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Class of 2013





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everywhere  
on campus.”

## PRESIDENT’S LETTER

I write you on the morning of Homecoming 2009. It is a spectacular Virginia fall day, with glints of red and yellow among the green of the pines. A spirit of expectation and excitement surrounds the campus as people prepare for the football game this afternoon, where our team, ranked first in the nation, will defend the longest Division I winning streak in the Commonwealth’s history. Alumni families, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the University are gathering together this weekend, one of the highlights of the year.

We’ve had an exceptionally good fall at the University of Richmond. It began when we welcomed our new class, which came to us from the widest range of backgrounds of any entering group of students. Converging from all over the country and from all around the world, these young men and women have brought enormous energy, purpose, and good will.

It has been a wonderful pleasure to get to know 10 of those students quite well as we meet each week for our class on “Mapping American History.” These young men and women grow more confident and competent before my eyes. They still have plenty to learn during the next three and a half years, of course, but it is gratifying to see the foundations for that learning grow stronger. In my 29th year of college teaching, I remain grateful that I can witness such progress and promise first-hand.

Young people are flourishing everywhere on campus. In our science labs, even first-year students have a chance to conduct real research. In our rehearsal halls, musicians and actors stretch their abilities. And on our athletic fields, student-athletes hone their skills. This flourishing also is taking place in the residence halls and D-Hall and the Commons, where young people learn about themselves by learning about other people.

These changes don’t happen without elaborate preparation. The orientation offered by our student development professionals and student volunteers prepares our students to make the most of their time here. The remarkable resources provided by our libraries and computer networks permit teachers to imagine and expand their courses in fresh new ways. Our new university chaplain, Craig Kocher, brings a breadth of experience and compassion to our students’ spiritual lives. The list could go on and on.

I have been visiting with guidance counselors this fall, traveling to Northern Virginia, Connecticut, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, and Boston as well as meeting with our local professionals. It is wonderful to see the expressions on the counselors’ faces as they hear about our progress on so many fronts, whether it is the eight-to-one student-to-faculty ratio that allows each student to be understood and treated as an individual, or the one in five of our students who are the first in their families to attend college. They already know that UR is a terrific school, because they have long heard reports from the excellent students they’ve sent us in previous years, but they have not all heard of the progress we’ve made in recent years. We are doing our best to get them the news.

These guidance counselors take note, too, when I tell them that we have record numbers of alumni participating in annual giving. That involvement tells these counselors what all of us know so well: people love the University of Richmond.

In short, it is a wonderful time to be a Spider. I look forward to seeing you in Richmond. When you return, you might find yourself pausing to recall when you arrived here and discovered new possibilities within yourself.

Sincerely,

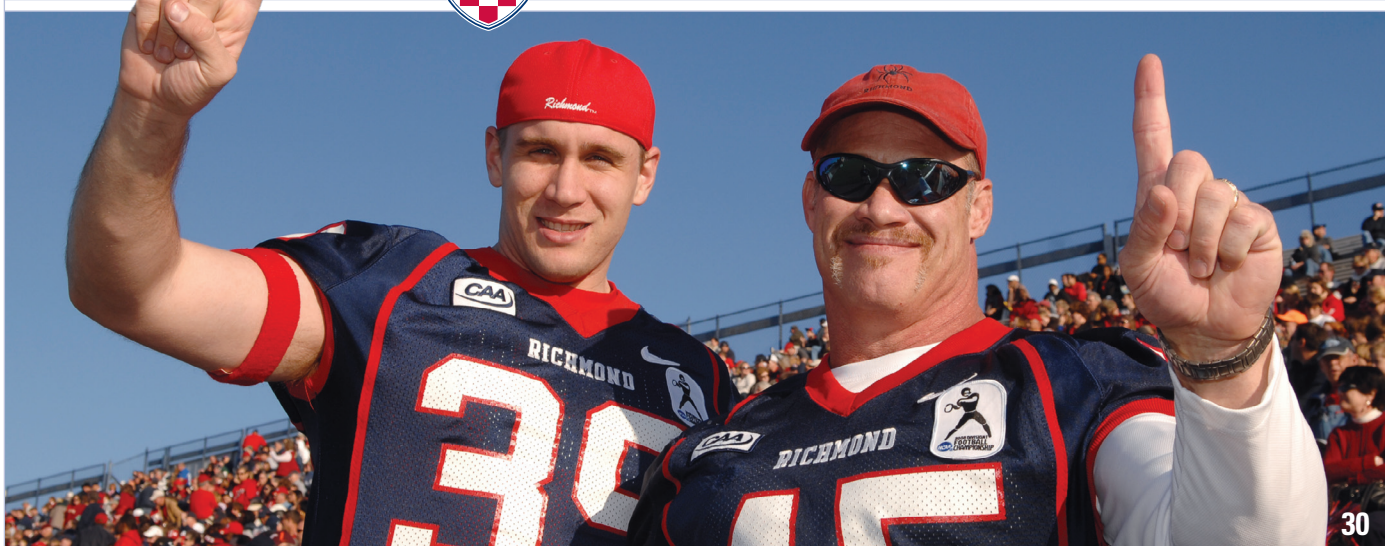
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Edward L. Ayers





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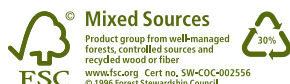
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# AROUND THE LAKE

## RESEARCH

### Parish wins grant to study shale oil

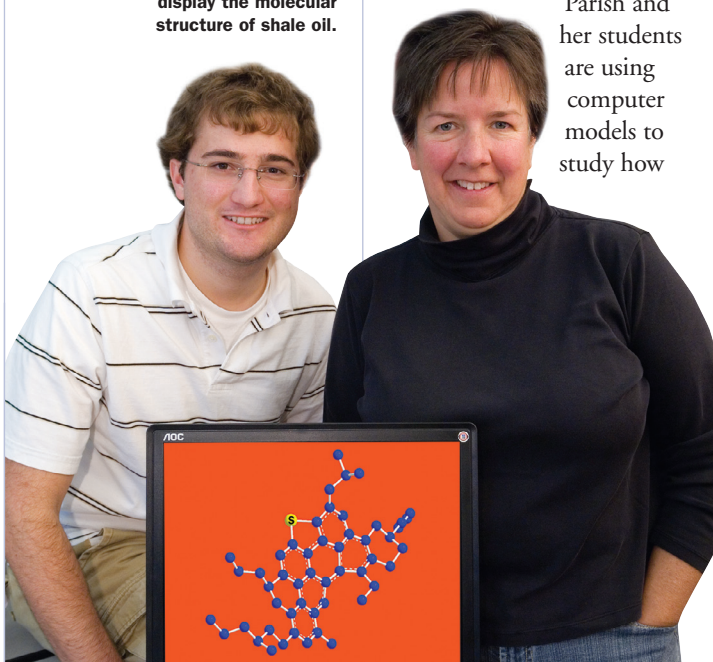
Dr. Carol Parish, professor of chemistry, has received a \$273,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to study shale oil—an energy source with huge reserves in the United States.

The oil—found in shale and sand—is more difficult and expensive to extract than light sweet crude, but as crude supplies have dwindled, interest in shale oil has increased.

The grant will fund the professor's summer research and a full-time post-doctoral associate over three and a half years. The University is further supporting the research by funding travel, undergraduate researchers, and a computer cluster to sustain their intensive calculations.

Parish and her students are using computer models to study how

Chemistry professor Carol Parish and post-baccalaureate fellow Matthew Fanelli, '09, display the molecular structure of shale oil.



Maureen Elgersman Lee, executive director of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, answers a question during "The Future of Richmond's Past" conference.

the molecular constituents of shale oil would behave under high temperatures (pyrolysis) and how they would react with oxygen (combustion).

## EVENTS

### UR hosts 'The Future of Richmond's Past'

In late September, the University hosted a conference called "The Future of Richmond's Past" to look for ways to help the city capitalize on its rich history.

President Edward Ayers moderated the event, which he described as "the first in a series of conversations about how we can best harness the history that we have and our own energies to do something remarkable for the city."

The timing is excellent, according to the panelists, because of the ongoing sesquicentennial commemora-

tion of the American Civil War. They also highlighted the need to tell Richmond's stories of slavery. "The city has been really good at telling the stories of the things we are proud of," said Rachel Flynn, the city's director of community development. But "can we start to have a discussion about the parts that are painful? ... I think our city is ready."

Conference participants gave an overview of Richmond's many historic attractions—ranging from the Museum of the Confederacy to the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. The challenge, they concluded, is to work together to present Richmond's history more fully and honestly.

"I think you are sitting on a gold mine," said Lawrence Pijaux, president and CEO of the Birmingham Civil

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Rights Institute. “I have been in many cities, but I have not been in one that has as many historic sites, historic markers, and groups and individuals who are involved in chronicling the broad-based history of a community.”

### Jepson forum seeks the common good

The Jepson Leadership Forum continues to explore tensions between individual and community, cooperation and competition, and regionalism and globalism with the following four programs in 2010.

On Jan. 27, Dr. Jesse Prinz will present “Living with Relativism: Can We Find a Common Good in a Morally Diverse World?” Prinz is distinguished professor of philosophy at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

On Feb. 17, Dr. Robert Cialdini will deliver “The Power of We.” Cialdini wrote *Influence: Science and Practice* and *Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion*, which have sold 2 million copies and been published in 24 languages.

On March 2, there will be “A Community Conversation on the Common Good,” sponsored by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, Leadership Metro Richmond, and

LEADVirginia.

And in early April, during Reunion Weekend, the Jepson School and Westhampton College will present a program that will focus on women in leadership and philanthropy.

All programs are free and open to the public, although tickets may be required. For more information, visit [jepson.richmond.edu](http://jepson.richmond.edu).

### Bonner Center hosts UniverCity Day

The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement will host its sixth annual UniverCity Day on Jan. 23. The event will combine social and intellectual activities that introduce approximately 200 students—mostly first-year, exchange, and transfer students—to the city of Richmond.

Participants will choose among three themes—arts and culture, the environment, and education. Each theme includes a bus tour of cultural and historic sites in the city, a meal-time speaker, and an introduction to service opportunities in the city. “UniverCity Day is what got me started with volunteering here at the University,” says Chris Lucas, ’10. “If I had to pick several crucial days in shaping my college career, UniverCity Day would be one of them.” Lucas visited the Hotchkiss Field Community Center in Northside Richmond



## Construction stays on track

The new Westhampton Center opened ahead of schedule in October, and the other major construction projects on campus are proceeding on schedule.

Westhampton Center includes the Deanery and a 6,000-square-foot addition that matches the architecture of the Deanery. It will be dedicated at a ceremony on April 10 during Reunion Weekend. The center is part of a \$10 million project to provide new programs and opportunities for Westhampton women. About half that amount has been raised, including a significant grant from the Robins Foundation and gifts from more than 200 Westhampton alumnae and students.

The other major construction projects on campus are E. Claiborne Robins Stadium (shown above), Carole Weinstein International Center, and Queally Hall, a major addition to the Robins School of Business.

Fundraising for the \$28 million stadium included a major gift from the Robins Foundation, a challenge grant from an anonymous donor, and a gift from Earl Dickinson Jr., R’75, to honor the memory of his father, Earl Dickinson Sr., R’48. The stadium will seat 8,700 people and is scheduled to open for the first home football game of the 2010 season in September.

The Carole Weinstein International Center is on track to open for the fall 2010 semester. The \$20 million, 57,000-square-foot academic building is named in honor of former Trustee Carole Weinstein, W’75, G’77, H’04, a strong advocate of international education whose gift made the project possible.

Queally Hall is on schedule to open for the spring 2011 semester. The addition to the Robins School is named in honor of former Trustee Paul Queally, R’86, and his wife, Anne-Marie Flinn Queally, W’86, whose foundation made the lead gift toward the \$19.4 million project. The 37,000-square-foot building will feature a 225-seat auditorium and a round tower named in honor of former Robins School Dean David Robbins and funded by Bob Jepson, B’64, GB’75, H’87.





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on his UniverCity tour as a first-year student. He met Hotchkiss director Anthony Allen and became a youth baseball coach at Hotchkiss.

### SYLLABUS

#### **NASA funds Kitchen's climate-change course**

When NASA scientists wanted to find ways to help people better utilize the agency's extensive climate-change data, they sought ideas from a variety of sources.

So Dr. David Kitchen and colleagues at other universities proposed a course they would create in modules that could be replicated throughout higher education, and their idea attracted a \$150,000 grant from NASA's Global Climate Change Education Program. Kitchen is a geologist and associate dean of the School of Continuing Studies (SCS).

He and his partners are developing course modules in their specialties that will be taught at each of their colleges beginning in spring 2010. Kitchen already teaches a climate-change course at Richmond to a class of undergraduates, adult students, and members of the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning.

The new course

Dr. David Kitchen's climate-change course has attracted funding from NASA's Global Climate Change Education Program.



**A student tries out one of the 35 bikes the University has purchased to encourage people to make cross-campus trips without their cars.**

will be available to the same student populations.

Kitchen, who also is writing a textbook about climate change, says his contribution will be a module on ancient climates. Students will learn how the earth's climate has changed during the past 60 million years by studying ice and rock cores, fossils, tree rings, and the chemistry of minerals.

### CAMPUS

#### **Pedal power reduces UR's carbon footprint**

The University is encouraging students, faculty, and staff to get out of cars and onto bicycles for cross-campus trips.

Members of the campus community now enjoy free use of 35 bikes strategically placed in racks throughout the University.

The bike program was

the idea of students in the campus Sierra Club and RENEW (Richmond Environmental Network for Economic Willpower), which have merged to form Green UR. The group worked with Richmond's recreation and wellness department to implement the program.

"The Richmond campus is very bikeable, and we just wanted to see more students out there on bikes, both for exercise and for the environment," says Karen DeBonis, '10, a member of Green UR.

The bikes reduce traffic and minimize the University's carbon footprint, says Tom Roberts, director of recreation and wellness. "The program also supports the goals of the nationwide (college) Presidents' Climate Commitment and encourages everyone in our campus community to live healthy, balanced lives."



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## GRANTS

### Beausang lands grant to study atomic nuclei

Dr. Cornelius Beausang, who chairs the physics department, has received a \$110,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to conduct research on atomic nuclei that could help explain the nuclear processes of stars and assist with the design of nuclear reactors.

The grant, Beausang's third from the energy department's Stewardship Science Academic Alliances program, covers the first year of an expected three-year, \$510,000 grant. His previous grants have totaled \$1 million.

Beausang's project will build on his research during the past six years, including measuring the probability of certain reactions happening when energized neutrons strike the nuclei of short-lived uranium isotopes and other radioactive elements.

Because isotopes like uranium 237 have very short half-lives, direct measurements of such reactions are nearly



Beausang

impossible. Instead, researchers use a surrogate reaction technique, which produces the same excited nuclei using more stable isotopes.

The award funds two or three Richmond undergraduate researchers, a graduate student from the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom, and a post-doctoral researcher—all based at Richmond. It also funds a group led by Deseree Meyer, assistant professor of physics at Rhodes College.

### Bunn attracts grant to improve telescopes

Dr. Emory "Ted" Bunn, associate professor of physics, has been awarded a five-year, \$187,178 research grant from the Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Division of the National Science Foundation.

Bunn is investigating problems related to the design of the next generation of cosmic microwave background (CMB) polarization telescopes. He is focusing on improving scientific instruments, including interferometer CMB telescopes, that have not been studied as much as the more well-known single-dish telescopes. Bunn initially applied for a three-year grant, but the National Science Foundation approved a five-year award.

The grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It will fund work by Bunn and



## Robbins leads students on emotional journey

Academy Award-winning actor Tim Robbins, who starred in *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Bull Durham*, and *Mystic River*, conducted an acting workshop for dozens of Richmond students in September.

Robbins visited the Modlin Center with The Actors' Gang, a theater company he founded 20 years ago in California. The Actors' Gang presented two performances of *The Trial of the Catonsville 9*, based on the 1968 prosecution of nine Catholic activists whose civil disobedience galvanized protests against the Vietnam War.

In a workshop before the second show, Robbins and other members of The Actors' Gang introduced students to an improvisational style of acting that delves deeply into pure emotions such as anger, fear, happiness, and sadness.

"It's the discipline of being in an emotion completely," Robbins explained. "When you are on stage, you don't mess around with half states of emotion. You have to commit."

As actors approach states of pure emotion, they can discover truths organically that cannot be discovered intellectually, he asserted. "It is embedded in our DNA. There is physical memory in the genetic code. There has to be emotional memory, too."

"How do you become a person who kills?" he asked. "It's all about getting to that transformational moment when you actually become the character you are playing in the eyes of the audience." The key to becoming a better actor is developing greater empathy for the human condition, Robbins concluded. "Have deep respect for your audience," he added. "Assume they spent their last dollar to come to the theater."

—Karl Rhodes





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student researchers during the summer, travel to professional conferences, and the cost of presenting findings.

### BOOKS

#### Taylor's tiny book highlights Lankes

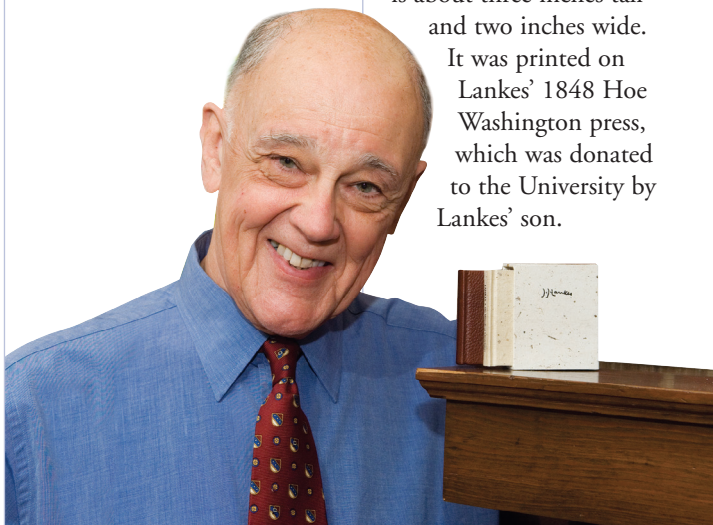
Dr. Welford Taylor, R'59 and G'61, emeritus professor of English, has partnered with Parker Agelasto of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to produce a tiny book featuring prints from the miniature woodcuts of J.J. Lankes.

Lankes was perhaps the best miniature woodcut artist in the first half of the 20th century. Hundreds of his prints—miniature and otherwise—can be seen at the University's Harnett Print Study Center. Lankes illustrated the works of several prominent American writers, including Robert Frost, who once said of the artist: "No man ever dug a better thing out of wood."

The limited edition book is about three inches tall and two inches wide.

It was printed on Lankes' 1848 Hoe Washington press, which was donated to the University by Lankes' son.

English professor emeritus Welford Taylor, R'59 and G'61, co-edited a tiny book featuring the miniature woodcuts of J.J. Lankes.



Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo will dance a fine line between high art and high camp at the Alice Jepson Theatre Jan. 19–20.

"There's nothing better than having that press up and running," says Richard Waller, executive director of University Museums.

#### More faculty books

*Abigail Adams.* Dr. Woody Holton, associate professor of history, highlights the entrepreneurial endeavors of America's second first lady. Holton's work on the book was supported by a fellowship from the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

*The Hardy Space of a Slit Domain.* Dr. William Ross, professor of mathematics, Alexandru Aleman, and Dr. Nathan Feldman have created a book in the Frontiers in Mathematics series for graduate students and professionals "with a reasonable knowledge of Hardy spaces of the disk and basic com-

plex and functional analysis."

*Leading Change in Multiple Contexts: Concepts and Practices in Organizational, Community, Political, Social, and Global Change Settings.*

Dr. Gill Robinson Hickman, professor of leadership studies, provides theories and examples to help people lead change in a variety of settings.

*Medieval Italy.* Dr. Joanna Drell, associate professor of history, collaborated with colleagues at Catholic University and the University of St. Andrews to edit *Medieval Italy: Texts in Translation*. The book pulls together key primary sources for teaching the history of Italy's Middle Ages.

*Sherwood Anderson Remembered.* Dr. Welford Taylor, R'59 and G'61, emeritus professor of English, paints a portrait of the ground-breaking and

enigmatic author through reminiscences of Anderson's friends and contemporaries.

## CULTURE

### Return of the Trocks! Ballet lovers beware!

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo return to the Alice Jepson Theatre Jan. 19–20.

Dancing a fine line between high art and high camp, the all-male dance company parodies classical works from *Giselle* to *Swan Lake*. The Trocks' last Richmond engagement sold out two performances in 2004, and the Modlin Center managers expect the same result in January.

Other Modlin Center performances this winter include the Band of the Irish Guards and the Royal Regiment of Scotland on Jan. 22 and the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour on Feb. 23, both at the Carpenter Theatre in downtown Richmond.

For more information about Modlin Center events, visit [modlin.richmond.edu](http://modlin.richmond.edu).

## STAFF

### UR hires Wamsley to lead grants office

The University has hired Michelle Wamsley as assistant vice president of foundation, corporate and government relations. She previously served as director

of foundation and corporate relations for the University of Virginia Health System.

In more than a decade at Virginia, Wamsley provided direction for all health system foundation and corporate fundraising activities, led successful multimillion-dollar proposal teams, and created a comprehensive giving program for the health system's patients and friends.

At Richmond, Wamsley will oversee an office that has secured more than \$38 million in awards from foundations, corporations, and government agencies in the



Wamsley

past five years. She will work closely with faculty members and deans to continue to grow academic funding.

"We are very excited to have Michelle join the University of Richmond," says Tom Gutenberger, vice president of advancement. "She brings with her excellent experience working with foundations and corporations as well as an overall strong background in fundraising in higher education."



## Triplets value individuality

Pictured above from left to right, the Nuttycombe triplets—Sarah, Stephanie, and Meredith—never planned to attend the same University. It just worked out that way.

The fraternal triplets clearly value their individuality. They laugh about the last time they dressed to match—striped shirts on Valentine's Day in the seventh grade.

Sarah and Stephanie graduated from Patrick Henry High School in Hanover County, while Meredith graduated from the Maggie Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Richmond. Sarah was the first to choose Richmond, primarily because the women's track and field coach recruited her to compete in the triple jump.

"She has unbelievable leaping ability for someone so short," Meredith says.

"I would say freakish leaping ability," Stephanie adds.

Their father started coaching Sarah in the triple jump when she was about 8 years old, and she has extended her distance beyond 37 feet. She also competes in the 100-meter hurdles and plans to major in international studies, business, English, or history. "I am pretty undecided," she admits.

Stephanie, on the other hand, is focused on business, perhaps international business. Richmond's highly rated Robins School is the main reason why she chose UR over Virginia Tech.

Meredith considered Virginia Tech and William and Mary, but she has been very happy with her decision to attend Richmond. She plays on the volleyball team and is undecided about a major.

"I was fine with going to the same school," she says. "I didn't see it as an advantage or disadvantage." Stephanie and Sarah echo those sentiments, but they point out that the ability to share clothes has allowed them to essentially triple their wardrobes.

—Karl Rhodes





# SPIDER SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

### Spiders extend streak in dramatic fashion

The Spiders have a knack for making the big, dramatic play when they need it most.

In the team's first game at Duke, junior Tyler Kirchoff blocked a punt, and junior Jonathan Mayfield ran the ball into the end zone to give the Spiders a lead they never relinquished. Richmond prevailed 24-16 against a Duke team that would win four of its next six games.

Against Delaware, junior Kevin Grayson timed his leap perfectly to block an easy field goal attempt with 38 seconds to play, preserving UR's heart-pounding 16-15 victory.

The drama subsided the following week as the Spiders defense turned the home opener against Hofstra into a crowd-pleasing 47-0

romp. Senior defensive end Nicholas Battle forced two of Hofstra's four first-half fumbles.

The defense struggled somewhat against a stubborn VMI squad, but the offense flexed its muscles for a 38-28 victory.

Senior quarterback

Senior Justin Forte rushed for 152 yards and a touchdown against VMI.



Junior Eric McBride set up a touchdown by returning a fumble 36 yards against Hofstra.

Eric Ward completed 28 of 39 passes for 394 yards, and senior running back Justin Forte rushed for 152 yards and a touchdown.

The drama intensified against James Madison University, the last team to beat the Spiders. As the game in Harrisonburg wound down, JMU drove deep into UR territory, threatening to take the lead. With less than one minute to play, junior defensive tackle Martin Parker smacked the ball out of the JMU quarterback's hand, and junior linebacker Eric McBride recovered the fumble to seal the 21-17 victory.

McBride's assessment of the game summarized the season to that point. "A great team never quits," he told reporters. "A great team always flies around and hustles. When you hustle, good things happen."

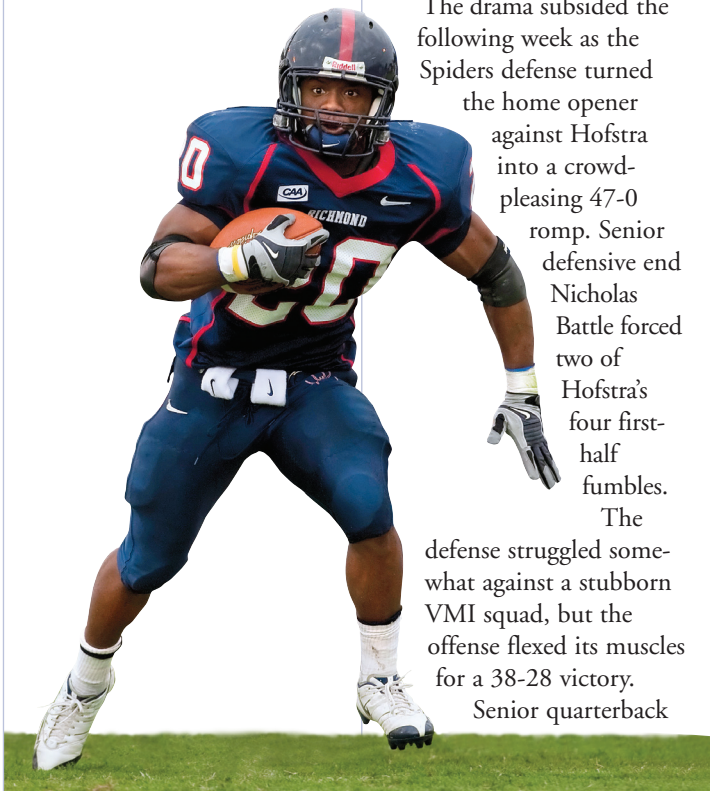
Following the JMU game, the team extended its state-

record winning streak to 17 games with victories over Maine, Massachusetts, and Towson. They lost 21-20 to Villanova, but at the magazine's deadline, the Spiders seemed poised to make another run at a Division I FCS national title.

### Allstate recognizes Grayson's good works

The American Football Coaches Association has selected junior wide receiver Kevin Grayson as a member of the 2009 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. Grayson, a redshirt junior, is one of 22 players nationwide honored for acts of kindness and community spirit.

As a senator in the Richmond College Student Government Association, Grayson organized a campus dialogue on diversity and tolerance, and he is helping to refine the language of the student conduct policy.



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## BASKETBALL

### Commentators predict success for Spiders

The men's and women's basketball teams both opened their seasons amid high expectations.

The men's team finished 20-16 last year despite a knee injury that sidelined junior center Dan Geriot for the entire season. Geriot is back this year, and many commentators are predicting big things for him and the Spiders. *USA Today* has picked Richmond to make the NCAA tournament, and other publications have listed Geriot, along with junior guard Kevin Anderson and senior guard David Gonzalvez, among the best college players nationally.

The women's team returns all five starters from last season's 24-10 squad that reached the A-10 tournament championship game.

Atlantic 10 coaches named junior guard Brittani Shells to



Junior Brittani Shells is a preseason all-conference guard.

the preseason all-conference first team and all-conference defensive team. Last year she led the Spiders in scoring with 15.1 points per game and in steals with 2.3 per game.

"If people have not seen her play, they are missing something special," says coach Michael Shafer. "She is a humble young lady who constantly is in the gym trying to improve her game."

## COACHES

### New coaches guide golf and lacrosse teams

Richmond has hired two new coaches—Stephy Samaras for lacrosse and Jill Briles-Hinton for women's golf.

Samaras was a two-time all-American at the University of Virginia. She coached Quinnipiac to conference semifinals in two of her three seasons there and coached the Wales National Team to the European Championship in 2008. She praises Richmond for its "reputation for both academic and athletic excellence."

Briles-Hinton played on the LPGA tour, finishing second three times. She coached at Florida for 11 years and won 2008 SEC Coach of the Year honors when the Gators won the NCAA east regional title by a single shot over top-ranked Duke. She played her collegiate golf at Miami and finished seventh in the 1986 NCAA championship.



## Back in the big leagues

Tim Stauffer, '04, is back in the big leagues, pitching for the San Diego Padres. He was drafted in the first round by the Padres in 2003, and he made his major league debut in 2005, but he quickly learned that staying in "The Show" is as hard as getting there.

He labored in the minor leagues for two years, then missed all of the 2008 season following shoulder surgery. He began the 2009 season with the Padres' triple-A affiliate in Portland, Ore., and earned another chance to pitch in the big leagues.

When he started July 25 in Washington against the Nationals, he was cheered on by several of his former Richmond teammates, including Bobby Basham, '02, David Reaver, '03, Adam Tidball, '06, and Bryan Pritz, '05, all of whom played minor league baseball. Stauffer pitched the first inning in Washington and allowed two runs, but was taken out of the game following a rain delay. He pitched well for the remainder of the 2009 season, finishing with a solid ERA of 3.58.

Stauffer made national headlines in 2003 when he revealed he had shoulder weakness during contract negotiations with the Padres. San Diego trimmed his signing bonus from \$2.6 million to \$750,000, according to published reports, but Stauffer says he is glad he did not try to hide the problem.

"I don't think my conscience would have allowed it," he says. "I didn't want to start my career like that."

Stauffer left Richmond after his junior year, and he hopes to complete his graduation requirements eventually, but he also wants to pitch professionally for another 10 years. Either way, he credits Richmond for giving him a good start.

"It was a great school," he says.

—David Driver









# Roads to Richmond

The accomplished Class of 2013 brings a variety of experiences to the University.

**R**ichmond welcomed the Class of 2013 with the usual excitement of move-in day. Members of the football team did much of the heavy lifting, continuing their long tradition of helping new students get situated.

After orientation activities concluded, the first-year students gathered in the Robins Center along with 150 new law students, 42 new M.B.A. students, 237 new continuing studies students, and 54 transfer students.

They came together for the first time. "And you should want to come together," President Edward Ayers told them. "You are fascinating. ... One of you was among the first female submarine sailors in the United States Navy. ... One of you, in search of a cure for melanoma, has learned to create artificial skin. ... Two of you have security clearances—one 'secret' and one 'top secret.' ... And one of you taught English as a second language to Buddhist monks in Tibet."

The 918 students in the undergraduate Class of 2013 bring a wide variety of experiences to the University. There are children's book authors, Science Olympiad and Knowledge Bowl champions, presidential and gubernatorial campaign interns, found-







**First-year students  
sign their class  
banner.**

ers of nonprofit organizations, and nationally ranked dancers.

The students hail from 30 countries and 40 states and territories. Twenty-three percent are American students of color, up from 13 percent last year. More than one in five are the first in their families to attend

673 high schools, 60 percent of them public schools. Eighty-three percent of the students ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school classes, and 28 percent made early-decision commitments to UR, clearly demonstrating that Richmond was their first choice.

among the best values in higher education. This year, Richmond moved up to No. 30 on *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of the best liberal arts colleges, while the Robins School advanced to No. 12 on *BusinessWeek's* list of the best undergraduate business schools.

Word is getting around that Richmond is a great value, says Nanci Tessier, vice president for enrollment management. "We've had a phenomenal year. The University received 7,880 applications for the Class of 2013, just a few shy of last year's all-time record. The University extended admission offers to approximately 3,000 students, and 30 percent of them accepted. Because the acceptance rate was higher than the University had expected, the class contains 918 students—well above the target of 805. "That's a very strong statement about people

## More than one in five members of the Class of 2013 are first-generation college students.

college, and 6 percent are citizens of other countries. The University attracts exceptional students from all over the world, even as it continues to serve more students from Virginia (21 percent of the first-year class) than any other state or nation.

The Class of 2013 comes from

In short, the class is among the most accomplished and diverse in the University's history.

### **GREAT VALUE**

In recent years, financial magazines and other national publications consistently have ranked the University

# The Class of 2013 includes 76 legacy students—children, grandchildren, or siblings of alumni.

understanding the value of a Richmond education,” Tessier says.

Sixty-nine percent of the class receives financial aid from all sources—including the University, federal and state governments, and outside agencies. And the average amount of aid is \$34,248. “We know that you can’t offer admission to students without helping their families understand how to finance their education,” Tessier notes.

Richmond can be a model for the nation in that respect, Ayers says. “One reason I came to UR is its commitment to a policy of need-blind admission and meeting 100 percent of demonstrated need.” There are other universities with need-blind admission policies, but few of them combine that policy with a commitment to meet 100 percent of students’ demonstrated financial need.

The president is particularly proud of the progress the University has made on the affordability front. Fifteen percent of the Class of 2013 received Pell Grants, federal funding for students with the greatest need. That number is up sharply from 9 percent of last year’s first-year class, signaling the University’s accessibility to students regardless of financial means. Also, the University granted 24 full scholarships through a special program for students from Virginia families earning less than \$40,000 a year.

“I am also proud that this year 21 percent of students in the first-year class are the first in their families to attend college,” Ayers says. “With

this class we’re continuing the University’s long tradition of ensuring that Richmond remains accessible to these very talented students.”

## FAMILIAR ROAD

For Jordan Smith, ’13, the road to Richmond was familiar. She had visited campus several times over the



Smith

years with her parents, Terri Huff Smith, W’86, and Steve Smith, R’86. (See Vantage Point column on page 48.)

Jordan Smith is among 76 legacy students—children, grandchildren, or siblings of alumni—in the class of 2013. On move-in day, she settled into her new room in Robins Hall, the same building that her grandfather, W.W. “Binky” Huff, R’61, had lived in when he was a student at Richmond.

Smith is typical of the many talented students who come to Richmond each year. She was a straight-A student at Perkiomen Valley High School in Collegeville, Pa., and she participated in many community service projects with her church youth group.

# Richmond recruits 33 new faculty

Richmond welcomed 33 new faculty members this fall, described by President Edward Ayers as representing “the best of a new generation of teacher-scholars. They are a perfect complement to our extraordinary entering classes.”

They come from world-renowned institutions bringing expertise in the fields of accounting, Asian studies, biology, chemistry, Chinese literature, dance, education, environmental studies, geography, history, Latin American and Iberian studies, law, leadership studies, management, political science, psychology, sociology, and theater. The new faculty members include a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk and assistant professors who have taught previously at Harvard, Dartmouth, and Duke.

“The University of Richmond is very proud to have recruited this notable cohort of innovative colleagues,” says Steve Allred, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “They add important depth to our already strong faculty, represent both the excellence and diversity envisioned in *The Richmond Promise*, ensure that we maintain our 8:1 student-faculty ratio, and are already providing remarkable classroom opportunities for our students. We’re delighted to welcome them to our community.”





Members of the Class of 2013 enjoy a picnic at the President's House.

She helped feed homeless people in Norristown, Pa., and she helped rebuild houses during two extended relief trips to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

When it was time to choose a college, Smith was leaning toward Georgetown but selected Richmond because she felt like she fit in better with the students and preferred a suburban campus to an urban environment. Also, "Georgetown focuses more on its four undergraduate schools, while here at Richmond I have the opportunity to learn about every subject," she says.

Smith's alumni parents did not pressure her to choose Richmond,

## DIFFICULT ROAD

Amina Abdul Qayum, '13, traveled a long road to Richmond, but the geographic distance—7,000 miles—was less daunting than the cultural and political barriers she encountered.

Soon after she was born in Kandahar, Afghanistan, her father was forced to flee the country for political reasons. The family lost its home and ended up in a Persian community in Kabul. Abdul Qayum excelled academically until third grade, when the Taliban took over and banned girls from schools.

"The most difficult part of my life by far," she recalls, was "not having



Abdul Qayum

County Student Congress.

She considered several colleges, including the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Commonwealth University. She selected Richmond because it offered greater opportunities for undergraduate biology students to participate in research.

Abdul Qayum looks forward to collaborating inside and outside the classroom. "I have the ability to see things differently," she says. "We make progress together because of the different experiences and knowledge that we have. ... It's important to learn from professors and to learn from peers. It's amazing how we can come together with people from different cultures."

## Members of the Class of 2013 hail from 30 countries and 40 states and territories.

but they are delighted that she did, and so is her grandfather. He and her grandmother visited Smith during her second week on campus. "He told every student we passed, 'I went here in the '60s,'" she recalls. "And then he gave them the whole story."

permission to get educated, not being allowed to learn."

Abdul Qayum moved to Richmond with her family at age 10. She became president of her senior class at Hermitage High School and was a representative in the Henrico

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## INTERSECTING INTERESTS

For Nils Niemeier, '13, opportunities to pursue his many overlapping interests led him to Richmond. He



Niemeier

plans to combine his love of classical studies with environmental studies to research historical changes in the environment. "The thing I really want to look at now is environmental issues as observed by ancient scholars," says Niemeier, who reads their texts in Latin.

The ability to combine different areas of study, the number of course offerings, the opportunities for one-on-one engagement with professors, and the beauty of the campus were all factors in making UR his top choice. But Niemeier was most impressed by the welcome he received from Dr. Elizabeth Baughan, assistant professor of classics and archaeology, and Dr. Dean Simpson, professor of classical studies, when he made his first visit to campus.

Niemeier, who is from Reston, Va., received scholarship offers from Dickinson College, Gettysburg College, and the College of William and

Mary, among other universities. He decided instead to accept UR's offer.

As a junior at James Madison High School in Vienna, Va., Niemeier combined his love of history and Latin to make a stop-motion film, *The Battle of Teutoburg Forest*. The film brought Niemeier to the attention of the HistoriVision Foundation, which makes history more accessible by creating brief, historically accurate online films. Niemeier will help write the foundation's films.

"Their current project coincides with Dan Brown's new novel, *The Lost Symbol*, looking at the roots of freemasonry and American history, and the influences there and trying to debunk a lot of myths that Brown has capitalized on or ones that have been perpetuated over the years," he says.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The road to Richmond took several twists and turns for Shana Taylor, '13. She began living apart from her family at age 16, supporting herself by working as a waitress in Charlottesville, Va.

Taylor graduated from Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville



Taylor



## Renovated commons welcomes students

A \$3 million renovation has transformed Tyler Haynes Commons into a more inviting space, where students can relax and have fun.

"It's the center of campus, and everyone goes through that space at least once or twice a day," notes University Architect Andrew McBride, who oversaw the project.

A streetscape treatment gives the second-floor corridor an outdoor feel with slate tiles, streetlamps, awnings, plants, and teak benches. Glass panels replaced the wall that separated the main staircase from the third floor, opening up the top floor to more light and a view of the lake.

The popular first-floor game room—aptly named Current—has an aquatic feel with low sofas and upholstered seating in geometric patterns and aquarium colors of blue, red, gold, and lime. The room features large flat-screen TVs with PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, and Wii stations, two foosball tables, and a pool table.

More social spaces were key, says Steve Bisese, vice president for student development. "The students told us they wanted a place to have fun, a place to be loud. It's great to see a crowd here at night."



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and worked in sales in Washington, D.C. She moved to Richmond, earned a real estate license, and represented a developer.

"My perception of the world is very different than most first-years who are coming straight out of high school," Taylor notes. "I feel an obligation to myself to pursue the dream I had put on hold for five years. Having had a career before college, an education is more relevant to me. I can see how most of what I am learning can be applied."

UR is the only university that Taylor considered. She was attracted by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the University's emphasis on inclusive diversity and community engagement. She particularly wants to inspire others

In high school he conducted biofuel research for several years with his teacher and mentor in Stamford, Conn. They were trying to create an environmentally friendly biofuel, possibly a replacement for heating oil. Ruhlin became the lead researcher and managed other students on the project, which was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

"The science lab dominated my high school work," Ruhlin says. "If I had a free period, I was in the laboratory."

He applied to large research universities, but then he came across Richmond, a university that appealed to him on several levels.

"Obviously, it's a very good school," he says, and the oppor-



Akandé

30 hours a week while attending Douglas Freeman High School just a few miles from Richmond's campus. "Dante told me a little about the school, and the history of it, and how it's small, and it got me thinking," Akandé recalls.

Despite the proximity of her high school, Akandé had never visited Richmond's campus. It seemed a world away from her neighborhood in Richmond's East End, but she was delighted by the warm reception she received when she toured the campus.

At Freeman High School, Akandé was president of the student body and a member of the school's highly selective leadership center. She considered offers from universities such as the University of Virginia, Barnard, Fordham, Rice, Spelman, and Howard.

"I felt like Richmond was the most welcoming," she recalls. "Here, you aren't a number."

"This great, renowned Southern Ivy is an inclusive place," says Akandé, an African-American lesbian who is vice president of Richmond's Student Alliance for Sexual Diversity. "My roommate is from Shanghai. I would never have known this type of individual otherwise. She's teaching me Mandarin Chinese, and we've already decided to be roommates for four years. It's the little things that really change your life." ✨

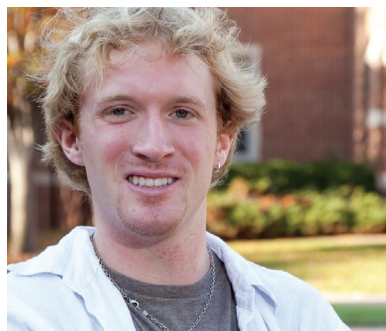
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## Twenty-one percent of the students are from Virginia, more than any other state.

to appreciate the importance of community service. She currently is working with Ring Dog Rescue and Books on Wheels.

### BRANCHING OUT

Nathaniel "Welles" Ruhlin, '13, took the road to Richmond to pursue his interest in science while taking full advantage of a liberal arts education.



Ruhlin

tunity to conduct undergraduate research was another plus, but Ruhlin did not take any science classes during his first semester. Instead, he caught up on other subjects he missed while working in his high school's lab. "I'll probably go back to science because it has always been my thing," Ruhlin says, "but if something else grabs my attention, I'll just run with that."

### LIFE CHANGING

Everyone at Richmond plays a role in attracting and retaining outstanding students—from admission counselors and financial aid officers to alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Dante Parker, who works at the campus post office, certainly did his part to recruit Jamaica Akandé, '13.

Parker was among her customers at Best Buy, where Akandé worked





CLASS OF 2013







By Pamela Babcock

# Super Science

Richmond's new science course integrates the teaching of biology, chemistry, physics, math, and computer science.

**W**hen the next Leonardo da Vinci enrolls at the University of Richmond, the School of Arts and Sciences will be ready for him or her.

Richmond's new approach to teaching science is well-suited to a Renaissance man or a Renaissance woman.

Richmond's Integrated Quantitative (IQ) Science course provides a combined introduction to biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science. Offered to first-year students, the course represents a fundamental shift in the way science is taught by presenting material from five disciplines in the context of one integrated topic. This fall, students studied antibiotic resistance. In the spring, they will learn more about the five disciplines by studying intercellular communication and cell signaling.

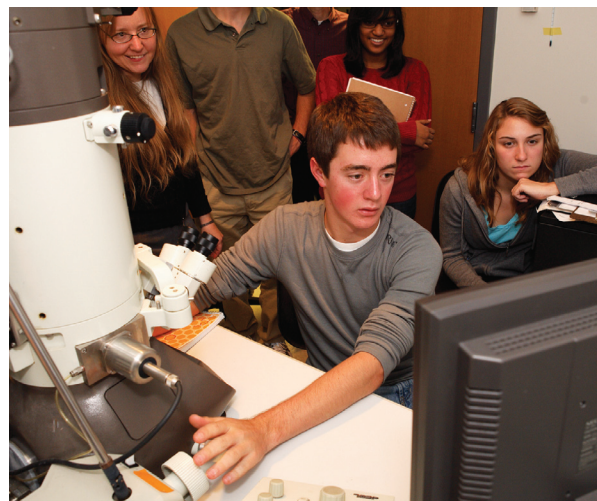
"It makes much more sense to me to learn these things in an integrated method—as they all fit together anyway—to solve real-world problems," says Rachael Gunn, '13, from Rockville, Md., who plans to major in computer science. When she first heard about the new course, she thought, "What a great idea! It's a liberal arts approach to science education."

**Natalie Clark, '13,**  
focuses on her  
biology experiment.





Students (left) collaborate in the biology lab. Michael Freeman, '13, (center) operates the electron microscope, and Dr. Carol Parish (far right) teaches molecular modeling.



Students completing both semesters of IQ Science will have the equivalent experience of taking introductory courses in each of the five disciplines. They also will earn credit for two general education courses—one in symbolic reasoning and one in natural sciences.

Professors in Richmond's math and science departments worked together to create the pioneering course, which is made possible by a \$1.4 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). The course teaches students to approach scientific inquiry from multiple perspectives and to develop the kinds of cross-disciplinary problem-solving skills that will lead to significant advances in human understanding.

"If you're going to be the person who finds a cure for cancer, or who finds out why there's a hole in the ozone layer, ... you're going to have to think from an integrated viewpoint," explains Dr. Lisa Gentile, who chairs the chemistry department and leads the interdisciplinary group. "The person who does these things is not just going to be a biologist or a physicist, but a person who can work to solve these problems using tools from a variety of disciplines."

## SIDE BY SIDE

IQ Science is designed for highly motivated first-year students who relish the challenges of solving tough

problems. They must complete a calculus course in high school and demonstrate a strong, broad interest in scientific fields.

Even before the course began, it was wildly popular. Nearly 80 incoming students applied for 20 spots in the inaugural class. Students submitted high school science, math, and computer science grades, scores on math placement tests, and a short essay about their interest in interdisciplinary science and their motivation for taking the course.



Dr. April Hill (left) and Dr. Lisa Gentile learn side by side with students.

"We didn't just choose students with the highest test scores or grades," Gentile notes. "We sought students who wanted to learn in an interdisciplinary fashion."

An interdisciplinary team of 10 faculty members developed the course and will teach it throughout the year. This fall they included semester leader Dr. April Hill, associate professor of biology; Dr. Lester Caudill, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Carol Parish,

professor of chemistry; Dr. Mirela Fetea, associate professor of physics; and Dr. Barry Lawson, associate professor of computer science.

Professors for the spring course include Gentile, who will be the semester leader; Dr. Krista Stenger, associate professor of biology; Dr. Ovidiu Lipan, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Michael Kerckhove, associate professor of mathematics; and Dr. Douglas Szajda, associate professor of computer science.

The course offers unique opportunities for faculty members as well as students. Each professor attends all the classes, exploring connections among disciplines side by side with the students. With five disciplines in the mix, the professors are leaning, too. Lawson, for example, has not taken biology since high school, or chemistry or physics since his undergraduate days.

"I'm learning a lot alongside these students," he says.

"We really want it to be a big, collaborative learning environment and not a model where you just have a faculty member disseminating information to the students."

Gunn says having 10 professors in the classroom gives the course a wonderful dynamic. "I thought it would be intimidating having that many professors in the room at once," she admits, "but they kind of become your classmates on days they aren't teaching."





## THE WOW FACTOR

The course exemplifies *The Richmond Promise*, the University's strategic plan, by providing a student experience that is integrated and distinctive.

Integrated science courses are rare, and Gentile believes that UR's is the only one that integrates all five disciplines. "Other schools have done bits and pieces of integration," Gentile notes. "But for students interested in the sciences, this really makes Richmond stand out and puts UR in a top group of schools."

Hill, the biology professor, says, "When I discuss this with colleagues outside the University, they just say, 'Wow!'"

Patricia Soochan, program officer for HHMI in Chevy Chase, Md., says Richmond's IQ Science course exemplifies the integrated approach to science education that the institute cultivates.

"It's unique and innovative because it's a year-long, fully integrated experience, and that really caught the reviewers' attention," Soochan says. HHMI reviewers also liked the fact

that the course is "inquiry based." Rather than having students simply memorize content, they learn primarily through the process of science.

"It was a well-considered and well-thought-out plan," Soochan says. "They thought about where is the next access point for students after they finish this course, so the

employees of external labs, who will describe their work and the importance of multidisciplinary approaches in areas such as drug design, stem cell research, and nanoscience.

Students who complete IQ Science may pursue any major. They also will have the option of earning an integrated quantitative science

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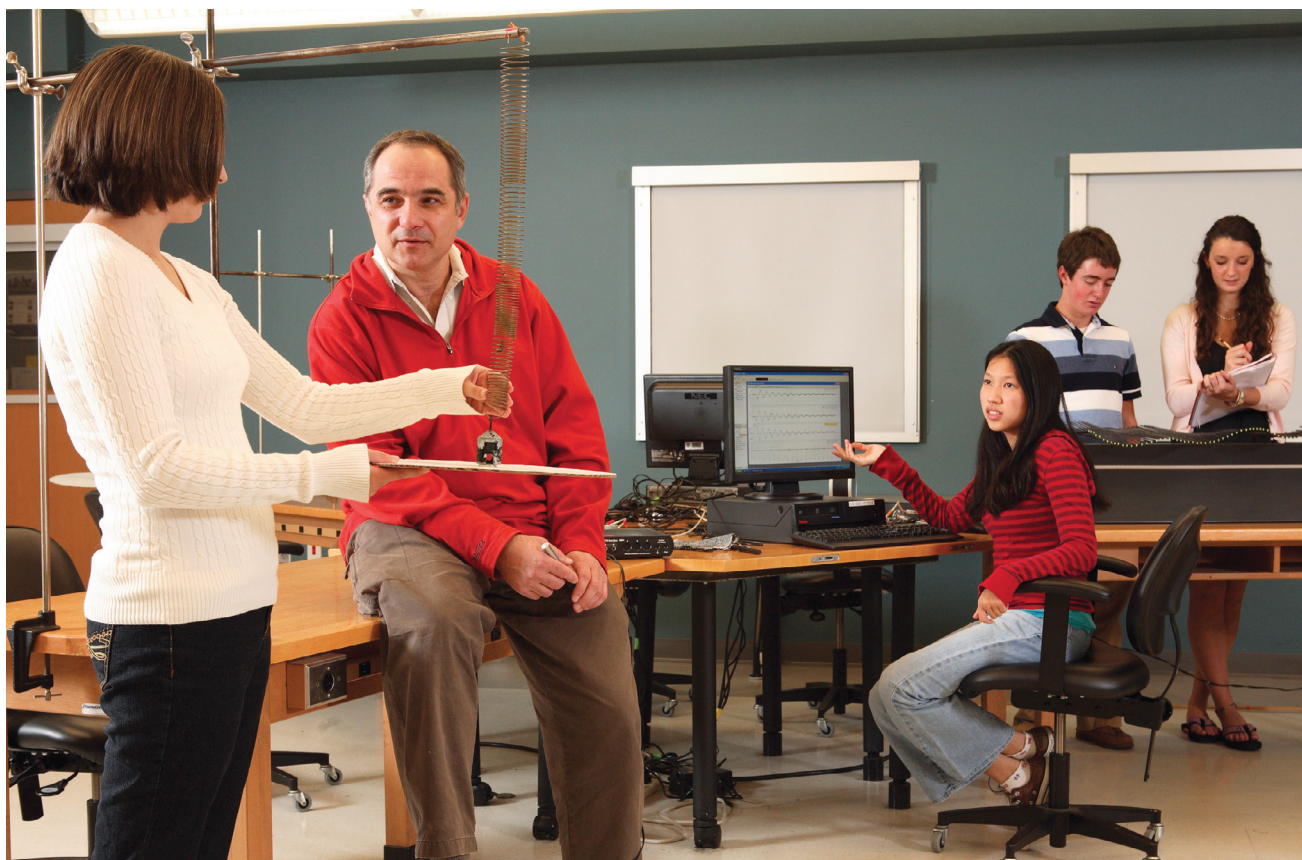
interdisciplinary approach doesn't come to a screeching halt after they whet the students' appetites."

During the summer following their first year, students will conduct research in collaboration with faculty members. Also, a follow-up research training seminar will feature speakers from the University's faculty and

minor by taking additional interdisciplinary courses. Some of those courses are new, and some were developed with a previous \$900,000 grant that came from HHMI in 2004. The science faculty used that funding to get students involved in research early, map connections between introductory courses in



Dr. Ovidiu Lipan (in red) instructs students in the physics lab. Dr. Lester Caudill (center) answers questions in the computer lab, and Dr. Michael Kerckhove (far right) consults with post-baccalaureate fellow Matt Fanelli, '09.



chemistry and biology, and design team-taught courses, such as scientific calculus, biological imaging, and bioinformatics.

In addition to the IQ Science course, the new HHMI grant funds interdisciplinary undergraduate research projects, new interdisciplinary upper-level courses, development of an interdisciplinary sciences minor and an outreach project for middle school math teachers.

## A LOOK INSIDE

Alex Hahn, '13, an Oldham scholar and Princeton, N.J., native, plans to double major in leadership studies and molecular biology. In his course application essay, he said he wants to study multiple science disciplines to find a cure for cancer.

"Curing cancer is the current 'impossible' that I want to convert to fully possible with the aid of proteins, synthetic chemicals in chemistry, the control of protein structure with biophysics, and the natural theories and materials of biology," he wrote. "IQ Science will reshape my mentality of science as an integration

of various sciences, not simply the possibilities of one specific science."

Expectations are great and so is the workload. Students attend class five days a week plus a workshop on Tuesdays and a three-hour lab on Thursdays. On the first day of class, Hill and Caudill shared teaching duties. Hill introduced the first-semester topic—the problem of antibiotic resistance—and Caudill introduced a mathematical model of how infection spreads in a hospital ward so students could look at the "people" level as well as the DNA level.

The class spent the next weeks working mainly on calculus and computer science. Caudill reviewed basic calculus techniques by presenting them in a scientific context, and then Lawson, the computer science professor, taught students the basics of a Java program.

The class then used a computer-based simulation model to study disease transmission and antibiotic resistance. They employed classical mechanics—taught in introductory physics—to study antibiotic molecules, particularly intermolecular

forces and motion. Professors wove in elements of chemistry so students could fully understand atom structure and chemical bonding.

Later, biology was reintroduced, and—armed with the basics of chemical bonding and molecular behavior—students studied DNA structure and replication, mutation, transcription, and translation. Throughout the class, they searched for novel resistant strains of bacteria in marine sponges.

## IQ FUSION

Developing a fully integrated science course is challenging. The professors must fuse the various disciplines, incorporate different teaching styles, balance student workloads, and quell competition among eager first-year students.

It helps that Richmond fosters a culture of working collaboratively across disciplines. Faculty members spent hundreds of hours last spring at the Gottwald Center for the Sciences working together to create the curriculum.

"If you push yourself a little bit and get a grant, then you should be





a little afraid," Hill says. "It was not like, 'Yeah, this will be a cinch.' It was more like 'Oh my goodness, we really have to make this work.'"

Professors made sure that the course is truly integrated so that interdisciplinary links among concepts are readily apparent, prompting students to think beyond traditional science methodologies.

Students describe the professors as friendly, interesting, and approachable. But a few weeks into the fall semester, it became clear that the workload needed to be lightened and that some disciplines, such as computer science, would require more time and effort because many students had not been exposed to them in high school.

"We expect that there are going to be challenges, and Richmond has been frank about acknowledging that there will be challenges," says Soochan at HHMI. "Team teaching doesn't always work. Some students like it and others don't. They may have to make some adjustments. It's truly an experiment, but what I hope will come out of this is some sort of model that could be transportable nationally."

Lipan, a theoretical physicist, notes that the course's professors "grew up in different boxes," so one big challenge is making the course feel "fused" rather than disjointed.

"We are inside the process of fusing, and I am very optimistic," Lipan says. "That's such an important thing because each discipline

has its own lingo, jargon, and level of rigor. Things are fluid, and there are debates because whatever seems absolutely fundamental for one subject may to another person seem useless."

The students, fresh from advanced-placement classes in high school, are accustomed to competition. But "we don't want them to compete in this class," Lipan says. "We want them to be like a big family, and we are part of that family. We want them to understand science and to love science—not like science is a football game where you score points—but to show them the beauty and freedom of science."

## THE CUTTING EDGE

Natalie Clark, '13, is a Forest, Va., native who is considering a biochemistry major. The IQ Science course heightened her interest in UR.

"I could never get these opportunities at another institution, and the fact that this course incorporates research gives everyone in the course an opportunity to work in a research-lab

environment," Clark says.

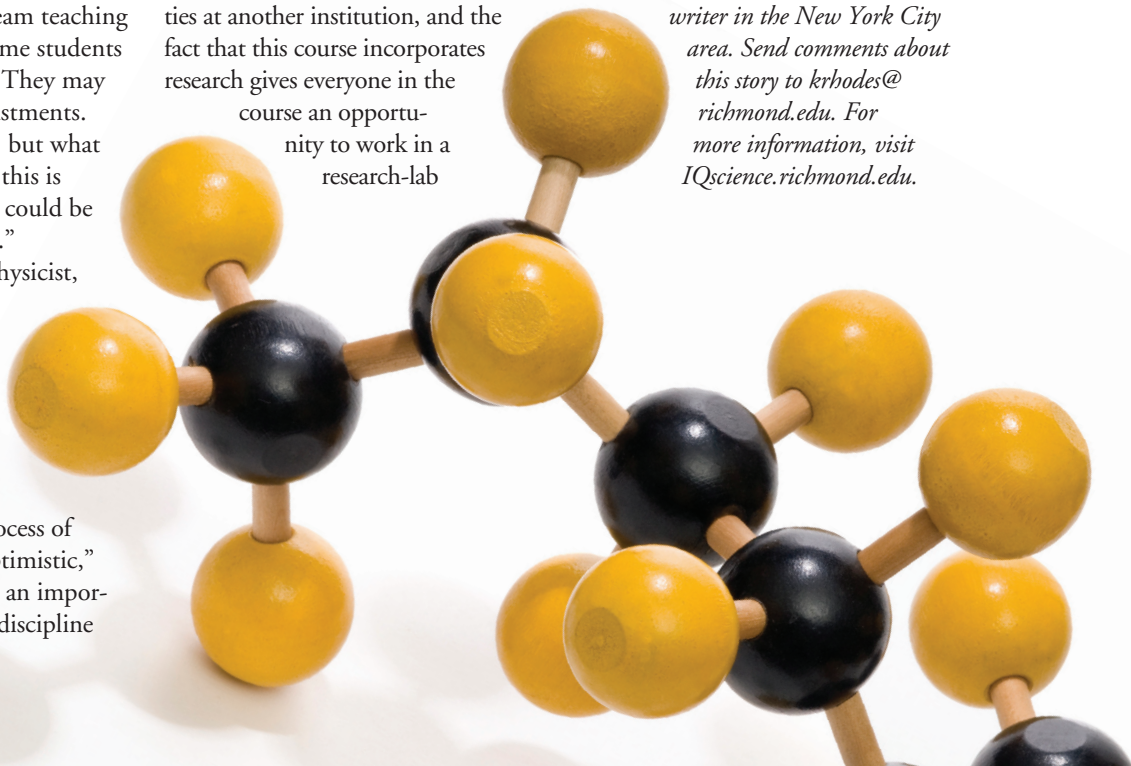
Looking forward, Caudill, the math professor, hopes UR can sustain the course beyond the first three years that the grant covers. He expects great things to follow.

"I would like to see it catch on at other schools and to have an entire generation of scientists coming up through the ranks with the variety of tools we're trying to equip these students with," he says.

"It's exciting to be involved with something that can make a difference, and it's fun to be on the cutting edge. UR is really a neat place to be. If it comes about that schools all over the country develop some version of an IQ Science course, that would be super.

"And if they want to say it originated at Richmond, I won't stop them." ✨

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President Edward Ayers (above left) presented commemorative bowls to Lora Robins (seated) and her children (from the right) E. Claiborne Robins Jr., Betty Robins Porter, and Ann Carol Robins Marchant.



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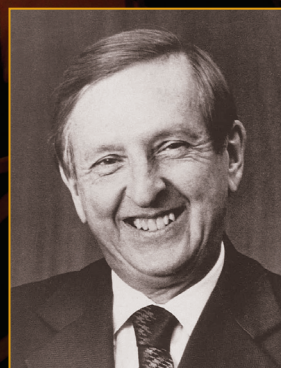
# Robins Legacy

Richmond pays tribute to the Robins family on the 40th anniversary of the transformative gift to the University.

Center court of the Robins Center was transformed into an intimate, late-summer tent party for more than 200 guests, who gathered to honor Richmond's biggest supporters—the family of E. Claiborne Robins Sr., R'31 and H'60—on the 40th anniversary of the family's \$50 million gift to the University in 1969.

Mr. Robins, who died in 1995, was in many ways present. He appeared in several framed photographs. He was heard in a film about the family's legacy, and was remembered fondly by many in the room who had enjoyed the opportunity to know and work with him.

Current and former Richmond presidents and trustees, alumni leaders, and







**Claiborne Robins Jr. (left) announced that the new stadium (far right) will carry his father's name. Students (center) joined the celebration. From the left: Chris Leith, president of the Robins School of Business Student Government Association; Elle Carabetta, president of the Westhampton College Government Association; and Mike Murray, president of the Richmond College Student Government Association.**

star students, among others, toasted the University's greatest benefactors, recognizing with warmth and enthusiasm Mr. Robins' wife, Lora Robins, H'73, and their children, E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86; Betty Robins Porter, H'78; and Ann Carol Robins Marchant, W'67. They also saw evidence that the family's leadership at the University remains vibrant.

"I have an announcement to make," said Claiborne Jr., on behalf of his family. He highlighted the family's long interest in Spider athletics and a 38-year quest to have home football games played on cam-

Division I FCS national championship as well as soccer, lacrosse, and track and field teams. It is scheduled to open in September 2010.

The audience responded with the third standing ovation of the evening.

## THE GIFT

The naming of the stadium recognizes the family's extraordinary, sustained generosity to the University, which exceeds \$200 million.

But the reason for this particular celebration was the 40th anniversary of "The Gift"—the family's largely unrestricted donation of \$40 million along with a \$10 million challenge

1951, and in the 1960s, he saw the University struggling to pay its bills and maintain its facilities. He wanted to help, and hoped to do more than alleviate the immediate crisis. He wanted to give the University the resources to become the best small, private university of its kind.

"I have always believed that education is the greatest investment that an individual or corporation or foundation could possibly make," Robins said in old interview footage presented in a new film, *A Vision, a Gift, a Promise*. "It is something that has an impact, not only on the present generation, but on many, many generations to come. I can't think of any other type of giving with so significant an impact."

Because Robins made his magnificent gift when he was only 60 years old, he was able to witness the transformation it helped bring about during the next quarter century. "I know that it's better to give in your will than not to give at all," he says in the film, but "you'll get 100 times the satisfaction of doing it while you're alive."

## THE IMPACT

After the 40th anniversary celebration, President Edward Ayers reflected on the enduring importance of "The Gift."

"Mr. Robins had served on the board for a long time and under-

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pus. Then he broke the news: "Your new football stadium will be named after my dad. The Robins Center now has a big brother right next door, the E. Claiborne Robins Stadium that you'll call Robins Stadium." The facility will house the football program that won the 2008 NCAA

grant in 1969. No other living benefactor at the time had made as large a contribution to an American university. Adjusting for inflation, the \$50 million gift would be worth \$293 million in today's dollars.

Claiborne Robins Sr. joined Richmond's Board of Trustees in





stood how the University worked,” Ayers said. “He gave not only extraordinary resources, but also the flexibility to use the endowment for different purposes over the years as Richmond’s needs changed. He demonstrated remarkable foresight that has indeed been crucial to achieving the aspiration we all share: for Richmond to become one of the finest small universities.”

“It was a transformational gift,” said Bobby Ukrop, B’69, who was present when the gift was announced at his commencement ceremony. “The gift wasn’t about just paying bills. It changed the trajectory to make the University a more relevant place going forward, a place where things were happening, which attracted more good people. The more people worked together, the more good they could do. It was not just about facilities and programs, it was about making people more engaged.”

The Robins family’s contributions in 1969—particularly the \$10 million challenge grant—encouraged other alumni to make donations and fulfill their own visions, said Ukrop, an emeritus trustee and 40-year volunteer with the University. His family founded Ukrop’s Super Markets and First Market Bank, and he generously agreed to the renaming of the stadium, which had previously carried the First Market name.

After the Robins gift, alumni and other supporters met the challenge grant and kept going. By 1980, they had matched the entire \$50 million. More campaigns followed—often with Robins family members leading the way—and the University’s endowment grew to \$1.57 billion as of Sept. 30, 2009. Endowment income provides about 30 percent of the University’s annual operating budget, the equivalent of \$17,900 per full-time student each year.

The family’s generosity has touched every student at Richmond for the past 40 years through scholarships, professorships, and the University’s thriving academic programs—not to mention the buildings that carry the Robins name.

“Mr. Robins and his family are the reason why presidents have been successful here,” concluded Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, who became president in 1971 and currently serves as a chancellor. “The Robins gift wasn’t just money once, but follow-through, and they continued to give and continue today. His leadership was compelling.”

## THE LEGACY

Most of Richmond’s current first-year students were 4 years old when Claiborne Robins Sr. died, but Ayers likes to remind them that Robins once was a 19-year-old UR student, studying and working hard

to find his place in the world with no idea where life would take him.

“These things don’t just happen,” Ayers says. “People make them happen. Students today should not imagine their life as scripted.”

In the film, *A Vision, a Gift, a Promise*, Ayers puts it this way: “I want our students today, not only to be grateful to Mr. Robins and his family, but to emulate Mr. Robins. ... This is someone who, within living memory—not just back in the distant past—had a vision for an entire institution and has helped make that come to pass in a relatively short period of time. We’re at the beginning of the story, not at the end.”

And word is getting out.

At the celebration, Claiborne Robins Jr. said he dined out recently and the waiter mentioned that his nephew, Tyler, had just enrolled in UR. A little bit later, the waiter brought Tyler and the student’s stepfather over to the table and introduced them to Robins.

“Have you ever heard of Claiborne Robins?” the stepfather asked.

“Have I heard of him?” Tyler replied. “He’s everywhere!”

“He was my father,” Robins acknowledged, “but thank God he was everywhere.” ✨

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To view the film—*A Vision, A Gift, A Promise*—go to [magazine.richmond.edu](http://magazine.richmond.edu).





# ALUMNI NEWS

## BOOKS

### *Prague Panoramas*

Dr. Cynthia Paces, W'92, has written *Prague Panoramas: National Memory and Sacred Space in the Twentieth Century*.

Published by University of Pittsburgh Press, the book explores the creation of nationalism in Prague through the monuments, structures, celebrations, and protests in its public spaces. The Czechs struggled to define their national identity throughout the modern era, according to Paces, associate professor of history at The College of New Jersey.

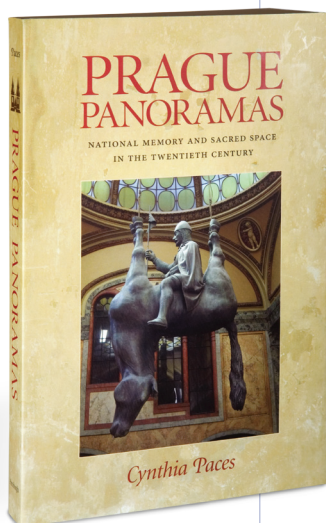
"I was the first person in my family to return to Czechoslovakia after the fall of communism," she recalls. "While conducting my research, I lived in the house where my father was born."

Dr. Melissa Feinberg, associate professor of history at Rutgers University, calls the book "beautifully written and rich in evocative detail, a significant contribution to the history of nationalism in Eastern Europe."

### More alumni books

*Miller & Rhoads: Memoirs of a Snow Queen*. Donna Deekens, W'73, shares her experiences as the "real" Santa's helper at Miller & Rhoads department store in

Cynthia Paces, W'92, has written *Prague Panoramas*.



A few months before he died, Harvey Hudson, R'42, posed with a photo of himself and an old microphone from the early days of his 70-year career in broadcasting.

downtown Richmond from 1971–91.

*The Songlines of Richmond*. Wayne Dementi, B'66, and Brooks Smith, R'92, celebrate the city's performing arts history, including home-grown greats, such as Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, and surprising connections to Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra.

## TRIBUTE

### Harvey Hudson's Passing Parade

Harvey L. Hudson Jr., R'42, died on Nov. 1 after a broadcasting career that spanned nearly 70 years in Richmond.

Two months before his death, Richmond's public radio and television stations recognized his many lifetime achievements at a tribute dinner in September.

Hudson was a broadcasting fixture in the Richmond

area for nearly seven decades, beginning as a part-time announcer for WRVA while attending Richmond College. He worked for several radio and TV stations, both on the air and in management. Most recently he hosted "Harvey Hudson's Passing Parade" on Saturday mornings at WLEE.

Coverage of the tribute dinner by *Richmond Times-Dispatch* columnist Bill Lohmann, R'79, highlighted Hudson's many publicity stunts over the years, such as wearing women's bloomers at carnivals, jumping into a lake at Byrd Park in a wash-and-wear suit, and riding a tractor into The Jefferson Hotel. Hudson was a founding partner of a broadcasting group that owned several independent television stations, including Richmond's WRLH, Lohmann wrote. "The 'H' is for Hudson."

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## URAA

### Ivey highlights ways to support Richmond

The University of Richmond Alumni Association encourages all alumni to support their alma mater in a variety of ways.

"Whenever Spiders ask me how they can help our alma mater, I generally tell them the following five things," says Tracey Holgren Ivey, B'82, president of the URAA. Encourage your fellow Spiders to return to campus for homecoming and reunion weekends. Strengthen the presence of UR in your area by participating in regional alumni events. Hire or facilitate the hiring of another Spider for an internship or a job. Motivate a prospective student to apply to UR, and make an annual gift to the University.

## NOTABLES

### Healey climbs higher at Procter & Gamble

Procter & Gamble has tapped Richmond Trustee Melanie Healey, B'83, as group president for North America, overseeing 40 percent of the company's \$85 billion annual enterprise. She was previously group president for global feminine and health care.

Healey is routinely recognized as a leading executive nationally and internationally and has most

recently been ranked 15th on *Fortune* magazine's "Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Business" and 84th on Forbes.com's list of "The 100 Most Powerful Women."

### McBrides developing \$80 million wind farm

Henry "Mac" McBride, Lola Hall McBride, W'58, and their son, Henry "Tal" McBride, R'83, are developing a wind farm in Highland County, Va., on a 4,000-foot mountaintop.

The \$80 million project includes 19 wind turbines that are nearly 400 feet tall. They are designed to produce 38 megawatts of electricity. The 220-acre site has been open cow pasture for two generations, so no deforestation is required.

In late October, the McBrides were negotiating financing and power purchase agreements for the project, which they expect to complete by mid-2010.

### Bilotta fights Parkinson's on NBC's *Today* show

Susan Bilotta, W'84, appeared on NBC's *Today* show in August to promote TEAMFOX for Parkinson's Research, the fundraising arm of the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Bilotta, whose mother has Parkinson's, has raised more than \$145,000 for the foundation by hosting annual fundraisers in New York called Tips for Parkinson's.



## Connect with classmates

### Reunion Weekend 2010

April 9–11, 2010

If your class year ends in 5 or 0, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in April.

### Homecoming 2010

Oct. 22–24, 2010

Homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football against Towson in the new stadium, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2010, and a young grad reunion for classes 2001–10.

### Regional Events

Year-Round

For information about alumni chapter events in your area, visit [UROnline.net](http://UROnline.net) and click on "Regional Alumni Chapters" or call the alumni office.

### UROnline.net

Anytime

This password-protected Web site connects alumni to the University and each other. [UROnline.net](http://UROnline.net) carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows members to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events and permanent e-mail forwarding.

### Contact Information

For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit [UROnline.net](http://UROnline.net), or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or [alumnioffice@richmond.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@richmond.edu).



# HOME COMING



A Richmond fan flashes a sign of support during an anxious moment in the Villanova game.

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# WEEKEND 2009

Lumpkin's Lopers from the left: Jackie O'Brien, B'53, Bill Winn, R'49, Jimmy Sease, R'50, Charles White, R'53, Bill Jordan, R'53, and Sam White, R'51, celebrate the 60th anniversary of their cross-country state championship under coach William Lumpkin.



From the left, Nyketha Lyken, '09, Devin Pope, '06 and L'09, and Sherie Mungo, '09, enjoy the Black Student Alliance and Black Alumni Network event.

From the left, Jayne Ukrop, football coach Mike London, R'83, Catherine Hardy Sakowski, W'69, and Tony Sakowski, R'65, signal Richmond's thirst to be first at the Class of 1969 dinner.



From the left, line-backer Eric McBride, '10, and his mother, Bonnie McBride, join Larry Boppe, B'64, and Judy Boppe at the bonfire. The Boppes have attended every UR football game—home and away—for the past three years.

Sam Kaufman, '99, arrives at the pre-game picnic with his wife, Jordana, and their daughter, Madeline.



Students proudly display their Richmond red at the football game.

Sandra Tanner-Simmons, C'99, and Crystal Strickland, GB'02, swap stories at the School of Continuing Studies Alumni Association breakfast.



From the left, Renée Macbeth, '00, Westhampton Dean Juliette Landphair, Anne Holland Burch, W'69, and Julie McGarry Holswade, W'69, enjoy the window seat in Westhampton Center.

From the left, classmates Rachel Chikowski, Sophie McMaster, Generra Peck, Robin Selvy, Kate Larsen, and Cameron Brown celebrate their zero-year reunion with the Class of 2009.



Senior Pierre Turner leads the charge as the Spiders take the field to face Villanova.





# CLASS CONNECTIONS

## Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to [alumni@richmond.edu](mailto:alumni@richmond.edu), fax it to (804) 287-1221 or mail it to: Class Connections, Alumni Relations Office, Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, VA 23173

## Deadlines

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Summer issue ..... February 15  
Fall issue ..... May 15

The magazine uses W, B, C, or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year is used. We continue to use abbreviations for alumni with law, graduate, or honorary degrees regardless of their year of graduation.

## Key

- B** Robins School of Business
- C** School of Continuing Studies
- G** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- GC** Graduate School of Continuing Studies
- GB** Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of Business
- H** Honorary Degree
- L** School of Law
- R** Richmond College
- W** Westhampton College

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## CLASS OF '42

After a long effort to reach **Eunice Bass Browning**, I finally spoke with her daughter, Sharon. Eunice had been ill but is happily settled at the HeartFields at Richmond, where she enjoys reading, concerts, bingo, and new friends.

**Ethne Flanagan Higginbotham** enjoys many activities through the local community college. She especially expressed joy with her book club for refreshing her education in literature. She was planning to attend her grandson's wedding in Newport, R.I., in the fall.

I was unable to talk to **Helene Weinfeld Shapiro** personally, but her son reported that she had just returned home from a long stay in a nursing home.

**Florine Mahone Palmer** and her husband, Charlie, are happy at their assisted-living center. Florine taught school for 45 years and appreciates the time she spent at Westhampton.

With the help of one of her sons, who lives with her, **Mildred Slavin Cordish** is able to continue living in her home. Mildred plays bridge regularly and is learning how to paint with charcoal, oils, and watercolors.

From **Jayne Maire Massie** I heard that our class scholarship was again awarded to **Lindsay Rumer**, '10, for her senior year. After recovering from a broken arm, Jayne was still dealing with other health problems when we talked, yet she sounded happy and busy. One of her grandsons is studying engineering and expects to work for the same company his grandfather worked for many years ago.

**LaVerne Priddy Muse** and I shared our frustration at working our way slowly through papers and other items that we no longer need. She still drives and was looking forward to seeing some football games in the fall.

We have lost another classmate with the death of **Jean Beeks Marston** on June 18, 2009. She spent most of her life in Richmond and frequently joined us at reunions. Our sincere condolences go to her family. I hope you also are trying to keep in touch with our classmates. Let me know if you need an address.

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## CLASS OF '44

I am sorry to report the death of **Anne MacElroy MacKenzie** in Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 28, 2009. **William "Mac" MacKenzie Jr., R'43**, phoned me with the news. She had been in poor health for several years. Mac is still active, but has sold their home and moved into assisted living. We send our deepest sympathies to him and their children.

**Molly Warner Stephenson** sent a newspaper picture and story showing Jim and a group of seniors, ages 78 to 98, performing vignettes from Broadway musicals. Molly continues to be the bridge expert among her friends and plays every week.

When I talked to **Kay Hanley Wery**, she was recovering from a fall. She was bruised, but fortunately suffered no broken bones. She was eager to discuss politics, including health care.

**Mimi Hill Erb** communicated through Facebook that she has a new great-grandson. She was looking forward to having her son, Douglas, home from Taiwan for a month. They were planning to travel to the Flint Hills of Kansas to enjoy the birds, wildlife, and such.

**Ann Burcher Stansbury** and **Warren Stansbury, R**, count it a double blessing that their daughter is on the faculty at Virginia Tech. They can time their visits with her to coincide with football games in Blacksburg.

No screaming volunteers have come forth to assume the job as class secretary yet. Come on and let us hear from you.

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## CLASS OF '45

**Reunion Reminder**  
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## CLASS OF '46

**Jackie Hodges Walker** sent me a letter from her home in Lawrenceville, Ga., where she and her husband, Hank, moved several years ago to be

close to their children. Some of you may know that Hank passed away in 2007. We send our belated sympathies to Jackie and her family.

Jackie's daughters **Jacqueline McGowan** and **Ann Carter Duncan** live nearby. Her son, Henry, lives with her and attends a workshop for the disabled four days a week. Her oldest daughter, **Ellis Coon**, lives in Alexandria, Va. Jackie has three granddaughters and six great-granddaughters.

Jackie had two serious illnesses this year and celebrated her birthday May 30 by going to the hospital with pneumonia. She has recovered from those episodes but has macular degeneration and must go to the eye clinic at Emory University on a regular schedule.

If you would like to be in touch with Jackie or any other classmate, I'll be happy to send you their contact information.

**Amy Hickerson Dalton** has lived at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond for several years. She has two sisters and a brother-in-law who live there. One sister is **Betty Hickerson Butterworth, W'48**, and her husband, **John "Jack" Butterworth III, R'48**. Amy's last trip outside the United States was to Costa Rica. For many years she took grandchildren to various places of interest, but now she mostly goes to Sandbridge Beach in Virginia with her family.

**Virginia "Ding" Lambeth Shotwell** is still doing interviews for the television station at their retirement complex. She recently featured Service Dogs Inc., which raises dogs to help people with balance or mobility problems.

Her husband, **Ralph Shotwell, R**, is better than he has been in two-and-a-half years. He is continuing his writing, especially mysteries. Ding and Ralph own a home in Florida that was flooded recently. Ding had to go there for eight days to work with the insurance company.

I had a nice conversation with **Barbara Richie Branch**. She works at the Discovery Shop, which is run by doctors' wives in Roanoke, Va., to support cancer research. Her son, **David Ware Branch Jr., R'75**, is an OB-GYN at the University of Utah. Barbara's daughter, **Martha Branch Bowers, W'83**, is a nurse in the surgical trauma unit at MCV.

**Frances Newman Stevens**, another Roanoke resident, was troubled with



an infection in her leg that has finally healed. She and Bill are enjoying a somewhat slower lifestyle, often at home with their view of the mountains.

**Betty Morris, W'61**, sister of **Jeanne Pebworth Gammon**, told me that Jeanne's husband, Charlie, died about a year ago, and Jeanne is still receiving full care at the Manor House in Seaford, Del. Two of her children live nearby.

**Mary Frances Bethel Wood** and Buddy celebrated their 62nd anniversary this year. After 15 years volunteering at Poplar Forest, Mary Frances has retired. She continues her quilting and genealogy research.

**Jean White Robeson** and Andy attended two events with their newly restored Stanley Steamer: one in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and another in Mt. Airy, N.C. They took their mechanic along—the man who restored the car—just in case.

The Robesons' grandson, Tim, is a nurse at the University of Virginia Hospital. He received special recognition for helping a team of doctors and engineers with a clean water project in Africa.

**Frances Anne Beale Goode** is doing well and teaches Sunday school. She attempted to gather the "rat alley gang" at her Deltaville, Va., cottage this summer. But at the last minute most everyone had a problem and couldn't come. (I could not attend because I was at my stepson's wedding.) Frances Anne tells me that **Anne Beverly Ryland** fell and broke her hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

As for me, I had an extraordinary summer with visits to Naples, Fla., to see my daughter and meet my new great-granddaughter; a trip to Lansdale, Pa., where Douglas married a lovely girl in an outdoor setting that was just perfect; a trip to Indianapolis to meet another great-granddaughter named Claire Alta Smith; a trip to Cincinnati for my son's and daughter-in-law's annual Great American Registered Miniature Donkey Sale; and a short stay in the Georgia mountains with Susan and her dogs. They traveled with me to all of the above listed places.

That's all for now. Stay well and happy.

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## Playing at work

**Betty Gustafson, W'47**

Early in life, Betty Gustafson grasped the value of play.

"From the sixth grade, I wanted to be a P.E. teacher," says Gustafson, who did just that for 40 years after graduating from Westhampton College. She retired in 1988 from Binford Middle School in Richmond. "I enjoyed sports," she recalls, "and my sixth-grade gym teacher made me feel like I had a talent."

She developed that talent on Westhampton's basketball, tennis, field hockey, and track teams. And in 2001, she was inducted into the UR Athletic Hall of Fame. As a junior, she won the blazer and the seal award. Students lettering in three or more varsity sports earned the blazer, while the seal honored Westhampton students for exceptional sportsmanship and contagious enthusiasm.

Those characteristics spilled over into her teaching, helping children learn about themselves through play. "A teacher can be a big asset to students," she says, by "giving them confidence and letting them know she cares."

"Ms. G" coached two generations of student-athletes at Binford, where she spent her entire career. One year ago, a man and two women she taught 35 years ago came to her door. "The two girls are now grandmothers," she marvels. Gustafson asked them why they decided to visit.

"You know we were always crazy about you," one of them said.

"No, you just wanted to see if I were still living," Ms. G replied with a laugh.

But in reality, she was thrilled. "It made me feel like a princess."

Gustafson's influence on young athletes continues with the Betty A. Gustafson Scholarship at Richmond. She endowed the scholarship three years ago to assist a student-athlete who wants to become a teacher. The first recipient is JoAnna Ubiwa, '10, a sprinter majoring in psychology and rhetoric and communication studies.

—Marilyn J. Shaw

## CLASS OF '47

Congratulations to **Nancy Richardson Elliott**, who is in her 21st year of teaching English as a second language. She has shared this rewarding experience in lectures and writings.

**Helen Cole Richardson** had an enjoyable fall traveling with her daughters to take grandchildren to Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and the University of South Carolina. She and **Straughan Richardson Jr., R'46**, are active at Lakewood Manor.

The Richmond Lunch Bunch continues to meet—sometimes at UR—so contact **Virginia "Gin" Ellett** for details. (Let me know if you need Gin's contact information.)

Please send me your news. Everyone is interested in your activities, travels, and of course, grandchildren.

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**David Daniel, R**, was appointed a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor by French President Nicolas Sarkozy. This is France's highest military honor, established by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge "persons of great merit" who render services to France in times of war. As a mortar section leader in the 95th Infantry Division of the 3rd Army, Daniel fought in one of four major campaigns for the liberation of France in 1944.

## CLASS OF '48

Three from our class—**Jean Brumsey Biscoe**, **Jacqueline Pitt Suttentfield**, and I—were among the many Chapel Guild members who participated in the University's chaplain search.

Sadly, at the 65-year John Marshall High School reunion, I learned of the passing of the dear **Frances Robison King, W'49**, wife of **George King III, R'49**, a John Marshall classmate and Phi Gamma Delta at Richmond. I attended Frankie's beautiful memorial service at Trinity United Methodist Church. The church was filled with friends who knew of our Westhampton daughter's good works, love of country, and inspiration to her family.

**Judy Barnett Seelhorst** writes that Dr. Loving would be proud that she is known as "Professor Judy" with her physics experiments at Bible school.





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I wonder if she gets the youngsters' surprise and laughter as Dr. Loving did when he ended a lecture by tossing the experimental water on us. One of Judy's grandchildren finished as the top engineering student at Georgia Tech and will go on scholarship to Cal Berkeley for graduate study. Judy's granddaughter received a voice scholarship to the College of Charleston.

In May, **Sally Taylor Dubose** brought her old scrapbook to the Westhampton Deanery. It contains many items relating to our time on campus—articles, pictures, and newspaper clippings. She said she simply could not dispose of those items, so she brought the collection to the Deanery.

Sally says her Rat Book absolutely "blew them away." Remember how we wore those things around our necks for three weeks as part of freshman orientation? The first line of the "Rat Sound-Off" will refresh your memory: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, am but a pathologically putrid piece of protoplasm whose prime purpose on this painful path of pedantic progress is to pause and to ponder on the profound platitudes." One woman commented to Sally that she had "never seen anything like this before!" Sally assured her that neither had we—before or since!

Sally says the Deanery that we all knew will be a vital part of the new Westhampton Center, which was recently featured in this magazine.

Sally traveled to Phoenix in September to join the family clan for a wedding. She wants her classmates to know that "the welcome mat is out here in Davidson [N.C.] for you or your connections who may be in the area."

**Frances Orrell Lineberry** writes from Lynchburg, Va., that she and **Berlin Byron Lineberry Jr., R'49**, truly enjoy Westminster Canterbury, where she serves on the foundation board. They came back to campus for Berlin's 60-year reunion, which they enjoyed.

**Jacqueline Pitt Sutenfield** had a special treat recently in joining family members and 50 young people at her granddaughter's engagement party.

**Frances Stuart Bailey** and **Rolen Bailey, R'49**, have settled happily in their new apartment. Their son, John, has become town manager of Orange, Va.

My daughter, Kathleen, and her 16-year-old, Ian, slipped away with me for an eight-day trip to Connecticut last summer. We

enjoyed many museums, including the Litchfield Historical Society, the first law school and house of Tapping Reeve, and the Norfolk Historical Society's exhibit of the Underground Railway. We also visited Trinity College in Hartford, swam in the Farmington River, and ate at all the best places. The house Mark Twain built at Nook Farm—next door to Harriet Beecher Stowe—was spectacular!

Keep up your good works.  
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### CLASS OF '50

**Reunion Reminder**  
**April 9–11, 2010**

Plan to attend your class reunion on Reunion Weekend April 9–11, 2010. Watch your mail in January for the Reunion Weekend schedule and registration information.

Greetings of the season! I received a cheerful note from **Frances "Franie" Chandler Long** telling of a wonderful mini-reunion hosted by **Aggie Feild Burke** in June. The reason for the celebration was a visit from **Hilda Moore Hankins**, Aggie's roommate. Included were **Joanne Waring Karppi**, **Barbara Coleman Augustine**, **Kathryn Rosenberger Garber**, **Frannie Chandler Long**, **Lucia MacClintock Barbour**, **Charlotte Westervelt Bispham** and **Ludie Hickerson Wiley**. "Our class spirit is still special," Franie wrote, "and I hope there will be a good turnout for our 60th reunion."

In August a number of our local classmates gathered for lunch at the Heilman Dining Center on campus for an annual get-together. In attendance were: **Margaret Alexander Anderson**, **Barbara White Balderson**, **Louise Cheatham Chandler**, **Lee Reeves Childress**, **Mary Howard Holloway**, **Janice Brandenburg Halloran**, **Gene Hart Joyner**, **Helen Lampathakis Kostyal**, **Jean Tinsley Martin**, **Marjorie Parson Owen**, **Elizabeth "Libby" Givens Pierce**, **Maryanne Bugg Lambert**, and **Gatewood Holland Stoneman**. Many thanks to Janice and Doris for making the arrangements.

Les and I cruised to Bermuda in June. The weather was perfect, the shore excursions were fun, and the shopping was great.

**Janice Brandenburg Halloran** reported that her children and grandchildren came from Albuquerque, N.M., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to celebrate her birthday. One of their finest gifts was to clean out her attic. Janice also reports that **Barbara Beattie Fanny** traveled to Indiana with her daughter and son-in-law to visit her younger son. Barbara celebrated her birthday by spending a weekend in Williamsburg, Va., with her older son, a retired Navy captain, and her grandchildren.

**Mary Howard Holloway** spent the July 4th week with her family at Holden Beach, N.C. Mary's roommate from junior and senior years, **Barbara Joy Hull Bolte**, moved to Charlotte, N.C., to be closer to her son, Blandford.

**Maryanne Bugg Lambert** reports that her oldest daughter is dean of student affairs at the VCU School of Nursing. Maryanne and Pete had a wonderful visit with their granddaughter, Mary Anne, when she was in Richmond. She is a government teacher at Abingdon High School. Her twin sister, Macil, received an Outstanding Young Lawyer service award at the Virginia State Bar convention.

**Jean Tinsley Martin** and Roy enjoyed a trip to Italy this spring with their daughter and her family. They vacationed in August with their entire family in Corolla, N.C.

There is yet another birthday to note: **Barbara White Balderson** enjoyed a party given by her daughter, **Helen Lampathakis Kostyal** and **Margaret Alexander Anderson** were there, as well as other members of Barbara's bridge group.

**Libby Givens Pierce's** daughter, Elizabeth Anne, is on the board of deacons at First Baptist Church in Richmond.

**Marjorie Parson Owen** enjoyed her family's annual trip to Virginia Beach. Prior to that, her "Young at Heart" group went to West Virginia for a bluegrass music festival, stayed at the Snowshoe Resort, and traveled to the Greenbrier.

**Gatewood Holland Stoneman** is busy with farm and redistricting issues in her Varina district of Henrico County, Va.

On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathy to **Mary Howard Holloway**, whose husband, Bill, died in February, and to **Barbara Brann Johnston**, who lost her husband,

Lewis, in March.

In conclusion, our class president, **Doris Balderson Burbank**, reminds us of our upcoming 60-year reunion and urges all of us to plan for it. Keep your news coming.

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### CLASS OF '51

I am sad to report that Channing Baskerville, son of **Elizabeth "Libba" Eanes Baskerville**, died in June after a brief battle with cancer. We are sorry for your loss, Libba.

**Barbara McGehee Cooke** was busy this year with the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) and was instrumental in getting two \$2,000 grants for two needy students at the University of Louisville. Barbara traveled to Bloomington, Minn., and to Madison, Wis., for a family reunion, where her family planted an oak tree in memory of her late husband, **Samuel Cooke Jr., R'52 and G'54**. Barbara and family enjoyed attending the Michael Feldman radio show, where son Sam Cooke sang "Don't Know Much About History."

The oldest granddaughter of **Liz Latimer Kokiko** graduated last May from Miami University in Ohio and has accepted a teaching position with Teach for America in Washington, D.C. Liz also is a member of PEO. She would like to hear from you, so contact me if you would like her mailing address.

**Lea Thomson Osburn** had a wonderful summer trip to northern Italy, traveling to Milan, Lake Maggiore, and Lake Como.

**Jane Lawson Willis** spent two weeks at the river with members of her family.

Bob and I were in Denver in June to see our children and grandchildren. In August we were in Bermuda to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

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**Barbara McGehee Cooke, W,** and **Kathleene Cooke O'Bier, W'52**, attended the Festival at the Tomahawk Mill Vineyard and Winery near Chatham, Va., in July with family and friends. The 19th century mill was



built by Kathleen's grandfather and family. Barbara also enjoyed attending a Sunday school class taught by **Catherine Towler Gibson, W'52**, at Greenpond Baptist Church in Chatham.

## CLASS OF '52

**Sue Easley Candler** called to report that Catherine Comegys, youngest daughter of **Addie Eicks Comegys** and the late Brock, died Aug. 30, 2009. We all send our condolences to Addie. Please let me know if you would like to contact Addie, and I will give you her address.

During a trip to Richmond, **Eleanor "Lee" Persons Hays** met **Kathleene Cooke O'Bier** and **Sarah Barlow Wright** at the University for lunch. Eleanor spent the night before in Charlottesville, Va., with **Marianne Shumate Jensen** and **Arnold**. Eleanor also saw **Catherine Krause Keeney** and **Frances Stuart Bailey, W'48**, on her trip. The Baileys hosted Eleanor so she could tour Charles Beckett's excellent museum in Richmond, which has some outstanding displays of the Muslim world. Her month-long trip included four museums and three art galleries, as well as seeing their great-grandson, and visiting their children in Ohio and Texas.

Kathleene has been taking a painting class for several years, and she has particularly enjoyed doing watercolors. She and her classmates have displayed their work in the county library for the past three years.

While volunteering in Arlington, Va., **Henrietta Dow Vinson** and B.C.'s son, **Kenny**, and his wife, **Mary**, met **Carol Joyce Melton Sinclair** and **Charles Sinclair Jr., R**. Carol mentioned that she had attended school in Virginia and it went on from there.

**Isabel Sanford Rankin** called **Addie Comegys** to say that she was sending a ballet pin for the 1952 display case.

**Sarah Barlow Wright** and her friend, **Shirley**, took a 12-day trip to Vancouver and western Canada.

Last February **Robert** and **Nola Texley Breckenridge** took a cruise with dear friends to the Caribbean with nine ports of call. Nola volunteers at the Tucson Medical Center, where she is chairwoman of volunteers for the mother/baby unit. She attended the PEO International Convention in San Diego in September.

**Jacqueline Vaughan Rorrer** and **Tom** visited the Eisenhower, Truman, and Clinton museums this year, bringing their total to seven presidential museums. Jacqueline volunteers at church and the local heritage center.

**Harriet Willingham Johnson** and **Cork** were looking forward to an August visit from son **Lee** and his family at the lake cottage. They also planned to drive to the Baptist conference center in Green Lake, Wis., to meet Harriet's brother, **Edward Willingham Jr., R'56**, and his wife, **Angeline Pettit Willingham, W'57**, and family.

I returned from a month in Brazil, traveling with both U.S. and Brazilian educators for two weeks. It was an interesting time for the participants in both the Pantanal (the world's largest wetland) and the Amazon (the world's largest rainforest). We were rewarded with many animal and bird photographs, cultural exchanges, and individual introductions.

Thanks so much to **Addie Comegys** and **Lee Hays** for this newsletter!

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## CLASS OF '53

**Patricia Talley Newbold, W**, and her husband, **Jerry**, were married in 2008. They live in Black Mountain, N.C., near her son, **Charlie**. Patricia recently traveled to California to visit her daughter, **Katherine**, and to attend her grandson's high school graduation.

## CLASS OF '54

Our 55-year reunion was a great success. We had a chance to catch up on news and have a lot of fun—as always!

I will be doing our class notes until the next reunion. **Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey** is our new chairman and will be in charge of our next reunion. Keep me posted on any news about yourself or other classmates. Please get news to me by Feb. 15 for the summer *Richmond Alumni Magazine*. Thanks!  
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## CLASS OF '55

### Reunion Reminder

**April 9–11, 2010**

Plan to attend your class reunion on Reunion Weekend April 9–11, 2010. Watch your mail in January for the Reunion Weekend schedule and registration information.

Do you remember the mass exit to Phil's on Grove Avenue when an unappetizing meal was served in the Westhampton Dining Room? In the July 10, 2009, edition of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, there was an article marking the 70th anniversary of the restaurant. "Meet you at Phil's" could be one activity to plan with classmates during our reunion in April. Please start collecting pictures and memorabilia so we can reminisce.

**Janice Boyer Baldrige** faithfully stays in touch by e-mail. Like Janice, there are many classmates and other alumni who look forward to reading Class Connections. E-mails, letters, or phone calls to class secretaries make this section of the magazine possible, so please send your news.

Two of **Polly Bundick Dize's** and **Colburn's** seven grandchildren are college students. One granddaughter attends Old Dominion University, and one is a student at Randolph-Macon College.

A note to **Janice Elliott Lovig** at her New Mexico address was returned to your secretary. Has anyone heard from Janice?

Last summer **Myra Embrey Wormald** and her husband enjoyed time with their 27-member family on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They rented a 12-bedroom home for the occasion. Among 17 grandchildren, the oldest is a sophomore at Patrick Henry College, a small Christian school in Purcellville, Va. The second oldest, a student at Georgetown, speaks fluent Arabic and will spend a semester in Alexandria, Egypt. The Wormalds planned a trip to Machu Picchu, the Galapagos Islands, and the Amazon River in November.

Readers of the *Times-Dispatch* will want to take note of the political cartoons done by the son of **Ruth Gouldin Kelley**. His work is signed SKelley from the *Times-Picayune*.

**Nancy Johnson White** reported that her younger son and his wife have found Civil War cannon balls on their property in Mathews County, Va.

**Jacquelyn Kilby Brooks** is

president of the Lakewood Manor Residents' Council in Richmond, and she attended the spring conference of the Community Residential Services Association at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. Jackie also made a summer trip to North Carolina to attend a 50th anniversary celebration for friends.

**Arnett Kizzia Bromell's** granddaughter graduated with honors from Virginia Tech, and her grandson is a student at Virginia Tech. Arnett is happy with the activities of all four of her children and their families.

**Sarah Dornon Bradley** and her husband live in Havana, Fla. Sarah, Arnett, **Mary Nelson Bolton**, and **Pat Kantner Knick** planned to meet in South Carolina in November. They also plan to attend our 55-year reunion.

**Alice McCarty Haggerty** has a busy volunteer schedule but continues to take interesting trips. In the spring she traveled to British Columbia, where she observed the birth of a beluga whale.

**Jean Ruddie Migneault** e-mailed that **Gracia Mason Evins** traveled to Sweden recently. Gracia has one son living near her in Georgia, but her other son and his wife live in Sweden, where they are geologists. Gracia enjoys two grandsons in each family.

**Bill** and **Emily Menefee Johnston** were accompanied by their son, **Burt**, when they attended the reunion of Bill's 390th Bomb Group in Nashville, Tenn.

**Carolyn Neale Lindsey** and **Jim Lindsey Jr., R'54**, are great-grandparents. Their granddaughter, **Amy**, and her husband are the proud parents of a baby boy named for his great-grandfather. Carolyn and Jim, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary, make an annual six-week winter trip to Florida.

**Ruth Owen Batt** spent a long weekend in New York last September with her daughter. There were also plans for a 75th birthday celebration. Ruth's son was scheduled to begin a tour of duty in Afghanistan in October.

**Janet Pace Burbage** and her husband are happy to have a second great-grandchild—a girl—in their family. To be nearer to family, Janet and Bill have bought a condominium in Wilmington, N.C., where they will reside during the summer. Winters will be spent in Fort Myers, Fla.

My husband and I made our fifth annual summer trip to Chincoteague,





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

Va., with our granddaughter, who also attended a basketball camp last summer at UR. While on our trip, we visited with **Polly Bundick Dize** and Colburn. The highlight of this year's trip was a horse show in which one of Polly's granddaughters was the winning rider!

**Sue Smith VanWickler** underwent shoulder surgery in August. I hope she is back on the tennis court.

**Jane Soyars Glover** happily reports that **Burrell Williams Stultz** has taught three of her grandchildren at Collegiate School.

In May **Joan Weaver Yuhase** and Bill visited Virginia Tech to see Bill's oldest granddaughter receive her master's degree in business. The next day they were in Carolina Beach, N.C., attending the wedding of Jody's grandson, who is a Henrico County, Va., policeman. Bill and Jody then spent four days in Myrtle Beach, S.C. In August they enjoyed the Thomas Jefferson High School Cadet Corps reunion picnic.

**Burrell Williams Stultz** and **John Stultz, B'58**, had a busy summer planned with trips to Virginia beaches and mountains, as well as mountains in Utah and Wyoming, and more coastal visits with family in Georgia. This year they also traveled to Sewanee, Tenn., to their granddaughter's graduation from the University of the South.

In August **Alice McCarty Haggerty** and **Joy Winstead** traveled to Gettysburg, Pa., with Elderhostel. They were the only Southerners in a group of 21 that studied the Battle of Gettysburg in detail. They also visited Eisenhower's farm.

Joy serves on the curriculum committee for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University.

On July 7, 2009, 14 members of our class met at the Heilman Dining Center for lunch. Those attending were **Jean Crittenden Kauffman**, **Shirlee Garrett Maxson**, **Ruth Gouldin Kelley**, **Jackie Kilby Brooks**, **Alice McCarty Haggerty**, **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Grace Phillips Webb**, **Bobbie Reynolds Wyker**, **Jean Ruddle Migneault**, **Sue Smith VanWickler**, **Jane Soyars Glover**, **Barbara Turner Willis**, **Burrell Williams Stultz**, and **Joy Winstead**.

Dr. Mavis Brown, associate professor of education, joined us for lunch. She gave insight into the academic requirements for students.

As loyal alumnae, remember to

earmark your donation checks for the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts.

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### CLASS OF '56

**Julia Hubbard Nixon** went on a mission trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota. It was her 13th mission trip, all of which have involved some kind of construction. She helps with sheet-rock, hardwood floors, and siding.

**Ruth Dallos Weiss** and her husband, Alan, have lived in South Florida for 52 years. They have three married children and six grandchildren, all living in Florida.

### Did you know?

The University hosted a conference called "The Future of Richmond's Past" to look for ways to help the city capitalize on its rich history. Read more about it on page 2.

The most recent adventure of **Marilyn Sorce Klumpp** and her husband, Elmer, was a three-week excursion to Africa. They visited Johannesburg on their way to game camps in Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. The most exciting moment was spotting their sister johnboat, up ahead, capsized and floundering in the reeds and papyrus. All were rescued.

**Thelma Flynn Helm** writes that since her grandchildren live in north-west Africa, she has extra time for volunteer work with the Nashville Symphony League and Belmont University Partners. Thelma is a board member for Belmont University Partners, whose main purpose is providing scholarships for worthy Belmont students.

**Janie Smith Vega** wrote that after college she had a career as a writer in TV and radio and at advertising agencies in Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles. Janie produced

and hosted her own TV program in California for more than 10 years. She was married for 20 years to a diplomat and lived in many countries. She later married Benjamin Urbizo Vega (now deceased), who served as a judge for 20 years in California. She lives in Santa Monica, and enjoyed the reception in Los Angeles with UR President Edward Ayers.

**Brigitte Zickmantel Reimer** and her husband, Howard, have lived in the sunny Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, Canada, for 35 years. Howard taught at the local university and Brigitte was a high school teacher and counselor before they retired. They have three children and three grandchildren. She envies those of us in the area who can see each other so easily.

**Susan Quinn Wagner** enjoys taking classes through the Institute for Learning in Retirement at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center.

**Janet Knobel Jones** wrote that her grandson graduated from U.Va. in May and works at Dominion Virginia Power.

**Lois Madison Reamy** went to the Buddhist wedding of a cousin in New York overlooking the Hudson River by the Cloisters. She found it to be one of the most beautiful and serene weddings she has ever attended.

**Katherine MacMullan Butler** teaches English literature and philosophy at Wayne State College. She is unable to attend our reunions because it's her exam time. Her son and his wife both teach at Catawba College in North Carolina.

**Jane Bowles Hurt** and her husband took a great trip to Italy in March 2009. She wanted to thank **Mary Lee Kingrey Hunt**, **Anne Jennings Vaughan**, and **Virginia Beauchamp Murden, W'55**, for being so supportive during her recent illness. Jane continues to work part time as a clinical social worker for Family Service of Roanoke Valley.

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**Walter Lysaght, R.** and his wife, Edie, live in Reston, Va. In June 2009, their first great-grandchild, Ava Hayes, was born. Walt and Edie have four children and nine grandchildren.

### CLASS OF '57

**Rosie Allen Barker** and John plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 7. Their son, Piers, his wife, and two sons visited in July from Chapel Hill, N.C., where he is a pediatric cardiologist at Duke Medical Center. Their son, Crispin, who teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, also visited with them in Ontario. They hoped to see their son, Randal, and his family in England later in the year.

Rosie recently came across a wedding announcement with a lovely color photograph of **Mary Katherine Davis Holst** and Willem Holst. The wedding took place on July 9, 1988. Rosie thought the invitation and photograph should be in our class archives, so she is sending them to me. According to the alumni office, Mary Katherine passed away on Jan. 15, 1997. In going through old issues of the alumni magazine, **Ruth Tipton Powers** found that Mary Katherine was listed in 1993 as going on a three-week cruise around South America with her husband. If anyone else has more information about Mary Katherine, please share it.

**Nancy Archbell Bain** and **Ann Avery Hunter** passed along the sad news that **Nita Horne** passed away on May 2. Nita lived in Bristol, Tenn.

**Pat Harper Winston** is rejoicing and thanking God every day after successful surgery in June to replace her aortic heart valve. She and **Robert Lee Winston Jr., R'58**, are happily settled in Knoxville, Tenn., and she is enjoying volunteer ministry for their retirement community.

**Lee Feild Griffiths** wrote that Chris, the exchange student who was living with her during the past school year, returned to Germany in June. Lee



had come to love him as one of her own. She had a busy summer with visits from children and grandchildren.

**Jacqueline "Jackie" Randlette Tucker** and her husband, **Walter Tucker, B'53**, had an uneventful summer, other than the joy of caring for and playing with their 12-year-old grandson.

**Lucille Burnett Garmon** continues to teach at the University of West Georgia, although she is officially retired. Lucy was selected by the university's chapter of the National Alumni Association for a Faculty Service Award. In July, she ran again in the Peachtree 10-K road race.

**Ruth Tipton Powers** took a delightful trip to French Polynesia in June. She and a group of friends flew to Tahiti, where they boarded the *Star Flyer*, one of the world's two tallest sailing ships.

I attended a European Biophysics Congress in Genoa, Italy, in July. Before the conference, I enjoyed three delightful—but hot—days of sightseeing in Rome.

Please continue to send your news. We will have a lot to share at our next reunion!

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## CLASS OF '58

**Dottie Goodman Lewis** reports that her husband, David, and pre-med grandson, Stephen, went on a medical mission trip to Nicaragua. Dottie is publications chair for the Church & Synagogue Library Association.

**Beverly Byram Gerber** visited Richmond after many years and almost did not recognize the campus. She and her sister went to Phil's on Grove Avenue for old times' sake and found the place had not changed. Bev and her husband are in the restaurant business in Hilton Head, S.C. She urges you to drop by. Their restaurant is under the lighthouse.

**Carolyn Quinn Brooks** and **Andrew Brooks Jr., R**, continue their English shrub rose business and landscape design. Winter is a slack time, so they attended the R.C. Sproul conference in Orlando and took a cruise to the eastern Caribbean. Carolyn says the most spectacular sight was the Grande Pitons on St. Lucia and

the most interesting was a chocolate plantation. During spring break, her older son and family visited them in Florida. Later Carolyn attended an E.C. Glass High School reunion in Lynchburg, Va. Carolyn teaches children's Bible study classes and enjoys oil painting.

**Peggy Ware** and **Lola Hall McBride** visited **Mary Jean Simpson Garrett** and **Harry Garrett Jr., R'58 and L'61**, in Bedford, Va. They visited Harry at the Elks Home, had lunch at the Old Liberty Station, and visited the D-Day Memorial.

**Peggy Williams Lowe** went on a mission trip to Arkansas. **Clifton Shell Collins, R'59 and G'68**, was with the same group. He and his wife, **Janet Harwood Collins, W'61**, bowl regularly with Peggy. She retired twice from teaching and now tutors third- and fourth-graders.

**Nita Glover Eason** and **Percy Eason Jr., B'60**, enjoy their new life after selling their house of 40 years and moving into a condo. Percy and Nita stay busy with their grandchildren and their church. They went to Nita's home in Walterboro, S.C., for a reunion of the descendants of her great-grandfather. It was held at the Bonnie Doone Plantation, a lovely spot with oak trees covered in moss. (Do you remember a huge truck arriving at Westhampton full of Spanish moss sent by the Glovers that we used to decorate Keller Hall Gym for a dance?)

**Laura "Anne" House Hill** had neck surgery and was in a brace for a long time.

**Jo Anne Garrett West** has put her foreign travels on hold due to the recession and the need for a new roof, but next year they have their sights on Patmos Island in Greece. Their son arrived home safely after six months in Afghanistan.

**June Gray** finished another successful season at Camp Wawenock. She then had a post-season group of more than 70 followed by a weekend of camper alumnae to plan Wawenock's 100th year. Camp Wawenock and Westhampton College have had a long association. I remember being invited to Miss Crenshaw's home on the same lake and swimming with Miss Turnbull, Miss Keller, Miss Crenshaw, and Miss Harris.

For several years, **Lola Hall McBride's** family has been in the permitting stage for building the first wind farm in Virginia. They have

received the permit and construction has begun. They will build 19 turbines, which will be just under 400 feet tall and produce 38 megawatts of electricity. The land is located in Highland County. Lola's primary residence is in Harrisonburg, Va.

**Mary Alice Revere Woerner** and Charles took all the kids and grandkids on a western Caribbean cruise for Christmas last year. Later Mary Alice spent 94 days in the Riverside Health System, suffering from double pneumonia and a collapsing respiratory system. She is home now and has finished outpatient physical therapy. She sends thanks to all for the love and prayers during her illness and recovery.

**Constance Booker Moe** and her husband, Don, along with three grandchildren and two large dogs, spent time at Corolla Beach on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Later in the summer they drove to Seattle and California to see friends and Don's relatives. Their big trip was to Vietnam in November.

**Sarah Ashburn Holder** enjoyed a visit from **Carolyn Smith Yarbrough**. Sarah lost her voice because of a paralyzed voice box on the left side. The condition is caused by a virus and should get better in six months to a year.

**Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains** and her husband, George, enjoyed a trip to Chicago where they met an Elderhostel group for a study tour. They also enjoyed visits from their son, David, and his wife, Martha, who live in Birmingham, Ala.

**Carol Brie Williams** is building a home in Baja, Calif. She looks forward to using it this winter, as the temperatures will make great golfing weather—certainly better than the weather in her area of northern California.

**Violet Moore Neal** and **Jack Maynard Neal, R'57**, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner and dance party at the Prizery in South Boston, Va. About 200 people helped them celebrate including **Joanne Byrd Giles, Leslie Haile Giles, R, Dorothy Wiltshire Butler, Lloyd Brotzman Jr., B, and Charles Hohl, R'57 and GB'66**. Joanne and Dorothy were bridesmaids at Violet's wedding.

**Emily Damerel King** is a contract worker, often working for the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Coliseum, the Convention Center, and area hotels.

Emily also gives tours of interesting areas such as Hollywood Cemetery.

After fighting breast cancer for several years, **Jeanne Black Morris** died on June 25, 2009. Jeanne started with our class and married UR basketball player **Philip Morris, B and L'60**.

She worked at A.H. Robins while Philip finished college and law school.

**Carolyn Smith Yarbrough** drove to Richmond for a visit with **Carolyn Moss Hartz**. About 10 of our classmates met them for lunch in Heilman Dining Center.

**Jean Hudgins Frederick** and **Louis "Arnold" Frederick, R'56**, celebrated their 50th anniversary last June in Bermuda with their children and grandchildren. They had their annual July 4th celebration with their children and two grandsons at their Sandbridge Beach home. Their younger grandson is studying at Virginia Tech. The older grandson was in South America and Italy this year. Jean's 98-year-old mother died in March. Her mother and father frequently brought that good applesauce cake to Westhampton that everyone on the hall enjoyed.

Jean met **Betty Lou Sutton Anthony** for lunch in Virginia Beach. Betty's two sons and their families live near her. She works part time at a real estate company and enjoys bridge.

**Carolyn Moss Hartz** is recovering rapidly from heart surgery. She is glad to be out and seeing Westhampton friends who sent lovely messages. Carolyn looks just as lovely as she did when she was our May Queen.

**Nancy Goodwyn Hill** and Jack met **Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains** and George for lunch in Hampton, Va. Nancy Jane's brother, Walter, is recovering from heart problems.

**Susie Prillaman Wiltshire, W and G'59**, and **Charles Wiltshire, R'53**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

**Marti Haislip Padgett** and **Robert G. Padgett, B'60**, attended a town meeting about health care reform. Marti participates in her neighborhood dining group, book club, and walking group.

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## CLASS CONNECTIONS

### CLASS OF '59

**Jehane Flint Taylor** and **Samuel Hugh Taylor, R'58**, spent three weeks in London. They cruised along the Thames to Greenwich, went to the Globe Theatre to see a few Shakespeare plays, visited Charleston House in Sussex, and saw many friends.

**Martha Jordan Chukinas** had a great summer, spending lots of time at the Outer Banks of North Carolina with family and friends. She also enjoyed a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Yellowstone with family and friends.

At the end of July, **Ann Copeland Denton Ryder, W'58**, and **Gene Ryder, R**, moved to Salem town, a Moravian retirement community in Winston-Salem, N.C. "All visitors from Westhampton welcomed!" Ann writes. Their number in the phone book is still correct. Gene had a heart ablation procedure at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in August and is doing well.

**Susan Payne Moundalexis'** daughter, Elizabeth, was married on Aug. 7, 2009, on Resurrection Bay in Seward, Alaska. Elizabeth is a student at Washington State School of Veterinary Medicine in Pullman, Wash. Susan's other daughter, Nancy, helped guide two trips to the North Pole last spring.

**Grace Lane Mullinax** and Frank were in London and Ireland in May attending their son Ivan's wedding. They also visited relatives in Dublin.

In June **Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist** and her husband, Jerry, met their son, Jeff, and his family at Hilton Head, S.C. Jeff has accepted a job as worship leader for the contemporary service and director of music and arts at First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Va., which is less than two hours from Mary Trew's home.

In August Mary Trew and Jerry spent two weeks on Hatteras Island, N.C., with their daughter, Carey, and her family.

In the Tuckahoe Woman's Club Art Show, **Bonnie Lewis Haynie** won a blue ribbon for a sweater she had knitted. **Beverly Eubank Evans** won blue ribbons for her mirrored window and "thinking chair" and a red ribbon for a snowman window.

**Barbara Kriz Anderson** spent the summer in Connecticut at her lake home. She has many good memories of being there with her husband, the

late **Harry Anderson Jr., R'70**. She found out at our 50-year reunion that **Dzintra Klaupiks Infante** lives nearby, so they were able to get together on Bashan Lake in East Haddam for lunch and an afternoon of swimming and talking about their "school days." Barbara also had dinner with Dzintra and her husband, Tony, in Middletown, Conn. Tony retired after 40 years at Wesleyan University.

**Ellen Matlick Klein** is active in the National Council of Jewish Women's Essex County section. They had a wonderful event called the Back2School Store, in which they served more than 200 children from various agencies and shelters in the area.

I spent time this summer with my daughter, Carol, and her husband, Bob, at their home on Hilton Head Island. I also spent a week in August at Nags Head, N.C., with friends.

Thank you for sending me your news. Please let the alumni office or me know of any changes in home or e-mail addresses.

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**James Imel, R**, received a doctorate in theology from Summit Bible College in Bakersfield, Calif., where he teaches history part time at Bakersfield College. In July 2009, he and his wife, Rochelle, celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary.

**Peter Neal, R**, lives in Durham, N.C. In April 2009 he and **James Epps, R'61**, who lives in Raleigh, cheered on the Richmond Spiders baseball team as they played the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill. Despite their ardent cheering and Pete wearing his 1957 letter-sweater, the Spiders lost.

**Bill Trout, R**, is a retired geneticist. He and his wife, Nancy, participated in the James River Batteau Festival in Scottsville, Va., in June 2009. The festival began in 1985, one year after Bill discovered several old flat-bottomed riverboats on the construction site for the James River Center in Richmond.

### CLASS OF '60

**Reunion Reminder**  
**April 9-11, 2010**

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Watch your mail in January for the Reunion Weekend schedule and registration information.

### CLASS OF '62

In her French village, **Judith "Trunz" Trunzo** enjoys her three mischievous kittens. She also enjoys drying and pressing raspberries, figs, and other fruit. Trunz recently added a Webcam and Skype to her computer.

**Diane Light Riffer** enjoyed a month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand this summer. She also spent several fun days in Santa Fe, N.M.

In addition to starting a garden last summer, **Aretie Gallins Patterson** and John enjoyed family reunions in Newport News, Va., the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Tennessee, and New York City, where they attended a taping of the Mike Huckabee show, toured the Federal Reserve Bank, and the Intrepid. John keeps busy golfing. Aretie reads a lot and has taken an interest in local politics.

**Barbara Harrell Holdren** and Jim spent a week in August at Kitty Hawk, N.C., with 23 members of their extended family. Barbara and Jim, along with Jim's sister, had the "quiet house" on the beach. The children and grandchildren had a house not too far away.

In addition to traveling to Bristow, Va., to celebrate our youngest grandchild's first birthday, Bill and I spent a week in Topsail Beach, N.C., with our daughter, Sally, and her three children. Our son Billy's twins also spent time with us during the summer.

Please send me news for the next issue.

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### CLASS OF '63

**Cecelia Ann Stiff** and **Sue McAfee Garrett** enjoyed their 50-year class reunion at Jefferson High School in Roanoke, Va., in August. Cecelia works as a real estate agent in Leesburg, Va. She and her husband, **Leland Mahan, L'64**, enjoyed a week at Martha's Vineyard in October.

After many years of teaching piano, **Elizabeth Harrell Lindsay** changed careers—at 65—and is in her third year as an elementary school teacher

in Portsmouth, Va. She is grandmother to daughter Sharon's 19-month-old son, Cole, who lives in Richmond, and to son Keith's daughter, Sophie, who lives in Boulder, Colo. An article about Betty's career change was featured in the Portsmouth newspaper. Betty and her family enjoyed a vacation on Cape Cod in July.

**Archer Randlette Parkerson** reports the birth of grandson Charles "C.J." Johnston Parkerson II, born to son Chip and his wife in Charlotte, N.C. He joins big sister Ava. Archer's daughter, Cathy, is the mother of three sons.

**Charlotte Hines Forrester** and Dick enjoyed a vacation with their three children and five grandchildren at Topsail Island, N.C., in August. Charlotte's newest grandchild is William Atkinson Sterling.  
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### CLASS OF '65

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**April 9-11, 2010**

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**Jane Lasley Quinn** and **Kevin Wallace Quinn, B'67**, live in Culpeper, Va. Jane worked at a local bookstore for nearly 18 years. Kevin retired recently, so the Quinns are looking forward to lots of travel. Jane and Kevin enjoy their three grandsons and spending summer vacations with their two daughters and families on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Luther and **Leslie McNeal Barden** spent much of the summer camping and kayaking through New York, New England, and eastern Canada.

**Janet Renshaw Yates** had a good trip to the Galapagos Islands last spring. When not traveling to exotic places, Janet spends quality "granny time" with her three grandchildren in Northern Virginia.

I hope many of you will attend our 45-year reunion this spring. It's always fun to reconnect with classmates, and if you haven't seen the campus recently, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Dig out your memories and some family photos and come on



down! Think of it as a dress rehearsal for the big 50th.

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## CLASS OF '66

**Genie Henderson Schutt** gets together for lunch as often as possible with **Anne Dixon Booker, Beth Booker Wilson, Carole Royall, Betty Byrd Gunn Latham, and Leora Lawrence Porter**. They all live in Richmond except Leora, who drives from Virginia Beach.

Genie and **William Schutt, L'71**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Genie retired from teaching at St. Catherine's in Richmond and works for the General Assembly during the legislative session. They have three children and two grandchildren, who all live nearby.

**Frances "Faye" Newton Johnson** has spent a good portion of her life in government, and her work has always involved the Middle East. She learned Arabic and lived in some really wonderful places during some pretty bad wars. Faye is retired and living in Warrenton, Va., and she spends a lot of time competing in tennis tournaments. She and **Jane Norman Ryland, Linda Hyman McMakin, and Barbara Ruscus Thompson** still get together and "behave outrageously whenever serendipity allows." Some things never change.

**Caywood Garrett Hendricks** lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and she and I meet for dinner occasionally. Caywood also spends time at Myrtle Beach, S.C., enjoying the sun and beach.

**Faye Taylor-Hyder** took early retirement 11 years ago but has kept up with medicine and health care. Faye also has taken classes in most everything—including a Master Gardener program, masonry, piano, French, and Spanish. She has traveled extensively, taking her grown children along on some trips. She cares for her mother, who is 92 and lives in Richmond.

**Mary Ann Biggs Furniss** and her husband, John, live near Wilmington, N.C. She retired six years ago and earned a degree in personal and business coaching. She has her own one-person coaching company. Mary Ann also volunteers in the Wilmington area and plays competitive golf. Mary



## Fields of dreams

**Lanetta Ware, W'60**

When the Duke of Wellington opined that "the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton," he was heralding athletic competition as a forge of discipline and character. Lanetta Ware spent nearly half a century at that forge, and the athlete-coach-umpire has been inducted into four sports halls of fame.

Ware's athletic endeavors began in earnest at Richmond, where the Fredericksburg, Va., native majored in physical education and played five sports—field hockey, lacrosse, basketball, tennis, and track. She declined an invitation to join the men's golf team.

After earning a master's degree at Smith College, Ware spent the next 43 years at Hollins University coaching lacrosse, basketball, and fencing before retiring in 2005. Some of her lacrosse teams were undefeated, and some won state titles. She also turned out a few fencing champions.

In 1989, she traveled around the world, teaching lacrosse to college students. While in Prague, she was overseeing a game when four Russian tanks rolled up. The tank crews jumped out and started watching, mesmerized. "They had never seen lacrosse," she says. Turning to the nervous students, she simply said, "Play on!"

Ware loved running up and down the lacrosse field as an umpire. "I wanted the game to be fair and honest and sportsmanlike," she says. "I believe in principles and policies and procedures. You've got to be honest no matter what you do. If you don't have integrity, you're nothing."

Ware has been inducted into the UR Athletic Hall of Fame, the Virginia Lacrosse Hall of Fame, the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and the Hollins Athletic Hall of Fame.

Today she spends more time in hayfields than on playing fields, raising 50 head of cattle (including Oliver pictured above) on her 150-acre farm near Fincastle, Va.

—Rex Bowman

Ann, John, and **Carol Bashaw Collins** and her husband, **William Collins, B'64**, recently had dinner with **Faye Dixon Taylor-Hyder** at Faye's vacation condo at Surf City, N.C.

**Millie Kaiser Fleetwood** is an associate professor of immunology at Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, Pa.

**Mimi Proctor Games and Dale Games, R'64**, live in Semora, N.C., and are restoring her great-grandfather's 1820 house. Mimi and a few painting friends started an art gallery, The Milton Studio Art Gallery, in Milton, N.C. Mimi has been writing about Byzantine icons for about 15 years, and last year she and Dale went to Russia to see icons in their original settings.

**Ellen Sanderson Delo** was a tax lawyer for many years until she retired in 2005. She is active in animal welfare causes. Her husband is still working, and their daughter, Cotton, 26, edits an online local news site.

**Quita Tansey Collins and William Collins, C'72**, retired this year and are looking forward to working in the yard, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. All three of their children live out of town. **Michelle Collins Toczek, W'88**, her husband, and five children live in Ashburn, Va. Sean and his wife live in Arlington, Va., and **Michael Collins, '95**, and his three children live in Statesville, N.C. Bill and Quita volunteer at the Modlin Center on campus.

**Fran Stewart Chambers** is involved with the Red Cross, elections, and a number of activities at the two churches for which Doug is minister. She remains active with the Girl Scouts, helping with special events.

**Harriet Mann Tomlinson and Edward Tomlinson, R**, have lived in Colorado for 13 years. Harriet's daughter donated a kidney to her in 2007 and they are both doing great. Daughter Susan and her family are just a few blocks away, and son David lives an hour away in Denver. Their eight grandkids keep them busy. Harriet and Ed love to travel, especially spending time in Hawaii and Greece.

**Lydia Fitzgerald O'Neil** lives in Fredericksburg, Va., and has been the literacy program manager for the Central Rappahannock Regional Library for 28 years. She has three children—David, Kathryn, and Paul—and five grandchildren.

**Kay Ramsay Parrish** has two daughters and a 6-year-old grand-





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daughter, Emily, who live close by. Kay is active in her church and plays bridge, something she learned at Westhampton.

**Marsha Sims Costello** and her husband, Andy, live in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where they have both taught at Wyoming Seminary for more than 30 years. Retirement plans are in the works. Marsha recently visited with **Charlotte Grove Smith**. Marsha and Andy have two sons, Mike and Patrick.

**Kay Land Lutz** and her husband, **Glen Lutz, B'64**, have three daughters and five grandchildren, but her youngest daughter died in 2007 of cancer. Kay has advanced degrees in clinical and school psychology, and she worked in Northern Virginia until she retired in 2004. Since his retirement, Glen has served as interim pastor at churches in Culpeper and Scottsburg, Va. The couple promotes the National Day of Prayer in Virginia.

**Barbara Ruscus Thompson** and her husband, Mike, live on a 60-acre tree farm in Hollywood, Md. Barbara serves on the board of St. Mary's Hospital and chairs the St. Mary's County Justice and Advocacy Council. They spent a week on the Outer Banks with their four grown children and their families this past summer. Son **Joseph Thompson, '93**, and his wife, **Mary-Holland Wood Thompson, '93**, live near Richmond. Son Paul and his wife live in Potomac, Md. Daughter Ginny and her husband live in Carrboro, N.C., and son Chris and his wife live in Alexandria, Va.

**Trisha Grizzard** took trips to Florida and to New York this year. She has two homes—a 66-acre horse farm in southern Maryland and an apartment in Richmond. She writes for the International Mission Board, is a greeter at Maymont Mansion, and works with the homeless as a member of First Baptist Church.

**JoAnn Jamison Webster** and her husband, Ed, have lived in Broken Arrow, Okla., for 17 years. They are retired and have one daughter, Karen. JoAnn earned her master's degree from Oklahoma State University and had a research career for a biotech company. For the past seven years, she has been on staff with the Oklahoma/Arkansas Alzheimer's Association. She and Ed like to travel and enjoy OSU sports.

**Jean Reynolds McEntire** is president and director of the Talent Developing Studio in Hanover, Va. **Dennis McEntire, R'65**, teaches Suzuki violin at the studio and has

developed a software administrative management tool for music studios called "A tempo." This summer they traveled across the country to promote and sell the software at music teachers' conventions. They have three children: sons David and Jeremy and daughter **Ann-Janette "Anji" McEntire Lacatell, '93**, who is married to **Andrew David Lacatell, '93**.

**Carol Hinrichs Buskirk** and **Eli Drannon Buskirk Jr., R'65**, live in a 1730s farmhouse. They have traveled to Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, where Drannon has consulted as a water resource specialist. Since his return from Pakistan in 2001, they have been active with local environmental issues. Their daughter **Mattie** was married last summer.

**Anne Dixon Booker** retired as director of admission at St. Christopher's School after 25 years. Anne and her husband, Billy, moved to a townhouse but plan to spend more time on their farm on the Northern Neck of Virginia when Billy retires. They have two children and twin granddaughters.

**Bonnie Lush Yospin** lives in Amelia, Va., with her husband, Jerry, in the house they built on a farm about 40 years ago. Jerry is semi-retired from commercial real estate sales. Bonnie has taken some wonderful horseback riding trips in Egypt, Peru, Ireland, and Jordan.

Bonnie reports that **Carolyn Poore Fleet** lives about five miles from her, is semi-retired from teaching, but is working with a school to produce a play, which she does every year. Carolyn and her husband, **James Weigand, G'91**, have many grandchildren between them. Three of them live next door.

**Carolyn Urquhart Burkey** earned a master's degree in religious education and a diploma in church music from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She retired two years ago after playing piano for 25 years for public school choirs. She teaches 40 piano students and plays for two local worship teams. She and her husband, John, live about three hours north of Los Angeles. One son and his wife live nearby, which allows lots of time with granddaughter Alyson, 2. Their other son lives in San Francisco.

**Linda Hyman McMakin** and her late husband, Mike, finished building their retirement home on the Northern Neck of Virginia six months

before his death. But while Linda was on a trip to England and Scotland in 2008, the home was struck by lightning and destroyed. Thanks to family and friends, her cats and many personal belongings were saved. She recently moved into her newly built home. She has a daughter, Diane, who is married.

**Joanne Hauff Jennings** and her husband, Walt, live in Venice, Fla., where she has taught since 1980. She has two children: Brian lives in Virginia and Amie lives in Colorado. Joanne occasionally sees **Martha Butterworth Minton**, who lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Joan Miller Hines** and her husband, Malcolm, live in Richmond and manage real estate they have acquired over the years. Daughter Katherine and her husband live in Colorado with their 2-year-old daughter, Tessa. Daughter Mollie and her husband and two children, 6-year-old Jack and 3-year-old Kate, live nearby. Joan and Mac spent a week this summer on a mission trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. Joan, **Carole Royall**, and **Betsy McIntosh Taylor** attended the Aug. 2 memorial service for **Jane Thurman Anderson**. Jane and her husband, **Douglas Leslie Anderson, R'67**, had returned to Richmond three years ago to be near their children. She had breast cancer 10 years ago while in Tennessee, and the cancer returned in November 2008.

**Lynne Griffith Marks** and **Dick Marks, R'65**, have lived in Greenville, N.C., since 1976. Lynne retired in 2007 as director of field education at East Carolina University. Dick taught at ECU's Brody School of Medicine until he retired in 2007. Their son, **Christopher Marks, R'92**, is a professor of organ at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He and his wife have three children. Son Brian teaches at Indiana University. He and his wife have 8-month-old twins. Lynn is a trained facilitator and instructor in advance-care planning. She still plays the flute both in church and in the community orchestra. Lynne and **Carol Bashaw Collins** are in a gourmet club together and exercise at the same recreational center.

**Jane Norman Ryland** and her husband, Mel Holzman, have been together for 31 years, but have only been married for the past three. They were married in Peebles, Scotland, by Jane's sister **Nancy Meade Norman,**

**W'69**, who has spent the past 30 years as a minister in the Church of Scotland. Jane and Mel split their time between Hood River, Ore., and Vail and Boulder, Colo., where Jane sings with the Boulder Bach Festival and a chamber singers group.

**Carol Bashaw Collins** retired for a second time in 2008. Since then she has taken up watercolors and increased her volunteer activities, including working for the Sierra Club, the Humane Society, and Habitat for Humanity. She and her husband, Bill, enjoy dancing, skiing, sailing, and bridge.

**Leora Lawrence Porter** and Don have two children: John Lawrence Porter and **Elizabeth Leora Porter, '03**. Leora is a clinician working with people in poverty. Last year she was an ambassador with the People to People International exchange program to South Africa, where she spent 10 days with a large delegation of social workers.

**Mary Dutrow Emerson** and Frank live in Baltimore and enjoy hiking, biking, and skiing.

**Betsy McIntosh Taylor** and Bill purchased a house in Yorktown, Va., last summer and have been busy renovating it. They enjoy another house in Duck, N.C., traveling, and serving at St. George's Episcopal Church. Their daughter, Catherine, has two daughters and lives in Georgia. Daughter Betsy is an antiques appraiser.

Betsy went to see **Jane Anderson Thurman** when Jane was in hospice last summer. It was time for new sheets and the two giggled about "clean sheet day in North Court." They explained to the nurses that they were allowed just one clean sheet and a pillowcase—top sheet on the bottom and clean sheet on top. Betsy says about Jane, "The world has lost, and heaven has welcomed, a beautiful, gracious lady."

**Patricia Schultz Hoy, W and G'73**, and **Terry Hoy, R'69**, live in Chesterfield, Va. Patricia has been cancer free after recovering from cancer surgery in 2002 with Gerson Institute therapy, a natural healing alternative to traditional cancer treatment. She is a volunteer interpreter for the free Love of Jesus medical and screening clinic, and she tutors in Spanish. Son Sterling lives in Norfolk, Va. Daughter Susannah lives near Arlington, Va., and has two children, Olivia, 6, and Hayden, 2.

Your new class secretary manages



the Agritourism Office in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. My husband, Steve, is an attorney and retired rear admiral, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Reserve. My daughter, Lynne, is a pharmacist with two grown children and two grandchildren. My son, John, died four years ago, leaving his wife, Natalie, and three sons. Steve's daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband have two sons. All of our children and grandchildren are in North Carolina.

Thanks to all who wrote. Let's try to find e-mail addresses for all of our classmates. Let's also get excited about our 45-year reunion in 2011!

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## CLASS OF '68

**John Virkler, R.** earned a Ph.D. in social science education from Auburn University in 2007. Next summer he plans to return to the United States from Krakow, Poland, where he has worked as an adjunct professor for two years.

## CLASS OF '69



**Don't miss coverage of the 40th anniversary of the Robins gift, beginning on page 24.**

**Nan Davis Clarke, W.** lives in Quinque, Va. She is writing a book about America's first foreign mission, which was founded in 1813 in Bombay, India. The book is based on letters, passed down through her family, written by Philomela Thurston, wife of one of the first missionaries.

## CLASS OF '70

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I have heard from quite a few of you that you are planning to come to our 40-year reunion, but I have received very little news from our classmates. Please write!

**Penni Chappell Westbrook's** husband, Dan, works in Atlanta as a vice president of airline relations. So far, Penni and Dan have been able to work out the commute because neither of them wants to pull up stakes from the Dallas area. Penni keeps busy with maintaining the homestead, singing, visiting Dan's mom, swimming, and volunteering. Son Christian is a computer programmer in San Francisco, and son Adam is an actor in Los Angeles. He was in the movie *Truth Never Lies*.

Kevin and I returned from a five-day trip to New York City with **Jo Ann Russell Nicholson** and her husband, Bill, and **Ann Marie Pearson Wood** and **Reggie Wood, R'69**. The Woods own a timeshare in a penthouse condo in New York on West 57th Street between 7th and Broadway.

Please send me news and remember our reunion in April. I hope to see each of you there!

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## CLASS OF '71

**Paula Lynn Galbraith** moved back to her family home in Norfolk, Va., to help care for her 93-year-old mother. Paula is director of research and records in the office of advancement at Christopher Newport University. Prior to this move, she lived for 16 years in Dallas and for 10 years in Pensacola, Fla., where she was a corporate library director for international companies.

**Carol Barker-Hindley** and her husband, Craig, moved last year from Beaverton, Ore., to Portland, Ore., in the middle of a snowstorm. Craig is semi-retired from his law practice, and Carol has retired from teaching.

She enjoys speaking French, doing the hula, and taking a watercolor class. Their first grandchild, a girl, was born in January 2009.

**Rosalie Ryan Johanson** lives in the Chicago suburb of Tinley Park. She provides technical support and training to middle school teachers. Her husband, Fred, works in information technology at the University of Chicago. They have a daughter, Erika, a son, Karl, and two grandchildren.

**Betty Deans Witter** and Larry live in Fredericksburg, Va. They feel blessed to have all three of their daughters and two grandchildren in Richmond, which is near enough that they are able to see them often. Betty recently saw **Donna Kingery Hudgins, W'73**, who was her "little sister" at Westhampton. They enjoyed sharing college memories. Betty and **Alice Graube Nuckols**, who also lives in Fredericksburg, celebrated their 60th birthdays.

**Beverly Jean Black Shelton** lives in Plano, Texas. Last year she and her husband, Dick, traveled to Napa Valley and Sonoma, Calif., and to San Francisco. Their daughter, Suzanne, was married in 2008, and they now have a granddaughter, Madison. They planned a fall trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo.

**Adele Affleck Medved** retired from the Social Security Administration in Front Royal, Va., in 2004 and is now a personal assistant for her daughter, Beth, who is a real estate agent. Adele and her husband, **Melvin Medved, R.** share a vacation getaway on the Northern Neck of Virginia with their son, John, and his wife. She and Mel also enjoy visiting the Charleston, S.C., area and taking their grandchildren camping.

**Margaret Douglas** lives in Dahlgren, Va., on the Potomac River between Richmond and Washington. She retired five years ago and has taken several cruises to the Caribbean.

I do not like to end my column on a sad note, but I know that you will want to know this. **Pam Haycox Wheeley**, who lives in Norfolk, Va., sent word to Yvonne that her husband, William, died on July 4, 2009. He had been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) last September. Pam wrote that **Joyce Clinkscales** has been a tremendous help to her through this difficult time with phone calls and visits from her home in Avondale Estate, Ga., which is near Atlanta. I know that all of you join

me in extending our sympathy to Pam. If you wish to contact Pam, please let Yvonne or me know, and we will send you her contact information.

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## CLASS OF '73

**Donna Strother Deekens** has completed *Memoirs of a Snow Queen: Recollections of Christmas at Miller and Rhoads*, which was scheduled for publication in November. Donna and Bill's son, Greg, attends Hawaii Pacific University. Their older son, Brent, is a theater arts major at Shenandoah University.

**Linda Wilkins Muirhead** and George, who live in Pagosa Springs, Colo., took a four-day raft trip down the lower San Juan River in Utah with seven other couples. Linda works part time at Eagle Mountain Mercantile, serves as missions committee chair at her church, and sings on their church's worship team.

**Jeanie Nicholson Veith's** son, Jerry, is earning his Ph.D. at Boston College. Son Joseph continues to love flying for a German airline. Jeanie's husband, Jon, enjoys his civilian job with the U.S. Army, and Jeanie is still supervising bus and flight tours for the U.S. Air Force leisure travel service in Germany. Adoption information for Americans overseas is still part of her volunteer agenda.

**Stephanie Roberts Long** continues to take classes in environmental engineering at Old Dominion University and is looking for a job in this field. Her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson visited this summer from Arizona.

The medical news for **Margaret "Meg" Graham Kemper** has been promising. Meg and her husband took a 12-day trip to Ireland in September.

**Mary Caroline Hudgins, '08**, daughter of **Donna Kingery Hudgins** and **Carter Hudgins, R'72**, was married in Fredericksburg, Va., last summer.

**Gayle Goodson Butler** and Scott held a lovely wedding in June for their daughter, Sarah. The Butlers took a





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trip to Breckenridge, Colo., in late summer to recover.

My son, Christopher, was married in July. It was a small but fun wedding—a perfect reflection of the bride and groom. Having grown tired of Northern Virginia, the couple bought a house in Powhatan, Va. Now I have all of my babies close by! They'll keep me busy now that I am retired.

I have enjoyed connecting with several of you through Facebook.

**Betty Rodman Harris** is good about sharing pictures, especially of her grandson, Cole, who is the son of Betty's older son, Scott, an attorney, and his wife, Becky, a kindergarten teacher. The family lives in Raleigh, N.C. Betty's younger son, John, is in Nepal attending Katmandu University. Betty and her husband, Scott, stay busy with work but did get to their summer home in Maine this year.

**Pam Minter Comfort** lives in Chesapeake, Va. She and her husband have four children and six grandchildren between the two of them.

**Clara Margaret "Peggy" Peters Stalnaker** and her husband are living in White Stone, Va.

**Patty Stringfellow Garbee** has retired from teaching.

Please don't forget to send me your e-mail addresses. If you don't get periodic requests for news from me, that means I don't have you on my list or I have the wrong address. Please make sure I have your information.

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### CLASS OF '74

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Margaret "Peggy" Heath Johnson**, Jeff, and their daughter, Claire, on the death of Peggy's and Jeff's 19-year-old son Jordan, who died last spring.

**Esther Hopkins Barnes** writes that just a month after our spring reunion, she traveled with **Linda Fernald Honaker** to the home of **Ellen Early Lusk** on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for a weekend visit. The three Westhampton roomies enjoyed touring historic homes on the Eastern Shore of Virginia House and Garden Tour.

**Judy Owen Hopkins** and **Marbry "Hop" Hopkins III, R**, spent a week last year in Aruba birding in the

morning and snorkeling in the afternoon. Judy said the food was fabulous. Hop also went birding in Peru in June. Judy and Hop spent time at their house in Colorado this year.

**Ellen Early Lusk** enjoyed her "dream job" at the Triangle X, a dude ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where she worked for the month of September.

**Pamela Ann Proffitt** and her husband, **Richard Fowler, R'76 and L'79**, have homeschooled their four children since 1995. Daughter Kate, 19, entered medical school in the fall, and son Patrick, 16, is a junior at the VCU School of Engineering, majoring in mechanical engineering. Nine-year-old twins Maggie and Thomas are in fourth grade and enjoyed Halloween at Disney World.

**Susan Lindler Stephenson** and **Thomas "Ned" Stephenson, R'76**, are grandparents. Henry Aiden Pietrantoni was born July 14 to their daughter **Ann Stephenson Pietrantoni, '00**, and her husband, Jim.

### Did you know?

**Dr. Carol Parish has won a grant from the Department of Energy to study shale oil—an energy source with huge reserves in the United States. Read more about her research on page 2.**

**Karen Gay Lukhard** saw **Carolyn "Paulette" Moore Catherwood** at the funeral of Paulette's brother, **Sterling Moore, R'70 and L'73**. Paulette has lived in England for 20 years. Karen also said that **Pat Raasch Tutterow** has a new grandson.

**Donna Higgenbotham Rosser** teaches 8th-grade math and algebra I in Lynchburg, Va. This is her 30th year of teaching. She continues as organist and choir director at First Baptist Church, Altavista. Daughter **Allison Wesley Rosser, '09**, majored in leadership studies at UR, and son Jay is working in New York City. Her son Aubrey is an attorney.

**Ann Gordon** returned to the State Department in August, where she will work part time for six months on unresolved visa cases. Ann says that returning to work has been lots of fun. She heard from **Laura Janet Feller**, who biked across the country

with her husband, John Fleckner. They left in May and were scheduled to be home by October. Laura earned her doctoral degree in May 2008.

**Janet Yvonne Ferrell** and her husband, Mark Bearden, and daughters Melissa and Meredith enjoyed a bareboat charter in the British Virgin Islands in August. Melissa is a sophomore at Dartmouth, and Meredith is a senior at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond. Janet volunteers at church and exercises at UR's Weinstein Center. She looks forward to walking across the street to football games in the new stadium in 2010!

**Beth Neal Jordan** reports that her son, Paul, is in his first year at Duke, and her younger daughter, Elise, is in her fourth year at U.Va. Her older daughter, **Laura Elizabeth Jordan, '07**, teaches English in a missionary school in Rwanda.

**Peggy Heath Johnson** and Jeff make frequent trips to Costa Rica to

visit their daughter, Claire, who is in school there.

Beth, Peggy, and I spent a long girls' weekend at Virginia Beach in August biking, beaching, eating seafood, and talking endlessly.

My husband, **Ted Chandler Jr., L'77**, and I visited our daughter, **Becca Chandler, '07**, in Seattle in August and bicycled around one of the nearby islands before going on a whale-watching tour. We had Orca whales beside or under our boat three times! In September, Ted and I completed a three-week tour of Italy, which included a bicycling trip through the hills of Tuscany.

Please continue to send news to **Betsy Ray Cobb** or me.

For those who attended the last very rainy reunion at my house, I love the rose-trimmed umbrella and remember fun times as I look at it. Thank you.

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### CLASS OF '75

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**Hugh Fraser, R**, has been a partner with Danville Pathologists in Danville, Va., since 2007. Previously he was in private practice in Reidsville, N.C., where he also was director of pathology and laboratory services at Annie Penn Hospital. He retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve in 2004. He and his wife, Fran, have four children.

**David Snidow, R**, is vice president of Wells Fargo Insurance Services in Richmond. His wife, **Mary James Snidow, W'76**, works for Parker Orleans Homebuilders. They have two daughters, both living in Richmond.

### CLASS OF '76

**Tom Johnson, R**, and his wife, Cole, had twin daughters, Monica Katherine and Sarah Cole, on April 7, 2009. They live in Rappahannock County, Va.

### CLASS OF '80

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### CLASS OF '82

**Allen Bareford, R and L'85**, is a public defender in Fredericksburg, Va. He and his wife, Alison, have two sons, Will and Art.

**Carrie Feron, W**, is vice president and editorial director of Avon Books and executive editor of William Morrow, which are divisions of Harper Collins. She lives in New York.

### CLASS OF '83

**Dave Jenkins, R**, co-chairs RideForJim, a fundraiser for the James



D. Popp Student Research Fund at VCU's Massey Cancer Center. **Jim Popp, R**, died in 2007 from a malignant sarcoma in his hamstring. The fundraiser features a coast-to-coast cyclist who is joined by other cyclists on the last leg of his journey. Many of Popp's classmates participate in the annual event, which includes a block party in Richmond.

**Karen Ebert Roosa, W**, has produced *Pippa at the Parade*, a children's picture book published earlier this year. She lives in Lancaster, Pa.

## CLASS OF '84

**Leslie Haas Clanton, W**, owns Beverage Solutions in Richmond. Her company is currently marketing Sport Your Drink, a hands-free beverage holder.

**Robert Conklin, B**, owns and operates Conklin Real Estate Services in Milwaukee.

## CLASS OF '85

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**Erica Orloff, W**, has written *Magickkeepers*, a fantasy series for young readers, under the pen name of Erica Kirov. She lives in Chesterfield, Va.

## CLASS OF '87

**William King, R**, is a colonel in the U.S. Army. After returning from a tour of duty in Baghdad, he has been named commander of the Department of Defense's Chemical and Biological Warfare Test and Evaluation Center in Dugway, Utah.

**James Purcell, B**, has founded pikcal.com, an online photo-sharing site. He lives in Indianapolis.

## CLASS OF '88

**John Goodin, R**, and his wife, Kathy, are taking a year off to travel around the globe with their two children. He is on leave from his job at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## CLASS OF '89

**Martha Mock, W**, teaches in the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. She is also director of the Institute for Innovative Transition, which is part of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. In July 2009, Martha received the Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award, which is named for the founder of *Exceptional Parent* magazine. The award recognizes accomplishments in the care and advocacy of individuals with disabilities, their families, and caregivers.

**David Muddiman, B**, and his wife, Claire, had a son, Arthur David, on March 1, 2009. They live in Richmond.

## CLASS OF '90

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**Kimberly Mathis Druch, B**, and her husband, Andrew, had a son, Elijah Wyatt, in February 2009. He joins brother Lucas, 3. The family lives on Long Island, N.Y.

**Anthony Vittone, R and L'93**, was featured in a June 2009 article in *National Law Journal*. Anthony is vice president and general counsel for SwimWays, a designer and manufacturer of pool and outdoor products. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Salley Vittone, B'91**, live in Virginia Beach with their children, Fauster, 11, and Katherine, 9.

## CLASS OF '91

**Rebekah Rendall Blanda, W**, and her husband, John, had a son, Luke Rendall, on Jan. 12, 2009. He joins brother Jack, 7. The family lives in Glenside, Pa.

**Richard Garriott, R'91 and L'96**, and his wife, Lisa, had a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on Oct. 6, 2008. She joins sisters Madison, 15, Meredith, 11, and Annelise, 9. The family lives in Virginia Beach.

**Alisa Mayor, W**, is a medical writer, editor, and translator for a pharmaceutical company near Philadelphia.

**Tracy Stefanko Tinnemeyer, W**,

and her husband, James, had a daughter, Ann Barbara, on March 26, 2009. She joins brother William, 5. The family lives in Pittsburgh, where Tracy is a senior manager for Deloitte Tax.

**Troy Wright, R**, is principal of Riverbend High School in Spotsylvania County, Va. He and his wife, **Erika Marcus Wright, W'92**, have three sons, Luke, Andrew, and Jacob.

## CLASS OF '94

**Allison Burris Castellanos** and her husband, Julio, had a son, Maximo Cesar, on Oct. 7, 2008. The family lives in Georgetown, Del., where Allison is an ESL instructor at Delaware Technical and Community College.

**Terrence "T.J." Crocker** is a senior vice president and practice leader at RCM&D, an insurance brokerage and risk management consulting firm. He and his wife, **Jennifer Lee Wilkins Crocker**, live in Richmond with their two children.

**Cori Moore Walsh** and her husband, Kevin, had a son, Griffin Robert, on Feb. 14, 2009. He joins brothers Matthew, 7, Ryan, 5, and sister Clare, 2. The family lives in Howell, N.J.

## CLASS OF '95

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**Crystal Wright Colter** and her husband, Shane, had a daughter, Elena Grace Joanne, on July 18, 2009. She joins stepsister Tabitha, 14. The family lives in Maryville, Tenn., where Crystal is an associate professor of psychology at Maryville College.

**Liza Eizenberg DiCosimo and Marc DiCosimo, '96**, had twin daughters, Victoria Mae and Noelle Elizabeth, on April 24, 2009. They join sister Amelia, 2. The family lives in Scituate, Mass.

## CLASS OF '96

**JoEllyn Carol Moore Abraham** completed a residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She and her husband, Arun, live in Cleveland, where she has started a cardiology fellowship

at the Cleveland Clinic.

**Jessica Hallberg Beringer and Charles William Beringer, '97**, had a daughter, Anna Mason, on Feb. 26, 2009. She joins sisters Ginny, 6, and Sally, 3. The family lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

**Jennifer Giancola Carney** and her husband, Rob, had a daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, on Oct. 14, 2008. The family lives in Reston, Va., where Jennifer is a senior associate at Abt Associates, a social policy research firm, and Rob is a real estate agent for Sotheby's International Realty.

**Elizabeth Crowe Ream** and her husband, Brandon, had a daughter, Annelise Mae, on July 29, 2008. She joins sisters Charlotte, 4, and Maren, 2. The family lives in Midlothian, Va.

**Jennifer Ashford Strebel** and Zachary Schafraht were married on July 11, 2009, in Bedford, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Laura Strebel Ward, '99**, and **Carmen Leah Hamlin, '97**. The couple lives in Portland, Ore., where Jennifer is a fourth-grade teacher and Zach is a project manager for Bordak Brothers Construction.

**Sarah Toraason** and her husband, Jason Dennis, had a daughter, Maren Elizabeth, on April 14, 2009. The family lives in Dallas, where Sarah is an attorney with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

## CLASS OF '97

**Anne Herman Delgado** and her husband, Noel, had a son, Matthew Carl, on May 28, 2009. He joins brother James, 2. The family lives in Freehold, N.J.

**Krisden Wunsch Jernigan** and her husband, Patrick, had a daughter, Maier Dixon, on March 19, 2009. The family lives in Tampa, Fla.

## CLASS OF '98

**Benjamin Bates** was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University. Earlier this year he led a study abroad trip to Gabarone, Botswana, which focused on the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in southern Africa.

**Anne Bradley** works in the development office of Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University. She lives in Baltimore.

**Mia Hoffman Bywalski** and





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

her husband, Vinnie, had a son, Maximilian Vincent, on April 4, 2009. He joins brother Alexander, 2. The family lives in Oakmont, Pa., where Mia is director of Giant Eagle Express, a new chain of small-format grocery stores.

**Erica Gordon Campion** and her husband, Paul, had a daughter, Emery Attridge, on June 15, 2009. She joins sister Virginia Arden, 2. The family lives in Raleigh, N.C., where Erica is director of human resources for Allscripts-Misys Healthcare.

**Cristina Samsel Feden** and **Jeffrey Preston Feden** had a son, Preston James, on July 15, 2009. He joins sister Aubrey Rose, 2. The family lives in Warwick, R.I.

**Wayne Kobylinski** earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in English literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Language and Literature at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, Pa.

**Sarah Graham Taylor** and her husband, Jason, live in Oklahoma City, where she is managing director of The Polya Group, a strategic communications and business strategy consulting firm.

### CLASS OF '99

**Joseph "Jeb" Blatt** is a vice president of Jack Morton Worldwide, a marketing agency in Boston.

**Samuel Easterling** was promoted to lead information systems engineer at MITRE Corp., where he provides support for the U.S. Army Project Manager Battle Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

**Anne Mosunic Loovis** and her husband, Craig, had a son, Troy Joseph, on April 21, 2009. He joins brother Mark, 2. The family lives in Annapolis, Md., where Anne is a psychotherapist in private practice.

**Laura Malone** earned a master's degree in education and is a middle school English teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Scott McLaughlin** and his wife, Javine, had a son, JeanLuc Asher, on Jan. 12, 2009. He joins brother Kian Michael, 2. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Sara Giovan Olszak** and **Christopher Olszak**, '98, had a son, Sam Evan, on March 6, 2009. The family lives in Point Pleasant, N.J.,

where Sara is associate counsel with the Monmouth County Division of Social Services and Chris is a partner at the Law Offices of Olszak & Olszak.

**Caroline O'Connor Smith** and her husband, Brad, had a son, Brady Robert, on April 23, 2009. He joins brother Colin, 2. The family lives in Manhasset, N.Y.

### CLASS OF '00

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**Jeremy Blackman** is a vice president of Hester Capital Management in Austin, Texas. In July he was interviewed for a story broadcast on Bloomberg Television, where he offered analysis of financial markets.

**Hunter Hammond** and **Scott Lewis** were married on June 27, 2009, in Annapolis, Md. Included in the wedding party were **Kathryn Heotis Oldenborg**. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va., where Hunter is a history teacher and department chair at T.C. Williams High School and Scott is employed by the Washington Nationals baseball team.

**Jennifer McCullam** and **Jeffrey Nash** were married on May 30, 2009, in Bay Head, N.J. Included in the wedding party were **Carolyn Smith Elmi**, **Megan Greene Westerberg**, and **Victoria Schneider Lukachik**, '01.

### CLASS OF '01

**Kasey Yetman Broocks** and her husband, Cary, had a daughter, Elizabeth Jeanne, on March 4, 2009. They live in Richmond.

**Sean Drummond** and his wife, Beth, had a son, Benjamin Briggs, on July 2, 2009. He joins sister Hannah, 3. They live in Raleigh, N.C., where Sean is a youth pastor.

**Maureen Jett Gladden** and her husband, Jason, had a son, Addley Mason, on May 3, 2009. They live in Beaverdam, Va.

**Cait Cooper Post** and her husband, David, had a daughter, Caroline Grace, on Feb. 11, 2009. They live in Alexandria, Va.

### CLASS OF '02

**Kristen Brown Allen** and **Lance Allen** had a daughter, Sydney Taylor, on May 29, 2009. She joins brother Troy, 2. The family lives in Altoona, Pa., where Kristen works part time as a pharmaceutical sales representative and Lance is a financial analyst for Ward Transport and Logistics.

**John Hill** and his wife, Nancy, had a daughter, Becca, on June 21, 2008. Despite being born 12 weeks early and weighing only 13 ounces at birth, Becca is doing well. The family lives in Bethpage, Tenn., where John and Nancy are pastors of Bethpage United Methodist Church.

**Nedra McClyde** was nominated for a New York Innovative Theatre Award for outstanding actress in a lead role for her work in *Miss Evers' Boys*, a production of the Red Fern Theatre Company. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Abby Hammer Rendish** and her husband, Marc, had a daughter, Molly Rose, on Aug. 16, 2009. She joins sister Maryn Virginia, 2. The family lives in Chelmsford, Mass.

**Candice Renka** graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego in 2008 and passed the California and Nevada bar exams. After clerking for Justice Mark Gibbons at the Nevada Supreme Court, she took an associate position in the litigation department of Marquis & Aurbach in Las Vegas.

**Kevin Saupp** and **Jennifer Gagnon** were married on May 30, 2009, in Stafford, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Adam Bayes**, **Matthew Page**, '01, **John Hunt**, '01, and **Sarah Taylor**, '03. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

**Tracey Miller Schwartz** and her husband, Logan, had a son, Tyson Scott, on March 27, 2009. He joins sister Peyton, 2. The family lives in Austin, Texas.

### CLASS OF '03

**Matthew Beck** and **Elizabeth Day Freeze Beck**, '04, had a son, Lincoln James, on July 4, 2009. They live in Richmond.

**Ryan Catherwood** is communications director for Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va.

**Valerie Harris Catrow** and her husband, Ross, had a son, Jackson, on Nov. 17, 2008. They live in Richmond, where Valerie is editor of

RVANews.com and a copywriter for PharrOut, her husband's web development firm.

**Tiffany Gnau** and **Sean Clarke** were married on May 30, 2009, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Sarah Maloney**, **Kristin Graf**, and **Daniel Peimer**. Sean is a project manager with Hankins and Johann in Richmond, and Tiffany recently completed a master's degree in business administration at Vanderbilt University.

**Kemp Hammond** and **Deborah Knorr** were married on Aug. 1, 2009, in Annapolis, Md. Kemp graduated from the University of Baltimore Law School and is an assistant state's attorney in Anne Arundel County. Deborah works for the Baltimore City Health Department.

**Christine Maffuccio** is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at the University of Maryland.

### CLASS OF '04

**Jason Bromberg** and his wife had a daughter, Alexa Chase, on July 21, 2009. They live in Danvers, Mass.

**Erin Dilber** and **Ross Starr**, '06, were married on July 25, 2009. Included in the wedding party were **Lauren Gustafson Golliday** and **Lomax Boyd**, '06.

**Charissa Lopez-Linus** and **Samuel Slack** were married on June 26, 2009. Included in the wedding party were **Kristin Josey**, **Meredith Cox**, **John Goreczny**, **Ryan Bonner**, **Daniel Inglis**, **Michael Bender**, and **Christian Lopez**, '03, brother of the bride. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Adriane MeVay** is an associate director at UBS Investment Bank. She lives in Stamford, Conn.

**Michelle Smith** is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Pennsylvania State University.

**Jessica Schumann Weaver** and **Adam Weaver** had a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, on Oct. 27, 2008. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

### CLASS OF '05

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**Ellyn Dazenski** and **Richard**



**Gouldin** were married on June 6, 2009, in Richmond. They live in Ithaca, N.Y., where Ellyn is an intern in small animal medicine and surgery at Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

**Melissa Minetola Leddy, G'07**, lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is a freelance writer for the *San Antonio Express-News*.

**Caroline Moore** has produced several films for the Hallmark Channel and Lifetime Television. She lives in New York.

**Anne Schwalbe** is a program director for Teach for America. She previously taught ninth-grade English at St. Francis Indian School on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

## CLASS OF '06

**Luke Burns** is a second-year law student at Emory University.

**Kerry Grace** and **Kyle Benn** were married on May 30, 2009, in Newtown, Pa. Included in the wedding party were **Stacy Hutcherson**, **David Kaufmann**, **Scott Celandier**, **Nichole Fortier, '08**, and **Kyle Grace, '12**, brother of the bride. The couple lives in Springfield, N.J.

**Kellen Jendrek** and **Matthew Bagnoli** were married on June 20, 2009, in Irvington, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Matthew Farber**, **Kristen Wong**, and **Tracy Pintard, '05**.

**Matthew Rafalow** is an administrator in the Office of Student Services at Columbia Law School in New York. He is also enrolled in a master's degree program in sociology and education at Columbia.

**Lindsey Zanchettin** is a high school English teacher in Northern Virginia. She is pursuing a master's degree in English literature at George Mason University.

## CLASS OF '07

**Josef Brozyna** is pursuing a medical degree at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Daniel Callahan** is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at the Universidad de Belgrano in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Jamie Shifflett Gendron** and her husband had a son, Justin, on March 29, 2009.



## Galactic travel agent

Joshua Bush, '00

Joshua Bush glimpsed the future at a trade show for travel agents in Las Vegas. Actually, it was more than a glimpse. It was a 10-minute video on the JumboTron. Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic was recruiting agents to promote space travel.

"The hair on the back of my neck stood up," says Bush, vice president of Philadelphia-based Park Avenue Travel. Virgin Galactic invited members of the audience to become the world's first accredited space travel agents. Bush put together a 15-page application and was chosen.

This is not the career that Bush imagined when he enrolled at Richmond. As a teenager, he had vowed never to join Park Avenue, his family's travel agency. He graduated in 2000 with a double major in leadership studies and political science. He worked in banking and commercial real estate, but his passion for travel—engrained as a child—was not being satisfied. He also lacked an outlet for his entrepreneurial itch.

With his parents approaching retirement, Bush joined Park Avenue in 2006. He saw great potential in the business. Retiring baby boomers are a growing market with both the means and the mindset for adventure travel, he reasoned. "It's not about how many Mercedes you have in the garage, but about life experiences."

Bush introduced the idea of space travel to clients in 2007 after completing his training at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He experienced everything that space passengers will experience, short of the flight itself. For clients, it will be a three-day adventure—two days of flight training and medical testing capped by a flight 70 miles above the Earth with five to six minutes of weightlessness.

By 2011, Virgin Galactic expects to offer one flight a day costing \$200,000 per seat. The company has taken 350 reservations so far—two of them booked by Bush.

—Leigh Anne Kelley

**Nicola Hart** is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at Vanderbilt University.

**Carmen Hermo** is a cataloguer and researcher at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

**Kristen Morgan** is a writing teacher at Minturn Middle School near Vail, Colo. Last year she traveled to India, Nepal, and Southeast Asia.

**Ryan Murray** and **Candice Dalton** were married on Aug. 1, 2009, at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. They live in San Francisco, where Ryan is an analyst for Goldman Sachs.

**Carolyn Roscoe** is an English teacher at Godwin High School in Richmond.

**Heather Vermeulen** is pursuing a master's degree at Yale Divinity School.

## CLASS OF '08

**Randy Begel** is a writer for BioWare, a video game developer in Austin, Texas.

**Kevin Crennan** is a second-year law student at the College of William and Mary.

**James Donohue** completed U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., and was deployed to Iraq, where he is a fire support officer.

**Patrick Doyle** is a second-year student at New York Law School.

**Megan Gibson** is a first-year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Tennessee. She lives in Knoxville.

**Elizabeth Jones** is an English teacher at Deep Run High School in Glen Allen, Va.

**Karen Robichaud** is an audience services associate at the Boston Lyric Opera.

**Amanda Rosenthal** is pursuing a master's degree in speech language pathology at Emerson College. She lives in Brookline, Mass.

**Allison Speicher** is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Indiana University.

## CLASS OF '09

**Katelin French** and **Ryan Hansen, G'07**, were married on July 4, 2009. They are both pursuing doctoral degrees at Ohio State University.





# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI

### 1933 / Matilda "Tillie" Tisinger

**Massey, W.**, of Atlanta, June 9, 2009. She served in the Navy during World War II, working in the code room in Charleston, S.C. She later became a teacher and principal in Atlanta.

**1934 / W. Halder Fisher, R.**, of Columbus, Ohio, May 18, 2009. In the late 1930s, he was a supervisor with the Works Progress Administration and its youth division, the National Youth Administration, in Blacksburg, Va. He later held many positions as an educator, chemist, and economist. In 1963, he joined Batelle Memorial Institute, retiring in 1979, but remaining as a consultant until 2002.

**1934 / Frances Heath Gee, W.**, of Richmond, Aug. 5, 2009. She began her career as a chemist at Philip Morris. She later worked for the Virginia Department of Education, rising to supervisor of teacher education before retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Woman's Club and Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

**1936 / Esther Figuly, W.**, of Richmond, June 20, 2009. She worked as a medical laboratory technician, then at the Virginia Department of Health. She was a longtime member of Providence United Methodist Church.

**1938 / Virginia Ogburn Butrin, W.**, of Grand Rapids, Mich., July 5, 2009. She was a professor at Wheaton College.

**1939 / Grover B. McClure Jr., R.**, of Redding, Conn., June 9, 2009. He joined the Navy before the start of World War II, serving as a PT boat skipper in the Aleutian Islands and as a lieutenant commander of a large landing ship in the South Pacific. He joined the Richardson-Vick pharmaceutical company. He lived in France for many years, helping the company expand into Europe, Asia, and Africa. He rose to president of Vick International and executive vice president of Richardson-Vick.

**1939 / Anne P. Walker, W.**, of Richmond, Aug. 29, 2007. She worked as a microbiologist at McGuire Veterans Hospital. She was a member of Westover Hills United Methodist Church.

**1940 / Annie L. Parker Cocker, W.**, of Franklin, Va., June 3, 2009. She taught at Episcopal Lower School in McLean, Va., and was active in school, church, and civic organizations.

**1940 / Dr. Charles P. Ford Jr., R.**, of Emerald Isle, N.C., June 6, 2009. He practiced medicine in the Army during World War II. He entered private practice and later worked for DuPont. He served in the National Guard for 27 years, retiring as a colonel.

### 1940 / Katharine Wicker

**Long, W.**, of Richmond, formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., June 13, 2009. She was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

**1941 / Dr. Jesse W. Markham, R.**, of Friendship, Maine, and Longboat Key, Fla., June 21, 2009. During World War II, he served as a gunnery officer on the USS Augusta, the flagship for the invasion of Normandy. He taught at Vanderbilt and Princeton universities, then in the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, where he received the school's Distinguished Service Award. He served as a People to People Diplomacy Mission Delegate to the Soviet Union in 1989. He was a member of Friendship United Methodist Church.

**1942 / Jean Beeks Marston, W.**, of Richmond, June 18, 2009. She worked as a teacher and librarian. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Woman's Club and Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church.

**1944 / Santa Maxwell Edwards, W.**, of Hackensack, N.J., July 6, 2009. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Episcopal Women's Caucus and the Church of the Annunciation in Oradell, N.J.

**1945 / Marianne Waddill Jones, W.**, of Phoenix, June 27, 2009. She served on several community boards.

**1945 / Robert L. Kent, R.**, of Dunnsville, Va., formerly of Richmond, July 20, 2009. He served in the Merchant Marines and worked for Eastern Airlines. He retired as president of Charles B. Allen Plumbing and Heating. He was a member of Ephesus Baptist Church.

**1946 / Margaret Macy Chevins, W.**, of Key Largo, Fla., July 7, 2009. She won many golf tournaments and championships. She and her husband played golf all over the world, tackling many of the most difficult courses. She especially enjoyed playing courses that frowned on women players.

**1946 / Marjorie Webb Rowe, W.**, of Richmond, July 27, 2009. She taught in Chesterfield County, South Norfolk, and Henrico County. She worked for the *Richmond Times-*

*Dispatch* from 1959 to 1974 as a reporter, then as editor of the women's section. She later returned to teaching.

**1949 / Donald B. Camden, R.**, of Midlothian, Va., June 16, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. He later worked as a real estate agent and broker.

**1949 / Elbert H. Holt, R.**, of Richmond, July 18, 2009. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and was a prisoner of war. He retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve. He was owner and president of Elbert H. Holt Insurance Agency and a member of First Baptist Church.

**1949 / Frances Robinson King, W.**, of Richmond, June 8, 2009. She served as a board member of the Virginia Council of Churches and president of the YWCA. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

**1949 / Alda Marlin Noftsinger, W.**, of Newark, Del., formerly of Richmond, July 3, 2009. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and the New Century Club. She also was active with the ARC of Delaware.

**1950 / Julian R. Elliott, B.**, of Mechanicsville, Va., June 20, 2009. He served in the Army, attaining the rank of lieutenant, then began a long career with Exxon. He retired as operations manager for Virginia and West Virginia.

**1951 / W. Spilman Short Sr., R.**, of Richmond, June 17, 2009. He worked in life insurance, then founded Spilman Short Realtors, retiring in 2000. He was a member of River Road Church, Baptist.

**1952 / S. Franklin Foster Jr., R and G'54.**, of Jacksonville, Fla., June 23, 2009. During the Korean War, he served in the Navy. He later worked for Life of Georgia Insurance Co.

**1952 / Ella "Deanie" Dungan Mitchell, W.**, of Richmond, April 10, 2008. She was a member of Chamberlayne Baptist Church, where she taught the Fidelis Class for years.

**1954 / Elizabeth Rosenberger Allen, W.**, of Dover, Del., July 31, 2009. She worked as an educator in mathematics in Virginia and at Delaware Technical and Community College. She and her husband started the Allen Travel Agency and operated it for more than a quarter century. She also volunteered for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**1954 / Thomas W. Downing**

**Jr., R and H'71.**, of Winston-Salem, N.C., June 25, 2009. He led Baptist congregations in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina until Parkinson's disease forced him to retire early.

**1954 / Llewellyn T. Flippen, R.**, of Richmond, July 28, 2009. He served as a captain in the Air Force Dental Corps and practiced dentistry in Richmond. He also served as an instructor in the School of Dentistry at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**1954 / William M. Phillips, R and L'57.**, of Richmond, July 9, 2009. He was city attorney for Lynchburg, Va., and later served as attorney for the towns of Appomattox and Amherst, Va. He was a founding member of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia and a founding member of the Virginia School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys. He was active in the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, receiving the organization's highest award in 1991. He was a member of the Lynchburg Rotary Club and Peakland Baptist Church.

**1956 / Vance H. Long, R.**, of Richmond, July 31, 2009. His professional baseball career in the New York Yankees organization was cut short when he was drafted into the Army. He was administrative director for the Virginia Department of Health and retired as vice president of First Health Service Corp.

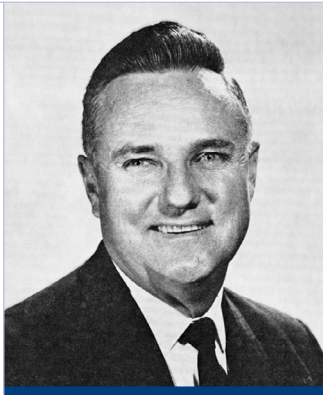
**1956 / William J. Peters III, R.**, of Roanoke, Va., June 24, 2009. He served in the Navy submarine program. Shifting to the Naval Reserve, he worked as an engineer specializing in submarine navigation at the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University. He worked at the laboratory for more than three decades. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

**1957 / Otis H. Stitzer Jr., B.**, of Richmond, Sept. 4, 2008. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked as an accountant with Lawyers Title Insurance Co. He belonged to local chapters of the Moose, Masons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and other civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of New Bridge Baptist Church.

**1958 / Jeanne Black Morris, W.**, of Richmond, June 25, 2009.

**1962 / David R. Ames, Sr., R.**, of Richmond, Aug. 4, 2009. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and





**Frank Jones**, of Richmond, died July 25, 2009, at age 90. He was the head coach of Richmond's football team from 1966-73 and the University's athletic director from 1967-74.

Jones inherited a football team that had lost 14 consecutive games. "We were probably the worst football team in America, but he turned that program around," said former quarterback Buster O'Brien, R'68, in a *Richmond Times-Dispatch* story. Two seasons later, the Spiders beat Ohio University in the Tangerine Bowl and finished the season ranked 20th in the nation.

During Jones' tenure at Richmond, the team won the Southern Conference championship three times. The Spiders returned to the Tangerine Bowl in 1971, and cracked the top 20 again in 1973.

After his coaching career, Jones started Frank Jones & Co., a Richmond-based real estate firm.

"He remained a loyal Spiders fan," the *Times-Dispatch* reported, "and was periodically asked to speak to UR football teams by Richmond's subsequent coaches." He was inducted into the UR Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

made the team before being drafted into the Army. After his military service, he played for the New York Titans and the Denver Broncos. Returning to Richmond, he held a management position at Philip Morris. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

**1962 / J. Edward Dunivan, B.** of Richmond, July 7, 2009. He was an agent and district manager for The Equitable Life Assurance Society. Later, he founded and served as president of Virginia Financial Associates. He served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Youth With a Mission-Richmond. He was a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

**1962 / Wayne L. Young, B.** of Chester, Va., June 14, 2009. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and received numerous medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He worked as a CPA and was a member of Second Baptist Church, Petersburg.

**1963 / Howard W. Love, R.** of South Hill, Va., July 16, 2009. He was auditor of public accounts for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was a member of Richmond Christadelphian Chapel and Berea Christadelphian Ecclesia.

**1966 / Jane Thurman Anderson, W.** of Richmond, July 22, 2009. She had been director of volunteer services at Southern Hills Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. She was a member of River Road Church, Baptist.

**1966 / Edward B. Baucom, G.** of Danville, Va., June 26, 2009. He served in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of major. He was senior vice president of finance at the Memorial Hospital of Danville (Danville Regional Medical Center). He also was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

**1966 / William E. Grammer Jr., B.** of Richmond, July 30, 2009. He was an Army veteran. He retired from Verizon and, inspired by his love of farming, went to work for Southern States Cooperative.

**1966 / David D. Ryan, R.** of Richmond, June 7, 2009. He was an artist and author of nine books on Virginia history, including *Cornbread and Maggots, Cloak and Dagger: Union Prisoners and Spies in Civil War Richmond*. He won many awards as a photographer and reporter for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and *The Richmond News Leader*. His reporting on environmental problems caused

by strip mining in Southwest Virginia helped bring about new laws to control the practice.

**1967 / Alger "Buster" Batts Jr., B and GB'72**, of Richmond, June 9, 2009. He worked in the trucking industry as director of safety and personnel at Great Coastal Express.

**1967 / A. Wayne Coley Sr., R.** of Richmond, Jan. 14, 2009. He served Baptist congregations in North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Virginia and worked with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. In 2002, he received the Distinguished Christian Educators Award from the Virginia Baptist Religious Education Association. He retired from HopeTree Family Services, where he worked with special-needs individuals. He was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

**1967 / Paul J. Manchey Jr., R.** of Strasburg, Va., June 16, 2009. He taught political science at Lord Fairfax Community College and was a member of St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church.

**1968 / John E. Molnar, G.** of Farmville, Va., June 20, 2009. He was a coordinator of institutional approval and library services for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Previously, he had worked as a librarian and teacher of library science and as a church organist and choir director in Michigan and Virginia. He was active in educational, civic, and historical organizations. He also wrote many books.

**1968 / Charles L. Raines, B.** of Fredericksburg, Va., March 9, 2009. He was a longtime cabinet maker with Mine Road Cabinets.

**1969 / Nora Bailey Ford, W.** of Jasper, Ga., July 22, 2009. She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

**1969 / Edwin C. Thornton III, R.** of Chesterfield, Va., June 24, 2009. He was pastor of Tomahawk Baptist Church.

**1969 / George S. Woodall, C.** of Richmond, June 1, 2009. He served in the Marines and later worked in economic development and real estate. He was a member of the Bon Air Rotary, Military Order of the World Wars, Military Officers Association of America, and the Navy League.

**1971 / Larry C. Brown, B.** of Richmond, June 10, 2009. He held executive positions in several banks and at AMI Healthcare and SunCom Wireless. Most recently, he worked as

a consultant with VACO Richmond. He was a member of the Richmond Jaycees and Kiwanis.

**1971 / Robert K. Thomas III, R.** of Novato, Calif., July 21, 2009. He served two tours in Vietnam. A career civil servant, he lived in Europe and Asia before settling in the San Francisco Bay area.

**1973/ Charles U. Terry, C.** of Richmond, July 7, 2009. He had been a partner in a retail antiques business in Pennsylvania. His dedicated his life to teaching disadvantaged children, especially in New York's inner city. He was an elder of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**1973 / Dr. R. Michael Wyatt, R.** of St. Cloud, Minn., July 7, 2009. Following ordination as an Episcopal priest, he held leadership positions in education and the priesthood. He was Canon Theologian at Washington National Cathedral. Moving to Minnesota in 2006, he served as priest to St. John's Episcopal Church and was an adjunct professor at St. Cloud State University. He also was an accomplished pianist and composer.

**1975 / David C. Bonner Jr., B.** of Salem, Mass., July 17, 2009. He worked for Crestar Bank in Richmond and then at Bank of America in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the Peabody Essex Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and WUMB radio station.

**1976 / Tenita Palmer Pickerel, W.** of Vinton, Va., July 27, 2009. She taught for many years at National Business College.

**1979 / Francis M. Strother, C.** of Midlothian, Va., July 8, 2009. He served aboard the battleship USS New York in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He worked for C&P Telephone Co., retiring in 1985. He was a member of Westhampton United Methodist Church.

**1988 / J. Gregory Planicka, R and L'94.** of McLean, Va., July 12, 2009. He worked in financial planning, financial services, and public policy.

## STAFF

**Diane Harrison Retzer**, of Richmond, died Aug. 3, 2009. She worked as a student advisor in the School of Continuing Studies for the past six years.





# VANTAGE POINT

## RICHMOND IS A SHARED EXPERIENCE FOR OUR FAMILY

**By Terri Huff Smith, W'86**

Bringing my first-born child to Richmond for her first semester of college was a family affair for me, my daughter Jordan, '13, my husband Steve, R'86, and our three younger children.

We drove down from Collegeville, Pa., two days early so we could savor the experience. After winding our way down Boatwright Drive, we stopped at the UR sign to enjoy the geraniums and take a few family photos. Then we parked near Sarah Brunet Hall.

"That's where Dad and I held our wedding reception," I told the kids. They already knew that, but I like to remind them.

As we walked up to Robins Hall, I thought to myself, "Oh, my goodness! I can't believe she will be living on the guy's side of the lake! She will be living where my *dad* lived!" Jordan's grandfather, W.W. "Binky" Huff, R'61, roomed in Robins Hall during his Richmond days.

By now you probably are thinking that my husband and I are overzealous alumni who forced our daughter to enroll in Richmond, but we really did stay out of her decision. We thought she was going to another university. Then she suddenly announced that she was going to Richmond. (See story on page 10.) We are not sure why she changed her mind, but we are glad she did. The UR spirit flows through our veins.

As we walked down to Westhampton Lake, Steve pointed out Marsh Hall, where he lived for three years. We passed through the student commons and took more family photos in front of the chapel. "This is where Dad and I got married," I told the children.

They already knew that, but I like to remind them.

The next day we were up early and back on campus. Jordan picked up her student I.D. and printed out her schedule. We swung by the bookstore and purchased most of her books—not to mention Spider caps, sweat-shirts, and national championship T-shirts for the whole family.

We ate lunch at Phil's—a favorite Spider hangout for the past 70 years. It seemed the same as it did in the 1980s. I think it's caught in a time warp.

Back on campus, we went to Stern Plaza to wave to the UR webcam. Jordan called her grandparents and

### "The UR spirit flows through our veins."

her aunt and told them how to control the live video camera from their computers. As they watched us waving, I promised Jordan that I would *not* be looking for her every day on the webcam.

Next we visited the Robins Center to see Ken Hart, the equipment manager. We have kept in touch with Ken over the years, and when he heard that Jordan was coming to Richmond, he offered her the same part-time job that I held when I was a Richmond student. Ken really cares about the students, and it makes me feel good to know that Jordan will be hanging out with great people like Ken.

I met many wonderful people during my four years at Richmond—including my husband, Steve. In our senior year, I lived in apartment 503,

and Steve lived in apartment 504 of University Forest. We drove over there for a quick look. "Dad and I were good friends and neighbors before we started dating," I told the kids. They already knew that, but I like to remind them.

The following morning, we were the first to arrive at Robins Hall for move-in day. Jordan insisted on getting there one hour early to get a good parking place, and it's a good thing we did. Within 15 minutes there were none left.

Moving Jordan's things into the dorm was easy because her siblings did most of the heavy lifting. I think it was reassuring for them to spend some time in their big sister's new surroundings. They explored the campus a little bit on their own and came back convinced that they were ready for college, too.

After we got Jordan situated, we attended the legacy luncheon, a special event for alumni families. Since there were six of us, there wasn't room at our table for another family, so Nanci Tessier, vice president for enrollment management, joined us. Nanci grew up in a big family, so she fit right in and made us feel especially welcome.

Family dinners are important to us—usually at 6 p.m. sharp. Prime rib in the D-hall would be our last family dinner with Jordan for quite awhile, but there were no tears. We were more excited for her than sad for ourselves. Still, it seemed strange to wind our way up Boatwright Drive with three children instead of four. Jordan's siblings really miss their big sister. They take turns sleeping in her bed, and I tell them that she's doing fine at Richmond. They already know that, but I like to remind them.

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**Snow? What snow?**  
Sophomore cross-country runners (from the left) Katrina Spratford, Carter Norbo, Beth Kelly, and Emma Berry brave the elements.