Queally Hall opens for business
Spring is a busy season at the University of Richmond. Students preparing for graduation are finishing capstone projects and classes, looking for jobs, applying to graduate schools, and looking forward to commencement.

The rest of our students are making plans for the summer. Some of them will stay on campus to work with faculty members in research fellowships, while others will leave campus for summer jobs, internships, or opportunities to study abroad. Through the Office of Alumni and Career Services, Spiders find many ways to help one another and stay connected. (See story on page 16.) One of the most enjoyable is Reunion Weekend.

Reunion 2011 is set for June 3–5, and it promises to be a spectacular campus-wide celebration. In addition to all of our traditional reunion activities—individual class gatherings, presentation of alumni awards and class gifts, and the Boarwright Society dinner—we will have fireworks over Westhampton Lake on Saturday night, opportunities for alumni to spend the night in one of our residence halls, and chances to eat in the best university dining hall in the nation. (I highly recommend the brick-oven pizza.)

Reunion 2011 is a great time to visit Richmond and reconnect with your classmates. Campus tours will include stops at all of our beautiful new facilities—E. Claiborne Robins Stadium, Carole Weinstein International Center, Westhampton Center, and Queally Hall, the new addition to our Robins School of Business building. (See story on page 10.) Alumni college sessions will give you a look into the educational experiences of our current students. And the golf tournament co-sponsored by the Board of Trustees and the URAA Board of Directors will foster some friendly competition on the links.

I want to extend an extra-special invitation to alumni from undergraduate class years ending in one or six, but many reunion activities are open to all alumni. So please come see us. You can register online at UROnline.net, send an email to reunion.richmond.edu, or call the alumni and career services office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8. I look forward to seeing you in June!

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Around the Lake

Campus
Richmond rolls out new transportation options
The University has enhanced its transportation system with several new partnerships and services including Zipcars, two automobiles parked on campus that can be rented by the hour.

Other improvements include: a ridesharing service called Zimride; new shuttles to and from downtown, the airport, and the train station; and bus service to and from Shockoe Bottom, Shockoe Slip, Carytown, and the Fan District.

“Through enhanced, extensive shuttle service and partnerships with Zipcar, Zimride, and ‘To the Bottom and Back’ bus service, we’re reducing reliance on individual cars, thus dramatically furthering the University’s commitment to sustainability,” says Hossein Sadid, the University’s vice president for business and finance. “It’s a new way of thinking about transportation.”

To learn more about these new transportation options, visit transportation.richmond.edu.

Honors
Richmond wins kudos for civic engagement
The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected Richmond for its classification recognizing colleges and universities “that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.”

Carnegie’s community engagement classification identifies institutions that demonstrate a commitment to service and partnership with their local communities. The designation reflects the University’s mission, culture, and leadership, as well as its ongoing civic engagement programs.

Richmond’s strategic plan, The Richmond Promise, calls for a strong commitment to community engagement. Last year alone, more than 1,100 students and their professors partnered with local nonprofits in 47 community-based learning courses to meet vital needs in the Richmond metropolitan area.

“Being one of only 311 colleges selected for the classification out of more than 4,000 in the country is a welcome affirmation that ours is a University for Richmond,” says President Edward Ayers. “It recognizes our work to develop and sustain mutually beneficial relationships with community partners, identifying and meeting their needs, as well as those of our students.”

Only 16 of the top 50 national liberal arts colleges, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report, have received the community
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Kiplinger’s rates UR among best values

The December issue of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine ranked Richmond No. 14 on its 2010–11 list of 100 best values among private universities that deliver “a high-quality education at an affordable price.”

Kiplinger’s noted that the net price of a year at a private college or university—the cost after financial aid—makes some of the best higher education institutions “a downright bargain.”

Richmond continues its longstanding policy of need-blind admission and meeting 100 percent of demonstrated financial need of any admitted domestic student. Also, qualified students from Virginia families making $40,000 a year or less can attend Richmond at no cost.

Selected from a pool of more than 600 private institutions, schools on Kiplinger’s list were ranked by academic quality and affordability—with quality accounting for two-thirds of the metric.

Gifts

New scholarship honors Susan Galateria DeZaio

John Galateria, R’87, and members of his family have established a scholarship fund honoring the memory of Susan Galateria DeZaio, B’84, who died of cancer in 2007. DeZaio’s husband, Michael DeZaio, and her mother, Dorothea Musacchio, also contributed to the fund.

The scholarship will go to an ROTC student or a student from a military family. “My sister really loved the University of Richmond, and she would love the idea of helping a student from a military family,” Galateria says. “Susan’s respect for the military stemmed from her love of this country and the principles it stands for.”

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of his wife, Marian West Stocker, W'33—to strengthen the Westhampton College Foundation.

CULTURE
Robins Gallery displays 'Aesthetic Ambitions'

From Feb. 15 to June 19, the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature will feature "Aesthetic Ambitions," a collection of ornamental ceramics from the late 19th century.

Organized by University Museums, the exhibition features the work of the Faience Manufacturing Company of Brooklyn, N.Y., and its artistic director, Edward Lycett. The eclectic collection reflects a synthesis of Chinese, Islamic, and Japanese influences that characterized the aesthetic movement.

The exhibit was curated by Barbara Veith, of New York, an independent scholar of American ceramics and glass. "Under Edward Lycett’s short-lived but influential tenure, the Faience Manufacturing Company produced distinctive, large-scale, artistic ceramic wares that enthralled 19th century Americans with their historicism and exoticism," she says.

After debuting at Richmond, the collection will travel to the Mint Museum in Charlotte, N.C., and the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

To learn more about University Museum exhibitions and events, visit museums.richmond.edu.

STAFF
The last installment on a Habitat home

In 1989, a group of Richmond students, faculty, and staff changed Carolyn Walker’s life forever. Led by David Dorsey, associate chaplain at the time, the group built a Habitat for Humanity home for Walker, who later joined the Richmond staff.

Walker fondly recalls the contributions of Dr. Ray Dominey, and his wife, Dr. Emma Goldman, both professors of chemistry. They still teach in the Gottwald Center for the Sciences, where Walker’s mother worked as a custodian.

"Many chemistry majors went out with us on weekends to work on the house," Dominey recalls, "but the one memory that sticks in my head like it was yesterday, was the Saturday Emma and I took John Cooney, R'90, and Liz Evans, W'90, out to the site." That was the day when the group did most of the framing. "As we got back in the car to leave, John turned around and exclaimed, "Wow! We really made a difference!" … It hit me then why Habitat for Humanity inspires people. It is because they can see, almost immediately, the positive impact of their efforts."

Since 1989, Richmond students, faculty, and staff have helped build many
New academic chair honors former Westhampton dean

Alumnae of Westhampton College have joined forces to create an academic chair in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program.

The chair will be named in honor of Dr. Stephanie Bennett-Smith (pictured above), the former Westhampton dean who helped create the Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program 30 years ago along with Dr. Kathleen Rohaly, Dr. Jane Hopkins, and Dr. William Walker. Today WILL is a nationally recognized program for women interested in exploring gender and diversity issues inside and outside the classroom.

Bennett-Smith served as dean of Westhampton College from 1976 to 1984. In addition to WILL, she helped develop programs in residence life, student governance, academic advising, and alumnae relations. She enhanced the college’s overall reputation and built business and government relationships to assist graduates in job placement. In 1985, she became president and CEO of Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., retiring as president emerita in 2001. At Centenary she established the Northwest New Jersey Women’s Center. She also served as president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women.

“Our devotion to women’s education in the 21st century stems from leaders such as Stephanie Bennett-Smith,” says Dr. Juliette Landphair, the current dean of Westhampton College. “This chair represents for Westhampton the continuing importance of women’s education.”

Many alumnae and other friends of Westhampton provided broad-based support to create the chair, and the University is conducting a nationwide search to fill the position. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary field that focuses on the ramifications of gender and sexuality and the associated social and political movements.
Leopold conducts research at the intersection of materials science and bioanalytical chemistry. He is particularly interested in the interactions between synthetic nanomaterials and biomolecules. Leopold routinely collaborates with undergraduate students in this research. Many of them co-author papers with him before going on to graduate school and careers in the chemical sciences.

The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards support talented young professors in the chemical sciences. Selection is based on accomplishments in scholarly research with undergraduates, as well as a compelling commitment to teaching.


**Students**

**Exchange students write Richmond fight song**

Max Decarre, Dumi Ntini, Javi Iglesias, and Lenny Lehnert met at orientation for international students prior to the fall semester. When their paths crossed again in their “Innovation in Entrepreneurship” class, they decided to work together to write a new Richmond fight song.

Jeff Pollack, assistant professor of management, requires his students to complete entrepreneurial projects. As exchange students on campus for a short period of time, the four friends knew that starting a business didn’t make sense, so they decided instead to write “The Spider Song,” a rap tribute to Richmond athletics and academics.

Ntini is a rapper who is better known in his home of Botswana as “Big Budget.” He and Iglesias, who hails from Spain, already were collaborating musically in their spare time. Lehnert, from Denmark, and Decarre, from France, joined the team, and the song began to take shape.

“They saw the need for a new Spider song and took advantage of their musical talents and passion to create something that will have value for the University and its students for years to come,” Pollack says. The song debuted at a late-season football game and the men’s basketball home opener.

“When I go somewhere, I don’t like to just witness,” Iglesias says. “I like to go...
Nora Anne Miller, ’14, was seated in the Jepson Alumni Center’s overflow room, waiting to watch Antonin Scalia’s address on closed-circuit television, when Speech Center Director Linda Hobgood approached her.

Hobgood told Miller that her name had been selected from among the students in attendance to join Scalia, an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, for lunch at the head table. Miller was flabbergasted.

“Once I was reseated, one of the guests at the table told me that Linda Hobgood had given up her own seat at the head table so that a student could have it,” Miller recalls. “She really wanted this program to be all about the students.”

Hobgood has organized three orator-in-residence programs since 2001, inviting prominent speakers to campus to give public lectures on important issues. Past orators in residence were author Reid Buckley and poet Dana Gioia.

Scalia’s speech—“Do Words Matter?”—explored different ways of twisting words. After giving two humorous examples, he addressed the word “liberty” in the U.S. Constitution.

The framers of the Constitution, he argued, would not have considered abortion or sodomy to be protected liberties. Scalia said those who want to use the Constitution to implement social change should look elsewhere. “If you don’t like the death penalty, fine. Abolish it. Pass a law. Change your mind? Put it back in,” he advised. But “anyone who says, ‘My Constitution provides a flexible system of government,’ should think again. For flexibility, all you need is a legislature and a ballot box.”

When you allow a court to give words of the past new meaning, you limit democracy,” he concluded. “You allow nine hotshot lawyers to rule the country.”

At the end of the event, Miller called her parents. They were never going to believe who sat at her table for lunch.
Sophomore guard Darien Brothers drives past a VCU defender.

Basketball

Men's team pursues another NCAA bid
With a couple of seniors leading the way, the men's basketball team took aim at a second consecutive berth in the NCAA tournament.

By the time the Spiders began their Atlantic 10 schedule with a 71-59 victory over Charlotte in early January, they were 12-4. Richmond beat big-name teams, such as Purdue, Arizona State, Wake Forest, and Seton Hall, and the Spiders crushed cross-town rival VCU.

Seniors Justin Harper and Kevin Anderson led the Spiders in scoring after 16 games, each averaging more than 16 points per game. Harper also led the team with more than six rebounds per game, and Anderson set the pace in assists and steals.

The Richmond offense was efficient. The Spiders were hitting more than 48 percent of their field goal attempts, including 41.6 percent from three-point range. Meanwhile, Richmond's defensive pressure was making life miserable for opponents, who were shooting under 40 percent from the field.

In early February, the Spiders were 20-6 overall and 9-2 in the A-10. They were tied with Temple for second place in the conference.

Shells leads women into A-10 tournament
All-conference guard Britanni Shells continued to make her mark as one of the best basketball players in the team's history. The senior led the Spiders with 20 points per game as the team went 9-5 in its preconference schedule.

During that span, the Spiders notched impressive wins over North Carolina State, Old Dominion, and VCU. And three of their five losses were against perennial powers Virginia, Georgetown, and Michigan State.

The Spiders got off to a great start in the Atlantic 10 Conference with consecutive wins over George Washington, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Duquesne. Shells took over second place on Richmond's all-time career scoring list with a 30-point outburst in the George Washington game.

In early February, their only conference losses were to Dayton, Charlotte, and Temple. At that point, Shells ranked 14th nationally in points scored per game. She also led the team in assists and steals.

Senior Andrew Benford finished first at the Atlantic 10 Cross Country Championship in Pittsburgh. He also set a new course record with his 8K time of 24:12.

Visit spiders on the web – richmondspiders.com
Equipping the Spiders

For nearly 30 years, Ken Hart has made sure that Spider athletes are well-equipped for intercollegiate sports.

During his tenure as equipment manager for the athletics department, Hart has acquired seven football championship rings, watched the basketball team compete in the Sweet 16, and touched the lives of hundreds of students.

Hart manages equipment for all 18 varsity teams. That includes doing laundry and ordering new uniforms and equipment for 300 student-athletes, but he has plenty of help.

Hart supervises eight student assistants, including Jordan Smith, ‘13, the daughter of an alumna who worked with Hart in the 1980s. Smith’s mother, Terri Huff Smith, W’86, says Hart has had a positive impact on many students over the years.

“In the late 1980s, there was a young man who was going down the wrong path,” Hart recalls. “He spent his junior and senior years in here with me … and he turned his life around. He was actually a commencement speaker and went on to be an extremely successful business and family man.”

Hart’s interest in managing athletic equipment began during his undergraduate years at Bowling Green, where he worked as the football team’s unpaid student manager. After graduation, he managed equipment for Ashland University and then Southern Methodist University. He found his way to Richmond in 1981, when former senior associate director of athletics Allen Fredd hired him.

“Fredd’s philosophy was, ‘If you have a job, you have to take care of it,’” Hart recalls. “Not too many people have the freedom to do work they enjoy.”

—Sarah Bowers, ‘12

Running

Men’s cross country earns top-25 honors

At the beginning of the season, the men’s cross country team set the lofty goal of finishing among the top 25 Division I teams in the nation. And at the end of the season, they placed 24th in the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships.

“They beat a lot of nationally prominent programs,” says Steve Taylor, who was named Coach of the Year in the Atlantic 10 Conference. “Our season has been a tremendous success.”

At the national championship meet, senior Matt Llano finished 44th individually, and senior Andrew Benford placed 75th. Senior Tim Quinn finished 116th, while senior Jon Wilson placed 204th. Other top finishers included sophomore Chris York (219th), junior Levi Grandt (225th), and sophomore Jason Skipper (246th).

Taylor credits his seniors for elevating the team “to the highest level of NCAA Division I cross country. Their leadership, work ethic, determination, and unrelenting desire to achieve our team goals and their personal goals set them apart,” he says. “It has been my privilege to serve as their coach.”

Richmond earned an at-large berth in the NCAA championships with a fourth-place finish in the Southeast Regional Championships. Llano finished eighth in the regional meet. The team also won the Atlantic 10 Conference title for the first time in school history, with Benford finishing first and Llano placing third.

Women’s team wins another A-10 title

The women’s cross country team won its second Atlantic 10 Conference championship in the past three years. The team also placed seventh at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships.

Senior Amy Van Altstine finished seventh individually, which earned her a spot in the NCAA championships. She placed 67th in the national meet despite getting tangled up with other runners and losing a shoe early in the race.

“As always, she ran with heart, giving her best,” says Lori Taylor, who was named Coach of the Year in the Atlantic 10. “It’s unfortunate that her shoe came off early in the race, but she got it back on and didn’t panic. She raced hard and passed a lot of people throughout the race, showing just how competitive she is.”

Van Altstine finished fourth in the conference meet. Also earning all-conference honors were senior Julie Rechel, who placed 11th, first-year runner Jill Prentice, who finished 12th, and senior Jenn Ennis, who placed 14th.
The return on investment that Paul Queally, R’86, made on his Richmond education has surpassed any investment he has made on Wall Street. “Since I attended the University of Richmond, the value of my education has accelerated like nothing else,” he says. “An education from Richmond just keeps gaining in value.”

The January opening of Queally Hall, a 37,000-square-foot addition to the Robins School of Business building, ensures that the educational investments of today’s business students will continue to pay dividends in the classroom and beyond. The $19.4 million expansion was made possible by many generous donors, including Queally and his wife, Anne-Marie Flinn Queally, W’86, of New Canaan, Conn., who committed $6 million to the project.
Queally Hall immerses students in a more corporate environment and gives them greater opportunities for experiential learning. Banks of flat-screen televisions broadcast financial news to keep students abreast of world markets. The Lessing Trading Floor—funded by Trustee Emeritus Stephen Lessing and his wife, Sandra—simulates a Wall Street trading floor, giving financial students hands-on experience with the same Bloomberg terminals they will use in their careers. Marketing students and faculty can glean information by conducting focus groups in a new market research lab, complete with a two-way mirror. The addition also includes seven group-study rooms, where student teams can work on projects and practice for class presentations. And throughout the building, video-conferencing capabilities, conference rooms, and informal gathering spaces encourage greater collaboration among students and professors. The facility is clearly animated by ideas and innovation in teaching and learning, and curricular enhancements were introduced in tandem with construction. For example, the school implemented three new elective finance courses, which have proved very popular.

The building’s signature architectural feature is a grand round tower named in honor of former Robins School Dean David Robbins and funded by Alice and Bob Jepson, B’64, GB’75, and H’87. Thanks in part to a donation from Susan and Richard Harrison, B’84, Queally Hall has been built to the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council. While the addition blends seamlessly with the existing architecture of the Robins School building, it brings several new amenities to the business school. In addition to 31 faculty offices and eight new classrooms, the addition features the Ukrop Auditorium, a 225-seat facility funded by Jane and Bobby Ukrop, B’69, and Chris and Nancy Jo Kantner, ’99. The addition also provides space for Lou’s Café, an inviting venue for informal business lunches named in honor of Louis Moelchert Jr., who served as the University’s vice president for business and finance from 1975 to 1997 and as Spider Management’s vice president for investments and president from 1997 to 2005.

The Queallys are long-time benefactors of the University. They have supported several major projects and programs including the Gottwald Center for the Sciences, athletics, and an endowed faculty chair. Both Queallys majored in economics at Richmond, though neither was enrolled in the Robins School. Paul also majored in speech communications and competed on the debate team. Anne-Marie additionally majored in French, was a Spider cheerleader, and competed on the synchronized swimming team. Today, Paul is co-president of the investment firm Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, which he joined in 1996 as general partner. Anne-Marie worked as a marketing representative for IBM and as a budget and financial analyst for Morgan Guaranty Trust before leaving the corporate world to be at home with the couple’s three children. Their oldest son, Brian Queally, is a sophomore at Richmond who plans to major in business administration with a concentration in finance.

Anne-Marie is thrilled that their son, and all other current and future students, will benefit from their gift. “The business school’s programs give students some concrete tools and strong business experience they would not gain otherwise,” she says. “Adding on to the business school and making room for great new programs that will touch so many future generations of students is such a great feeling.”

THE WOW FACTOR

Paul enters Queally Hall’s signature tower and steps into the atrium, which is flooded with natural light from a soaring Gothic window. “This building has a certain wow factor,” he says, “but the real wow factor is when you sit in the classroom. The building is great, but what happens in the building is what really makes a difference.”

The Robins School is known for its small classes and for tough professors who care deeply about their students’ success. That’s one of the many reasons Dr. Nancy Bagranoff, the new dean, was attracted to the school. “I like the size, I like the liberal arts emphasis, and I like what I refer to as the ‘personalized education’ students receive here,” she says. “The faculty and students really are in a learning partnership. Great teachers want to be here, and so they are.”

This is one of the strengths that has propelled the Robins School to national acclaim. BusinessWeek, for example, rated the school No. 15 nationally among undergraduate business programs in 2010. Among other strengths, the rankings reflect student satisfaction, Bagranoff says, and that satisfaction translates into high demand. Business administration is
the largest undergraduate major at the University, and more than half of all Richmond undergraduates take at least one course in economics. “Our students are passionate,” she says, “and they are so excited to be here.”

The students and professors turn that enthusiasm into achievement, says Tracey Holgren Ivey, B’82, president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association and director of consultant relations for Richmond-based Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley. “The professors here are very focused on preparing students for life after graduation,” she says. “It is a robust curriculum, and you appreciate that even more fully after you graduate.”

**STRONG TEACHING**

Bagranoff is an accounting scholar and author of numerous textbooks and articles. She has taught at seven schools during the past 30 years, and she served as dean of Old Dominion University’s College of Business and Public Administration from 2003 until she joined Richmond.

Last year, she was president of the 8,400-member American Accounting Association, the largest group of accounting academics in the world. As a longtime member of the association, she got to know many of Richmond’s accounting faculty and became well aware of the department’s reputation for teaching excellence.

Bagranoff dedicated time during her first semester on campus to a “listening tour,” talking with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the business community about the Robins School. She heard over and over how Robins School professors care deeply about teaching. “They are all interested in continually developing their teaching expertise and connecting with students,” she says. “They are always willing to spend time with students outside of the classroom.”
Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick, professor of economics and the Joseph A. Jennings Chair in Business, has taught at Richmond since 1992 and has won numerous teaching awards. She says that while the Robins School has always supported teaching, that support has become more explicit in recent years. “The institution has gotten more proactive in hiring people who really care about teaching,” she says. “It supports innovation in the classroom and devotes resources to it.”

Bagranoff’s listening tour highlighted other strengths of the school as well. “The richness of international education here at Richmond is incredible,” she says. About 100 business students were studying abroad during the fall semester, and about 50 international business students were taking classes at Richmond. “I think one of the biggest lessons we learned during the last economic crisis is that this is a global economy. With so many students studying abroad, our students know this firsthand. One of the characteristics that I like to tell employers distinguishes our students from business graduates at other schools is that they are worldly.”

LIBERAL ARTS EDGE
Zach Remsen, ’11, of Locust Valley, N.Y., knew he wanted to pursue a career on Wall Street, and he was attracted to Richmond because he also wanted a strong liberal arts education. Today, Remsen is a business administration major with a concentration in finance and a minor in history.

Ivey believes that Richmond’s overall emphasis on liberal arts helps distinguish Robins School graduates. “You need strong writing and interpersonal skills no matter what you are going to do,” she notes.

“There are some businesses that specifically look for liberal arts students. They want well-rounded individuals with a strong foundation of writing and communication skills as well as knowledge of history and science.”

The Robins School also offers a unique two-day program called Q-camp. The Q recognizes the Queally’s support of the program, which helps sophomores and juniors develop their professional and career skills. The students practice these skills—including business etiquette—with volunteers from the alumni, faculty, and business community.

After graduation, Remsen, who is president of the Robins School of Business Student Government Association, plans to join BMO Capital Markets on Wall Street, where he will work as a U.S. equities trader. He is following the Robins School’s CFA (chartered financial analyst) track, which prepares finance majors for investment careers and for the CFA Level I Exam. Students take the exam immediately following graduation, giving them a head start on graduates from most other business schools.

In the meantime, Remsen is gaining real-world experience as a student manager of the Spider Fund, a small slice of the University’s endowment. Established in 1998, the fund is completely run by students. “You really learn how to evaluate stocks and invest smartly..."
when you are dealing with real money,” he says. Dr. John Earl chairs the finance department and advises the students who manage the Spider Fund. “The fund is not designed to see how much money they can make. It is an educational process,” he says. “The managers learn to work in groups and deal with people who are not doing what they are supposed to do—all the hard things you face when you get out into the real world.”

Last fall, the student managers of the Spider Fund attended a networking reception with finance alumni in New York. Paul Queally spoke at the reception, Remsen recalls. “His motto was ‘Spiders helping Spiders.’” (See related story on page 16.)

Ryan FitzSimons, ’01, echoes that mantra. As vice president of Capital Introduction with Goldman Sachs in Chicago and a member of the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors, he does whatever he can to help fellow alumni and current students. “One reason Richmond grads have had success at Goldman Sachs is we all look out for each other,” he says. “It is critical for each generation to succeed so firms will continue to recruit at Richmond.”

In this challenging job market, Richmond’s young alumni must compete with graduates of larger and better-known business schools, but Remsen says that competition can be motivational. “Our students are just as good and as hard-working as students at better-known schools,” he says. “They are driven to excel and succeed, especially in the recruiting process.”

Earl appreciates those qualities in his students. “The kids I get are really serious,” he says. “They have made up their minds about what they want to do. There are no limits to how far you can push them.”

SUSTAINABLE VALUES

With Queally Hall complete, Bagranoff’s next task is updating the strategic plan for the Robins School. She says the new plan will dovetail with the University’s overall strategic plan, The Richmond Promise, with a strong emphasis on preparing students for global, technology-driven business environments.

Bagranoff has asked faculty members what the school should do differently in educating students in the wake of the recent economic crisis. She even posed this question to columnist Thomas Friedman, of The New York Times, when he spoke on campus in October. “He said he thinks we should teach students the difference between sustainable values and situational values,” Bagranoff recalls. “Another person suggested that we should be teaching about benefiting all stakeholders in business, not just investors. We need to care about all the people associated with our organization.”

Mary Maier, ’11, exemplifies that way of thinking. She is majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing and a minor in Latin American and Iberian Studies. As one of more than 100 Bonner Scholars at Richmond, she also performs community service each week. Maier has combined this responsibility with her academic work to explore the possibilities of social marketing—applying marketing concepts to promote positive social change.

Maier has spent two summers in Ecuador. On her first trip, she saw garbage littering the streets. She returned last summer to research garbage disposal attitudes and practices. Her research was supported by a scholarship from the Virginia International Business Council and a summer research fellowship from the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement at Richmond.

“By being involved in the community I have learned so much about social justice,” she says. “I have been able to apply my business and marketing knowledge to try to help solve the problems I see.”

Jessica Ronky Haddad, ’93, is a freelance writer in Richmond. For more information about the Robins School, visit business.richmond.edu.
Kaitlin Yapchaian, ’04, (right) helped Valeria Mykyta, ’10, secure a job at Vogue working on the company’s iPhone application.
In a tough job market, alumni and students are building on the tradition of Spiders helping Spiders.

Networking long ago became the keystone of career development, and with the national unemployment rate hovering above 9 percent, networking has become even more important.

Richmond students and alumni have access to a growing array of career-related programs and services provided by the University’s newly formed Office of Alumni and Career Services. Spiders have demonstrated their commitment to supporting one another and leveraging their Spider pride, and the new office likewise leverages the on-campus network. Helping students and graduates make better career connections was one of the main reasons why the University’s Career Development Center was aligned with the Office of Alumni Relations last summer to create the Office of Alumni and Career Services. The office serves Richmond’s graduate and undergraduate students and alumni from the School of Arts & Sciences, Robins School of Business, and Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

In the current economic climate, this collaboration is more important than ever, says President Edward Ayers. “The University is committed to increasing internship opportunities for students. These opportunities are essential to our students’ complete learning...”
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Mykyta had done a lot of informational and practice interviews through the CDC, so it was no surprise that she handled herself well. “I took advantage of the CDC resources as much as possible,” Mykyta says. “People always say you have to do the research and know the company, but you also have to know yourself. It makes the interview process less intimidating when you know where you’re coming from, what your strengths are, and what you can offer the company.”

Now Mykyta works on Vogue Stylist, the company’s iPhone application, and helps manage the company’s email program. “UR prepared me for the marketing team that I’m on right now,” she says. “I’ve quickly grown to love the job. I constantly feel challenged. I’m constantly learning.”

Even as a young graduate, Mykyta already is helping students and other young alumni. “People from the University of Richmond feel comfortable about reaching out to each other,” she says.

“Collaboration and relationship building are vital,” says Leslie Stevenson, director of the CDC. “We see ourselves as critical connectors between students and alumni.”

STEP BY STEP

While he was a student, Michael Weiss, ’09, a business administration major, wore out the doorknob to the office of Joe Testani, associate director of the CDC.

“I visited his office probably too many times,” Weiss says, but Testani doesn’t see it that way. He describes Weiss as an exemplary student who took full advantage of the University’s career development resources. “Mike was dedicated and understood the work that was needed to be successful in gaining opportunities within the finance industry,” Testani says.

Today Weiss is an emerging markets analyst for Barclays Capital in New York. His transition from college to career was a step-by-step journey that started with his first visit to the CDC during his sophomore year.

“I came in with a résumé to figure out what I wanted to do, where I wanted to apply, and how to go about it,” he recalls. “Once I had my résumé, cover letters, and other documents completed, Joe and I put together a list of places to apply that offered good opportunities in my field.” They did not limit the list to companies that already employed UR graduates, but they did search for alumni who might be helpful at the targeted companies.

“I was able to contact some alumni at Barclays,” Weiss recalls. He says students and young graduates should contact UR alumni the same way they would anyone else in their job search. “You can’t just send emails to them blindly, but if you do all the work on your end and send a polite, professional email, UR alumni are extremely helpful and willing to talk about opportunities, what it was like to come out of Richmond, and how to prepare.”

Weiss did some mock interviews...
with the career staff before applying for a 10-week internship at Barclays that led to a full-time job. He has maintained his contacts with the University and can now use them to benefit his fellow Spiders. “I’ve stayed in touch with Joe and with professors in the finance department of the Robins School,” he says. “If a student is looking for advice, I am happy to help where I can. I’ve had conversations with juniors and seniors and worked on résumés and cover letters so they have their best foot forward. But they apply to each firm on their own.”

GIVING BACK

When she was a Richmond senior, Jessica Bechir, ‘04, a business administration major, did not know what her lifelong career would be, but she knew where she was going after graduation—to Mauritania in northwest Africa for a stint in the Peace Corps. A conversation with a Peace Corps representative at a UR career fair had solidified her decision to join.

When Bechir returned to the United States, she quickly made her way back to the CDC for advice on job-search methods and help polishing her résumé. She contacted UR classmates and other alumni, and before long, she landed a position at the International Crisis Group in Washington, D.C. Her next job also came from a tip from a UR classmate that led her to a position with the American Public Transportation Association, where she hosted a group of students on a Spider Road Trip to D.C. The road trips are career-oriented excursions that give groups of students opportunities to meet alumni and potential employers in fields that interest them.

For Bechir, hosting a road trip brought back fond memories of her Richmond days. “I can recall going to career panels organized by the CDC and listening to recent graduates talk about what they did and how they got there,” she recalls. “I enjoyed that. So I saw my chance to participate in a Spider Road Trip as an opportunity for students to hear from someone who had been in their shoes.” Bechir also arranged for the transportation association to post internship openings with the CDC.

Bechir is now a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State. In December, she was making travel plans to South Korea for her first assignment.

PLUGGED IN POLITICALLY

As a rising sophomore and again as a rising junior, Matt Bruning, ’03, spent the summer interning for the congressman who represented his hometown of Independence, Ohio. Then, as a rising senior, the leadership studies and political science double major landed a dream summer job—an internship with a member of the British Parliament who rarely employed students from the United States. Richmond’s Office of International Education presented the opportunity to him. “The professors at Richmond

Joslyn Bedell (right) advises Racquel Francis, ’12, in the Career Development Center.
have great connections,” Bruning marvels. “It was a tremendous experience. I spent two months living in London with about 20 other UR students who were there in a variety of capacities.”

After working as a legislative assistant for Clay Athey, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Front Royal, Bruning got a leg up from fellow Spider Bill Howell, B’64, speaker of the House of Delegates.

“We sort of poached him from Clay,” recalls Howell, who hired Bruning to run his Virginia Reform Initiative, a nonprofit organization that looks for ways to make state government more efficient. “Matt was a self-starter, a hardworking guy with really good personal skills.”

Howell has hired a number of Richmond interns over the years. “The interns I’ve had and seen from Richmond have just been outstanding young men and women—in industrious, hardworking, and a lot of fun,” he says. “It’s a well-run program through their political science department, and they do a good job of matching an intern with a delegate or senator.”

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• Encourage your organization to post jobs and internships.
• Host an information session on campus about your employer’s organization.
• Be a mock interviewer on campus or by teleconference. In the photo above, Stephen Aronson, R’87, of Barclays Capital (right) interviews Brittany Kneidinger, ’12.
• Offer to host a student visit to your employer’s organization.

For more information, visit richmond.edu/alumni-and-career-services or contact the Office of Alumni and Career Services at 800-480-4774, option 8, or alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu.
Meet Cindy Deffenbaugh
A conversation with Richmond’s director of financial aid

As 2010 came to a close, Cynthia Bolger Deffenbaugh, W’80 and GB’88, Richmond’s director of financial aid, sat down with Karl Rhodes, the magazine’s editor, to talk about the University’s financial aid process.

Cindy has worked in Richmond’s financial aid office for more than 30 years—beginning as a student assistant during her sophomore year and becoming director of financial aid in 1995. During that time, she has seen enormous changes in financial aid programs and policies at the national level and has been an important voice in these conversations at Richmond. Cindy says the highlight of her career was the University’s decision in 2002 to meet 100 percent of the demonstrated need of Richmond’s traditional undergraduates. “That meant a great deal to me because it opened the door for a Richmond education to all admitted students regardless of their ability to finance their education,” she recalls.

The University invests substantial resources in financial aid—$64 million this year alone—to ensure that each undergraduate student who earns admission to Richmond can afford to attend the University. Cindy and her staff work many long hours—especially from February through September—reviewing applications for financial aid and preparing financial aid packages for each eligible student.

When she takes a break from her duties at Richmond, Cindy enjoys fishing, gardening, and spoiling Jeb and Katie, her labrador retrievers. Her favorite books are: Charlotte’s Web, Angle of Repose, White Fang, The Shipping News, and any cookbook by James Beard or Julia Child. Her idea of a perfect day is drifting down the James River in a canoe—catching more fish, and bigger fish, than her husband, Scott.

Cindy is full of fish stories, but when it comes to attracting top students to Richmond, she is determined that a student’s financial constraints should never be the reason for “the one that got away.”
It's great to see Richmond ranking high among the best values in higher education. What role does financial aid play in making Richmond such a strong value?

Financial aid plays a very important role in our earning recognition as a best value. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked us as one of the 11 best values among national liberal arts colleges. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranked us No. 14 among the best values at private universities. And the Princeton Review named us one of the "50 Best Value Private Colleges." We are Need Blind in our admission process for our undergraduate students, and for students who earn admission to Richmond, we meet 100 percent of their demonstrated need. Very few schools do both of these things.

**What does “Need Blind” mean?**

A Need Blind admission policy means that a student application or qualification for need-based financial aid has no bearing on the admission decision. It is a bold commitment—investing considerable institutional resources in the promise of our students to help ensure they can fulfill their potential. Schools with more limited financial resources might need to consider a student's financial situation as one of the components in the admission decision.

**How much does it cost to meet 100 percent of students’ demonstrated need?**

This year, Richmond provided $64 million of its own resources in the form of financial aid to undergraduates. This includes need-based aid, merit scholarships, and athletic scholarships. Our need-based aid program is called "Richmond in Reach" because that’s what we are trying to do—put a Richmond education in reach of students who need financial assistance to receive that education. This commitment helps make us a great value.

Isn’t there a special component of the Richmond in Reach program for Virginia residents?

Virginians who come from families whose income is $40,000 or less, who are admitted to Richmond as first-year students, and who qualify for need-based aid, will receive a financial aid package that is the equivalent of tuition and room and board without any loans.

You mentioned “demonstrated need.” What does that mean?

Families applying for need-based financial aid provide information about income, assets, the number of people in the family, and the number of family members in college, among other things. Colleges use need-analysis formulas to assess that information and determine what’s called an expected family contribution. That is the amount that a family is expected to be able to contribute toward educational expenses. The cost of attending a particular college, minus the expected family contribution, equals the demonstrated need.

Is there a quick way to estimate demonstrated need without actually going through the whole application process?

There are calculators available that help families obtain estimates, but I want to stress that these calculators can provide only rough estimates. In addition, colleges use different methods to determine the expected family contribution, so families...
should consult with each college and university that their students are considering. At Richmond, we use a formula that strives to evaluate families’ financial situations as equitably and consistently as possible.

**Which calculator do you recommend?**
We refer people to the calculator on the College Board’s website at collegeboard.com/student/pay. But no matter what the calculator says, every family that feels it is going to need assistance with college expenses should go through the full financial aid process at least once to determine whether or not they qualify.

**What does a typical financial-aid package include?**
Financial aid comes from a number of different sources including the federal government, state governments, private organizations, and the colleges and universities themselves. A typical need-based aid package includes a combination of grants, scholarships, and self-help. Grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. Self-help includes federal loans that must be repaid and federal Work-Study, which is earned through employment. At Richmond, we will put together a financial aid package that fully meets the student’s demonstrated need. We provide substantial grant assistance and limit the amount of self-help in our aid packages in order to minimize the amount of debt a student will have at graduation. Of course, the largest percentage of need-based grant funds—94 percent—comes directly from the federal government, state governments, private organizations, and universities. The deadlines, in particular, require attention. For need-based aid, all schools require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the FAFSA form. Colleges use that form to award federal aid, and some schools use it to award their institutional aid as well. In addition to the FAFSA, some schools also require another form, such as the CSS PROFILE, or their own institutional financial aid application, which is used to award institutional aid. And schools generally require copies of federal tax returns. At Richmond, we require the FAFSA, the CSS PROFILE, and copies of federal tax returns. Our financial aid deadline for prospective students is Feb. 15.

**Why is the deadline so early for prospective students?**
We want to provide families with their financial aid packages when the offers of admission go out in late March because students need to decide if they are going to attend Richmond by May 1. In order to get the information to families when they need it most, we have a financial aid application deadline that gives us enough time to carefully review all the applications and put together each financial aid package.

**So from Feb. 15 until April 1, you are busy.**
Yes, and we continue to be busy through May 1, when the first-year deposits are due, and that’s just for the prospective students. We then have a May 15 deadline for our returning undergraduates. We’re also the financial aid office for the School of Law, the Graduate School of Business, and the School of Continuing Studies. Their application processes and deadlines are different, but our office is very active from early February into September.

**Investing in the future**
Rachel Pricer, ’13, is majoring in French and international studies with a career goal of alleviating poverty in a developing country. And the financial aid she receives from Richmond helps make that possible.

As the youngest of five children from a middle class family in West Linn, Ore., Pricer knew she would need financial aid to help pay for college. She and her 3.8 grade point average attracted offers to attend Oregon and Marquette, but she liked Richmond’s emphasis on international education, and UR’s financial aid package sealed the deal. “It means less of a burden on my parents,” she says.

Not having to worry so much about money has allowed Pricer to focus on her studies, and her time at Richmond has opened her eyes “to some of the world issues outside the boundaries of Richmond.” As part of a global health class, for example, she and her classmates traveled to the Dominican Republic to visit a nonprofit that helps low-income women start small businesses.

Pricer’s international outlook goes back to her childhood. An American family adopted her from an orphanage in China when she was 7 years old, and she has participated in mission trips to Honduras, Mexico, and Jamaica. After she graduates, she plans to live and work in a developing country. “I would like to do anything I can,” she says, “to help people get out of poverty.”

—Joan Tupponce
You said that you encourage any family who feels it is going to need assistance with college expenses to apply for financial aid. Does that include middle-income and upper-middle-income families? Absolutely. We know that some of these families will qualify for need-based aid. For example, among the students who entered Richmond this fall and received need-based aid, 28 percent of them were from families with incomes in excess of $100,000.

Really?
Yes. Families also should know that in order to apply for federal loan programs, they have to complete the application process for financial aid. So even if you don’t qualify for need-based aid, you may benefit from federal loans that are not need-based.

What percent of our students receive some type of financial aid?
Seventy percent of our undergraduates receive some kind of financial aid such as need-based grants, athletic scholarships, merit scholarships, and need-based loans. The average amount of aid among families who receive financial aid is just over $33,000 per year.

How about need-based aid? Forty-seven percent of our undergraduates receive need-based aid, and our average need-based aid package is $38,700.

How does a prospective student apply for a merit scholarship? At Richmond, applying for a merit scholarship is simply a matter of completing the admission application by Dec. 1. From those applicants, the admission office and a faculty committee select semifinalists for our Richmond Scholars Program, our most prestigious merit scholarship competition. The semifinalists must provide additional information if they would like to be considered for one of the scholarships. The faculty committee reviews these applications, invites finalists to campus for interviews, and ultimately determines who receives the scholarships.

What is the value of these scholarships? They range from full tuition to full tuition plus room and board, and we select 45 entering students for the Richmond Scholars Program. These scholarships are renewable for a total of eight semesters, assuming the recipients maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Is our competition for merit scholarships an all-or-nothing proposition? Not necessarily. We also have a number of other merit scholarships based on academic or other talents and interests—such as musical ability, community service, and so forth—that are available for up to $15,000 per year. These help ensure we enroll well-rounded classes of students.

Do early-decision applicants have any advantage or disadvantage in merit scholarship competitions? None whatsoever. Our regular-decision applicants and our early-decision applicants are treated equally when it comes to merit scholarship decisions. And the same is true for need-based aid. If a student qualifies for need-based aid, whether admitted through early decision or regular decision, we will fully meet the demonstrated need.

Does financial aid work the same way for international students? We are need-aware in the admission process for international students, meaning that we do consider their families’ financial circumstances. However, for any international student who is admitted, we will fully meet his or her demonstrated need. International students also are eligible for merit scholarships and athletic scholarships.

If a family files all the paperwork for financial aid, and then something big happens—a major financial shift—can that family amend its application? When you file a financial aid application, you are reporting income information from the prior year. But sometimes there are changes to a family’s financial situation, and the economic situation of the past couple of years has provided plenty of examples. We encourage families to contact the financial aid office when something changes dramatically. Sometimes we can make adjustments, but not always.

“Among the students who entered Richmond this fall and received need-based aid, 28 percent of them were from families with incomes in excess of $100,000.”
I assume that families must re-apply each year?
Families do have to re-apply for need-based aid each year, and eligibility may change as a family’s financial circumstances change. Merit scholarships, however, are awarded for four years—eight semesters of full-time enrollment—as long as recipients continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

What can our alumni do to make a Richmond education an even better value?
As I mentioned earlier, we are committing substantial resources to our financial aid program in order to assist talented students who might not otherwise be able to attend Richmond. Alumni-funded scholarships play a major role in our ability to do this because they are part of the financial aid packages that we offer. As an aside, we have noticed that very positive relationships often develop between scholarship donors and scholarship recipients. In addition, contributions to the University’s annual fund help support our financial aid program, so this is another way that our alumni can help make a Richmond education more affordable for all of our students.

What advice do you have for families that have children in high school with college expenses right around the corner? What can they do now that would help?
As prospective students and their families look for the best fit and best value, I want them to be aware that financial aid can greatly reduce their net cost of attending college. Thus, families shouldn’t eliminate a college from their list due to the sticker price. I also recommend that families do their homework. They should find out what kind of financial aid programs are available at the colleges and universities their students are considering. Most of this information can be found on college websites. What kind of need-based aid do they offer? What applications are required? What are the deadlines? Do they have merit scholarships? Some schools have separate merit scholarship applications, and they may require an additional essay. Most students apply to a number of colleges and universities—as they should—but they have to start early and keep their ducks in a row. You don’t want to miss out on financial aid because you missed a deadline! And, lastly, talk openly with your son or daughter about how your family plans to finance their educational expenses. This is an important part of the process.

What about families with younger children? Any additional advice for them?
Yes. Save for college costs. Save and save some more. Some families think that if they save for college they will be penalized in the financial aid process. However, saving for college can result in less dependency on loans, and families will be better prepared to meet the amount they are expected to pay for educational expenses.

Let’s see … deadlines, homework, saving money, and policies and procedures that vary from college to college. This sounds like a major undertaking.
It is a major undertaking, and unfortunately it can be complex, especially for a family sending their first child to college. The good news is that financial aid is available and the staff in Richmond’s financial aid office is here to help students and their families navigate the process. We enjoy our advising role and love to help students realize their educational goals. 🌟

To learn more about Richmond’s financial aid process, visit financialaid.richmond.edu.

Traveling man
Ben Sommerfeld, ’11, will always remember the six weeks he spent backpacking across Western Europe in 2009. He made the trek after five weeks of studying abroad at Saint Louis University in Madrid.

Sommerfeld was able to realize this dream because he is an Oldham Scholar at Richmond. In addition to receiving a merit scholarship equal to full tuition, room and board, Oldham Scholars receive $3,000 to use for research or study abroad. Oldham Scholars also enjoy opportunities to travel together in the United States for cultural enrichment. Sommerfeld and his fellow Oldham Scholars have visited Chicago, New York, Atlanta, and Philadelphia. “It’s a way for us to get to know one another,” he says.

Sommerfeld, who grew up on a farm in Hudson, Wis., with his parents and four siblings, wanted to come to Richmond because of his interests in business and leadership studies. “I wanted hands-on experiences,” he says. “That is what stood out for me at Richmond.”

He particularly enjoyed working with real companies and other organizations on class projects. For example, Sommerfeld helped the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau develop a marketing plan to promote the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and the end of slavery. He also parlayed an internship at Target’s corporate headquarters into a full-time job offer.

—Joan Tupponce
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Reunion 2011 offers new opportunities
This year’s Reunion Weekend will be June 3–5, the first weekend after Memorial Day. If your class year ends in a 1 or 6, note that the weekend will honor you.

In addition to our traditional reunion activities—individual class gatherings, presentation of alumni awards and class gifts, and the Boatwright Society dinner—Reunion 2011 will feature fireworks over Westhampton Lake on Saturday night and the opportunity to spend the night in a residence hall.

Looking further ahead to the fall, Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 21–23. It will feature a pre-game picnic, football in the new stadium, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2011, and a young grad reunion for classes 2002–11.

For more information about Reunion Weekend, Homecoming Weekend, or alumni events in your area, visit richmond.edu/alumni-and-career-services.

Volunteer
Rallying classmates for Reunion 2011
As student government presidents during their senior year, Margaret Elizabeth Perry, ‘06, and Justin Burk, ‘06, rallied their classmates to make the most of their senior year and class gift.

Now, as co-chairs of their reunion planning committee, they are encouraging their classmates to return to campus for their five-year reunion set for June 3–5. “My time at Richmond shaped the person I am today,” Perry says. “The education I earned, the friendships I made, and my relationships with faculty all continue to serve me well today. Celebrating reunion to me means celebrating all of these things combined.”

Volunteers are integral to making Reunion Weekends successful, says Laura Krajewski, ’99, assistant director for alumni campus events in the Office of Alumni and Career Services. This year, more than 150 volunteers are working hard to plan events for their classes. These class-specific events are the hallmark of the weekend, reuniting classmates who enjoy remembering their time together as students.

“I love the opportunity to draw more attention to our reunion and plan a weekend that will be meaningful and fun,” Burk says. “Like the rest of our committee, I am

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Engaging the Spider Spirit

The URAA Board of Directors launched its strategic plan, Engaging the Spider Spirit, about 18 months ago. The plan guides our operations through 2014 in synchronicity with the University’s strategic plan, The Richmond Promise.

Central to Engaging the Spider Spirit is the question of how we, as individual Spiders in a web of more than 40,000 alumni worldwide, support each other to leverage our Spider pride. It has been exciting to see your response to our efforts. Attendance at our career-networking events—Spiders in Finance, Spiders in Mass Media and Marketing, and Spiders in Nonprofit and Government Service—has been tremendous. We look forward to repeating those opportunities, as well as introducing others, such as our new Women’s Networking Reception and the Volunteer Conference we sponsored during Homecoming Weekend.

I encourage you to visit richmond.edu/alumni-and-career-services to learn more about Engaging the Spider Spirit.

I also remind you of the following opportunities to connect with fellow Spiders. Did you recently meet a Spider with whom you want to follow up? Do you want to serve as a career contact for fellow alumni and students? If so, visit UROnline.net to find fellow Spiders and search for career opportunities on the UR Career Network. While you are there, update your profile so fellow alumni will find your most current information.

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Finally, I encourage you to keep in touch with the URAA Board and me at uraa@richmond.edu. Go Spiders!

Tracey Holgren Ivey, ’82
URAA President

**Staff**

**Kuhn coordinates employer relations**

The Office of Alumni and Career Services has hired Sarah Kuhn as the University’s new employer relations coordinator.

Kuhn’s responsibilities include organizing on-campus recruiting visits and monitoring and approving new job and internship postings and employer registrations. She also will help organize on-campus and off-campus recruiting fairs.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Illinois College.

**Richardson fosters regional initiatives**

Erin Lears Richardson, ’05, has joined the Office of Alumni and Career Services as an assistant director for regional initiatives.

Richardson previously worked in Richmond’s Office of Annual Giving and in the athletics department, where she served as assistant to the athletic director and the Spider Club.

“Erin brings with her an enthusiasm for her alma mater as well as her experience in event planning and volunteer management across University departments,” says Robb Moore, ’94, director of program management in the Office of Alumni and Career Services.

**Minor celebrates 100th birthday**

Elizabeth Gill Minor, W’31 and G’33, of Bridgewater, Va., celebrated her 100th birthday in October at a luncheon with a large group of friends and family.

Minor was Westhampton College’s May Queen in 1931, and she dedicated her life to teaching English in high schools. She and her late husband, Carroll Ryland Minor, R’30 and G’33, raised two daughters who also graduated from Westhampton—Patricia Minor Hoover, W’55, and Elizabeth Minor

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**Minor**
Dr. James Carter, R’91, documents the life of Master Tanxu in *Heart of Buddha, Heart of China*. Tanxu lived from 1875 to 1963, a time of great turbulence in China. At age 41, he abruptly left his wife and seven children to become a monk. He eventually overcame poverty, wars, famine, and bitter partisanship to found numerous temples and schools.

Carter is a professor of history at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. His research for the book took him to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Manchuria, and the village of Beitang, where Tanxu was born.

More alumni books

- *Facts and Legends of Sports in Richmond*. Wayne Dementi, B’66, and Brooks Smith, R’92, chronicle the history of sports in Richmond—the teams, the athletes, and the memorable moments.
- *Santaland: A Miller & Rhoads Christmas*. Donna Strother Deckens, W’73, unveils a children’s book as a companion to *Christmas at Miller & Rhoads: Memoirs of a Snow Queen*.
- *In the Morning … Joy*. Mary Kathryn Clark, W’53, shares her journey of self-discovery in the form of dialogue between protagonist Makai and a professional counselor.
- *Meditations on a Moose*. Walter Griggs, R’63 and G’70, and Robert Griggs mix moose stories and Bible verses in Griggs’ latest attempt to elevate the magnificent moose to its proper status.
- *The River Me*. Margaret “Marty” Glenn Taylor, W’55, brings back memories of growing up in Morattico on Virginia’s Northern Neck during the 1930s and 1940s.
- *This Is Spinal Tap*. John Kenneth Muir, R’92, chronicles Rob Reiner’s “mock-rockumentary” about a fictional heavy-metal band’s disastrous American tour in the early 1980s.
- *Whiskers*. Retired kindergarten teacher Ellice Simmonds Smart, W’56, encourages the 5-and-under crowd to read with a book based on the antics of her cat.

NOTABLES

Romano runs solo across the country

Zoë Romano, ’09, is running solo across the country to raise money for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She departed from Huntington Beach, Calif., on Jan. 9, and she plans to run 25 miles a day, six days a week.

Running “solo” means that she is running without a support vehicle—pushing all of her supplies in a
jogging stroller. Her goal is to raise $25,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs and “to inspire kids to chase down their dreams.” She plans to finish her run in late June in Charleston, S.C.

To follow Romano’s progress, visit zoeoesrunning.wordpress.com.

Azerbaijani court releases political activist Hajizada

Adnan Hajizada, ‘05, a political activist in Azerbaijan, has been paroled from prison after serving 16 months of his two-year sentence for “hooliganism.” His arrest in July 2009 sparked international outrage and suspicion that he was arrested for criticizing the Azerbaijani government, not for “hooliganism.”

Hajizada and fellow activist Emin Milli were attacked by two men in Baku, Azerbaijan, but when the activists reported the incident to police, they were arrested and accused of provoking the fight.

Shortly before this incident, Hajizada and Milli had posted a video on their blog showing Hajizada in a donkey costume holding a press conference satirizing media reports that the government had paid exorbitant prices to import donkeys. After Hajizada was arrested, 18 Richmond professors, led by Dr. Uliana Gabara and Dr. Vincent Wang, sent a letter to the president of Azerbaijan vouching for Hajizada’s character.

For more information about upcoming regional alumni events, go to UROnline.net.
CLASS CONNECTIONS

CLASS OF ’41
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Mary Campbell Paulson continues her busy life, which includes exercising several hours a day, mostly in the pool, and attending concerts at Christopher Newport University. She is lucky to have a daughter nearby for visits and chauffeuring.

Gladys Lowden Metz takes advantage of many activities at her continuing-care retirement center in Medford, N.J. In October she returned to Virginia to attend an Elderhostel in Williamsburg, Va., on Colonial archaeology.

Jane Wray Britston McDorman is our most faithful alumna for attending University events. On Sept. 18 she went to the first football game in the new stadium and was quite impressed. She also went to the homecoming game Oct. 23 and to hear a bluegrass performance Nov. 10. Each month she returns to Lakewood Manor in Richmond, where she used to be employed, to visit some of the residents, including our classmate Doris Mills Harrell.

My biggest kick last fall was Halloween. We had a big party at Bay Woods, and I went as Baby Ruth with a diaper, a bottle, and many Babe Ruth candy bars pinned to me. Please send me your news by May 1 for the fall issue of the alumni magazine.

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CLASS OF ’42
Ann Pavley Garrett and her husband, Karl, spent a lovely week in Florida at the end of last summer celebrating Karl’s birthday with family members.

I was sorry to learn of the death of Sara Goode Arendall’s husband, Edgar M. Arendall, R’41 and H’82, on Oct. 20, 2009. Sara is still living in the Birmingham, Ala., condo that they purchased several years ago. Her family includes three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Jayne Maire Massie and I have joined the growing number of seniors taking regular sessions of physical therapy. Fitting something new into the schedule may not always be easy, but the noticeable improvement in mobility is worth the effort.

Etheh Flanagan Higginsbooth’s granddaughter will earn her master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh in May.

Scholarships continue to provide financial assistance to worthy students. Please remember our years at Westhampton and contribute to our class scholarship fund as you are able.

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CLASS OF ’43
Rose Koltukian Wallace, W, and her husband, Jim, live at Sunnyside Retirement Center in Sarasota, Fla. Son Kevin lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and son Bruce lives in Madison, N.J. Rose was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

CLASS OF ’45
Mildred Draper Atkinson says it is remarkable that our interest in each other, which began in 1941, has lasted 69 years. She is active with family nearby and enjoys visits to New York City and the New Jersey shore.

If you are interested, contact the alumni office for details.

The Boatwright Dinner is scheduled for Friday, June 3. There will be a lecture on the Civil War that afternoon by Dr. Edward Ayers. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday evening, and there will be many other interesting events.

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

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Our 65-year reunion will be held in June, which should guarantee warmer weather. Please come.

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Our 55-year reunion will be held in June, which should guarantee warmer weather. Please come.

Elaine Weil Weinberg and Larry live in San Francisco’s Silicon Valley area. They downsized to a condo and are planning a move to a retirement community. Both are doing well and enjoy their synagogue and going out to eat. Their oldest daughter attended Loyola Law School and is an attorney in Chicago. A granddaughter is in the performing arts at the University of California, Irvine. Two other grandchildren are in college.

Frances Anne Beale Goode has moved to Imperial Plaza, a retirement community in Richmond. Her telephone number has not changed, but if you would like her new address, you may contact me.

I had a chance to chat with Andy Robeson, Jean White Robeson’s husband. Their family spent Thanksgiving in Roanoke, Va., to participate in a race to benefit Haiti. Their grandson, Tim, a nurse at Children’s Hospital in Washington, D.C., who frequently goes to Haiti, walked the race barefoot.

Virginia Lambeth Shotwell attended several family celebrations last summer. On her way to Florida in November, she visited the campus and the Columbia, where her daughter and husband have adjacent niches. She planned to spend Christmas with family and then head to Pasadena, Calif., for the Rose Parade and to see the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.
CLASS OF ’50

Peggy Wells Meador traveled up the Rhine River and enjoyed an incredible four-day stay in Switzerland. No wonder she couldn’t make it to the reunion! Peggy says Janice Brandenburg Halloran helps keep her on track.

I was selected president of the Hathaway Tower Association at its annual meeting last November, and I looked forward to taking a 1/4-day winter cruise to Hawaii.

Please keep sending your news. We certainly need to keep in touch. Time and distance need not separate us from each other.

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CLASS OF ’51

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Jane Lawson Willis, Charlotte Houchins Decker, Mary Lee Moore May, Maryglyn Cooper McGraw, Betsy Bethune Langhorne, Charlotte Herrink Sayre, Jean Love Hanson, Lea Thompson Osburn, and I enjoyed a mini-reunion in Richmond last September.

Lea Thompson Osburn spent Thanksgiving in her hometown of Richmond last September. And I enjoyed a mini-reunion in Hanson, Lea Thompson Osburn
Charlotte Herrink Sayre, Jean Love McGraw, Betsy Bethune Langhorne, Maryglyn Cooper Moore May, Mary Helen lives in Athlone, Ireland. Helen and Dick’s daughter, Mary Helen, published her second book, an autobiography titled Circles of Light.

Mary Helen lives in Athlone, Ireland. Many thanks to Frances Arriaggi Tonacci for her help during the past five years. Whenever I was short of news, she would contact her Richmond friends and help me out.

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CLASS OF ’52

I was sorry to hear of Mary Marshall Wiley’s passing on June 22, 2010. Classmates were emailed her obituary, which was submitted by Mary Ann Coates Edel.

Sadly, we also have lost Bertha Cosby King, Kathleen Cooke O’Bier sent me the obituary, recalling that Bertha was an amazing woman of many talents. After Westhampton, Bertha earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at VCU. She taught in South Carolina and in Richmond at Collegiate School. Among many other things, she was a violinist, Girl Scout leader, soccer granny, and photographer. She will be sorely missed. Alice Subley Mandanis also wrote regarding Bertha, saying that they had been friends since childhood.

Addie Eicks Comegys attended Class Day at Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass., where Gloria Steinem was the luncheon speaker. Addie recalled Robert Frost staying
60-year reunion is June 1–3, 2012.

Glenn Weltch Louthan sees some Richmond alumni, especially Lacy Mahon, who married a man from Frances’ hometown of Bowling Green, Va. She also sees Susan Peters Hall and Lynn Dickerson, R, who was Frances’ next-door neighbor.

Sarah Fugate attended Westhampton our first two years and roomed with Grace Collins, W and F’05, Barbara Ferre Phillips, and Betty Edmonds Dunn. If you would like to contact Sarah, let me know, and I will send you her address and phone number.

Alice Subley Mandanis has finally retired from her second career at Marymount University and is having great fun.

In October Sue Easley Candler, Addie Eicks Comegys, and I flew to Minneapolis to visit Harriet Willingham Johnson. What a time we had going across the river into Wisconsin, to the movies, shopping at the Mall of America, and sampling local food. Harriet and Cork were wonderful guides. At the airport, we saw Henrietta Dow Vinson’s daughter, Barbara. Henrietta and B.C. passed through Raleigh, N.C., on their way to Florida.

Anne Gibson Hill’s three children celebrated her 80th birthday with a party at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sue Perry Downing, W’54, and I were among the many who attended.

I celebrated Thanksgiving with Ann Clark Howe, W’45, her daughter, and her granddaughter Patricia Chenery, ’99.

Please watch these YouTube presentations by Kelly Fair, an educator at NCSU SCI-LINK professional development workshops, and led by me. The Brazil YouTube presentation can be found at youtube.com/watch?v=jm77qK6G0u4, and the Grandfather Mountain experience can be found at youtube.com/watch?v=RpxAdGgFVY4.

Mark your calendar! Adelaide Eicks Comegys reminds us that our 60-year reunion is June 1–3, 2012.

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CLASS OF ’54

Best wishes go to Ann Powell Oast Willson, who roomed with Jimmy Miller in November. They are living at Harbor’s Edge, a retirement community in Norfolk, Va. It saddened me to learn of the loss of two of our classmates. Margaret “Peggy” Brown Hitzmizio died Sept. 26, 2010. She was living in Charlotteville, Va. You may recall that Peggy was a bugler and also taught archery at a Maine camp where Barbara Cronin Lovell and the late Nancy Lay spent several summers. Beverley Burke McGhee died Nov. 2, 2010. She had moved to a nursing home in Williamsburg, Va., near her son.

Jane Gill Tombs and her husband, Avertis Tombs, R, have lived at a retirement community in Brandonmill, south of Richmond, for more than a year. In November they took a trip on the Rhine River from Budapest to Amsterdam, with the majority of the trip spent in Germany. They also visited friends in Europe and saw their granddaughter, who is studying at Cambridge and teaching children in a program at the University of Virginia.

In October George and I celebrated our 40th anniversary and spent a week at Myrtle Beach, S.C. We loved the ocean views, the Branson-like shows, and the wonderful seafood.

Please send me news about yourself and our classmates by May 25. I would like to include news about as many classmates as possible.

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CLASS OF ’55

The Richmond-area Westhampton girls met for lunch last November at Skilligalee Restaurant, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Barbara Reynolds Wyker, Barbara Turner Willis, Burrell Williams Stultz, Marty Glenn Taylor, Grace Phillips Webb, Jean Crettenden Kauffman, Jackie Kilby

Brooks, Joy Winstead, Shirley Garrett Maxson, and I were in attendance. We were honored to also have Nancy Denton from the University’s development office, who brought our scholarship recipient, Jodymari L uks, 14, who is from New Jersey.

Jane Doubles Davis moved into assisted living at Our Lady of Hope Retirement to be with her husband, Russell, who has advanced Alzheimer’s. She says it was wonderful to downsize. They vacationed last year in Cancun, Mexico, with their daughter, Liz, and her husband. Jane and Russell have three children and six grandchildren. Their second great-grandson, Will, was born Nov. 7, 2010.

Jackie Kilby Brooks and a friend took a trip to the Panama Canal, stopping in Cabo San Lucas and Acapulco, Mexico, and Punta arenas, Costa Rica. Observing ships going through the canal was the highlight. They also enjoyed excursions in Cartagena, Colombia, and Aruba before arriving in Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

Alice McCoy Haggerty and three friends spent a week in New Hampshire at the height of last fall’s foliage season. She is working on a new project about the 1902 Virginia Constitution with the Library of Virginia.

Grace Phillips Webb’s husband, Newton, died Nov. 17, 2010, at the age of 90. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Grace.

Carlene Shuler Saxton is active in the Rapid Ann Garden Club of Orange, Va. She and her husband, Harry, are longtime members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Carlene enjoys volunteering at the Orange County Visitors’ Center, where most tourists want to see James Madison’s home, Monticello, and the Civil War battlefields. She and Harry have seven grandchildren. Three are college graduates, two are in college, and two are in high school.

Shirlee Garrett Maxson and her husband, Max, who is a Virginia Tech graduate, made a gift to the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech to honor Dr. Peter Eyre, former dean and professor emeritus, and his wife, Margot. Shirlee worked in a veterinary hospital while in high school. Their lifelong love of animals is represented by their veterinary scholarship in memory of Dr. Bob, Esq., a very special cat, and their other beloved pets.

Alice McCoy Haggerty and Joy Winstead have been elected to the board of directors of the Friends of the Boatwright Memorial Library at U.Va. Joy also continues to serve on the scholars committee for the Boatwright Society.

In November Bobbie Reynolds Wyker’s 15-year-old granddaughter donated her hair to Locks of Love. Bobbie had the pleasure of accepting the responses from those who attended the Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck alumnae group’s delightful luncheon at the home of Mary Alice Revere Woerner, W’58, in Gloucester, Va., last September.

Marty Glenn Taylor shared a chapter from her book, The River Me, at the luncheon. Marty’s roommate, Peggy Armstrong Tluszcz, was among the guests, and Joy Winstead traveled from Richmond to attend.

Peggy Hall Flippin and her husband, Ed Flippin Jr., R’S6, had a family reunion in Richmond and then went to their nephew’s wedding in Texas. Their annual trip to Allentown, Pa., included visits with Peggy’s cousins and lunch with high school friends.

Marty Glenn Taylor served as mistress of ceremonies at the book and author dinner with the Friends of the Library Center of Rappahannock Community College last October. Marty was a co-founder of the book and author dinner 30 years ago.

Last summer Burrell Williams Stultz and his wife, John Stultz, B’S8, traveled to Hilton Head, S.C., the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Wyoming, and Colorado. Burrell and John have been asked to be the national chairs of gift planning for the University. You can designate that you want your donations to go to the Westhampton Class of 1955 scholarship and otherwise.

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in the guest room of South Court during our senior year and asking her to bring him an egg, which she thought was for his dog. She recently received an email that told about early treatments to remove yellow from one’s hair and now wonders if the egg might have been for his hair—his “beautiful white hair.”
Lucy Burnett Garmon, W and G'60, is enjoying semi-retirement while her husband, Jerry Garmon, R'56, is enjoying retirement. Their children are in nursing and ministry. Their oldest granddaughter is curator of theater memorabilia for the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. Jerry can’t wait to visit her. It should be a real treat for them to see what she is doing. Their oldest grandson shipped off to Ethiopia with the Peace Corps last fall. Granddaughter No. 2 just completed her first semester at the University of West Georgia, and granddaughter No. 3 is a sophomore in high school who wants to go into art.

Katharine “Kitty” Clark Kersey and Wilbur Kersey, R’56, still travel full time. Kitty is in her 41st year of teaching and is a professor of early childhood education at Old Dominion University. Wilbur celebrated his 50th year as pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. They both feel blessed to have the opportunity to combine their passions and their work.

Jennie Sue Johnson Murdock visited the University last fall and met with Nancy Denton from the development office. Jennie Sue toured half of the campus and plans to return for the second half later this year. She says it is worth a trip back to see all the new facilities.

Last fall Beverly Ambler Richardson and her husband were in the process of permanently moving to their home on Signal Mountain in Tennessee. Beverly says it is a big relief to their home on Signal Mountain in Tennessee. Beverly says it is a big relief to

CLASS OF ’57

Tucker and her husband, Walter Dunn Tucker, R’53, took a cruise to Portland and Bar Harbor, Maine; St. John and Halifax, Quebec; and Boston. Accompanying them were Jackie’s sister Mary Archer Parkinson, W’63, her husband, Terry, and another sister from Blacksburg, Va.

Joyce Garrett Tidley, W and G’77, and her husband, George Tidley, B’55 and U’63, went to Puerto Rico for a week in November. They visited the Arcibo Observatory and explored Fort San Felipe del Morro, San Cristobal, and the El Yunque rainforest. They also enjoyed the 85-degree days and the beautiful beaches. In November I took a two-week “Route of the Maya” tour in Central America. We visited five Mayan sites in four countries (El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize). We learned about this ancient civilization, their descendents, and the more recent history of the area. It was pleasantly cool in the mountainous and volcanic highlands of the southwest. In the northeast lowlands, there were subtropical forests surrounding the Mayan sites. I enjoyed seeing the lush vegetation and hearing the howler monkeys.

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CLASS OF ’58

Jean Hudgin’s Frederick and her husband, Arnold Frederick, R’56, attended a luncheon for alumni from the Northern Neck of Virginia at the home of Charlie and Mary Alice Revere Woerner. Marilyn Yates Burkholer and our former teacher Augusta Chapman Bunting were also guests. Jean’s husband is president of the Board of Directors for the University of West Georgia, their alma mater. They visited their granddaughter, who is studying at Wake Forest University. Margaret and Bruce traveled to Florida and to

Rayne, La., in their new motor home for a motor home rally. They visited Bruce’s nephew in Jackson, Miss., and then went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for a Winnebago meeting.

Martha Haislip Padgett and Robert Padgett, R’60, traveled to Monmouth, Ill., to visit their son, Robbie, and attend grandson Sam’s high school graduation. Sam lettered in wrestling and earned another letter in the show choir. His brother, Jess, was also a wrestler and attends college on a music scholarship, majoring in voice. Marti and Peggy were planning a trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains and her husband, George, visited their son, David, and his wife, Martha, in Birmingham, Ala. Later they traveled to Baltimore, where they visited Fort McHenry, the B&O Railroad Museum, and the Constellation.

No one told me that Italy had a rainy season, but that did not impair my almost three-week visit to the country. I traveled all around Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast.

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CLASS OF ’59

Jehane Flint Taylor died peacefully at home on Oct. 22, 2010, surrounded by her family. Her husband, Sam Taylor, R’58, requested no phone calls, but I am certain he would appreciate cards and emails.

In September Betsy Goldman Solomon visited her son, Andrew, and his wife, Lesley, and two grandchildren in Atlanta. She was there to celebrate the birthday of her 1-year-old granddaughter, Laura Elaine. Eileen Cordie Harris’ fifth grandchild, Emily Jane Harris, was born on Oct. 27, 2010. She came home to sister Rachel and brother Charlie.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and her husband, Bill Phillips, R’58, took a trip to Portugal and Spain to visit their granddaughter, who is studying abroad in Granada.

Jo Edwards Mierke and her husband, Ed Mierke, R’60, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Athens, Greece, to visit their granddaughter, Christina, and her husband, Demetrius. Their
daughter, Karen, and her husband, Tim, and their son and his fiancée accompanied them. They spent most of the time in Athens, but they also took a cruise to five Greek islands and a Turkish island.

Ruth Adkins Hill, W and G’85, and her husband, Bob, have been traveling recently in years. They have visited Maine, the rest of New England, Florida, Charleston, S.C., and, most recently, they drove the length of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Ruth and Bob have three children and five grandchildren. The oldest grandchild, Sarah, is 20. She spent six weeks in Kenya with a Princeton group during the summer. Hillary is 17; Ben is 12; and Ryan and Libby are 5. Ruth often sees many 1959 classmates including Eleanor Dickson Campbell, Beverly Eubank Evans, Bonnie Lewis Haynie, Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum, Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist, and me. She also sees Nancy “Jenks” Jenkins Marrow, W’60, Doris Huffman Moore, W’56, Joyce Garrett Tidey, W’57 and G’77, Carolyn Moss Hartz, W’58, Betty Jane Watkins Saunders, W’58, and many others. Her favorite volunteer activity is singing with Heartstrings, a group she has been a part of for 12 years. She writes that life is good in so many ways.

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In October, Barbara Dunin Polis went to her 55-year high school reunion in Culpeper, Va. It was a bitter-sweet reunion for Barb. As she dearly missed her twin sister, Peggy Dunin Crews, but she was glad she attended. Sylvia “Sibby” Haddock Young and her husband, Paige Allen Young, R, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer on the Disney Cruise Line with their two children, their spouses, and five grandchildren.

Because of health problems, Cary Hancock Gilmore and her husband, Dan, have moved to a new subdivision in Roanoke County, Va. Cary has some muscular dystrophy and her condition has stabilized. Please contact her if you would like her new address. (Her phone number has remained the same.) Both of Cary’s daughters, Carylee and Melanie, are teaching. Her grandson, Ike, is a freshman at Bryan College on a baseball scholarship.

I enjoyed my 55-year high school reunion at Salisbury Country Club in Chesterfield County, Va. I spent Thanksgiving in Ashburn, Va., with my daughter, Carol, and her husband, Bob. I continue to stay active in my church and with line and ballroom dancing. The Now and Then Dance Ensemble, of which I am a member, had 131 performances in 2010. Like Ruth Adkins Hill, I enjoy seeing other Westhampton graduates at the Tuckahoe and Dawson’s women’s clubs. I may send you news at any time during the year. I will save your news for the next issue of the alumna magazine.

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**CLASS OF ’60**

We all enjoyed our 50-year reunion and reconnecting and hearing about friends and families, trips, and celebrations and, yes, even illnesses and woes.

We can be very proud of our class! More than 80 percent of the Class of 1960 gave gifts to the scholarship honoring Miss Bell and Miss Gotas in memory of our deceased classmates. The warm feelings generated by our 50-year reunion live on in all those who attended.

Millie Bagley Bracey called when she and her husband were in town celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They also went to Massanutten Ski Resort for a family gathering.

Sarah Hudgins Brown had to miss the reunion due to an illness relative. She and her husband cruise and spend time at their homes in Maine.

Linda Morgan Lemmon thanks us all at the University who made our reunion special. She loved renewing friendships and enjoying the company of classmates. Linda called me recently when she and her husband, Bob, were visiting Williamsburg, Va., area with friends, including Nancy James Buhl, W’62, and her husband, John.

Laurel Burkett Lonnies and Jerry are taking a course in Flemish art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. They planned a Baltic cruise that included stops in Scandinavia and Russia. Evalane Green Slaughter is in Laurel’s art class, and they get a chance to meet and talk each week.

Nancy “Jenks” Jenkins Mawrow spent two months in Florida last summer and planned to return in the fall, when she hoped to get together with Rebecca Grissom VanAudsall. Jenks also planned a trip to the Hamptons to spend time with her twin grandchildren.

Meurial Webb McLain and Bill stay busy with their three grandchildren. Bill spends much of his time with the Newark Historical Society, where he enjoys a meal in the home of an Amish family. They spent Thanksgiving with two of their daughters who live only an hour apart, one on Long Island and the other in Greenwich, Conn.

Rebecca Grissom VanAudsall stays busy with her grandson. She loves living in Merritt Island, Fla., where she and her neighbor spend time with each other. Rebecca and her husband visited Nancy Jenkins Marrow while she was in Florida.

Jeanette McWilliams Welsh and her husband, Jack Welsh, R, had a delightful cruise from Barcelona, Spain, to Venice, Italy. They were particularly interested in the art in Venice. Both had taken an art appreciation class at UK, and Jeanette says they tracked down all the art they had studied. Jeanette and Jack are planning a February trip to Egypt. They’re also working on a theater trip to New York in May.

Joan Batten Wood, W and G’70, has moved back to Richmond after retiring as professor of medicine and social and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco.
Shorr to make you laugh
Lonnie Shorr, R'59

When Lonnie Shorr majored in history and political science, he had no idea that he was preparing for a life-long career as a topical humorist. But shortly before he graduated, the self-professed class clown decided he would try to become a professional comedian. “I didn’t want to look back in 15 or 20 years wondering if I could have done it,” he recalls.

Many events shaped Shorr’s rise from opening act to co-headliner, but one remarkable month stands out. Harry Kalcheim, who represented Elvis Presley, saw Shorr on stage and gave the comedian his business card. The following week, the humorist signed on with Kalcheim’s talent firm—the William Morris Agency—which quickly connected him to talk show hosts Merv Griffin and David Frost.

“Within a month, I was working at the Copacabana, the famous nightclub in New York,” Shorr recalls. “That was a big deal for me.”

Shorr also appeared more than 100 times on the Merv Griffin Show, and he was a regular on The Dean Martin Show. He has toured with Kenny Rogers, shared the stage with many other top entertainers, and performed as a co-headliner in Las Vegas for many years. These days, the humorist lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he is developing a one-man show called “A View from the Front Porch.” “In the South, people are always sitting on the porch discussing all kinds of things,” he explains. “This gives me license to talk about whatever topical issues I find interesting.”

Shorr tries to return to campus each year for homecoming “to be with the guys,” mostly former UR football players from his class. “I’m a little guy who was always hanging out with the big guys,” he says. “So I needed to do something to make me stand out.”

His sense of humor was just the thing.

—Marilyn J. Shaw
Did you know? The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has grouped Richmond with colleges and universities “that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.” Read more about this new Carnegie classification on page 2.
CLASS OF ’62

A group of Westhampton classmates met for lunch last August in Glen Allen, Va. The group, which meets at least annually, includes Kitty Borum Fitzhugh, Julie Perkinson Crowe, Robin Crandle Perks, Diane Light Riffer, Judy Acre Hansen, and Libby Cramer Jarrett. In October the group met again in Charlottesville, Va., to welcome Judith Trunzo, who lives in France but was visiting family and friends in the United States.

CLASS OF ’63

It is with deep sadness that I report the death of Donna Houff Ludwig’s daughter, Kathleen Ludwig, who died on Nov. 4, 2010, after a lengthy illness. She was 36 years old. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Donna and to her family.

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CLASS OF ’65

Barbara Harton German’s daughter, Sarah, was married on June 25, 2010. Sarah graduated from VCU with a doctor of pharmacy degree and is the pharmacy manager at Target in Glen Allen, Va. Barbara and her husband, Bill German, R’63, left a week after the wedding on an 81-day trip to Alaska in their Airstream trailer. The 12,500-mile trip was part of an Airstream caravan, which is a guided tour for RVs. Barbara has been retired since 1998, and traveling is her favorite hobby. She has visited all 50 states. Barbara Gardner Cook and her daughter, Sarah, took a trip to France, to celebrate Sarah’s 40th birthday. The highlight of the journey was a bike ride across the Camargue in the south of France and the sighting of pink flamingos. Barbara and her husband, Richard Cook, R’67, spent Christmas visiting their son, Matt, whose family lives in Costa Rica.

Linda Jones Peyman’s husband celebrated his 90th birthday in October. Their whole family—four daughters, spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—gathered in Washington, D.C., over the holidays to visit and sightsee. Linda is intersted in genealogy and would love to compare notes with anyone in the Richmond area or online.

Susan Darden Schneider missed our reunion last spring because of illness, but she is happy to be back to normal. For the past year, she has been a court-appointed special advocate for a 3-year-old girl in foster care. She reports on the child’s life and recommendations for her care. Susan says it is the most rewarding volunteer experience she has ever had and encourages interested classmates to check it out.

Leslie McNeal Barden serves on the board of her local community center in Bethesda, Md., where she has chaired the holiday craft fair for four years. In spite of some health problems, she was able to continue that work in 2010. Leslie and her husband, Luther K. Barden, R’63, became grandparents last summer when son Ben and his wife had a baby. Son Jamie has been granted tenure at Howard University, where he teaches social psychology.

Linda Webb Taliaferro came out of retirement last fall for a long-term substitute teaching job at a local high school, but she is happy to have packed away her chalk and eraser again in exchange for spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Harrey Hubbard Wallace-Boulter’s son Brian was married in Maryland last October.

Nancy Spence continues to work on a seasonal basis at the Virginia House of Delegates. She traveled to Key West, Fla., last June and visited Seattle and Vancouver in September. In October Nancy met Jackie Harper Burrell, Carrie Morris Meador, Linda Webb Taliaferro, Cynthia Shellhorse, and Susan Gunn Quisenberry for brunch at the Heilman Dining Center on campus. Richmond-area classmates are hoping to do this several times a year and would love to have you drop by for a mini-reunion.

In August Carolyn Jackson Mears Elmore welcomed her seventh grandchild. She and Linda Armstrong Farrar recruited for UR at a college fair in November at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, where they met some amazing prospective students. In January Carolyn completed the last six months of her late husband’s term in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Carrie Elizabeth “Liz” Morris
Meador was involved in the Wayne County Reads effort last year, which focused on Pakistan and Afghanistan, where Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stone into Schools*, has built more than 131 schools. Liz teaches at Wayne Community College and her composition students studied *Three Cups of Tea* in literature.

Jackie Harper Burrell’s second grandson was born in Olive Branch, Miss.

Jim and Ann Carter Carmody attended the All-Ireland Gaelic football final in Dublin in September. The remainder of their trip to Ireland was spent in County Kerry visiting Jim’s relatives and attending the Listowel horse races.

Linda Holt Lilly enjoyed a trip to France with her 12-year-old granddaughter last June. They visited the Normandy beaches, Versailles, and the Paris landmarks and took a bread-baking class.

In September 2010 a number of us set sail from Venice, Italy, on a Mediterranean cruise arranged by Linda Armstrong Farrar. Sailors included Linda and her husband, Bob, Barbara Vaughan, Janet Renshaw Yates, Millie Bradshaw Hotchkiss, Dianne Minter Van, Harry Lee, Hubbard Wallace-Boulster and her husband, Bob, and me and my husband, Bill. We visited Athens, a number of Greek islands, Istanbul, Rome, Florence, and Barcelona.

Thanks to all who responded to my plea for news this quarter. It’s been fun keeping in touch with you. With this column, I’m passing my quill and my plea for news this quarter. It’s been so kind to her father. He danced the night away at our Keller Hall reception. On May 11, Martha’s father married his beautiful Caroline in Richmond, and he died happy and in peace on June 30.

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Martha’s daughter, Catherine Sanders Johnson, ’01, and her husband live in Singapore. Martha planned to meet Catherine in Barcelona to travel in Spain and sail to North Africa.

We lost a special classmate, Penni Chappell Westbrook, on Aug. 17, 2010. Because many of us could not make the trip to Texas for her memorial, a special service was held on campus in October and was attended by many from near and far, including her family. The service reminded us how precious life is and how each moment should be cherished. Donna Boone wrote a lovely note about how deeply she was touched by Penni’s friendship and by the service. It is such a moving letter that I would like to share it with you, but I do not have the space to do so here. Please contact me if you would like me to send you a copy.

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CLASS OF ’70

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Carol Bashaw Collins and her husband, Bill Collins, B’64, went on a seven-week hiking and round danc- ing trip in the fall. While away, one of Carol’s watercolor paintings sold. It was a painting of an old, abandoned rusty truck that she had entered in the Greenville, N.C., art show. She wanted classmates to know that a stranger purchased the painting and not one of her friends who was trying to make her feel good by buying it! Carol is active with a local group that supports sustainable rural tourism in the Greenville area, and she heard my name mentioned as a state contact in the agritourism area, since I am manager of the agritourism office in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Caywood Garrett Hendricks’ daughter Ginger was married last summer. Ginger is the executive director of the Bookmarks organization in Winston-Salem, N.C., which organizes book festivals and speak- ers. Caywood recently attended a Bookmarks event at Wake Forest University where author Greg Mortenson spoke. He is the author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stone into Schools*, which focus on his efforts to build elementary schools for children, especially girls, in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Caywood calls him “a hero of the 21st century.”

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John Kines, R, was recognized by the International City/County Management Association at its 2010 annual conference for 35 years of service in local government. He is county administrator for Prince George County, Va., a position he has held for 24 years. John also served as a member of the Virginia Commission on Local Government for six years.

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If you have an email address, phone number, or mailing address for Fay Duffer Aucamp, Martha Rothenberg Replane, Mary Galloway Boeth, Maryann Malakowsky Robertson, Bev English Dalton, or Sarah Rebecca Mills Rechlin, please share it with one of us.

Alice Graube Nuckols and her husband, Gary, live in Fredericksburg, Va. They had two grandchildren arrive during the past 18 months. Alice has flown to Houston frequently to help our with her grandson, Brandon, who is now a year old. Brandon and his parents plan to move back to the Fredericksburg area, so the two grandchildren will be close to each other.

Susan “Lee” Finch Campbell retired from teaching English. She and her husband live in White Plains, Md., and have one daughter. All three enjoy singing in their church choir.


Cheryl Blankenship Jenkins and her husband, Howard, live in Richmond and have three sons. Their youngest son, Christopher, married Becky Arnensen, B’04, last June. Kathy Neal White, Bet Harrell Neale, Jerry Taylor, B., and Mark Neale Jr., R’70, attended the wedding. Kathy’s son, Matt, was a groomsmen, as was Rett Turner, son of Martha Poston Turner, W’73 and G’81, and Pat Turner, R’72.

Linda Simmons and her husband, Louis Luy, continue to work in mortgage finance and live in Amelia Island, Fla. Linda runs half-marathons for charitable causes.

Patricia Burton Temple lives in Rich mond and is a department chair at Elko Middle School in Henrico County. She travels within the United States during the summers and, on occasion, also visits foreign ports. Her son is in his final year of nursing school. Scotti suggested that we start a group on Facebook to stay in touch with each other.

Catie Holmes Hubbard and her husband, Rick L. Hubbard, C’75, live in Eastville, Va., and belong to the Virginia Antique Collectors’ Guild. On a recent trip to Danville, Va., they visited Catie’s former roommate, Vickie Bowman Jones, and her husband, Robert. Catie planned to retire from teaching early childhood special education at the end of this year.

Anne Leigh Hawkes lives in Charleston, S.C. She and her mother and daughter flew to Dallas to spend Thanksgiving with Anne’s new grandson, Liam. James Hawkes, as well as with her son and daughter-in-law. Anne says that being a grandmother is such fun!

Lee Bingham Carson continues to substitute teach in Pennsylvania County, Va. She also is a substitute lab administrator for the computer math labs in the county. She loves her two-part-time jobs because they keep her busy but not stressed. Lee lives in Keeling, Va., with her husband, Ray, who is retired. Their two sons are building an auto repair and wood-working shop in their backyard.

Annie Barnes Phillips and her husband, Scott, traveled to Denver for Thanksgiving with Anne’s new grandson, James, and his parents live in Culpeper, Va. As usual, they enjoyed sharing all the fun with you.

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Facebook has allowed me to see pictures of Betty’s grandson, as well as photos of Jack Taddei, grandson of Gail Sabatino. She and her husband, the Butlers, were able to get away from cold Des Moines, Iowa, with a Thanksgiving trip to St. Petersburg, Fl.

Jeanie Nicholson Veitl and Jon questioned to Spanish ports to celebrate her birthday. They looked forward to sharing all the fun with you. They have two sons in college.

Anne Ryland Sica and her husband, Rick, and I had lunch in Hardy, Va., with Yvonne Olson and her husband, Charlie Hall. Yvonne continues to do volunteer work with the art museum in Roanoke, Va. I continue to teach pottery, creative drama, and acting classes to children and to tell stories and direct plays for adults and children.

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Spencer Lauterbach, R and GB’86, retired last year after a 35-year career in information systems. He lives in Glen Allen, Va.

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CLASS OF ’74
Linda Fernald Honaker and her husband, Paul, are both in their 36th year of their respective jobs. She teaches elementary school music in Chesterfield County, Va., and he is associate minister of worship and music at Bon Air Baptist Church. They recently traveled with William Dwight Graham, R, and his wife, Michelle. Last fall Linda spent a day with Esther Hopkins Barnes.

Tina Marston Kurty’s daughter, Julia, is starting to think about colleges. She is getting plenty of mail from UR, but Julia wants to attend college in New England. Tina apologizes to any Facebook users trying to “friend” her. She tried it for a week but says it’s not for her.

Miles Otey Gouese is the grandson of Susan Lindler Stephenson. He was born last July to Susan’s daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, Alec. Susan spends time with Miles in Charlottesville, Va. She visits another grandson, Henry, age 16 months in Powhatan, Va. He is the son of Peggi Heath Johnson, B, and Jeff, who passed away Sept. 12, 2010.

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CLASS OF ’78
Maura Soden, W, is president of Take Flight Films in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where she has developed a sitcom pilot and produces commercials and infomercials. She also is working to create a children’s entertainment division for Manchester Sky Entertainment in Charlotte, N.C. Maura recently appeared in a summer tour for Spivak and on an episode of NCIS, a television series on CBS.

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The Redskin Spider

Bruce Allen, B’78

Bruce Allen was thrilled to receive a call from Mike Bragg, R’70, the day he broke Bragg’s punting record during his junior year at Richmond. At the time, Bragg was the punter for the Washington Redskins. Now Allen is executive vice president and general manager of the Redskins.

“Mike is a friend of mine,” Allen says. “He helped me with punting when I was in high school.” Allen also got a leg up from his father, Pro Football Hall of Famer George Allen, who coached the Los Angeles Rams from 1966–70 and the Redskins from 1971–77. He motivated his children to pursue excellence in whatever they did, Allen says. “I had a great upbringing that I wouldn’t trade for anything in the world.”

Growing up, he spent time in the locker room with his dad’s teams, and at Richmond he saw the locker room as an extension of the classroom. “Players came from all over the country,” he explains. “I learned about different cultures and geography.”

Allen also learned a lot in the Robins School of Business. He recalls the time when Dean David Robbins called him into his office to tell him he was bringing down the business school’s average. “That was just to motivate me,” Allen says. “And it did work. ... It did prepare me for what was to follow.”

Allen has spent more than four decades in pro football management. He has served in several front office positions, including nine seasons with the Oakland Raiders and four with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In 2002, The Sporting News named him the George Young NFL Executive of the Year.

“What is so exciting about being in sports is the immediate gratification or sorrow,” he says. “In three hours, the scoreboard tells you if your work for that week was profitable.”

—Joan Tupponce

Prince George County Public Schools. She also is pursuing a master’s degree in English and participates annually in the Sarah Lawrence College Summer Writing Program. Last year Cynthia served as president of the board of directors for Sycamore Rouge, a local theater.
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Kimberly Brown has been named director of academic advising in the Division of Undergraduate Education at Virginia Tech. She lives in Christiansburg, Va.

Peter Rim, GB, was named the Joseph H. Collie Professor of Chemical Engineering, a two-year professorship in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech.

CLASS OF ’94
Steve Kazanjian is vice president of mission for Bon Secours New York Health System. He and his wife, Jen, live in Dumont, N.J., with their daughters, Monica and Ella.

David Kreiling and Melanie Farman Kreiling had a daughter, Elise Margaret, on Aug. 17, 2010. She joins brother Noah, 9, and twin sisters Avline and Oriana, 7. The family lives in Wexford, Pa.

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Mary Beth Laing Romani was honored by Inc. magazine as one of the “2010 Top 10 Women Entrepreneurs.” She and her husband, Chris, are co-founders of Integrity Management Consulting in McLean, Va. They have three children.

John Unice and his wife, Michele, had a son, Elias George, on Aug. 23, 2010. He joins twins Johnny and Ella, 2. The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

CLASS OF ’97
Shawn DeMers and his wife, April, finalized the adoption of their son, Richard, on Oct. 5, 2010. He was born Feb. 19, 2010. The family lives in Nashville, Tenn., where Shawn is director of financial planning and analysis for Broadcast Music.

Amy Lynn Harman, L’00, was named one of 12 “Women of Distinction” for 2010 by the YWCA of South Hampton Roads. She was recognized for her professional and volunteer contributions to the community and for her dedication to eliminating racism and empowering women. She lives in Chesapeake, Va.

Rita Kovach is associate dean for administration and finance at the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America. She lives in Potomac, Md.

Bryan LePere and Annie Cahoon LePere traveled to Grand Goave, Haiti, in October 2010 as part of a medical missions team. Bryan organized the team and provided spiritual care for patients, while Annie taught cholera prevention classes to children and advised Bryan and Annie live in Big Island, Va., where he is senior pastor of Big Island Baptist Church. They have two children.

Nicole Meemartino MacLennan and her husband, Kevin, had twins, Kiera Michelle and Liam John, on Oct. 8, 2010. They live in Westborough, Mass.

Maureen Flood Reineis and her husband, Joseph, had a son, Leo David, in June 2010. They live in Flint, Mich., where Joseph is an art professor at the University of Michigan. Maureen manages maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health programs in Guyana, Bolivia, and Peru for the Jhpiego Corp., an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University.

Erin Mancuso Smith and her husband, Michael, had a son, Harrison Michael, on Nov. 10, 2010. He joins sister Karlin, 2. The family lives in Charlotte, N.C., where Erin is an emergency medicine physician.

CLASS OF ’98

John Downer and his wife, Naomi, had a son, Owen Nathanael, on April 28, 2010. He joins brother Brennan, 3, who is in Richmond, where John is a fundraiser for the Family Foundation of Virginia.

John Flack was named a partner with KPMG in Fort Worth, Texas.

Elizabeth Rose Larouer and her husband, Christopher, relocated to Paris in 2009 when he accepted a job as speechwriter for Charles Rivkin, the U.S. Ambassador to France. Elizabeth is director of the George C. Marshall Center in the Hotel de Talleyrand, where she organizes official diplomatic events and oversees the management of the 18th century residence.

Molly Moyer and Jonathan Runge, ’99, were married on Aug. 28, 2010. The wedding party included Allison Dewine Kociuruba and Leslie Schreiber. Molly and Jonathan live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Joe Schneider is an agency owner for Allstate in Chicago. He was selected to represent Allstate in a national advertising campaign aimed at motorcyclists. Joe began riding a motorcycle after recovering from cancer, which was diagnosed when he was a student at Richmond.

Sarah Cole-Turner Vincent is director of creative development for New York Life Insurance and is pursuing a master’s degree in speech pathology at Florida State University. Her husband, Hal Vincent, ’96, is an instructor in the School of Mass Communications at the University of South Florida. They live in Tampa with their son, Ben, 2.

CLASS OF ’99
Heather Aleshire-Albовicz and her husband, Marc, had a son, Dalton Alan, on March 25, 2010. He joins brother Will, 7, Dillon, 4, and Wyatt, 2. The family lives in Big Pool, Md.

Leanna Bowman Goodrich and her husband, Peter, live in Colmar, Pa., with their son, Logan, 3, and daughter, Tessa Victoria Leanna, 1.

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Jason Tomasinoro and Robyn Romer Tomasinoro, ’02, had a son, Mercer James, on Oct. 19, 2010. He joins sister Avery, 2. They live in Vienna, Va., where Jason is director of finance for HealthCentral.

Gregory Yeaton has joined with three friends to develop an online network of patient support sites for individuals afflicted with rare conditions. In the past two years, the network (bensfriends.org) has grown to 25 sites and more than 7,000 patients. Greg lives in Oxford, Conn.

CLASS OF ’02
Beth Regan Donovan and her husband, Ryan, had a son, Cormac William, on Oct. 12, 2010. He joins sister Regan Mae, 2. They live in Glen Head, N.Y.

Jennifer Griffin Maclone lives in Falmouth, Mass., with her husband, Daniel, and son Brenner Daniel, 1. Jonathan Robbins and Stephanie Hartman were married on Oct. 10, 2010. The wedding party included Anthony Kirilusha, ’01. Jonathan and Stephanie live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where he is a software engineer and she is a business analyst.

Kevin Suapp earned a master’s degree in law enforcement intelligence and analysis from Michigan State University in 2010. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Christa Semko earned a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin. She lives in Austin, where she works for Dell as part of the company’s global internal communications team.

Michael Sturniano was elected to the Ohio General Assembly as a state representative. He lives in Columbus, where he is an attorney with McTigue & Mccinnis.

CLASS OF ’03
Anne Chiappetta Allen produced a television special for ESPN titled Rise Up: New Orleans, which aired in October 2010. The show featured students from a New Orleans high school, along with staff and players from the New Orleans Saints. Anne lives in New York.

Katie Sloan Dornblaser and her husband, Jonathan, had a daughter, Ida Sloan, on Oct. 12, 2010. They live in Severna Park, Md.

Jennifer Leigh Fhig and Henry
Enthusiasm for work

Jenni Lee Wilkins Crocker, ’94

With a double major in English and art history from Richmond and a master’s degree in art history from George Washington University, Jenni Lee Wilkins Crocker, ’94, doesn’t have the background you would expect from an executive at Ernst & Young, one of the world’s largest accounting firms.

“Being atypical in a large organization can help to get you recognized,” she says. “Everybody here has an accounting background—then there’s me.” Though her career path has been less than traditional, it draws on a strong liberal arts foundation. “I’m going to ask a question that’s different from everybody else’s,” she explains. “I bring a different perspective.”

After graduating from Richmond, Crocker took a job at the French fashion house Chanel to help pay her way through graduate school. As she analyzed sales data for Chanel, she soon realized that she was better at business than she was at art history.

She completed her master’s degree and moved to Richmond after marrying T.J. Crocker, ’94, The Whitlock Group hired her as an e-commerce consultant, and then Ernst & Young recruited her to join its Richmond office. Today, as a director serving global accounts, Crocker brings new clients to the firm. In addition to juggling the responsibilities of a busy career and two young children, she serves on the boards of numerous organizations including the YWCA of Richmond and the Central Virginia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

At Ernst & Young, Crocker works with many Richmond graduates. She advises students to “study something you love.” She’s living proof that a choice of major does not always dictate a career path.

“You are not necessarily more competitive by having the business school background,” she says. “You are more competitive by having an enthusiasm for work.”

—Jessica Ronky Haddad, ’93
ALUMNI

1933 / Margaret D. Slaughter Robertson, W and G34, of Sun City Center, Fla., Jan. 10, 2006. She worked as a social services volunteer and was an instructor in civilian protection during World War II.


1937 / William T. Robertson, R, of Hampton, Va., Sept. 25, 2010. He worked at Langley Air Force Base and had been a social service recreational director in Italy, Cuba, Germany, England, and Georgia. He was a coach at Miller School for Boys and Randolph-Macon College. During World War II he served as a Foreign Service officer.

1945 / David M. Dunville, R, of Richmond, Sept. 30, 2010. He was a physician who specialized in cardiology and internal medicine. He was an associate professor at the Medical College of Virginia and chief of medicine at Retreat Hospital. He also served in the Army.

1945 / Janet Thornton Hurt Willis, W, of Richmond, Dec. 5, 2010. She was a community volunteer and a member of Culpeper Baptist Church.


1946 / Marie Louise Peachee Wicker, W, of Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 3, 2010. She was a placement director for the North Carolina State University School of Engineering and had been a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools Board, where she helped develop the First Start program. She also was an organizer and leader for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

1947 / Harold Carey Berkeley, R, of Richmond, Dec. 12, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a chemist for the navy.

1947 / Robert L. McDaniels, R, of Richmond, Sept. 21, 2010. He was an architect with several firms, including Ballou & Justice and Carneal & Johnston. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1947 / Thomas W. Turner, R, of Suffolk, Va., Oct. 8, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He was a physician and medical director for the Virginia Correctional Medical System. He also bred and trained Arabian sport horses.

1948 / Kenneth Crompton Jr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 29, 2010. He was a Lutheran minister who served churches in Danville, Norfolk, and Charlottesville. He was pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Henrico County, Va., before taking a job in New York with the Board of Missions for North America of the Lutheran Church of America. In retirement he served as interim pastor of several congregations. He also served in the Army during World War II.

1948 / Pamela Burnside Gray, W, of Richmond, formerly of Waverly, Va., Nov. 27, 2010. She served on the boards of Stuart Hall School, Jackson Neavy Alumni, and Carl Rawls Library, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Waverly and Merchant’s Hope Church in Prince George.

1948 / Dr. F. Lawson Penkey, R and H71, of Richmond, Dec. 12, 2010. After serving as pastor of two congregations in Norfolk, Va., he served on the Virginia Baptist General Board for 25 years and was named “Distinguished Christian Educator” in 1997.

1949 / Kenneth G. Gentil, R, of Richmond, Sept. 22, 2010. He founded an import-export business after a career in the trucking industry. He was vice chairman of Overseas Transportation and had worked for Fruehauf International as director of marketing and then liaison for overseas offices. He also served in the Army during World War II.

1949 / Raymond T. Holmes Jr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 19, 2010. He was professor of accounting at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he had served as vice president of finance. He also had worked as a financial officer for Ferrum College and Richmond Professional Institute. He served in the Army during World War II. Also he was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Amelia, Va.

1949 / Florence Ella Gray Tullidge, W, of Richmond, Dec. 11, 2010. She chaired the Board of Trustees of Stuart Hall School in Stauton. She served on the board of Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters and was a member of Milden Presbyterian Church in Sharps, Va.


1950 / Jack L. Flint, R, of Salem, N.H., Nov. 21, 2010. He worked for Travelers Insurance Co. and was a champion amateur golfer. He served in the Air Force and was a member of the West Hartford Methodist Church.


1951 / John F. Batte Jr., R, of Richmond, Oct. 14, 2010. He was an attorney with his company, J.F. Batte & Sons. He developed and sold residential and commercial real estate. He also served as a partner in the firm.

1951 / Richard L. Gary Sr., B, of Richmond, Nov. 20, 2010. He owned and operated Marshall’s Men’s Clothing Store. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of Ridge Baptist Church.

1951 / James D. Lilly, B, of Sandston, Va., Dec. 4, 2010. He owned Providence Forge Oil Co. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Cornith United Methodist Church.

1951 / William R. Rock, R, of Richmond, Oct. 9, 2010. He was an elevator operator for Virginia Power. He also served as a Navy medic during World War II.

1951 / Stephen G. Webber Sr., R, of Machipongo, Va., Oct. 30, 2010. He edited The Daylily Encyclopedia. He worked for the National Bureau of Standards and the U.S. Border Patrol, where he earned recognition as a part of the pistol shooting team. He also served in the Navy during World War II.

1952 / Carleton L. Thomas Sr., R, of Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 3, 2010. He was a minister who served in several Virginia churches and schools. He also served in the Navy.

1953 / Thomas A. Couch, R, of Virginia Beach, Nov. 16, 2010. He worked for Aetna Life Insurance Co. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

1954 / J. Robert Gallier, R and G74, of Richmond, March 10, 2010. He was an educator and a Baptist pastor.

1954 / Margaret Elizabeth Brown Hantzmon, W, of Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 26, 2010. She worked at People’s National Bank in Charlottesville and taught math at Culpeper High School. She also was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

1954 / Beverly Burke McGhee, W, of Chesapeake, Va., Nov. 2, 2010. She owned a book store called A Likely Story! She taught for many years at Rappahannock Community College in Gloucester County, Va.

He served as an athletic administrator for the University from 1959 until his retirement in 1984. He was inducted into the UR Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, and the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 2000. Also, the Richmond Broadcasters Hall of Fame named its lifetime achievement award in his honor.

“Frank was the first broadcaster I worked with when I came to Richmond as the Braves announcer fresh out of college,” recalls Bob Black, UR’s assistant athletic director for communications and current play-by-play announcer.

“It was immediately obvious how well-liked and respected he was by everyone he came in contact with. ... He treated everyone with such kindness.”

Soden began his career in 1948 at WXGI radio, now the Spiders’ flagship station for football and basketball broadcasts. He also was general manager and executive vice president of WRNL radio in Richmond for more than 20 years.
**Vantage Point**

Supporting scholarships is a great way to give back

**By Kevin Eastman, R’77 and G’89**

My decision to accept a scholarship to play basketball at Richmond was a dream come true—literally. During my senior year in high school, I was considering scholarship offers from five universities, and I could not make up my mind. I orally committed to a university near my home in Haddonfield, N.J., but something just didn’t feel right. One night I dreamed I was walking on the Richmond campus, following the exact route that I had covered on my recruiting visit. It just felt right, and in the morning, I told my father that I was going to the University of Richmond. It turned out to be the best decision I could have made.

At age 18, I did not fully appreciate what it meant to receive a scholarship to Richmond, but two impressions hit me right away. First, there was a strong sense of relief that my parents would not have to pay for my college education. They probably could have afforded it, but only by making sacrifices that I did not want them to make. Second, there was a genuine sense of accomplishment. This was my first impactful lesson that hard work really does pay off, dedication does pay off, having a passion for something does pay off. I don’t know where I would be today if I had not learned that lesson.

I did not possess the natural talent that I saw in some of my teammates and classmates, so I knew I had to work harder to succeed. I certainly did this on the basketball court, but I did not bring that same level of intensity into the classroom. I was a C/B student, primarily because I did not push myself to read more and learn more.

I kick myself when I think back on how much time I wasted not investing in my future and my future success. I was not taking full advantage of all that Richmond had to offer. My English professor, Dr. Irby Brown, sent a great message to me by giving me a D. That embarrassing grade led to a difficult call home to my parents, but it taught me an invaluable lesson—that I am not entitled to anything. Dr. Brown was an important part of my personal development at Richmond, and he probably didn’t even know that.

“Without the University of Richmond … my NBA championship ring would be on someone else’s finger.”

When I think of how I benefited from my Richmond scholarship, I think of the University’s people more than anything else. From the president to the faculty to the custodial staff, Richmond had terrific people, and it still does. My basketball coaches certainly made a lasting impression on me—particularly the intensity that Lewis Mills brought to our games and practices and the cerebral approach Carl Slone had for the game. I also looked up to the University’s president,

Dr. Bruce Heilman. I didn’t know him very well personally, but I observed his leadership style and read about him in the newspaper. To this day, I enjoy reading about people who are successful—people who make a difference in this world. They inspire me, and I do my best to inspire others—both as an assistant basketball coach with the Boston Celtics and as a motivational speaker during my off-seasons. As often as I can, I tell people that it is vital to give back, and I have a special place in my heart for giving back in any capacity to the school that helped me so much.

Scholarship funds, in particular, give Richmond’s current and future students better opportunities than those we enjoyed. That’s what we should do—make things better for those who follow us.

I would encourage all alumni to make a thorough, honest assessment of where you would be without your Richmond experiences. What have they been worth to you? Then I would ask you to repay that debt as you are able. In my case, where would I be without the Richmond coaches? Where would I be without Irby Brown’s honesty? Where would I be without Bruce Heilman’s example?

I don’t know the complete answers to those questions, but I do know that without the University of Richmond helping me learn and grow, my NBA championship ring would be on someone else’s finger.

Kevin Eastman, R’77 and G’89, is an assistant coach of the Boston Celtics, who won the NBA World Championship in 2008. To learn more about him, go to “Bonus Content” at magazine.richmond.edu.
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