I am hoping that you will help me spread the word about some of the great things happening at your University. To the right of this column are some “Points of Pride” that you can use to create your personal elevator speech. (I would have listed more, but my own experience shows that elevator rides are seldom long enough to include more.)

Some of these points of pride go way back—such as our low student-faculty ratio and our undergraduate research opportunities. Should we continue to tout our national championship football team from 2008? Well … some alumni are still telling me about the Tangerine Bowl team from 1969 and the Sweet 16 team from 1988. So I think we can savor a national championship for another year or two, and while we’re at it, let’s brag on our other teams and our student-athletes’ combined grade point average of 3.0.

Some news is, well, newer. In the past few months alone, we set an all-time record by attracting 8,616 applications for the Class of 2014—nearly 10 percent more than last year. The Princeton Review named us to its list of “Best Value Private Colleges for 2010,” and our ranking among the best national liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report continues to mount to our highest position ever. More important than the rankings is the quality of the experience behind the numbers, so the information on the right shows why people think so highly of us.

It really doesn’t matter which points of pride you decide to emphasize. The important thing is to spread the word and find new ways to be involved. There are many ways to do so. Encourage a talented prospective student to apply to Richmond. Hire one of our graduating seniors, or offer an internship to a current student. Return to campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekends. And help us keep our momentum on annual giving, which just set a new record. We appreciate each and every vote of confidence in your University.

Last but not least, wear your Spider pride “loudly and proudly.” That’s how the University of Richmond Alumni Association puts it, and I can’t think of a better way to say it. Those Spider hats, T-shirts, and sweatshirts are great conversation starters. And after the conversation begins, put in a plug for our study abroad programs or our success in making the University more accessible and affordable. Word of mouth is still the best advertising, especially when it comes from you.

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From the left, Tom Trayer, ’02, Barbara Burke Holahan, B’81, and Lauren Bailey, ’02, work for different arts organizations at New York’s Lincoln Center. Photo by Annemarie Poyo-Furlong
SYLLABUS

Richmond launches film studies major

This spring the School of Arts and Sciences launched a film studies major, supported by the donation of 300 screenplays by leading American and foreign writers from the past three decades.

The screenplays, many of them first or second revisions including directors’ notes and changes, were donated by the Virginia Screenwriters’ Forum and will be housed at Boatwright Memorial Library. They will be available through the library’s catalog.

The donation was arranged by Helene Wagner, founder of the forum, along with Paul Porterfield, head of the University’s Media Resource Center, and Dr. Abigail Cheever, associate professor of English. Wagner also will teach film writing as part of the new major.

“The screenplay donation was a great synchronicity,” says Cheever, who led the effort to establish the film studies major. “When I saw the list of screenplays, I was amazed at the depth and range of the materials. … The collection is an unexpected resource that will come in handy for students who are interested in pursuing film studies.”

COMMUNITY

University constructs another Habitat home

The University is continuing its involvement in the Highland Park neighborhood by building a second house there this spring in partnership with Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity. Up to 15 volunteers per day—including students, faculty, staff, and alumni—are working Wednesdays through Saturdays each week to complete the home by early April.

In 2008, the University built its first Highland Park home, continuing its long tradition of partnership with Richmond Habitat.

“We have donated a portion of the cost of the build, but we are most excited about coordinating the volunteers and educational programs surrounding it,” says Matt Wentworth, ’11, president of the campus Habitat chapter. “While promoting the build on campus, we also are looking forward to bringing the real challenges of affordable housing to light.”

For several years, the University’s largest civic engagement initiative has been known as Build It, although the program goes far beyond constructing Habitat homes. Build It currently partners with six schools and organizations in Highland Park, providing services such as tutoring, mentoring, technology instruction, health and nutrition education, and leadership development.

“Build It develops long-term, reciprocal community partnerships that create experiential-learning opportunities for students while helping fulfill unmet needs in the community,” says Erica Coleman, ’08, worked on Richmond’s Habitat for Humanity project in 2008. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are building another Habitat home in Highland Park this spring.
Cassie Price, community initiatives and program coordinator for the University’s Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

**Faculty**

**Governor taps Decker for public safety post**

Marla Graff Decker, L’83, an adjunct professor in the School of Continuing Studies and the School of Law, has been named secretary of public safety for Virginia.

In making the appointment, Gov. Bob McDonnell noted that Decker has served in Virginia’s Office of the Attorney General for more than 25 years. "She has worked with Democratic and Republican attorneys general alike," he said. "As my deputy attorney general for public safety, Marla was instrumental in leading the fights against gangs, terrorism, and drugs in the commonwealth."

At Richmond, Decker has taught courses in appellate advocacy, terrorism law, legal and ethical considerations for emergency managers, and law of disasters.

**Students**

**Recent graduate wins Marshall Scholarship**

John Calhoun, ’09, has won a 2010 Marshall Scholarship for study in the United Kingdom.

Calhoun, of the Bronx, N.Y., majored in philosophy at Richmond and is currently teaching and conducting research in Taiwan as a Fulbright scholar.

Up to 40 Marshall Scholarships are awarded annually to young Americans of high ability for study at any British college or university in any field. Calhoun will study at the University of York to pursue a one-year master’s of education policy followed by a one-year master’s of public policy. His research will focus on how public policy can be used to create equal opportunities throughout the United States.

Richmond’s second Marshall scholar in three years is no stranger to the United Kingdom. He studied there during his junior year at the University of Oxford, winning special praise in philosophy and politics and volunteering for Tutors for a Change.

During his senior year, Calhoun won a Yitzhak Rabin Fellowship from the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. The program placed Calhoun in private seminars with influential Middle Eastern political leaders.

**Lists herald UR’s value**

In January, college guidebook publisher The Princeton Review and USA Today named Richmond to their list of the “50 Best Value Private Colleges for 2010.” The list generated coverage on NBC’s Today show with Richmond pennants flying high throughout the story. (See photo above.)

Along with a similar group of public colleges, the list recognizes “first-rate institutions offering outstanding academics at a relatively low cost of attendance and/or generous financial aid, including some that may surprise applicants,” says Robert Franek, senior vice president of The Princeton Review.

Selection criteria included more than 30 factors regarding academics, cost of attendance, and financial aid.

The Princeton Review and USA Today are not the only ones to highlight Richmond’s combination of academic quality and affordability in recent months. The December issue of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranked Richmond 14th on its 2010 list of “50 Best Values in Private Universities.” Richmond moved up from No. 17 in 2009 and was the only Virginia private university to make this year’s top 50. A separate list ranks the 50 best values among private liberal arts colleges.

Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, noted that the “top 100 private schools met the challenges of a slumping economy with brio. With so many private institutions offering generous financial aid packages, families are finding that private college is still affordable. In fact, the average tuition price can be as little as half or less of the sticker price—making them very competitive with public universities.” Kiplinger’s rankings measure academic quality and affordability, with quality accounting for two-thirds of the total.

Richmond is one of the few universities in the nation to combine need-blind admission with a commitment to meet 100 percent of domestic students’ demonstrated financial need.

—Brian Eckert
cymakers, including Israeli Ambassador to the United States Michael Oren and former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk.

AWARDS
McGoldrick recognized for innovative teaching
Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick, professor of economics in the Robins School, won the 2009 Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award from the Southern Economic Association.

The association praised McGoldrick as “a highly innovative teacher and a pioneer in the integration of service learning into economics education. She has developed numerous activities that promote student involvement in the local community and enhance their understanding of basic economic concepts.”

McGoldrick also won the 2009 Henry H. Villard Research Award from the National Association of Economic Educators.

ASBMB honors Gentile for teaching advocacy
Dr. Lisa Gentile, an associate professor who chairs the chemistry department, has won the Award for Exemplary Contributions to Education from the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).

The society presents the award annually to a scientist who encourages effective teaching of biochemistry and molecular biology through leadership, writing, educational research, mentoring, and outreach. In announcing the award, ASBMB called Gentile a champion of undergraduate research and a pioneer of outreach activities and integrated learning approaches.

“Her energy, creativity, and passion for curricular reform seem boundless,” says Dr. Carol Parish, a fellow chemistry professor at Richmond. “Her students are clearly invested in their projects, and Lisa encourages this intellectual ownership by providing just the right amount of mentoring.”

As part of the award, Gentile will give a plenary lecture during ASBMB’s 2010 annual meeting.

Psychology society lauds Leary’s life achievements
Dr. David Leary, a university professor, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for the History of Psychology.

Leary is well-known in the field for his research on the impact of the humanities—including art, literature, phi-
losophy, and religion—on the development of modern psychology and the impact of modern psychology on American culture. He is currently researching the impact of literature on psychology.

Leary has edited two books and is a contributing editor of the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences, History of Psychology, and Theory and Psychology.

**Events**

**University will host philanthropy conference**

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Westhampton College are hosting a conference called “Private Money / Public Causes” on April 8 in the Modlin Center for the Arts.

Participants will discuss how philanthropy helps society achieve a more equitable distribution of resources.

The conference will feature Dr. Deborah Bial, president and founder of The Posse Foundation, a youth leadership development and college access organization, and Patricia Brown, W’82, president of Johns Hopkins HealthCare. Brown also is the Jepson School’s 2010 leader in residence.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Alumni of the University may register at UROnline.net/reunionweekend. Other guests may register at jepson.richmond.edu/rsvp/april8.html or by calling (804) 287-6522.

**Women in the Know conference scheduled**

Westhampton College will sponsor its ninth annual Women in the Know conference on April 9 in the Jepson Alumni Center.

The conference will feature mini-courses taught by Richmond faculty. Dr. Jane Berry, associate professor of psychology, will present “Aging in Women: Fact and Fiction.” Dr. Woody Holton, associate professor of history, will lead a discussion of his award-winning biography of Abigail Adams, and Dr. Della Fenster, professor of mathematics, will present “Expect the Unexpected: Pioneers Who Promoted Women in Math and Science.”

The conference also will feature “Taking Charge of Your Career,” a presentation by Leslie Stevenson, director of UR’s Career Development Center. For more information, visit UROnline.net/reunionweekend or call (804) 289-8578.

**Gov. Kaine joins faculty**

Former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine has returned to the University to resume his teaching career in law and leadership studies.

Kaine, a Harvard law graduate who also has served as mayor of Richmond and lieutenant governor of Virginia, has accepted a joint appointment in the University’s School of Law and Jepson School of Leadership Studies. He will have additional responsibilities in advancing the University’s strategic plan, The Richmond Promise.

Before his election to public office, Kaine taught law at Richmond, including courses in professional responsibility.

“I have always been a believer in the power of education, and I am thrilled to be rejoining the faculty of the University of Richmond,” Kaine says. “I look forward to contributing to the next generation of legal scholars and leaders.”

The School of Law “has a long tradition of educating lawyers for service in national, state, and local government—in legislatures, in executive agencies, and in the judiciary,” says Dean John Douglass. “It is hard to imagine anyone better equipped than Gov. Kaine to help train the next generation of lawyers for those roles. He offers a breadth of experience in government and politics that will bring to life our students’ exploration of executive decision-making, legislative process, and public policy issues that shape the formation and interpretation of law.”

Jepson School Dean Sandra Peart says Kaine will impart not only practical knowledge, but also inspiration to students at the country’s first degree-granting School of Leadership Studies. “He has lived what we academics read and write about,” she says. “He’ll blend ‘doing’ with ‘reflecting’ to help students understand the complexity of leadership ethics in the real world.”

Kaine is teaching his first course at the Jepson School this spring. He will teach at the School of Law in the fall.
Dr. Stephen Tallman has written Global Strategy.

**Books**

*Global Strategy*

Dr. Stephen Tallman, who holds the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Professorship in Business, has written *Global Strategy*, part of the Global Dimensions of Business series from John Wiley & Sons.

Tallman wrote the book primarily for M.B.A. students. It introduces issues of internationalization and globalization within the familiar framework of strategic processes. It also promotes a basic understanding of the strategies that multinational firms employ to survive and prosper in the global economy.

**More faculty books**

*In the Eye of the Storm: Contemporary Theater in Barcelona.* Dr. Sharon Feldman, professor of Spanish and Catalan studies, analyzes the cultural, political, and historical implications of the Barcelona stage’s stormy renaissance.

*Educating Economists: The Teagle Discussion on Re-evaluating the Undergraduate Economics Major.* Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick, professor of economics, and Dr. David Colander (editors) host a discussion of the economics major in a liberal arts education.

*Lincoln’s Legacy of Leadership.* Dr. George Goethals, professor of leadership studies, and Dr. Gary McDowell, professor of leadership studies, political science, and law, (editors) analyze the leadership of Abraham Lincoln before and during his presidency.

**Culture**

**UR hires Sommers to lead Modlin Center**

The University has hired Deborah Sommers as executive director of the Modlin Center for the Arts, effective July 1.

Sommers has more than 20 years of experience at university performing arts centers in the New York metropolitan area. Since 1992, she has been director of programming at Fairfield University’s Quick Center for the Arts, where she managed an 80-event season featuring national and international artists.

At the Modlin Center, she will be responsible for the 45-event Great Performances Series, three main stage productions by the University’s theatre and dance department and the University Players and Dancers, 30 musical performances in the music department’s Free Concert Series, plus community events and performances throughout the year.

Sommers also will work with faculty across the disciplines to design academic components that will coordinate with the Modlin Center’s programming.

A graduate of Hunter College with a bachelor’s degree in music and education, Sommers subsequently earned both an M.B.A. and law degree from Pace.

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform in downtown’s Carpenter Theatre on April 8, the final event of the Modlin Center’s spring season.
University. “Deborah Sommers brings an outstanding intellectual and artistic vision as well as savvy business and legal acumen to the Modlin Center,” says Andy Newcomb, dean of Richmond’s School of Arts and Sciences. “She is especially qualified to move the Modlin Center forward, continuing a 14-year tradition of bringing world-class performing arts events to the greater Richmond community.”

**Modlin Center features Alvin Ailey dancers**
The Modlin Center is bringing the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to Richmond for a performance in downtown’s Carpenter Theatre on April 8.

Founded in New York City in 1958, the Alvin Ailey dancers promote the uniqueness of the African-American experience while preserving and enriching modern American dance. The ensemble has performed for an estimated 21 million people in 48 states and 68 countries.

“The Ailey dancers are known for their virtuosic technique, explosive movement, and limber physiques, with loose-jointed extensions that scrape the ceiling,” according to a review in *The Boston Globe*. “They nail the blistering spins, the jump turns that corkscrew midair, the leaps that seem to sail on a breeze.”

For more information about Modlin Center events, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

**Rankings**

**MBA program ranks 17th in *BusinessWeek***

*BusinessWeek* has ranked the Robins School of Business M.B.A. program 17th in the country on its list of “Best Part-Time MBA Programs.” Richmond’s program was the only professional M.B.A. program in Virginia to be included among the top 50. The program also moved up from fourth (in the 2007 rankings) to third in the mid-Atlantic region, behind the part-time programs at Carnegie Mellon and Drexel.

The Robins School again received high marks for salary increases of its M.B.A. graduates (third) and moved up from 29th to 17th in academic quality. It also earned an A-plus for teaching quality and caliber of classmates, while having the smallest average class size in the country.

“We are thrilled to be included among the top 20 part-time M.B.A. programs in the country again this year,” says Dr. Richard Coughlan, senior associate dean of the Robins School. “This year’s survey indicates that our students are extremely pleased with the quality of their teachers and classmates, and it shows that many of our graduates are enjoying positive outcomes.”

**Prominent professors retire**

Three prominent Richmond professors are retiring this year—each with more than 30 years of service to the University. Dr. Ellis West, R’58, (above center) professor of political science, is retiring after 42 years in the classroom. He teaches political theory and continues to publish research on the religion clauses of the first amendment.

West has witnessed many landmark moments in the University’s history, including major donations that helped the University to become nationally acclaimed. He also fondly recalls taking his son to Charlotte, N.C., in 1984 to watch the men’s basketball team win its first NCAA tournament game.

“You can hardly find a better place to be a college professor than the University of Richmond,” West says. “You have just about everything one would need to be as good a professor as one can be.”

Another political science professor, Dr. John Whelan, (above left) is retiring after 40 years at Richmond. He currently teaches a legislative internship and works closely with alumni in the political science field to bring their experiences into the classroom. “The former students provide valuable support,” Whelan says.

Whelan arrived on campus soon after the first large Robins family donation was announced in 1969, an excellent time to begin a long career at UR. “The overall University was transforming,” he recalls, “and the political science department was just being created.”

Dr. Terry Weisenberger, (above right) associate professor of marketing, is retiring after 33 years of service. He did not expect to stay so long at one University, but he never saw any reason to leave. He enjoyed working with colleagues and students—as a professor and an associate dean—to help the Robins School gain national recognition that was long overdue. *BusinessWeek* now ranks the school No. 12 nationally.

“I will miss being here,” Weisenberger confides. “After a while, the University becomes a part of your identity.”

—Emily K. Sackett
Junior guard Kara Powell drives to the basket.

**Basketball**

**Shells leads women to national acclaim**

The women’s basketball team gained more national recognition this year. The Spiders won 14 of their first 18 games and were earning votes in the ESPN/USA Today top 25 poll in January.

Junior guard Brittani Shells lived up to her preseason all-conference designation by leading the team in scoring with 17 points per game. She was Richmond’s top scorer in each of its first 18 games, with a high of 32 in a 63-60 victory over Morgan State.

Shells got plenty of help from her teammates. Their 76-47 conference win over George Washington at the Robins Center was a textbook display of team basketball. Always looking for the open shot, the Spiders recorded 24 assists on 35 field goals and turned the ball over just 11 times. They shot 51 percent overall, including 67 percent inside the three-point arc. Shells led a balanced attack with 16 points. Sophomores Abby Oliver and Joyous Tharrington added 13 apiece, and Junior Katie Holzer scored 10.

**Guards lead Spiders to NCAA tournament**

The men’s basketball team achieved the best regular season record in school history and earned a No. 7 seed in the NCAA tournament.

In early March, the team was ranked 23rd nationally by the Associated Press. Going into the NCAA tournament, the Spiders were 26-8 with impressive victories over Temple, Xavier, Missouri, Mississippi State, and Old Dominion—not to mention a stunning 56-53 win at Florida, ranked 13th nationally at the time.

As expected, Richmond’s veteran backcourt was its greatest strength. Senior guard David Gonzalvez averaged 14.5 points per game, second only to junior guard Kevin Anderson’s 17.8 points per game. The guards were defensive catalysts as well, with 123 steals combined. Darrius Garrett turned in what was perhaps the most phenomenal single-game performance of the season. In the Spiders’ overtime victory over Massachusetts, the 6-9 sophomore blocked 14 shots, the second highest single-game total in the history of Division I basketball.

For expanded coverage of the team’s sensational season and NCAA tournament performance, go to magazine.richmond.edu.

**Football**

**UR shares A-10 title with national champs**

As defending national champions, the football team was ranked No. 1 for most of the season. UR finished 11-2 and shared the Colonial Athletic Association title with Villanova, the team that eventually won the national championship.

The Spiders won the first eight games of the season,
running their two-year winning streak to 17, the longest ever for any of Virginia’s Division I universities. After losing to Villanova, 21-20, Richmond pounded Georgetown, 49-10, and beat William and Mary, 13-10.

In round one of the playoffs, the Spiders prevailed against a stubborn Elon team, 16-13. A week later, Richmond’s shot at a second straight national championship ended against Appalachian State, 35-31.

The Spiders’ lineups on both sides of the ball featured stars galore, none more honored than senior offensive lineman Matt McCracken, who was named Offensive Lineman of the Year by the College Sporting News. He was named to three other all-American teams to become the fourth consensus first-team All-American selection in Spider history. The others were linebacker Eric Johnson, ’93, defensive back Jeff Nixon, R’79, and wide receiver Walker Gillerte, R’70.

In addition to McCracken, five other members of the 2009 team were named all-Americans by the College Sporting News. Senior offensive lineman Michael Silva, junior linebacker Eric McBride, and junior defensive tackle Martin Parker made the first team. Senior quarterback Eric Ward and junior defensive back Justin Rogers earned honorable mentions.

Hockey

Field hockey claims another A-10 title

For the sixth time in eight seasons, the Richmond field hockey team won the Atlantic 10 Conference championship. The team claimed both the regular-season and tournament titles, finishing 14-9 overall and 5-1 in the A-10.

In a play-in game to make the NCAA tournament, the 19th-ranked Spiders beat Ohio University 2-1. But they lost to second-ranked Virginia 3-0 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association honored senior Sarah Blythe-Wood as a third-team all-American, and the A-10 coaches named her Offensive Player of the Year.

Head coach Gina Lucido, who was named A-10 Coach of the Year, praised her team for competing with “gratitude, passion, and uncommon sacrifice.” She says Blythe-Wood—who also earned a spot on the A-10 Academic All-Conference Team—won “about every accolade she could get. … She combined her passion for success with team-centered focus and cemented her imprint on this program.”

Blythe-Wood, a native of Harare, Zimbabwe, scored 22 goals during the season and ranked 19th nationally in points per game.

Scott returns as head coach

Latrell Scott, Richmond’s new head football coach, brings nine years of college coaching experience to the job, including three seasons as an assistant for the Spiders. From 2005 through 2007, he coached the wide receivers, coordinated recruiting, and became assistant head coach. He also has coached at Western Carolina, VMI, Tennessee, and the University of Virginia.

At 34, Scott is the youngest current head coach in all of Division I football. He replaces Mike London, R’83, who became head coach at the University of Virginia.

For Scott, returning to Richmond is a homecoming in more ways than one. He graduated from nearby Lee-Davis High School, and he says he and his wife “are Richmond people … very excited to be back at home.” Scott has learned from some of the best football coaches in the country, starting with his Lee-Davis high school coach, Mac McConnell. A graduate of Hampton University, Scott was an all-American tight end.

As the wide receivers coach at Richmond, he helped shape an offensive powerhouse. The 2007 team won 11 games and advanced to the national semifinals. Kevin Grayson, one of six players who advised the search committee, was a freshman on that team. He caught 68 passes for 970 yards and seven touchdowns. The team set new UR standards with 34.9 points per game, 63 touchdowns overall, and 5,675 yards of total offense.

Grayson, a rising senior, says his teammates are excited about playing for Scott. Recalling the high-powered offense of the 2007 team, he says, “I know that is going to come back.”

In his mission statement for the football program, Scott includes players, coaches, and administrators. “It’s going to be a collaborative effort,” he says, “to keep this machine running.”

—Randy Hallman
Richmond turns out its fair share of successful artists, musicians, and actors, but there are many other career paths for students who are passionate about the arts—including those highlighted by Richmond’s popular arts management concentration.

“It opens their minds to possibilities that I don’t think are that evident,” says Dr. Richard Waller, executive director of University Museums and co-coordinator of the arts management concentration. When people think of the arts, they generally think “you’re an artist or you’re a curator or you’re an actor,” Waller says. But there are many behind-the-scenes jobs at galleries, concert halls, museums, and theaters—everything from fundraising and accounting to marketing and security.

Richmond’s arts management concentration allows students to sample these seemingly disparate disciplines by combining traditional arts classes with courses in the Robins School of Business or the School of Continuing Studies. Beyond the classroom, students intern with arts organizations in Richmond and around the country. They take field trips and gain hands-on experience on campus by working at University Museums and the Modlin Center for the Arts.

“It’s hard to believe a student gets this kind of experience in an undergraduate program,” Waller says. “It puts their resumes at the top of the pile for employers.”

**MARKETABLE SKILLS**

Employers recognize that graduates of the arts management concentration can contribute to their organizations immediately, says Joe Testani, associate director of the University’s Career Development Center. They understand the culture and challenges of arts organizations, many of them nonprofits.
"You have to bring a certain set of skills, not just a passion for the arts," Testani says. Arts organizations generally offer entry-level jobs in marketing and fundraising, but when the economy is sluggish and the job market is tight, they are looking for people who can do a broad range of things.

The arts management concentration is coordinated by Waller and the director of the Modlin Center. It is a good example of the integrated academics called for in The Richmond Promise, the University’s strategic plan. In the School of Arts and Sciences, students are required to take Philanthropy in the Arts, an internship course, and either Seminar in Museum Studies or Managing Performing Arts Organizations. They also must take a fundamental accounting course and a basic marketing class in either the Robins School of Business or the School of Continuing Studies. The concentration serves students who major or minor in studio art, art history, music, or theatre and dance. However, students from any of Richmond’s five schools can take the individual courses.

The program is in its sixth year, but its origins go back to a museum studies course that Waller began teaching in 1991. The class explored the financial and organizational aspects of museum operation. The University began offering a companion course on performing arts management in 1997, and the program has grown from there.

“There are a lot of different ways of coming at this,” Waller says. Students in the concentration must be pursuing an arts-related major or minor, but some also have additional majors and minors in business or seemingly unrelated disciplines. “That makes it a very vibrant program.”

Pursuing Two Passions
Richmond’s arts management concentration stood out when Paul Kappel, '10, was trying to decide which college to attend. It has linked his academic pursuits to his career goals as he majors in theatre and minors in business administration.

“All of the arts management courses rely heavily on real-world experience by bringing in guest lecturers to discuss their organizations and challenges,” Kappel says. “It really keeps you engaged when you know this is not just theoretical learning from a textbook, but knowledge and experience you will undoubtedly use later in your career.”

Kappel’s performing arts management class visited Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., and he interned there last summer, focusing on fundraising. He wrote grant proposals, met and corresponded with donors, and handled general office duties. He was struck by how closely the work resembled what he had learned in his arts management courses. His eight weeks at Arena Stage helped persuade Kappel to work toward becoming the managing director of a nonprofit theater company someday.

Veronica Seguin, '10, also was interested in working in the non-
profit sector, but it wasn’t until she was exposed to the arts management program that she realized she could combine that interest with her love of theater.

“I knew I did not want to pursue a career in acting or design, and I liked the idea of a steady paycheck,” Seguin recalls. “The arts management concentration helped me realize that I can make a career out of combining my passion for theater with the strengths and interests I have developed in arts management, particularly development.”

Seguin interned at the Water-Tower Theatre, a small nonprofit in Addison, Texas, that started in a performing space under the town’s water tower. She worked as a development and community outreach intern and now wants to pursue a career in fundraising for arts organizations. But Richmond’s arts management concentration has prepared her for more than that. “A lot of what we learn in regards to organizational structure, fundraising, and marketing can be applied to almost any nonprofit organization, preparing us for a wide range of possibilities after graduation,” she says.

A new feature in the arts management concentration is the Scholars in Residence Program, which allows sophomores who take a common class to live together in the same residence hall. Last year the class served as an introduction to arts management, including a field trip to New York. “That trip … was beyond anything I could have hoped for,” says Kim Ray, ’12. “We met influential people who could tell us about their experiences, and also recent graduates who were learning how to break into the right circles of the art world.”

In addition to the field trip, Ray has benefitted from the overall experience of the Scholars in Residence Program. “I have always loved art and had started to consider working in arts management and had been working at the Harnett Museum of Art on campus and was the Harnett Summer Research Fellow there,” she says. “But this class offered a great opportunity for me to get to know more about performing arts management.”

A BROAD SPECTRUM

As a student at Richmond, John Barelli, R’71, never planned to enter the world of arts management. He majored in sociology and was an all-conference defensive lineman for the Spiders’ Tangerine Bowl teams.

After graduating, Barelli worked as a police officer for the city of Richmond. Then, he returned home to New York to work as security director for the New York Botanical Garden. Finally, he became chief of security for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Along the way, he earned a master’s degree in criminal justice and a doctorate in criminology. His dissertation focused on art theft.

“I always had an appreciation for art,” says Barelli, who is a member of the UR Athletic Hall of Fame. “But my business is security. You have to protect the irreplaceable, but also make sure people can get as close as they can to enjoy it. It’s an extremely big challenge.”

Barelli maintains close ties to Richmond. In 2009, he returned to campus to speak about art theft investigation to students in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the School of Continuing Studies. And his son, Peter, is in the Class of 2011.

“At the big museums, there are a lot of different disciplines, from security to finance to maintenance to graphic design,” says Barelli, who
John Barelli, R’71, is chief of security at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

oversees a security staff of about 600 people. “There is really a broad spectrum of careers at museums that people don’t really think about.”

LINCOLN CENTER
Richmond students are supported by a growing network of alumni in arts management all over the country—including three at Lincoln Center in New York.

One of those is Lauren Bailey, ’02, director of marketing and communications for The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. She arrived at Richmond knowing she wanted to major in music but also knowing she did not want to pursue a career in musical performance. She discovered her career path while working at the Modlin Center as a house manager, box office manager, and marketing assistant. Today her responsibilities with the Chamber Music Society include all aspects of marketing, public relations, advertising, ticketing, and patron services.

“I love being a part of the largest performing arts center in the world and working with some of the most influential people in the arts today,” she says. “I also love the fact that I get to use my musical knowledge every day, whether it is proofing program notes or contributing programming ideas.”

Bailey also appreciates the value of Richmond’s arts management network. At her first job, she worked for a UR alumna, and while working at Columbia University’s Miller Theatre, she helped two UR graduates land jobs there.

Another UR graduate who works at the Lincoln Center is Tom Trayer, ’02, director of marketing for the New York City Opera. He came to Richmond thinking he would be a professional singer. He later decided to major in marketing with a music minor. He sang in Choeur du Roi, a student a cappella group, and worked in the Modlin Center’s box office.

Trayer has spoken to Richmond classes—both on campus and on field trips to New York—about arts marketing and post-college life in general. He also has hired UR students as interns and has helped them obtain full-time employment in the field. “The arts field in New York is smaller than one might think,” he says. “So having connections can help prospective job candidates get a leg up on the competition.”

The third alum at Lincoln Center is Barbara Burke Holahan, B’81, who hosted arts management intern, Nancy Angelica, ’12, over winter break. Holahan had provided opportunities to UR accounting interns in the past, but Angelica was her first arts management intern—a logical progression now that she is controller of The Metropolitan Opera. Holahan knew nothing about opera when she took the job in 2008, but she has come to appreciate it, and she could not be

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prouder of what she does. “I am part of the world’s premier performing arts organization, and I am making a contribution to improving their financial operations,” she says.

Holahan majored in accounting and worked in public accounting and on Wall Street, but she longed to “work someplace where I thought my work could make a difference, and whose mission appealed to me.” She fell in love with the nonprofit sector while working at Columbia University. She went back to school, earned an M.B.A. and ended up at the Met.

“Mediocrity doesn’t cut it at the Met,” Holahan asserts. “When I am seeking candidates for business positions, usually I am looking for someone with public accounting experience and preferably some nonprofit experience. However, some of the best finance department recruits have had liberal arts backgrounds, and they just happen to love music and/or opera.”

“For any accounting or finance staff, it is essential that they understand the nature of the business,” Holahan says. “And for someone whose interest begins on the arts side, if they want to successfully rise to management-level positions, it’s crucial they have a basic understanding of standard business principles.”

LEARNING BY DOING

The University’s theatre department has emphasized experiential learning for decades. Bruce Miller, R’74, and Phil Whiteway, R’74, co-founders of Richmond’s Theatre IV, helped manage the University Players before heading out into the community to act and wait tables at local dinner theaters.

Over the years, they have returned to the University many times as guest lecturers. “Since there were no arts management courses when we went to UR, we let the students know what would have been helpful to us, and how we learned through experience,” Miller says.

Miller and Whiteway offer volunteer externships to Richmond students during the school year and paid internships following graduation at Theatre IV and Barksdale Theatre. The students gain experience in nearly all aspects of running a theater, including costuming, carpentry, house management, marketing, props, scenic art, stage management, fundraising, and event planning.

“We believe there is tremendous value in arts management training,” Miller says. “In the professional theater work force, at least 50 percent of the jobs are in arts management. And at least 50 percent of the people filling those jobs entered the field as actors, directors, or other theater artists. Professional arts administrators need to have a background in their art form, but they also need various management skills.”

Brian Mear, ’92, found his niche when he took a costume-design class during his sophomore year. The class inspired him to learn to draw and sew. He also changed his majors from history and political science to theatre and French.

Mear started his career as an entry-level employee of William Ivey Long Inc., a highly regarded costume design studio in New York. Now, as vice president of the company, he helps run the business side of the studio.

Mear credits much of his success in arts management to what he learned at Richmond—both in the classroom and with the University Players. “The guidance that I received at UR,” he says, “was the foundation upon which my entire career is now based.”

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Rockin’ and rollin’ to T-shirt stardom

Alex Stultz, ’94, made his first T-shirt in high school to promote his band, the Killer Iguanas. At Richmond he majored in history, studied Russian, and anticipated a career in finance. But rock ‘n’ roll—and T-shirts—beckoned him back.

“I started working with the Dave Matthews Band in the summer of ’93,” Stultz says. “I had been going to their shows for several months and had gotten to know everyone. One night they needed someone to help sell T-shirts. I offered my services, and that was the start of my employment. When I graduated from UR, I became the full-time director of merchandising for the band.”

Stultz has built the Dave Matthews Band merchandising business from a few hundred dollars a night to … “Actually,” he says, “we should not mention the top line number. Let’s just say that it’s big business.”

After working exclusively for the band for a few years, he was approached by other bands and events looking for help in building their merchandising operations. So he founded Charlottesville, Va.-based Red Star Merchandise, whose client list includes Phish and Coldplay among others. While Red Star’s core business comes from the music industry, it also makes promotional products for corporations such as VH1/MTV and Anheuser-Busch.
Chelsea Metivier (left) and Yasantha Perera represent the ratio of first-generation students in the Class of 2013.
Closing the Gap

First-Generation

Richmond strengthens its long tradition of educating first-generation college students.

Historians attribute much of America’s rising prosperity in the 20th century to dramatic advancements in education. Many factors contributed to this educational awakening, including child labor laws, public education, greater opportunities for women and minorities, the advent of community colleges, and the GI Bill. The vast majority of Americans became better educated than their parents, and many became the first in their families to earn college degrees.

During the space race, the United States had the world’s best-educated population. But soon after Neil Armstrong proclaimed “one giant leap for mankind,” America’s overall high school graduation rate started declining gradually.

By the 2000 census, people in the United States age 45...
through 54 were slightly better educated than those age 25 through 34. Today, as that older group begins to retire, America faces the prospect—for the first time in its history—that the overall education level of its work force might decline.

While educational attainment was leveling off in the United States, it was rising rapidly in most other industrialized nations. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United States ranked 11th for tertiary educational attainment in the 25 through 34 age group in 2006. In just three decades, America’s great competitive advantage has eroded significantly.

“We must make college more accessible and more affordable in this country,” says Nanci Tessier, vice president for enrollment management at the University of Richmond. “At all levels of achievement, students from high-income families go on to college at dramatically higher rates than equally accomplished students from low-income families. For high-achieving students, it’s a 20 percentage point differential favoring high-income students. In fact, high-achieving students from low-income families have about the same chance of enrolling in college as low-achieving students from high-income families,” she notes. “There’s talent in this country, and we are systematically ignoring it.”

One way to reverse that troubling trend is to educate more first-generation college students, greatly increasing the odds that their children and grandchildren will graduate from college, as well. “As more and more first-generation students earn degrees, not only do their families benefit, but society benefits,” says Gil Villanueva, the University’s dean of admission. “America is still the land of opportunity.”

**FIRST-GEN ROOTS**

Richmond’s history of educating first-generation college students dates to the founding of Dunlora Academy in 1830. Like many other church-sponsored schools of the day, Dunlora (which became Virginia Baptist Seminary and then Richmond College) served ministerial students who were not only the first in their families to attend college but often the first in their hometowns to do so.

When Westhampton College was established in 1914, as Richmond’s coordinate college for women, nearly all of its early students came from families of college-educated men. Even in the 1930s and 1940s, the vast majority of Westhampton students were not first-generation college students, but many were the first women in their families to attend college. They were pioneers in a feminist movement that gave women greater access to higher education in the United States.

Many of those women became the leaders in public education who prepared and encouraged the next generation of college students. One of those leaders was Helen McDonough Kelley, W’49. Neither of her parents had a college degree, but her teachers at Richmond’s Thomas Jefferson High School recognized her talent and encouraged her to apply to Westhampton College.

“I entered the teaching profession and ended up at the Virginia Department of Education,” says Kelley, who was a teacher and principal in Richmond before becoming a state supervisor of language arts, reading, and the head of elementary education. She gives much of the credit for her success to the opportunities she enjoyed as a first-generation student.

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student at Westhampton College.

In the years that followed, the GI Bill brought many more first-generation college students to Richmond. One of them was Dr. Julian Metts Jr., R’59, founder of the International Hospital for Children in Richmond. He arrived on campus the day after he returned home from the Army in 1956.

Metts’ father insisted that he take advantage of the GI Bill to attend at least one semester at Richmond. He aced his English and history classes that summer and just kept going. “I really loved it. I stayed on the next three years,” attending year-round, says Metts, who retired from an orthodontics practice in Chester, Va., in 2008.

In 1991, Metts embarked upon his first dental and medical mission to Guyana. He returned many times, and in 1999, he started the International Hospital for Children. Since its inception, the non-profit agency has provided health care to more than 5,000 children in six Latin American and Caribbean countries.

**GENEROUS FIRST GENS**

The generosity of Richmond’s first-generation graduates quite often circles back to new generations of Richmond students.

The late Dortch Oldham, R’41 and H’74, was the first in his family to graduate from college. He paid his college expenses by selling Bibles and other books door-to-door for the Southwestern Co. of Nashville, Tenn. He eventually purchased a controlling interest in the company, and in 1983, he and his wife, Sis, created the Oldham Scholars Program. With help from other donors, the program provided full tuition, room, and board to more than 100 outstanding students during its first 25 years. Twenty-three Oldham Scholars are currently enrolled.

The thing that impressed Oldham most about Richmond was its honor system. “Professors would give you a test and leave the room, and you were purely on your honor,” he wrote for the alumni magazine in 2006. “That transferred to everything we did. You could not subject yourself to that experience without it having a great effect on you. … The University of Richmond changed my life in many ways that I am grateful for, and I think that respect for honor is the most important thing I learned.”

The University’s outreach to first-generation college students “really warms my heart because I’ve seen up-close what that means.”
Marcus Weinstein, R’49 and H’02, chairman and CEO of Richmond-based Weinstein Properties, is another first-generation alumnus whose generosity has created many opportunities for Richmond students. During the past 37 years, he and his family have contributed to many academic programs, endowed faculty chairs, lectureships, and construction projects. The University has named several buildings on campus in their honor, including Weinstein Hall, the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness, and the Carole Weinstein International Center, which is scheduled to open this fall.

Marcus Weinstein credits much of his success in business to Richmond psychology professor Austin Grigg, who encouraged him to change his focus from “the welfare of humanity” to business. “He said, ‘You’re designed to be a businessman,’” Weinstein recalls. “He put me on the right path.”

Bobby Ukrop, B’69, tells similar stories. The University’s outreach to first-generation college students “really warms my heart because I’ve seen up-close what that means. My family and I have benefited immensely from the doors that have opened,” says Ukrop, a first-generation alumnus who was president of Ukrop’s Super Markets in Richmond for many years. The company typically awarded 20 to 40 renewable merit scholarships each year to employees and their children.

Ukrop’s grandparents emigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1900, and his parents opened a small grocery store in Richmond in 1937. He fondly remembers being taken to Richmond basketball games when he was a boy in the 1950s. “I dreamed of going to Richmond and playing on the basketball team,” he says. That dream came true. Ukrop is a member of the UR Athletic Hall of Fame and an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees.

“Being the son of a small-business owner, I was inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit of the professors in the business school, particularly Dean Dave Robbins,” Ukrop recalls. In addition to Richmond’s long-time supporters, many of Richmond’s up-and-coming leaders are also first-generation college graduates. Mary Anne Rodenhiser McKown, W’92, served on the president’s Council of Emerging Leaders in the late 1990s. She later became a member of the Richmond Council, a high-level advisory group that brainstormed about the University’s future.

“I am just very glad that U of R selected me” for admission, says McKown, a national security consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in Virginia Beach. “Even though no one in my family had gone to college … and it was not expected of me … I never thought of anything else.” (See McKown’s Vantage Point column on page 48.)

FIRST-GENERATION CHANCELLORS
Both of Richmond’s chancellors—Dr. Bruce Heilman and Dr. Richard Morrill—were first-generation college students.

Attending college was not on the radar when Heilman was growing up on a farm in Kentucky, but during World War II, he began taking courses through the Marine Corps Institute.

After the war, Heilman used the GI Bill to attend Campbellsville College and Vanderbilt University. He later served as a college president for 22 years—including 15 years as Richmond’s president.

The GI Bill “was the salvation for most of us who were in any way inclined to be educated,” Heilman says. That financial aid made higher education possible as his own family quickly expanded to a wife and five children. Now those children and several grandchildren have earned their degrees, too.

Morrill, who served as Richmond’s president from 1988 to 1998, traces his first-generation college experience back to his first job as a caddy in Hingham, Mass. One of his regular customers took him to visit his alma mater, Brown University, and helped him apply. Morrill ended up attending the Ivy League school on scholarship.

“I am the beneficiary of educational opportunity,” Morrill says. “Without the benefactions of a lot of people, I would not have enjoyed those opportunities.”

Like many first-generation college graduates, Heilman and Morrill are especially attuned to extending the opportunities they enjoyed to as many people as possible. “I am proud to be part of a University that understands the life-changing power of educating first-generation college students,” Morrill says.
TRANSFORMING SOCIETY
President Barack Obama has set a goal for America to once again have the world’s highest percentage of college graduates. To get there by 2025, the Lumina Foundation for Education estimates that colleges and universities will need to award 1 million more degrees.

Richmond does not plan to grow substantially during those years, but it is committed to educating first-generation college students who will foster higher educational attainment in future generations. Among the University’s highly accomplished Class of 2013—the largest and most diverse in its history—one in five students is a first-generation college student.

One of those students, Chelsea Metivier, ’13, from New Hampshire, was attracted by Richmond’s excellent reputation for international studies. She aspires to the Foreign Service or other diplomatic work. “I’m planning to take Arabic in the fall,” Metivier says. “The University has a study-abroad program in Jordan that I hope to take part in. The culture fascinates me.”

Another first-generation student, Yasantha Perera, ’13, emigrated with his family from Sri Lanka in 2001. He hopes to work for the federal government or for a multinational corporation, possibly in Asia. Perera, who ranked in the top 15 percent of his high school class in Falls Church, Va., considered attending James Madison University and Richmond. He liked the small campus—3,000 students versus 15,000—and Richmond offered him an attractive financial aid package.

Generous financial aid is vital to attracting and retaining first-generation students, says Tessier, the vice president for enrollment management. Combined with the personal attention and strong advising that are hallmarks of a Richmond education, it gives Richmond the same retention and graduation rates for first-generation college students as their peers.

Tessier attributes the recent increase in Richmond’s first-generation students to the University’s new strategic plan, which places greater emphasis on accessibility, affordability, diversity, and inclusivity.

“First-generation ambassador”
Richmond continues to serve first-generation students who receive financial aid related to military service. One recent example is Howard Lee, C’07, a litigation paralegal at the law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen in Richmond.

Adding college classes to a schedule that included the Air Force Reserves and a stressful civilian job was difficult, but Lee earned a bachelor’s degree from the School of Continuing Studies.

The GI Bill helped with tuition, as did his employer. “It’s really affordable, when you use all your resources,” Lee says. The degree resulted in a significant upgrade in his salary and helped him achieve the rank of chief master sergeant, the highest Air Force rank for enlisted officers.

Knowing he was a first-generation college student—following in the footsteps of his three sisters—helped motivate him. And seeing a big smile on his parents’ faces when he graduated reminded him that the degree was not just about him, it was about them, too.

Lee, who serves on the SCS Alumni Association Board, seeks out prospective UR students “with a lot of potential who have not pursued college.” He also speaks to groups of high school students and paralegals. “I’m an ambassador,” he says.

Editor’s Note: This year Richmond joined the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a new financial aid option for veterans and their dependents.
Richmond’s outstanding accounting department just keeps getting better.

Richmond’s accounting department has developed a national reputation for excellence. Students thrive in the department’s rigorous academic setting that draws strength from small classes and outstanding professors who challenge students to work hard to realize their full potential.

*BusinessWeek* magazine ranks the department No. 8 nationally, and department chair Darrell Walden knows why. “Our department is small but is one of the most productive departments you will find in the nation as far as teaching excellence and quality of research,” he says.

The department’s high national standing contributed to *BusinessWeek* ranking the Robins School of Business No. 12 among the best undergraduate business programs in the United States in 2009. *BusinessWeek* also ranked the Robins School first nationally for academic quality in 2009—an honor shared only with the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School and Wake Forest University’s Calloway School.

Walden points out that the accounting department is the only department in the Robins School to have a separate accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. “It keeps us on our toes,” he says. “There are site visits every five years. There are peer reviews. They look for continual improvement.”

The accounting department has been strong for many years, and by all accounts—national rankings, student and alumni achievement, and reputation with employers—it just keeps getting better.
Dr. Darrell Walden (left), chairman of the accounting department, and legendary accounting professor Joe Hoyle take a break from counseling students—and alumni.
THE HOYLE EFFECT

It would be difficult to find a Robins School graduate from the past three decades who does not know Joe Hoyle, an associate professor of accounting who is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the best professors in the country. He has taught two generations of Richmond students, switching to the Socratic method of teaching in 1991. He asks tough questions, and he expects students to respond with informed and reasoned answers—a reflection of the many hours they spend preparing for his intermediate accounting classes.

“He made me work really hard to achieve at the highest distinctive level, and boy, does that prepare you for life,” says Pamela Fornero, B’85, a partner in banking capital markets at PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York. Fornero stays in touch with Hoyle, who occasionally calls her to get the latest business perspective. “Joe is a kind person,” she adds. “He knows how to get the best out of you.” Fornero passed the CPA exam soon after graduating—“because Joe prepared me so thoroughly”—and earned an M.B.A. from Columbia. Students named Hoyle their “favorite professor” in a 2006 survey by BusinessWeek Online. Over the years, his tough-love approach to teaching also has earned him double-edged accolades from students such as “most feared professor,” “professor least likely to retire,” and “professor most likely to ruin your grade point average.”

Hoyle has won the University’s Distinguished Educator Award five times, and is co-author of the best-selling advanced accounting textbook in the country, soon coming out in its 10th printing. In October 2009, Accounting Today named him to its list of the “top 100 most influential people in accounting.

“He sets the bar high,” Walden says. “That helps us as well to set the bar high for ourselves, individually and as his colleagues, to become better professors and better teachers.”

TEAM CPA

Better teachers make better students, and accounting majors have distinguished themselves in five of the past eight years by winning the Norman Award, which goes to the most outstanding graduating senior in the Robins School. Twenty-two percent of Richmond’s business students major in accounting, a two-year average of 55 accounting majors in an average business class of 250, making accounting the third largest major on campus.

The department has 13 professors, instructors, and adjuncts. It is a
close-knit group, Walden says, able to adjust the curriculum quickly in response to changes in the accounting field. For example, the New York State Board of Accountancy now requires a separate accounting research course for CPA candidates who plan to work in New York. Since many Richmond undergraduates like to start their careers in New York, the department developed a course to meet the new requirement beginning in the spring semester.

The department may be small compared to other top accounting departments nationally, but its diverse faculty provides a wide range of accounting expertise. “We pride ourselves on being niche professors, meaning we all have our areas of specialty,” Walden says. They also take different approaches to teaching, but accounting major Dan Casella, ’10, says each of his professors is effective. Last semester he took information systems from Dr. Valaria Vendrzyk. “People consider it dry material,” he says, “but Dr. Vendrzyk puts it to practical use and makes it interesting.” Instead of reading about databases in a textbook, for example, the class practiced building databases in class.

The final exam was to build a database from scratch, using everything they had learned.

Casella, from Essex County, N.J., interned with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Manhattan last summer, and he plans to work in the firm’s Richmond office after graduation. Fornero has done a lot of recruiting for PricewaterhouseCoopers. “UR candidates,” she says, “stand up to any candidate that we would have at any of our priority schools.”

CAREERS UNLIMITED
A Richmond accounting degree can provide many career options—even in a difficult economy.

“Accounting may not … have the cachet of Wall Street, but in a down economy, we’re still hiring,” says Jack Reagan, B’89, a partner in KPMG in Washington, D.C. Reagan is the mid-Atlantic campus recruiter for KPMG. He also chairs the Robins School’s Accounting Executive Committee, which provides strategic guidance to the accounting department. Reagan plans to hire 300 to 400 new associates in the mid-Atlantic this year. “There aren’t too many businesses out there that are still hiring in those numbers from college campuses,” he notes.

In major metropolitan areas, new associates at KPMG earn a starting salary between $50,000 and $60,000 plus a bonus if they pass all four parts of the CPA exam before their first anniversary with the firm.

The accounting department surveyed its graduating seniors in May 2009 about their immediate employment plans. Of 46 graduates, 37 responded. Of those, 15 joined Big Four public accounting firms, and eight went to work for smaller firms. Eleven entered graduate accounting programs. Two joined the FBI, and one joined the U.S. Navy.

Accounting students who have completed successful internships usually have job offers in hand entering their senior years, but Walden says firms are a bit more cautious this year. “Some of our students will receive offers in the spring,” he says, “when they would have received them in the fall.”

Jaime Robinson, ’01, director of FTI Consulting’s Forensics and Litigation Group in Manhattan, says the economy is similar to when she graduated. But an accounting degree provides a good foundation for a career in any corporate field.
she insists. Robinson worked in the audit division of KPMG in New York for more than two years. Now she does investigative and litigation consulting, including accounting malpractice and Securities and Exchange Commission probes.

Robinson, from Hartsdale, N.Y., credits much of her success to professors who knew her personally and pushed her to the edge of her ability. Those relationships, fostered by small classes, are a great advantage, she says. “I also like the fact that Richmond is not only very academically oriented, but very professionally oriented as well. They guide you to get started on your career.”

All kinds of organizations need accountants, so alumni enjoy a wide range of career choices. Jennifer Hazelton, ’93, for example, never dreamed she would become the chief financial officer of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. She has worked in public accounting, in credit card banking, and as the CFO of a small development company. She does not regret any of her career decisions, but she finds her rodeo work especially fulfilling.

Hazelton works for an organization with 22,000 volunteers that promotes agriculture and the livestock industry in a public fair environment with 70,000 spectators at a time in a stadium shared with the Houston Texans. The most rewarding part of her job comes in August, when she signs scholarship checks for 2,000 students attending colleges and universities in Texas.

At Richmond, she thought she would study business or be a teacher. “When I took accounting as a sophomore, it clicked. I loved it,” she says. “It’s like a puzzle. It gives you the fundamentals of any business.”

**NETWORKING STRENGTH**

When Hazelton describes her college experience, people from large Texas universities are amazed that she can still e-mail professors Hoyle, Dr. Ray Slaughter, and Dr. Robert Sanborn. When she was thinking of leaving a major public accounting firm, she came to campus and met with Dr. Sanborn. “At that age, you need someone to say, ‘Hey, what you’re doing is OK,’” she explains. “You need to do what makes you happy. I have listened to everything you said, and you know what, it sounds like you are making the right decisions.”

Dr. Felicia Marston, B’80, professor of commerce at the University of Virginia, urges her students to stay in touch with professors and classmates. When one of Marston’s classmates, Bob Maloney, B’80, sent her photos from their college years, she shared them with her students. “I emphasized the ties you make in school and how they sometimes last a lifetime,” Marston says. “That’s part of your education.”

When Marston graduated in 1980, the economy was weak and jobs were scarce, but Richmond’s alumni network generated several promising interviews, and she was able to land quickly at Peat Marwick. “Honestly, job opportunity was one reason I majored in accounting,” she recalls. “Richmond prepared me for the job and the CPA exam. Hoyle taught the CPA review courses for a long, long time and had a good pulse on what it took to get through that exam.”

Sarah Peltzer, ’10, of Baltimore, plans to study for the CPA exam before beginning her accounting career.
with KPMG in New York. A Latin American and Iberian studies minor, Peltzer was studying in Barcelona when she decided to switch majors from finance to accounting. She e-mailed Walden and he e-mailed her back within 10 minutes telling her how to proceed and offering to help.

The faculty is the accounting department’s greatest asset, Peltzer raves. “A lot of people I spoke with when I was interviewing at other firms are alumni of Richmond. You always have that connection because everyone has had professor Hoyle and professor Walden.” She also gives high marks to the department’s well-placed alumni. “Jack Reagan is wonderful,” she says. “I actually just met him when he came to speak about the recruiting process and going into accounting. He looks out for Richmond students.”

LIBERAL ARTS EDGE
Richmond and its students are special, says Vendrzyk, the professor who taught Casella’s accounting information systems class.

“One of our strongest points is that our students are able to take advantage of the liberal arts within the University,” she says. “For example, I took a look at the students just finishing my accounting systems classes this fall. … I have five or six who are double majoring in Iberian studies. I have a couple who are minoring in French, one person in studio art, and another in leadership studies.”

The University’s study abroad programs provide depth, as well. Although students cannot take courses abroad that deal with U.S. accounting standards, it is amazing what they can learn from other cultures, Vendrzyk notes. Twenty-three of 60 junior accounting majors studied abroad in fall 2009. Sixteen of 22 accounting concentrators also studied abroad.

Reagan, the KPMG recruiter, advises students to make the most of their liberal arts education by taking classes that sharpen their written and oral communication skills, strong points of the Richmond curriculum. “Nowadays, to be successful in public accounting, it’s not just the debit-credit knowledge, it’s really being able to deal with a wide variety of people with a wide variety of skill sets,” he says. “You may be in a meeting at 10 o’clock with an accounting clerk who has a GED and at 11 o’clock with a CEO who has a Ph.D. You need to be able to relate to each person.”

Reagan, who made partner at KPMG in 2003, says critical success factors in the first few years of employment are communication and organization skills. “Students today are natural multi-taskers,” he says with a laugh. “I didn’t have that skill when I graduated from Richmond 20 years ago.”

When Richmond’s accounting alumni and students talk about their Richmond experience, the word preparation comes up repeatedly—preparation for challenging courses, preparation for the CPA exam, preparation for accounting careers, and preparation for life.

Casella, the senior who is headed for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the fall, says that the emphasis his accounting professors place on preparation has given him plenty of confidence.

That is exactly what Walden and his accounting colleagues like to hear. “It’s great that BusinessWeek ranks us eighth in the nation,” he says, “but endorsements from our students and alumni mean more to us than any other type of recognition. It is incredibly gratifying to see your students succeed in accounting and in life.”

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Nonprofit accounting

The term community service might not conjure up images of accounting, but at Richmond, accounting is among the many disciplines in which students use their knowledge to help others—bringing together the University’s strengths of experiential learning and community engagement.

The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement awarded accounting major Sherry Sun, ’11, from Sichuan Province, China, a Burhans Civic Fellowship to work in the accounting department of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) in Richmond during summer 2009. Dr. Valaria Vendrzyk, associate professor of accounting, served as Sun’s faculty mentor, helping her connect her internship to her academic work through reading and writing assignments.

CCC provides a broad spectrum of social services to Virginia residents, and Sun supported the agency’s outreach by putting her accounting skills to work in its back office. She tackled account analysis, invoice and check writing, accounts receivable payment entry, third-party billing, and payroll. Her supervisors gave her increasingly complicated tasks and were thrilled with a template she designed to record the percentage of CCC funding dedicated to staff salaries.

“Sherry is a gifted problem solver,” says Richard Ciofani, the agency’s chief financial officer. “She is extremely inquisitive and wants to understand the whole work-flow process. She easily applied what she had learned in the classroom to her work in the CCC accounting department.”

—Cassie Price
**ConneCt**

Reunion highlights spring alumni events

This year’s Reunion Weekend will be April 9–11, 2010. In addition to special events for alumni with class years ending in zero and five, activities will include a conference on philanthropy, a Women in the Know conference, and the spring football game.

Football will be an even bigger attraction for this year’s Homecoming, Oct. 22–24, which will feature a game in the new on-campus stadium against Towson. Homecoming also will include departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2010, and a young grad reunion for classes 2001–10.

For more information about Reunion Weekend, Homecoming, or alumni chapter events in your area, visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumnioffice@richmond.edu.

UROnline.net carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association. It also provides permanent e-mail forwarding, an alumni directory, and online registration for alumni events.

Homecoming 2010 will feature football in the new stadium.

**AWARDS**

**NASBA honors Dunkum for distinguished service**

In November, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) honored Ellis Dunkum, B’59 and GB’69, with its 2009 Distinguished Service Award.

NASBA works to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy, which regulate the practice of public accounting in the United States. The organization called Dunkum “a trailblazer within the accounting profession, serving in a variety of leadership capacities.”

**Martland’s movie wins top documentary award**

A film produced by Theodore Martland, ’09, while studying abroad was named “best domestic documentary” at the Queens International Film Festival in New York.

Martland filmed the documentary—called *Dhamma Dana* (The Gift of Dhamma)—in Myanmar with the help of a Burmese nun he met while studying in India. Originally titled *State of Sangha*, the 30-minute film documents the Theravada monastic tradition in Myanmar. (See story on page 4 of the summer 2009 issue.)

**Courtney garners award for public relations work**

In December, the Baseball Writers Association of America honored Patrick Courtney, R’89, with the 2009 Robert O. Fishel Award for Public Relations Excellence.

Named after a long-time baseball executive, the award recognizes the “active non-uniformed representative of Major League Baseball whose ethics, character, dedication, service, professionalism, and...”
humanitarianism best represent the standards propounded by Robert O. Fishel."

Courtney has been vice president of public relations for Major League Baseball since 2003.

Massie accepts award from land institute
Ned Massie, R’71, has received the 2009 Robert C. Meeks Distinguished Service Award from the Realtors Land Institute. "Ned has served the Realtors Land Institute for more than 30 years, volunteering his time and knowledge, serving as a national and chapter leader, and teaching countless students," said Keith Morris, the institute’s president.

Massie is a partner in Richmond-based Grant Massie Land Co., a firm that specializes in land brokerage, consulting, and community development. "It is especially humbling to be receiving the Robert Meeks Award," Massie said, "because Bob Meeks himself was one of my mentors."

Staff
Harrelson and Bell join alumni relations office
The Office of Alumni Relations hired two new staff members in January—Leah Harrelson, associate director for volunteer engagement, and Kathryn Connolly Bell, ’07, assistant director for regional initiatives.

Harrelson has worked in politics for the past nine years, most recently as deputy director of external affairs for the Republican National Convention. She previously served for two years as a legislative affairs specialist in the U.S. Department of Commerce and for three years in positions of increasing responsibility at the White House.

Bell returns to Richmond from the American Cancer Society, where she was community manager in Central Virginia. As a student at UR, she worked in the call center for the Office of Annual Giving while double majoring in journalism and leadership studies.

Weaving our Spider web
The University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors continues to consider these questions: As individual Spiders in a web of more than 40,000 Spiders worldwide, how do we connect with each other? And perhaps more importantly, how do we support one another and leverage our Spider pride?

The URAA Board wants to provide fellow Spiders with the tools and opportunities to connect with the University and each other. As a Spider, you have access to UROnline.net, which features a searchable alumni directory and the Career Development Center’s UR Career Network.

You also can create a forwarding e-mail address, which will include @richmond.edu. After registering for this free service, the University will forward messages from your new richmond.edu address to your current e-mail account.

Other opportunities include:

- Encouraging your fellow Spiders to return for Homecoming and Reunion Weekends.
- Participating in regional alumni events, which provide great networking opportunities.
- Partnering with the Career Development Center to find jobs and internships for students.
- Motivating a prospective student to apply to the University.
- Displaying UR apparel, pennants, banners, and other branded items.

A good place to start is UROnline.net, where you will find information about alumni events taking place in your region, schedules for Homecoming and Reunion Weekends, information about transcript requests, and a comprehensive list of Richmond alumni benefits.

I hope you will join me in wearing our Spider pride loudly and proudly by connecting with each other and giving back to our alma mater. Go Spiders!

—Tracey Holgren Ivey, B’82
URAA President

RICHMOND 29
Mike Whitt, R’78, has written *United in Rivalry*, a comprehensive history of the football games between all-black Armstrong and Maggie Walker high schools in Richmond.

People called the annual event “the Classic” because it was more than a game. It was a celebration of African-American culture.

“All week, the schools held ‘loyalty days’ and pep rallies, and students were required to wear school colors every day,” Whitt writes. “By Saturday morning, Jackson Ward was alive with activities such as wheelbarrow races, peanut rolls and the return of long absent friends and relatives.”

They played 41 games on Saturdays after Thanksgiving from 1938 through 1978, tumultuous times of foreign wars and domestic strife. Whitt intersperses detailed coverage of the games with the historical context of the day—World War II, Korea, Massive Resistance, and Vietnam.

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The Red Priest’s Annina.
Sarah Bruce Kelly, W’79 and G’02, tells the story of Annina Giro, who struggles to survive the cutthroat world of Venetian opera in the 18th century.

Cram family stars on HGTV’s *House Hunters*
Marc Cram, B’92, and his family were featured in a February episode of HGTV’s *House Hunters*.

To make room for their growing family, the Crams moved from a home in Richmond’s Fan District to a bigger house in Henrico County’s Barrington neighborhood. Marc and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters, Couper, 4, and Charlotte, 2, with another child on the way.

The producers of the show found the Crams by sending e-mails to local real estate agents. Then the family filled out a 15-page questionnaire and passed a screen test to qualify for the show.

Since the Crams had already purchased their new home, they had to recreate their house-hunting experience for HGTV. “So this really did involve some acting on our part,” Marc says with a laugh. “It was fun. We would definitely do it again.”

Virginia governor names Haymore to cabinet post
Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell has promoted Todd Haymore, R’91, to Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry for the commonwealth. He was previously commissioner of the Virginia...
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

“Todd understands not only the economic importance of this industry, but also the special place farming and forestry occupy in our culture, history, and way of life,” McDonnell said.

**Melvin returns to space to deliver spare parts**

NASA astronaut Leland Melvin, R’86, returned to space in November 2009 aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis, the same vehicle that carried him into orbit in February 2008. (See summer 2008 cover story.)

During the 11-day mission in November, Melvin and six other astronauts delivered spare parts to the International Space Station and brought an astronaut back from the station. It was Melvin’s second space mission, boosting his NASA frequent flyer statistics to 373 orbits and 9.5 million miles.

**Hicks helps create adult genetics clinic**

Suzanne Stuts Hicks, W’57, president of the Arkansas Down Syndrome Association, was instrumental in creating an adult genetics clinic at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dedicated in August 2009, the clinic provides care for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome, and other genetic conditions.

For more information about upcoming regional alumni events, go to UROnline.net.
CLASS OF ’41
In November, my son, Enders, and I stopped at Pierce’s Barbecue near Williamsburg, Va., for lunch. This is a routine for us as we come and go from Sandbridge, Va. It was the first of three days of the nor’easter Ida. We had battened down the hatches and were glad to be on our way.

I couldn’t believe my eyes when I saw a woman who looked like Mary Alice Smith Tillotson. After she had sat down in a booth near us, I asked Enders to ask her if she was Mary Alice. He did and she was, and we both let out a big smile and hugged as she settled in with us. It was a great reunion. Mary Alice still lives in Williamsburg. Her daughter lives near her, making them both happy.

Next spring we will have our 70-year reunion. Don’t forget to send me your news and to contribute to the 1941 scholarship fund. Happy springtime!

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CLASS OF ’42
Since her hip surgery, Frances Califsch Rothenberg is getting along well using a walker. She has twin great-grandchildren, who are at the crawling stage.

Anne Kathleen Smith Palazzo and her husband enjoyed a week in Williamsburg with her brothers last fall. During the summer Anne had managed a long drive on the interstate through a storm, but recently she has limited her driving to local spots.

I received a letter from Jean Grant Andrews after she moved from Florida to an assisted-living center in Philadelphia to be closer to family members. Her daughter-in-law retired recently as head of a girls’ school.

LaVerne Priddy Muse drove to Richmond for lunch with Ann Pace Garrett, and they visited Lucy Burke Allen Mayer in Mullins. Ann’s son, a mental health counselor, received a special school award.

There’s not much news to report, but let’s keep the lines open. Don’t forget to send a contribution for our class scholarship if you haven’t already.

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CLASS OF ’43
Reunion Reminder
April 9–11, 2010
To register for your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8300 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

CLASS OF ’46
I regret telling you that Gale Abbott passed away Sept. 30, 2009, after a long illness. Gale was a math and biology major at Westhampton, a member of the field hockey team, an accomplished pianist, and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She had a career with the Equitable Life Insurance Co. in New York City before leaving her job to become a full-time homemaker. She was married to Don Abbott for 61 years.

Gale Coode Jackson and Frances Beale Goode attended the memorial service for Gale at Huguenot Road Baptist Church in Richmond.

Irene Taylor Martin is still living on her farm west of Spencer, Va. Her ancestors settled there in the 1770s on a land grant. Irene has been writing articles for a heritage book being prepared by the local historical society. She is active in the DAR and as an environmentalist, and she plans to put her property in a land trust, which ensures the forest can never be cut and that the land can never be used for development. Irene’s ties to the University of Richmond are strong. Her father, a minister, attended UR, as did her two brothers and two nephews.

Virginia Lambeth Shotwell, R, is improving after an infection that required him to be hospitalized. His doctor calls him the “mystery patient” because he presents perplexing symptoms. Virginia and Ralph stayed in Florida last winter. Their home, which was flooded in August, is now completely redone.

Mary Frances Bethel Wood and her husband are doing well, but they stay close to home. Mary Frances keeps busy researching genealogy and making quilts.

Anne Beverly Ryland is still in her family home in Hampton, Va., and visits several times a year. She had the opportunity to meet Brad Pitt when she was visiting France, where one of her daughters worked for Disney. (What happened in Paris, stayed in Paris.)

LaVinia Watson Reilly joined us from California recently. She has a family home in Hampton, Va., and visits several times a year. She had the opportunity to meet Brad Pitt when she was visiting France, where one of her daughters works for Disney. (What happened in Paris, stayed in Paris.)

LaVerne Priddy Muse makes the trip from Suffolk, Va., to join the lunch bunch. Holmes continues to enjoy therapy.

Several grandchildren of Helen Coles Richardson and Straughan Richardson Jr., ’46, were married in one combined wedding ceremony. Helen and Straughan and their extended family enjoy summers at their river home.

Nancy Richardson Elliott continues to be engaged in many activities, including writing and modeling in a fashion show.

Marylou Massie Cumby had
Then and Now

Dining hall trays facilitate sledding on the slopes between the library and the lake—to the eternal consternation of Richmond’s food-service managers. In the photo above (from the left), Betsy Gathings Snook, W’60, Barbara Ramsey Robbins, W’60, and Jane Morris Dobyns, W’60, eagerly await their turn. More than 50 years later, in the photo below, Alex Holcombe, ’12, (left) and Liz Kaiser, ’12, discover the joys of this Richmond tradition. Students enjoyed a foot of snow in December and another foot in January.
on to the Apennine Mountains. Gwen Priddy Donahue and her sister, Beverly Priddy Derr, W’54, vacationed last summer at Kitty Hawk, N.C., and later in Orlando, Fla., with a group of friends.

Jo Ann Ashby Hopkins and Hal enjoyed a cruise to Alaska on which her son, Ralph, was the naturalist. What a wonderful experience! Jo Ann is retired and lives in Manassas, Va.

Helen Clark Hensley reported that her husband, David Robert “Dick” Hensley Jr., R’52, had a defibrillator/pacemaker implant procedure in September. All is going well for him.

In August, Helen visited New York City with her daughters and sister. In addition to seeing famous landmarks, a Broadway musical, and Rockefeller Center, their most unforgettable memory was of being part of the funeral of a firefighter who, on 9-11 and in the weeks following, had worked at ground zero for 500 hours. Helen’s son was among those who had been led to safety from the collapsing buildings.

In November, Helen, Dick, and I attended Richmond’s football game against William and Mary. It was Richmond’s last game at the old City Stadium.

Mary Lee Moore May and Ed had a wonderful fall weekend at Keswick Hall near Charleston, S.C. They stayed at the oldest hotel room overnight. I received some sad news from Frances Allen Schools. We send our sympathy to Elizabeth McRae Dudley, whose husband, Roy, died from an aneurysm.

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read about in history books. One
grandchild was married last summer,
and two are graduating in May—
both on the same day, one from
the University of Connecticut and one
from UNC-Wilmiotts.

Elizabeth Ann Helms Taylor
Lemoine’s husband, Roland Lemoine,
passed away Sept. 12, 2009, from
heart complications. Ann had neck surgery in January
2009 and is doing well. She hopes to
take a few trips, but she is home for
now. The last words of her note to
us were, “Let me hear from you.” If
you would like to know how to get in
touch with her, please contact me.

Jane Wilson Rolston spoke
recently with Betty Kersey Gordon,
who had been hosting an annual
branch luncheon. In an e-mail
to Jane, Joan Perlin Ruby said she
planned to have hip surgery between
trips to Washington and New York
for plays.

For 10 days in October, Jane and
Holmes were in and out of London,
to Jane, bridge club luncheon. in an e-mail
who had been busy hosting an annual
anniversary of the Royal Philosophical Society’s season
focused on the environment. On the
side, they took the train to Derbyshire
to visit filming sites of
Great Expectations. They also visited Charles
Darwin’s home south of London.

Janice Boyer Baldridge will not be
able to attend the class reunion. She
and her husband, Bob Baldridge, R’56
will be missed.

Mariah Chisholm Hasker is plan-
ing to attend. She and her husband
enjoy seven grandchildren: three in
Houston, one in West Virginia, and
three in Connecticut.

Myra Embrey Wormald and her
husband also plan to be on campus
for reunion weekend. The Wormalds
enjoyed a three-week trip to Peru and
Ecuador. They spent Thanksgiving in
Destin, Fla., with their daughter.

The October 2009 issue of Virginia
Living magazine carried a story about
Indika Farms and growing peanuts.
Indika Farms is home for Dorothy
Gwaltney, a classmate during our first
year at Westminster.

Peggy Hall Flippin plans to
attend the class reunion. She
and her husband, Edward Flippin Jr.,
R’56, live at King’s Point in Sun City
Center, Fla. They enjoy babysitting
their two grandchildren.

Last year Clifford “Eugene”
White, L’62, husband of Nancy
Johnson White, was honored by the
Virginia Pharmacists Association with
the Outstanding Pharmacist Award.
In October, Eugene came in fourth in his
age group at the World Duathlon
Championship in Concord, N.C.

Beulah Boston Thorson lives in
Concord. She and Al met the Whites
during dinner when they were in town.
Nancy reports that Beulah hasn’t
changed a bit!

In November, Jackie Kilby Brooks
joined friends on a Mediterranean
Cruise. She reports seeing historical
and beautiful landmarks in Turkey,
Croatia, Greece, Italy, and Spain.

Classmates extend their deepest
sympathy to Ann King Lucas on the
loss of her husband. John Lucas, Ann
planned to move back to Radford last
January to be closer to her family. She
looks forward to our reunion.

Last October, Alice McCarty
Haggerty attended the annual
meeting of the Lewis & Clark Trail
Heritage Foundation near the border of
Mississippi and Tennessee. The
subject of the meeting was the long-
shaped log cabin. Meriwether Lewis committed suicide
or was murdered. Perhaps Alice will
share her views on this at our reunion.

Emily Menefee Johnston, our
first song contest leader, sings in her
church choir. She and Bill regularly
attend UR athletic events.

Virginia Beauchamp Murden
always plans a day of meritment at her
Portsmouth home when Polly Dundick
Dize and I visit each December.
Christmas 2009 was the 31st year
for these friends to meet and rejoice!

Ruth Owen Batt visited with her
sister and family last autumn in her
hometown of Burkeville, Va. Then
Nancy Johnson White drove her to
Richmond, where they enjoyed a trip
to Maymont, lunch at Bill’s Barbecue,
and a tour of Agecroft Hall.

Grace Phillips Webb and her
husband, Newton, along with
Alice McCarty Haggerty and Joy
Winstead went on a U.S. Navy
League excursion to the new
aviation museum at Dulles airport.
The plane that Newton flew in World War II is
on exhibit there.

Joy Winstead appreciated a
September trip to visit cousins
in Concord, Mass. They toured
Revolutionary War sites, Louisa May
Alcott’s home, and Walden Pond.

Alice Creath McCullough says
her children finally persuaded her
to retire—at age 75—as director of
Woodlot Christian Preschool. She
truly enjoyed her 40 years there and
is volunteering a few hours a day to
help during this time of transition.

Alice says it is wonderful to have free
time to visit her three children and
seven grandchildren more often. Her
husband, Alex, retired last year after
serving 34 years as a clergyman. She
is looking forward to traveling with Alex
in his current Healing Joy Ministries.

Our 55-year reunion weekend will
conclude with a memorial service in
Cannon Memorial Chapel. This
service will give alumni the opportunity
to meet the University’s new chaplain,
the Rev. Craig Kocher.

Our reunion also will be an oppor-
tunity for classmates to meet Lauren Milam, who is a senior and the first recipient of our class scholarship. Donations to this scholarship may be made by writing “Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts” in the memo line of your check.

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CLASS OF ’56
Greetings to the Class of ’56. We are only one year away from our 55-year class reunion.

Helen Melton Lukhard has arranged a luncheon for us on June 3, 2011, in the living room of the new addition to the Deaneary, now called the Westhampton Center. She toured the new addition and was so impressed that she wanted to get us on the schedule as soon as possible. Notice that the date for reunion weekend has been changed to June. Perhaps the change will allow more of us to attend in 2011.

Pat McElroy Smith represented the Westhampton Class of 1956 at the Scholarship Donor Recognition Luncheon. Eliza Hubble Severt is the chairman for our class, but she was unable to attend. She has met our current scholarship recipient, Naida Panekh, from Fairfax, Va., and writes that she is a pleasant and interesting young woman. A native of Pakistan, Naida and her family moved to the United States when she was 11. The luncheon was held on the basketball court in the Robins center, and Pat wrote that it was beautifully decorated. Pat later received a picture and a letter from Naida thanking our class for its generosity. If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, write “Westhampton Class of ’56 Scholarship Fund” on the memo line of your check when you send it to the University.

Ann Peery Oppenheimer graciously invited those of us who live nearby to meet for lunch on Sept. 21 as her guests at the Country Club of Virginia. As usual, it was a fun get-together. Janet Knobel Jones, Helen Melton Lukhard, Diane Brown Higgins, Anne Jennings Vaughan, Charlotte Hart Simpson, Joyce Still Gibson, Anne Pope Kitchen, Dottie Stiff Price, Lois Reamy, Anne Peery Oppenheimer, Pat McElroy Smith, and I attended.

We received two messages from classmates who were unable to attend. Jean Bruniut wrote that she would be in Milwaukee visiting a friend and celebrating her 76th birthday. Jan Hogge Atkins wrote that she would be in Colorado and San Diego for a few days in September, but would be in Virginia in May and hoped that we would have a get-together then. Janet Knobel Jones will take over the task of getting the Richmond-area group together three or four times a year.

I enjoyed seeing Pat McElroy Smith and Joyce Still Gibson and her husband, Harold David Gibson, R, at the US football games last fall. How about those Spiders!

Pat will write the column next, but please send your news to either one of us.

CLASS OF ’57
Lovely Jane Long is heading the committee for the Boatwright Society annual dinner on April 9, 2010. Other committee members are Joyce Garrett Tidley and Louis Arnold Frederick, R’56. Lovely Jane writes that it is an honor for her to represent our class on the Boatwright Society Board along with Joyce Tidley and Jackie Randlette Tucker.

Lovely Jane was walking in the Thanksgiving Irvington Turkey Trot when a mutual friend told her that Katherine “Kakie” Parr Jenkins had broken her knee. Kakie fell on Oct. 10, and friends who live 10 miles from her happened along and took her to the hospital, where she had surgery. Kakie takes care of her grand-daughter, Ali, while Beth, Kakie’s daughter, works. So many friends, neighbors, and family members have stepped in to help. As of November, Kakie was progressing with her exercises but still could not drive. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Jackie writes that she and her husband, Walter Tucker, R’53, have enjoyed several other classes at the University of Richmond. The classes have been fascinating, and she encourages more local alumni to attend them.

Katharine “Kitty” Clark Kersey and Willbur Kersey, R’56, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Court Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va., on June 15, 2009. Kitty believes this to be in Colorado and San Diego for a few days in September, but would be in Virginia in May and hoped that we would have a get-together then. Janet Knobel Jones will take over the task of getting the Richmond-area group together three or four times a year.

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CLASS OF ’58
I am sorry to report that Gene Llewellyn Holder, R’59, husband of Sarah Ashburn Holder, died in October. Dottie Goodman Lewis, Carolyn Smith Yarbrough, Carolyn Moss Hartz, and Ransone Hartz, R, attended the service for Gene at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C., where Sarah is a member of the choir. Gene and Sarah were married for 53 years, and he was a wonderful friend to Sarah’s classmates.

 peggy WARE enjoyed a cruise to the Society Islands, including Tahiti and Bora Bora. She also enjoyed another trip to Peru.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains and George were gone almost all of October. They flew to London and visited Cambridge, Oxford, the Royal Engineers Museum at Gillingham, and Chatham’s historic dockyards. They took a train to Glasgow, Scotland, where they enjoyed the sights, the symphony, and family friends. They flew to Belfast, Ireland, and visited George’s aunt as well as a number of his cousins and their families, and they attended the grand

Did you know?
John Calhoun, ’09, has won a Marshall Scholarship, becoming the University’s second Marshall Scholar in the past three years. Read more about his achievement on page 3.
opening of the newly refurbished Belfast City Hall. They then went to Plymouth, England, visiting other cousins and the historic and current dockyards before returning home on the Queen Mary 2.

Lola Hall McBride reports that construction of their wind farm has begun, but the completion had been postponed until this fall due to the unpredictable weather conditions on the mountain. (I saw many wind turbines on my recent trip to Spain!)

Mary Alice Revere Woerner has been back in the hospital with residual problems from her three-month bout with pneumonia. She and Charlie had been on an 18-day trip to the Finger Lakes in Michigan and to Canada. She says she did beautifully on their trip but developed some problems after being home a few weeks. We hope she is fine now.

Jean Hughes Frederick and Louis Arnold Frederick, R’56, along with Jean Anderson Farmer and James “Peyton” Farmer, R’56, visited Nancy Yarbrough and Charlie Graham in Fairfax, Va. They attended a house tour and crafts fair in Waterford in Loudoun County, Va. Jean highly recommends it to anyone who has not been to this lovely village near Richmond in Loudoun County, Va. Barbara’s son, John Randall Turlington, ’00, finished well in the New Zealand Ironman competition last spring.

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Elizabeth’s husband, Ellis Dunkum, B, was in remission as of December, and he is stronger every day. They are grateful for the prayers and warm thoughts that have aided his recovery.

Ellen Matick Klein traveled to China last fall. Then it was on to Hong Kong for a reunion of her husband’s former corporate colleagues—a 40th anniversary of doing business in the Far East.

Elizabeth Goldman Solomon has a new grandson, Laura Clair, born Sept. 24, 2009, to son Andrew and his wife, Lesley, who live in Atlanta. Both parents and older sister Sarah Hollis, 22 months, are doing well. Elizabeth met them in Washington for a weekend in November and also spent part of Christmas vacation in Atlanta.

In June 2009, Barbara Dulin soothed the nerves of her family by spending a beautiful estate at the foothills of the mountains in Madison County, Va. Barbara’s son, John Randall Turlington, ’00, finished well in the New Zealand Ironman competition last spring.

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Ellis received the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Distinguished Service Award. Elizabeth would like to encourage each classmate to consider a gift to the Class of 1959 Scholarship. When you send your gift to the University, please write “Westhampton College Class of 1959 Scholarship” on the memo line. The more we put into it, the more a student will receive in aid to attend our wonderful alma mater.

Katharine Schools Covington and her husband, William, enjoyed their Exploritas/Elderhostel trip to Oregon and northern California last fall. Last June they went to Minneapolis to see their son and his family and they, in turn, visited Katharine and Bill for an early Thanksgiving celebration.

Betty Beryl "BB" Harvey Strum enjoys hearing from classmates and still has "warm fuzzies" from our 50-year reunion. She has attended UR field hockey games, including senior day. Her 10-year-old granddaughter, a Panther field hockey player, met UR field hockey player Maggie Ellis. Her granddaughter Katie is playing field hockey for Trinity Episcopal School. Her daughter, Betsy, coached the gold-medal field hockey team in the Commonwealth Games last summer.
and Katie was a member of that team. BB is teaching one course at Radford University this year.

In December, Marian Gates Breeden and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. While Jean Gardy Deitz was visiting Peru in October, she enjoyed seeing Sylvia Ruth Olney Kelley and Jacqueline Fleeman. The Richmond Times-Dispatch published a picture of Jean Martin Wyndham attending the Class of 1950 reunion at Ginter Park Elementary School last summer. In June 2009, she and her husband, Herb, went on a nine-day Caribbean cruise. They had a wonderful summer at the river with their grandchildren. Jean works five afternoons a week at Rainbow Station. She has been there 11 years and enjoys being with the kindergarteners. Sylvia “Sibby” Haddock Young and her husband, Paige Allen Young, R, are thankful for every day of retirement and feel blessed that they are healthy enough to enjoy it.

Shirley Satterfield Flynn and her husband, Leslie Flynn, R’61, celebrated their 50th anniversary in August with all their children and grandchildren. In November they took a Caribbean cruise. The Panama Canal trip in February 2009 meant a lot to Shirley because she had lived in that area for one year as a fifth-grader. (Her dad was stationed there with the Air Force for one year.) Shirley and Les say that last year’s trip through the Utah national parks could not have been more spectacular. Shirley’s roommate, Jean Chou Lee, W’60, and her husband joined them for a few days in Las Vegas.

Pat MacDonald Allen and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. What they thought was going to be a small gathering grew into a wonderful celebration. Everything was included: a continuous slide presentation with five decades worth of photos; her wedding dress displayed for all to see; spontaneous music; a champagne toast; and the release of butterflies for good luck and longevity—a lovely Navajo tradition. Most touching was the fabulous memory book their children presented to them. The next day there was a reception at their church. Later in the month, they joined their long-time friends from New Hampshire on a trip to Santa Barbara, Calif., for a joint anniversary celebration.

Mary Ann Williams Haskie had a busy 2009, attending her book club, polo group, concerts, and talks by Adriana Trigiani. Mary Ann edits the Police Dale View, teaches piano, and has a new power wheelchair. Last year, Mary Ann visited Rehoboth Beach in Delaware. She enjoyed our 50-year reunion! Her 50-year reunion! Hodder stay with her. Her daughter Margaret, who lives in Kenya, visited Mary Ann in June. This past year, Mary Ann visited a friend from son Dave, his wife, Jen, and son Owen. Her son Jim and his wife, Liz, bought a home in New Point, Va., that is a short drive from son Paul’s home in Mathews County, Va. Mary Ann visited son Tom and his family for a weekend at Nags Head, where Tom teaches eighth-grade math. Last October, Mary Ann drove to Dayton, Nev., where daughter Sue lives. Sue’s fiancé, Neil, had Guillain-Barré Syndrome and was completely paralyzed. Mary Ann helped take care of Neil while Sue was at work as principal of a public school. Thanksgiving was spent in New York with Sue, Neil, and Paul and his family, and by December, Neil had begun to improve.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and her husband, Bill, have a grandson, Hunter Gleason, who entered basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., after graduating from Emory & Henry.

Karen Diehrich Gardner and her husband, James Gardner, R’55, sold their cattle to have an easier winter, but their son-in-law put his cattle on their farm, and that has kept Jim busy. Karen is looking forward to the opening of a large craft center in Abingdon, Va., comparable to West Virginia’s Tamarack. She really enjoys making her Father Christmas figures. She and Jim have made several trips to Texas because their daughter, Kari, became seriously ill. She is finally back on her feet and teaching again. Karen says it was good seeing everyone at our 50-year reunion.

My daughter, Carol, and her husband, Bob, came from Hilton Head, S.C., to spend Thanksgiving with me. We celebrated Carol’s 47th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. The New and Then Dance Ensemble, of which I am a member, did more than 100 shows in 2009. We enjoy performing in nursing homes and for senior groups.

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James Imel, R, earned a Th.D. in June 2009. He lives in Bakersfield, Calif., where he teaches history at Bakersfield College. He is also founder of Automotive Advance, a business analysis and consulting firm.

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Dr. Jared Sharon, R’60, has become the Jewish Chaplain at Concoran Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison. A former college dean and professor of chemistry, he lives with his wife, Maureen, in Arroyo Grande, Calif. His sons, daughter-in-law and six grand children live in Santa Margarita, Calif.; New York City; and Bat Yam, Israel. Jared and Maureen are looking forward to the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1960 and are interested in hooking up with AEPi alumni from that year.

CLASS OF ’61
Walter Jensen, R, is retired and lives in Glen Gardner, N.J.

CLASS OF ’63
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Marcia McMullen Cantrell on the death of her mother on Oct. 29, 2009.

Our class poet, Patsy Anne Bickerstaff, has been elected to a fourth term as president of the Poetry Society of Virginia. She was accepted to the 2009 Bread Loaf Writers Conference, which was held close to her son’s home in Vermont. Patsy Ann traveled to Boston in October and to New York in December. She looks forward to teaching another course through the Other Institute and continuing her poetry presentations in schools.

Margaret Brower Almond and her husband, Hilton Almond, R’61, along with her daughter, Kristen Phelps, ’94, and Kristen’s husband and two children visited New York to see the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade and do some sightseeing.

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CLASS OF ’64
Melynn Striiss, R, is owner of Hot Button Press and author of Voluntary Peasants, a nonfiction narrative about life in a commune in the 1960s. She lives in Warwick, N.Y.

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It’s nearly time for our 45-year reunion! Susan Gunn Quisenberry, Nancy Puryear Spence, and Barbara C. Vaughan are among the committee members planning an exciting variety of activities for us, and they hope that many of you will attend.

Eleanor “Millie” Bradshaw Hotchkiss enjoyed a trip to Spain in September with her daughter, son-in-law, and one of her sisters. In October Millie underwent surgery to replace both knees. Ouch! The surgery and rehab went well and Millie is recovering nicely.

Carolyn Jackson Elmore of Salisbury, Md., was thrilled with the arrival of her sixth grandson last May. Carolyn has four grandchildren in Atlanta and two on the Eastern Shore. She stays busy with church activities and serves on the board of the Wellness Community of Delmarva.

Harryet Hubbard Wallace-Boulster of Glen Burnie, Md., retired from her job with the Howard County Library. She quickly learned to fill her days with other activities, including caring for her son, Brian, after his shoulder surgery in November.

Barbara Vaughan, Harryet Hubbard Wallace-Boulster, Janet Renshaw Yates, and Linda Armstrong Farrar enjoyed a week in September in Bethany Beach, Del. On the way to the beach, Barbara and Janet met Linda Webb Taliaferro and Jackie Harper Burrell for lunch in Tappahannock, Va., and caught up on family news. Both Linda and
RICHMOND ROOTS RUN DEEP

Pat Hasty, W’63 and G’85, and Larry Hasty, R’60

Larry and Pat Hasty began dating during his junior year at Richmond and married after her graduation. Today, they reside in suburban Richmond, returning often for football and basketball games and other events.

As students, Larry majored in math, while Pat majored in history and political science. After 20 years of teaching high school history and government, she returned to UR to earn a master of humanities degree before working as a travel agent.

Larry started his information-technology career in the era of keypunch cards with Home Beneficial Life Insurance in Richmond. “I can remember when (computer tapes) were the size of tricycle wheels,” he notes. During the next three decades, he worked in a variety of capacities, including systems development, training, recruiting, security, and new systems implementation.

Both Larry and Pat trace their close connections to Richmond to memories of their former professors. Dr. John Rilling “made British history come alive,” Pat says. She also fondly recalls taking Colonial American history from Dr. Frances Gregory. Larry says many of his professors “presented scientific and technical material in a way that went way beyond the classroom.” He especially appreciates Dr. Pearce Atkins (math), Dean Clarence Gray, R’33 and H’79, (Spanish), and Dr. Jackson Taylor, R’42, (physics).

Pat and Larry are semi-retired now and enjoy traveling. Larry also spends a lot of time on the phone calling classmates about their 50-year reunion this spring. As a member of the planning committee, he enjoys reconnecting with classmates. He expects that many of the 250 living members of the Class of 1966 will attend, generating a class gift of about $200,000.

For some of them, it will be their first return trip to campus in many years, but not for the Hastys. “We haven’t moved very far from our roots,” Pat concludes.

—Betty M. van Iersel

CLASS OF ’66

I am sorry to report that my former husband, Edward Fontaine Colston, R, died in early December. He was retired from the U.S. government and lived in King George, Va.

Joy Davis Smith writes that she got an address for Marjorie Luckie Lee from Bonnie Lush Yospin because she had a Richmond Times-Dispatch article from freshman orientation week that she wanted to send to Luckie. Bonnie says that a group of us were featured taking a tour of the city. There was a picture of some of us sitting on a cannon in front of the Confederate Museum. Very ladylike!

Eileen Ford has completed eight years in her “second career” as an assistant in the Goochland County, Va., library. Since retiring from Centralfield public schools, where she served as a teacher, language arts program specialist, and finally as a middle school assistant principal, Eileen went to work in Goochland, where she has lived for 12 years. She enjoys taking students and adults abroad to England and Scotland and traveling in Europe on her own.

Francis Faye Johnson writes that Harriet Tomlinson Mann had a successful kidney transplant last year and is living in Colorado. Faye also sent me e-mail addresses for Harriet and for Stephanie Birkhead Wingate. Please contact me if you would like those addresses.

Nancy Hilliard Campbell cruised through the Panama Canal to Costa Rica. She returned in May to see butterflies and volcanoes. She also traveled to Australia and New Zealand, where she swam along the Great Barrier Reef and trekked in knee-deep snow at Mount Cook. She writes that her daughter, Jean, is finishing her master’s degree. Granddaughter Angela is in first grade and having fun with jazz, tap, and soccer. My granddaughter, Samantha, daughter of little Lynne (who was nine months old when I started college), is living near Fort Hood, Texas, where her husband is stationed after returning from a year in Iraq. Their two children are Michael, 6, and Audrey, 5.

I hope all of you who have not “checked in” will send a note or e-mail to let us know what’s up.

CLASS OF ’67

Sara Hays Bateman, W, has relocated from Hardy, Va., to Richmond. Her youngest son, John, is a second-year law student at the University of Richmond.

CLASS OF ’69

Robert Frank, R, is director of international affairs at Longwood University in Farmville, Va.

CLASS OF ’70

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To register for your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8. Plans are well under way for our 40-year reunion in April, so I hope all of you are planning to come. Since our birthday party in 2008 was such a huge success, we want to build on that! There are many activities to choose from, so check those blocks and send your registrations in. We want to see you!

One advantage of being on the planning committee is that I get to catch up with folks. Once again, Sally Andrews Gudas has graciously
agreed to head our motley crew, even though her job entails more hours. She and Steve are purchasing a home in Southern Shores, N.C., on the Outer Banks.

Susan Dowdy Anderson retired from teaching a few years ago but still substitutes, including long-term stints. Ann Dowdy Anderson retired from guidance counseling at a middle school but has been busy working on a grant for at-risk middle school students as well as substitute teaching. Her husband, Leslie "Lee" Brooke Anderson, R'69, has opened a business called MVP that features batting cages. They are new grandparents of little Harper Jace Bevens, son of their daughter, Elisa, who is a nurse at MCV, and her husband. Their son, Andrew, lives in Alabama and recently bought his first home.

Shirley Jo Beck Unger and her husband, Don, celebrated her big birthday with a trip to Paris and also spent a delightful seven days on a barge trip down the Burgundy Canal. Her two daughters live and work in Charlottesville, Va.

Cathy Musselman Melton also traveled to France.

Cynthia Norris Vogel and her husband, John, have retired and live in Richmond, but they have become snowbirds after buying a house in Jupiter, Fla. Their daughter, Alexandra, and her husband, Mike Spitzer, also live in Richmond, as does their son, Charles.

Believe it or not, Helen Outen Owens has come all the way from South Dakota to more than one of our planning meetings. She is excited about returning to our reunion since she still has family here, including her mom and son, Lee III. Daughter Helen Virginia Martinez is an attorney in Orlando, Fla., while daughter Elizabeth Owens, '05, is in the M.B.A. program at Rollins College, also in Orlando.

Donna Boone and Sally Andrews Gudas run into each other often in the "center of the universe," which, for all of you non-locals, is Ashland, Va. They have even been at street festivals to hear Ron Moody and the Centaurs (remember them?)! That sounds like a great place for a reunion, doesn’t it?

Please send news, and I look forward to seeing you at our reunion in April. Until then, thanks for reading, and as always, may the celebration of life go on! Carpe diem.

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CLASS OF ’71

Sharon Rose Guliksen lives in Richmond and works at McGuire-Woods, where she is a nationally certified paralegal. She has been part of the Richmond Paralegal Association’s education committee for many years and is currently serving on its board of directors. Sharon attended the UR homecoming last fall, as well as the Westhampton gathering at the Deanery, where Dean Juliette Landphair gave a personal tour of the recently remodeled building. Sharon is looking forward to our 40-year reunion in 2011. (I hope everyone in our class plans to attend. It would be wonderful if we could all see each other again.)

Linda Yeatts Brown has retired from her work as a school counselor in the Virginia Beach area, and she works two days a week at her church with homeless children (ones who live in beach motels in the off-season). She also serves as a docent at the Virginia Aquarium. Linda and her cousin recently traveled to Alabama to do genealogical research on their mutual ancestor. She also is involved in a project to rehabilitate a 200-year-old cabin, which was built by her great-grandfather in Pittsylvania County, Va.

Debra Ruth Fuches Crowder, B’71, and her husband, Spencer Crowder, R’70, live in South Hill, Va., where Debra volunteers at the local hospital’s gift shop. Both of their children met their spouses at Richmond. Their daughter, Shannon Crowder McCall, ’99, is married to Ryan Jason McCall, ’98. Son Charles Hunter Crowder, ’96, is married to Alison Sanders Crowder, ’96. The Crowders attend a number of UR football games because it gives them the opportunity to see the games, their children, and their grandchildren.

Anne Leigh Hawkes, who lives in Charleston, S.C., had a bridal shower for her oldest niece and a rehearsal dinner for her nephew, who was married in June. She and two friends from high school had a reunion in Las Vegas, where they saw The Lion King and went hiking in the desert. Her daughter, Ellen, moved to Panama in January to be a personal trainer and nutrition consultant, and her son, Ian, planned to spend some time in Charleston before heading out again. Anne is working on family genealogy and doing some writing.

Margaret League St. Clair has been spending two to three weeks at a time in Texas visiting her daughter. She and her husband still live in Richmond but have their Texas house leased until they sell their current home. Margaret would appreciate any help that she can get from our class members on the 2011 reunion because they plan to plant roses (please let me know if you would be willing to help, and I will pass this information on to Margaret."

Diane Davis Ryan and her husband, Charlie Ryan Jr., R’69, live in Winchester, Va., but have bought a second home in Savannah, Ga. They plan to spend the winters there and eventually will move to Savannah, since their daughter and two granddaughters live in the Atlanta area. It has been six years since Diane retired from teaching math, but she now tutors. She also enjoys playing golf and bridge.

Alice Presson Higgins has retired from her position with the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta. She and her husband, Chuck, who is also retired, divide their time between Richmond (they live near Westhampton) and Alice’s farm in Surry County, Va. They are avid gardeners and usually plant 35 tomato plants and a number of other things. Last summer they made 100 quarts of tomato juice! They planned a December trip to Japan, where Chuck has conducted business during the past 15 years.

Yvonne and I are trying to get an updated class list together. If you have a new e-mail address or have changed your mailing address or phone number, please let us know. Right now we cannot find correct addresses and/or numbers for the following people: Anne Allport, Dorothy Susan Roland, Nancy Jarvis BrisBois, Millie Cochran Cooper, Bev English Dalton, Marilu Dixon, Beryl Beamer Rankin, Sarah Rebecca Mills Reichlin, and Martha Rothenberg Replange.

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CLASS OF ’72
I heard the happy news from Jeanie McFall Simar that she and John are now grandparents. Daughter Nancy’s son, Riley Hart, graduated this year. Daughter Ann is married and lives in Raleigh, N.C. Jeanie was thrilled that Nancy Clevinger Carpenter and Husband had a wedding. Jeanie is still teaching.

There is more good news from Rachel Pierce Newell. She has a new grandson, Peyton Davis Lentine. Wayne retired in October. However, Rachel is still teaching full time. Her students held a fabulous Veteran’s Day program that was attended by nearly 1,000 people, including about 50 veterans.

Anne Tootelian Norris dropped me a note just to say hello, which was very nice.

Janet Utley Wimmer is working with Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway this year in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the parkway. She is creating and posting online one painting of the parkway each day for one year. You can see them at janetwimmer.blogspot.com.

Nancy MacCaffray Church visited her mom on her 91st birthday. Her mom lives by herself and still drives. Nancy’s children are doing well, as are her three grandchildren. Nancy and her husband love every minute of grandparenting. She is still with Bank of America.

Carolee Dykes Hall and her husband, Fred Hansford Hall, B’71, have their first grandchild—a girl born to their daughter, Kristen Hall Martin, ’02. Kristen and her husband, Alex, live nearby, so Carolee and Fred are able to have the full grandparenting experience.

Faye Patterson Green and Chuck have a grandson, Mykles Green, born last April to son Ben and his wife, Jill. Their daughter, Kristen, graduated from Harvard’s Kennedy School last June and several weeks later gave birth to a second daughter, Selma Hamilton. On Aug. 1, their son, Aaron, married Erin Evans in Grand Haven, Mich. Faye says it was a great summer in the Green family because they gained three wonderful new family members in four months.

Faye and Chuck are both still working. Faye visited campus last fall while Chuck took a writing class. She enjoyed exploring our beautiful campus again—even if she did get turned around a few times with all the new paths and buildings. Faye says her heart soared when she turned into the Westhampton gate. She only wished that all her good buddies were there in North Court so everyone could visit. I guess that’s what reunions are for!

It was great to hear from Donna Abbott Livesay. Like so many of us, she, Stephen, graduated from New University of Tennessee last May. He lives in Knoxville, Tenn., where he works for a mortgage company.

Judith Thornhill Davis and her husband, Karsten, welcomed a second granddaughter in June. Her name is Natalie Marie, born to daughter Susan and her husband, Matt Olshein. Judith’s father passed away in March, shortly before his 90th birthday.

Judy Johnson Mawyer has had a year of travel. She went to New York City with friends; to Hawaii, which was beautiful and relaxing; and to several Greek islands, Egypt, and Turkey on a Mediterranean cruise. Last September, her son, Taylor, and his wife, Laura, had Judy’s first grandchild, Jane Mac Mawyer. Just to balance out the year, Judy dealt with extensive home repairs after a flood caused by a faulty icemaker at home. She says it was a real shakeup!

Thanks to Marilib Henry Tomb for passing along a note from Kathy Kirk. Kathy was diagnosed in October with brain cancer. Since then, she has had surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. Kathy’s note was very upbeat, however, and by the time you read this, she will have completed all treatments. Kathy, we all wish you a speedy and complete recovery! Please stay in touch with us.

Ann Greene Turner and Ralph Wertenbaker “Wertz” Turner, R’68, are grandparents. Turner Andrew McNerney was born last March to daughter Katherine and her husband, Todd, with the joys of new parents.

I am thrilled to report that Brett Prillaman, son of Tricia Mason Prillaman, got home from Iraq in October, and Tricia’s son-in-law, Arthur Athens, got back to Germany from Iraq in November. Of course, Tricia and her husband, Walt Prillaman, B’73, are so glad to have them back safe and sound.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan has been traveling as well. She and her husband, Gregory Duncan, R’75, took trips to Atlanta, Vancouver, and the North Carolina mountains to see the fall colors last year. They are both doing well.

Susan Clarke Schaar contacted me on Facebook with news about the daughters of Lucy Bone Orgain. We lost Lucy several years ago, but she is always in our thoughts, and it is great to receive news of her family. Susan reports that Lucy’s youngest daughter, Emily Orgain Baxter, had a little boy, Jack Douglas Baxter, in November. Emily’s dad, Richard “Rick” Orgain, R, and his wife, Melissa, went out to Chicago to be with her. This makes the third grandchild, as their daughter Katherine Orgain Lowu, ’00, has two little girls: Emma and Hanne Clarke Lowu. Lucy would be so proud.

My husband, Allen Mollen, R’69, and I saw Becky Waggoner Glass and her husband, Mark, last fall at their house on Lake Gaston in North Carolina. As always, our gatherings are relaxing and, well ... filling! We always eat like royalty! Becky is still working full time, and Mark has a business of his own in Cary, N.C. Their son, Stephen, is making plans to go to dental school after graduation in May 2011.

My family is well. Abby just passed the New York state bar exam and is an attorney with a low firm in New York City. We’ll enjoy our trips up to visit! Our daughter Rian Madayag, ’00, and her husband, Kevin, are putting down roots here, and we couldn’t be happier.

You’ll find AI and me rooting for either the football team or the basketball team. Go Spiders!

Please tell any of our classmates to send me their e-mail addresses. We need to hear from everyone!

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CLASS OF ’73
Sam and I celebrated the holidays with our family, including the newest additions, Peyton and Megan. Peyton is the son of our daughter, Lee Kirby West, ’00, and Megan is the wife of our son, Christopher. I enjoy retirement but do miss the kids at school. Jeanie Nicholson Veith and Jon celebrated the holidays beginning in November with a trip to Malta, exploring all of the islands and their nooks and crannies. Jerome joined them in Germany before Christmas from Boston, where he finished his Ph.D. comprehensively with distinction. Joe joined them often between his rights as a first officer on Condor Airlines. Jeanie wrote, “Christmas in Germany is very distinctive, with holiday festivities in every small town and large city. There is no way to be left out of the spirit!”

Patty Stringfellow Garbee and her husband, Robert “Mitch” Garbee, B’72 and L’75, celebrated the marriage of their son, Ben, in October in Charleston, S.C., where the newlyweds live and work. Patty has retired after 30 years of teaching and being a reading specialist. She says, “I love being in charge of my time and my days!”

Nancy Martin Jett is busy working and playing with grandbabies.

Nancy “Kelly” Hardy and her husband, Jack Cergol, had dinner with Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick. They had fun talking about the Burdick’s new granddaughter, Ginny Grace, who was born last spring in Birmingham, Ala. Jack and Kelly have enjoyed having Jack’s nephew living with them as he looks for a job on Capitol Hill. Kelly says their trip to Tuscany was wonderful.

Gayle Goodson Butler and Scott have an empty nest now that their youngest daughter, Ellen, has moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., to work at the University of Michigan.

I hope all of you got your e-mails about Donna Strother Deeken’s book, Memoirs of a Snow Queen:
Recollections of Christmas at Miller and Rhoads. The book hit the stores last November, and Donna received many compliments on Facebook.

I am enjoying our connections on Facebook. Betty Redman Harris posted several pictures of herself with Temple Adair Glenn at Hampden-Sydney’s homecoming. Polly Winfrey Griffin included pictures of her family at son Page’s August wedding in Portland, Ore.

Margaret Graham “Meg” Kemper and her husband, Michael, had a wonderful September trip to Ireland, where they traveled all around their home base of Galway. Daughter Susan is in her first year of graduate school in education at Vanderbilt. Son Will is a senior engineering student at Duke.

Don’t forget to let me know if your e-mail address changes. If you are not getting e-mails, please send me your address so I can include you. Westhampton Class Secretary

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CLASS OF ’74
Leslie Lilley Kellenberger has started a consulting business to assist private providers of community-based behavioral health services for children in North Carolina. She also has participated in a couple of 5K races in Raleigh, N.C. She and her husband are continuing restoration work on her great-grandmother’s 1810 home at Sussex Courthouse, Va.

Donna Higginbotham Rosser writes that her daughter, Allison Wesley Rosser, ’09, started an internship in the microfinance department of World Vision in Seattle. Her son, Jay, works for Northwestern Mutual. Donna and her husband, Aubrey Rosser Jr., R and L ’77, still live in Altavista, Va. Aubrey goes to as many Richmond games as he can.

Last year brought some interesting travel for Judith Owen Hopkins and her husband, Marby Benjamin “Hop” Hopkins, R. They were in Orlando in June for the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting, and while she worked, Hop was watching birds and trying to avoid alligators! In July, they spent a week in Colorado hiking and enjoying the beautiful weather. In September, they went to Rochester, N.Y., for another medical meeting, taking an extra day to see Niagara Falls and George Washington’s mansion and museum. Finally, they visited San Francisco and took a few days to see the redwoods and sequoias.

Carolyn Ridgway Cook retired on Jan. 1. As a first act of freedom, she and her husband, Dick, planned to go to Texas to celebrate his birthday with the kids and grandkids. She has also signed up to go to England in December with her brother’s family and Henrico County’s Deep Run High School band, which will march in the 25th Anniversary New Year’s parade in London.

Ann Gordon planned a trip to Arizona in January for a reunion of the Senegal Bird Club. She met up with four friends and she and Langdon had met while they were in Dakar. Shortly after that, she was off to Costa Rica with a group organized by her yoga teacher for a weeklong yoga retreat. Ann’s nephew, George, is a freshman at Hampden-Sydney, where he has had the opportunity to know Anita Holmes Garland, who is the dean of admissions there. Ann celebrated her birthday at the Mount Vernon Estate Wine Festival last October with Laura Janet Feller and her husband, John Fleckner, and Faye Ehrenstamm and her husband, Samuel Forstein. Ann says it was a beautiful, warm evening with wonderful food and wine, but the best part was seeing her Westhampton friends!

Beth Neal Jordan writes that it was interesting being empty nesters last fall. In order to ease the transition, she and Glenn made two trips to visit Elise, a fourth-year student at U.Va., and Paul, a freshman at Duke. In November they attended the Kappa Delta family weekend and parents’ formal with Elise. One of Elise’s closest Kappa Delta sisters is Monica Hire, the daughter of Louis Holland Hite, R. They enjoyed hanging out with the Hites at dinner and at the formal. They then tagged along with Laura Lee Hanks Chandler and Ted Chandler Jr., L ’77, at the football game. Beth’s daughter, Laura Jordan, ’07, who is a missionary in Rwanda, planned to be home for Christmas 2009 with her Rwandan boyfriend, Robert Agaba, to meet the extended family. Becca Chandler, ’07, who lives in Seattle, planned to spend Christmas with them, too.

Sandra Ruth Sperry reports that the economic downturn in 2008 and subsequent shortage of training or consultation contracts has resulted in semi-retirement for her. She still works part time two days per week for her sister, a pediatric speech therapist. She is enjoying a number of creative projects and being available to family and friends as needed.

I spent two weeks last August working as a volunteer at an inn in Lake City, Colo. I enjoyed wonderful days driving there, which is something I have always wanted to do. The inn is situated on beautiful Lake San Cristobal, nestled amidst 14,000-foot mountains, and I had the opportunity to do some hiking and go to get some great people. At the end of my two weeks there, I met my husband, West, in Denver, and we drove back across the country through South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, hiking and biking in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Door County, Wis.

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Elizabeth Morris Reddick, B’86, is
9-11 career change

Paul Benenati, R’80

“When the two planes hit the towers on Sept. 11, we knew that it would radically affect our lives as U.S. Army Reservists,” recalls Brig. Gen. Paul Benenati.

Benenati, who earned his officer’s commission through Richmond’s ROTC program, ended up closing the family business he had co-owned for 10 years and returning to active duty in April 2002. Seven years later, he attained the rank of brigadier general.

In August, Benenati assumed command of the 102nd Training Division (Maneuver Support) and simultaneously became deputy commanding general, mobilization and training, for the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. His charges are responsible for training about 13,000 troops each year.

“Since 9-11, the Army Reserve has shifted from the role of a strategic reserve to that of an active, fully mobilized, operational force,” he emphasizes. Much of Benenati’s role consists of face-to-face visits with units under his command, translating policy into vision, but also listening to and learning from reservists. “I am in awe of the focus and commitment these men and women bring to their mission. They are a special breed, willing to set their civilian lives aside for up to a year at a time to serve on active duty,” he says. “Our nation is in good hands.”

In many ways, Benenati has come full circle since his UR days, when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant on the same day that he graduated. Nearly 30 years later, he returned to Richmond for the ceremony promoting him to brigadier general.

Only one-tenth of 1 percent of soldiers rise from second lieutenant to brigadier general, but Benenati credits “the NCOs, the officers, and civilians who have been with me throughout my military career. They did all the work. I simply served as the catalyst.”

—Betty M. van Iersel
Did you know? Three prominent faculty members—Dr. Ellis West, Dr. John Whelan, and Dr. Terry Weisenberger—are retiring. Read more about their many years of service on page 7.

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CLASS OF ’04
Donald Berkholz earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry and biophysics at Oregon State University. He is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

John Bukovich, C’04, has been appointed deputy secretary of public safety by Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell. He joins Marla Graf Decker, L83, an adjunct professor in the School of Continuing Studies, who was appointed secretary of public safety. Bukovich is a former Richmond police officer, who previously worked as an investigative supervisor in the Virginia Attorney General’s Office.

Jeffrey Chmielinski and Kristy Kruse were married on Aug. 15, 2009. Included in the wedding party were Sebastian Lombardi, John “Jay” McCormack, Michael Tubrudy, Christopher Dynan, Liam O’Meara, and Billy Bave. The couple lives in Charlotte, N.C., where Jeff is a consultant for Bank of America.

Amanda Leeds and Jason Bailey were married on May 30, 2009, in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Included in the wedding party were Kimberly Lauber, Erin Burke Schmitz, ’03, and Lynn Thompson, ’02. The couple lives in Charlotte, N.C., where Amanda is a marketing and communications specialist for Montgomery Insurance and Jason is a financial advisor for Edward Jones.

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Gia Francucci is a CPA and an associate at HighPoint Capital Management in Boston. She has earned the chartered financial analyst designation.

Sarah Lingerfelt and Barrett Little, ’06, were married on May 30, 2009, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were Erin Washburn, Brooks Trefgar, ’06, Mark Gustin, ’06, and Andrew Gordon, ’06.

Home to West Virginia
Amy King Condaras, ’96

Amy King Condaras is breathing new life into the old John Denver lyric, “Country roads, take me home, to the place I belong.”

She returned to Charleston, W.Va., in 2006 to continue her career as a corporate and finance attorney and to be close to family. Her homecoming worked so well that the state selected her as a role model for encouraging other people to move back. Condaras won the “Come Home to West Virginia” competition sponsored by the state’s commerce department. She was nominated by leaders of her law firm, Spillman, Thomas & Battle, and now she speaks for the campaign.

Condaras credits her experiences at Richmond with the success she has had in business and in life—particularly balancing professional, social, and community interests. “I really started to have exposure to that at UR,” she says. “I had a challenging course load and professors, but in addition to that, I was very involved in the community and had an active social life.”

After majoring in business administration, Condaras worked as an auditor in the Richmond office of PricewaterhouseCoopers. She graduated from law school in 2002 and joined a firm in Charlotte, N.C., but she struggled to achieve the balance she had enjoyed at UR.

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At the University of Kansas, she majored in business administration and minored in history and Spanish. After graduating in 1989, she worked forosos as a systems analyst and a marketing consultant before returning to Virginia to attend law school.

Condaras also is a role model for prospective UR students. “I picked Richmond because I wanted a small, private school that offered a liberal arts education and a reputable business school,” she recalls. “I fell in love with the campus, and I fell in love with the people.”

—Andy Taylor

CLASS OF ’06
Richard Lee Bucher, C, was appointed chief of fire and emergency medical services for Powhatan County, Va.

Rebecca Martinez and Brandon Hueber were married on May 30, 2009, in Winter Park, Fla. Included in the wedding party were Melanie Eisenhowner, Margaret Elizabeth Perry, and Bradley Wright. The couple lives in Gainesville, Fla., where Rebecca is executive assistant to the president of Haven Hospice, and Brandon attends the University of Florida College of Law.

Andrew Ryan is a senior account executive for Hellerman Baretz Communications. He was named by PR News as one of the top 15 public relations professionals under 30 and included on the publication’s “15 to Watch” list. He lives in Richmond.

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Cody Rae Gruber and Jesse Redy were married on Nov. 7, 2009, in Boca Raton, Fla. They live in central New Jersey, where Jesse is a marketing manager and Cody Rae is a kindergart-ten teacher.

Heather Strickland and Jae Tres were married on May 30, 2009, in Clearwater, Fla. Kristen Hall and Lindsay Drennan were in the wedding party. The couple lives in Clearwater, where Heather is a freelance writer and associate editor of Agent’s Sales Journal, an insurance trade magazine. LaWanda Weatherspoon and Jerome Dunn were married on Aug. 8, 2009, in Roanoke, Va. Kristen Mitchell and Tiffany Perry were in the wedding party. The couple lives in Richmond, where LaWanda is the lead Spanish teacher at Franklin Military Academy, the first public military academy in the nation.

CLASS OF ’09
Joseph Bogardus is a financial services representative for Barnum Financial Group, an office of MetLife. He lives in Fairfield, Conn.

Brian Mazanec and Abigail Hobday Mazanec had a daughter, Reagan Emily, on Aug. 13, 2009. She joins sister Charlotte, 2. They live in Fairfax, Va., where Brian is a defense analyst for the federal government.

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and spearheaded its involvement in Habitat for Humanity.

1943 / Fletcher L. "Ace" Elmore, R of Louisville, Ky., Oct. 13, 2009. He was a Navy aviator during World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Navy Air Medal. He was a division sales manager for the E.J. Branch and Sons Candy Company. He was a charter member and president of the Bluegrass Kiwanis Club. He also was a charter member and president of the Virginia Retirees Association. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

1943 / Samuel D. Cannon Jr., R of St. Petersburg, Fla., Aug. 19, 2009. As a Presbyterian minister, he served as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1943 / James A. RoMine Jr., R of Mechanicsville, Va., May 29, 2009. He was a real estate adjuster for Henrico County and a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

1944 / Ann Lee McElroy MacKenzie, W of Louisville, Ky., Aug. 28, 2009. She was a doctor at the Speed Museum, president of the Louisville Bar Auxiliary and a member of Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church.

1946 / Gale Abbott, W of Midlothian, Va., Sept. 30, 2009. She was an accomplished pianist and active volunteer. She was a member of Huguenot Road Baptist Church.

1946 / Norman Rolfe, R of Richmond, Sept. 28, 2009. He served in the infantry during World War II and was hospitalized for a year with injuries suffered in the Battle of the Bulge. He co-founded Southern Distributors and served as its president. A 15-year survivor of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, he volunteered at the Massey Cancer Center. He was a member of Congregation Beth Ahah.

1947 / Allan C. Oglesby, R of San Diego, Dec. 25, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II. He was professor emeritus of public health at San Diego State University. He developed and managed public health programs and published articles and textbooks in the field.

1947 / Lawrence C. Olinger, R of Los Altos, Calif., Jan. 12, 2003. He taught high school in Palo Alto, Calif. He was a member of the Immanuel Church of Berkeley, Calif.

1948 / William T. Lane, R of Franklin, N.C., Aug. 13, 2009. He was a pastor for several Baptist congregations in Indiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina and served for 10 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Franklin. Later, he worked in the insurance business. He was a longtime volunteer for Meals on Wheels and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1949 / William F. Ludlam Sr., R of Virginia Beach, Sept. 12, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War and worked as a lawyer for small businesses. He was a member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

1949 / Richard E. Morton, R of Ashland, Va., Dec. 3, 2008. He was decorated for his service with the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1949 / Ernest Elwood "Shubie" Orange Jr., R of Richmond, Sept. 27, 2004. He was an owner and operator of Providence Forge Oil Co.

1950 / Francis F. "Fritz" Laurinaitis, W of Blakeslee, Pa., Sept. 28, 2009. He served in the Army during World War II and was among the first to land in Normandy on D-Day. He fought in several other battles and was awarded five Bronze Stars. He played professional football for the Brooklyn Dodgers, then began a career as a high school math teacher and football coach. He was a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church.

1950 / Joseph Purcell, R of Annapolis, Md., Sept. 23, 2009. In 1958, he became one of the first engineers to work for the newly created National Aeronautics and Space Administration. At the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, he managed projects such as the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory, which earned him the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. He was a member of Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

1951 / Rose Setien Blanchard, W of Falls Church, Va., July 23, 2001. She was a federal administrative assistant and translator and a high school teacher.

1951 / James Ensign Britton, R and G'S'62 of Falmouth, Mass., March 13, 2007. A native of Latvia, he came to the United States at age 18. He was a senior research scientist at Philip Morris and a member of Luravish Lutheran Church.

1955 / Patricia Stump Hurley, W of Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29, 2004. He was a federal administrative judge at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a collector of musical theater recordings, and host of "Curtain Up!" a weekly radio show carried on National Public Radio's satellite service.


He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, he designed organs for two chapels at Samford. She was a member of PEO and of Independent Presbyterian Church.


1952 / Posey L. McBride Jr., R of Greensboro, N.C., June 15, 2009. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces. He practiced dentistry in Danville, Va., and was a member of the American Legion and the dental fraternity of Delta Sigma Delta.

1952 / Louis D. Parham Jr., R of Hampton, Va., Aug. 17, 2009. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a family practice physician and a Baptist minister. He was a member of Fox Hill Road Baptist Church.

1952 / Joseph N. Purina, R of Rocky Mount, N.C., Nov. 22, 2008. In 1957, he enlisted in the Navy and served during World War II, joining at age 17 and graduating from high school upon his return. He worked in the insurance business, operating his own company for more than 20 years. He was a member of Dorchester Baptist Church.


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majors. competition for junior math Richmond College's annual first woman to enter and win major at the time and the story. Globe the lake,” according to the courses on the boys’ side of major and take mathematics going to be a mathematics Distinguished Service to Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for recognized her work in 1998 Distinguished Alumna Award with the Yueh-Gin Gung and everyone around her.” said one former student. The Boston Globe according to her obituary in outstanding math teacher, Schafer was an mathematics. opportunities for women in advocated strongly for equal major at Wellesley College and a mathematics professor died on Sept. 27, 2009. As a mathematics professor at Wellesley College and several other universities, she advocated strongly for equal opportunities for women in mathematics. Schafer was an outstanding math teacher, according to her obituary in The Boston Globe. “She loved math and loved to teach,” said one former student. “Her enthusiasm just sparked everyone around her.” She received the Westhampton College Distinguished Alumna Award in 1977, and the Mathematical Association of America recognized her work in 1998 with the Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics.

At Westhampton, Dean May Keller told her, “You are going to be a mathematics major and take mathematics courses on the boys’ side of the lake,” according to the Globe story.

Schafer was Westhampton College’s only female math major at the time and the first woman to enter and win Richmond College’s annual competition for junior math majors.

Served in the Navy and later worked for IBM. He was a member of Edenton Street United Methodist Church. 1960 / Irwin Betich, R. of Cheshire, Conn., Oct. 12, 2009. He was a biology professor at Quinnipiac University. He was on the board of directors of the Sleeping Giant Park Association. 1961 / Sallas M. Carter, R. of Suffolk, Va., Aug. 11, 2009. He and his brothers managed the H.O. Carter Vault Co. Later, he managed the Virginia Casket Co. He owned and operated Carter Woodworking and won many awards for his reproductions of fine furniture. He was a member of Suffolk Elks Lodge No. 685 and several other civic organizations. 1961 / Mott A. Camby Jr., R. of Christiansburg, Va., Sept. 28, 2009. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was pastor of several congregations, including The Church in Radburn of Fair Lawn, N.J., an ecumenical Christian church. He was active in Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, and other civic organizations. 1962 / Ann Peavy Pash, W. of Columbus, Md., Sept. 24, 2008. 1963 / Dr. James J. Booker III, R. of Wytheville, Va., Sept. 2, 2009. He was an Army veteran. He practiced family medicine and was author of a book on humor and humanity in the doctor-patient relationship. He was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church. 1963 / Larry B. King, R. of Lindon, Va., Oct. 2, 2009. 1964 / H. Douglas Lee, R. of Orlando, Fla., Aug. 25, 2009. He was a professor and administrator at Virginia Intermont College, then university relations director at Wake Forest University. In 1978, he became vice president for development at Stetson University, where he rose to president and, upon retirement, was named chancellor. He received many honors—some jointly with his wife—recognizing contributions to the community in the arts, environmental sustainability, and historic preservation. 1964 / William M. Silvi, R. of Plains, Pa., Oct. 3, 2009. He played professional football for the Scranton Miners, then enlisted and served in the 19th Field Artillery during the Vietnam War. Later he coached football and worked in banking and retail. He was a member of the Perugia Benevolent Society. 1966 / Aubrey A. Talley III, B. of Petersburg, Va., Aug. 13, 2009. He served in the Army during Vietnam and in the Army Reserves, attaining the rank of major. He worked for the District 19 Community Service Board. 1969 / Gregory M. Van Doren, R. of Manassas, Va., Oct. 8, 2009. He served in the Army JAG Corps and worked for the Navy as a civilian counsel. He was lead prosecutor for Manassas Park, Va., lead counsel for the Manassas Park Department of Social Services, and a sole practitioner. 1970 / William W. Furr, R. of Laurel, Md., Sept. 25, 2007. 1970 / Sterling H. Moore, R and L73. of Richmond, Aug. 24, 2009. He was an attorney with an emphasis on real estate law and was corporate counsel of Land America and an attorney for the Women’s Missionary Union of Virginia. He was active in the Richmond Jaycees and a member of Second Baptist Church. 1970 / Susan E. Peters, W. of Sarasota, Fla., Aug. 5, 2009. She was a mental health counselor, a professional dog handler, and a math teacher in Roanoke, Va., and Winchester, Va. She also owned and operated restaurants. 1971 / Michael G. Morrison, B. of Stuart, Va., July 23, 2009. He was an agent for American General Life Insurance and a member of Stuart United Methodist Church. 1976 / Donna L. Francisco, G. of Richmond, Aug. 21, 2009. She was a librarian in Richmond Public Schools and a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. 1977 / Julian H. “Chick” Shinault III, G. of Richmond, April 30, 2009. He was a teacher and coach at J.K. Tucker High School in Henrico County and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. 1986 / James A. Suddeith, G. of Richmond, Aug. 31, 2009. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Army and served during World War II. He worked for Martin Marietta, the Philip Carey Corp., the Bank Building Corp., and in commercial real estate. He was a member of Revellie United Methodist Church.

Staff

Everton N. Gill, of Richmond, died on Sept. 29, 2009. He joined the University in 1987 and retired from its Department of Custodial Services in 2003.

Charles H. Ryland, R’36, L’39, H’71 of Warsaw, Va., died on Oct. 22, 2009. He was the great-great nephew of Robert Ryland, the first president of Richmond College, and he was the namesake grandson of Charles Ryland, who served the college in numerous administrative roles from 1874 to 1914. The younger Charles Ryland served as a trustee from 1965 to 1986 and as trustee emeritus after that. He was a prominent attorney and a leader on many community, civic, and corporate boards on Virginia’s Northern Neck. He was president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in 1962–63, and he served on the Virginia State Library Board for nine years, including three as its chairman in the 1970s.

Ryland loved to tell stories about the University’s history, including one where he barely passed his chemistry class. The professor called Ryland into his office, closed the door, and told him to sit down. “It does not look like you did very well,” the professor said. “I do not recommend you for a career in science.” “He could have told me that at breakfast,” Ryland recalled many years later. “He was my father!”
I am a proud first-generation college graduate

By Mary Anne Rodenhiser McKown, W’92

In 1929, my grandmother, a first-generation American from Czechoslovakian parents, graduated proudly from the eighth grade. That was the end of her formal education because she was needed to help run the family restaurant during the Great Depression.

Unfortunately, quitting school or completing minimal education requirements was typical among the sons and daughters of working-class families in those days. Higher education was not an option for people who could not afford it, and many parents did not encourage college, especially not for women. (See story that begins on page 16.)

Times certainly have changed. Nearly 60 years after my grandmother quit school, I enrolled at the University of Richmond.

I grew up in Boonsboro, a small town in rural Maryland. I attended the same school as my mother and grandfather, and most of my classmates were the children of my mother’s classmates. Although my parents and grandparents never pursued higher education, I always planned to go to college. My determination was due partly to the influence of my family, who recognized my ambition and encouraged me to always strive to be the best.

I remember the day I received my first college marketing material. It was from Ithaca College in New York. I had never heard of Ithaca, but I was naive enough to think that the college’s admission officers had sent me a personal invitation to attend their school. Every day, I would hurry home to see if I had more mail from colleges. It was one of those pamphlets that attracted me to Richmond.

One of the best decisions I ever made was applying to the University of Richmond. The skills, relationships, and opportunities that Richmond provided made me the person I am today. Who would have thought that an elective course on terrorism would have led me to become a homeland security/counterterrorism analyst? That single class inspired me to pursue opportunities in that arena before homeland security became a buzzword. In the mid-1990s, I enrolled in a national security studies program with a concentration in political violence and terrorism. I remember people asking me what I was going to do with that master’s degree. Little did I know.

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Today, I wholeheartedly encourage young people to consider college—even if they think they can’t afford it or aren’t sure what they would do with a degree. Regardless of major, the University of Richmond’s stringent liberal arts curriculum gives students opportunities to learn and employ essential skills that are transferrable to all jobs. Data gathering, analysis, writing, time management, and task execution are competencies that I learned at Richmond and use every day.

More and more top employers require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree or equivalent. In my profession as a government consultant, I am constantly seeing more government procurements with minimal education requirements of not only a bachelor’s degree, but a master’s degree. My expectations for new graduates and junior employees do not revolve around expertise in a certain subject, especially in my line of work. I am looking instead for highly marketable skills that are transferable to multiple projects.

I am extremely proud to be a first-generation college graduate, and I know that my family is proud of me, too. And the fact that my degree is from UR makes me especially proud. During my sophomore year, the value of my education to my family was etched in my memory. I was home for the holidays, and I took my terminally ill grandfather to his chemo appointment. I remember him bragging to the doctor about my career plans and how smart I was. My grandfather was so proud that I was the first person in our family to go to college. Even though he did not get to see me graduate, I know he would have been proud to see me accept my diploma from the University of Richmond. He delighted in the opportunities that my education would afford me, just as the families of Richmond’s current first-generation students must enjoy watching their students take full advantage of a Richmond education.

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