Sweet!
Men’s basketball caps a championship season with a run to the Sweet Sixteen
Points of Pride

• Five excellent schools working together in unique collaborations.
• Nine-to-one student-faculty ratio.
• Students involved in cutting-edge research and engaged in the Richmond community.
• Perennially ranked among the best values in American higher education.
• Ranked 32nd among best national liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report.
• Record-breaking number of applications (9,426) for the Class of 2015.
• Sixteen percent of our first-year students are the first in their families to attend college.
• Approximately 45,000 alumni residing in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and more than 60 countries.

Spider Quiz

What percentage of Richmond first-year students are the first in their families to attend college?

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President’s Letter

In graduation ceremonies in May, we conferred degrees on 1,145 students who completed their academic work at the University. It was a pleasure to celebrate their achievements and welcome them officially to the ranks of our alumni. In June, we welcomed back to campus some 2,200 of their predecessors and guests for Reunion 2011. (The international network of Spider alumni is the focus of a feature that starts on page 10.) And now we look ahead to the incoming classes who will join us this fall. The University received 9,426 first-year applications for the Class of 2015, an increase of nine percent over last year. Our goal is to enroll a first-year undergraduate class of 770 students.

As students accept our invitation of admission, a class profile is evolving that is distinguished by its academic quality and diversity. The class includes many straight-A students, high school valedictorians, and holders of International Baccalaureate diplomas. Sixteen percent will be first-generation college students, 21 percent will be U.S. minority students, 9 percent will have a legacy connection, and 10 percent will be citizens of countries other than the U.S.

While we prepare to enroll the Class of 2015, the campus also is hosting visits by prospective members of future classes. Such visits provide occasion for us to share the many external validations of quality that Richmond receives, including being named by The Princeton Review and USA Today as one of the 50 best values in private higher education for 2011. This issue of the magazine details that and other public recognitions of Richmond’s intrinsic excellence.

In addition to celebrating remarkable recent achievements by Spider athletes—notably our men’s basketball team’s run to the NCAA Sweet 16—and profiling University contributions to community engagement through the Bonner Scholars program, this issue of the magazine also includes an introduction to the deans of Richmond’s five schools. Building on the work of their predecessors, these leaders make vital contributions every day in advancing the University.

I hope that you will share my pride in all the remarkable accomplishments of our University, and I am grateful for the support of our alumni, parents, and friends who make these achievements possible.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Ayers

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Faculty
Scientists win major research awards
Three members of the University of Richmond faculty have won significant research grants.

David Landy, an assistant professor of psychology, has been awarded $1.12 million from the U.S. Department of Education for a three-year study of approaches to teaching algebra. Landy’s project, “Learning the Visual Structure of Algebra through Dynamic Interactions with Notation,” is informed by research in cognitive psychology. Landy’s project will explore and develop existing iPad applications that allow users to interact with mathematical expressions—literally picking up and moving pieces of algebraic expressions in ways that match the formal rules of algebra. The research also will include paper-and-pencil exercises, bridging the electronic expressions to traditional written algebra.

Linda Boland, an associate professor of biology, has been awarded a three-year, $180,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation to support his project, “Reaction, Acceleration, Mediation, and Catalysis by In Situ Silylation.” In situ silylation methodology informs strategies in research areas of growing interest in the pharmaceutical industry.

C. Wade Downey, an assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a three-year, $278,682 grant from the National Institutes of Health to research lipid modulation of potassium channels, which is important to the rhythm of heart muscle and the electrical activity of brain cells. The grant includes funds for a post-doctoral fellow and several undergraduate student research assistants. Over the last six years, 26 Richmond students have conducted research in Boland’s lab.

Rankings
Princeton Review rates Richmond a best value
The Princeton Review, in conjunction with USA Today, has named Richmond to its list of the 50 “Best Value Private Colleges for 2011.”

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president/publisher, the list recognizes institutions that offer “outstanding academics at a relatively low cost of attendance and/or generous financial aid, including some that may surprise applicants.” To create the list, the Princeton Review examined more than 30 factors, using data from surveys of administrators and students at 650 colleges with strong academic programs.

The Princeton Review and USA Today began publishing lists of the best 50 private and public college values in 2009. Richmond has been listed as a best value all three years. In addition, Richmond has been selected for the Princeton Review’s annual guidebook of best colleges every year since it was first published in 1992.
Robbins Tower honors late business school dean

On April 22, the University dedicated Robbins Tower, the architectural centerpiece of Queally Hall, the new wing of the Robins School of Business. The tower is named for the late W. David Robbins, who served as dean of the business school from 1959 to 1977.

Robert S. Jepson Jr., B’64, GB’75, and H’87, and his wife, Alice (shown above with Mrs. Ruth E. Robbins, center), funded the new campus landmark. Speaking at the dedication, Jepson said the tower “perfectly symbolizes the man for whom it is named, and offers me the opportunity to recognize publicly, and once again perpetually, the courage, leadership, and the personal sacrifice of this rare and most special man.”

University President Edward L. Ayers said that Robbins’ leadership “put the Robins School of Business on the map.” After recounting some of the dean’s major accomplishments, Ayers noted Robbins’ reputation as a mentor. “He encouraged students over the decades,” Ayers said. “I’ve heard stories about Dean Robbins from generations of alumni, all of whom have a story about his tough demeanor and soft heart. They tell stories about how he set them straight or gave them the extra chance they needed to show what they could do.”

Robbins’ daughter, Gay Robbins D’Surney, offered remarks on behalf of the family, which was also represented by the late dean’s wife, Ruth, and children Sherry and Mike. The Robins School’s current dean, Nancy Bagranoff, also spoke, as did faculty members Robert Nicholson and Raymond Slaughter.

Robbins became business school dean in 1959. During his tenure, full-time enrollment increased from 190 to 700 students and the school moved into its first permanent home and was accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. After 18 years as dean, he returned to full-time teaching as professor of business policy. He retired in 1995 after 35 years at the University.
charitable remainder trust of William B. Luck, R’48, supporting science scholarships.

**Events**

**Alumnus illusionist dazzles campus audience**

Lowell Furhman, R’76, a mind illusionist who goes by the stage name “Manlow,” wowed an audience of students and alumni on campus in February.

After performing illusions of psychokinesis and extrasensory perception, Furhman asked Paige Peterson, ’13, to pick a number from one to 100, write it on a piece of paper, and clip it to a display grid called “Inside Manlow’s Mind.”

As another student filled in the grid with nouns suggested by the audience, Furhman assigned a number to each box on the grid. Then, without ever looking at the grid, he was able to recall each noun and who in the audience had suggested it. Then he noted how the numbers on the grid created a “magic square” where all rows, columns, and corners added up to the same number—43—which was the number that Peterson had picked.

After the show, Peterson insisted that she had no idea how Furhman could have known that 43 was her number. “That was crazy!” she said. “There’s no way he could have known. And then to add them all up like that was just amazing. Best part of the show!”

**Campus**

**University to build new activities center**

To help provide additional space for sorority activities and student programming, the University plans to break ground in September on a new $5 million student activities center.

Sited between North Court and the Westhampton Gate, the new center will have approximately 15,650 square feet of space, including a main building with 4,450 square feet and eight 1,400-square-foot cottages surrounding a courtyard. The cottages will not be residential, but rather sororities on campus will rent them for up to five years at a time as a place to hold activities. The main building will be shared by all student organizations.

In a resolution approving the project, the Board of Trustees cited “a strong need for dedicated space for sororities and additional student
Richmond

Oates gift helps teachers link arts, K-12 curriculum

Joan Oates, of Richmond, has made a significant gift to the School of Continuing Studies (SCS) to endow a summer institute that helps teachers integrate the arts into the K-12 curriculum, such as the one shown above.

The Joan Oates Institute for Partners in the Arts will help teachers create curricula and lesson plans to bring the arts into the teaching of such subjects as mathematics, social studies, science, and language arts.

The institute works with teachers from Richmond and the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and Powhatan, and also includes teachers from independent schools. The institute has been held at the University’s Modlin Center for the Arts since its inception in 1995. It became a part of the University in September 2009. In addition to the summer institute, Partners in the Arts (PIA) funds programs in local schools during the academic year.

“The educational model for PIA generally, and for the summer institute in particular, is so powerful that participants routinely comment about the transformative nature of the experience—imparting knowledge and pedagogical skills for sure, but also changing the way they teach and the way students learn,” says SCS Dean James Narduzzi.

“We’re honored to be part of the University of Richmond now because the University will allow us to keep growing every year,” Oates says.

PIA epitomizes much that the University values, according to PIA Director Liz Sheehan. “It promotes interdisciplinary teaching, collaborative learning, and provides opportunities for the larger community, particularly teachers, to tap into the University’s rich educational resources,” Sheehan says.

Degrees

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**Books**

*Leadership for Transformation*

Dr. Gill Robinson Hickman, a professor of leadership studies, is the co-editor of *Leadership for Transformation* (Jossey-Bass/Wiley), a volume in the International Leadership Association’s *Building Leadership Bridges* series. Hickman’s co-editor is JoAnn Danelo Barbour, a professor at Texas Woman’s University.

With a range that spans from the arts to science, and from qualitative to quantitative thinking, *Leadership for Transformation* presents new research, effective leadership practices, and proven teaching methods that support the many faces of transformation.

**More faculty books**

*Investment Issues in Emerging Markets*. Dr. C. Mitchell Conover, an associate professor of finance, is the author of this monograph, published by the CFA Institute Research Foundation.

*Legends in Marketing—Kent B. Monroe* (Sage-India). Monika Kukar-Kinney, associate professor of marketing, and Nancy M. Ridgway, professor of marketing, are co-editors of the fifth volume of this 7-volume study of Monroe, an expert on pricing, marketing strategy, and market research who is visiting distinguished scholar in marketing at the University.

*Parley P. Pratt: The Apostle Paul of Mormonism* (Oxford University Press). Bostwick Professor of English Terryl Givens penned this biography with co-author Matthew Grow.

*Power, Culture, and Economic Change in Russia: To the undiscovered country of post-socialism, 1988–2008* (Routledge). Jeffrey K. Hass, associate professor of sociology, authored this study of post-socialist economic change in Russia.


**Students**

*Undergraduates find platform at conference*

Joining professors, graduate students, and nationally known writers, three University undergraduates had the invaluable opportunity to present original research at an April conference on campus. Titled “Emancipatory Knowledge: Women’s and Gender Studies NOW!” and sponsored under the aegis of the Associated Colleges of the South, the meeting was hosted at Richmond by the University’s nationally renowned Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program.

An aspiring economist, Victoria Kempter, ’11, presented findings about the gender gap in that field. Kempter found that the
Robins School ranks 12th in Businessweek

Bloomberg Businessweek magazine has ranked the University of Richmond’s Robins School of Business No. 12 overall on its 2011 list of America’s best undergraduate business programs. The Robins School placed in the top 25 for the sixth year in a row. Among individual quality measures, the Robins School ranked fourth for academic quality and 15th as an MBA feeder school. It received a grade of A+ for teaching quality again this year, as it has every year since the Businessweek rankings began in 2006. The Robins School also earned an A+ for facilities—recognition that dovetailed with the opening of Queally Hall, a 37,000-square-foot addition to the Robins School, this past January. (Above, students chat between classes in the new Robbins Tower in the business school.)

“We’re delighted that we continue to be recognized as a top business school, confirming what those of us in the Robins School see every day,” says Robins School Dean Nancy Bagranoff. “We have great teachers, terrific students, and a caring staff. This semester, we opened our new building addition, much of which is dedicated to student learning and skill development. We know that we’re providing our students with a great education and preparing them well for their professional careers. We’re pleased that others know it, too.”

The Robins School is the only fully accredited, top-tier undergraduate business school that is also part of a top-tier liberal arts university.

In a separate ranking, Businessweek previously recognized the Richmond MBA program as one of the top-15 part-time MBA programs in the country.

Honors

Faculty garner honors in science, arts

Two members of the University’s faculty have won prestigious awards.

Kelling Donald, an assistant professor of chemistry, was honored with a 2011 Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award from the National Science Foundation. The CAREER program recognizes junior faculty members who exemplify the role of teacher-scholar, and is designed to encourage professors to blend teaching and research throughout their careers. Donald will receive $95,719 the first year and another $492,926 over the following four years to apply computational research to study chemical processes. In part, the grant will support summer stipends and supplies for dozens of undergraduate student researchers. Donald also will work with more than 200 Richmond-area high school students in the University’s Math Science Investigators program for underrepresented students.

Heide Trepanier, an art instructor at the University, has received a Pollock-Krasner Grant. Intended to support individuals who have worked as professional artists for a significant period of time, the grant assists with personal or professional expenses for a year. At Richmond, Trepanier teaches painting, foundation courses in color and composition, and advanced senior studio courses. Considered one of the leaders in Richmond’s vibrant art scene, she recently was the focus of a solo exhibition at the Reynolds Gallery in Richmond.

Katrina Minoza, ’11, spoke about her research on the coordinate college system at UR. Minoza says her work explores whether the system “affects gender development on our campus and to what extent it has affected the lives of students here.”

Reporting on work that was supported through a fellowship with the School of Arts and Sciences, Caitlyn Duer, ’11, presented on the expression of identity by Indian women in British and American films.

“This conference provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in important discussions around women’s and gender studies,” says Melissa Ooten, the associate director of the WILL program. Ooten said the conference helped to highlight how WILL and the University’s coursework in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are an integral part of intellectual life at Richmond.
SWIMMING

Women’s team reclaims top slot in A-10

After a one-year hiatus, the Richmond women’s swim team returned to its familiar perch at the top of the Atlantic 10 Swimming & Diving Championships. It was the ninth championship in 10 years for the Spiders.

The swimmers overwhelmed the field during the four-day meet in Buffalo, N.Y., scoring 755 points, with Fordham a distant second at 578. Coach Matt Barany said the highlight of the meet was sweeping all five four-swimmer relays.

The relays also stood out for Spider sophomore Lauren Hines, who was named the meet’s Most Outstanding Performer. Hines won medals in all seven events she swam—six golds and a silver—and broke five A-10 championship records and six school records. Her signature individual swim came in the 100-meter backstroke, where she was clocked at 52.76 seconds, breaking school and A-10 records. Her time ranked as the 10th best in the event in the NCAA for the season and earned her a berth in the NCAA championships.

First-year student Mali Kobelja, the only swimmer to win three individual events at the meet, was named Most Outstanding Rookie Performer. Barany was named Coach of the Year, the fourth time he has earned that particular honor.

Later, senior swimmer Nicole LePere was named the A-10 Women’s Swimming & Diving Student-Athlete of the Year. A business administration major, she has a 3.41 grade point average. At the championship meet she swam on two of the winning relay teams.

TENNIS

Women’s tennis earns another championship

Picked in a coaches poll to win the conference title, undefeated in regular season Atlantic 10 play, and entered into the most recent A-10 tournament as the No. 1 seed, the Richmond women’s tennis team did not disappoint this year, taking home another A-10 championship.

The Spiders swept past eighth-seeded Charlotte, dispatched fourth-seeded George Washington in the semifinals, then beat third-seeded St. Louis to claim the championship. It was the third straight A-10 title for the Spiders, and the eighth in the last nine years. They earned a spot in the NCAA Women’s Tennis Championships for the seventh time in eight years.
Wrapping up his 20th year at the helm of the UR program, coach Mark Wesselink said “this is the best we’ve played—we peaked at the right time.”

It was an especially gratifying tournament for Spider sophomore Alexandra Smyth, who was sidelined with a shoulder injury during last year’s tournament. This year, she shared wins with her doubles partner, junior Helen Cunningham, against Charlotte and St. Louis, and won her singles match against George Washington in the semifinal. In the final round, she won her singles match 6-3, 6-1 to clinch the Spiders’ title.

**Honorees**

Five Spider greats tapped for Hall of Fame

The University of Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame has inducted a stellar new group of members. Joining the great figures in Spider sports history are Al Rinaldi, R’51, Patricia Kursch McGehee, W’67, Johnny Moates, R’67, Harold Babb, R’72, and Kenny Wood, ’93.

Rinaldi was a four-year starter in basketball, a long-jumper for the track team, and played a year of football. He became a legendary high school football coach, with a 191-76 record.

McGehee excelled in basketball (she was leading scorer as a junior and senior, with a one-game best of 32 points), field hockey, lacrosse, and tennis—and was a fixture on the Dean’s List. After her college career, she officiated in basketball and lacrosse for many years.

Moates was a dominant basketball player, named All-Southern Conference as a junior and senior. His 1,440 points in three seasons ranks him at 11th in Spider history.

Babb, as faculty athletic representative to the NCAA since 1984, has helped the University maintain academic and athletic integrity and meet NCAA regulations and Title IX requirements.

Wood was a starter on three Spider basketball teams that advanced to post-season play, including the 1991 squad that beat second-seeded Syracuse in one of the all-time greatest NCAA tournament upsets. He led the team in scoring as a senior captain and earned All-CAA first-team honors.

**Football**

2011 schedule

Sept. 3 at Duke
Sept. 10 Wagner
Sept. 17 VM
Sept. 24 New Hampshire
Oct. 1 at James Madison
Oct. 8 at Towson
Oct. 22 Maine
Oct. 29 Massachusetts *
Nov. 5 at Old Dominion
Nov. 12 at Delaware
Nov. 19 William & Mary * Homecoming

The stars aligned for the Spiders on February 26 when two Richmond basketball standouts, Kevin Anderson and Brittni Shells (above), each topped 2,000 career points.

Both seniors arrived at that winter Saturday with 1,789 points. Shells more than did her part in women’s play at the Robins Center. With 17:19 left in what would be a 68-57 win over St. Louis, Shells took a pass, left a defender behind, and sank a reverse layup to top 2,000 career points. Among those cheering her on was Karen Elsner, the only other Spider woman to surpass the 2K mark, earning 2,367 points between 1982 and 1985.

In the same game, Shells recorded a pair of steals to become the women’s all-time leader in that category. She finished with 300 steals in her career. She also is seventh all-time in assists for the women Spiders with 334. Coach Michael Shafer said what was most impressive was “not any one honor, “but all three together. Brit was recognized for being what she is, a true student-athlete.”

In the men’s evening game against Charlotte, it was up to Anderson to match Shells’ accomplishment. With 7:36 left in the game, Anderson streaked down the left side, hauled in a cross-court pass, raced by a defender, and sank a reverse layup to give him 2,001 points for his career. The final score was 72-59, with UR the victor.

The Atlantic 10’s leading scorer with a 19.3 average, Shells was named to the All Conference first team and All Defensive team, the third straight year for both distinctions.

Anderson finished his career as the second all-time scorer among Spider men, with 2,165 points, trailing only Johnny Newman’s 2,383 from 1983 to 1986.

Adding to the glory, no other school in the history of U.S. college basketball had ever had a men’s player and a women’s player reach the 2,000-point plateau on the same day.
Richmond head football coach Latrell Scott, second from left, chats with Meredith Miller, '09, left, and her parents Jan Miller, second from right, and Barbie Miller, right, at an alumni event in Baltimore.
Beyond its epicenter in Richmond and its strong presence in the Northeast corridor, the network of University alumni is fast spreading its roots north, south, west, and even east. Today, the boundaries of the alumni map stretch to include active Spider groups in Boston, Austin, Dallas, Denver, Chicago, San Diego, San Francisco, and Jacksonville—to name just a few places where the Richmond colors can often be seen en masse. And as Richmond becomes more international, Spider get-togethers are more commonplace in the cities of Europe, including London, Paris, and Madrid.
But growth in size is only part of the story. As the Spider Network grows, it also is redefining the alumni experience. Across the country, Richmond alumni are enriching their gatherings by adding networking events, lectures, cutting-edge art exhibitions, and film screenings. Some Spiders are even helping to change the world, one bucket of paint at a time.

In the world’s financial capital, for example, New York-based Spiders organized a networking event in downtown Manhattan for alumni in the finance industry. In San Diego, a group of alumni recently got together for Thai food and a screening of Down the Road, a film documenting the highs and lows of life in Central America, which was produced by Chris Gordon, ’06. Along with high-value networking, continuing education also has emerged as a theme for some chapters.

Some Spiders also use their meetings as an opportunity to engage in community service. In Washington, the nation’s public service capital, alumni gathered as a work team to paint and landscape a local school in the Hands On DC work-a-thon, a community improvement event.

PRIVATE VIEWING
This spring, Los Angeles Spiders were invited to the William Griffin Gallery for a private viewing of paintings from the collection of David Lynch, the inventive Hollywood filmmaker who directed Blue Velvet and the television series Twin Peaks.

Gallery owner William Griffin, B’88, offered to host the viewing after representatives from the University’s Office of Alumni and Career Services approached him about getting involved in the Los Angeles group. Because he considers Richmond the foundation on which his highly successful career was built, Griffin saw the event as a chance to give back to the University.

Griffin’s college experience was framed at the family dinner table. He recalls hearing his father talk fondly about his college days at MIT and Yale as happy and pivotal times in his life. That left a strong impression. “When I got to Richmond, I said I’m going to make sure this is the best four years of my life,” Griffin says. He found that the University gave him a quality education and offered experiences, particularly through the art department, that helped him see the richness and depth of life.

After graduating from the Robins School, Griffin worked in the New York financial world before landing in L.A. as a fine-arts broker who advises investors on purchases of art, including the work of promising up-and-coming artists. “I had a great experience at Richmond,” he says. “I grew a lot, and I developed a belief that I could do anything I wanted, if I set my mind to it.”

As he became more successful, Griffin found himself thinking that it was time to start giving back to the University. When asked if he would host an event at his gallery, Griffin said “this space is Richmond’s whenever they want to use it.” Griffin saw the idea of bringing
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Spider fans in San Antonio for the Sweet 16 game included former UR basketball standout Johnny Newman, R’86, left, with University President Edward Ayers and, at right, Kelsey Dochelli ’13, Caroline Vincent ’11, Lucas Virmig ’14.

Kansas in the Sweet 16 playoff, cheering every Spider basket and groaning as the top-ranked Jayhawks surged to a win.

Perched high in the Rocky Mountains, nearly 1,500 miles and worlds away from the leafy Westhampton campus, the greater Denver area boasts a group of more than 300 Spider alumni. This year, many Denver Spiders amassed in the local Pepsi Center to cheer on the

In London, Richmond graduates gathered to don the school colors and watch the NCAA games—notwithstanding the difference in time zones.

Spider men in NCAA play and later crowded a sports bar to watch the game against Kansas. The Denver Spiders get together regularly to network and watch games. “The network events are very well attended,” said Dan Lagerborg, ’01, who returned home to Colorado after graduation and helps coordinate Denver Spiders activi-

ties. He and his wife hosted a Spider reception for E. Bruce Heilman, Richmond’s chancellor, and about 80 alumni in their suburban Denver home. Lagerborg doesn’t think it’s so unusual for Mile High alumni to have regular get-togethers: UR may not be as well-known in Colorado, but graduates who know how special Richmond is want to stay connected no matter where they are.

SPIDERS ABROAD
The Spider Network also is expanding its presence abroad. In London, Richmond graduates gathered in respectable numbers to don the school colors and watch the NCAA games—notwithstanding the difference in time zones.

“It was the perfect way to connect,” said Megan O’Hara, ’03, whose career in finance led her to transfer from New York to London last year. Recalling that “a good 30 to 40 alumni” who live in London showed up for the event, she says “I was definitely surprised. And impressed.”

Even before that gathering ended, O’Hara says, talk began about getting together again. “Every person I talked to was really excited about that,” she says. “There definitely is a solid group of alumni in London.” The diverse group includes recent alumni as well as graduates who have been working for several decades.

The former regional co-chair of the New York Spiders, O’Hara is helping members of the London group think of ways to build on their network, perhaps by viewing rugby games or a soccer match or even arranging a Spider outing at Wimbledon. A contingent of Spiders in London also gather biannually with a faculty member and UR students studying in the United Kingdom.

The University of Richmond’s European visibility expanded this spring to include an alumni reception in Switzerland, at the home of Megan, W’79, and Don Beyer, the U.S. ambassador.

The Beyers recently hosted Nanci Tessier, Richmond’s vice president for enrollment management—an
official presence that Spider alumni everywhere seem to appreciate. Moore says that one of the best ways to recruit new attendees to alumni events is to arrange for University administrators and faculty to attend the gatherings and share updates on Richmond’s ongoing progress.

"Few things get the alumni more engaged," Moore says. "They want to hear about the life of the University. It’s what they crave.”

This past semester, graduates from Virginia Beach to Philadelphia to Switzerland had a number of opportunities to hear from UR officials. In addition to Tessier, President Edward L. Ayers, Robins School of Business Dean Nancy A. Bagranoff, Jepson School Dean Sandra Peart, and Latrell Scott, Richmond’s head football coach, have recently spoken at such events.

Back for the connections

For alumni, nothing beats the inherent draw of a high-profile sporting event such as the 2011 NCAA basketball tournament run and the football team’s national championship game in 2008. Nonetheless, Moore says, while alumni may come for the game, they come back because of the connections they build with other alumni. “It’s the relationships with fellow Spiders that are the biggest draw," Moore says. In that regard, he says that the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA) is in “the relationship business.”

Lagerborg says that the alumni and career services office helps strengthen Spider bonds by helping chapters get up and running, providing supplies for events, and arranging for visits from school administrators. “The support I get from the school is incredible,” Lagerborg said. “They make it very easy to coordinate things.”

In Dallas, Maggie Morganfield, ’05, can attest to the power of coordination with the school—and to how a strong connection can pay dividends. After returning home to Texas to attend graduate school, she helped establish a core group of Spiders for networking. Their largest gathering turned out when Richmond President Ayers came to town. Everyone wanted to hear about “what’s going on today and how the University is expanding,” Morganfield says. Another big draw was a family-style picnic, which enjoyed participation from alumni of many different ages.

Morganfield says it is important to raise Richmond’s visibility in an area like Dallas, home to similarly-sized private schools such as Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University. When she left for Richmond, she said, she was the only student from her high school headed there. Now, though, six students from her high school attend UR. “The presence of alumni influences that,” she says. Today, people will stop to chat if they see her UR sweatshirt.

Like others in alumni groups across the country and overseas, Morganfield said participating in the Dallas Spiders is fun and informative, keeping her up to date on changes and activities at the Richmond campus. But it also keeps her connected to the cadre of local Spiders she has met along the way. “Everyone has their separate lives and other things to do,” but Spider meetings keep their school ties strong, she said, “and the conversation always goes back to Richmond.”

For more information about alumni events, and volunteering with the regional alumni program, visit alumni.richmond.edu or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026.

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A cadre of new academic leaders is collaborating to define Richmond’s future.

When the University’s five academic deans gather for their annual retreat this summer, chances are they will take extra time for introductions. Two deans assumed their duties on July 1, joining a newly constituted team of academic leaders poised to further enrich the institution’s history.

Newcomers Wendy Collins Perdue at the Richmond School of Law and Kathleen Roberts Skerrett at the School of Arts and Sciences join colleagues Nancy Bagranoff at the Robins School of Business, James Narduzzi at the School of Continuing Studies, and Sandra J. Peart at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

As CEO of his or her respective school, each dean recruits and supports faculty and staff; serves student needs; develops and manages budgets; addresses policy, curriculum, and accreditation issues; participates in alumni relations and development activities; and represents the school across the Greater Richmond community. Many deans also continue to teach.

Richmond’s deans collaborate closely. They meet formally with University President Edward L. Ayers and other top administrators every two weeks. “Everyone must be able to look out beyond their own horizons and see what the other schools are doing and how the schools can work together to meet a common commitment to an innovative curriculum.”
and the University’s strategic plan,” Provost Steve Allred explains.

The five deans also meet informally over lunch every two weeks, and often call on one another for advice. “We all face the same pressures,” Narduzzi says. “Being a small institution allows you to develop great relationships with the other deans.”

Here’s a look at the leaders of Richmond’s five schools.

NANCY BAGRANOFF, ROBINS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Nancy Bagranoff joined the Robins School just in time to oversee the final stages of construction and then the opening of Queally Hall, the school’s new $19.4 million, 37,000-square-foot addition. “I feel like I came into the end of a third act of a three-act play and took the bows,” Bagranoff says. Acknowledging the business school’s past deans who she says “did all the hard work,” Bagranoff observes that “I have so much to build on. I have been given a great gift in that.”

Bagranoff spent most of this past fall semester talking with faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and the business community about what the Robins School does well, and how it might improve. Input from those conversations was incorporated into the school’s new strategic plan.

Its core mission is straightforward: To give Richmond students the best business education in the world.

Bagranoff’s own business education started early. She often discussed business with her grandfather and father, and at age 16 even did payroll for the family concrete pipe business.

After earning an undergraduate degree in marketing, she was accepted into General Electric’s financial management training program, where she discovered an interest in accounting. She earned an M.S. in accounting from Syracuse University, where she taught a class after graduating. She loved teaching and engaging with students. She plans to return to these roots by teaching an introductory accounting class at Richmond this fall.

Bagranoff, who earned a doctorate in business administration in accounting and information systems at George Washington University, has taught accounting at seven different schools and authored numerous textbooks and articles. Last year, she served as president of the American Accounting Association, the largest academic accounting organization in the world.

Bagranoff enjoys the challenges of the deanship, where she works to balance the competing needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the business community. “I get to be in a position where I can enrich the student experience and where I also can enrich the life of the faculty and staff,” she says. “As dean, you have the ability to do more good for more people.”
James Narduzzi, School of Continuing Studies
While Jim Narduzzi has overseen a complete transformation of Richmond’s School of Continuing Studies during his 17 years as dean, his greatest satisfaction comes from shaking hands with the more than 200 SCS students who cross the stage during graduation each May. “Our students are remarkable individuals,” he says. “They have attended school at night for many years while working full time, raising children, and engaging in the life of their community. It gives me tremendous satisfaction to see what these students have accomplished and great pride to hand them their diplomas.”

Narduzzi arrived at Richmond in 1994 from the University of Hartford, where he was associate academic dean and assistant vice president. During his tenure, SCS has quadrupled its enrollment of degree-seeking students and increased its non-credit course offerings from eight classes to hundreds of classes with more than 10,000 participants each year. The school has ten full-time faculty members, with plans to add two positions in each of the next three years. The staff has grown from four people to more than 75, not including hundreds of adjunct faculty.

Narduzzi also has transformed the curriculum, adding everything from master’s programs in human resources management, liberal arts, and education to certificate programs in culinary arts and landscape design.

Narduzzi earned a Ph.D. in political science at the American University in Washington, D.C. A leader in continuing education, he serves on the editorial advisory committee of the Continuing Higher Education Review and is active in the University Professional & Continuing Education Association. He also is active as a volunteer leader in arts and civic organizations in the Richmond community.

Narduzzi embraces the challenges of working with non-traditional students who largely view education as a means to an end. “We overwhelm them with the high-touch aspect of every experience to get them hooked on the culture of the place,” he says. “We’re about creating lifelong relationships with our students and pride ourselves on trying to create a relationship that will transcend the classroom.”

Sandra J. Peart, Jepson School of Leadership Studies
Ask Sandra Peart why she came to the Jepson School four years ago and her answer is simple: “If one were interested in leadership studies, this would be the school to come to,” she says. “I knew about Jepson before I came to UR. I knew some of the faculty and how good they were. I really admired the story of the Jepson School.”

Peart earned a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Toronto and is a noted scholar on the history of economic thought and political economy, especially in the context of ethical leadership. She has written or edited six books, many with David M. Levy, a professor of economics at George Mason University, and is the author of numerous journal articles. Before coming to the Jepson School, Peart taught at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, where she led the development of a leadership studies program, and at the College of William & Mary.

Peart is motivated by the everyday challenges of a school where the subject of leadership is interpreted in many different ways. “We don’t have any single definition of what constitutes leadership, which is why we attract students from all different parts of the University who go into different careers,” she says. “What we’re all about is helping them see how to take the answers they learn through their studies out into the real world and pursue their passions.”

This fall, Peart will teach “Competition, Cooperation and Choice,” a seminar that explores how people come together to make decisions when they are motivated by private and public interests. She enjoys the three hours she spends in the classroom each week, savoring the opportunity to get to know Jepson’s students through in-depth discussions of texts written by the likes of Adam Smith and John Stuart Mill. “It can be a challenging class,” she says. “I am amazed at how focused the students can be. They are very scholarly.”

Since Peart’s arrival, the school has published five volumes in the Jepson Studies in Leadership book series, which collects the best...
The school also sponsors a forum related to each volume’s theme. Next year’s theme will be “Game Changers: How Women Lead and Change the World,” fitting for a university where four of the five academic deans are women. “Though women are increasingly entering these positions in higher education, it is fairly unusual to have that proportion of academic deans be women,” Peart says. “I look forward to working with my fellow deans, and to building on the legacy that has been created by the leaders who have come before us.”

Perdue learned some basics about the university from Richmond faculty member Shari Motro, who was a visiting professor at Georgetown Law this spring. “Shari painted a picture of a very special place, a place deeply committed to its students, the intellectual enterprise, and a sense of community,” Perdue recalls. “I was pretty taken by her description.” As she learned more about the law school, Perdue says she also was impressed by the University’s vision and energy.

Perdue holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and a J.D. from Duke Law School. Before joining Georgetown, she served as a law clerk for the Hon. Anthony M. Kennedy, who was then on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and now serves on the U.S. Supreme Court, and was an associate with the firm of Hogan and Hartson (now Hogan Lovells).

A prolific scholar of civil procedure and conflict of laws, as well as land use and public health, Perdue also brings a strong record as an academic leader, both at Georgetown and nationally. Perdue is vice president of the Order of the Coif, the legal education honor society, and has held numerous positions within the Association of American Law Schools. She also has been actively engaged within her community, having served for nine years as a vice chair of the Montgomery County, Maryland Planning Board. At Richmond, she succeeds John G. Douglass, who will resume teaching.

Perdue expressed great excitement about coming to Richmond. “The Law School has a wonderful story to tell,” she says, “and I look forward to the opportunity to tell it and to build upon the many strengths that it already has.”

KATHLEEN ROBERTS SKERRETT, SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
A Toronto native, Kathleen Roberts Skerrett joined Grinnell College as professor of religious studies in 1998 and became associate dean there in 2007. A recognized scholar of Christian tradition, political theory, and the intersections of contemporary religious thought and gender studies, Skerrett has published more than a dozen scholarly articles and
30 conference papers. At Richmond, she succeeds Andrew F. Newcomb, who will resume teaching psychology after 10 years as dean.

Skerrett’s career has been inherently interdisciplinary. With both a law degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a Ph.D. in theology and the modern West from Harvard University, she has long recognized that making connections across disciplines is the essential skill at the heart of a liberal arts education.

“For me the path to interdisciplinary work is always about bridging conversations,” Skerrett explains. “In the 21st century our problems are complex. It is going to require collaboration among many different kinds of experts to address any problem. Students who study liberal arts practice learning, listening, and collaborating in different areas.”

Last fall, when a Grinnell colleague told Skerrett the University of Richmond was searching for a new dean of arts and sciences, she was intrigued. She recalls that after reading the University’s strategic plan, The Richmond Promise, she thought “those are the initiatives that I care most deeply about in higher education and Richmond has identified them and braided them together into its central aspirations. It was extraordinary.”

Skerrett also is impressed with Richmond’s commitment to engaging undergraduates in meaningful research and community-based learning. “We are fortunate to have faculty who are able to carry out research programs with a clear priority of engaging undergraduates in learning,” she says. “We really draw students into that adventure.”

Eager to work with the University’s other academic deans and to build on Richmond’s strong foundations, Skerrett says that “the president and provost have gathered a strong leadership team to continue implementation of The Richmond Promise.”

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Academic studies today often involve collaboration with fellow students.
Passion & Purpose

Enriching the lives of others, this Bonner Scholar learned a lot about herself.

Ask Kelly E. Behrend, ’10, about the highlight of her experience as a Bonner Scholar at the University of Richmond, and she immediately details the travails of war-torn exiles from Sudan. As a volunteer with an English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) program, Behrend helped a group of Sudanese refugees who had relocated to Richmond to learn English and skills for living in the United States.

Their narratives touched her life—and influenced her future. Today, Behrend has embarked on a career path dedicated to promoting conflict resolution and advocating for refugee rights.

Behrend is completing the first year of a two-year fellowship offered by the Bonner Foundation at its national headquarters in Princeton, N.J. Working there as a program associate, Behrend leads a national team that is designing and coordinating the foundation’s international partnerships of community-based, outcome-driven service learning opportunities. She also leads the Refugee and Immigration Research initiative, which publishes briefs, organizes conferences, and conducts training.

Behrend’s senior thesis at UR, “The Refugee Ex-Factor: A Framework Toward the Understanding of Excluded People,” was based in part on her study- and service-abroad experiences in Bilbao, Spain, and Northern Ireland during her junior year. The thesis won top departmental and University honors, and also was nominated for the best undergraduate paper at the Midwest Political Science Association national conference in 2010.
ULTIMATE GOAL
Energetic, aware, and engaged, Behrend typifies the qualities of Bonner Scholars. She is currently applying for a Rhodes Scholarship. Her ultimate goal is to work with an international policy and advocacy organization, such as the United Nations, on immigrant resettlement and rehabilitation. She also envisions herself influencing young minds as a college professor and contributing to service-learning opportunities in local communities.

For Behrend, it all goes back to the Richmond Bonner Scholars Program (BSP), which gave her the opportunity to contribute to the public good while she pursued a college degree.

“The Bonner program opened me up to what my passion really is,” she says.

“Kelly took full advantage of her University of Richmond education,” says Amy L. Howard, executive director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, home to the University’s Bonner Scholars Program. “She created her own major in peace and conflict studies and designed her year abroad to help focus on that.

“Kelly worked with refugees and immigrants in both the Basque region of Spain and Northern Ireland, which tied to the volunteer work she did as a Bonner Scholar in her sophomore year with Refugee and Immigration Services of Richmond,” Howard recalls. “So she did the work globally, and linked it with her experience locally.”

As a senior, Behrend also created the UR Refugee and Immigration Issues Coalition, an alliance of students and student groups that are interested in immigrant rights, policy, and advocacy. Started as a partnership between volunteers interested in ESL, the group endured beyond Behrend’s undergraduate tenure and has expanded to include 60 members this year. “That’s a real testament to Kelly’s work and to the outstanding students at UR,” Howard says.

AN IDEA AND A GRANT
The national Bonner Scholars Program began in 1990 with an idea and a $40,000 grant to Berea College in Kentucky from the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. The concept was to provide access to a college education for students with significant financial need, while simultaneously enabling them to use their talents to serve others while studying.

This merger of community service and learning struck a responsive chord among institutions of higher learning. Bonner programs now operate on about 80 college campuses across the United States. Of those, 23 institutions have Bonner Scholars programs, which collectively support 1,500 students annually with $65 million in grants.

The University of Richmond’s Bonner Scholars Program, established in 1993, was among the earliest. It is now the largest, with 100 Bonner Scholars learning and contributing in the metro Richmond community. Only 25 Bonner Scholars are selected from the entering class each year.

Bonner Scholars at Richmond receive up to $2,500 each academic year in exchange for a four-year commitment of civic engagement and social-justice learning in the community and on campus.

Bonner Scholars also may receive up to $5,500 to support summer internships and community involve-
ment. Alumni of the program also may be eligible for a $2,000 reduction of their student loans upon graduation.

The University’s Bonner Center for Civic Engagement has created partnerships with 35 nonprofit organizations that tackle issues ranging from poverty and hunger to after-school learning and ex-offender reintegration into the community. Both Bonner Scholars and other students work as volunteers at the various sites.

“We have students with different interests and talents, and we want to match them to community partners who have expressed need and who want to work with us,” Howard says.

**TANGIBLE IMPACT**

Bryan Figura, director of Richmond’s Bonner Scholars Program, says the scholars’ impact on the community is tangible. “It can be seen in the care and energy our scholars bring to the relationships they form with the students they tutor at Overby-Sheppard Elementary School or the patients they assist at CrossOver Ministry,” he says.

Likewise, he notes, the impact of service learning “is deep, lasting, and far-reaching” on the Bonner Scholars themselves.

“Their community engagement puts them in situations that are challenging and oftentimes unfamiliar,” Figura says. “But it gives them an opportunity to connect classroom learning, such as the history and causes of social issues, with the experiential learning that accompanies service.”

Bonner Scholars “develop an ethic of care because they build relationships with folks most heavily affected by the issues in our community and develop personal reasons for wanting to alleviate problems,” Figura observes. Moreover, he says, “Their critical-thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills are honed as they work through these issues.”

In addition to direct service work in the community, Bonner Scholars attend training, lectures, meetings, and workshops to further enhance their knowledge and skills.

After surveying Bonner partner sites as freshmen, scholars commit to working for three and a half academic years with one of the partner agencies. The goal is that, by their senior year, Bonner Scholars will have developed expertise and knowledge around a social challenge, much like Behrend has done with immigrant and refugee issues.

“The long-term commitment gives students a chance to grow and deepen their experience and knowledge with our Bonner partners,” says Kimberly L. Dean, ’97, who was among UR’s first Bonner Scholars (see sidebar). She later served as director of the program, from 2007 until earlier this year.

Under Dean’s direction, the Bonner Scholars Program model shifted to include the sustained commitment by students to a single partner agency. Additionally, the program expanded the BSP educational components to include more than 100 offerings per semester that complement Bonner Scholars’ experiential service.

Without Bonner support, Behrend may have attended community college in her native New Jersey. As it was, she was the first person in her family to attend college.

“I heard a quote recently that really spoke to me,” Behrend says. “It said, ‘Always remember the two most important days in your life—the day you were born and the day you realized why.’ That’s what the Bonner Scholars Program did for me. It made me realize why.”

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With 18.7 seconds left in the playoff game against Vanderbilt, senior Kevin Anderson sets up the game-winning shot.
Leaders of the Court

Richmond hoopsters show they are more than giant killers. Was this UR’s best team ever?

By many accounts, Kevin Anderson was an unheralded player when he was first recruited to the Richmond men’s basketball team. So were Dan Geriot, Justin Harper, and Kevin Smith. But by the time they were seniors this past year, that quartet had gelled into a powerful core starting lineup. Along with teammates Kevin Hovde, another senior who contributed significantly, and some impressive underclassmen, Anderson, Geriot, Harper, and Smith would lead the team to the best record in Richmond basketball history. The men’s hoopsters won Richmond’s first Atlantic 10 Conference title, earned UR’s second national ranking in two years, and tied for the University’s best finish in NCAA tournament play.

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The well-rounded capabilities of this year’s team helped them even the national playing field. “There’s so much parity in college basketball now,” Mooney says. “A mid-major team can catch up to a high-major team because of that experience.”

PROVING THEMSELVES
Richmond forced its way into the national conversation early in the season, knocking off then-8th-ranked Purdue in November by 11 points and continuing to win games. But the wins were punctuated by a few critical losses, including to conference opponents Rhode Island and Xavier.

No loss was potentially more damaging, though, than the late-season drubbing they took from then-No. 23-ranked
Temple. Mooney was determined that the setback—a 20-point loss, away—wouldn’t derail the season, or sway the team from its goal of making and advancing in the NCAA tournament. Known for drilling players relentlessly in workouts and practice, Mooney took a more benign approach to helping the Spiders collect their thoughts: He had the team play touch football.

“When you have a veteran team, you get to have a better feel for those guys because you’ve been around them for so long,” Mooney says. “We needed to take a step back and take a breath. So we went out and played football for about an hour on a beautiful Richmond day.”

The Spiders won their next seven games. They defeated both Rhode Island and Temple during the Atlantic 10 tournament, and then rolled over Dayton to claim the conference title, the team’s first after 10 years in the league. Since joining Richmond, Mooney has led the Spiders to the winningest two- and three-year spans in school history.

The team earned an automatic NCAA tournament bid and a berth as a lower-than-expected No. 12 seed (a seeding that led even Mooney to openly express surprise) against powerful Vanderbilt.

“What we went through, losing in the first round last year, [we’re] coming back motivated to continue to advance,” Harper said the day before the Vanderbilt game. “We were excited about it last year. This year, we’re here to handle business.”

Playing Vanderbilt in Denver, though, the Spiders couldn’t hit shots and fell behind. They clawed back, only to slip behind again. It wasn’t until midway through the second half that they snared their first lead of the game with a barrage of three-point shots.

At the very end of the game, senior leadership and experience pulled through. With just 18.7 seconds left, Anderson took the ball from outside, then slipped and weaved and finessed his way through Vanderbilt’s defense before pulling up for a five-foot floater from the baseline. Swish—the game winner. The small but mighty crowd of Spider fans roared in approval.

With the win, the Spiders became the only program in history to win NCAA tournament games while seeded No. 12, 13, 14, and 15.

“I don’t view it as an upset, with all due respect to Vanderbilt and the great program they have,” Mooney said after the game. “I think we have a program that can compete on a national level.”

**EYES ON THE PRIZE**

By then, of course, Richmond knew it had a real chance to break into the Sweet 16 for only the second time in school history. Underrated Morehead State had knocked off No. 4-ranked Louisville that same day, setting up a matchup between the 12 and 13 seeds.

Richmond beat the Eagles handily, 65-48. When victory seemed all but assured, the Spider crowd began chanting “Sweet 16! Sweet 16!” Two fans scrawled the phrase on a portable marker board and hoisted it skyward.
Above left, Coach Chris Mooney hugs Justin Harper after the Vanderbilt win. At right, Spider fans in Denver show their support.

to mark the occasion, the first Sweet 16 berth for Richmond since 1988. That set the stage for the Spiders to face No. 1-ranked Kansas in San Antonio. The two had met only once previously, in 2004, when Richmond pulled off a stunning 69-68 upset in Lawrence, Kansas, to break the Jayhawks’ 52-game home winning streak against unranked opponents. Win in San Antonio and the Spiders would head for Richmond’s first appearance in the Elite 8. Win, and they faced the possibility of playing crosstown rival Virginia Commonwealth University on national television. Win, and they would have bested one of the most storied programs in NCAA history.

But it wasn’t to be. In the end, Kansas’ depth proved too overwhelming. The need to keep the Jayhawks’ vaunted Morris twins in check left the door open for other Kansas sharpshooters to hit three-point shots from all over the court. At the same time, the Spiders couldn’t find their offensive groove. Unable to control the game, Richmond endured a bracing 77-57 loss.

In the midst of that heartbreak, though, there were some bright spots. After the loss, sophomore guard Darien Brothers tipped his hat to the fearsome foursome that led the team. “We have a great group of seniors,” Brothers said. “I really look up to those guys. They left us something to build on, and I think we will feed off that.”

“It was a great run,” Brothers said. And it was.

The team fought to a school-record 29 wins this season. Add to that beating VCU—which eventually made it to the Final Four—as well as Wake Forest and nationally ranked non-conference teams during the regular season, winning the A10 championship, and finishing tied for the best NCAA tournament performance of any Richmond team.

INEVITABLE QUESTIONS
Certainly it was the best season for the Spiders in recent memory. But how great was this team, really? The greatest in Spider history?
Dick Tarrant, the legendary Richmond men’s basketball coach who led his 1988 team to the school’s only other Sweet 16 appearance, fielded those questions throughout the playoffs.

“This team is far more athletic and has more quality depth,” Tarrant said at the time. “They’re very, very experienced. Would my team beat Mooney’s team? That’s hard to say. It’s a different era altogether.”

As one difference, Tarrant points to the shot clock, which in 1988 gave players 45 seconds versus 35 today, giving players then more time to control the tempo.

Mooney also acknowledges that comparisons are difficult. “It’s different now than in the late ’80s and early ’90s,” he says.

Spider basketball broadcaster Greg Beckwith, R’86 and G’89, a Richmond Hall of Famer who played on the school’s first two NCAA tournament teams, says this year’s team was the most competitive one he has seen at Richmond. The weight of those words is extraordinary, in part because Beckwith was part of the team with Johnny Newman, R’86, and John Davis, R’86, that beat Charles Barkley and Auburn in the 1984 tournament.

“They’re a close-knit team. That goes a long way during a long season,” said Bob Black, assistant director of athletics and the school’s Spider sports broadcaster since the 1983-84 basketball season. “There’s a compelling argument to be made that this is the best Richmond team that I have seen in my time here.”

Possibly the best team Richmond’s ever seen, but no longer the “giant killers” the team has long been known as? Mooney, for his part, doesn’t believe that label applies anymore. “We’re proud of our tradition and history,” he says. “But at the same time, we feel like we’re a national program.”

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A Season to Remember
To see video highlights of the team’s success, as well as other Spider sports, go to richmond spiders.com/allaccess.
Some of my fondest memories from childhood are of long hours spent curled up on a couch, or under a tree—or even in one—with a book. It may seem obvious that someone who ended up an English professor would have fond memories of childhood reading, but in fact I have yet to meet a student in almost any field with whom I can’t connect over some shared memory involving books.

That connection came to life recently when a student and I were discussing the ways writers rework their prose. I told her of seeing the manuscript drafts of Maurice Sendak’s *Where the Wild Things Are* in the Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia. The student’s eyes lit up as I told her how he’d drafted versions of the famous closing. Sendak toyed with “his mother’s spaghetti” and “fried chicken” before finally hitting upon “Then all around from far away across the world he smelled good things to eat.” The genius of revision is immediately obvious here—rather than stumble over foods they might find distasteful, readers can insert their own idea of “good things to eat” in that phrase.

Here, too, is evidence of the genius of childhood reading. Many of our most vivid memories are of the books we read as children, because childhood reading is so immersive, and the child brain so impressionable.

What follows here is an idiosyncratic list of books that would have enthralled me as a summer reader. I’ve tried to include books that will appeal to both boys and girls, and to a variety of ages. Some will work well as read-alouds; others are best enjoyed while curled up on a couch. And all can be enjoyed by parents as well. Happy reading!

Do you have a favorite children’s book? Email magazine@richmond.edu and let us know what titles you like and why.
Books for kids who’ve already devoured the Harry Potter series and are looking for more fantasy and adventure

The Chronicles of Chrestomanci (1977–2006), by Diana Wynne Jones. Six novels all set in the same multiverse; not a sequential series but a loosely linked chronicle of the rules of magic in many different worlds. See also Howl’s Moving Castle (1986), perhaps my favorite of her novels. Jones’ novels make terrific read-alouds; they’re also good for independent reading by kids ten and over.

The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica (2006–2010), by James A. Owen. A five-book series about a map of imaginary places that turn out to be real. Any child who has already read the Narnia books or enjoyed The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings series will find this one especially appealing; age twelve and up.

The Bromeliad Trilogy (1990–1991) and the Tiffany Aching books (2003–2010), by Terry Pratchett. Pratchett’s books are always funny and often very literary in their references; the Tiffany Aching books begin with Wee Free Men, about Tiffany’s encounters with witches, the Fairy Queen, and the always-hilarious Nac Mac Feegle, a band of tiny but immensely fierce warriors, while the Bromeliad trilogy deals with a race of people who live in the spaces between floors in a large department store. The Bromeliad Trilogy is for readers from about fourth grade on up; the other novels are probably best for slightly more advanced readers.

For readers who also like pictures, even if they’ve graduated from picture books …

It’s a Book (2010), by Lane Smith. This one will only take a few minutes to read, but it’s a charming commentary on our digital age, and a hilarious read-aloud. Smith is best known as the illustrator of many of Jon Scieszka’s books; he also illustrated Roald Dahl’s James and the Giant Peach. 13 Words (2010), by Lemony Snicket. Fans of Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events may have trouble recognizing this as the work of the same writer, but it shares that series’ fascination with and love of words: big words, hard words, funny-sounding words. This is a quirky tale of friendship, with exquisite illustrations by Maira Kalman.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (2009), by Grace Lin. An accomplished writer and illustrator, Lin—who will speak at the University this fall—won a Newbery Honor for this novel, which incorporates Chinese folk tales into a story of a heroic child. Her novel is appropriate for kids age 8 and up.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret (2007), by Brian Selznick. At 526 pages, this book may scare off early readers, but with over 300 pictures it is more a novel-in-pictures than most books of its length. Set in Paris in the early twentieth century, this is the inventive story of a twelve-year-old boy who lives in the walls of a train station—and that’s not even the oddest thing about him. This book won the 2008 Caldecott Medal for achievement in picture books.

Some for middle-grade readers: all (sort of) about art, but about other things, too …

Bud, Not Buddy (1999), by Christopher Paul Curtis. In this novel of the Depression, ten-year-old Bud runs away from one of a series of foster homes in search of his father, whom he believes to be a jazz musician. “Bud Caldwell’s Rules for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself” help shape his hilarious and poignant story and journey. Bud, Not Buddy won the Newbery Medal in 2000.

A Single Shard (2001), by Linda Sue Park. 12th-century Korean orphan Tree-Ear tries to apprentice himself to a master potter. Taking the potter’s work to the emperor’s emissary for consideration for a royal commission, Tree-Ear is attacked by robbers and the pots are smashed. He nonetheless continues on his journey, bringing a single shard to the emissary to demonstrate the potter’s skill. Park’s novel was the Newbery medal winner for 2002.

Becoming Naomi Leon (2005), by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Naomi and her brother Owen live with their great-grandmother after being abandoned by their mother years earlier. When the mother returns unexpectedly and wants to claim only Naomi, the small family embarks on a transforming expedition to Mexico.

And, some young adult novels …

Chaos Walking trilogy (2008–2010), by Patrick Ness. Like The Hunger Games trilogy, this series also takes place in a dystopic future, this time one in which men are subject to “The Noise”—their unfiltered thoughts, broadcast for all to hear. (Just think about that for a minute and you’ll see where much of the conflict arises.)

An Abundance of Katherines (2006), by John Green. This award-winning novelist has written several novels for young adults. This one involves a post-graduation road trip undertaken by Colin and his friend Hassan, in part to help Colin get over his breakup with his girlfriend Katherine—the nineteenth girl with that name that he’s dated.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks (2008), by E. Lockhart. Frankie, a sophomore at the competitive Alabaster Prep, infiltrates a secret society while learning about Foucault, boyfriends, and feminism. Her pranks are epic, and the wordplay always amusing.
Roommates celebrate the ties that bond
Paired as first-year roommates in 2001, Jeni Hatfield, ’05, and Katie O’Gorman, ’05, never dreamed they would still be rooming together ten years later.

The duo first learned they would share a dorm room in the summer of 2001. They hailed from opposite coasts, Hatfield from Los Angeles and O’Gorman from New Jersey. That was pre-Facebook, so the two first connected the old-fashioned way, by telephone. They met in person during move-in for first-year students that August.

“We immediately bonded over our height—or lack thereof,” Hatfield jokes. “We were pretty much the shortest people on a hall of what seemed like very tall athletes.” Consistently compatible, the two roomed together for each successive undergraduate year.

Following graduation — and a 10-day trip to Italy together—they embarked for jobs in Washington, D.C. Not surprisingly, they decided to continue living together. They found an apartment in Arlington, Virginia, in the same building that had housed Hatfield’s parents in the 1970s, after her father graduated from Richmond in 1972.

Today, having each earned master’s degrees, Hatfield directs marketing for an association and O’Gorman is a teacher. They’re often taken for sisters or even twins, and O’Gorman says “sometimes it seems like we can read each other’s thoughts.”

After a decade together, though, the pair decided this year to venture into separate apartments. But they’re not going far—just into separate units in the same building, down the hall from one another.

“Baby steps,” Hatfield says.

Three alumni win recognition awards
The recipient of the 2011 Alumni of the University of Richmond Award for Distinguished Service is Major General Gina Farrisee, W’78. The award is presented annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves, and therefore the University of Richmond, through service to profession, community, or alma mater.

Major General Farrisee is commander of the U.S. Army Human Resource Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In a distinguished military career, she has held many positions of considerable responsibility, both in the United States and abroad, and has earned many military honors. Married to Colonel David G. Farrisee, U.S Army Retired, Major General Farrisee is the daughter of Robert Sgro, R’56, one of the Spider greats in the Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame.

In addition, the Jepson School has announced that...
Connect with classmates

Homecoming 2011
Oct. 21–23, 2011
Homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football against the University of Maine in Robins Stadium, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2011, and a young grad reunion for classes 2002–10.

Reunion Weekend 2012
June 1–3, 2012
If your class year ends in a 2 or 7, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in early June. Reunion Weekend will feature fireworks over Westhampton Lake and the opportunity to spend the night in a residence hall.

Regional Events

Year-Round
For information about alumni events in your area, visit alumni.richmond.edu and click on “Regional Groups” or call the alumni office at the number below.

Alumni.richmond.edu
Anytime
The Office of Alumni and Career Services’ new web presence offers alumni a gateway to the many ways graduates can stay involved with the University, including links to the alumni e-mail forwarding, the UR Career Network, and UROnline for online event registration and the searchable alumni directory, among other online alumni benefits.

Contact Information
For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit alumni.richmond.edu; contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8; or email alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu.

two exemplary alumni, Allison Marsh Bogdanovic and David Shimp, both 2001 graduates, have been honored with Tenth Year Reunion Recognition Awards. Bogdanovic directs housing development for Virginia Supportive Housing, a national model for providing affordable housing. Shimp is a chief operating officer at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, where he oversees more than 3,100 full-time employees at Oklahoma’s only Level I trauma center. Both Bogdanovic and Shimp work tirelessly to improve quality of life for others in their respective fields.

Volunteer

Toward a “Diverse and Inclusive Community”

After graduating from Richmond, Grant Yelverton, ’06, attended Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans. Learning that the law school was one of only a handful nationally without an organization to support LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) students, Yelverton founded the Lambda Law Alliance there. The group includes both LGBTQ individuals and a significant number of their straight allies.

Grateful for his Richmond experience and interested in giving back to his alma mater, Yelverton sought a way to have a meaningful impact. As a gay alumnus, he was delighted to learn of a commitment in the University’s strategic plan, The Richmond Promise, that Richmond will be a diverse and inclusive community.

“After reading the Promise, I knew what I wanted to do,” Yelverton says. “Forming a networking group for LGBTQ alumni was central to my interests.”

After meetings with University administration, LGBTQ Spiders was born. The group seeks to link LGBTQ alumni in a supportive community that provides opportunities to network professionally and socially. The group also seeks to support current and prospective LGBTQ students. Allies are encouraged to get involved with LGBTQ Spiders.

“Different groups share common professional and social interests all the time,” Yelverton says. “They can meet while playing an intramural sport, be in the same fraternity or sorority, or merely be from the same city. One problem in the LGBTQ community, however, is the potential difficulty in identifying other LGBTQ individuals. Hopefully this new group will allow a relatively decentralized student/alumni community to become more cohesive.”

The networking group’s first event, a campus recep-
Adoption is the focus of a new children’s book by Susan B. Keophila, C’07.

Petersburg baseball
Baseball in Petersburg: The Virginia League and Beyond (The Dietz Press, 2011). Author Larry Toombs, G’88, chronicles the rich history of professional baseball in Petersburg, Virginia, from 1886 until the present, including interesting stories about players.

But, Mama! She’s My Sister!
As an adoptee herself, and having worked in adoption services for six years, author Susan B. Keophila, C’07, shares some of her insights in a full-color children’s book, But, Mama! She’s My Sister! (AuthorHouse, 2010).

Illustrated by Rebecca Masters, the book includes two parts. The first follows the story of Kelly Cat, who has just learned that Mama Cat is pregnant. As the pregnancy progresses, the reader follows the two through the adoption process and Kelly’s eventual acceptance that adoption is the best option for the little sister she loves so deeply. The second portion of the book describes the author’s own story, starting with her early knowledge of her adoption and her later search to locate her birth family.

“In my professional work as an adoption case manager, I discovered that there are few resources to help parents explain to their children why a newborn sibling is being placed for adoption,” Keophila says. “But, Mama! She’s My Sister! was written to help parents and children understand adoption and why an adoption decision is made from the deep love of a parent for their child.”

A website to bookmark, this new portal offers alumni a wealth of information about connecting with the University.

Books

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The University of Richmond’s spider mascot is sprouting new legs.

Last year, the University community expressed concerns that the spider’s appearance wasn’t a strong representative of Richmond at home or on the road. The athletics and communications departments partnered with Rickabaugh Graphics to develop two new concepts—a ferocious warrior spider, and a realistic spider, each with eight legs.

In late February, the new mascot was put to a vote. More than 6,000 votes were cast, and the tough spider pulled in nearly 51 percent to become the new face of the Spiders.

“For me, the mascot represents the student body,” says Caroline Vincent, ’11, former vice president of the Westhampton College Government Association (WCGA), who participated in early focus groups discussing the mascot makeover. “It symbolizes our passion for Spider sports and our motivation to keep cheering.”

The new mascot costume, constructed by Street Characters, will feature programmable, flashing LED eyes; a high-powered, custom-designed air cannon that can launch t-shirts and toys to the highest stadium seats; and uniforms to match the basketball and football teams, as well as a chest plate for street attire.

During the redesign process, the University also learned that the name “spidey”—an informal name used in the past—is trademarked by Marvel Comics. While choosing a new look, voters were asked to make suggestions and ultimately, WebstUR rose to the top of the list and became the mascot’s new moniker.

WebstUR In Action
To view video highlights of WebstUR’s debut, go to magazine. richmond.edu.
CLASS OF ’41
I hope many of us were able to attend our 70th reunion in early June. I celebrated my 90th birthday in January and realized how blessed I am with an attentive and devoted family, new and old friends, and a living situation that is comfortable and secure. Before anyone told me to stop driving, I donated my Mercury Grand Marquis and experience only occasional frustration from this separation. While none of us escapes various infirmities, I believe we appreciate our aging bodies and our longevity.

There are 11 Westhampton alumnae where I live at Cedarfield, ranging from our classmaters to Elza Queen Falls, W’64 and G’72.

In January Virginia Ellett, W’47, had a call from Frances Wiley Harris and they spent well over an hour on the phone getting caught up. Frances is the widow of the late James Harris, R, and lives in Runson, N.J. Contact me if you would like her phone number or address.

This will be my last contribution as your alumnae bulletin secretary. Very often you are in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you and your families every happiness and good health in the days to come. Please send your news to the University of Richmond Alumni Office, 28 Westhampton Way, Richmond, VA 23173.

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Dagmar Jacobson Crosby had a happy Christmas 2010 with her daughters at the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Her family and art friends in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., gave her a spectacular 90th birthday party, including a retrospective art show of her works. You can see a video by looking up “Dagmar Crosby Looking Over My Shoulder” on YouTube.

Laura Jenkins Cornett and her husband, George, are both doing well, they now rent their farm out instead of working it themselves.

Hortense Winston Ruddick gets great satisfaction from painting. Even with her many health concerns, she is still a fine correspondent.

Sara Goode Arendall has been blessed with another great-grandchild. Although she no longer drives, she is involved with church and University activities.

Our sympathy is extended to Lucy Burke Allen Meyer on the death of her brother Wilbur in January.

Emmy Smithson Fountain is in good health and still loves teaching piano to a number of serious learners. Her home and her pets—two kittens, three birds, and four sheep—help keep her happy and busier than ever. I have been unable to reach Martha Beverly Myers. Does anyone have any news about her? Please let me know if you do. Have a good summer.

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CLASS OF ’45
I am sorry to report that we have lost another member of our class. Doris Mills Harrell died Jan. 31, 2011. She had moved in 1992 from Northern Virginia and was living at Lakewood Manor in Richmond. Jane Wey Bristow McMorrow attended Doris’ memorial service Feb. 4 and I attended the graveside service Feb. 24 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ann Clark Howe said she was so proud of our class and of those who attended the reunion in April 2010. She said she was a little surprised that she was “still around and in good enough health” to go to the reunion. Anne Seay Jackson and I spoke on the phone recently. She has the same jolly voice. Despite macular degeneration and having had a small stroke, she gets around well. Anne lives in the healthcare section of Cedarfield in Richmond. Her two children attended our dinner there at reunion time last year. Please contact me if you would like Anne’s phone number.

Ellen Brooks Blackwell lives in Williamsburg, Va., and is sorry she missed our 65th reunion. She has three children and seven grandchildren and reports that family, playing bridge, and being a member of the women’s club keep her life busy.

Eulalia Edwards Pitts lives in Rockville, Md., and is dealing with the neurological damage that resulted from an acute case of shingles in November 2009. She has abnormal sensations and loss of sensation that cause pain and imbalance and now needs a cane for walking. In spite of these problems, she lives with her husband’s care of her hand-capped daughter.

I’m humming along at BayWoods with many activities, primarily writing for our bimonthly newsletter. We have a small amateur group, the BayWoods Players. The director for the last two years resigned and I’m trying to get the group going again in hopes of possibly doing a show in the fall.

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Larry Burnette Jr., R, is president of Around Again, an education, planning, and development consulting firm and mediation service. He also is executive director of Perdido Bay Foundation. A resident of Lillian, Ala., he lectures on the American Constitution, comparing world revolutions, and American foreign policy in the Leisure Learning program at the University of West Florida. He is still going strong at 83 and has three recent publications: Sons of Carolina: A Memoir; Making American Foreign Policy in the Political Pressure Cooker; and Readings on the Development of the American Constitution.

CLASS OF ’46
Three significant events highlighted 2010 for Jean White Robeson and Andy. In February they were blessed with the arrival of their first great-granddaughter, Anna Viviane Rae Little. In November they adopted Molly, a three-year-old Golden Retriever, from a rescue home in Radford, Va. Andy says she is a dear and that she exercises all of the neighborhood squirrels. In December granddaughter Chelsea completed her nursing degree at Texas Women’s University and Jean and Andy attended her “pinning.”

A beautiful Christmas “ode to gratitude” came from Virginia “Ding” Lambeth Showell last winter. The_poetically written message talked...
about all of the people who have touched her life. I wish I could copy it here, but since I cannot, please know that Ding is still writing and is just as full of feeling as she always was.

Callye Goode Jackson has been retired for over a year now and misses her students, colleagues, and friends whom she enjoyed at work. But she has not been bored with retirement. In December 2009 she took a fall and recovery was tedious, but by spring she was ready for her annual "arts in the garden" event held in her backyard. It was a great success as the yard was resplendent with plants. Summer and fall were mostly filled with beach time and yardwork, including fence and brick walk repair and building. When the weather was too hot or too cold, she retreated into her shop, located in the garden, where she worked on her craft project, small wooden doves for Christmas.

Virginia “Jinks” Booth Grabbe wrote that in August 2009, Ernie’s health began to decline. She lost her darling Ernie on Feb. 6, 2010. They had shared 17 years together. Jinks has stayed busy counseling at the men’s rehabilitation program for addicts at the Salvation Army; serving two intern principalships for Sacramento City Unified; mentoring new principals in Sacramento County; and joining and doing some counseling for a widows’ group. She has a wonderful family and a core of supportive friends and says that, “It’s all good! I am blessed.” We all send our sympathy to Jinks and we send our admiration as well for a life of service even in the midst of loss.

To Jinks and we send our admiration.

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as well for a life of service even in

July 9, 2010.

We remember her physics savvy and travel frequently and I appreciate hearing about this in your notes to me.

Dick and I celebrated our 60th anniversary in March.

The Class of ’47 was saddened to lose another member. Majie Wingfield Webster passed away July 9, 2010. We remember her physics savvy and her participation in team sports. She was a computer scientist at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey for 35 years and she enjoyed being a docent at Waterloo Village and portraying a chuck wagon cook at Wild West City there.

Please send me some news of you. The alumni magazine surely tempts you to return to campus and be awed by the growth. Remember, our next

Then and Now

In the photo above, Joan Bishop Davidson, W’62, and Ed Wood, R’61, attended Ring Dance in the spring of 1961 in the Keller Hall gymnasium. In more recent years, Westhampton College has moved Ring Dance to The Jefferson Hotel and shifted the emphasis from couples to families. Fathers often don tuxedos and escort their daughters down the Jefferson’s fabled staircase. In the photo below, Natalie Omattage, ‘12, was accompanied by her father, Dr. O.P. Perera, at this year’s Ring Dance.
reunion is in June 2012. Westhampton Class Secretary
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CLASS OF ’48
Margaret Sabine Kingsley
Bezdine Schwartz and Chuck are enjoying some pleasant travel fol-
lowing Chuck’s second heart valve replacement. They were homebound
last summer but have since visited
Chuck’s son on Otisco Lake, the
smallest of the Finger Lakes; his
daughter in Ithaca, N.Y.; Margaret’s
hometown of Canton, N.Y.; and
they wound up their travels in the
Berksheires at a Tanglewood Concert
featuring famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma. You
go, Chuck and Margaret!
Judy Barnett Scelhorst’s letters
always leave me in a positive mood.
From them I get a picture of an all-
American family at her and Art’s South
Shore, Ky., farm, with all its members
interacting and its particularly nour-
ishing leadership, Judy’s daughter is
planning a trip down memory lane in
September for her dad, and I hope
they include coming to check out
our campus, which is so exciting with
all the gorgeous new structures. If
they do come, we will have to visit
author Rita Mae Brown, whose sto-
dies Judy enjoyed, and we’ll ask her if
she was actually in Judy’s hometown
of Shelbyville, Ky., when ‘Puss ‘n
Cahoots’ was staged at the fairgrounds.
Ann Clark Little lives in
the Wyndemere Senior Living
Community in the Chicago area.
She and Rendel Little Jr., have
two daughters in the area. Their old-
est daughter, who lives in Daytona
Beach, Fl., recently came to visit with
her daughter-in-law and Ann’s and
Randall’s first great-grandchild, Mia
Nicole Milliken.
Sadly, we lost Pamela Burnside
Gray, our May Queen, on Nov. 27,
2010. I talked to Pam some while before and had hoped that she,
Margaret Elliot Owney, and I would have the opportunity to get together for
lunch, but that did not happen. Pam’s
sister-in-law, Florence Gray Tulledge,
W’49, died on Dec. 11, 2010. Both
women were remarkable in their com-
unity leadership and service to others,
not to mention their exemplary care of
their families.

To Ann Clark Little and those of
you who have complimented me on
‘my work.’ I really don’t do the best
job one might expect. These days, one
has to hunt for news from classmates
and with no typewriter, computer, or
text messaging capacity, anyone could
do it better than I from anywhere in
the country, or world for that matter.
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CLASS OF ’50
Please send me your news! Your class-
mates enjoy reading about you and
about the people and events in your
life. I look forward to hearing from
every one of you.
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CLASS OF ’51
Jo Ann Asbury Hopkins and Hal had a wonderful cruise to the
Galapagos Islands last December.
Their son Ralph was the director of
photography on the cruise. They left
Seattle for Miami and then went to
Equador, where they boarded the
cruise ship. They visited a different
island each day. On their return, they
joined their son Burt and his wife for
the Christmas holiday in Miami.
Mary Lee Moore May celebrated
her 80th birthday in February. Ed
gave her a surprise dinner party that
included most of her family.
Jean Love Hanson, Maryglyn
Cooper McCraw, Gina Herrink
Coppock, Lea Thompson Osburn,
Charlotte Herrink Sayre, and Mary
Lee Moore May had a mini-reunion in
February with a luncheon at
Cedarfield.
Helen Clark Hensley wrote that
the newly installed Skinner Organ—
the Jane Slaughter Hardenbergh
Memorial Organ—was dedicated with
an organ recital at the Memorial
Church, Harvard Yard, in Cambridge,
Mass. Thomas Murray of Yale
University was the organist for the
event.
I was saddened to hear that
Elizabeth “Libba” Eanes
Baskerville’s husband, Channing,
died in January, and in February she
lost her sister Ida. Our sympathy and
thoughts are with you, Libba.
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CLASS OF ’52
Reunion Reminder
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Addie Eicks Comegys attended the
inauguration of Lincoln Chafee as
governor of Rhode Island in January.
Addie’s daughter Lee is her sister-
in-law. The ceremony took place
outdoors on a chilly but sunny day
on the steps of the Rhode Island State
House. In early February Addie had
to have her roof shoveled, as 45 flat roofs
nearby had caved in.
Addie is a great sleuth finding
classmates and updating us. Marian
Lacy Mahon and Jim are spending
the winter in St. George, Utah, where they say the scenery is
awesome and they are only a few miles
from Zion National Park. Leha’s son
Steve found a lovely house for them to
rent in his community.
In October, Sarah Barlow Weight
attended the UR local alumnae lunch
at Smithfield Station, Va., and in
November, she joined Lena Thornton
Small, W’47, of Suffolk, Va.,
and classmates from Richmond. Sarah
shared special memories during her
80th year: selecting stalks of wheat
from a field early one June morning;
sitting on the farm porch appreciating
much-needed rain; watching the sun
set over the Blue Ridge Mountains;
taking a trip to see the Lost Colony;
and playing Monopoly with grand-
children. May we all have such a list?
The mailbox was filled during the
holiday. Artist Addie Eicks
sent a notecard along with the
“Spirit of Giving Award”
and attending conferences to keep
letter and Anne Gibson Hill wrote
to remind us of the work the Hill
Center does to transform students
with learning differences into confi-
dent, independent learners.
Harriet Willingham Johnson sent
photos of the Grandfather Mountain
Workshop. It was a wonderful
professional development experience
during the past 19 years. I am now
busy developing the Brazil program.
We are most excited about the pho-
tography, animal and bird life, and
the Brazilians who will be involved.
Come join us at www.ncsu.edu/scilink.

CLASS OF ’54
We are proud to hear that Barbara
Jones Walker and her husband,
Thomas Andrew Walker, received
honors on National Philanthropy
Day last November. The Central
Virginia Chapter of the Association of
Fundraising Professionals hon-
ored the couple with the Spirit of
Giving Award in a ceremony that was
attended by more than 800. They
were nominated by United Methodist
Family Services for their nearly 50 years
of support. Barbara was our classmate
and a town student during our fresh-
man year. She and her husband have
three children. One is a doctor and
two are nurse practitioners.
Ann Hanbury Callis enjoys her
lineage organizations. She is regular
of her Daughters of the American Revolution chapter.

Please send me news about yourself and classmates by August 20, 2011.

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Willbur “Gene” Thomas, B, is pleased that his granddaughter, Holton Ariel Thomas, ’13, is a junior at UR. She has sung “The Star Spangled Banner” at UR football and basketball games for several seasons, including singing at the UR vs. JMU game at the new stadium on campus last fall. Her father is Raymond Thomas, R’85. Gene also has another son, Michael Thomas, R’82.

CLASS OF ’55

The Richmond area class of 1955 had its quarterly luncheon at Jean Cruttenden Kaufman’s home on Feb. 24. Jean provided many wonderful dishes and Barbara Turner Willis provided delicious desserts. Those in attendance were Jean and Barbara, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Emily Menefee Johnston, Jackie Kilby Brooks, Jean Cruttenden Kaufman, Jody Weaver Yuhas, Joy Winstead, Nancy Johnson White, Shirlee Garrett Maxson, Sue Smith Van Wicker, and Bobbie Reynolds Wyker, W and G’76.

Marias Chisholm Hasker and her husband, Bill, spent six days in New York City at Christmas time. It was the first time they had not been with some of their family at that time but they had fun eating out and saw A Little Night Music, visited museums, went to St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church at Christmas Eve, and got caught in the blizzard. They were buried in snow and ice from early December throughout the winter at their home in Morristown, N.J. Joy Winstead is taking opera and literature courses through the University of Richmond’s Other Institute.

Janice Boyer Baldridge and her husband, Bob Baldridge, B, are organizing a library for their health care facilities. She says it is small but much needed, especially large-print books. In addition, they are looking at Kindles that can be checked out. Janice also serves as an escort for assisted living residents, helping to get them where they need to go.

Peggy Hall Flippin and her husband, Ed Flippin Jr., R’56, are busy playing golf and enjoying their grandchildren, who are 4 and 7. She gives piano lessons to 7-year-old Amanda, who is excited about playing the piano. Their great-grandsons are one and two years old and live in Richmond.

Myra Embrey Wormald and Bob have five grandchildren in college. Ben, who is Robert and Eleanor’s son, is a senior at Georgetown University, majoring in government and minorining in Arabic. His brother, Michael Wormald, ’14, is a freshman at the University of Richmond. He was awarded a full scholarship and is majoring in biochemistry. Granddaughter Elizabeth, Ed and Patty’s daughter, is a sophomore at Messiah College, studying psychology. Ellen and Jeff’s son Daniel is a junior at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, Va., majoring in strategic intelligence. His brother Andrew is a freshman at Patrick Henry, majoring in history.

Bobbie Reynolds Wyker still enjoys living in a small town. The Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck Westhampton alumnae group has quarterly luncheon meetings. Many graduating years are represented but that Westhampton spirit is still there. She also has joined a small book club that is adding to her reading pleasure and two of the club’s members are Westhampton alumnae. In college Bobbie never jumped a hurdle or went over the “horse” correctly, but she is now faithfully exercising at Curves and enjoying it.

Gail Tench Miller had a great trip through half the Panama Canal and played lots of bridge during happy hours each afternoon aboard the MS Zaandam. They had good entertainment, wonderful food, and lots of side trips. Weshtampton Class Secretary Nancy Johnson White 8228 S. Mayfield Lane Mechanicsville, VA 23111 wbiste@vcu.org

CLASS OF ’56

On Jan. 10, Diane Brown Higgins, Janet Knobel Jones, Ann Peery Oppenhiemer, Edna Wagstaff Wärncke, Doris Huffman Moore, Dottie Stiff Price, Helen Melton Lukhard, Julia Hubbard Nixon, Joyce Still Gibson, and I met at the Weinstein International Center on campus, where we had lunch in the café. Afterwards we were given a tour of this state-of-the-art building by an excellent student guide.

Last September Helen Siner Wood traveled to Moldova, a former republic of the U.S.S.R. that is said to be the poorest country in Europe today. She helped conduct a Women’s Conference in one of the local churches, which was its first such conference.

Thelma Flynn Helm and her daughter spent Christmas with her son’s family in West Africa, where they had many experiences involving the life and culture of the African people and attended the baptism of Thelma’s 15-year-old grandson in the Atlantic Ocean. While they were away, Thelma’s mother developed pneumonia. She passed away Jan. 8, but Thelma had arrived back in Richmond while her mother was still alert.

Phyllis Gee Wacker visited Denver and northern Colorado for two weeks in September with the Richmond Friendship Force. She also spent four weeks in Finland in October and November. She is the director of the Thomas Rolfe branch of Preservation Virginia. In February Phyllis was in New Zealand for a month.

I enjoyed a fun, three-week visit in February with a friend who lives in Tampa, Fla., with her son during the winter.

We were saddened by the death of our friend Jean Beanlin, who died March 14, 2011.

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CLASS OF ’57

Reunion Reminder June 1–3, 2012

To register for your reunion, visit UROnline.net or send an email to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8305 or (800) 480-4774, option 8. Since we are at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, Va. They had their first ride in a horse-drawn sleigh in 12 inches of fluffy snow that fell in one day and night and helped set a romantic theme.

Since retirement, Rosie Allen Barker, W and H’82, and John have been spending most of the Canadian winter (February and March) in Byron Bay, which is the easternmost point of Australia, in New South Wales. Rosie and John discovered this beautiful place more than 25 years ago, when they were both on sabbaticals. They enjoy cross-country skiing in Canada and the beautiful snow, but after December and January, they find it is very nice to go to Byron Bay. The town is walkable, so they rarely need a car. Around Valentine’s Day, the librarians wrap many of their recent books in brown paper and let anyone who has a library card choose a book and check it out. It’s a great incentive, she says, to encourage reading and discovering a new author, since one doesn’t know what book he has until the package is unpacked. I look forward to receiving a postcard from Byron Bay.

Marcia Slaven Moss wrote that 2010 was an eventful year at their home. Marcia’s husband, Burton, retired from his medical practice last July and they have both enjoyed their newfound freedom. Marcia continues working in her design business part time. Their son Marc has been in Los Angeles for the past 20 years working as a film writer. He and his wife and three children moved back to Virginia.
last summer, so now Marcia and Burton have all four children and their families, including 12 grandchildren, living in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va. This makes for a very large group of 22 every time they get together, which they try for once every month or so. Their cup runneth over!

Burton and Marcia have gotten back into the swing of travel with a trip to the Balkans last fall and a trip to Korea, Vietnam, and Cambodia planned for this past April. They will have visited over 60 countries in their 54 years of marriage. The whole family, or part of the family, has joined them on some of their trips but it is getting more difficult to plan big trips as the kids get older, so they are back to doing their own thing!

In February, Carolyn Naumann Robertson and Jim were enjoying a visit from their daughter, Carol Elizabeth, who came from Australia for the holidays and decided to stay a couple of months. With her daughter’s help, Carolyn has come into the electronic 21st century and is the proud owner and user of an Ipad! Their oldest two grandchildren, who are son Craig’s children, have become proficient in two or more foreign languages. Camille, the oldest, spent a semester in Italy.

Lee Feld Griffiths had a total left knee replacement last October. Son Richard was there during surgery and took her to his home in Carlisle, Pa., to recover. Lee loved her time at Richard’s. The children, ages 3 and 5, were terrific therapy and a delight to be with. Lee is doing quite well now. In February, she visited Carolyn Robertson and Jim in their beautiful home in Williamsburg. They attended a lecture on Jamestown and enjoyed a tour of the village. Lee said it was so good to see them both and to enjoy their gracious and loving hospitality.

Aimee Lee Raveling Cheek has said she has been taking Voltaire’s advice and cultivating her own garden. It is not the extraordinary vegetable and flower gardens that many produce year-round, thanks to their perseverance and talent and San Diego’s kindly climate. But rather, it is the “garden” of communal interests for her neighborhood of mainly modest homes and a mixed population just south of San Diego State University, where her husband taught for more than 40 years and where there is an active and useful community organization. In between her historical writings, Aimee Lee has been helping, particularly with the newsletter. She says it doesn’t feel so very different from working on The Collegian so many years ago.

Mary Garland Johnston’s brother, Walter Scott Cox, passed away suddenly this February. We sympathize with Mary Garland and her family.

In January, I spent a week in Cancun, Mexico. A friend invited me to share her timeshare just south of Cancun and we visited several ancient sites—Chichén Itzá, Tulum, and Coba. One highlight was a visit to Punta Laguna, a nature preserve not far from Coba. Our guide in the preserve was a local Maya who grew up in the area and was working part-time with a research team of scientists keeping track of the wildlife. He could not only find the spider monkeys, he knew them personally and could tell us where they had been the day before.

CLASS OF ’58 Mary Jean Simpson Garrett and her family went to Disney World. With six grandchildren ages 4 to 11, the trip must have been interesting.

Carolyn Moss Hartz continues her work with Long & Foster Realtors. This year marks her 25th year with the company. Carolyn and Ransone Hartz, R, enjoyed their annual trip to Barbados.

Janie Davies Wheelless and Don have taken trips to Canada and to countries in Europe and Africa. They spent a month in Africa, staying in homes from Johannesburg to Capetown, seeing the sights and going on a safari. These trips enable them to make many international friends. Janie and Don have two daughters and a son. Don retired in 1992 after a serious automobile accident. They are in good health and recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

In February Nancy Jane Cyrus BAIN’s husband, George, died of pulmonary fibrosis. I know you will join me in sending love and sympathy to Nancy Jane and her family.

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CLASS OF ’60

Barbara Dulin Polis attended her 55th high school reunion in Culpepper, Va., in October. Although she enjoyed the reunion, it was bittersweet for her without her twin sister, Peggy Dulin Crews.

Peggy Ware spent several days in Dubai in January and then visited several other countries in the United Arab Emirates, including Fujairah, Oman, and Abu Dhabi. She was pleasantly surprised at the friendliness of the people, their interest in America, and the fact that so many spoke English. She ended her 10-day vacation with a stay in Syria, where to her dismay, no one would take her credit cards and she could not get any money from ATMs. She was told that the credit cards were largely banned because of American sanctions against Syria. She found herself completely broke and owing a lot of money. Fortunately, a friend from home wired her money. Although Peggy visited several Syran cities and saw many historical sites—many in ruins—she is still beautiful. Dottie had a nice visit with Suzanne Bunting, who gave her a bed for the night.

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Jessica Scarborough Burmester, W, and Raymond retired as computer systems analysts for the Navy in 1995 and enjoy a busy and rewarding retirement, including being active in advocacy activities for people with developmental disabilities, including The Arc of Virginia. Jessica is a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church (Va.) Community Services Board and the Fairfax Long-Term Care Coordinating Council. Raymond is a member of the Virginia Disability Commission. They have received numerous awards and recognitions for their 20 years of advocacy efforts and recently have established two endorsements with The Community Foundation in Richmond, which has a unique investment partnership with the University of Richmond. One endorsement provides college scholarships for graduates of Northumberland High School and the other benefits persons with developmental disabilities. Their son, Randall, has multiple disabilities and lives in a group home nearby. Their daughter, Jennifer, also lives nearby and works for FEMA. Raymond is a vegetable gardener; the couple has retired from canning and freezing. They enjoy playing bridge, reading, and traveling and take trips around the world at least twice a year. Their most recent trip was to South Africa and Zimbabwe. They are planning trips to Morocco and Croatia. Linda Frazer Sharp, W, underwent the original MRI DBS surgery on Jan. 6 and an additional surgery on Jan. 13 in an effort to treat her Parkinson’s disease. The groundbreaking surgical technique developed at the University of California-San Francisco improves mobility and reduces involuntary movements in Parkinson’s patients. She is confident that this treatment will work. For more information about MRI DBS surgery, go to http://www.ucsf.edu/news/2011/02/8442/cutting-edge-interventional-mri-system-transforms-brain-surgery-parkinsons.

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Margaret Bess Taylor Sheldon lives in Yakima, Wash., but manages a trip east every few years, especially since most of her relatives are there. She hopes to make it to a reunion. Contact me if you would like her email or mailing address.

Nancy Richardson continues to stay busy with volunteer work and photography. She enjoys combining the two by teaching a photography course at Esperanza Academy, a private, Episcopal Church-sponsored middle school for girls from low-income families in Lawrence, Mass. (You can learn more about the school at www.esperanzaacademy.org.) She also volunteers with a low-income housing program and doing photography for her church. Her work can be found at www.oldsouth.org and on her website, www.lilacgrovephotography.com.

Barbara Harrell Holdren’s husband, Jim, suffered a mild stroke in December but is recovering well. He was back to work after one month.

All of my children and grandchildren came home and surprised me for my 70th birthday in February, after which Bill and I spent a few weeks in Florida.

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CLASS OF ’63
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Donna Houff Ludwig on the recent death of her mother, Rollo Houff.

Frances Pitchford Griggs and her husband, Walter S. Griggs Jr., R, L’66 and G’71, have published A Mouse’s History of North America. A review of the book says, “the reader will chuckle from start to finish with its charismatic story-telling and willful personification of enchanting mouse as it relates North American history from early American colonies through the cold war.” After graduating from Westhampton, Frances did graduate work at VCU. She was a high school English teacher and librarian, a college librarian, and currently is an editor and proofreader.

In March Carolyn Anthony Powers enjoyed an extensive tour of the Holy Land. Among the areas she visited while in Israel were Tel Aviv, Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and sites along the way such as the Mt. of Olives, the Dead Sea, and the River Jordan.

The next deadline for news is August 1. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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Sue Parish Patrick’s husband, Kenton, has recuperated successfully from a kidney transplant he had May 21, 2010. Their daughter Donna donated the kidney and Sue spent 10 weeks in Cleveland with him during his recuperation. Daughter Sue and her family are moving from Arizona to Virginia Beach, Va. This will bring their 15-month-old grandson, Oscar, to the East Coast.

Jackie Harper Burrell has a second grandson who is five months old. Jackie spoke with Barbara Vaughan, who is now able to drive after having hip replacement surgery in December. Barbara had excellent care from WC friends Ann Carter Carmody and Harry Hubbard Wallace-Boulster. Bettie Lee Currell Gaskins and her husband, Fred Gaskins, R’63, continue to publish the Urbanna, Va., Southern Sentinel and the Kilmarnock, Va., Rappahannock Record. Their children Joe, Katie, and Susan all work at the papers. Bettie and Fred were grand marshals of the Urbanna Oyster Festival this year.

Jane Lasley Quinn wrote that she and Kevin Quinn, B’67, enjoy being retired and having their three grandchildren nearby in Fairfax, Va. Their daughter Kathleen returned from Egypt in January after teaching a class there with Northern Kentucky University students. Although there was trouble going on in Egypt at the time, they felt safe and were able to visit the pyramids and travel on the Nile. Kevin and Jane traveled to Arcata,
Matters of taste

Peter Pruden III, B’68

Peter Pruden III, B’68, knew he would follow his father and grandfather into the food business. Except for five years in banking, food has been his bread and butter.

In 2001, Pruden sold the business he cofounded, which included the family’s Pruden Packing Company, to Smithfield Foods for about $18 million. Since 2004, he has served as chairman of the board of the Virginia Food Group, which owns the nation’s largest maker of peanut brittle.

In 2006, the Suffolk native—a past member of the Spider Club and the Robins School of Business alumni board—again expanded the menu of Pruden family food enterprises. He and son Jonathan Pruden, L’97, bought Taste Unlimited, a chain of six specialty food stores in Virginia’s Tidewater region.

Started 38 years ago as a wine and cheese shop, Taste Unlimited found a niche before grocery stores sold wine and before outlets offered specialty cheeses. Its cafes are best known for sandwiches and the house dressing, while their adjoining shops entice shoppers with gourmet foods, cheeses, coffees, candies, and wine.

“It was a great opportunity to buy a company with a great reputation, something well-established and well-thought-of by the general public,” Pruden says, adding “my son runs the company and I work for him. It’s been a switch for me.”

In his new company, Pruden’s experience in the specialty food industry and his vision continue to pay off. For example, he says, “we were on the cutting edge about two years ago by providing gluten-free items not only on the menu but on the shelf.”

The National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT) and Specialty Food magazine named Taste Unlimited one of the nation’s top five specialty food retailers in 2009. The Prudens envision a future in which Taste Unlimited expands into other Virginia markets and possibly into North Carolina.

—Marilyn J. Shaw
years. Carpe diem!
friendships made and enjoyed over the
going on in our lives. Hold dear the
of our fun times as well as all that is
ing on, lets keep each other informed
all of the above. even as life is roll-
dren, grandchildren, semi-retirements,
everyone is busy with their adult chil-
to move along for all of us. It seems
their friendships, which remain a very
definitely plan fun trips and enjoy
“Westhampton wild women” in
tradition of getting together every year.

JoBurnette Cooper
says she and
her husband, Steve, live a pretty calm
days near Todos Santos. Their son,
Max, is an attorney in New York City.
Daughter Charlotte is finishing up her
max, is an attorney in New York City.

JoAnn Russell Nicholson and Bill
traveled to France in May. They vis-
ted Normandy, Paris, and Provence.
Kevin and I are looking forward
to another season of Spider home
football games with the Nicholsons.
We had a ball last year in the new
stadium. If you have not yet seen the
stadium, it is a must see when you visit
near you.
Jane Martin Dunaway, W’69,
sold her accounting practice and
“retired” in early January, but she
continues to work with several fam-
ily businesses from her home. She
and her husband, Stuart, are raising
Stuart’s 11-year-old grandson. Jane’s
full life also includes her two sons and
six grandchildren, Stuart’s four chil-
dren and their families, including four
older grandchildren, and her mother.

Shirley Jo Beck Unger and Don
snooked and enjoyed the warm
weather when they were cruising in
the Caribbean in January to St. Croix,
St. Kitts, Grenada, Tobago, and San
Juan, Puerto Rico. A cruise/land tour
to Alaska was planned for May.

Jo Burnette Cooper
says she and
her husband, Steve, live a pretty calm
life in California. They went to Cabo
San Lucas, Mexico, in January with a
client and then stayed on for a few
days near Todos Santas. Their son,
Charlie Ryan Jr., R’69

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Diane Davis Ryan
and her hus-
band, Charlie Ryan Jr., R’69, are
retired and live on Skidaway Island,
Ga., which she says is a beautiful
and peaceful place. Because it is only
about 20 minutes from downtown
Savannah, Ga., they still have easy
access to the city. Diane is trying to
improve her golf game and figure
out how to fight off the sand gnats at
the same time. Their daughter, son-
in-law, and two grandchildren live
in Marietta, Ga., which is only four
hours away, and Diane and Charlie
enjoy visiting with them and watch-
ing the girls’ tennis and gymnastic
matches. Their son lives in Nanchang,
China, where he teaches English as a
second language.

Margaret Williams lives in her
hometown of Culpeper, Va. She
retired from her job as assistant direc-
tor of the Culpeper County library,
where she worked for more than 38
years. She says she may end up work-
ning part time or helping out at the
library in the future. To use her favor-
et expression, “We’ll see…”

Carole Waind Kinter
lives in
Land O’Lakes, Fl., and continues
to work two days a week as a school
psychologist and two days a week in
private practice. Her husband, Bill,
recently retired after teaching for 34
years in the psychology department at
the University of South Florida. Their
son, Chris, was married in an outdoor
ceremony at a garden club on the
water in Tampa, Fl. Their daughter
is 26 and lives in Orlando, Fl. Carole
planned a trip to New York City this
past spring.

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CLASS OF ’71
Fay Duffer Aucamp
still works as a
school improvement specialist in the
Virginia Beach, Va., middle schools.
Her husband, Fred Aucamp, is a
retired judge in Virginia Beach. They
recently traveled to Florida and are
planning trips to Cancun, Mexico
and St. Croix. Fay has a daughter by
her late husband, Dwight Inge, R.,
who died a number of years ago.

Gena D. Shadwell

teaches second
grade at Jackson Davis Elementary
School in Henrico, Va. Her daughter
April is a senior at Old Dominion
University. Her oldest daughter
recently won a $1.12 million grant
to improve the teaching of algebra.

Read more on page 2.

Did you know?
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Faye Patteson Green
may be making
more trips to Richmond now that
her son Jason and daughter-in-law
Kristen moved to Richmond from
Boston this past fall. Kristen writes
for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Faye
and Chuck have two daughters and
were blessed by their youngest son,
Aaron, and his wife, Erin, with a
grandson in February. It was their sec-
ond grandson and fourth grandchild.

Tricia Mason Prillaman’s daughter
Erin is in Boston finishing graduate
school and continues working for the
New England Center for Children.
Emily and her husband, Arthur, live
in Missouri and plan to move to Fort
Knox, Ky., this year. Emily also is fin-
ishing up graduate school. Son Beatt
was married in October 2010 and is
working while taking classes toward
his M.B.A. at William and Mary.

Nancy Boykin continues to teach
acting at Temple and Villanova uni-
versities. Last fall she appeared in
the world premiere of the play Silverhill
at InterAct Theatre Company in
Philadelphia. In March, she opened
at the Arden Theatre Company in
Superior Donum. Her husband, Dan,
is the new artistic director of Temple
Repertory Theatre and plans to direct
her in a production of Buried Child this
summer. Their son James is a junior
at the University of the Arts studying
jazz drum performance, but he recently
started taking some acting classes. It
looks as if he might be following in the
family business! Nancy is going to do
her very best to be in Richmond for the choir reunion this October.

Christie Holland’s husband, Bob Cox, died in July 2007. She was left to care for her 10-year-old daughter, Helen, a big house, a three-year-old Samoyed dog, and a parrot. In 2010 she married Bill Ormsby and Helen was her maid of honor. Christie and Bill plan to take their honeymoons—a March cruise to the Bahamas and a month-long trip to Germany, Switzerland, and Italy this July. Bill lived in Naples, Italy, for 10 years while he was in the Navy.

My Westhampton roommate, Becky Waggoner Glass, W and GB’78, and her husband, Mark, are still in Cary, N.C. (that is, when they’re not at their beautiful home at Lake Gaston, N.C.). My husband, Al Mollen, R’69, and I join them at their lake home in the late summer each year for a very relaxing time filled with great food, fine wine, water sports, and a wicked game of Trivial Pursuit. So far, I’m afraid to say that the guys have triumphed over us for our first two annual contests. We will get them next time. Becky’s son, Stephen, used to join us at the lake, but he is grown up now and graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in biology. He has wanted to be a veterinarian for as long as I can remember and has been accepted into the VCU School of Dentistry, where he will start next fall.

Carolee Dykes Hall, W and G’76, and Fred Hall, B’71, have an 18-month-old granddaughter, born to their daughter Kristin Hall Martin, ’02, and her husband, Alex. Rhodes Florence Martin and her parents live in Richmond, so she is a wonderful part of Carolee and Fred’s lives. Last fall they took an 11-day trip to England, Italy, and France, and later learned they were only one hour from Sally Hamanson Wallace, W’71 and G’77, who is teaching in France for a year.

Carolee and I both work at UR but rarely see each other, although we’ll try to remedy that soon with lunch in the dining hall. She is in her fourth year as an assistant adjunct professor and student teacher supervisor at the University’s School of Continuing Studies. She loves it and tells her students how amazing it is to teach in classrooms in which she once studied! I get the same thrill all the time—working on and walking through this campus. Rachel Pierce Newell wrote to say hello and mentioned that Judy Johnson Maxyer would be writing about a New York City trip the two took with Nancy Clevering Carpenter, W and L’80, Marilib Henry Tomb, and Donna Renfro Williamson. Judy wrote to say that they had been thinking about going together for quite awhile and decided that, at 60, they had to make it happen. They stayed in one room (deornm life without the booklets!), saw a play, ate good food, and did lots of walking. They have started thinking about how to get more of us together for a trip, which sounds like a great idea.

Judy talked to Betty Toler Turner, who is still living in Quinton, Va. Betty stays busy with her daughter, Hannah, who is in middle school, and she also has her mother living with them. Marilib is having fun with her three grandchildren, two of whom were born in November 2010. Her daughter gave birth to Jack on Nov. 6 and her daughter-in-law gave birth to Raleigh Ann on Nov. 30. Marilib says it is pretty amazing to begin and end the month with new babies.

Barbara Crosw Seyfert, son, William, was married in St. Petersburg, Fl., earlier this year. Like many of us, Barbara is looking forward to our next reunion.

Kathy McDonald Goyne has a daughter, Kathy’s mother living with them. Kathy’s mother lives in Nashville, Tenn., and works with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Meg Kemper continues to get good news from her doctors. She and Michael had a wonderful trip to Spain and Portugal in the fall. They particularly enjoyed seeing the palaces and mosques in southern Spain. Thanksgiving and Christmas brought their children, Susan and Will, home for a trip to Kemper Knoll Farm in Virginia. Will is working for Google and living in San Francisco. Susan lives in Nashville, Tenn., and works with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Meg and Michael were able to travel to Charleston to visit his sister and family at New Year’s.

In my next letter I will report about this spring’s wonderful Westhampton women’s big birthday celebration weekend in Charleston, S.C. Please take the time to send me your summer! Westhampton Class Secretary Jere Hudson Mollen 2609 Scarsborough Drive Richmond, VA 23235 jmollen@richmond.edu

CLASS OF ’73

Remember when we used to sunbath on the hill at South Court or on the roof outside the Rat Hole in February? Were we ever that young and crazy? This past winter and spring, Hannah and I took advantage of the beautiful weather every day after school (and homework).

Betty Rodman Harris and Scott are thoroughly enjoying grandparent-hood. Their son Scott and his wife, Becky, have two children, Cole and Brooke. Their son John is still in Nepal but planned to be home in May for at least two months. I have fun keeping up with Betty and Scott through her Facebook pictures.

Gayle Goodson Butler reports that daughter Sarah and her husband, Joel, and baby, Jack, have moved out of the Butler house and into a place of their own. Gayle said that she and Scott will miss them but are enjoying it being just the two of them again.

Christmas brought another wonderfully entertaining annual letter from Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick, who reported about the chaos of their daughter Amanda’s spring wedding, complete with the Icelandic volcano’s eruption threatening a bridesmaid’s travel. Much of the letter was about their granddaughter, Ginny Grace, of whom they are so proud.

In February Al and I became grandparents for the first time when our daughter, Rian Mollen Madayag, ’00, and her husband, Kevin, had a son, Owen Cruz Madayag, Owen and his family live in Richmond, so I have the inexpressibly happy experience of seeing my new grandson often. Many of you have been telling me that there is nothing like grandparenthood, and you’re right! Before Owen’s arrival we went to Costa Rica and stayed on the Pacific coast in Punta Leona for a week. It was a wonderful trip and I even got to use a little bit of my Spanish. Dr. Marcone would have been so happy to know I still remembered some words and phrases. Our younger daughter, Abby, has been clerking in the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Sonia Sotomayor since July of last year. She will be finishing up this summer. It has been quite an experience for her and we are very proud of her hard work and accomplishments.

Thanks to everyone for staying in touch! Don’t forget, you can reach me anytime at my email address below.

Enjoy your summer!
your news so that I can include it, too, and remember to take the time to send me any changes in email address-es so that I can keep in touch.

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Jeb Hockman, R., was presented with the 2011 Special Recognition Award from the Virginia Agriculture Business Council. He was honored for his many years of exceptional service and support to the council and to other organizations representing and promoting agricultural and rural interests throughout the Commonwealth.

CLASS OF ’74
Beth Neal Jordan, B., and Glenn are spending some of their free time on the West Coast instead of traveling to visit children in Richmond and Durham, N.C. They spent a week in February skiing at Whistler, British Columbia. In March they traveled to Palm Desert, Calif., for some sunshine instead of spending some of their free time on the West Coast instead of traveling to visit children in Richmond and Durham, N.C. They spent a week in February skiing at Whistler, British Columbia. In March they traveled to Palm Desert, Calif., for some sunshine and golf. Beth is on the executive committee for a fund-raising event called Chair-Affair. This year’s March event was at the stunning Tacoma Glass Museum. The proceeds are used to fund the NW Furniture Bank’s effort to provide basic furniture for families trying to survive and regroup after personal tragedy. (See www.chairaffair.org or www.nwfurniturebank.org.)

Diane Macllroy Monacre has been on a few weekend trips with her son, David. He is a marathon runner and wants to run a marathon in all 50 states. Diane has been with him to Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and Park City, Utah. He also has run the Richmond marathon, where Diane lives, and one in Houston, where he lives. She says Utah was absolutely beautiful, but Boston was by far the most fun.

Judith Owen Hopkins and Marbury “Hop” Hopkins III, R., spent the first week in December at the Grand Canyon hiking and birding. They flew into Phoenix and had dinner with Sandy Sperry. After leaving Arizona, they flew to San Antonio for the Breast Cancer Symposium and enjoyed many fine restaurants. In early February, they went skiing with family and friends in Colorado. Their son Ben is the interim youth minister at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Ellen Early Lusk and her husband, Frank “Pat” Lusk, R., enjoyed a winter trip to Costa Rica along with other EPIC Pharmacy folks from around the country. Although practicing her Spanish was a challenge for Ellen, thanks to an immersion course she had taken it also was fun. Besides macaws, toucans, various species of monkeys, and sloths, they also enjoyed the tropical fish life on a snorkeling trip. Ellen enjoyed a return to community theater in a local production of Oliver this spring. She and Pat are planning several trips with family and friends to Jackson Hole, Wyo., as well as working on the Triangle X Dude Ranch again in September.

Mary Ann Liggin Riter, W and G’93, continues to serve as medical technologist senior in charge of medical technology student rotations in the transplant lab at Virginia Commonwealth University’s MCV Hospital Medical Center. She enjoys raising grandchildren Nathan, 7, and Nadia, 3, and visiting with her 2-year-old grandson, Andrew. Mary Ann volunteers at Nathan’s school and enjoys attending Fresh Start meetings, a support group for single moms. (You can find out more about it at www.whatsthefreshstart.org.) Nathan loves baseball and played t-ball for Tuckahoe Little League. Last year Mary Ann and her family enjoyed the Richmond Folk Festival and a trip to North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

Susan Lindler Stephenson is enjoying her second year working for Susan Clarke Schaar at the Senate of Virginia. Her job involves supervising Senate pages in their many responsibilities. Susan also is enjoying spending time with her two grandsons, Henry, born in July 2009, and Miles, born in July 2010.

My husband, Ted Chandler Jr., L’77, and I had another adventure trip. We began our travels hiking in the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, in Argentina. From there we traveled through Glacier National Park in Argentina and Chile. We hiked to Mount Fitz Roy and Torres del Paine. Donning crampons and walking on the Perito Moreno glacier was a highlight of our trip.

Please send me an email if I have not heard from you recently. It will help keep our class connected.

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CLASS OF ’76
Brook Charles Hutch, R., is public relations director for the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League, a summer wood-bat baseball league for college players with remaining eligibility.

He had been a sports reporter at the Corvallis Gazette-Times since 1984.

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Bob Seabolt, R., has been named COO at Troutman Sanders.

CLASS OF ’78
Richard Johnstone, R., executive vice president of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives in Glen Allen, Va., was named to the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia. He also was elected secretary of the Virginia Society of Association Executives.

CLASS OF ’79
Richard Cross, GB, has been awarded the LEED for Homes Platinum Award for his “Augusta” project by the U.S. Green Building Council. Augusta is the first platinum home in Richmond and features many energy-saving and environmentally friendly systems and materials such as geothermal heating and cooling, rainwater collection, and passive solar elements. The story of this house can be found at www.HollysportVentures.com.

CLASS OF ’80
Linda Stamer Wheaton and her husband, Ed, traveled in Europe, including stops in Berlin, Prague, Vienna, and London before heading home. Linda said she felt as if she had stepped back in time with so much World War II history in Berlin. She also said that Vienna had the best gelato ever! Their daughter, Virginia, is at Indiana University working on her Ph.D. in musicology, and their son, Calvin, is a senior civil engineering major at Old Dominion University. During a recent trip to Maryland, Linda visited Sherrie Kopka Kennedy, who attended Emily’s wedding with her husband, Lionel, and their three children. Suzanne is the clinical coordinator of respiratory care at Retreat Doctor’s Hospital in Richmond, as well as the minister of music at Monument Heights Baptist Church.

Thanks for sharing your news so that your classmates can keep in touch. Westhampton Class Secretary Lil Holm Jeffreyn
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Brian Bennett has launched 9FilmFest in Bangkok. The goal of the short-film festival is to contribute to the development of the film industry in Thailand and to offer opportunities to emerging filmmakers. More information about 9FilmFest can be found at www.9filmfest.com. In our last issue, we misspelled the name of Martha Ann Sisson, W. We regret the error.
Balancing work and life
Carolyn Totaro Sizemore, B’85

As both vice president and controller of CSX Corporation and the mother of two teenage girls, Carolyn Totaro Sizemore, B’85, works hard to keep a healthy balance between work and life. "My daughters are very active, and I work hard not to miss anything," Sizemore says. She tries to leave her office in time to attend after-school events and, to catch up, works at home at night as necessary. “It’s not always easy but it can be done,” she says.

Sizemore adds that serendipity brought her to the University of Richmond, which she says she loved from the start. One lesson that Richmond taught her was about the importance of relationships. Sizemore played soccer as a club sport and made lasting friendships on the field. “That was one of my greatest memories,” she says. Ironically, Sizemore remembers being hesitant about taking accounting at UR. She credits Joe Ben Hoyle, an associate professor of accounting, with making the subject interesting. “He was so passionate about what he taught,” she says. It wasn’t long before she discovered that she had a natural aptitude for accounting.

Sizemore joined CSX, one of the nation’s leading transportation suppliers, in 1989, as an assistant manager. She progressed up the ranks to her current position.

Both Sizemore’s husband, Dan, and her boss support her dual role as executive and mother. In turn, she encourages her direct reports at CSX to also establish a work/life balance. “We have been very successful with that,” she says, reporting that her staff knows that along with expectations for a high level of performance they also have a certain level of flexibility for getting the job done.

In her work, Sizemore has a particular interest in process improvement and aims always for high standards. “I’m probably an overachiever,” she says. “I always do more than what is expected.”

—Joan Tupponce

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CLASS OF ’96
Eric Gregory, R and E02, has been appointed county attorney for Powhatan County, Va. He had been with Virginia’s office of the attorney general for seven years.

Mary Beth Laing Romani was honored as one of the ’2010 Inc. 5000: The Top 10 Women Entrepreneurs” by the online magazine Inc., which is focused on business resources for the entrepreneur.

CLASS OF ’97
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Nicole Berklebe Cohen and her husband, Richard, welcomed a daughter, Lawrie, on Dec. 20, 2010. She joins big sister Leighton Burke, 2. Nicole is associate director of CNS site intelligence for Quintiles.

Heather Kister Crone and her husband, Brad, had their third child, Molly Lynn, on Aug. 12, 2010. She joined big sisters Sophie and Ella. The family lives in Hanover County, Va., and Heather teaches high school in the Richmond Public Schools.

Melissa Mansfield is the co-founder of Green Gorilla Media, a social media agency that works with environmental and social justice groups. She also is the host of Halogen TV’s Keep It Green. Her blog on green living tips and trends can be found at www.HalogenTV.com. She and her husband, Aaron Gale, live in Fairfax, Calif.

CLASS OF ’98
Jeff Caldwell is Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell’s press secretary. He had been chief of communications at the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Nelson Lane married Amanda Parsons, who is from New Zealand, on Dec. 10, 2010, on Raylay Beach in Thailand. The couple lives in Geneva.

Ashleigh Gregg McDermott and Todd McDermott welcomed a daughter, Natalie Anne, on Jan. 20, 2011. She joins brother Sean, who is 2. Todd works for Capital One and Ashleigh works for Lumber Liquidators.

Sarah Graham Taylor and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Graham Zeppelin, on Oct. 28, 2010.

CLASS OF ’99
Edward Bogle earned an M.B.A. from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. He is an attorney and lives in Chicago with his wife, Aline.

Wendy Cluse was married to Lisa Goshe on Oct. 1, 2010, in Victoria, British Columbia. Wendy is a research coordinator for the North Carolina Aquariums and Lisa is employed as a research biologist for National Marine Fisheries Service. They live in Morehead City, N.C.

Nancy Kirkpatrick Gustovert, L, is the assistant director of the library at Marian University in Indianapolis.

Lori Homes is a partner at HawkPartners, a marketing consulting firm in Cambridge, Mass. She has been with the firm since 2006 and has led a variety of consulting projects, specializing in the pharmaceutical, financial service, and professional services industries.

Andrew M. Kerr is senior vice president and Fredericksburg market president for SunTrust Bank, Central Virginia.

Bobby Sullivan Jr. is a partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein in Charlotte, N.C. He earned his law degree from Harvard and is a member of the firm’s regulatory department and pro bono committee. He also is a member of the N.C. Association of Municipal Attorneys and the N.C. Bar Association’s Appellate Rules Committee.

CLASS OF ’00
David Elmqquist and his wife, Mary, had a daughter, Sydney Megue Elmqquist, on Nov. 25, 2010. They live in New York City.

Tricia Waller Henderson and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Hannah Abigail, on May 9, 2010. The family lives in Hanover, Va.

John A. Staunwix and his wife, Amber, have a daughter, Violer, who was born Jan. 4, 2011.

CLASS OF ’01
Kelly Baggs Allebach and David Allebach, ’02, had a daughter, Gretchen Christine, on Nov. 19, 2010.

Kristin Haebel Elder had a daughter, Emma Grace, on March 20, 2010.

Katie Mooney Minister owns a portrait photography business in Columbus, Ohio.

CLASS OF ’02
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John D. Brecker is associate public affairs officer with the u.S. embassy.

Sarah Graham Taylor and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Graham Zeppelin, on Oct. 28, 2010.

CLASS OF ’03
Allison Cheney Cullison and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Brynn Sibly, on Nov. 2, 2010. She joins brother Matthew, who is 2.

First Lt. Stephanie Kline received her master’s degree in international environmental policy in 2006 and was commissioned by the U.S. Marine Corps in 2008. She is stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

CLASS OF ’04
Kathleen Faulkner Centolella, L, is a member of the firm Green & Seifer in Syracuse, N.Y., where she has worked for six years. She is a graduate of the New York University School of Law’s graduate tax program and practices in the areas of business transactions, growth, and development; mergers and acquisitions; New York and federal income tax planning; and employee benefits.

Megan Johnson and Mark Naylor, ’05, were married June 12, 2010, at Libby Hill Park in Richmond. The couple lives in Montovia, Liberia, where Mark is vice consul and Megan is an associate public affairs officer with the U.S. Embassy.

Adam Weaver and Jessica Schumann Weaver welcomed their second child, David Joseph Weaver, on Dec. 20, 2010. He joined big sister Libbie, who is 2.

CLASS OF ’05
Nico Cavadini married John Nguyen in Pompton Plains, N.J., on July 30, 2010. Kelly Billig-Figuero and Rebecca Pompeano, both ’06, attended the wedding. The couple lives in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Allison Keough married Jeremy Devaney on June 19, 2010, in Cohasset, Mass. The wedding party included Lindsay Morris, Tracy Pintard, and Melissa Keough, ’03. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where she is an acquisitions associate for a commercial real estate company and he is an equity research analyst for BB&T Capital Markets.

Matt Landau and Keenan Lee’s hotel, Los Cuatro Tulipanes, in Panama City, Panama, was nominated as Mexico and Central America’s Leading New Hotel 2011 by World Travel Awards.

McKendry Marano and Lindsey Reid, ’06, were married June 26, 2010, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The wedding party included Matt Paladin, Julie Bondy, Christina Cochran, Brody Reid, L’07, and Carly Gettler, ’06.
CLASS OF ‘06
Kaelin O’Connell has been stationed in Western Samoa with the U.S. Peace Corps since October 2009. She is living in the village of Savaia, where she teaches English to children, has started a homework help center, and has instituted a Biggest Loser-type weight-loss program. Alanna McManus and Mackenzie Winner visited Kaelin last November.
Amanda Ryermen and William Van Thunen were married on June 20, 2010, in Wyckoff, N.J. The wedding party included Sarah Ascione Wilkin, Laura Caldwell Brumit, Kevin Brumit, Rick Bates, and Joe Nohava. The couple lives in Richmond, where she is assistant director of communications, donor relations, and special events for the MCV Foundation at Virginia Commonwealth University and he is a law student at the University of Richmond.

CLASS OF ’07
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Jeffrey Altenby and Ashley McQuillin, ’09, were married in Powhatan, Va., on May 30, 2010. The wedding party included Emily Grace Fieldson, Jennifer Boylan, ’09, and Fred Caloggero, ’06. The couple lives in Beaufort, N.C. Jeff is completing his master’s degree in environmental management with a concentration in coastal environmental management from Duke University.
Cody Rae Gruber married Jesse Kedy on Nov. 7, 2009. They live in New York City, where Jesse works in marketing and Cody Rae is pursuing a master’s degree in teaching English as a second language at Columbia University’s Teachers College.
Brittany Robertson McCarter and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a daughter, Bridget Nicole McCarter, on Sept. 1, 2010.
Lindsay Throne married Jared Knight on May 22, 2010. The wedding party included Amanda Addison, Emily Phelps, and Megan Karonis. Jason Sutton, ’06; Grant Gardner, Andy Bobowski, David Brown, Justin Painter, and Johnny Harris, all ’08; and Caroline Wicks, ’09. The couple lives in Arlington, Texas, where he is a teacher and writer and she works in higher education.

CLASS OF ’09
Kathleen Callahan married Allan Cecil III, ’08, on April 17, 2010, at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. The wedding party included Denise Malkov, Brian McMahon, Justin Turner, Johnny Harris, Jason Levinn, Renee Wilson, and maid of honor Caroline Andersen, all ’08, and Julianne Meaghr. The couple lives in Nashville, Tenn.

CLASS OF ’11
Zlivo Ilieff, Prayas Neupane, Dominique Simon, and Rose Ann Gutierrez, ’12, are involved with starting Voice to the World, a nonprofit addressing the digital divide in the Richmond community. The main goal of Voice to the World is to identify underserved groups and provide them with computer knowledge and skills necessary for social change. See www.voicefortheworld.org.
Meredith Tierney was selected by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for its prestigious, nationally recognized internship. From January to May she served as the institutional affairs intern as part of the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the Kennedy Center.

Temp to perm
Anne Jolly Schlussler, ’95
Anne Jolly Schlussler, ’95, turned work in a temp agency into a full-time career. She’s the cofounder of Clarity LLC, a personnel recruiting agency founded in 2000 in New York City.
Three years after graduating from Richmond, Schlussler moved to New York with husband-to-be Daniel Schlussler, ’96. The couple met at UR but didn’t date until after they graduated.
After applying her political science degree in election campaigns, Anne Schlussler sought temporary work through an employment agency. Instead, she was hired at the agency itself. “I became a recruiter and account manager,” she recalls. “It was a really good fit.”
After two years with that company, Schlussler told her boss she intended to move on. The ensuing conversation sparked the two women to become partners in their own employment agency.

Today, Clarity specializes in placing staff in administrative, human resources, and IT jobs, and conducts searches for finance, marketing, sales, and media professionals.

Clarity’s growth enabled the two partners to realize a goal of returning to their respective roots. Originally from Northern California, Schlussler’s partner now runs Clarity offices in San Francisco and the Silicon Valley. And last year Schlussler, who grew up in Harrisonburg, Virginia, returned to her Virginia’s capital, with service extending to Washington, D.C.
Schlussler believes that, as a big city with a small city feel, Richmond is perfect for her company. “We’re a boutique agency,” she explains. “It’s all about relationships.”
Schlussler and her husband enjoy visiting the UR campus, checking up on a tree planted in memory of her father in front of the law school he attended, and taking their daughters, ages 3 and 4, to feed the ducks.
The last time they went, she said to her husband, “Wow, this campus is nice. Did we know it was this nice?”
—Marilyn J. Shaw
Through her work with the YWCA, she had a lifelong career promoting racial reconciliation. She served on newly-integrated college campuses in the U.S. She then went to South Africa, where she was the only U.S. member of a group of advisors to more than 100 groups throughout that country. Returning to the U.S. in 1972, she was a member of a commission and public policy for the National YWCA in New York City.

1939 / George H. Spears, R, of Richmond, Dec. 29, 2010. He was a physician and professor of medicine.

1940 / Jane Davenport Reid, W, of Richmond, Dec. 10, 2007. She was a docent at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. She was a writer and editor and served on a hospital governing board. She organized and lectured for art history classes.

1941 / Leon H. Alexander, R, of Lake City, Fla., May 2, 2010. He was a physician and professor of medicine.

1941 / Carl A. Collins Jr., R, of Daleville, Va., Jan. 15, 2011. He was a Baptist minister who served several churches and was an administrator and executive in the Baptist Church. He was a military chaplain who served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He retired from the Army with the rank of colonel. He served on 25 mission trips abroad, preaching in every continent except Antarctica. He was head of the sociology department at Wingate College. He organized Truck Stop Christian Ministries in Trosville, Va.

1943 / Beverly E. Ballard Jr., R, of Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 18, 2009. 1943 / Betty Johnson Roberts, W, of Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 28, 2010. She taught English and history in high schools and for a time owned and managed a women's clothing store. She was active in garden clubs and helped create the Ford's Colony Garden Club. She was a member of Williamsburg Baptist Church.

1944 / Barbara Gray Clayton, W, of Elizabeth City, N.C., April 17, 2008. 1944 / Kathleen Lobbhan Diemento, W, of Richmond, Jan. 15, 2011. She was active in garden clubs and was a past president of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs. She was a member of River Road Church, Baptist.

1945 / Doris Mills Harrell, W, of Richmond, formerly of Alexandria, Va., Jan. 31, 2011. She worked with the Organization for American States and later taught English as a Second Language and Spanish. She was active in Americans United for Separation of Church and State. She was a member of First Baptist Church.


1946 / Phillip D. Weaver, R, of Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 26, 2009. He was a physician and a military veteran.

1947 / John R. Burton, R, of Richmond, July 30, 2008. He was a dentist.

1947 / Martin Fillmore “Fil” Clark Sr., R and LSO, of Stuart, Va., Dec. 24, 2010. He was an attorney who served as Commonwealth’s Attorney for Patrick County. He served in the Navy during World War II.


1947 / Randolph V. Overbey Jr., R, of Chatham, Va., Sept. 14, 2011. She was a member of the Living Museum and served on the Thomas Nelson Community College Board of Directors. She was a member of Hampton Baptist Church.


1950 / Russell B. Harris, L and B51, of Charles City, Va., Feb. 23, 2009. He was an attorney.

1950 / Harper J. Sassor, R, of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Jan. 7, 2011. He was a Methodist minister and served in the military during World War II. He served as a captain in the Air Force with the rank of colonel. He served on 25 mission trips abroad, particularly with Boy Scouts and Kiwanis.

1950 / Harold E. White, B, of Chester, Va., Jan. 8, 2011. During World War II, he served as a sonar man on a minesweeper in the Aleutian Islands. He was a real estate broker and was involved in professional and civic organizations. He was married to Anne Rice White, W’49.

1951 / Samuel H. Flannagan III, B, of Richmond, Dec. 27, 2010. He served in the Navy in World War II. He was the owner of Eastern Distributing Co. He worked for U.S. Rubber Co. and Overmyer Co.

1951 / John Harry Hastings, B, of Greeneville, N.C., Jan. 9, 2011. He was a civilian employee of the Defense General Supply Center and a member of a group of advisors to the Organization for American States. Returning to the U.S. in 1950, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of St. James Methodist Church.

1951 / Peyton M. Pullard, B, of Richmond, Feb. 20, 2011. He was president of J.E. Crass Coca-Cola Bottling Plants Inc. He incorporated and was president and treasurer of ISI Inc., a financial services company. He served in the Air Force.

1952 / Alfred T. Dudley, R, of Richmond, Nov. 7, 2009. He taught history at Hermitage High School. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1952 / Jack D. Ettz, R, of Richmond, May 4, 2006. He served as an Army paratrooper in occupied Japan. He owned and operated Ettz Insurance Agency Inc. and was active in American Legion Post 354 and Knights of Columbus. He was a member of St. Edward’s Catholic Church.

1952 / Timothy W. Haden, B, of Elkton, Va., Nov. 5, 2008. He served as a civilian employee of the Defense General Supply Center and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

He was a pilot for Colgan Airways and for WTOP. He was a co-owner and CEO of Swim Gem Inc. He was a surveyor.

1953 / Curtis B. Copeland, B. of Chesapeake, Va., Jan. 4, 2011. He retired from the Navy and was an executive with Ford Motor Company. He was a Master Mason, a 50-year member in York Lodge 30, and a Khedive Shriner.

1953 / John E. Nye, B. of Crosville, Tenn., Dec. 27, 2010. He was a sales executive with Burroughs Corp.

1953 / James S. Streut, R. of Richmond, Sept. 28, 2006. He owned the James S. Streut & Associates insurance company and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Tuckahoe Moose, and St. Brigid’s Catholic Church. He served in the Virginia Air National Guard during the Korean War.

1956 / James C. Brinkley, R. of Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 9, 2011. He was the director of Mallory Baptist Center and had worked for the Roanoke Juvenile Detention Home.

1956 / Edwin Hall Chauncey, R. of Rocky Mount, Va., Feb. 21, 2011. He served in the Army and worked in the brokerage business with UBS Paine Webber. He was a member of the Rocky Mount United Methodist Church.

1956 / Ray Yeats Jones, R. of Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9, 2008. He served in the Army, then worked in insurance. He became a lawyer working with the Newport News City Attorney’s Office and later in private practice.

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By Johnny Newman, R’86

In one of those cases of being in the right place at the right time, I was lucky enough to be courtside in the Alamodome in San Antonio on March 25 for the Spiders’ men’s basketball Sweet 16 game against Kansas. Spider spirit was loud and clear that night.

The Spiders played their hearts out and even though the end result wasn’t what they and we hoped for, each member of the team should feel proud about what they accomplished. Their season was a wonderful ride.

The contest in San Antonio took me right back to 1984, when I was part of the first team in the history of the UR basketball program to make it to the NCAA playoffs. Being at the game in San Antonio reminded me yet again of how much good in my life can be traced back to my relationship with Richmond.

I first heard about the University when I was in 9th grade in Danville, Virginia. Lou Goetz was then the basketball coach at Richmond. He came to scout an older student in my high school. I was asked to be part of a pick-up game to help that student-athlete show his stuff. One of the coaches asked about me several times, and must have made a mental note about my playing that day. After that, I had the chance to go to summer basketball camp on campus. A few years later the new coach, Dick Tarrant, came around to recruit me.

Getting recruited to Richmond was definitely one of the highpoints of my life. But the truth is, my whole time at Richmond was filled with highlights. I got to play with a great bunch of guys, twice as team captain. Over four great seasons, we beat some of the better teams of the day. We had a great rivalry with Virginia Commonwealth University. And of course in terms of national playoffs we took the Spiders to the NCAA tournament, farther than they had ever gone before.

I call myself a full-blooded Spider. I try to make as many Spider basketball games as I can. Talking one-on-one with the team, I try to give the guys an old-school sense of what it takes and what a great opportunity they have. I’m generally a pretty laid-back individual, but when we start to talk basketball and particularly Richmond basketball, my passion level goes off the scale.”

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and last year in Providence, I get so into it that I get goose bumps. I always have a pair of sneakers handy and I’m looking for that No. 20 jersey, ready to go out and compete. I have been fortunate and blessed to have had a long basketball career and still be able to get out and play in pick-up games.

Without question, my time at Richmond paved the way for my 16-season career in the NBA. Lessons I learned at Richmond—about competing, for example, and teamwork—continue to prove valuable almost every day now that I am involved in several businesses, both in Richmond and in Danville. I also am able to apply some of those lessons when I do broadcasting or coaching.

I continue, too, to give back to the community as much as I can. I’ve been involved in basketball camps for youth for 22 years.

One of the most satisfying experiences of my life has been the scholarship I started at Richmond. I get the best feeling when I learn about the student-athletes who benefit from that fund, and hear from them personally after they receive their scholarships.

I would encourage each and every one of my fellow Richmond alumni to reflect on what Richmond means to them personally, as I have. And I would encourage everyone to give back to the University in a way that’s appropriate for them. Together we can help great programs like the basketball program, and the University as a whole, continue to thrive and succeed.

John S. “Johnny” Newman Jr. is the all-time leading scorer for Spider basketball, with 2,383 points. This year, he was elected to the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.
Lasting Legacy

Ed and Joyce Allison

Fifty years may have passed since Ed and Joyce Allison’s graduation, but their ties to the University of Richmond are as strong as ever.

The Allisons have attended every reunion since 1961 and, as co-chairs of the 50th Reunion Committee, are helping plan the 2011 events and solicit gifts. About 25 years ago, they decided that once every five years wasn’t enough to catch up with classmates.

“At one of our reunions, a group of us started planning to get together two or three times a year, along with our spouses,” says Joyce, W’61. “We go to our hometowns, or we travel to different places within the state. It’s made our friendship really special.”

They also have a long history of supporting the University by donating to the Annual Fund. As they approached their 50th reunion, they again felt they could do more and this year established a gift annuity. The gift will provide resources for the University and a steady form of income for the Allisons throughout their retirement.

“We’ve been giving ever since we got out of school, and the annuity is a chance to give more in addition to the Annual Fund,” says Ed, B’61. “We benefit because we get life income from that gift. We got so much from the University, and we’ve always felt we have an obligation to give back.”

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