julia, attends Smith College. As Tina’s vision continues to deteriorate, she is participating in an extensive rehabilitation program. She is learning to do things without vision—from cooking and getting around to using a smartphone and computer. She is really looking forward to the self-confidence and increased efficiency the training will bring.
Peggi Heath Johnson, B, is editor of The Compassionate Friends Newsletter for six chapters in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. Compassionate Friends is an organization that assists those who have lost a child. Peggi has taken classes in philosophy, religion, literature, and history through the Other Lifelong Learning Institute affiliated with George Mason University and strongly recommends OLLI classes. Peggi volunteers at an Alzheimer’s day care center in honor of her mother. She and her husband, Jeff, and daughter, Claire, recently traveled to Chile, Croatia, Greece, Mexico, and Italy; Peggi and Jeff bought a home in Charlottesville, Va., which will be a place for retirement.
Pam Floyd Pulley and Glenn Pulley, R’73 and L’76, celebrated their daughter-in-law earning a doctorate from Yale. Her son Carson Pulley, ’01, is an attorney in the compliance division of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Manhattan, N.Y. Son Drew Pulley, ’03, travels worldwide filming documentaries as a producer/director for National Geographic. Pam stays busy with golf, volunteering, painting, and teaching the church pre-teen class. Glenn continues to practice law in Danville, Va. Last fall he became state chair for the American College of Trial Lawyers.
Shirley Meadows Tribble recently retired from teaching social studies in Henrico County, Va. She went on a Caribbean cruise with her daughter last spring, and in May she and her brother and sister-in-law took her mother to Fort Myers and Sanibel, Fla., to fulfill one of the items on her mother’s bucket list. Shirley was able to travel more in the months ahead.
Ann Gordon and Marty Singer live in McLean, Va., in a house that they built in 1985. Marty works three days a week at the State Department. They went to St. Michael’s, Md., at the end of June, to Marty’s professional conference in Chicago in July, and to the Shenandoah Valley in August. They attended Ann’s brother Ray’s beach wedding in July.
Julia Habel Thompson and David will be married 30 years in December. To celebrate, they visited their daughter, Rachel, and son-in-law in Oxford, England, last spring. They drove to Edinburgh, Scotland, where David studied his junior year abroad, and spent two weeks touring the country. They especially enjoyed Iona and Easter Sunday at St. Andrews. A friend invited them to dine at the New Club and see Edinburgh Castle from an insider’s vantage point. They also overnighted in Windermere and went to Beatrix Potter’s hilltop home. Julia thinks of retiring from teaching AP English but says she will keep working to sustain trips to see her daughter.
Sandra Sperry vacationed in Boca Raton, Fla., at the end of May with 10 family members ranging in age from 16 months to 60 years. The humidity made her glad to be back in 110-degree Phoenix! Leslie Lilley Kellenberger visited Sandra to help her celebrate her 60th birthday. Leslie ran the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure in June while proudly wearing her “I Stand with Planned Parenthood” T-shirt.
Judith Owen Hopkins and Marbury R. Hop Hopkins III, R, took a “bucket list” trip to New Zealand and Australia in April. In February, they skied in Colorado despite the paucity of snow and did some Alpine laking. Hop planned to retire in September, but Judy continues with her cancer practice and research interests. Her cancer center won one of six national research awards.
Mary Ann Liggan Riter, W’ and G’93, works in the transplant lab at MCV Hospital and enjoys attending Cub Scouts and Little League with her grandson Nathan. She and grandchildren Nathan, Nadia, and Andrew...
had fun at the Blackbeard’s pirate festival in Hampton, Va., for OpSail 2012, and on a family trip to the Outer Banks, N.C. Mary Ann joined Zacharias Ganey Health Institute and enjoys her slimmer and more fit body and improved health, and she can keep up with the grandkids better. Our sympathies go to Mary Ann, whose father, Lea Ligan Jr., B’58, passed away May 3.

Susan Freeman Younce is in her 32nd year at Virginia Commonwealth University. She had been assistant dean for administration and finance in the school of engineering for 12 years but resigned so that she could care for and spend more time with her mother, who passed away at age 87 in March. We extend our sympathies to Susan. For the past four years she has been an assistant professor and senior financial manager for the school of education. She stays busy with work at VCU and visiting her family’s farm, and she has fun with her teenage nephew and niece. She says retirement is not in the near future!

Hope Armstrong Erb, W and G’80, is in her 15th season directing the Greater Richmond Children’s Choir. She toured with the choir in June to England and Ghana following the historic slave trade route, singing from the Liverpool Cathedral to the Cape Coast Castle.

Pat Raasch Tutterow just finished her 50th year teaching in Anderson School District One in Williamston, S.C. She has been teaching fourth grade at Powdersville Elementary for 10 years. Powdersville is near Clemson University, where Pat earned her master’s degree in education. She enjoys getting together with her Westhampton roommate Karen Gay Lukhard, W and G’83. Pat and her husband, Nelson, took their dream trip to the Hawaiian Islands this summer. They live in Simpsonville, S.C., right down the street from their grandchildren, Ryan and Jackson.

Beth Neal Jordan regularly travels between the East Coast and her home in Gig Harbor, Wash. Beth’s daughter Laura Jordan Agaba, ’07, and her husband, Robert, live in Richmond; daughter Elise and her husband, Adam, live in Durham, N.C.; and son, Paul, attends Duke University. This gives Beth three very good reasons for traveling east. In a first step toward their eventual move to the East Coast, Beth and Glenn bought a condo in Morrisstown, N.C.

Our daughter, Becca Lee Chandler Guillote, ’07, had a picture-perfect wedding in April in Tulum, Mexico, with 52 family and friends. My mother, Hilda Moore Hankins, W ’50, and brother, James P. “Deck” Hankins III, R’81, attended, as did Jeff Kerby, ’07, Beth Neal Jordan, and Becca’s UR roommate and bridesmaid, Jessica Loman, ’07. Jeff convinced my husband, Ted Chandler, L’77, and me that we should see Greenland, so to celebrate Ted’s big birthday we trekked and camped in Greenland for 13 days in July. The scenery and the wildlife were most interesting.

If we have not heard from you recently, send me an email and let me add your news to our class notes for the next issue. Let’s stay in touch!

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CLASS OF ’75
William C. Hall Jr. is vice president, executive communications, at Dominion Resources. He joined the company in 1983. He was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in April.

CLASS OF ’76
Eddy Aliff, R, is executive director of the Virginia Assembly of Independent Baptists. He lobbies on behalf of churches in Richmond and Washington, D.C. Eddy and Carol have been married for 37 years and have three children and one granddaughter. They live in Mechanicsville, Va.


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CLASS OF ‘86
Todd M. Begg, R, founding partner in the Pittsburgh law firm Pollock Begg Komar Glaser & Vertz, has been named to the list of 2012 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers for the eighth time. He is listed as one of the 2012 Top 50 Pittsburgh Super Lawyers for the third year in a row.

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Jerry G. Fouse, GB, is a Tennessee Valley Authority recreation specialist. He recently worked on a TVA project in support of sustainable recreation at Melton Hill Dam Reservation in east Tennessee. He was on the cover of the March issue of Inside TVA.

CLASS OF ‘89
Susan McEvoy Martin, B and GB’96, is running for state representative in North Carolina’s District 8. She and her husband, Lew Martin, and their daughters Rachel and Abby, live in Wilson, N.C.

John W. Paradise, LB, is chair of the board of directors at Delaware’s Bayhealth Inc.

CLASS OF ‘90
Michele Adams Mulligan, L and GB’99, and Scott J. Golightly, L’98, have formed the law firm Golightly Mulligan in Richmond. The firm practices in the fields of wills and trusts, civil litigation, professional liability defense, corporate law, community association law, and insurance coverage.

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Sarah Manchester Hajduk, W, and her husband, Bryan, welcomed twin girls, Alex Christina and Maja Annika, April 25, 2011. They joined a big brother, Zak, 3. The family lives in Boston.

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Jennifer Whipple Morgan and her husband, Patrick, welcomed a girl, Elliott Virginia, Dec. 31, 2011. The family lives in Charleston, S.C., where Jennifer is a professor and Patrick is an archaeologist.

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CLASS OF ‘96
Catherine Chandler Bew and her husband, Gregory Stuart Guszack, welcomed a daughter, Avery Chandler, Feb. 26.

Dana Joy Yobst married Mark Siegel in September 2011. Dana is vice president of sales and marketing at Fluid in San Francisco. With the exception of two years traveling and teaching scuba diving in Southeast Asia, six months volunteering at a venture-funded Internet center at a UNHCR refugee camp in Tanzania, and six months exploring South America, she has lived in San Francisco since graduation.

CLASS OF ‘97
Kevin Baron is a national security staff writer at National Journal, covering the business of war for the magazine National Journal Daily and for NationalJournal.com. In December he traveled with Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to cover the Iraq War closing ceremony in Baghdad, stopping to visit troops in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Germany.

Susanne Capstack and her husband, Jason, welcomed a son, Blake, in September 2011. The family lives in Bloomington, Ind.

Dani DeViers is in the executive MBA program at Vanderbilt University’s Owen Graduate School of Management.

Jeff Eastman and Meg McLeom Eastman, ’01, welcomed Ansel Asher May 8. He joined big brother, Elliot, who was born in 2009. They live in Richmond, where Jeff works in the city’s planning department as a senior planner and secretary to the urban design committee. Meg is the photographer and digital collections manager at the Virginia Historical Society.

Jeffrey Rose was honored by National Geographic Society as a member of its 2012 class of Emerging Explorers. The program recognizes and supports uniquely gifted and inspiring adventurers, scientists, and storytellers who are pushing the boundaries of discovery, adventure, and global problem-solving while still early in their careers. He is a research fellow at the Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity at the University of Birmingham and leader of the Dhofar Archaeological Project in Oman.

Sarah Taylor Warnick and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a daughter, Emory Clay, May 24.

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Amanda Breziner and Brian O’Brien welcomed their first child, Mayalyn Elizabeth, on May 9. The couple married in 2007 on Amelia Island, Fla., and lives in Arlington, Va. Amanda is general manager at Jones Lang LaSalle, a full-service global commercial real estate firm, and Brian is the chief financial officer at the consulting firm DeepMile Networks.

Juan Gonzalez-Casares and Jessica Olivia Gonzalez-Casares, ’00, have a daughter, Eva Luna, who was born June 17, 2011, in New York City.

Scott J. Golightly, L, and Michele Adams Mulligan, L’90 and GB’99, have formed the law firm Golightly Mulligan in Richmond. The firm practices in the fields of wills and trusts, civil litigation, professional liability defense, corporate law, community association law, and insurance coverage.

Jennifer Mascaro recently moved to Ramallah in the West Bank with DAI for a three-year assignment as the compliance and grants manager on the USAID-funded Enterprise Development for Global Competitiveness Project.

In May Karen Smith-Will graduated summa cum laude with a master’s in leadership from Lubbock Christian University in Texas. She presented Morality in Crisis: Assessing Truman’s Ethics in Atomic War at LCUs annual Scholars’ Colloquium in April. She is the president of Valutivity LLC, a leadership consulting firm in Mechanicsville, Va., and its sister company, The Consulting Art.

Jonathan Wakefield published his debut novel, Fatal Reality, a thriller about a reality show taken hostage. Read more at jonathanwakefield.com.

CLASS OF ‘99
Sean Casey threw the opening pitch in May at the Pirates Charities Miracle League Field of the South Hills in Upper St. Clair, Pa. Casey raised $1 million to build the field for special needs kids and young adults in his hometown. He plans to raise funds and build a handicapped-accessible playground next to the field.
Anne Mosunic Loovis and her husband, Kraig, welcomed their third son, Drew, March 27. Big brothers are Mark, 5, and Troy, 3. Anne is a psychotherapist and lives with her family outside of Annapolis, Md.


CLASS OF ’00
Jessica Oliviera Gonzales-Casares and Juan Gonzalez-Casares, ’98, have a daughter, Eva Luna, who was born June 17, 2011, in New York City.

Julie Jebo married Travis Grant April 28 in Alexandria, Va. Kristen Schlicker Chen was matron of honor. Hunter Knieirim and Carrie Fleck Walters are owners of studioSavvy, a graphic design firm in Richmond. One of the firm’s designs was chosen as a merit winner in the most recent HOW Promotion Design Awards.

Douglas Nickels, ’04, is the German/English support ambassador for the social media site Tumble in the Manchester section of Richmond.

Amy Hunt Olson and her husband, James, had a baby girl, Megan Ann, Oct. 2, 2011. She has a three-year-old brother, Colin. The family lives in Ledyard, Conn.

CLASS OF ’01
Meg Mclemore Eastman and Jeff Eastman, ’97, welcomed Ansel Asher May 8. He joined big brother, Elliot, who was born in 2009. The family lives in Richmond, where Jeff works in the City of Richmond’s planning department as a senior planner and secretary to the urban design committee. Meg is the photographer and digital collections manager at the Virginia Historical Society.

Azurée S. Montoute married Ronald C. Lewis Aug. 27, 2011, in New York City. She is a diversity program manager in global workforce diversity for Citigroup Inc.

George Mueller, C, married Hollie J. Mueller on Dec. 13, 2008. He graduated from the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2009, completed the internal medicine residency program at VCU Medical Center in June and is a fellow in cardiovascular medicine at VCU Health Systems.

Cara Parks Rawls and Thomas Rawls have three children: Ian Thomas, Kathleen, and Henry Nathaniel, who was born March 7. Thomas earned a master’s degree in Christian education from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

Meredith McGuire Rodday and Tyler P. Rodday, ’02, welcomed twin boys Finn McGuire and Charles Philip to their family on Jan. 5.

CLASS OF ’02
Michael Finn and his wife, Nicole, had a son, Parker Locke, Dec. 26, 2011. The family lives in Orange County, Calif.

Holly Chase Foran and her husband, Brian, welcomed a daughter, Sylvia Chase, Jan. 27. The family lives in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Edward Gates Jr. is a business analyst at the medical and surgical supplies distributor Owens & Minor. He lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Ashley Yates Gunther and Paul Gunther welcomed a son, Charles Conrad, April 14. The family lives in New York City.

John Hines and Tara Williford Hines, ’04, live in Ashburn, Va., with their daughter, Natalie Estelle, who was born Dec. 12, 2011.

Shannon Dunfee Lindbloom and Ethan Lindbloom, ’00, welcomed a daughter, Alice Taylor, March 3. She has a big sister, Claire. The family lives in Richmond.

Itta Bluhn-Chertudi married Christopher J. MacNevin Nov. 6, 2010, in Durham, N.C. Her Richmond host parents, Duffy Myrtetus, R’85, and his wife, Conchi, and children, Ana, Caroline, and Sean, were a part of the wedding, and Gretchen VanGetson Meek, ’02, was matron of honor. Itta’s chemistry research advisor at UR, Dr. John Gupton, and his wife also attended, as did Scott Cato; Chris Dautrich and his wife, Devon; Carolyn Samuel Taylor and her husband, Tim Taylor, ’97; Virginia Bechtold; Brian Daly, ’03; Marin Weaver, ’99; and Marianne Broderick, who was an exchange student at Richmond.

Graham B. Schmidt launched Lincoln Law Partners, a estate-planning firm in Chicago in June 2011. He and his wife, Jessica, have twin daughters, Hazel and Matilda “Tillie,” who were born Nov. 6, 2011.

A friend in the city

Blair Brandt, ’10
Blair Brandt’s company, The Next Step Realty, is aptly named. When you graduate from college and have a job waiting in another city, what’s your next step? Finding a place to live.

For almost all early 20-somethings, that means renting an apartment. “When you’ve just graduated college, you need guidance to make sure you’re handling the relocation process properly,” says Brandt. “It’s a situation where you really need help.”

Brandt had worked summers as an assistant to a realtor back home in Palm Beach, Fla., and knew some of the ins and outs of real estate. His idea was a referral service linking new college graduates with realtors in big cities. Either landlords, not students, pay the brokerage fee or Next Step pre-negotiates a discount, and everyone wins—including Next Step.

Brandt’s pal and collaborator Belton Baker had links to angel financing. With an initial $20,000 investment, “We built a website, a graphic design firm in Richmond. We held a round of new financing will improve the website and build back-office support for the anticipated growth. “We’re in this for the long haul,” says Brandt, “so it has to be scalable. The biggest challenge of a startup is figuring out the right recipe for growth.”

—Robert S. Benchley
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Rebekah Block Conti and Anthony Conti live in Vero Beach, Fla., with their son, James Anthony, who was born Oct. 28, 2011.

Allison Cheney Cullison earned her MBA from Loyola University in January. She is an assistant vice president and audit manager with Legg Mason in Baltimore and lives with her husband, Ryan, son, Matthew, and daughter, Brynn, in Owings Mills, Md.

Julie Belevino Fuliday married Brett Fulesday March 5, 2010, in Beaver, Pa. Jessica Aber Brumberg married Brett Fulesday March 5, 2010, in Beaver, Pa. Jessica Aber Brumberg and John Price Hunt IV, ’01, were in the wedding party. Theresa Goulde, Abby Emerson Ward, Sam Brumberg, Jillian Lair Harris, Kelly Gibbien Gleason, ’02, Chris Ward, ’02, and Deborah Hendrix, ’04, attended.

Meghan McDonald Leimenstoll and A.J. Leimenstoll welcomed a son, Andrew James, in February. The family lives in Ellicott City, Md.

Jessica DiTommaso Milligan and Todd Milligan welcomed a son, Jacob Henry, in July 2011. They live in Richmond. The Milligans and Leimenstolls have remained friends in Richmond. The Milligans and Leimenstolls have remained friends.


Sarah Murphy married Shooter Starr on May 12 in Charlottesville, Va. Samantha Burnett Booth, Kate Materna Rezabek, ’02, and Samantha Bonom, ’99, were in the wedding party. The couple lives in New York City. Kiara McGill, a gemologist and manager for Tiotpedrini Inc., designed Sarah’s wedding ring.

CLASS OF ’04

Evan Chalk completed his four-year residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Jenna Schneider Chalk, moved to Doylestown, Pa., where he joined an oral and maxillofacial surgery practice and Jenna practices general dentistry.


Matt Tomasulo was named Tar Heel of the week by Raleigh News and Observer in March in recognition of his work to promote urban walkability. A resident of Raleigh, N.C., he is the founder of CityFabric and a graduate student in landscape architecture at N.C. State University, and a graduate student in city and regional planning at UNC-Chapel Hill.

CLASS OF ’05
Aaron C. Barnes and Jessica Fraley Barnes welcomed their first child, Austin Christopher, May 23. Ed Solzar is Austin’s godfather.

Loren Smith Locke and Ryan Locke, ’07, welcomed a daughter, Margaret Milton, in March. The family lives in Atlanta.

Stephanie Toller Osborne, G, received the R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Award. She is an instructor and director of the writing center at Gaston College. The Excellence in Teaching program recognizes instructors who display the highest quality and standards in the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS).

Karianne Butt Thornton married Jonathan Thornton May 15, 2010, in Savannah, Ga., where they live. Danielle Butt Armstrong, ’00, was in the wedding party. Karianne earned her master’s degree in historic preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design and is the director of the Grand Bohemian Gallery at the Mansion on Forsyth Park.

CLASS OF ’06
Russ Higgins married Kristin Blosstrom, ’07, April 28 in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The couple met in Joe Ben Hoyle’s intermediate accounting class in 2005. Betsy Clemence, ’07, Brian Rothenberg, and Andrew Lobo were in the wedding party.


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CLASS OF ’07
Ryan Locke and Lori Smith Locke, ’05, welcomed a daughter, Margaret Milton, in March. The family lives in Atlanta, where Ryan is an assistant public defender.

Luke Vetti graduated from Temple University’s School of Podiatric Medicine and will be starting a residency in foot and ankle surgery at Crozer-Keystone Health System in Chester, Pa.

CLASS OF ’08
Reunion Reminder
May 31–June 2, 2013
To register, visit UROnline.net, email reunion@richmond.edu, or call the alumni office at 804-289-8030 or 800-480-4774, option 8.

Michael Sumbs married Victoria Schalk, ’10, July 1 in Wyckoff, N.J. Justin Collins: Bryan Sweeney; Alexandra Ozmelm, ’10; Jordan Barnhill, ’10; Katie Sunderland, ’10; Sadie Beaver, ’10; Courtney McLaren, ’10; and Matt Improma, ’10, were in the wedding party.

Hunter Willis married Mierka Ross, ’10, June 10. Jon Molz, ’08; Peter Norquist, ’09; Andrew Benford, ’11; Neil Sloterback, ’08; Emily Gottlieb; Catherine McGananny; and Kathleen Lietzau were in the wedding party.

Victoria Schalk married Michael Sumbs, ’08, July 1 in Wyckoff, N.J. Alexandra Ozmelm, Jordan Barnhill, Katie Sunderland, Sadie Beaver, Courtney McLaren, Matt Improma, Justin Collins, ’08, and Bryan Sweeney, ’08, were in the wedding party.

CLASS OF ’10
Mierka Ross married Hunter Willis, ’08. June 10. Jon Molz, ’08; Peter Norquist, ’09; Andrew Benford, ’11; Neil Sloterback, ’08; Emily Gottlieb; Catherine McGananny; and Kathleen Lietzau were in the wedding party.

Qasim Rashid, L, has been writing and working to promote human rights worldwide. He has an Internet campaign to raise capital to complete his nonfiction book, The Wrong Kind of Muslim: Pakistanis’ Unfair Story of Persecution. The book aims to give a voice to those who have been silenced.
IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1933 / Mary Louise Tyler Prichard, W. of Black Mountain, N.C., formerly of Daytona Beach, Fla., Jan. 8, 2012. She taught and worked as a media specialist in public schools. She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.
1936 / Herman J. Flax, R. of Washington, Apr. 26, 2012. He practiced physical medicine and rehabilitation for many years in Puerto Rico, then in Bethesda, Md. He served as president of both the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association. He was a member of Tikvat Israel Congregation.
1937 / Bernard A. Gilman, R. of West Hartford, Conn., Nov. 20, 2008. He was a retired Army captain and served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was an Army recruiter and a high school teacher and guidance counselor. He was a member of Congregation Beth Israel.
1938 / J. Wesley Boykin, R. of Richmond, Dec. 27, 2011. He was vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. He served in the Navy during World War II.
1938 / Elizabeth Darracott Wheeler, W. of Richmond, Feb. 8, 2012. She was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Home for Children. She was a member of the Virginia Home for Hepatic Epileptic Children. She assisted in the creation of the Latin American Economic Development Project and the Alliance for Progress, and served on the President’s Private Sector Survey on Cost Control. He served in the Army during World War II and assisted in planning the Normandy invasion. After the war, he was a member of the State Department’s economics team and was assisting the Marshall Plan.
1939 / Grover C. Pitts Jr., R. of Charlotteville, Apr. 20, 2012. He served as a physiologist at the Naval Medical Research Institute, later teaching physiology at the University of Virginia Medical School.
1940 / Doris Hargrove Kibler, W. of Richmond, Feb. 13, 2012. She taught at several high schools in the Richmond area. She was a member of First Baptist Church.
1940 / Robert F. Ripley Sr., R. of Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9, 2012. He was a Realtor, developer and civic leader. He served in the Navy during World War II.
1940 / Julian D. Sanger, R. of Richmond, Feb. 7, 2012. He practiced law with the firm of Cutchins & Cutchins, then worked for the State Corporation Commission as a charter examiner. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.
1941 / Margaret Forrer Wren Darling, W. of Center Harbor, N.H., March 24, 2012. She was an avid traveler and naturalist.
1942 / Caleb L. Batten, R. of Longboat Key, Fla., Oct. 6, 2011. He worked for the CIA and the FBI. He was a commissioner for Longboat Key and was a member of All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church. He served in the Naval Reserve during World War II.
1942 / G. Kenneth Miller Sr., R. of Glen Allen, Va., Nov. 12, 2010. He was an attorney with Mezzullo & McCandlish, and with other firms.
1943 / Vance Q. Alvis Sr., R. of Morgantown, W.Va., April 19, 2012. He was a professor of economics and professor emeritus at West Virginia University. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.
1943 / Thomas E. King, R. of Bridgeport, W.Va., Jan. 8, 2012. He was a dentist. He served in the Navy during World War II.
1943 / Nell Collins Thompson, W. of Daleville, Va., Jan. 27, 2012. She taught in several schools, conducted historical research and was a competitive ballroom dancer.
1946 / Zane Grey Ross, R. of Richmond, April 12, 2012. He served as an ordained minister for 70 years, including two decades as pastor at Cool Spring Baptist Church and two as minister of pastoral visitation at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church.
1946 / Betty Biscoe Tibbott, W. of Phillipsburg, N.J., April 3, 2012. She worked as a patent examiner in the U.S. Patent Office and was a member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.
1947 / Kimiko Fujimoto Durham, W. of St. Louis, Dec. 30, 2011. She was a special education teacher. During World War II, she worked for the U.S. Office of War Information.
1947 / Dorothy Hughes Freitag, W. of Cookeville, Tenn., March 10, 2012. She was a teacher and librarian. She was a member of Heavenly Host Lutheran Church.
1947 / John W. Patterson, R. of Richmond, Feb. 28, 2012. He was a Baptist missionary and minister, retiring as director of the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association. He served in the Navy.
1948 / Donald L. Ball, R. of Richmond, March 9, 2012. He was an English professor at the College of William and Mary. He was a member of Brunon Parish Church. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of the Naval Reserve.
1948 / Vivian Borton Sherman, W. of Tulare, Calif., Feb. 4, 2012. She taught world history and humanities in the Los Angeles County school system.
1948 / Robert J. Thalman, R. of Atlanta, Jan. 31, 2012. He was head coach at Virginia Military Institute and won state, conference and national Coach of the Year honors. He was head coach and athletic director for Hampden-Sydney College. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.
1949 / Walter B. Barger, R. of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Buchanan, Va., March 11, 2012. He was pastor of a number of United Methodist churches. He served in the Army Air Corps.
1949 / Charles V. Carelock, R. of Colfax, Calif., Apr. 4, 2012. He was a member of Second Baptist Church. He served in the Army during World War II.
1949 / Russell W. McDearmon, R. of Mechanicsville, Va., Jan. 17, 2012. He worked as a research scientist at NASA and taught at Hargrave Military Academy and in Richmond area schools.
1949 / Norman B. Wood Jr., R. of Richmond, Nov. 14, 2011. He was a member of Pine Street Baptist Church. He served in the Army during World War II.
1950 / L. Shelton Clarke Jr., L. and G’78, of Richmond, Dec. 17, 2011. A member of the Virginia State Bar, he finished his career as an independent estate planner for Phoenix Life Insurance Co. He was a member of River Road Church, Baptist. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II.
1950 / Mack R. Draper, B. of Martinsville, Va., April 9, 2012. He retired as president of VM. Draper Manufacturing Co. and was a member and past president of the Martinsville Jaycees. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II.
1950 / Jane Pitt Robinson, W. of Galax, Va., April 21, 2012. She arranged flowers for services and refurbished the prayer garden at her church, First Baptist.
1950 / William H. Sneed Jr., R. of Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11, 2012. He was a real estate professional. He worked for the national Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and served in the Navy during World War II and in the Naval Reserve.
1950 / Jackson H. White, R. of Brownfield, Texas, March 23, 2012. He volunteered in Laos in a forerunner of the Peace Corps and was a science teacher.
1951 / Hal J. Bonney Jr., R and G53, Jan. 22, 2012. He worked in education before becoming a lawyer and then judge, retiring as a federal bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He taught a Bible class broadcast on radio and television in Norfolk, Va.


1951 / Edward K. Rose Jr., R. of Richmond, Jan. 6, 2012. He worked as a research chemist at H. R. Rohts. He was a member of Fairfield Presbyterian Church. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1951 / Samuel L. Smith III, R. of King George, Va., March 7, 2012. He was a research physicist for NASA and for the Naval Surface Warfare Center.


1952 / Eleanor Lee Persons Hays, W. of San Angelo, Texas, April 22, 2012. She was a writer and editor for several publications and a merchandiser for American Greetings. She taught English in Japan and did volunteer work for libraries, including one in Thailand. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

1952 / Charles H. Kelley, B. of Crewe, Va., March 10, 2012. He was a sales and marketing officer for several corporations in the oil industry. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1952 / Paul R. Middleton, R. of Richmond, Nov. 6, 2011. He was an ear, nose and throat surgeon.

1952 / Charles Norman Woerner, B. of Manchester, N.H., March 4, 2012. He was a professor at Union County College. He served in the Army during the Korean War.


1953 / John D. Sharp Sr., R. of Richmond, March 17, 2012. He taught in the Math Sciences Department at John Tyler Community College, Chester Campus. He served as a hospital corpsman in the Navy during the Korean War.

1953 / William Robert “Bob” Beasley, R. of Harrisonburg, Va., April 28, 2012. In the Navy, he served as a surgical technician and scrub nurse. He had a private practice in oral and maxillofacial surgery and served on the staff of Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

1953 / Sidney H. Zuber, R. of Stoneville, Ariz., March 20, 2012. After internships and residency in Clinical and Surgical Pathology, he practiced first in Massachusetts and then in Arizona.


1955 / Lamar L. Johnson, B. of Boulder, Colo., Dec. 23, 2011. He was a manager for State Farm Insurance. He served in the Army Air Forces. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

1955 / Ida Mac Speels, W. of Fairfax, Va., April 17, 2012. She worked in Fairfax County schools. She was a member of Fairfax Presbyterian Church.

1955 / Daniel H. Stern, R. and G59, of Leawood, Kan., Feb. 8, 2012. He was a professor in the sciences at several universities, retiring as professor emeritus from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

1956 / William G. Benninghove, R. of Mechanicville, Va., April 17, 2012. He was an attorney with an independent practice. He served in the Marine Corps.

1956 / John E. Brooks, R. of Culpeper, Va., Feb. 9, 2012. He served as a teacher and principal in Orange County. As a Boy Scout leader, he served on the staff of seven national Scout Jamborees. He was a member of Culpeper Baptist Church.

1956 / Julian L. Futrell III, R. of Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 21, 2012. He was a Skyline Drive park ranger. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War.

1956 / J. Robert Wingo Sr., R. of Roanoke, Va., Jan. 13, 2012. He retired as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit, worked as a certified insurance counselor, and founded his own insurance company. He served on the board of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

1958 / Lee S. Liggan Jr., B. of Richmond, May 3, 2012. He was a tax accountant at Reynolds Metals and was a member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.

1958 / John E. Traylor, G. of Richmond, Jan. 11, 2012. He was a CPA and served as president and CEO of Pace American Bank. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1959 / Gloria Strickland Holloway, W. of Richmond, June 28, 2011. She had a business career and was a tennis player and umpire in the Greater Richmond Tennis Umpires Association.

1960 / Thomas L. Bowles, R. of Richmond, Feb. 27, 2012. He worked for the Virginia Employment Commission. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

1960 / Charlton L. Davis, Sr., B. of Atlanta, April 16, 2012. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a CPA. An Eagle Scout, he maintained his involvement with Scouting and was a winner of the Silver Beaver Award.

1961 / Emily Jennings Wallace, W. of Gladys, Va., Jan. 20, 2012. She taught English in the Campbell County school system and was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

1961 / Clarence R. Walton, R. of Burlington, N.C., March 14, 2012. He worked as a systems analyst/programmer at Lucent Technologies and later for IBM.

1962 / Coy M. Kiser Jr., R. of Waynesboro, Va., Jan. 28, 2012. He was a general district judge of the 25th Judicial District in Virginia. Previously, he served as the state’s first public defender.

1962 / Linwood R. Robertson, R. of Manakin-Sabot, Va., Dec. 26, 2011. He was executive vice president and chief financial officer at Dominion Resources, continuing as a consultant after retiring.


1964 / William B. Berry, GB. of Richmond, April 4, 2012. He was chairman of the board and CEO of Dominion Resources Inc. and Virginia Power. He was chairman of the board of ISO New England Inc. He served as president of the Virginia Business Council and served on many boards for corporations, charities, arts organizations and colleges. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.
He served in the Army during the Korean War.

1964 / Frank W. Griffith, R, of Richmond, Feb. 7, 2012. Before being injured, he had a promising career as a baseball pitcher. He worked as a sales executive for Woodfin Oil Co.


1965 / Charles D. Beard, R, of New Castle, Del., April 6, 2012. He was a pioneer in the translation of academic chemical research into commercial applications for the medical and defense fields.

1966 / James C. Thompson, B, of Urbanna, Va., April 2, 2012. He founded and operated several businesses and was a charter boat captain. He served in the Marine Corps.

1967 / Kirby J. Taylor, B, of Denton, Texas, March 18, 2012. He served in executive positions at Tenneco and several other companies. He was a member of Argyle United Methodist Church.


1969 / James S. Robertson, G, of Boone Mill, Va., April 3, 2012. He was owner of Robertson Sheet Metal Co. He taught at Rounsake College and worked for the Veterans Administration hospital in Salem, Va. A historian and genealogist, he was a member of Red Hill Baptist Church.

1969 / Lynne Brooks Robertson, W and G’76, of Richmond, March 9, 2012. She was a freelance writer and was an advertising copy director for Thalhimer and a reporter for The Richmond News Leader. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist.


1969 / John Warren Turner, G, of Richmond, March 5, 2012. He was an optometrist. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

1971 / Thomas E. Lewis, GB, of Richmond, Feb. 1, 2012. He worked as an electrical engineer in research and development for Reynolds Metals. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1972 / C. Ray Easterling, R, of Richmond, April 19, 2012. Co-founder of the Easterling Zacharias Health Institute, he was a defensive back for the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League. He was national sales director for Primerica Financial and operated a youth football camp.


1972 / Oscar W. Mahan Jr., B, of Chatham, Va., March 2, 2012. He was assistant treasurer of Dimon Tobacco Co., formerly Dihbell Bros. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

1972 / Ruby Lee Norris, G, of Henrico, Va., March 6, 2012. She taught high school. She served as president of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English and was a member of the National Council for Teachers of English.

1973 / Vincent H. Witcher III, R, of Richmond, April 12, 2012. A motel developer and hospitality industry executive, he was president of U.S. Hospitality Systems Inc.

1976 / Barbara Wornom Adams, W, of Emporia, Va., June 23, 2011. She was a member of Christ Anglican Church.

1977 / Steve D. Ferguson, B, of Blackstone, Va., Feb. 29, 2012. He was a businessman and was county planner of Nottoway County.

1978 / Willie E. Poe, G, of Midlothian, Va., Jan. 13, 2010. He worked with the Richmond district office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

1979 / Thomas L. Bricken, L, of Fredericksburg, Va., March 6, 2012. He headed the local law office of Sanders Anderson PC. He served on the board of directors of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

1979 / Clinton M. Stiller, R, of Landing, N.J., Feb. 2, 2012. He was senior vice president for Hudson News Corp.

1980 / Jean A. Coldsmith, W, of Jackson, Wyo., March 29, 2012. She worked as a teacher and counselor in school and was an advocate for young adolescents.


1982 / Kristine Vogel Rice, C, of Richmond, Jan. 25, 2012. She worked in the legal department at CarMax.


1995 / John F. Carroll IV, L, of Richmond, March 8, 2012. He was Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Intellectual Property & Transactional Law Clinic at the University. He worked part-time as counsel at Spots Fain PC.


2001 / Cale D. Avila, of Califon, N.J., Feb. 8, 2012. He served as general manager for several golf courses along the East Coast.

2001 / Scott A. Schermерhorn, of Downingtown, Pa., Jan. 24, 2012. He was an apprentice carpenter specializing in historic buildings and historic techniques. He worked as an information technology administrator.


2009 / Shelly Sherman Crowder, C, of Prince George, Va., April 9, 2012. She was a police officer in Prince George County serving mainly with the Community Policing Unit.

2011 / Michael C. Ice, B, of Rye, N.Y., Feb. 25, 2012. He was a financial analyst for Merrill Lynch.


2012 / Ryan Wolff, of Coloma, Mich., May 7, 2012. He was a rising senior and a business administration major at the University.

FACULTY

Robert W. Daniel Jr., of Prince George, Va., Feb. 4, 2012. A politician who served five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, he taught economics at the Robins School of Business. He was a farmer and a financial analyst. He served as deputy assistant secretary of defense and as director of intelligence for the Department of Energy. He served in the Army and worked for the CIA.

N. Payne Edwards, of Richmond, Feb. 8, 2012. He was professor of economics at the University and an economics consultant in the legal community.

Bob S. Hodges III, of Seneca, S.C., Jan. 26, 2012. He was an assistant professor of business administration at the University and operated Hodges & Associates marketing and research firm.

Magdalena M. “Mandie” Patterson, of Henrico, Va., March 16, 2012. She was a retired state employee active in crime victims’ rights who served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime. She was an adjunct faculty member at the University.

STAFF

Melissa J. Chełcińska, of Richmond, Feb. 10, 2012. She was a member of the University chaplaincy.

Madeleine E. Nuckols, of Richmond, formerly of Paris, March 19, 2012. She was owner of a catering business and food services manager at the University.

Ann M. Taylor, of Richmond, April 6, 2012. She was a custodial services supervisor with more than two decades of service with the University.
by Caroline Cobert, ’12

Without even realizing it, I had hovered even closer to Ti-Ameny-Net as she lay on the bed of the CT scanner. While I and a team of researchers breathlessly watched, Dr. Kevin Hoover extracted precious bone marrow from her.

Then I was carefully holding the hand of a 2,700-year-old dead woman. Her hand was hard, the resin-coated linen a bit like dried, rock-hard clay, neither cold nor warm through my latex gloves.

The gesture is familiar to any doctor of the living, and no one commented as I hovered near our patient studying her composed face, her closed eyes. Ti-Ameny-Net is still human, still deserves the same comfort a doctor would give a living patient.

And so I took her hand.

The scenes where doctors comfort patients are some of the most poignant moments in medical dramas—whether ER, a favorite of myself and my mother, or Grey’s Anatomy, favorite of my sister. The solemn-faced doctor will reach out, gloves off, and hold the patient’s hand. This happens in real life too, of course.

The dead do not need doctors in the same way as living. But ancient bodies, like Ti-Ameny-Net, retain valuable information for modern scientists; this information may even impact the health of the living. Through bones, teeth, and DNA, the ancient dead inform us about their lives and health, about what they ate and what illnesses they suffered, and, sometimes, how they died.

I tell my parents, my grandmother, my family, that I am a “doctor to the dead.” In childhood, medical shows and documentaries captivated me. I was equally fond of shows about history, archaeology, and, especially, mummies. By an early age, I had amassed a healthy collection of books about the very long-dead, even as it seemed my life would be devoted to keeping people among the living.

My real fascination, however, lay in medical history rather than in science, and high school guided me toward ancient languages and civilizations. It was only in college, however, that I realized it was possible to become an archaeologist like the ones I had seen on TV. And UR even possessed a mummy, Ti-Ameny-Net.

As a freshman, I approached Elizabeth Baughan, professor of classics and archaeology, about studying the mummy using modern medical science. She agreed after seeing that pile of books where I’d pointed out what I could try to do and how the books said to do it. I wanted X-rays, CTs, and DNA analysis done, and I thought we could do it all. That pile of books also helped persuade April Hill, professor of biology, to supervise the DNA-related portions of my mummy project.

“This sounds like fun,” I remember her saying.

I held Ti-Ameny-Net’s hand several times during the course of the project. After Dr. Ann Fulcher, W’83, took incredible CT images of Ti-Ameny-Net and Dr. Hoover took DNA samples at VCU, we brought her back to the Ancient World Gallery, where I removed all of the packing material: tissue paper covering her and Disney Princess Ziploc bags full of Styrofoam pellets cushioning her inside her case. When all this was gone, I held her hand again and smiled proudly.

“You did it,” I whispered to her.

The last time I held her hand was before the opening of “Ti-Ameny-Net: An Ancient Mummy, An Egyptian Woman, and Modern Science” at the Lora Robins Gallery on campus. We had just finished lifting her onto a new display board and into a new display case. I imagined she might have had stage fright before her big debut, so I touched her hand again.

On opening night, while friends, co-workers, classmates, professors, and strangers studied the final presentation of our hard work, I hovered by Ti-Ameny-Net’s case, feeling my own stage fright. I would have held her hand again, as much for my comfort as hers, if not for the plexiglass case. It seemed to me that night that she smiled.

This fall, Caroline Cobert is attending University of Sheffield in England, where she is earning a master’s degree in funerary archaeology and human osteology.
You can follow Lisa’s lead by making a gift to the Annual Fund. Your gift supports every student, professor, program, and department on campus, providing financial support for 70 percent of students and making possible community-based research programs and meaningful volunteer opportunities. Every gift to the Annual Fund matters. Continuing the mission of the University of Richmond is one of the best investments you can make.

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A lasting memory

It was a Family Weekend cookout her sophomore year. With her family and best friends gathered around, all Lisa McElhenny, ’13, could think was how perfect the moment was—her loved ones nearby, her studies going well, and her appreciation deepening for a university that had become home.

She shares that memory when talking with friends.

“It’s been a part of me growing up here,” she says. “I want to go into fundraising because it’s so important for an organization’s success.”

Soon it will be her career. This summer she served as a planned giving intern at the Smithsonian. There, she was struck again by the lasting power of memory.

One donor visited the museums just once, at age 6. His father held his hand as they walked through exhibits. He remembers little else, but years later he gives so other children can walk those halls.

At Richmond, Lisa sees the power of such committed support when leading campus tours.

“The generosity is all around us,” she says. “Whether it’s a study abroad program, a research grant, or club sports, our school has the community it does because of the generosity of alumni.”
See first-year coach Danny Rocco and the Spiders vs. Rhode Island at Robins Stadium.