Opening Doors at UR Downtown
The past six months have seen the addition of many terrific people to the University of Richmond community. People from all backgrounds—students, faculty, staff, and senior leaders—have made Richmond their home, and we are delighted to welcome them.

Like others in American higher education, we were a bit apprehensive going into this admission season. Despite our generous financial aid, we worried that financially strapped families would rule us out before giving us a close look. It turns out that we were wrong, for we had the second largest pool of applicants in the University’s history, almost reaching last year’s record level.

Then the next challenge loomed: seeing if the excellent class we admitted, representing most of the United States and many parts of the world, would accept us. Applying, after all, is one thing; accepting an offer, when so many superb colleges and universities are pursuing these students, is another. Again, we need not have worried. The percentage of students who accepted our offers of admission increased substantially. While we are awaiting the final numbers, it is already clear that we are welcoming one of the most able classes that has ever attended Richmond, as well as the most diverse. Compared with last year, the incoming class includes nearly twice as many students of color and twice as many students who are the first in their families to attend college. The class also includes students from 27 countries.

Since access and inclusivity are leading goals in *The Richmond Promise*, the University’s new strategic plan, we were gratified to see this progress.

Since so many young people accepted our offers of admission, the class also will be robust in numbers, about 100 more than last year. Fortunately, the incoming students will find about two dozen new faculty members awaiting them. In a year when many colleges and universities froze hiring, we were able to bring in new colleagues who represent the best of the new generation of teacher-scholars. Like our students, they are a diverse group who will help us fulfill *The Richmond Promise*. New allies join us in accounting and management, computer science and chemistry, theater and Chinese literature, and sociology and political science. The law school welcomes a former U. S. Supreme Court clerk, an expert in family law, and an intellectual property scholar. Our new colleagues come to us from the most distinguished programs in the nation and beyond, bringing great energy and commitment.

Our successes in student and faculty recruitment are the direct result of the work of two other new members of the Richmond community. Nanci Tessier, who joined us last fall as our first vice president for enrollment management, applied wonderful expertise and enthusiasm to attracting our stellar incoming class. Steve Allred, who joined us as provost last year from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, worked with the deans of all five schools at UR to make sure we made compelling offers to the best faculty.

Another new leader brought a different kind of success to the University in his first year. Tom Gutenberger, R’87, returned to Richmond as vice president of advancement. Under Tom’s leadership, the University enjoyed its most successful year in annual giving, both in the number of people who contributed and in the amount they donated. Such generosity is heartening testimony to their confidence in the University and the progress we are making on so many fronts.

As you can see, your University is attracting great talent, great experience, and great people. We hope you will come meet the new members of the Richmond community.

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CAMPUS

Sustainability efforts produce new garden

The Sustainability Working Group, a committee of staff and faculty members who work to lessen the University’s impact on the environment, sponsored a community garden on campus this summer.

Adjacent to the Country Club of Virginia golf course, the garden provided 25 plots—each 10 feet wide and 15 feet long—to faculty and staff who grew fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. They used only organic fertilizers and no pesticides.

Peggy Shifflett, a clerk in the facilities department, was among the employees who participated in the pilot program. She and three co-workers planted tomatoes, green beans, squash, cucumbers, radishes, herbs, peppers, and watermelons.

The other employees in her gardening group were Dianne St. John, administrative coordinator in the One Card office, Barbara Melton, administrative coordinator in the music department, and Mark McGill, also a clerk in the facilities department.

The idea of a community garden came from Abby Ayers, wife of President Edward Ayers, and it was developed by Steve Glass, the University’s horticulturalist, and his staff.

“The participants with this first season that I have spoken with seem enthusiastic,” says Abby Ayers, who shared her plot with a staff member. “Ed helped with a wheelbarrow of mulch,” she notes.

UR appoints Kocher as its new chaplain

The Rev. Craig T. Kocher, associate dean of the chapel and director of religious life at Duke University, has been appointed chaplain to the University of Richmond. He also will hold the Jessie Ball DuPont Chair of the Chaplaincy.

Kate O’Dwyer Randall, acting chaplain since 2006, will remain with Richmond as associate chaplain.

In his dual role at Duke, Kocher developed and led a university-wide program of religious and spiritual life that included interfaith dialogue, vocational discernment, social justice programs, service trips, and pilgrimages. He also helped manage Duke Chapel and served as a worship leader for its congregation of 1,000.

Before joining Duke in 2003, Kocher was associate pastor of the 3,200-member Davidson (N.C.) United Methodist Church and campus minister to Davidson College.

“Craig brings a broad range of experience to the University in the areas in which we are eager to see the chaplaincy continue to develop,” says President Edward Ayers. “His work at Duke provides him with a valuable perspective of living in and leading a complex faith environment.”
TRUSTEES
Healey and Gregory join Richmond board
The University’s Board of Trustees added two new members on July 1—Melanie Healey, B’83, a group president of Procter & Gamble, and Roger Gregory, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

In 1982, Gregory founded the law firm of Wilder & Gregory in Richmond with L. Douglas Wilder. After Wilder was elected governor of Virginia, Gregory became managing partner of the firm, a position he held until his appointment to the bench.

Gregory is the first African-American to sit on the Richmond-based court.

Healey grew up in Brazil and developed a passion for marketing at the Robins School of Business. She joined Procter & Gamble in 1990 and worked her way up to president of the company’s Global Feminine and Health Care Group in Cincinnati.


RANKINGS
UR climbs higher on U.S. News lists
Richmond has moved up to No. 30 in U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of “Best Liberal Arts Colleges,” three notches higher than last year and the highest rank UR has attained since being placed in the highly competitive category in 2006.

U.S. News also named Richmond to several special lists. UR advanced from ninth to fifth among “Top Up-and-Coming Schools” in the liberal arts category. The list recognizes colleges that are making “innovative, promising changes to academics, faculty, students, campus, or facilities.”

Richmond jumped from 27th to 14th on the magazine’s list of “Great Schools, Great Prices,” which highlights liberal arts colleges and universities that offer the best overall value. UR also

UR taps new finance VP
Hossein Sadid, a senior American higher education financial and administrative officer whose experience includes service at private and public institutions abroad, has been named the University’s vice president for business and finance.

He succeeds Herb Peterson, B’64, who retired June 30 after 40 years of service in the University’s business office.

Sadid joins Richmond with more than 25 years of experience at Case Western Reserve University, where he most recently served as chief financial and administrative officer and special assistant to the president.

At Case Western, Sadid managed all aspects of the institution’s business and finance operations, including human resources, auxiliary enterprises, facilities, procurement and material management, occupational and environmental safety, investments, and internal audit.

An active and engaged member of the Cleveland community, Sadid received the Outstanding Business Executive of the Year Award from the Cleveland Community Development Consortium and the Outstanding Worksite Award from the city of Cleveland for providing summer youth employment and training programs. He also won local and national accolades for an innovative supplier diversity initiative he helped create and lead.

A certified public accountant, Sadid holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the Institute of Advanced Accountancy of Tehran University and an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance and accounting from Case Western.

“Hossein brings remarkably broad experience in higher education financial management and administration to the University of Richmond, along with a record of innovation and success,” says President Edward Ayers. “Equally important, he brings a collaborative, transparent leadership style to the University. He will be a key member of the senior leadership team as we implement our strategic plan, The Richmond Promise.”

—Brian Eckert
appeared on the magazine's unnumbered “Programs to Look For” list in the study-abroad category.

Factors contributing to Richmond’s higher overall ranking included a record year for admission applications and increasing scores for academic reputation, faculty resources, and graduation rates.

**Books**

**Schwartz on Milton**

Cambridge University Press has published *Milton and Maternal Mortality* by Dr. Louis Schwartz, associate professor of English.

The book examines how the perils of childbirth influenced John Milton’s life and poetry. His first and second wives both died of complications related to childbirth, common tragedies in Milton’s day.

“Women of the upper and middle classes in the rapidly growing cities and towns of the area, especially in London, were dying in childbirth at a rate approaching one in every 40 births,” Schwartz notes. Other English poets in the 16th and 17th centuries tended to ignore the subject, but Milton captured the anguish of maternal mortality in his works.

“The striking originality of ‘Paradise Lost’ was to some extent inspired by an attempt to overcome conventional limitations in the face of the particular subject matter of childbed suffering,” he contends. “That attempt is certainly responsible for much of what remains uncanny and fascinating about the poem for modern readers.”

**More faculty books**

**Leadership and the Liberal Arts: Achieving the Promise of a Liberal Education.** Dr. Thomas Wren, professor of leadership studies, Dr. Ronald Riggio, and Dr. Michael Genovese (editors). This collection of essays includes contributions from Dr. Sandra Peart, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and Dr. Richard Morrill, a chancellor and former president of the University.

**Jepson partnership builds ties to Greece**

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies is partnering with the American Community School in Greece to create a summer program focused on leadership, civic responsibility, and community service.

The Jepson-Athens Leadership Academy will include courses and activities in Athens, Richmond, and Washington. Greek students visited the United States in late June and early July. They toured historic sites and took a week-long leadership studies course with Dr. Thomas Wren, professor of leadership studies in the Jepson School.

“One of our strategic priorities is to develop robust international learning experi-
ences for our students,” says Jepson Dean Sandra Peart. “This program represents a new international venue for Jepson that opens up exciting possibilities for our students and faculty members. Our hope is that we will expand our academic relationships over time.”

The program started in mid-June with Jepson senior Danielle Mosher helping to teach a course on ethical decision-making and leadership as part of her internship at the American Community School.

**Faculty**

*Interim dean Schmidt leads Robins School*

The University has appointed Dr. Robert Schmidt interim dean of the Robins School of Business. He has taught in the Robins School for 28 years, and for the past eight years, he has chaired the economics department.

Schmidt is serving as interim dean while the University searches for a successor to Dr. Jorge Haddock, who stepped down to become dean of the George Mason University School of Management.

Schmidt joined the Robins School as an assistant professor of economics in 1981, after earning a doctoral degree from Duke University. During his tenure, he has published dozens of scholarly articles, monographs, technical papers, and reports. He has received numerous research grants, contracts, and awards from organizations ranging from government agencies to the World Bank. In 2008, he won the Robins School’s Distinguished Educator Award.

**Students**

*Frazier earns ODK leadership award*

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) has named Rebecca Frazier, ’09, National Leader of the Year. ODK is a national leadership honor society for college students. Each year it selects a leader of the year from 310 ODK chapters across the country.

Frazier served as president of the Richmond chapter of ODK during her senior year. She helped organize the chapter’s first angel tree, which provided gifts to children in a local intensive-care unit. She also raised awareness about ODK’s mission and membership, leading to one of the largest spring membership drives in the chapter’s history.

**UR redesigns Web site**

A team of University staff members and senior administrators has launched phase one of a reinvented and redesigned Web site for the University. Enhancements include a new public events feature, improved Google-based search capabilities, and an expanded “newsroom.”

The rollout began on June 17 with the main site—richmond.edu—and sites for admission and financial aid. In the coming months, the redesign team plans to extend the new approach to more than 125 additional Web sites in the Richmond domain.

The improvements will better reinforce and illustrate the principles outlined in the University’s strategic plan, *The Richmond Promise*, says Phillip Gravely, R’96, director of Web and editorial strategy. The enhancements also will provide greater support for admission and enrollment efforts.

“The new site represents a modern shift in Web usage, focusing on rich storytelling, dynamic content delivery, ease of navigation, mobile device accommodation, and a customizable user experience,” Gravely says.

The new home page, for example, allows users to customize their content, with options such as selecting RSS feeds from anywhere on the Web, tailoring link sets, and minimizing content areas. Future development phases call for more widgets and customizable options, including the ability for users to receive news and event notifications based on key words they select.

Initial usage data shows the redesigned site is attracting greater numbers of visitors and steering them to desirable places, says Eric Palmer, director of Web services. “For example, we are seeing dramatic increases in visits to targeted admission site pages, such as requests for information and campus tours, resulting in more personal contact with our prospective students.”

Throughout the redesign process, the team has solicited feedback from students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni. “We are grateful for the thoughtful and constructive feedback we have received,” Gravely says. “We are listening and responding, and we will continue to do so.”
She served as a psychology department teaching fellow at Richmond. She also helped design a leadership training program for inner-city girls and presented the program and an accompanying paper at the Southeastern Psychological Association's annual conference.

Frazier majored in psychology and cognitive science and graduated summa cum laude. She is pursuing a doctorate in social psychology on scholarship at the University of Virginia.

COMMUNITY
Chapel Guild conducts Christmas House Tour
The University of Richmond Chapel Guild will conduct its biennial Christmas House Tour on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Host homeowners include: Emilie Alford Kiritsis, ‘94, and Dr. Paul Kiritsis, R’90; Julia and Jerry Bender; Angela and Jud Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tysinger, B’70 and GB'78; and Bill Barnes.

Proceeds from the house tour help support Cannon Memorial Chapel, the chaplain's office, and the presentation of Messiah. For more information, call Sally Wood (804) 741-4607 or Sandy King (804) 784-5551.

ABROAD
Professors support imprisoned alumnus
Eighteen Richmond professors and administrators have sent a letter to the president of Azerbaijan vouching for the character of political activist Adnan Hajizada, '05, a native Azeri who was arrested there in July.

Quoting court documents filed by Hajizada’s attorney, The Collegian reported that Hajizada and fellow activist Emin Milli were attacked by two men in Baku, Azerbaijan. When the two activists reported the incident to police, they were arrested and accused of provoking the fight. They have been charged with “hooliganism,” but their supporters say they were arrested for speaking out against the government.

Hajizada’s father told The Collegian that the government or a pro-government group probably started the fight in retaliation for his son’s criticism of the government. The New York Times Web site reported that Hajizada and Milli had posted a video on their blog with Hajizada in a donkey costume holding a press conference for “gravely nodding journalists.” The video satirizes local media reports that the government had paid “exorbitant prices to import donkeys.”

According to The Collegian, the video “ended
with a statement that, roughly translated, said, “There will be someone to protect donkey civil rights, but who will protect human civil rights?”

The letter from Richmond professors and administrators calls for a thorough investigation and a fair and expeditious trial. It describes Hajizada as “an outstandingly polite and respectful gentleman; it is hard to imagine he would engage in acts of ‘hooliganism.’”

In late July, Hajizada and Milli remained in jail despite international outrage over their plight.

**STAFF**

**Van Riper leads UR communications team**

The University has hired Lisa Van Riper as assistant vice president for communications. She has more than 20 years of experience managing external and internal communications, most recently as assistant vice president of public affairs and store marketing for Richmond-based CarMax.


At Richmond, Van Riper manages marketing, media relations, Web development, internal communications, and alumni publications. “She excels in strategic communications planning, leadership, and marketing management,” says Tom Gutenberger, R’87, Richmond’s vice president of advancement.

**GRANTS**

**Professors earn grants for research abroad**

Two Richmond professors have been awarded fellowships to conduct research abroad.

Dr. Jeffrey Hass, associate professor of sociology, will conduct collaborative research in Russia under a $30,000 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research.

Dr. Yucel Yanikdag, assistant professor of Middle Eastern history, has been awarded a grant through the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship program to conduct research in Turkey next year.

**Villanueva joins UR as dean of admission**

Richmond has hired Gil Villanueva as assistant vice president and dean of admission. He was previously dean of admission at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Villanueva has worked his entire career in college admissions, holding senior positions at Bucknell University and Harvey Mudd College. He also has served on a number of national committees, including the College Board’s Task Force on Admissions for the 21st Century. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Pitzer College and a master’s degree from Bucknell.

At Richmond, he is joined by Michael Kabbaz, who has been named director of admission. Kabbaz was previously senior director of college and university services in the Advanced Placement Program at the College Board.

He has worked for the College Board since 2003, serving in a number of capacities including chief educational manager of the Midwestern regional office. He previously worked in admission at Miami (Ohio) and Xavier universities. He is a doctoral candidate in higher education at Loyola University in Chicago. He earned an M.B.A. and bachelor’s degree from Xavier.

Villanueva and Kabbaz began working for Richmond on July 15, succeeding retiring Dean Pam Spence, who had worked in Richmond’s admission office the past 34 years.

“I want to thank Pam for her unwavering dedication to the University,” says Nanci Tessier, vice president for enrollment management. “I am confident that Gil and Michael will build on Pam’s legacy.”
FOOTBALL
Spiders start season ranked first in FCS

The sense of pride in winning a national championship in football still permeates the campus, but the team is focused on the season at hand.

“ Everyone is happy that we won the national championship,” says senior co-captain Matt McCracken. “But it’s not something that dominates our thoughts. You can talk about repeating as champions, but there is no repeat. This is a different season, a different story, a different team.”

The Spiders won the NCAA’s Division I Football Championship Subdivision last year, and they are favored to win it again. “I know it’s a cliché,” says head coach Mike London, R’83, “but we’d rather be No. 1 at the end of the season.”

London says the 2009 Spiders will establish their own identity. Although the team returns 18 of 24 starters, including the punter and placekicker, there are significant changes from last year. Gone are two outstanding defensive ends, Lawrence Sidbury, ’09, and Sherman Logan, ’09. Stepping up are seniors Nick Battle and Pierre Turner. Both impressed London during the spring intra-squad game.

The team’s running attack also will have a new look. After relying heavily on big power runners for the past two seasons, the 2009 Spiders will give the ball to senior Justin Forte. At 5-9, 185 pounds, Forte breaks free with quickness instead of strength. He missed most of the 2008 season with a broken leg, but he opened the Spiders’ spring intra-squad game by sprinting 61 yards for a touchdown.

London is depending on McCracken and the rest of the offensive line veterans to give Forte the running room he needs. The Spiders also may ask senior quarterback Eric Ward to pass more. Either way, London says, the offensive line will be the key.

Head coach Mike London, R’83, tells the Spiders to go for one against Delaware last season. His team has retained its thirst to be first.

Alumni coaches span four decades at UR

The football coaching staff has become increasingly homegrown. With the addition of Vic Shealy, R’84, and Stacy Tutt, ’06, in February, the staff now features five alumni, including Jeff Hanson, R’72 and G’73, Scott Burton, ’95, and head coach Mike London, R’83.

London was a star defensive back for the Spiders and held his first assistant coaching job at UR. He says he hires coaches who know how to win, regardless of their alma mater.

“What matters is the quality they bring to the program,” London says. “Their résumés show they are proven winners.”

Shealy, UR’s new defensive coordinator, held the head job at Azusa Pacific, where he led the team to the 1998 NAIA championship. Tutt, the new running backs coach,
was a dual-threat quarterback at UR, where he ranks among the all-time career leaders in total offense.

Hanson and Burton joined the program last year. Burton is the wide receivers coach, and Hanson is the assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator, and defensive line coach.

Hanson says that while the football program may change, the alumni coaches know “what kind of character a kid needs to succeed here.”

NFL
Falcons draft Sidbury, Bucs sign Vaughan
Defensive end Lawrence Sidbury, ’09, and running back Josh Vaughan, ’09, key members of UR’s national championship team last year, are trying to become impact players in the National Football League.

The Atlanta Falcons drafted Sidbury in the fourth round of the NFL draft, and Vaughan has signed a free-agent contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Rechel finishes third in triathlon nationals
Julie Rechel, ’11, relishes the triathlon’s tests of skill and stamina. She made that clear by finishing third in a field of more than 300 competitors at the women’s USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship in Lubbock, Texas.

The meet began with air temperature at 47 and water temperature at 53. For a 1,500-meter swim—nearly one mile—that is “mind-numbingly cold,” Rechel says. “My whole body froze up, so my swim was disappointingly slow. However ... I came out of the water in eighth place.”

She moved up to fourth place during the 40-kilometer bike segment and the first half of the 10K run. At the halfway point aid station, her father—and all the volunteers he had recruited—cheered her on and told her the third-place runner was fading.

“That definitely fired me up,” Rechel says. “I was able to catch the third place runner. ... I finished strong and was so pleased with the results.” She completed the course in two hours, 20 minutes flat—less than one minute and 30 seconds behind the woman who won the race.

In addition to her triathlon training, Rechel competes on Richmond’s cross country team and is majoring in cultural epidemiology. During the summer, she conducted research for a paper on the culture of risk and injury in sports. That research became more personal when she injured her ear in a scuba diving accident on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia this summer. The injury caused balance problems and a loss of hearing in one ear, but she expects a full recovery.
Jenny Hobgood Connors, ’04 and L’07, (left) worked with Lisa Armenta on her no-fault divorce.
The University focuses on community engagement at its new downtown center.

The free legal help that Lisa Armenta received through UR Downtown has given her a new lease on life. The Richmond woman separated from her husband eight years ago but could not afford the legal services necessary for a divorce.

“It’s time for me to move on,” she says, explaining her plans to get a high school equivalency degree, attend college, and get a job.

Those goals would have been unattainable without the assistance of UR Downtown’s no-fault divorce program based at UR Downtown. “They’ve been really good at filing the paperwork and explaining how things are going,” Armenta says.

For second-year law student Lindsay Jefferies, working with Armenta and volunteer attorneys from the law firm of Williams Mullen has reminded her why she wanted to study law in the first place—“to give back to the community.”

UR Downtown “will help get the word out to the community and really increase the utilization of the program” for no-fault divorces, as well as other services for clients referred by social service agencies and...
“It gives us a presence in the city, a collaboration across schools, a partnership with other universities, and a meaningful way to contribute to Richmond by serving people in need while expanding educational opportunities for students and strengthening links to the community,” Ayers says.
as well as students, teachers, and professionals in social work and psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

“I love it that we’re partnering with a different university,” says Dale Margolin, director of the Family Law Clinic. VCU’s graduate students will help with client intake and assessment issues, such as divorce and custody matters, explains Tim Davey, associate dean for community engagement at VCU’s School of Social Work.

Before heading UR’s Family Law Clinic, Margolin directed a similar program at St. John’s University School of Law in New York, where she learned some of the hard realities of life for people living below the poverty line.

“Most people who aren’t poor don’t understand that being poor is a full-time job,” she says. “When legal problems arise, it’s hard to go to court without losing one’s job. It’s also hard to find social services when one lacks a car or adequate child care.” That’s why “it’s important for us to be convenient,” she says.

The center is on the main bus line and has convenient parking, notes Judy Mejia, manager of the Richmond Families Initiative (RFI). “The location of UR Downtown is critical,” she says. “As they say in real estate, ‘location, location, location.’ We are so fortunate to be right at the seat of Richmond’s government, business, and cultural arts communities.”

The RFI collaborates with community partners on children’s issues to promote healthy, stable families in the greater Richmond area. During the 2008–09 academic year, the RFI established partnerships with three non-profits that support families in the Richmond area. The partners include: St. Joseph’s Villa, a charity that works with special-needs children and their families; Voices for Virginia’s Children, a child advocacy organization; and William Byrd Community House, a charity that helps individuals and families become self-sufficient.

Six community-based learning courses at UR were connected to the RFI last year. English students became volunteer readers at William Byrd Community House, an M.B.A. student conducted organizational analysis for St. Joseph’s Villa, and sociology students performed case studies on various non-profits to help the RFI compile a library of information about local family service providers.

Crystal Thornhill, ’11, one of the volunteers at William Byrd Community House, read books to children in an after-school program there. She jumped at the chance to apply what she was learning in Dr. Elisabeth Gruner’s children’s literature course. “This gave me an opportunity to give back to the
Thornhill, a psychology major. “I really love working with kids.”

The RFI also sponsored brown bag discussions, such as one commemorating the 55th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. More than 70 guests attended the event at UR Downtown. The panel included Dr. Lauranett Lee of the Virginia Historical Society, Virginia state Sen. Henry Marsh, and Jonathan Stubbs, a professor of law at UR.

The new facility provides opportunities for all the University’s academic departments, offices, and programs to connect to people in the city of Richmond. During its first few months, UR Downtown hosted more than 60 events, including two law classes that met there weekly.

Pro bono Partners

The Center for Pro Bono Service at UR Downtown pairs law students with local attorneys to provide low-income families with legal services.

“Having a presence here makes it so much easier for the law students because it’s right across from the federal courthouse, it’s right on the bus route on Broad Street, and so it’s a great place for the client, the student, and the lawyer to meet,” says Benjamin Pace, L’02, a Williams Mullen attorney who chairs the Richmond Bar Association’s pro bono committee.

Pace and other attorneys involved in UR Downtown praise the leadership of Tara Louise Casey, a law school faculty member who directs the pro bono center. “Tara has been an asset to the pro bono community for a very long time,” Pace says. “So when she went to work for UR … everybody in pro bono work in Richmond knew a lot of things were going to start happening.”

UR Downtown already has helped take some of the pressure off the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, which has a long waiting list of clients seeking no-fault divorces. Pace vividly recalls his first client in the no-fault divorce program: “She was working. She was supporting her family, but she had a house fire that destroyed everything.” Now she is getting her life back together.

In a no-fault situation, Casey says, “you have people who cannot move forward with their lives, who might want to remarry, who might want to leave the state, and the only reason they can’t reach those goals is their inability to afford an attorney. We can help.”

In addition to the satisfaction of assisting such clients, Pace says he enjoyed working with UR law student June Kim, L’09, who helped draft legal pleadings in the case when they met at UR Downtown. “June was able to see how I handled the client—what questions I asked, how I handled sensitive subjects. I do think that’s a benefit to the students,” he says, “just to see how a lawyer handles something as simple and routine as a no-fault divorce.”

In addition to its no-fault divorce program, the pro bono center helps clients obtain protective orders. “We’re helping victims of domestic violence prepare their cases, and we’re providing them with representation at that final protective order hearing,” Casey says. “By providing legal representation, not only are you assisting them legally, you are assisting them with empowerment.”

Another member of Williams Mullen’s pro bono team, Brendan O’Toole, L’05, was born and raised in Richmond. “So any kind of pro bono service I can do as a lawyer to give back to my community and the citizens involved in my community...
makes me feel very good,” he says. “To a large extent, that is the reason I went to law school—to help others who need help.”

SPACE MATTERS
When Rich Johnson, R’73, president and CEO of The Wilton Companies, heard his alma mater was looking for a downtown site, he recommended the old Franklin Federal Savings & Loan building at Broad and Seventh. Wilton has owned the property since the 1990s and was restoring it to its original 1950s appearance.

The subject came up in conversation during a dinner on campus. Johnson heard that the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement was searching for a downtown location, and he knew he had the right building. He remembers button-holing University officials and recommending his site. Ayers endorsed the concept and accelerated the project.

“It was just a natural fit,” Johnson says. “And it kind of happened as a dinner conversation.”

The Wilton Companies invested $6 million to renovate the building, including a painstaking rehabilitation of 5,000 square feet on the ground floor for UR Downtown. The center has a number of unique aesthetic and environmental touches. Its colorful mural was commissioned in 1956 by the building’s original owner, Franklin Federal Savings & Loan. German artist Hans Gassman employed a 16th century Italian technique called sgraffito, a process he called “scratching on the wall” using five layers of plaster.

UR Downtown also has received a top rating for environmental sustainability (LEED certification) from the U.S. Green Building Council. To achieve the distinction, Wilton’s team installed heavy insulation, ultra-efficient heating and cooling systems, water-saving devices, and low-energy lighting. Johnson hopes the restored bank building soon will qualify for a historical designation, as well, making it one of the few buildings in Virginia’s capital that meet historical standards as well as 21st century green criteria.

“UR Downtown is a physical marker of the University’s commitment to community engagement,” says Dr. Amy Howard, director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement. (See Vantage Point on page 48.) “It offers limitless possibilities for connecting student learning with community needs.”

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From the left: Judy Mejia, Dale Margolin, and Tara Casey direct UR Downtown’s three primary programs.

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UR Downtown features a gigantic mural commissioned in 1956 by the building’s original owner.
Students expand their horizons between the spring and fall semesters.

The abrupt wake-up call comes at 4:30 a.m. A Dutch professor with a military background and a singular sense of humor shakes the house with a booming “GOOOOOOD MOOOOORNING!”

After a breakfast of bread, tomatoes, olives, and cheese, the Richmond students drive to their workplace, an archaeological excavation in southern Turkey.

“The mornings are really cold,” says Amy Nicholas, ’11, one of six UR students involved in the summer project. But “the sunrises over the mountains surrounding the Elmali Plain are gorgeous.”

The work is invigorating, too. Their assignment is to excavate a mound site called Hacimusalar, believed to be the ancient city of Choma. The three main areas of excavation include the city’s outer wall and two buildings that appear to have been churches. The students find mosaics, frescoes, shards of pottery, and the remains of an old stone wall.

They are part of a team that includes Turkish archaeologists and students from a Turkish university. They work eight hours a day, six days a week through June.
and July, learning about excavation measurements, drawings, and techniques. On their days off, they visit the market in Elmalı and the Mediterranean beaches of Antalya, Kas, and Fethiye. A few of them also travel to Istanbul.

Nicholas and the others—Zack Orefice, '09, Colby Ferguson, '11, Julia Czech, '11, Lauren Trueax, '11, and Kayla Repp, '11—are students of Dr. Elizabeth Baughan, the assistant professor of classics and archaeology who organized their summer adventure.

“This is an amazing opportunity to get hands-on experience,” says Nicholas, who is from Ephrata, Pa. She hopes to study classical archaeology or classical art history in graduate school.

Summer adventures like the archaeological dig in Turkey reflect Richmond’s increasing emphasis on experiential learning, says Dr. Steve Allred, the University’s provost and vice president for academic affairs. “The opportunities we provide to students in the summer are critical and integral parts of the undergraduate experience.”

Summer opportunities dovetail with study abroad, undergraduate research, and co-curricular activities to complement traditional learning in the classroom. It all comes together to form the academic foundation of The Richmond Promise, the University’s new strategic plan that aims to enhance the distinctive undergraduate experience of Richmond students.

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“Getting a White House internship taught me to follow the things I’m passionate about and not to rule anything out,” says Handy, who is from Marlborough, Mass. “I also think that working at a smaller, family-run company is extremely beneficial because I am able to work closely with our publisher and experience leadership firsthand.”

Handy is majoring in leadership studies with a minor in business administration. Upon graduation, he hopes to go into business consulting. His summer internship did not directly relate to his career plans, but it did complement them, he says. It coupled his personal interest in the Morgan industry with an opportunity “to experience life in a corporate environment,” says Handy, who is from Marlborough, Mass. “I also think that working at a smaller, family-run company is extremely beneficial because I am able to work closely with our publisher and experience leadership firsthand.”

Steve Handy, '10, competes in a Morgan horse show.
Handy’s summer work was good preparation for his new position on campus as president of the Jepson Student Government Association. “I have to utilize a similar skill set,” he says. “It is crucial to have attention to detail, be highly organized, and have a strong drive and determination for success.”

**WHITE HOUSE INTERN**

Her goal in life is “to make things happen,” so Shauna Myers, ‘10, was in the right place over the summer—across the street from the White House. As an intern with the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships, Myers routinely worked in close proximity to national leaders, including President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

In July, Myers was chosen to introduce the first lady when Michelle Obama spoke to a group of White House interns. “Standing here in front of all of you today,” Myers said. “I understand the ramifications of this moment—the honor that it bestows upon the generations of my family’s past, the generations of my family to come, and the sheer magnitude of what this means to my nuclear family, which has made me who I am.”

Myers also appreciated the more mundane aspects of her internship. The details are confidential, but the commission is responsible for recommending exceptional men and women to the president for selection as White House Fellows, one of America’s most prestigious initiatives for leadership and public service.

The selection process “gives you insight into what really happens to make government work,” says Myers, who is majoring in international studies with a concentration on Africa. “It’s really phenomenal,” she says. “People are extremely thorough in this administration. It comes straight down to the smallest detail. The stress is certainly on excellence.”

Myers grew up in Jamaica and came to the University as a Richmond Scholar and an Oliver Hill Scholar. She has studied abroad in Spain and South Africa, and she first learned about the White House internship through her experiences with international education.

Landing a White House internship “has taught me to follow the things I am passionate about and not to rule anything out,” she says. She views the opportunity as another step toward her career aspiration of “bridging the gap” for disadvantaged people around the world.

“So many policies have long needed reform and attention,” she says. “There are institutionally some things that need to change so we can level the playing field.”
Ben Morano, ’10, worked for Human Rights Watch in Moscow and for an eco-tourism program at Lake Baikal in Siberia.
**SIBERIA OR BUST**

Ben Morano, ’10, majoring in Russian studies and international studies with a focus on world politics and diplomacy, spent the summer in Russia.

In Moscow, he took courses in Russian language and culture and international relations. Then he worked at Human Rights Watch, where he did everything from performing routine administrative tasks to gathering information about a kidnapping in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan.

“My experience in Russia … became a lot more meaningful after joining Human Rights Watch,” Morano says. “My days were a lot more busy, but I enjoyed them so much more [because] I was not only doing something that is interesting to me but also very beneficial.”

Morano spent the second part of his summer in Siberia, where he helped build trails and bridges as part of a program supporting eco-tourism near Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world. Lake Baikal has been polluted by a paper mill and threatened by a proposed oil pipeline and a uranium enrichment facility.

Morano camped and worked with volunteers developing the Great Baikal Trail, described by organizers as the first environmental trail system in Russia. He also researched Russian views on conservation and eco-tourism in a number of ways, including interviewing fellow passengers on the Trans-Siberian Railroad and talking to government officials. The insight he gathered will play a role in his senior research project on Russia. He also hopes to raise awareness about “the threats that many of the natural wonders and unique ecosystems are facing and … how we can help to preserve these special places.”

Morano, who is from Perkasie, Pa., financed part of his trip by obtaining a C. Weinstein Grant for Summer International Projects and Study through the Office of International Education. Dr. Yvonne Howell, associate professor of Russian and international studies, helped him apply for the funding, and Morano pieced together the rest of his summer itinerary through online research.

“I didn’t just want to do a program somewhere and leave,” he explains. “I thought it would be much more interesting to do a custom program where I would have a little freedom.”

Morano’s career plans are somewhat uncertain. He is considering law school, but he might take a year off and travel. Ultimately, he would like to work in foreign service or in some other international endeavor.

**SUMMER SCIENCE**

Sarah Rhoads, ’12, spent her summer closer to home, a laboratory on the third floor of the Gottwald Center for the Sciences.

Rhoads conducted research on a biochemistry project as one of the University’s STEM Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows, a new program for first- and second-year students considering research careers in any of the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics). A grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute finances the program.

Working in the lab of Dr. Lisa Gentile, who chairs the chemistry department, Rhoads studied...
regulation of ionotropic glutamate receptors, which relates directly to neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s, and Parkinson’s. She expects to report her findings at the University’s Arts and Sciences Symposium in the fall. “I am planning on being a biochemistry major since I think it gives you the best of biology and the best of chemistry without having to commit to just one field,” says Rhoads, who is from Bethesda, Md. “I have always been interested in diseases and the nervous system, so the opportunity to work with a receptor that is so important to both was too good to pass up.” Rhoads enrolled in an introduction to biochemistry class that got her interested in the chemistry of living organisms. She started working in Gentile’s lab during the spring semester of her first year at UR. Then she learned about the opportunity to conduct summer research. “Being able to work all day every day has really helped my understanding,” Rhoads says.

**ECUADORIAN DEVELOPMENT**

Guillermo Avellan, ’09, went home for the summer—to Ecuador. Avellan interned with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in the Ecuadorian highlands to provide financial training to people in three indigenous communities. He later spent 10 weeks at IDB headquarters in Washington, supplying summaries and analyses of investment projects in Ecuador and Chile as well as IDB’s overall strategy for Latin American countries. The IDB is a financial institution that promotes economic and social development in its member countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition to financing, it provides research, advice, and technical assistance in a variety of areas, such as education and agriculture. “This internship has given me the opportunity to be more involved in economic development in low-income countries,” says Avellan, whose participation was financed by the David D. Burhans Civic Fellowship Program in the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement. “I have become strongly interested in addition to being incredibly educational, many summer experiences “are downright fun.”
in the social impact of economics in developing countries,” Avellan says. “More importantly, I have expanded my passion for improving poor people’s lives by learning how to develop social projects and promoting innovative ideas for poor countries in areas such as microfinance, international trade, fiscal policy, health, and education.”

Avellan plans to complete his economics major in December and join an international bank or nonprofit organization that promotes economic development in Latin America or the Caribbean. He also would like to attend graduate school to study economics and public policy.

THE PURSE PROJECT
Tran Doan, ’10, and Carter Quinley, ’11, had personal motivations for pursuing The Purse Project in Thailand during the summer.

Quinley grew up in Thailand, witnessing firsthand the disparity between social classes there. Her parents, Kim and John Quinley, B’79, run an organization in Thailand, called Step Ahead, that supports community development. Carter Quinley and Doan are partnering with Step Ahead to develop The Purse Project, an initiative in the city of Pattaya to provide an occupational alternative for women who are exploited in the Thai sex industry.

“It has really been amazing to come back to my home … and be able to give back,” says Quinley, an international studies major.

Doan, a pre-med chemistry major, was inspired by her mother’s struggles as an impoverished native of Vietnam and a U.S. immigrant. “Witnessing my mother’s impressive work ethic, struggles, and strong morals, we were inspired to do everything we could to make her proud and to help others,” Doan says.

The Purse Project supplies the materials and tools to make purses that are marketed through Thai Totes, a Virginia Beach micro-enterprise created after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. In addition to earning a living by making purses, the Thai women receive computer training and English instruction. The project was financed by a Projects for Peace grant from the Davis United World College Scholars Program. The grants support grassroots projects designed by undergraduates at U.S. colleges and universities.

“[It has been so amazing to see this program really come into being],” Quinley says. “In Pattaya, there are over 20,000 women working in the sex industry, and thousands more are at risk. This program will truly open new doors.”

Doan and Quinley plan to share their experiences from Thailand when they return to UR. They want to raise awareness in the United States about what can be done to provide alternative employment for Thai women.

DOWNRIGHT FUN
Spending the summer in another country or in a science lab on campus allows students to test-drive careers or concentrate on a particular interest that might shape their post-graduate studies. Or it may simply broaden their horizons.

“Some of these students will end up going into these disciplines, and that’s great, but they don’t have to commit to a career in an area for the study of that area to be valuable,” says Provost Steve Allred. “Exploration makes them informed citizens of the world. They can help influence how decisions are made based on the knowledge they gain, even if they never work in these areas.”

In addition to being incredibly educational, many summer experiences “are downright fun,” Allred says. “And there’s nothing wrong with that.”

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An interdisciplinary team of Richmond professors sheds new light on the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD.

By Chip Jones

Dr. Catherine Bagwell, ’94, and Dr. Jennifer Erkulwater were both pregnant five years ago when they began planning a book with Dr. Rick Mayes, R’91, about the diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

From personal and professional perspectives, they understood the heavy toll the disorder can take, not only on young children who struggle to learn, but also on their anxious parents. The professors often thought about their own children as they wrote Medicating Children: ADHD and Pediatric Mental Health, a new book from Harvard University Press.

Giving birth to a book and a boy at the same time “made it more real … more personal,” says Bagwell, an associate professor of psychology. Holding her first-born son, Noah, she remembers thinking, “What if you have these kinds of problems? And what would that be like for me as a parent?”
From the left, professors Jennifer Erkulwater, Catherine Bagwell, '94, and Rick Moyes, R'91, collaborated on a highly acclaimed book about ADHD.
Erkulwater, an associate professor of political science, had similar thoughts, especially after her son, Will, started preschool as the book was going to the printer. “It made me sympathize with the parents a lot more,” she recalls. “I could see myself going through some of those battles with teachers.”

Mayes, an associate professor of public policy and the father of two rambunctious boys, says the authors’ parenting experiences made them aware of how intensely personal children’s behavior is to their parents. He says, “We tried to incorporate that into an otherwise scholarly book.”

Team ADHD
The book was reviewed favorably in the July 30 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. One top researcher calls the book “a must-read for anyone interested in ADHD.” Another prominent doctor hails their work as a “balanced and comprehensive account of the history, science, treatment, and controversy” surrounding the condition.

After more than four years of reading hundreds—perhaps thousands—of articles, books, and reports, as well as countless interviews with experts in the field, Mayes, Bagwell, and Erkulwater preached what they practiced—interdisciplinary teamwork.

“Ultimately,” they conclude, “diagnosing and treating mental disorders such as ADHD are still partially an art, despite the fact that the science applied to them has improved dramatically in recent decades and led to numerous advances in screening and treatment.” Even so, some critics have said ADHD is “socially constructed” as a “response to underperforming schools, increased academic demands and expectations, and higher poverty and divorce rates than existed before the 1970s.”

Since an ADHD diagnosis “contains a large element of unavoidable subjectivity,” it also produces great potential for disagreement and litigation. One way to avoid costly disputes, they suggest, “is for communities to develop protocols” involving a team of physicians, parents, teachers, and other school personnel.

This has worked well in two North Carolina counties, “increasing the likelihood that children will benefit” from improved lines of communication and intervention.

Similarly, the UR professors applied this team approach to their own interdisciplinary efforts, and brought the results into their classrooms. “The experience of writing this book with two people from political science has really opened my eyes in thinking about clinical issues from a much more interdisciplinary perspective.”
plinary perspective,” says Bagwell, a psychologist who has worked with children with disruptive behavioral disorders, including aggression and ADHD. In a recent class she taught in abnormal child development, she incorporated more readings and discussions about policy issues.

Mayes and Erkulwater likewise benefited from Bagwell’s clinical psychology expertise. “Working with Catherine on our book led to a brand new interdisciplinary course at UR—Mental Health & Policy,” Mayes notes. “We wanted to expose political science students to mental disorders and help them to better understand the clinical aspects of mental health. We wanted to expose psychology students to how extensively public policy affects the clinical definitions of mental disorders and how much people’s mental disorders are affected by public policies. No mental disorder exists in a clinical vacuum. They are all profoundly impacted by culture, laws, and policies. So it makes great sense to integrate our teaching and analyses of them from different perspectives.”

Erkulwater has always taken an interdisciplinary approach to teaching political science, but working with Bagwell reinforced the need to help students differentiate between the worlds of laboratory science and political science.

“In the laboratory, subjects are carefully selected, controls are carefully implemented, and precise measures of results and causality are sought,” she explains. “In politics, participants must be mobilized, real-world cause and effect are inseparable, and results are a matter of interpretation and persuasion. Being aware of this helps students to understand that policymaking in a democracy is not simply a matter of turning to the experts, but of engaging in a process marked by power and conflict and sorely in need of dialogue among citizens.”

**OBJECTIVITY**

Based on peer reviews, the interdisciplinary team of Mayes, Bagwell, and Erkulwater succeeded in their mission to present a balanced picture of a frequently polarizing topic.

The UR professors “produced a remarkable scholarly account which explains the many different forces at work regarding the explosion of diagnosis and treatment of ADHD,” says Dr. Keith Conners, professor emeritus at Duke University Medical Center.

Other books on the topic tend to pit one side against the other. But, according to Conners, “the value of this new book is that it avoids what the psychologist Gordon Allport used to refer to as ‘simple, sovereign theories’ in favor of a careful analysis of all the factors involved, thus giving a more complete and complex view.”

Medicating Children notes that 4 percent to 5 percent of American schoolchildren take stimulants to treat ADHD. This demand helped drive Medicaid spending on psychotropic drugs up from $600 million in 1991 to $6.7 billion in 2001. Nearly one-fifth of that amount was spent on stimulants to treat ADHD as the number of prescriptions per enrolled child grew six fold.

The dollar figures have continued to grow steadily, and the UR professors note that the majority of researchers who created the most recent diagnostic guidelines for ADHD had financial ties to companies that sell the stimulants used to treat the condition. Also, the
authors highlight increasing concerns about the integrity of research into drug therapies because many researchers receive funding from the drug companies whose products they are evaluating. In light of those concerns, the UR professors state that “none of the authors receives any funding from pharmaceutical companies, as many clinical researchers do who publish their findings on ADHD and stimulants in academic journals.”

**ARITHMETIC PILLS**

Efforts to understand the science of ADHD go back more than 100 years, according to the book. In 1902, Sir George Frederick Still delivered a lecture to the Royal College of Physicians describing children with normal intellects who nonetheless “exhibited violent outbursts, wanton mischievousness, destructiveness, and a lack of responsiveness to punishment.” The British physician “considered hyperactive children as suffering from a ‘defect of moral control.’”

Across the Atlantic, medical researchers at a Rhode Island home for children gave the condition its first label—“hyperkinetic impulse disorder”—and began giving children spinal taps in search of a cure. When the children complained of severe headaches from the painful procedure, the doctors began giving them an experimental amphetamine called Benzedrine.

The headaches did not go away, but the doctors noticed a remarkable side effect. The children taking Benzedrine exhibited much better behavior and school performance, including improved study habits and a noticeable drop in disruptions. The pupils liked the new medication, which they called “arithmetic pills.”

Those early findings led to more sophisticated diagnoses of the disorder, and helped spawn a new generation of drug treatments, including Ritalin. “Stimulants have been around since the 1930s,” Bagwell explains. “We know a lot about them. Unlike other medications, they leave your system really quickly. You can take Ritalin, and it wears off in four to six hours.”

The nagging question, however, is why stimulants help children with ADHD calm down and concentrate. “We really don’t know,” Bagwell admits. The answer may eventually come from genetic research and brain-imaging studies that use functional magnetic resonance imaging to determine which regions of the brain are employed during various activities. “There is no single cause of ADHD,” Bagwell notes. “According to some studies, heritability is fairly high—similar to IQ—but environmental factors also play a role. … I don’t think bad parenting ever causes ADHD, but it can certainly make it worse.”
By the 1970s, a strong clinical consensus emerged that ADHD is a real disorder and that stimulants are an effective treatment. And by the 1980s, most pediatricians and family doctors accepted Ritalin as a safe, affordable, convenient alternative to other types of treatment, such as various behavioral-management approaches. This led to “a huge surge in ADHD diagnoses and stimulant pharmacotherapy, as well as growing public debates over their appropriateness,” the book says.

The specter of so many children taking Ritalin to help them sit still in school brought a public outcry that included high-profile lawsuits and “a media blitz spearheaded by the major national television talk show hosts of the time.”

DISABILITY DEBATE
The politics of ADHD go back to the 1970s, Erkulwater explains, when the disability rights movement, employing the tactics of the earlier civil rights movement, championed the rights of people with a wide variety of physical and mental impairments.

Activists viewed disabilities as a social construct of “discriminatory barriers, laws, mental institutions, and other things that segregated the disabled from everyone else,” Erkulwater says. The movement’s first victory came in 1974, when Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act. For an entity to receive federal funding, it had to make buildings and transportation accessible to everyone and remove any barriers against hiring the handicapped.

But the movement lost ground in the early 1980s, when President Ronald Reagan pushed the Social Security Administration to narrow its definition of “disability” and remove thousands of people from federally funded disability programs. “It turned out to be a disastrous undertaking,” Erkulwater says, as many deserving recipients lost crucial support.

Reagan’s purge of the disability rolls ended in 1984, when Congress enacted the Social Security Disability Benefits Reform Act, which ordered the Social Security Administration to expand its definition of disability, the book says. This development was followed by passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and a Supreme Court decision that allowed Medicaid to cover ADHD drugs. “In addition to medical symptoms, [Social Security] was required to look at how each specific child functioned in his or her environment,” the authors write.

Because the employability standard for adults to receive disability benefits could not work for children, the court suggested that the Social Security Administration determine whether children could learn, play, and feed and dress themselves in an age-appropriate manner.

“The court’s decision “opened the floodgates” to Social Security payments for children, especially to those with learning disabilities linked to ADHD, the book says. As low-income parents applied for Medicaid under Social Security, this generated yet another round of controversy over “drawing that line between who it is that really needs care versus those who really don’t,” Erkulwater says. “There were real concerns, particularly among conservatives, that there were a lot of people gaming the system.”

A new round of sensational reporting “fueled this perception, rightly or wrongly, that there was rampant fraud—and that ADHD wasn’t real.”

STIMULATING DISCUSSION
There continues to be a strong clinical consensus that ADHD is real and that children with ADHD deserve public assistance to buy medications. But, as in everything related to health care, the overarching public policy question is: Who will pay for what?

The Obama Administration is seeking major health care reform, and ADHD is among the many conditions that defy easy answers. “Where do you draw that line” on who has ADHD? Erkulwater asks. “That’s go-

“Where do you draw that line” on who has ADHD? “That’s going to define where the money is going and who is getting the services.”
CONNeCT

Homecoming highlights fall alumni events

This year’s homecoming will be Nov. 6–8, 2009. It will feature a pre-game picnic, football against Villanova University, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2009, and a young grad reunion for classes 2000–09.

Also in the fall, President Edward Ayers will meet with alumni and parents at several events. He will be in Northern Virginia on Sept. 15, New York City on Oct. 22, Boston on Nov. 18, and Philadelphia on Feb. 20.

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

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Claire DeSoye Newton, ’96, Bill Newton, ’95, and their children cheer for the Spiders at last year’s homecoming.

NOTABLES

Forsythe celebrates 100 years of living

For the first three months of his life, the Rev. Paul Forsythe, R’31, was known only as “Baby Boy Forsythe” because he was not expected to live. But on June 16, 2009, that baby boy turned 100 years old.

More than 100 friends and relatives threw a party for Forsythe at Southside Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., where he lives independently in a retirement community.

Before retiring from active ministry in 1972, Forsythe led many Baptist congregations, mostly in North Carolina and Virginia. He also was a Navy chaplain during World War II, serving at Guadalcanal, Guam, and Okinawa.

Lee named chancellor of Stetson University

Dr. Douglas Lee, R’64, president of Stetson University since 1987, was named chancellor of Stetson following his retirement in May.

“Doug Lee’s exceptional vision and courage for 21 years have been instrumental in making a Stetson education a transforming process that unites academic excellence with a passion for social justice,” says Nestor de Armas, who chairs Stetson’s Board of Trustees. “We, as a board, were unanimous in seeking Doug’s continued presence, wisdom, and counsel during Stetson’s transition to a new presidency and beyond.”

Mock receives award for disability service

Dr. Martha Mock, W’89, has received the Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award for her dedication to improving the lives
of people with special needs and disabilities.

The national award is named after the founder and former editor-in-chief of Exceptional Parent magazine. Mock is an assistant professor at the University of Rochester, where she directs the Institute for Innovative Transition.

Alabama officials praise Napier’s work as regent
Cameron Freeman Napier, W’55, retired in April after serving 29 years as regent of the First White House of the Confederacy Association Board in Montgomery, Ala. She had served on the board for a total of 36 years.

Napier received accolades for her preservation work from the governor and first lady of Montgomery, the mayor of Montgomery, and several other dignitaries. “She is a remarkable lady and has truly kept that house from falling down all these years,” says Ann Tidmore, the new regent. “It is a treasure that Montgomery is very proud of thanks to her!”

Rogowski honored as Executive of the Year
Gregory Rogowski, president of Performance Fibers, was honored as the Robins School of Business Executive of the Year at the school’s annual Honors Convocation in April.

Rogowski, GB’91, spoke about his experiences in the global business arena and the skills necessary to succeed in international commerce. His Richmond-based company is a global leader in high-performance industrial fibers and related materials, with operations in the United States, Mexico, France, Germany, and China.

Several alumni win K-12 teaching awards
Erin Flanagan, ’03, has been voted Richmond’s Top Teacher 2009 in a contest sponsored by Richmondmom.com and Massage Envy.

Flanagan teaches second-graders at Mary Munford Elementary School in Richmond. She is among several alumni who have won teaching awards this year.

Seven graduates of the School of Continuing Studies’ teacher-licensure program have won various teacher of the year honors in Henrico County Public Schools.

Drew Baker, a 2008 graduate, was named first-year teacher of the year for the entire county. He teaches social studies at

Focusing on strategy
I am delighted and honored to serve this year as president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA). I look forward to working on behalf of you this year.

During my year as president, the URAA Board of Directors will continue to focus on the four objectives and underlying strategies of our strategic plan.

Objective 1: Strengthen the University of Richmond Alumni Association and the University of Richmond’s presence where our alumni live, work, and gather. Strategy: Support regional programming to drive greater alumni engagement and connection with UR on both a national and international level.

Objective 2: Facilitate ongoing communication among alumni and between alumni and other University constituents. Strategy: Establish a sustainable and well-coordinated communication plan.

Objective 3: Motivate alumni to give to the University, be it their time, talent, or treasure. Strategy: Collaborate with the University’s vice president of advancement and the fundraising staff to increase alumni participation.

Objective 4: Motivate students to become active alumni community members before graduation. Strategy: Connect and brand the alumni community with students and parents prior to graduation.

The board truly appreciated the comments and suggestions provided by alumni to yield this plan. In the months ahead, we will refine the tactics that will support these objectives.

As the board continues its work, information will be posted on UROnline.net. I hope you will be a frequent visitor to our Web site, and while there, please take a moment to review the list of current board members and nominate a fellow Spider for the URAA Board of Directors.

As always, I welcome your thoughts or suggestions at tracey.ivey@richmond.edu

Go Spiders!

—Tracey Holgren Ivey, B’82

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In addition, Lorrie Binns (2004) was named teacher of the year at Carver Elementary, and Denise Robson (2003) was named teacher of the year at Tuckahoe Middle.

**BOOKS**

*Kingdom of Simplicity*

After being struck by a drunk driver in 1994 and left unable to walk for nearly a year, Holly Payne, ’94, received a letter from the driver asking for forgiveness. Payne's reply—15 years in the making—has come in the form of her latest book, *Kingdom of Simplicity*.

Based on a true story, the book follows the journey of Eli Yoder, an Amish teenager who is unable to forgive the hit-and-run driver who killed his five sisters.

Payne was writing the final chapters of her book in 2006, when a distraught man shot and killed five Amish girls in a one-room schoolhouse in Lancaster County, Pa. The girls' parents immediately forgave the murderer, who had committed suicide. Payne, a native of Lancaster County, was struck by the parallels between *Kingdom of Simplicity* and this new story of forgiveness. “I considered abandoning the book,” she recalls. Instead, she was inspired to complete it “with the intention that the drunk driver would one day forgive himself.”

Payne will host a book reading and signing during homecoming at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 in Jepson Alumni Center.

**More alumni books**

*Pharma Pfables*. Dr. George Hughes, R’74, pokes fun at corporate culture with a cast of characters such as Chief Executive Warthog, Wise Owl Consultants, and Squandering Squirrels.

*Racism in Indian Country*.

Dr. Dean Chavers, R’64, exposes the inhumane treatment American Indians have endured for 400-plus years.

**TELEVISION**

*Wilson swims fast in ABC’s Shark Tank*

In the first episode of ABC’s *Shark Tank* reality series, Tod Wilson, R’92, pitched his plans to turn his pie-baking company into “America’s next greatest food brand.”

The sharks—a panel of successful entrepreneurs and investors—were impressed enough to offer him $460,000 for a big piece of the pie. They are still working out the details of the deal, but the primetime exposure has been great for business at Mr. Tod’s Pie Factory in Franklin, N.J.

Wilson learned the pie-baking business from his godfather and struck out...
on his own in 2000, but by December 2001, his first entrepreneurial effort, Classic Desserts, had failed. He lost everything and lived out of his car for four months, but never lost sight of his dream.

He started waiting tables in a friend’s restaurant, baking pies by himself at night, and thinking about what went wrong with his first company. He concluded that he had tried to expand too fast. By 2003, when he opened a pie store in Franklin, N.J., he was determined to move slower. “I learned as a baker and a businessman that my steps have to be measured,” he recalls.

This year, Wilson expects Mr. Tod’s Pie Factory to exceed $1 million in sales from its wholesale operation and its two retail stores, where employees bake pies from scratch. He plans to expand to five locations and then consider selling franchises and opening kiosks in McDonalds. He also anticipates more appearances on Shark Tank.

At Richmond, Wilson played on the football team and was president of the Minority Student Union. Under his leadership, the Minority Student Union worked to bridge cultural gaps between students of different races, an experience that “turned my life around,” he says. “I want to sell just as many apple pies in the suburbs as sweet potato pies in the inner city.”

Alumni Adventures
Join fellow Spiders on international excursions

Israel and Jordan
• Feb. 19–March 3, 2010
From about $3,495 per person
Begin your exploration in Israel, a focal point of three of the world’s major religions. Explore the winding lanes of Jerusalem. Descend into the spectacular Jordan Rift Valley, and marvel at the Dead Sea. Cross into Jordan, your gateway to the long-lost city of Petra.

Tanzania Safari
• Feb. 21–March 3, 2010
From about $4,995 per person
Travel into the wilds of Tanzania, Africa’s premier safari destination, where vast herds of elephants, wildebeests, zebras, gazelles, and Cape buffaloes roam the savannas, stalked by the magnificent carnivores that prey on them—lions, cheetahs, and leopards.

Singapore to Dubai
• April 24–May 13, 2010
From about $5,495 per person
Trace the spice-trade route of Marco Polo across the Indian Ocean aboard the Crystal Symphony. Embark just north of the Equator beside the Singapore skyline, and chart a course for the white powdery beaches of Thailand’s Phuket Island. Conclude your adventure in Dubai.

Italian Riviera and Tuscany
• May 19–28, 2010
From about $2,495 per person
The Italian Riviera features charming villages, turquoise seas, beautiful countryside, dazzling architecture, and the captivating Rivera de Levante coastline. In Tuscany you will find silvery olive groves, verdant vineyards, and a wealth of artistic treasures.

Icelandic Cruise
• July 28–Aug. 5, 2010
From about $3,195 per person
Cruise aboard the M.S. Le Boreal on a round trip from Reykjavik. Pass pristine arctic landscapes of rocky coastlines and towering fjords. Watch for whales and discover Iceland’s many natural wonders, such as the majestic Snaefellsjökull glacier, made famous as the introductory setting of Jules Verne’s Journey to the Center of the Earth.

Around the World
• Sept. 5–29, 2010
From about $29,995 per person*
This once-in-a-lifetime experience is more than a vacation. It is an expedition. With knowledgeable guides at your side, discover the history and culture of Japan, China, Thailand, India, and Egypt. Conclude your journey with a stay in London.

Alumni News

Itineraries are subject to change. Prices are based on double-occupancy and do not include airfare or taxes. For more information on these trips and the UR travel program, call the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or send e-mail to alumnioffice@richmond.edu.

* Price includes business-class airfare from selected airports.
CLASS CONNECTIONS

CLASS OF ’41
The death of Josephine Fennel Pacheco on Aug. 16, 2008, was noted in the spring issue of the alumni magazine but not in our class notes. She was a distinguished professor of history at George Mason University and director of the George Mason Center for Study of Constitutional Rights. In 2005, she published The Pearl: A Failed Slave Escape on the Potomac.

On April 3, I attended the University’s luncheon in the Robins Center. It was decorated so beautifully that it was difficult to tell where we were. This was the donor recognition affair with donors, their representatives, and recipients in attendance. I sat with our 2008–09 recipient, Leona Ying Lei Chan, ’09, a charming young woman who graduated in May. There are at least 384 donors to scholarships—of which our class of 1941 is only one!

I was excited to have a letter from Elizabeth “Betty” Acker Gillespie after all these years. She wrote: “I was so pleased to see your write-up of our class news in the alumni magazine! At our age, memories are very important, and I will always recall fondly my days at Westhampton. I made new friends at a great school. It was a wonderful time for me.” Betty is a great-grandmother now and is happy that her family keeps in touch and up to date with letters and pictures.

CLASS OF ’42
Ada Moss Harlow went to a lovely spring luncheon at UR for scholarship donors. She enjoyed getting acquainted with Ann Barrows, ’09, one of the recipients of our class scholarship. Our good wishes to this ambitious and personable graduate as she pursues her goals.

Incidentally, I hope you did not miss the article in the winter issue by Amy Terdman Lovett, ’94, regarding her beautiful friendship with Ada and her husband. William Harlow, R’60.

It’s never too late for a new interest. After only a few months of art lessons, Hortense Winston Ruddick entered two acrylic works in an art show at the General Assembly in Richmond earlier this year. Later she had a buyer for another of her paintings before it was even finished. Congratulations!

Our hearts were saddened by the death of our classmate, Annie Loie Walker Seacat, on Dec. 26, 2007. We lost another classmate, Jean Beeks Marston, on June 18, 2009. Jean frequently joined us at reunions and was always happy to keep up a relationship with her former classmates. We also were sorry to learn of the May 16, 2009, death of Douglas “Mac” Holt Jr., son of the late May Thayer Holt and her husband, the late Douglas Morris Holt, R’44. Mac was also brother to Elizabeth Holt Jefferson, W’30, and brother-in-law to Perry Jefferson, R’80. We extend our sympathies to all three of these families.

I am waiting to hear from those of you who have been silent for too long. Please send me your news.

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CLASS OF ’44
Those of us who attended our 65-year reunion reveled in the beauty of the campus. The flowering shrubs and trees were in full bloom, and the grounds were lush and colorful. We were few in number, but considering how small our class was and how many of us are gone or live far away, it was a good showing.

Friday night our table at the Boartwright dinner included Elizabeth “Bets” Rice, Billy Jane Crosby, Baker, Helen Curtis Patrick, Mildred Cox Goode and her husband, Aylet “Skee” Goode, R’42, Ann Burcher Stansbury, and her husband, Warren Stansbury, R’44, Mimi Hill Erb, and me. We were proud that Skee received the coveted Boatwright Spirit Award for his long-standing commitment and service to the University of Richmond Alumni Association.

On Saturday Dorothy Ihnken joined us for our class lunch at Jepson Hall. She looked great and was full of good humor.

Saturday night’s gathering at the hotel was great fun. It was very informal, with a lot of laughter and hacking over old times. If you weren’t there, we probably talked about you! We had quite a display of pictures and souvenirs and enjoyed looking through old annuals. Blanche Hagaman Childs sent a note and pictures of her two handsome sons.

Nell Collins Thompson sent a wonderful scrapbook via Mimi filled with souvenirs, pictures, and clippings from The Collegian and other newspapers. We even had a hat! She also sent a listing and a copy of one of the many books she wrote as historian for the Virginia Baptist Association. She has traveled as far as Hawaii and she still dances!

Mary Frances Trader Carey contributed a list of her genealogical publications on early families of the Eastern Shore. All this has led to her membership in the Jamestown Society. She has two children who live near her.

Molly Warner Stephenson sent a picture of herself and her husband, Jim, from their golden wedding anniversary.

This is my swan song as class secretary. Please volunteer to take your turn so that we will not lose touch. I will gladly pass on any news that I receive.

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CLASS OF ’45
Reunion Reminder
April 9–11, 2010
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Decades of dedication

Dr. Caroline “Calley” Goode Jackson, W’46

Growing up in Dinwiddie County, Va., Caroline Goode dreamed of becoming a doctor and finding a cure for migraine headaches.

“My father had migraine headaches,” she explains, “and I was setting out at a very young age to find the cure. Instead, I ended up having them myself.”

Goode graduated from Westhampton College with a biology major and soon became an assistant professor at the Medical College of Virginia. (MCV eventually required her to earn a Ph.D.)

During six decades as a medical educator, she taught microscopic anatomy for dental students, anatomy for pharmacy students, and embryology for medical students. She retired from full-time work in 1996, but continued teaching part time at MCV until she convened her last class in May as associate professor emeritus.

At Westhampton College, Goode played three sports and was student government president as a senior. The basketball team had a sparkling record of 25-6 during her four years. She also played field hockey and tennis. “If you played three sports, you were given a blazer,” she says. “I was very proud of that.”

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Jackson’s ties to the University became even stronger when her son, Greer Jackson Jr., graduated from Richmond’s School of Law in 1996, but continued teaching part time at MCV until she convened her last class in May as associate professor emeritus.

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Jackson’s ties to the University became even stronger when her son, Greer Jackson Jr., graduated from Richmond’s School of Law in 1997. In retirement, she plans to become more involved with UR and she plans to keep learning about things that interest her, such as religion and art. She never did find a cure for migraines, but perhaps one of her students will.

—Randy Hallman
CLASS OF ’50
Reunion Reminder
April 9–11, 2010
If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.
Hello to all classmates. I hope you are enjoying yourselves. A number of our classmates met at the Piccadilly restaurant in Richmond on March 31 for lunch. Those in attendance were: Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara White Balderston, Doris Balderson Burbank, Lee Reeves Childress, Janice Brandenburg Halloran, Audrey Lynn Jones, Helen Lampathakis Kostyal, Jon Tinsley Martin, Elizabeth “Libby” Givens Pierce, Gatewood Holland Stoneman, Virginia Simmons, U49, and me. It was a delightfully informal get-together, and everyone seemed glad to be there.
It was also a time for sharing news. Helen Lampathakis Kostyal brought a copy of Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era, the latest book from Karen Kostyal (our "baby cup girl"). It is a carefully researched, scholarly piece of work.
Jean Tinsley Martin reported that Roy walked the Ukeg's 10K—which had been his goal—just five months after undergoing hip surgery.
Janice Brandenburg Halloran went to visit “the grandsons” in Florida and returned to Richmond's first snow in two years.
Lee Reeves Childress enjoyed an extended visit in March from her son, Earl, who lives in London. She also shared a note from Louise “Baby Six” Chandler, who says her granddaughter, Chandler, graduated from St. Catherine's in May.
Audrey Lynn Jones says with deserved pride that her granddaughter, Katherine Williams, has been accepted to The Juilliard School.
Gatewood Holland Stoneman says she’s still farming, still scouting, and still working with farming organizations.
Marjorie Parson Owen enjoyed an eight-day cruise to the Western Caribbean with her Senior Circle group from Emporia, Va. She also went to Lancaster, Pa., to see several fine Easter theatrical productions and, while there, visited Amish Country, even eating in an Amish home. I received a nice surprise in the form of a note from Christine Coats Sanders, who states that she is a happy resident at Manor Care Stratford Hall.
Margaret “Peggy” Wells Medador writes that since Ray's death in November, she has remained closely connected to her Presbyterian retirement community in Bradenton, Fla.
Her grandson, Ray, was married in April in Atlanta, with daughter Robin's 6-year-old as ring bearer. Peggy also has caught up with her roommate, Jane Edmunds Barnett, who is “in the pink of health.”
On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathy to Gene Hart Joyner, whose husband, Floyd, died May 31, 2009.
Please continue to send your news. Keeping in touch with one another seems to become all the more important as the years go by.
Westhampton Class Secretary Marianne Beck Duty 2956 Hathaway Road, #1108 Richmond, VA 23225
CLASS OF ’51
Jo Ann Ashbury Hopkins celebrated her milestone birthday in January with all her family members in attendance. It was such a good time that they decided to make it an annual event. In March they vacationed in Arizona, where they escaped the rain, storms, and ice of Battle.
In April, Norma Streever Craig and Norm enjoyed a week in New York, where they saw several Broadway shows. Pat Smith Kelley also was in New York in April for Broadway shows and shopping.
In May, Betty Bethune Langhorne took her first vacation in many years. She enjoyed the typical tourist sights of Boston and then traveled up the coast to Maine.
Paula Abernethy Kelton and John had a visit in March with Jane Slaughter Hardenbergh’s daughter and grandson, who were in Davidson, N.C., on a college tour. Paula and John also had a visit with Elizabeth Munsey Spatz and Bob, who were on their way home from spending the winter in Florida. They had been together with Nancy Taylor Johnson in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Frances Allen Schools was also visiting Nancy and while she was there, Bob took the three Westhampton women to a baseball game.
At the end of May, I went to Columbus, Ohio, with my sisters, Charlotte and Betty, for a family wedding, where I saw family members whom I had not seen in 25 years.
Westhampton Class Secretary Giselle Herrick Coppock 901 W. 29th St. Manassas, VA 20110
CLASS OF ’52
It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Louise Tull Mashburn on April 25, 2009. She was the wife of Dr. Thompson “Art” Mashburn Jr. of Lewisburg, W.Va.
Harriet Willingham Johnson and a group of 15 friends visited a naturalist who had trained an owl to eat from his hand. He asked Harriet to feed the owl while he took a picture. While he set up his tripod and camera, she was fitted with a big leather glove, and his assistant put a live mouse “with pink ears” in her gloved hand. The owl swooped down and scooped up the mouse and then flew to a nearby tree where they watched it devour the mouse—tail first!
Lu Angell Soukup has a new e-mail address. Please contact me if you would like me to share it with you.
Mary Ann Coates Edel wrote that she, Susan Peters Hall, Isabel Sanford Rankin, and Betty Edmunds Dunn would select a recipient for the Westhampton College Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarship. Mary Ann included the endowment activity report as of June 30, 2008. If you would like to review the fund’s information, please e-mail me and I will forward those numbers to you.
Sarah Barlow Wright, Hannah Barlow Bain, W'48, Kathlene Cooke O’BIer, and Aaron H. O’BIer Jr., R'51, attended the University’s scholarship donor luncheon April 3.
My book club will be reading The Middle Place by Kelly Corrigan, W'89. Imagine my surprise when an e-mail arrived from Kelly with a Web address of a video about her book. You can find this and other videos that talk about her book by going to YouTube and typing “Kelly Corrigan” in the search field.
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Charles W. Gibson, R, is international intern pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Colonial Beach, Va.
CLASS OF ’54
Our 55th reunion was a great success! We had a chance to catch up on news and, as always, had a lot of fun.
CLASS OF ’55
Reunion Reminder
April 9–11, 2010
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Please mark your calendars and start making plans to attend the 55-year reunion for the Class of ’55. Barbara Turner Willis will be leading us as plans are made for our weekend of celebrations. The Class of ’55 luncheon group met with “Odd ‘Team Spirit” at a Richmond restaurant on April 16. Those enjoying the food and conversation included: Ann Shilbee Garrett Maxson, Nancy Johnson White, Jackie Kilhy Brooks, Emily Menesse Johnston, Grace Phillips Webb, Jean Ruddle Migneault, Barbara Turner Willis, Joy Winstead, and me.
Many of our classmates perform volunteer work. Janice Boyer Baldridge volunteers her time as media specialist for Givens Estates, where she is a member of the library media board. Her husband, Robert “Bob” Baldridge, R., continues with his retirement role of actor. He is now in rehearsal for his part in The Producers. Volunteering continues to be an important part of Alice McCoy Haggerty’s activities. Two new venues have been added to her schedule. Alice is now a docent at Hilton House, the historic plantation home of the Randolph family in Richmond. In addition she will be helping in the library at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
Beverly Drake Herring wrote of the great joy that she receives from the activities of her grandchildren, including their graduations and weddings. She is a happy grandmother of 17!
Myra Embrey Wormald and her husband greatly enjoyed a spring trip, which they planned themselves. They first flew to Prague in the Czech Republic. From there they toured several castles. Myra’s favorite was Cseky Krumlov in South Bohemia, a fairy tale city near the Austrian border. Myra and Bob also spent a week cruising on the Elbe River in East Germany and two days in Berlin.
Sharing grandparental duties with their daughter, great-grandparents Peggy Hall Flippens and Edward Flippens Jr., W’56, enjoyed a week in Savannah, Ga., caring for their 8-month-old great-grandson while his parents were on a trip to Australia. After 30 years, Peggy has begun playing flute again.
Nancy Johnson White made her annual February trip to see Ruth Owen Batt. These two classmates also visited with Arnett Kizzia Bromell and her husband for two days. A welcomed e-mail came from Patricia Minor Hoover. Pat and her husband had just returned from Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound near Seattle. They spent a long weekend with three grandchildren, ages 12–16, while the children’s parents enjoyed a getaway. While in the area, Pat and Larry had a delightful visit to San Juan Island, Wash. They also planned to visit grandparents in New Jersey and Massachusetts.
Pat’s mother, Elizabeth Gill Minor, W’31, is living in Pat’s former weaving studio. Mrs. Minor is a vigorous 98, going to an exercise class three times a week as well as to church and other activities. She welcomed us into her home during our years at Westhampton, and she was present for our 50-year reunion.
Pat Kanter Knick often travels by plane or train to Atlanta for visits with her grandchildren, Emily and Caroline, and their parents. Pat helped Mary Ida Nelson Bolton decorate the Bolton’s new condo in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and she also visits there. Mary Ida and her husband divide their time between Myrtle Beach and Daytona.
Grace Phillips Webb had a busy calendar this spring. Grace was a docent at Hazen House in Bon Air, Va., for Virginia Garden Week. She was also a hostess for Victorian Day in Bon Air. Grace spent a day in April on a U.S. Navy League bus trip to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., with her husband and a grandson.
Alice McCoy Haggerty and Joy Winstead were also on this trip.
I am among the many proud grandchildren in our class. Granddaughter Jami Orrell was one of the sixth-grade students at Midlothian Middle School in Midlothian, Va., to receive the Core Values Award for Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Accountability. Another memorable event was when granddaughter Danny Aliff received her bachelor’s degree from Longwood University. In May, Danny accompanied us on a U.S. Navy League trip aboard the U.S.S. Carter Hall.
The Woman’s Club of Williamsburg, Va., will have an outstanding student of mathematics from the Class of ’55 to speak at the club for 30 years and has served in many capacities.
Virginia Swain Saunders and her husband planned a spring visit with Barbara Pratt Willis, W’56, and her husband in Fredericksburg, Va.
Joy Winstead visited Carolene Shuler Saxton and Harry in Orange, Va., on Easter Sunday. Carolene and Joy roomed with Sue Smith Van Wickerl on “Rat Alley” our freshman year and in the “Rat Hole” our sophomore year. Joy and Lovey Jane Long, W’57, toured museums and other sites at Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute during a trip to Lexington, Va., with the Virginia Historical Society. The night before departure, Alice McCoy Haggerty joined these ladies for dinner and a movie.
Jody Weaver Uyhase and her husband are enjoying activities with their grandchildren, such as a wedding and college graduations. Jody and Bill also helped plan an August reunion for the Thomas Jefferson High School Cadet Corps. The TJ Cadet Corps Alumni Band was revived for the occasion.
A group of nine Westhampton and Richmond College grads met in May to discuss reactivating an alumni group on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. The group plans to begin by getting together quarterly for lunch. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this group, please contact Lovey Jane Long, W’57, or contact me and I will share her phone number with you.
We have the opportunity as a class to offer the Class of 1955 scholarship to a student of the arts. This highly valued legacy is a wonderful way for us to continue to make an impact on the University. Please remember to mark your donations for the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts.
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CLASS OF ’56
Greetings once again to the Class of 1956 and thanks to those of you who wrote to either Pat or me with your news.
Lisa Simmonds Smart enjoyed a 30-day cruise on the Queen Mary 2. She wrote that she flew to Singapore and ended in New York on the ship. She “enjoyed Dubai, which my friend and I saw by helicopter, and Salah, Oman, which was charming. We went past the pirates two days before they launched their latest attacks.” Lisa loved Athens and Barcelona and seeing the rock of Gibraltar. She also toured Stonehenge.
In May, Jan Hogge Atkins visited her sister in Richmond, and Pat McLroy Smith, Alice McCoy Haggerty, W’55, and Barbara
Pratt Willis accompanied them to Jan’s son’s new mountain home near Crigtelle, Va.

Barbara Pratt Willis wrote that granddaughter Phoebe Willis will be going to U.Va. on a partial athletic scholarship to play field hockey. One of Phoebe’s high school field hockey coaches was the daughter of Helen Criftenden and Brigitson. In 2008, Barbara and her husband, Mac, went to Cambodia and Thailand, and that summer they went on a Celtic Pilgrimage to Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and England. The trip was led by Jean Burroughs Matthews and her husband, Lawrence Matthews, R’54. This was the fifth time that Jean and Larry led a pilgrimage retracing the story of the ancient Celtic Christians.

After the tour, Jean, Larry, Mac, and Barbara rented a car and drove to Lake Windermere, England. In February Barbara and Mac went on a three-week trip to Egypt and Jordan with Overseas Adventures. It was great to hear from Dottie Stiff Price that she and Madison had moved from Newport News, Va., to Richmond last September to be near their daughter, Leslie Price Taylor, W’86. Dottie and Madison are living in Cross Ridge in the Glen Allen area. Madison retired from dentistry and is volunteering as a history guide at the American Civil War Center. Dottie is continuing her counseling practice with the Westwood Group in Richmond. They have joined Second Baptist Church, where they see Charlotte Hart Simpson and Bill. They also enjoy seeing Helen Melton Lukhardt and Rawley. A funny thing—the day before receiving Dottie’s e-mail, an e-mail arrived from Charlotte Hart Simpson, who says that she and Bill still live in their home of 51 years near the University and that they keep busy with grandchildren and daughters who live nearby, church activities, and various projects. Charlotte wrote that “a special joy recently has been to renew friendships with Dottie and Madison Price, who have moved to Richmond to be near family.”

Jean Brannin wrote that in the summer of 2008, she sailed to France on the Queen Mary 2 with a dear friend she met when she worked at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. She also went to San Francisco in February to see an old friend. Jean has been retired since 1997.

Ann Carol Yeaman Malcolm has reached a plateau with her hip but still feels safer using a cane outside. Her daughter, who is living there part time, has been a great help to her several days a week in her shop.

Ann Peery Oppenhimer and her husband, Boo, traveled to India two years ago to meet the artists whose work they had been collecting. They spent almost a week in Chandigarh, the home of Neh Chand and his Rock Garden, where they both presented papers at a folk art conference.

“The Inner Eye,” an exhibition of the Oppenhimers’ Indian folk art, originated at the University of Richmond and has since traveled to the University of Kentucky, Longwood University, and to the Capital One complex in Richmond. The Oppenhimers publish the Folk Art Messenger magazine three times a year.

Did you know? In January the University opened UR Downtown, a community engagement center at 626 East Broad Street. To learn more about UR Downtown, read the story that begins on page 10.

On Christmas Eve, I met my three Westhampton College roommates, Anne Jennings Vaughan, Gwendolyń Haley Gregory, and Winkie Gray Stettinius, for lunch at the Hanover Tavern. As usual it was lots of fun. I just wish we could do it more often. I spent the month of March in Finland for my 17th year of teaching at the University of Jyväskylä. While there, my three Finnish “traveling friends” and I flew to Milan, Italy, for a few days. We had a great time and I finally got to see Leonardo’s “Last Supper.” When I was in Milan in 2001, there was a wait of about four weeks for tickets. This time we ordered them online.

Please let Pat or me hear from you. Westhampton Class Secretaries Phyllis Gee Wacker 525 Riverview Drive Surry, VA 23883 mimiwacker@aol.com

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Otis Brown, R., was elected to a second, three-year term on the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF ’57

Jacqueline “Jackie” Randette Tucker wrote that she and her husband, Walter Tucker, B’53, attended the Boatwright Society Dinner during Alumni Weekend and saw many friends there. She had fun welcoming our “little sisters” of 1959 into the Boatwright Society. Jackie also reported that Second Baptist Church in Richmond planned a Spider Luncheon in late May to celebrate and strengthen ties between the church and the University. Jackie and Walter, along with many other members of Second Baptist who are graduates of UR, planned to attend.

Lovey Jane Long wrote that a group of nine Westhampton and Richmond College graduates living on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia gathered in May to talk about reacting an alumni group in their area. She writes, “The energy and camaraderie among us, some of whom did not know each other, was delightful as we renewed our common bonds. We agreed to get together quarterly and ask others to join us.” If you would like to join this group, please contact me, and I will pass along Lovey Jane’s phone number and e-mail address.

Janie Sue Johnson Murdock continues her many activities. In May she was installed as president for the Roanoke Valley, Va., unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

I attended the annual March meeting of the American Physical Society, held this year in Pittsburgh. I liked downtown Pittsburgh because the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers confined the edges to human-sized dimensions. The convention center, which is located on the banks of the Allegheny, is within walking distance of many nice restaurants and several interesting museums. The Andy Warhol Museum, which is just across the river, was well worth the visit.

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CLASS OF ’58

Beverly Jane Coker has purchased a townhouse in Black Mountain, N.C. Her daughter and family love to come and stay on weekends. Beverly and her three children and their families get together for a vacation every July, when she rents a house in Ocean Isle, N.C. Beverly serves as an elder at Shallowford Presbyterian Church near her home in Advance, N.C., just outside Winston-Salem. She is active in gardening, weaving, quilting, and other arts and crafts. She volunteers at the Gallery Hop with Piedmont Craftsmen, an organization of artists from 13 states. Beverly also volunteers at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts’ “Arts in Bloom” event in June.

Mary Jean Simpson Garrett—with two of her sons, three grandchildren, sister, and husband—spent a long weekend in Atlanta just after Easter. Her granddaughter, Lucie, celebrated her seventh birthday at the Four Seasons. They enjoyed King Tut, Stone Mountain, and the Coca-Cola plant, and they especially loved the Georgia Aquarium.

Nancy Nelson Tweed lives 20 minutes from downtown Charleston, S.C. Her youngest daughter, Sandie, and her two children are there, and it is wonderful for her to see them regularly. Nancy recently hosted a picnic for her 13-year-old grandson, his friends, and their parents on the occasion of his joining the church. During the spring and summer, she
took a cruise and went to New York to see some shows. She is involved in a garden club, DAR, and a book club. These organizations, along with church and a household of pets, keep her busy.

Elizabeth “Libbie” Jarrett Burger and her husband spent six weeks in Florida last winter. They have friends there, and they used to be the closest young couples from Lynchburg who go at the same time. They have lots of fun playing golf.

Jane Stockman read an article in the May issue of the Richmond Magazine in which there was a nice tribute to our classmate, Patricia “Reb” Steckman Shiflett, who is now deceased. The author, Nancy Wright Beasley, said there were two teachers at Manchester High School who changed her life. One of them was Reb, who opened Nancy’s eyes to the world of literature and music.

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this year are Suzanne “Sue” Prillaman Wiltshire, W and G’69, and Charles Wiltshire, R’53; Jean Hodgins Frederick and Louis Arnold Frederick, R’56; and Nancy Brooks Flowers and Joseph Flowers, R’60. Congratulations!

Pattie Winship is living with her younger daughter, Kirsten, and her husband and six children, ages 6 to 16. They stay very busy with soccer, baseball, basketball, gymnastics, power tumbling, volleyball, and softball. One of her twin grandchildren, Joshua, has been a national champion in power tumbling and trampoline for three years. Her son Scott’s oldest son is graduating from Mills Godwin High School in Richmond. Scott also has two other sons. Pattie’s daughter in New York is teaching autistic boys of middle school age. She takes after Pattie, who taught special-needs children for 35 years. Pattie is now taking classes in knitting. She stays busy at her church and plays in the hand bell choir. Pattie has had two knee replacements and says she is now ready to play tennis.

Marilyn Bambacus Costas sent an inspirational note describing her experiences as a minister of the Gospel. She is writing an autobiography so that her family, especially her grandchildren, will have a written account of the way God has been with her through it all. She describes how the Lord gave her a mate who has encouraged her to step out in faith to do the works of Jesus. She has founded a Bible college and launched others into ministry, started two businesses, and co-pastored a Christian New Testament church in Potomac, Md. Joanne Byrd Giles and her husband have taken only short trips this year. They have been to Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Orlando. Peggy has been traveling in Sicily with a cousin who fell into a well. She describes how the Lord has been with her in all of her work.

Margaret Williams Ketner and Bruce have been on several RV trips, including one to visit Cora Sue Elmore Spruill in Tappahannock, Va. They have been to Richmond, Cecil, Md., Cape May, N.J., and Boston, and they have scheduled a trip to Miami for their granddaughter’s graduation. Their son-in-law recently returned from Iraq for the third time.

Carolyn Moss Hart is recovering from heart surgery in March. She sent news of Peggy Ware, who was traveling in Sicily with a cousin who fell into a well. She describes how the Lord has been with her in all of her work.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains shared that Mary Alice Revere Woerner was hospitalized with pneumonia. She was improving in June. Nancy Jane had been staying this past spring with her brother, who had a massive heart attack in March.

Jo Anne Garrett West says her house needed a new roof, so she made no plans for foreign travel this year. She is grateful for her son’s safe return after six months in Afghanistan.

Ann Denton Ryder and her husband, Eugene Ryder, R’59, are both retired. He has had two strokes but is doing well. They are recovering from a difficult period during which they lost their son, Rick. He was in the hospital most of his last two years due to kidney disease and infections resulting from the paraplegia caused by a spinal tumor when he was 20 years old. They decided to leave their big house and move to a cottage in Salemstowne, a retirement community in Winston-Salem, N.C. They are pleased to be working with a class, sponsored by the church, in memory of their son, that provides training in oil painting for physically disabled adults and other adults.

My husband, Robert “Bob” Padgett, B’60, and I had a wonderful time in Illinois attending our oldest grandchild’s high school graduation. He was a recipient of the Prairie State Achievement Award and also received awards in speech, drama, and Latin. We also enjoyed watching our younger granddaughter perform in a community theater adaptation of Tom Sawyer.

Our 50-year reunion committee held its last meeting with a UR staff member at the lovely home of Cora Sue Elmore Spruill in Tappahannock, Va. The committee enjoyed the wonderful weather as well as the crab cakes and ham sandwiches. Attending the meeting were Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains, Eugenia Hendren Borum, Mariett Ayers Eggleston, Jean Anderson Farmer, Jean Hodgin Frederick, Mary Jean Simpson Garrett, Nancy Goodwyn Hill, Margaret Williams Ketner, Emily Damerel King, Lola Hall McBride, Susan Hudson Parsons, W and G’78, Jane Stockman, Peggy Ware, and Suzanne Prillaman Wiltshire. The UR representative was Nancy Denton, who helped us so much with our reunion.

Members of the committee signed cards for Carolyn Moss Hart and Mary Alice Revere Woerner. Jean Hodgin Frederick was selected as class president, and Susan Hudson Parsons, W and G’78, invited all members of the class to her home for a gathering next spring. Sue lives in Manakin-Sabot, Va., not far from Richmond. Be on the lookout for an invitation and please try to come.

This committee report was submitted by Jane Stockman, who says that she was not paying attention at the meeting, she was selected as the next Class of ’58 secretary for alumnae news. Please send Jane news of yourself and your family. You may write to her at 5019 W. Seminary Ave., Richmond, VA 23227 or jstockma@richmond.edu.

Jane asks if you have not sent your current e-mail address or new mailing address to the alumni office, please do so. You may send it to alumni@richmond.edu or you may call 804-443-7774, ext. 7.

I have enjoyed being in contact with you during my year as secretary of the class. When we received the pleasure to renew old friendships, Westhampton Class Secretary Martha “Marti” Haislip Padgett 576 Darvon Lane Tucker, GA 30084 marti36@bellsouth.net

CLASS OF ’59

Margaret Griffin Thompson has a new address. Please contact me if you would like me to share it with you.

Our sympathy goes to Carolyn Phillips Glenn, who lost her husband, Walter, of 49 years last January. Carolyn is again volunteering at the local hospital and hopes to start back with watercolor painting as soon as she heals.

Patricia “Pat” MacDonald Allen and her husband, Dick, returned from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology annual meeting in Chicago, where Dick received the Distinguished Service Award. They said it was fun to take their adult children with them to see their dad get this honor.

Beverly Brown Peace and her husband, Phil, were treated to a week in Maui, Hawaii, with their son and his partner. The Wāilea condo where they stayed was on the beach and had spectacular views. Beverly said she was able to manage because her son never let go of her hand or arm for all seven days! Just before our reunion, Jean Martin Wyndham and her husband, Herb, went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., with their daughter, Cindy, her husband, Dennis, and their three children: Morgan, Carter, and Madison. Jean attended her class of 1959 reunion of Ginter Park Elementary School. Seventeen of the 32 classmates attended the reunion, which was held at the home of a cousin of Katharine Schools Covington.

Martha Jordan Chukinas thought we had a wonderful 50-year reunion and wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard to organize it. She had a great time staying with Mary Beth Stiff Jordan, Mary
Karen and Jim have been to North cattle and her daughter’s six horses. is busy putting up hay for their only two hours away. Karen Dietrich Gardner wrote that her husband, James Gardner, R’55, is busy putting up hay for their cattle and her daughter’s six horses. Her younger daughter, Sandy, raises thoroughbred horses, and Karen and Jim take the foals that have been weaned from their mothers. Their son is a pediatrician in North Carolina. Karen and Jim have been to North Carolina and Texas since our reunion and are planning a trip to Alaska to see her father-in-law. She still enjoys making her Father Christmas figures.

Barbara Dulin Polis was in Daytona, Fla., with her over-50 USTA tennis team, which made the sectional. She was not ready for competition because she was recovering from knee surgery, but her team did well. Barbara also thought we had a great reunion and said that Beverly Eubank Evans was so sweet to let her stay in her home.

Eileen Cordle Harris reported that her grandchildren are all well at the same time—for once! She thought it was great seeing everyone at the reunion.

Peggy Dulin Crews was sorry she missed the reunion. She said the best part for her was receiving all the nice messages from “the best class of all.”

Our sympathy goes to Elizabeth Goldman Solomon on the loss of her mother, who was one day shy of being 103 when she died. Her son, Andrew, and his wife, Leslie, live in Atlanta, where Andrew is an associate broker with Keller Williams. Elizabeth was in Atlanta for a baby-naming ceremony that Andrew and Leslie had for their daughter, Sarah Hollin. Elizabeth’s daughter, Loren, who also lives in Atlanta, owns an advertising agency. Elizabeth continues tutoring for the YMCA of Greater Richmond and for after-school programs in local schools. Many thanks to Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum for making our reunion so successful. Elizabeth was there Friday and all day Saturday making certain everything ran smoothly. She did this even though her husband, Ellis Dunkum, B and GB’69, was in the hospital. Elizabeth has been a wonderful president for our class.

Through donations and pledges, our class has raised $71,959 as of June 1, 2009. There is still an opportunity for reunion giving through donations, planned gifts, and pledges.

William Barlow attended a family reunion in Nags Head, N.C., this summer. Westhampton Class Secretary Jane “J.C.” Shepard Conroy P.O. Box 566 Hali fax, VA 24558 bc@pwe.net

CLASS OF ’63

We are a traveling bunch. In January Margaret Brower Almond and her husband, Hilton Almond, R’61, spent a week in Key West, Fla., with their son, Hill, and his wife, Julie Willcox Almond, W’91. Carolyn Anthony Powers and Bill visited Siesta Key, Fla., for a week in February.

In May, Lynore Katz Aaron visited her son and his family in London for a week.

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Lifelong educator

Dr. Martha Hinkle Fleer, W’61

When going back to college, traversing “the distance from ‘Can I?’ to ‘I can!’ is like walking across a river on a slippery log. Martha Fleer pushed me to step out on the other side.”

That testament to Fleer comes from B.J. Buckland, a 1990 graduate of the continuing studies program at Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C. Fleer served as founding dean of the program, which now enrolls 450 women annually. Thanks to Fleer’s encouragement, thousands of nontraditional students have “stepped out on the other side.” Many of them had been out of the work force for a decade or more.

Fleer helped start the program in 1978 and served as dean of continuing studies and the evening college at Salem until she retired in 1993. Fleer identified with the continuing education needs of women partly because she had stayed home to raise her children before returning to the work force as a counselor at Salem College’s Lifespan Center.

“I understood exactly the challenges those students faced,” says Fleer, who earned her master’s degree in counseling from Wake Forest University while working full time. Later in life, she drove two hours each way each week for five years to earn a doctorate in adult education from North Carolina State University.

At Salem College, grateful graduates have endowed a scholarship in her name for continuing studies students, and last year the college named its Fleer Center for Adult Education in her honor.

Fleer credits Dr. Frances Gregory, professor of history, and Dr. Spencer Albright, professor of political science, for kindling her lifelong passion for history and public affairs. “I came to the University because I knew I would receive an excellent education,” she says. After a lifetime of service, during which she insists, “I gained more than I gave,” she has paid that legacy forward many times.

—Betty M. van Iersel
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Incentives to work hard

Chris Crawford, R’78

At Richmond, Chris Crawford studied hard, worked three or four part-time jobs, and refused to listen to naysayers.

That same resolve and work ethic helped take his company, The Corporate Marketplace, to No. 8 on Inc. magazine’s list of fastest-growing software companies in 2007. “We were up almost 20 percent in 2008,” he notes, “and we are forecasting almost 60 percent [growth] for this year.”

Crawford founded the company in North Kingstown, R.I., in 2000 to provide online storefronts for large companies that spend roughly $30 billion a year on employee rewards and incentives. Using proprietary software, the 20 employees at his corporate headquarters can process more than 1 million orders a day without touching a piece of paper. The Corporate Marketplace maintains 20 sales offices around the country and is nearly invisible to most people, but major clients include Amazon.com and American Express Membership Rewards.

Before going into the incentives business, Crawford worked for Junior Achievement in Washington, D.C. His Junior Achievement division won the top award in the country in 1981, and within four years, he was a division president.

“I came from a family that had little, and my father died when I was a sophomore at UR,” Crawford says. So he made the most of the many opportunities the University offered. He credits Allen Fredd, who headed the financial aid department, with helping him in many ways. Crawford worked days in the library for the “incredible” Carolyn Tanz and nights and weekends for campus Police Chief Robert Dillard.

He was a dorm director and sports editor of The Collegian, and he helped form a Big Brothers program in downtown Richmond.

Crawford advises young people—particularly UR students—“to take advantage of every opportunity and do so with vigor.”

—Pam Felsish
CLASS OF ’94

Don’t miss “Medicating Children” featuring Catherine Bagwell, ’94, on page 24.

Youssef El-Tohamy is a clinical social worker at Adventist Hospice in Portland, Ore. He recently returned from a seven-month stay at a Buddhist retreat in France.

Cheryl Hubbard and James Gaughran live in Columbia, S.C., with their two children. Cheryl is the early childhood director at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School.


CLASS OF ’96

Erin Devine Bigelow and her husband, David, had a daughter, Samantha Carolyn, on Jan. 22, 2009. They live in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF ’97

Melissa Genter Clear and Michael Clear, ’98, had a son, Michael Richard, on Feb. 23, 2009. He joins sister Madison, 2. The family lives in Fairfield, Conn. Melissa is a third-grade teacher in nearby Darien, and Michael is an attorney at Wiggin and Dana in Stamford.

George Fearnow and his wife, Lisa, had a daughter, Lilie Hope, on Feb. 7, 2009. They live in Richmond. Autumn Fehr and her husband, Jeff Stutzman, had a daughter, Molly, on Feb. 21, 2009. She joins sister Olivia, 2. The family lives in Richmond, where Autumn is a human resources field manager for Ukrop’s Supermarkets.

Vanessa Jones, C and L’01, is president of the Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association. She is an attorney with Barnes & Diehl in Chesterfield, Va.

Sarah Lindemeyer Klocinski and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Nicole Anne, on Jan. 10, 2009. They live in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Stephen Oberg and his wife, Julie, had a son, Logan John, on Feb. 4, 2009. He joins sister Chloe Elizabeth, 2. The family lives in Dunskirk, Md.

Siri Ann Terjesen and Per Kristian Amundson were married on May 23, 2009, in Akron, Ohio. Siri is an assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Per is a radiologist.

Erin Dungan Wheaton is an assistant attorney general for Virginia. She lives in Quinton, Va., with her husband, Jeff, and their children, Lucy, 4, and Max, 2.

CLASS OF ’98

Jeffrey Caldwell and Amber Smith Caldwell, ’01, had a daughter, Annabelle Bryn, on Oct. 8, 2008. She joins brother Graham, 3. The family lives in Chesterfield, Va.

Joseph O’Kane and Michele Pasternak O’Kane had a son, Thomas James, on Feb. 1, 2009. He joins brother Andrew, 3. The family lives in Springfield, Va.

CLASS OF ’99

Laura Channing and her husband, Matt Zegarelli, had a son, John Channing, on Oct. 25, 2008. The family lives in Sperryville, Va.

Adrian Cox is a physical education teacher, soccer coach, and fitness center director at The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pa.

Gregory Efthimiou received the Jepson Award for Leadership and Service. He was recognized for his role as co-chair of the 150 Days in a Lifetime of Service campaign for the Jepson School Alumni Networking Committee. He is a communications manager for Duke Energy in Charlotte, N.C.

Samuel Kaufman was elected vice president for planning and operations for the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in Richmond. Hillorie Leaman earned a law degree from Villanova University School of Law. She is an attorney in the health effects litigation practice group of Pepper Hamilton, a law firm in Philadelphia.

Peter Sousa is public relations manager for the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers. Ben Wallerstein received the Ten-Year Reunion Recognition Award from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. He lives in Washington, where he is a managing director at Dunko Worldwide, a global public policy management firm.

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Jeanne Vitka Gordon is an associate with the law firm of Weston Hud in Cleveland.

Matthew Marrone was elected to a second, three-year term on the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in Philadelphia.

Clifford “Tripp” Perrin is immediate past president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in Midlothian, Va.
Kevin Zepp, '01

In fall 2000, halfway through the first semester of his senior year, Kevin Zepp began feeling severe pain that turned out to be testicular cancer that had spread to his liver, lungs, and stomach. He underwent surgery on the same day he was diagnosed and started chemotherapy the day after that.

During treatment, Zepp traveled to Indiana to see Dr. Lawrence Einhorn, the oncologist who had treated Lance Armstrong. Einhorn concurred with the brutal chemotherapy protocol that Zepp was already undergoing. It was a good call—Zepp has been in remission since 2001. His official medical status now is “scientifically cured.”

Zepp not only beat back the advance of an aggressive cancer, he completed his senior year on time, graduating in spring 2001 with a business degree and a specialty in accounting. He switched his major to business after entering Richmond on a pre-med track. “After my battle with cancer, I knew I would end up in health care in some capacity, probably using my business background in health care administration,” he says. After college, Zepp went to work for a health care lender.

“That experience allowed me to travel across the country and conduct due diligence on various health care providers,” such as hospitals, hospice, and home-health providers, he recalls. “I started to think I could do this myself. I believed in it. If an individual can age at home, it’s usually the best place.”

In 2007, Zepp purchased Liberty Healthcare Services, a small, home health care business in New Jersey. Two years later, he has expanded the company from one small office to a statewide operation with four offices and 140 employees. The company’s rapid growth during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression seems unlikely, but Zepp knows a little something about beating the odds.

—Richard Foster
1931 / Cameron B. Dickerson, R, of Roanoke, Va., March 6, 2009. He served in the Army as adjutant of the 94th AART Battalion. He taught in public schools in Virginia and was principal of Caroline County High School. A Methodist, he was active in church affairs.

1932 / Elizabeth Prickett Taylor, W, of Richmond, March 5, 2009. She retired from Colonial Pipeline and played piano for the Unitarian Church in Richmond.

1935 / James W. Fleet Jr., R and 1/51 of Mobile, Ala., April 18, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. After receiving his law degree, he worked for Lawyers Title Insurance Co. at various locations in Virginia.

1935 / Jessie Neale Jensen, W, of Huxley, Iowa, formerly of Urbana, Ill., May 15, 2009. She served as a captain in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II. She was a skilled gardener and an excellent cook.

1935 / Anna Hallett Sniffen, W, of Readfield, Maine, formerly of Newport News, Va., Aug. 17, 2009. She taught school and later served on the boards of several musical and community service organizations. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton, Va. She was named one of the church women of the year of the National Episcopal Church Women.

1936 / Allen G. McCabe Jr., R, of Richmond, May 11, 2009. He served as a pilot instructor in the Army Air Corps during World War II and then served in the Air Force Reserves. He worked for the City of Richmond as assistant city auditor and chief of the Administrative Bureau of the Department of Public Utilities. Later he was comptroller of the Richmond Metropolitan Authority from its creation until 1985. He was a life member of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and he chaired the financial committee of the International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Authority. He was a deacon of River Road Church, Baptist.

1936 / Mary Eleanor Whitehead Straffin, W, of Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 28, 2009. She was a partner in two wholesale businesses and vice president of another in Scarsdale, N.Y. She returned to Richmond and became involved in historic preservation, later moving to Tucson.

1937 / S. Lyle Graham, R, of Easton, Md., Feb. 27, 2009. He played in the National Football League in the late 1930s and became a Navy pilot during World War II. A plane crash in the war cost him his left arm. Unable to return to the NFL, he played golf with a handicap of only four. He retired from Philip Morris as chairman in 1977.

1938 / Morris D. Warren, R, of Black Mountain, N.C., Feb. 22, 2009. He was an Army chaplain during World War II. He was a minister for Presbyterian congregations in Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. He was a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

1939 / Lois Lyle Mercer, W, of Richmond, Feb. 21, 2009. She volunteered with the American Red Cross Gray Lady Service during World War II. She was a member of the Interfaith Council and the Ginter Park Women's Club. She served on the board of the YWCA of Richmond and was a member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.

1940 / Robert B. Elmore, R, of White Stone, Va., April 7, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II, rising to lieutenant commander. He was budget director for the City of Richmond, then fiscal advisor to the Republic of Panama. After returning to the United States, he served in various capacities with the U.S. Department of State. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

1940 / Edith Eleanor Parsons Fish, W, of Exeter, Calif., April 12, 2007. She was a dedicated mother and homemaker.

1940 / William L. Maner Jr., R, of Williamsburg, Va., May 19, 2009. He served in the Coast Guard as a communications and executive officer during World War II aboard destroyer escorts in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. He retired as a commander after 26 years in the Coast Guard Reserves. He was an assistant professor of English at Richmond from 1946–51. He later worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for Virginia Electric & Power Co. He published poetry and fiction, including five mystery novels. He chaired the Williamsburg Democratic Committee, the Williamsburg City Planning Commission, and the United Way of Greater Williamsburg. He also served as vice president and artistic director of This Century Art Gallery.

1940 / William S. Troxell, R, of Richmond, March 13, 2009. He taught music in public schools, retiring as supervisor of fine arts and foreign languages for Chesterfield County Public Schools. He directed the glee club at Randolph-Macon College and was choir director for several churches. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

1940 / Jane Aler Van Leeuwen, W, of Gloucester, Va., Feb. 5, 2009. She was active in the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society and was honored as their Woman of the Year in 1991. She was a member of Ware Episcopal Church.

1943 / William E.W. Frayser Sr., R, of Richmond, May 20, 2009. He was a pilot with the Army Air Corps during World War II, holding the rank of lieutenant. He retired from Franklin Federal Savings and Loan as executive vice president and director. He served on the board of the American Cancer Society and as a director of the Elijah House Academy. He was also an elder at St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

1947 / Mary Louise Coghill Miller, W, of Richmond, April 21, 2009. She was a founder of the Richmond Symphony, served as a member of the council of the Virginia Museum and was a member of several garden clubs. She created and exhibited flower arrangements, drawings, paintings, and jewelry. She was the second woman to become a certified gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America and served on the board of the Virginia Jewelers Association. She was a member of White Stone United Methodist Church.

1948 / Howard W. Butler Jr., R, of Richmond, Feb. 20, 2009. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces in New Mexico, teaching celestial navigation to pilots. He was vice president of human resources at Southern States Cooperative and a member of Huguenot Road Baptist Church.

1949 / Charles E. Caravati, R, of Richmond, April 25, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. He founded Dixie Sporting Goods in 1952 and was its president until he retired in 1987. Serving the mid-Atlantic region, Dixie Sporting Goods became the nation's largest independent distributor of team sports equipment. Mr. Caravati was chair-man of the National Sporting Goods Association and was inducted into its hall of fame in 1990. He was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

1949 / Needham S. Cheeky Jr., R, of Virginia Beach, Va., April 5, 2005. He worked in Virginia Beach's Department of Parks and Recreation.


1951 / James B. Bourne Jr., R, of Sandston, Va., April 29, 2009. He served in the Army as a biological research technician at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. At age 29, he became president of Franklin Federal Savings and Loan, which was founded by his father during the Great Depression. He retired as its chairman last fall. He is credited with guiding Franklin Federal safely through the savings-and-loan crisis that began in the late 1980s. With Interfaith Housing Corp., he and Franklin Federal provided loans to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers to revitalize declining neighborhoods.

1951 / Louis R. Thayer, B and G'65, of Richmond, April 1, 2009. He worked as an auditor and finance director for the Virginia State Health Department.

1952 / Barbara Rhudy Comer, W, of Roanoke, Va., June 7, 2008.

1952 / Louise T. Mashburn, W, of Lewisburg, W.Va., April 25, 2009. She was the first female graduate student in biochemistry at Duke University, where she received her Ph.D. in 1961. She worked in medical and biological research at the University of Virginia and Cornell University Medical School. Her leukemia research was funded by the Leukemia Society of America, the American Cancer Society, and the National Institutes of Health. She wrote numerous articles for scientific journals, and received many awards and honors. She held administrative and academic appointments at a number of institutions including St. Jude Children's Hospital. She was a member of Old Stone Presbyterian Church and an active community volunteer.

1953 / Jack Carleton Mallory, R, of Mobile, Ala., May 8, 2009. He served in the Army Chemical Corps as an instructor in biological warfare. He later earned a master's degree in ecology and became chief marine
biologist for the Seafood Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation on Dauphin Island. He also worked as a marine biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and as an ecologist with the Army Corps of Engineers. He was a founder of the Mobile/Baldwin County Scholastic Chess League and served as its director for 5 years. He directed chess tournaments, locally and nationally, and had a passion for sailing.

1953 / Page McCray Miller, W., of Norfolk, Va., April 4, 2009. Her civic involvements included the Junior League of Norfolk, the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, and the Redwood Garden Club. She was a member of Larchmont United Methodist Church.

1954 / Elton N. Doyle Jr., B. of Lawrenceville, Va., March 28, 2009. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps. He was a town councilman, mayor, and town manager of Lawrenceville and former owner of WLES radio station. He was a member of Lawrenceville United Methodist Church.

1954 / William Gwathmey Longest Jr., C., of Richmond, Feb. 19, 2009. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War. He was a vice president of Philip Morris and a member of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church.

1955 / William O. Dillard, R. of Richmond, April 8, 2009. He served as pastor of Webber Memorial Baptist Church and Irvington Baptist Church and retired after 24 years from Parham Road Baptist Church. He was also a retired chaplain with Woody Funeral Home.

1957 / George L. Riggs, B. of Atlantic Beach, N.C., Feb. 5, 2009. He was manager of the Bell Atlantic Foundation and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1957 / Dr. Donald E. Sly, R. of Norfolk, Va., May 20, 2009. He practiced otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in Norfolk for more than 25 years. He served as president of the medical staff of Sentara Norfolk General and Sentara Leigh hospitals, and he served on the board of Sentara Hospitals for 13 years.

1959 / Russell E. Booker Jr., R. of Richmond, March 19, 2009. He served in the Army during the Korean War. As state registrar, he was instrumental in setting up computerized record-keeping for Virginia's vital records and health statistics. The system he established served as a model for others nationally and internationally. He was a member of Second Baptist Church.

1959 / Lawrence H. Rauppius, R. of Richmond, Feb. 10, 2009. He served in the Army Reserve. He played in national championship games in softball and played tennis on the area, state, and national levels in his age group, winning two national doubles championships. He was president and CEO of B.W. Wilson Paper.

1959 / Jack H. Wyatt, B. of Richmond, March 3, 2009. He retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond as vice president of public relations. He was a member of First Baptist Church and served on boards of several nonprofit organizations including the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls.

1961 / Robert E. Beatty Sr., R. of Burgess, Va., Aug. 8, 2008. A native of Virginia's Northern Neck, he practiced family medicine there for 40 years—often working without pay. He received numerous awards, including an Unsung Virginian Award in 2006 and an award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 2007.

1964 / John G. Richmond, R. of Porterville, Calif., April 22, 2009. At the age of 10, he started learning the masonry trade from his father. He became a masonry contractor, masonry building inspector, and finally a State of California masonry inspector.

1964 / Ellen McNamara Tuck, W. of Newport News, Va., Feb. 15, 2008. She practiced dentistry, most recently in Leesburg. He was a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

1965 / Dr. Garnett Lee White, R. and G'67, of Richmond, Nov. 10, 2006. He was ordained a Baptist minister who taught history and philosophy at Old Dominion University and Paul D. Camp Community College. He later became a clinical psychologist and a pastoral counselor.

1968 / Wallace T. Graham, R. of Roahedeville, Va., April 22, 2009. He worked for the Virginia Department of Health. He was treasurer of Salem United Methodist Church.

1971 / Emily W. Zehmer, W. of Washington, D.C., Feb. 17, 2009. She served as a senior manuscript cataloguer for the Library of Congress. She was a member of St. Monica and St. James Episcopal Church.


1974 / John A. Coelho, R'74, of Catlett, N.J., formerly of Warrenton, Va., May 30, 2009. He served in Faquier County (Va.) Public Schools for 35 years as an elementary school teacher and assistant principal. He also coached wrestling at Faquier High School.

1976 / James W. Atwell, C. of Glen Allen, Va., March 30, 2009. He was assistant commissioner of finance for the Virginia Department of Transportation. He co-wrote the Virginia Public-Private Transportation Act and received the 1999 Leadership Award from the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships for innovation in financing transportation improvement. He was a member of Shady Grove United Methodist Church.


1990 / William T. Lea III, R. of Leesburg, Va., April 22, 2009. He practiced dentistry, most recently in Leesburg. He was a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

1991 / Robert E. Beatty Jr., R. and G'93, of Burgess, Va., Oct. 10, 2005. He was a former athletic trainer at Virginia State University and worked in the athletic departments of the Atlanta Braves and Christ Church School. He was a member of New Friendship Baptist Church.

2007 / Lance C. Moore, R. of Richmond and Roanoke, Va., Feb. 8, 2009. He worked in fiscal services at Bon Secours Richmond Health System. He was a talented musician and an active volunteer. He attended Covenant Presbyterian Church.
By Dr. Amy Howard

Four months ago a prospective student asked me to describe the University of Richmond. My answer: engaged. We are engaged in learning, of course, but we also are engaged in our community, and we are becoming increasingly adept at merging those two endeavors in the classroom and beyond through community-based learning.

Here are a few highlights of community-based learning across the schools from 2008–09. Dr. Andy Litteral’s statistics class analyzed data for nonprofit organizations, while law students in professor Dale Margolin’s Family Law Clinic at UR Downtown provided much-needed legal services to low-income clients. Students in Dr. Doug Hicks’ leadership studies class connected weekly volunteerism to larger questions about justice and citizenship. Dr. Jennifer Erkulwater’s political science class conducted research on social issues affecting the Highland Park neighborhood while volunteering weekly at nonprofits and schools through our Build It community engagement program. Build It connects students, staff, and faculty to each other and the residents of metropolitan Richmond through service, education, and other community involvement. For the past three years, the program has built sustained partnerships with schools and nonprofit organizations to address pressing needs in Highland Park. Increasingly, Build It participants connect their community engagement with their academic pursuits.

During the past year, more than 900 students participated in community-based learning courses that link reading, writing, and discussion with experiential work beyond the classroom. The increase in community-based learning courses—like the opening of UR Downtown—builds on our long, rich history of community engagement. Over the years UR students have put on blood drives and raised money for organizations through events such as Teeter for Tots and Trick or Treat Street. Side by side, students, faculty, and staff have built Habitat for Humanity houses and refurbished schools with neighbors across the Richmond region. Other projects have extended far beyond our city and state—from developing micro-enterprises in South America to creating an annual service-learning trip to New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Those efforts have bridged all five schools, including our School of Continuing Studies, which has brought our community into our classrooms. Our community engagement efforts have drawn in Greeks, athletes, campus religious organizations, Alpha Phi Omega, and the Volunteer Action Council. And our outreach has been bolstered by 100 Bonner Scholars, each providing eight to 10 hours of community service a week in conjunction with their curricular and co-curricular activities.

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The opening of UR Downtown as a space of engagement and learning will further leverage meaningful campus-community partnerships. The center is both a symbol and a physical marker of the Spiders’ past, present, and future engagement. (See story on page 10.) The programs and activities at UR Downtown and the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) emphasize linking student learning and action to community needs—creating strong, sustainable partnerships with nonprofit organizations to become what President Edward Ayers has called “The University for Richmond.”

We will continue to listen to our community partners and tap into their expertise as co-educators of our students. And in accordance with the University’s new strategic plan—The Richmond Promise—we will strive to make our community engagement efforts more intentional, focused, and sustainable. We will support students, faculty, and staff in linking community engagement and learning, blending theory and practice. We will use and share UR Downtown with the community as a rich resource for engaging and educating in the heart of our city.

The way has been paved by you—the alumni, faculty, and staff reading this column. Working together we can link individual efforts through thoughtful, respectful collaboration on and off campus as the University deepens its community impact in sustained partnerships with other civic-minded people and organizations. Join us as we fulfill The Richmond Promise.

Amy Howard is executive director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement at the University. Send comments about this column to krhodes@richmond.edu.
“Professors here want students to really like what they are doing.”

—Dalsher Nagra, ’11
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Judge, Physics Olympics

Each year, the Physics Olympics brings Virginia high school students to campus to compete in tasks highlighting the key concepts of physics. UR students and faculty serve as assistants and judges. In his first year at Richmond, Dalsher Nagra happened on the event with no idea he was about to find his calling.

Now an inspired physics major and judge for the event, Dalsher says it would not be possible at other schools. “The professors here want to get involved and help you,” he says. “That doesn’t happen at a lot of schools.”

Dalsher notes that alumni and parent giving is a big part of the reason the department is able to sponsor the event. “There is a direct route from alumni to this,” he says, “and I’m grateful.”

Your gift to the University of Richmond does amazing things. You give students the resources they need to begin promising careers. You help faculty members show students a life beyond the classroom. Your gift can grow and mature as part of an endowment and strengthen the University for years to come. Thank you!
Fall colors are beginning
to emerge around
Westhampton Lake.