175th session underway

The University began its 175th session by welcoming 772 first-year students for five days of orientation, leading up to the start of classes Aug. 23. Fifty-one percent of new students are female; 49 percent are male. They hail from 41 states, the District of Columbia and 34 countries.

The class came from 6,236 applications—the most ever received by the University. Among the new students are 24 National Merit Finalists (the most ever), five National Hispanic Finalists, seven Academic All State students, three Bausch and Lomb Science Award winners, one published researcher in neuroscience, one Odyssey of the Mind world finalist, four Venture Scholars, 81 student government or class presidents, 24 Eagle Scouts/Gold Award winners, and 10 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Award winners. Sixty-four first-year students have studied abroad.

For 2004–05, the student body includes 193 international students, representing more than 70 countries, including Bulgaria, Canada, India, Nigeria, Turkey and Bolivia.
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University celebrating 175 years

The University celebrates its 175th anniversary throughout the 2004–05 academic year with activities, celebrations and commemorations that will illustrate the University's history and encourage alumni interaction.

Last summer, the University launched its anniversary Web site at http://175.richmond.edu, which provides information about events, history, anniversary merchandise and more. The site also includes an historical timeline, information about campus buildings and biographies of people who have played important roles in the University's history.

Major events and activities will include:

- **Alumni scrapbook**—Add your story to the online collection. Alumni can submit stories and view those submitted by others. Entries may include personal remembrances, reflections on why the University has been important to alumni and stories illustrating the Richmond experience. Alumni may submit their entries online or by calling 1-877-UR-175TH to leave a recorded message.

- **Digital Collegian**—First published in 1914, the student newspaper is an important record of University history. Browse digitized versions of the Collegian from 1914–2003. Both page images and articles are available.

- **Fly the flag initiative**—Alumni can show their pride and celebrate being a part of the University family by flying a University flag during the anniversary year (August 2004–May 2005). The bookstore has flags available for sale, and they also will be sold at home football and basketball games. Orders can be placed online at http://www.urspidershop.com (click on Merchandise) or by telephone at (804) 289-8491.

- **Homecoming 2004**—Two lectures will be held during Homecoming—Parents' Weekend Oct. 22–24: “Architecture of the University of Richmond,” presented by Stuart Wheeler, associate professor and coordinator of the Classical Civilization and Urban Practice and Policy programs; and “History of the University of Richmond,” presented by Fred Anderson, executive director of the Virginia Baptist Heritage Center and Historical Society and manager of University archives.

- **Anniversary calendar**—A wall calendar spanning September 2004–December 2005 will be available for sale through the bookstore. Including pictures from the collection of Dementi Studio, it showcases vibrant images of the University's students, faculty, campus buildings and activities through the decades. Nearly 200 special events and milestones in Richmond history are highlighted.

Richmond Alumni Magazine will present extensive coverage of the 175th anniversary and University history in the winter 2005 issue.
The University's Board of Trustees elected seven new members during its May meeting: Kevin M. Cox, B'74, Amanda DeBusk, W'78, Allen B. King, Daniel J. Ludeman, John Robert McDonald, GB'69, Janice R. Moore, L'81, and Cathleen Magennis Wyatt.

Cox is a managing director of Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation Inc. in New York. During his career, he has been responsible for Merrill Lynch's merchant banking, creditor relations and investment banking areas. He worked out of its Tokyo branch from 1994–96. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch, he was with Chase Manhattan Bank. Cox is a graduate of the University and parent of both a senior and a first-year student.

DeBusk is an attorney in the international department of the Washington, D.C. law firm Miller & Chevalier. She formerly served as U.S. Commerce Department assistant secretary for export enforcement. She has been a member of the University's President's Council and Board of Associates. She received her B.A. from Richmond and J.D. from Harvard.

King is chairman, president and CEO of Richmond-based Universal Corp., the world's largest independent tobacco merchant and a leading lumber and building products distributor in the Netherlands. He also is chairman, president and CEO of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company Inc. King serves on the board of Circuit City and is the parent of an alumnus of the School of Law.

Ludeman is president and CEO of Wachovia Securities, created from the 2003 merger of Wachovia Securities and Prudential Financial Inc. He began his career with Wheat, First Securities in Richmond and advanced through various mergers and acquisitions with Butcher & Singer, First Union, Everen Capital and Wachovia. A graduate of Virginia Tech, Ludeman earned his M.B.A. from William & Mary.

McDonald is president of McDonald Development and McDonald Construction companies in Atlanta, developers of several large commercial projects there including Kelly-Springfield Tire, Whirlpool and Quaker Oats. He is a member of the Emory University advisory board. McDonald received a B.S. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a master's of commerce from Richmond.

Moore is a partner of McGuireWoods LLP and works out of its Washington, D.C., office. Prior to joining the law firm, she was employed by Enron Corp., served as senior counsel for employee relations at Mobil Oil and worked for the Richmond law firm Hunton & Williams. Her practice focuses on international and domestic energy commodities. She is a graduate of Goucher College and received her J.D. from Richmond.

Wyatt served as secretary of economic development for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1992–96, leading the Virginia Port Authority, Department of Economic Development, Virginia Employment Commission and Department of Forestry. She also served as co-head of the Governor's Commission on Defense Conversion and Economic Adjustment. She previously worked for Landsdowne Development (a subsidiary of Xerox Corp.) and Remington International and was a director of The Fairfax Group Ltd. She received her B.A. from Notre Dame University, majoring in government and economics.
Senior injured in Iraq

A brave friend and a spare battery probably saved Scott Erwin's life during an ambush in Baghdad in June.

Erwin delayed his senior year to work for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. While his official job was as a liaison between CPA and various Iraqi governmental ministries, Erwin's real joy was voluntarily teaching in a program he created called Ambassadors of Democracy. He taught principles of democracy to Iraqi university students, who in turn, agreed to pass along the lessons to Iraqi youth.

On June 2, gunmen ambushed a car that Erwin, a translator and two Iraqi police officers were riding in while returning to the Green Zone from a class. The Iraqi officers, riding in the front seat, were killed, while the translator, riding in the back seat with Erwin, pulled him down and out of the other side of the SUV.

Erwin sustained four AK-47 gunshot wounds to his arms and abdomen. A spare AA battery for his MP3 player, tucked into a side of the SUV.

"It just so happened that the day that I was shot that I did have that extra battery still in my pouch, and one of the bullets actually hit the battery," deflecting it from his heart, Erwin said during his recuperation.

Other Iraqi police arrived, firing rounds that scared off the attackers, Erwin said.

Erwin received treatment in Baghdad, Germany and the United States. Richmond President William Cooper and University friends visited him at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., after his return. Erwin was unsure if he was the target of the attack or whether the Iraqi police were marked for their cooperation with the CPA.

His story has appeared on CNN and in The Washington Post, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Chronicle of Higher Education, his hometown newspaper, the Kansas City Star, and around the country via The Associated Press.

He hoped to return to the University for the fall semester after treatment at Walter Reed during the summer.

Seabolt assumes alumni leadership role

Robert Seabolt, R'77, is serving as 2004-05 president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association. An attorney and administrative partner of Troutman Sanders LLP in Richmond, he is second in command of a 500-lawyer firm based in Atlanta. In addition to holding a B.A. in political science and speech from Richmond, Seabolt earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School in 1980.

Seabolt served as president of the Richmond College Alumni Association from 1986-88 and was alumni representative from Richmond College on the Board of Trustees from 1995-99. He has been a member of the Board of Associates since 2000.

Harvard Law fundraiser tapped as advancement vice president

David C. Johnson has been named the University's vice president for advancement. He manages alumni affairs; communications; community and donor relations; development; and foundation, corporate and government relations. He also directs the University's $200 million Transforming Bright Minds capital campaign. The campaign is scheduled to conclude in 2008.

Johnson served as director of development at Harvard Law School, playing a leadership role in its ongoing $400 million capital campaign. Previously, as director of university development operations, he was central to the success of Harvard's recent University Campaign, which secured more than $2.6 billion in gifts.

"Dave Johnson brings us exceptional talent and experience to lead our advancement efforts," said University President William Cooper. "He will be a great asset to the University and the greater Richmond community."

"Since I first set foot on the Richmond campus 20 years ago, I have been impressed with the University's distinctive character, its fascinating mix of undergraduate and professional studies and the dedication of its alumni," Johnson said.

Johnson joined Harvard in 1994 and became director of development for Harvard Law in 1998. His previous advancement experience includes senior positions at Cornell University, Lafayette College and the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia, where he launched the alumni giving program.

Johnson served three years as president and chief operating officer of Cartermill Inc. (now Community of Science), a Baltimore company that develops and markets research databases of the intellectual resources available at U.S. and Canadian universities and federal agencies.

He has completed graduate-level course work at Cornell and The Executive Program at Colgate Darden, and he holds a bachelor's degree in English and economics from DePauw University.

Johnson is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the National Society of Fundraising Executives. He is a frequent speaker on corporate philanthropy, public affairs program management and major/principal gift solicitation, and has served as a consultant to corporations and institutions.
25th anniversary WILL speaker series

Interrogating Limits, Pushing Boundaries: Artists/Academics/Activists

2004-05 marks the 25th anniversary of the WILL and Women's Studies programs (recently renamed the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program, or WGSS). The theme of the silver anniversary series is Interrogating Limits, Pushing Boundaries: Artists/Academics/Activists. The series will feature artists who are also activists, academics who are also artists, activists who are also academics, and some who are all three. All events are free and open to the public. For more information and a copy of the series schedule, call (804) 289-8578.

BELINDA ANDERSON
Continuing the Quest for Equal Access in Higher Education
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1, 4 P.M.
BROWN-ALLEY ROOM, WEINSTEIN HALL

Anderson is the president of Virginia Union University, a historically black institution in Richmond whose origins date to 1865. She will discuss VUU's history and current renaissance, as well as her own career as an advocate for equal access to higher education. Her address is cosponsored by the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

MARIE WILSON
Closing the Leadership Gap: Why Women Can and Must Help Run the World.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28, 7 P.M.
ALICE HAYNES ROOM, TYLER HAYNES COMMONS

Wilson is the president of the Ms. Foundation for Women and creator of National Take Our Daughters to Work Day. In her new book, Closing the Leadership Gap: Why Women Can and Must Help Run the World, Wilson argues for “changing society from a system built on the labor of women to one led equally by their vision.”

OKIANER CHRISTIAN DARK
Change Agents within a Community: Becoming a Flea for Justice
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 7 P.M., JEPSON 118

Dark is professor of law at Howard University, specializing in torts and health law. Her 1996 article, “Incorporating Issues of Race, Gender, Class, Sexual Orientation and Disability,” is widely cited. She also is a litigator and social justice activist, focusing on fair housing, hate crimes and violence against women.

NATHAN LONG
The Space between “Boy” and “Girl”: Facts and Fictions
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 4 P.M.
BROWN-ALLEY ROOM, WEINSTEIN HALL

Long is a professor, poet, essayist, playwright and short story writer whose work has appeared in journals such as The Sun, Indiana Review and Glimmer Train. He will talk about intersexuality (hermaphroditism) and the plurality of sexes and read from his novel-in-progress about an intersexual person growing up in rural Mid-America.

JENNIFER NISSLIEIN, STEPHANIE WILKINSON AND AMY HUDOCK
Questions Our Mothers Forgot to Ask
MONDAY, NOV. 8, 4 P.M.
BROWN-ALLEY ROOM, WEINSTEIN HALL

The editors of Brain, Child: The Magazine for Thinking Mothers and Literary Mama will present a panel on the explosion of publishing for, by and about mothers. Has mothering changed in the new millennium? Is the “momoir” for real? The editors will discuss those questions and others.

APPALACHIAN WOMEN’S ALLIANCE
Grassroots Organizing Among Appalachian Women
MONDAY, FEB. 21, 7 P.M.
PARKINSON RECITAL HALL, NORTH COURT

Back by popular demand for the second straight year, members of the alliance will present a program of poetry, music and talk, exemplifying their work in combating racial injustice, sexism, homophobia and social inequality in Appalachian communities in seven states.

JANISSE RAY
Questioning the Status Quo: Eco-Feminist Challenges
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 4 P.M.
BROWN-ALLEY ROOM, WEINSTEIN HALL

A writer and naturalist, Ray is author of the award-winning Ecology of a Cracker Childhood, a memoir of growing up poor in the ruined longleaf pine ecosystem of the Southeast. She will talk about the beleaguered Southern landscape and the need to remake a world in which we can be fully human.
New alumni executive director

Kristin J. Woods has been named the University's executive director of alumni relations. Woods joins Richmond from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., where she has been associate director of alumni, parents and volunteer programs since 1997. Previously, she was assistant director of alumni programs at Hood College in Frederick, Md., where she earned a B.A. in sociology and political science and is a master's degree candidate in human sciences. She is a member of numerous national nonprofit professional organizations and has been recognized for her ability to organize and motivate volunteers at Bucknell. Woods began work at Richmond in early September.

Management Institute names executive director

Thomas J. Kemp is the new executive director of The Management Institute, the executive education and management development division of the Robins School of Business. Previously, Kemp owned a consulting and training firm specializing in development of sales representatives and serving both individuals and organizations. During 24 years in the corporate sector, he served as president of three companies. Kemp began his career as territory account representative and has sold to Fortune 500 companies, managed sales teams and developed sales and marketing strategies. The Miami University of Ohio graduate holds a bachelor's of business administration degree.

Management Institute faculty work with executives and managers to analyze, formulate and implement strategy, evaluate and sharpen initiatives, and provide leadership and management support through open enrollment and customized courses for corporate clients.

Superintendent is Leader in Residence

Dr. Billy K. Cannaday Jr., superintendent of Chesterfield County (Va.) Public Schools since May 2000, is the 2004 Leader in Residence at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Cannaday oversees more than 55,000 students and 3,500 full-time teachers in the county's 59 elementary, middle and high schools. Chesterfield is a recipient of the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia, which recognizes excellence in organizational performance.

The Leader-in-Residence program began in 1992 and has featured leaders from government, business, law, arts, nonprofits and other areas. Leaders in residence typically take part in classroom events and discussions and often deliver lectures or host presentations or activities.

From Russia with love

Paolo Landi, a visiting professor at the University in spring 2002, has received the State Award from Russia—the country's most prestigious theater award—for directing Filumena Marturano. It was the first time the award, described as the Russian version of an Oscar, had been given to someone from outside the country. Landi lives in Rome, Russia and the United States and has upcoming productions planned for Lithuania, Russia, Latvia and Italy.

Uncle Sam explains

Government-published pamphlets explaining why America went to war, the United States' relationship to Allied and Axis countries, and how soldiers could adjust to post-war life are available for public view in an online collection, "America at War 1941-45."

The 60 documents are part of a larger collection of about 250, which Boatwright Memorial Library eventually will digitize and make accessible via the Internet.

The library timed the presentation of the initial documents, located at oncampus.richmond.edu/is/library/digital/america_at_war/Gateway.html to coincide with the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Web site offers both searchable content and images of the original pages. In addition to helping researchers, the Web site also will safeguard the pamphlets, since heavy use by researchers and students can damage the paper documents.
Practicing leadership

Studying leadership is one thing. Actually working in roles that require leadership is quite another.

Five Jepson School of Leadership Studies seniors combined theory with service last summer during internships arranged through the Robert L. Burrus Jr. Fellowship program.

Under the direction of an experienced leader, they completed “tasks which were important to the organization, required collaboration with others and demanded leadership from the student,” said Teresa Williams, Jepson School associate dean.

The students and their projects:

- Zachariah Dorey-Stein of Narberth, Pa., worked for the Sioux YMCA in Dupree, S.D., the only Native American-run YMCA in the country. He examined different Native American leadership styles.


- Kristen Habicht of Baltimore, Md., worked as a volunteer intern at Frafra/Agape Children’s Home in Accra, Ghana. The home is an orphanage for children who would otherwise grow up on the streets of West Africa. She taught English, reading and writing, and assisted with daily administrative tasks.

- Allison Kirk of River Forest, Ill., interned in Richmond with Cross Over Ministry Health Center, which provides health care services to indigents. She helped design a protocol of procedures for the center’s six outreach sites.

- Katherine Lowell of Center Harbor, N.H., interned at the Desmond Tutu Peace Center in South Africa. Her primary responsibility was to develop leadership training programs for the country’s emerging leaders.

Hayes wins research residency

Julie C. Hayes, professor of French and chair of the modern languages and literatures department, studied last summer at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., and is in residence at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, N.C., for 2004–05.

She won both a $30,000 fellowship from the center covering 2004–05 and a $2,000 short-term fellowship from the library to help her complete her research project, “Translation, Subjectivity and Culture in France and England, 1600–1800.” The center offered 40 residential fellowships out of 526 applications.

Last fall, Hayes received a $40,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for 2004–05 for the same project. The awards will help her complete her study of the work of British and French translators in the 17th and 18th centuries. She is examining more than 350 translators’ prefaces and related documents for a book on historical translation theory and practice.

“The project speaks to a wide range of issues in the humanities,” Hayes said, “including the relationship of past to present, the evolution of the notion of authorship, the place of women in the literary marketplace, the role of language in the expression of national identity, and the ways in which translation mediates our relationships with cultural others.”

Their big fat Greek makeover

Brandon Boxler, ’05 (l.) president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and Stanton Leddy, ’05, relax in the fraternity’s “Brothers’ Room,” subject of a makeover last spring by TLC’s “While You Were Out” program. Leddy and two other Phi Deltas were surprised by Boxler and the program’s interior designers when they returned from Virginia Beach, where they thought they were subjects of a documentary on life at fraternities that do not serve alcohol. The designers had transformed a bare room in two frantic days, using old neckties as window valances, leather belts to decorate chairs, built-in shelving, red and blue paint and fabrics, a stacked-book coffee table and a new entertainment system. The program aired nationally in August.
Students question justice

Spiders invaded the Supreme Court last spring when Dr. Gary McDowell, Tyler Haynes Interdisciplinary Chair in Leadership Studies and Political Science, and his class observed two arguments before the court and held a 30-minute question-and-answer session with Justice Antonin Scalia. Initially told that group visits to the Supreme Court were booked through 2005, McDowell contacted Scalia, a personal acquaintance. Scalia cut through the red tape, and the students went to Washington, D.C. “It was exhilarating to be in court watching all nine justices pepper lawyers with questions,” McDowell said. “Students could see what an adversarial system it really is.” Before returning to campus, students lunched with Deputy Secretary of Education Eugene Hickok, the Jepson School’s 2003-04 leader in residence, and met with the solicitor general and one of his deputies, whom they saw argue before the court that morning.

Poet, NEA chair is Orator in Residence

Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, has been named the University’s second Orator in Residence. A poet, critic, educator and former business executive, Gioia is best known for his 1991 book, Can Poetry Matter? about the role of poetry in contemporary culture. His collection of poems, Interrogations at Noon, one of his three full-length books, won the 2002 American Book Award.

He has been a commentator on American culture and literature for BBC radio, classical music critic for San Francisco magazine, translator of poetry from Latin, Italian, German and Romanian, and founder of the nation’s largest annual all-poetry writing conference. His anthology, Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry and Drama, is the best-selling college literary textbook in America.

Gioia will give a poetry reading Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in Weinstein Hall and meet with students the following day. He will deliver a keynote address at an Oct. 1 luncheon open to the public, followed by a book signing and panel discussion on “The Professional and the Poet.”

For information on luncheon reservations, call (804) 287-6409. For additional information on the Orator-in-Residence program, visit http://speech.richmond.edu/special/.

Kresge makes $500,000 challenge grant

The University will purchase, maintain and upgrade scientific equipment with a $500,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation.

Half of the grant from the Troy, Mich.-based foundation would be used to purchase new research and teaching equipment for Gottwald Science Center, which houses the biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics departments. The other half would go into an endowment fund for maintenance and upgrades.

The grant is contingent upon Richmond’s raising an additional $1 million from alumni, parents and friends specifically for scientific equipment.

Winning this grant is “not only a boost to our science initiative, but also an important validation of the project,” said President William Cooper. “Kresge’s rigorous application process and subsequent auditing provide donors with assurance that their contributions will be applied to meaningful improvements to our science facilities.”

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge, founder of the S.S. Kresge Co., now Kmart Corp. It awards grants toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities and the purchase of major capital equipment or real estate by institutions of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs.
Undergraduate research gets boost

Integrating teaching and research across undergraduate science disciplines is a University goal that is coming closer to reality thanks to a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). The organization awarded Richmond $900,000 to help implement the program.

One of only 42 undergraduate science education program grants given to American colleges and universities this year, Richmond's is its first from the prestigious institute. HHMI, among the largest nonprofit medical research organizations in the world, makes the grants to baccalaureate and master's degree institutions every four years. It is based in Chevy Chase, Md.

The University will apply the funds to hiring additional faculty and developing new courses at the cutting edge of biology and related sciences, especially in bioinformatics and mathematics. Students will have new research opportunities early in their undergraduate years, including working in biomedical science laboratories at The George Washington University. Faculty will collaborate with colleagues and attend workshops at labs and science centers around the country.

"The HHMI grant represents another major endorsement for the quality of our science program at Richmond and will enable us to better serve our students in coming years," said President William Cooper.

The grant recognizes Richmond's strong commitment to science and its plans for an interdisciplinary approach and efforts to develop a community of student researchers on campus.

Richmond's Gottwald Science Center is undergoing a $35 million renovation and expansion. In addition, the University plans a series of science program enhancements totaling more than $60 million over the next decade.

Campaign video available online

Want to learn how a Richmond education transformed the lives of several alumni who are making an impact in the fields of science, business, law, education and the arts? Then take a few minutes to watch the Transforming Bright Minds campaign video which is now available online at www.brightminds.richmond.edu.

Campaign video

Campaign Update

Recent Major Gifts:

- The Weinstein Family, including alumni Carole M. and Marcus M. Weinstein, their daughter Allison P. Weinstein and son-in-law Ivan Jecklin, established the Weinstein Family Endowed Chair in the Social Sciences with a $2 million gift.
- Karen O'Maley, B'81, and David B. O'Maley, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Ohio National Financial Services, have committed $100,000 to name the Business Center, part of a planned major expansion of the Robins School of Business.
- The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation awarded the University a $90,000 grant to support the 2004-05 Modlin Center for the Arts season. Carpenter Foundation-sponsored events for the coming season include Grupo Corpo Brazilian Dance Theater, Balé Folclórico da Bahia, Manhattan Transfer and pianist Krystian Zimerman. The foundation has a history of supporting special performance series at the University that have brought outstanding artists from around the world to campus.
- The Lipman Foundation awarded the University $61,500 to support a two-year program to enhance educational advocacy for children with substance abuse issues who are involved in the juvenile justice system. Faculty and students working in the law school's Disability Law Clinic, as well as doctoral psychology students and faculty from Virginia Commonwealth University, will participate in the project.
- Mary Ellen Rowland Holsten and Robert A. Holsten Sr., B'64, have made commitments totaling $50,000 for the Spider Athletic Initiative. Robert Holsten is president of E. A. Holsten Inc., Virginia's largest independent appliance distributor. Support of the Spider Athletic Initiative helps strengthen Richmond's outstanding sports program.
- Sarah O. Gunn, C'81, has made a $25,000 commitment to the Sarah O. Gunn Endowed Scholarship for the School of Continuing Studies (SCS). Gunn is president of The Toymaker of Williamsburg and member of the SCS Dean's Advisory Council.
- Thomas W. Pearson, C'63, has made a $25,000 commitment to the Virginia, Patricia and Deborah Pearson Endowed Scholarship for the School of Continuing Studies. The endowed scholarship is named in memory of Pearson's wife, Virginia, and in honor of his daughters, Patricia and Deborah.
- Brandt D. Portugal, a 2002 graduate who majored in biology, has committed $10,000 to honor two of his faculty mentors by naming the Clough-Lessem Faculty Office in the renovated Gottwald Science Center. The honorees are Dr. Stuart C. Clough, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Paula B. Lessem, director of biology laboratories. Portugal is an investment banking analyst with Goldman Sachs and Co.

For more information about the Transforming Bright Minds campaign or to make an online contribution, visit www.brightminds.richmond.edu.
Coach knows success

It is evident in the smiles that stretch across players' faces. A new air has surrounded Richmond football over the past few months. The atmosphere is full of excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm because Dave Clawson—the Spiders' new head coach—brings a resume filled with success and offensive fireworks to the West End of Richmond.

The 2002 I-AA National Coach of the Year spent the last five seasons at Fordham University where he took the Rams to the I-AA playoffs and won 72 percent of his games during the last three fall campaigns. Prior to his tenure at Fordham, Clawson directed successful schemes at Villanova and Lehigh as their offensive coordinator.

After winning the Patriot League title in 2002 and leading Fordham to a 9-3 record in 2003, Clawson brings his winning attitude to Richmond. He laid out a game plan from the beginning when he said his program's goal was to have a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher every year. That offensive objective is in addition to his ultimate goals—winning the Atlantic 10 title and competing for the I-AA national championship.

"I want the game of football to be fun for our players. I want it to be something they look forward to—that every day they look forward to getting to practice and making themselves better," commented Clawson.

Clawson arrived in early spring and spent his first few months assembling an outstanding coaching staff and installing his system. There are some familiar faces on his inaugural staff, as Ben Albert returns after three years away, Bill Durkin returns for his eighth season and Jeff Hanson enters his 24th year as a Spider coach.

The new coach and his team were tested early in a match-up against North Carolina State Sept. 4. After two more road games, Spider fans will welcome their new leader on Sept. 25 when former Patriot League-rival Lafayette invades UR Stadium for the 2004 home opener.

"We want our players to exhibit that they love playing the game of football by showing up and playing with passion," Clawson said.

—SIMON GRAY, '98
Spiders on TV

Two of Richmond’s 2004 football games were scheduled for broadcast in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Sept. 11 game at VMI was produced as part of the Big South Conference’s package. The Atlantic 10 Television Networks will televise Richmond’s Oct. 30 contest at Hofstra. That A-10 battle begins at noon.

First Market gets new turf

Anyone who visited campus last summer undoubtedly noticed bulldozers and dump trucks working through the heat and showers to install a state-of-the-art FieldTurf playing surface at First Market Stadium.

It is the same multi-purpose surface used by 16 NFL teams for games or practice and by national college powerhouses Michigan, Nebraska, Washington and many others.

In addition to providing a new home surface for the soccer and lacrosse programs, the FieldTurf offers the football program a field playable in any weather. The Spiders now have three practice facilities that enable them to prepare for any surface they will encounter in a Saturday contest.

Fall streaks

The last two years have been record-breaking for Richmond athletics, with the fall season creating momentum for the entire department. Here are a few streaks and notes to watch this fall.

Cross Country: Richmond’s women’s program earned its first Atlantic 10 championship in 2003.

Field Hockey: The Spiders have gone undefeated in regular-season and tournament action each of the past two years. The last time Richmond lost to an A-10 opponent was Nov. 3, 2001—a 2-1 loss to Massachusetts in the tournament semifinals.

Football: Richmond hosts James Madison on Homecoming weekend for the second time in three years. The Spiders blanked the Dukes 26-0 in 2002.

Men’s Soccer: The Spiders haven’t lost a conference regular-season match since Nov. 9, 2002—a 2-0 decision at George Washington. Richmond was 7-0-4 in A-10 contests last fall.

Women’s Soccer: The Spiders have advanced to the Atlantic 10 championship match each of the past three years.
George Kindel celebrated his eighth birthday early in the afternoon on Oct. 7, 1960. His parents rescheduled his party so they could listen to the Kennedy-Nixon debate on the radio that night. Young Kindel listened to the debate too, but he had no idea who won.

Now an associate professor of journalism at the University, Kindel listened to the debate again recently, and he still believes “there were no knockout punches.” But many people who viewed the debate on television in 1960 said Kennedy won. They said he looked poised, comfortable, tan and fit. He smiled at the camera. He was a sharp visual contrast to Nixon, who had just gotten out of the hospital. Nixon appeared thin and pale, and his frown at times was almost a scowl.

The substance of the debate did not hurt Nixon, Kindel said, but the images that lingered did plenty of damage. The Kennedy campaign capitalized on one freeze frame in particular—the infamous “shifty-eyes shot” of Nixon sweating profusely.

The Kennedy-Nixon debate “has been viewed as the seminal turning point for how the press relays political information to the public,” Kindel said. “You had this incredible confluence of new technology and journalists who had unsheathed their swords during the 1956 campaign ... and people who were beginning to see campaigns as entertainment.”

Those same three factors are converging again in the 2004 presidential campaign. Kindel said, making images and sound bites more important than ever.
"It's the technological improvements that have cut down the processing time from the candidate to the press and from the press to the public," Kindel explained. "Our attention span has shortened even more the distance between each part of the trinity."

Journalists who write in-depth political stories find a very limited audience, he said. "I don't think we've been a country of honest political discourse for a very long time."

The Likeability Factor

Nixon realized he needed to bolster his "likeability" after he lost the race for president in 1960 and the race for governor of California in 1962. He blamed the press for his gubernatorial loss and told reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." But Nixon's resurgence in 1968 was a media miracle that is well-documented in The Selling of the President, a book by Joe McGinniss. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to discern the difference between image and substance in presidential campaigns, said Ken Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

McGinniss describes how Nixon's handlers used television extensively to soften his persona and package his campaign. As he waited to appear on the "Mike Douglas Show," Nixon told executive producer Roger Ailes, "It's a shame a man has to use gimmicks like this to get elected."

Television, Ailes responded, "is not a gimmick." Nixon hired him.

Perhaps the ultimate gimmick for Nixon in the 1968 campaign was his quick appearance on "Laugh-In," where he uttered the show's catch-phrase: "Sock it to me!" Voters thought it was funny. They liked it. They liked Nixon.

Likeability boils down to one question, according to Linda B. Hobgood, director of the University's Speech Center and former member of Pat Nixon's White House staff. "Who could you picture barbecuing in your backyard?" However, Hobgood cautioned: "Is it more important that the guy barbecuing in the backyard be able to negotiate with world leaders or play the saxophone on MTV?"

Bill Clinton, of course, played the sax on MTV during his 1992 presidential campaign. And in the recent Democratic primary, John Kerry rode a Harley onto the set of "The Tonight Show" dressed in blue jeans and a leather jacket.

George W. Bush appeared on "Oprah" during the 2000 campaign, and so did Al Gore. Bush kissed Oprah on the cheek one week after Gore missed his chance. That kiss may have generated a few thousand swing votes in Florida, but you probably will not see Bush kissing up on the talk show circuit again this fall because incumbents generally view such appearances as unpresidential.

The talk show double standard between challengers and incumbents continued, p.16
Remembering 1992: A history—and campus—altering debate

Many believe the second presidential debate of the 1992 election campaign altered the course of American history—and the personal histories of then-President George H. W. Bush and his opponent, then-Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas. It certainly altered the history of the University of Richmond.

In their book Mad As Hell: Revolt at the Ballot Box, 1992, Jack Germond and Jules Witcover cited the responses by Clinton and Bush to one dramatic question as possibly giving Clinton the win, not only in the debate but also in the campaign.

The Oct. 15 meeting in the Robins Center was the first town hall debate held by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) and brought a new drama to the confrontation between Bush, Clinton and third-party candidate Ross Perot.

An audience of 209 people picked by the Gallup organization, not a panel of news media, asked the questions. Marisa Hall, a 25-year-old single woman, posed what turned out to be the question of the evening and possibly of the campaign: “How has the national debt personally affected each of your lives? And if it hasn’t, how can you honestly find a cure for the economic problems of the common people if you have no experience in what’s ailing them?”

Bush stumbled badly, admitting he was having trouble “getting” it. At one point he said he hoped his grandchildren could afford an education.

Clinton responded by walking toward the questioner: “I’ve been the governor of a small state for 12 years. I’ll tell you how it’s affected me... I’ve seen what’s happened in the last four years when, in my state, people lose their jobs, there’s a good chance I’ll know them by their names. When a factory closes, I know the people who ran it. When the businesses go bankrupt, I know them.”

At this point, a TV camera caught Bush, seated on his stool, looking at his wristwatch.

“To point to a single question and answer in one debate as a revelation of Bush’s political vulnerability would be unfair if it were not so typical of a seeming incomprehension of what average voters were feeling and saying all through the campaign year,” wrote Germond and Witcover. “Comparing the fears of a jobless worker unable to pay his house mortgage with the concern of a wealthy man about whether his grandchildren will be properly educated was ludicrous on its face.”

“I loved the second debate,” Clinton proclaims in his recent autobiography, My Life. “The debate was essentially over,” Clinton writes, “after our answers to the woman’s question about the personal impact of the debt on us.”

(When President Bush spoke at the Richmond Forum several years later, I had a chance to shake his hand at a reception and remind him of the debate. “That was not a pleasant experience for me,” he said.)

As many as 200 million people around the world may have watched as the University was, for the moment, the virtual center of the political universe.

For three months prior to the event, the University focused almost exclusively on putting on the Great Debate. Physical plant and CPD staff transformed the Robins Center into a gigantic TV studio. Satellite trucks gloved in X-lot, and more than 2,000 media from the United States and abroad covered the event. Students worked with major networks and the political parties. Faculty zeroed in on debate and other campaign topics in their classes, and the entire campus looked like a political rally could break out—and did—at any time.

NBC’s Tom Brokaw anchored his news show from the University. ABC’s Carole Simpson was the moderator. Network celebrities John Chancellor, Morton Dean, Brit Hume, Andrea Mitchell, Catherine Crier and Bernard Shaw all worked the event.

Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton were in the VIP audience, as were Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, and Senators Charles Robb, John Warner, Joe Biden and John Kerry, perhaps getting a feel for his own 2004 campaign.

C-SPAN interviewed then-Richmond President Richard L. Morrill, who opened the debate itself with a welcome. Jepson School students appeared on “Good Morning, America.” The debate was on the front page of every major newspaper in the country.

At the time I was director of public relations at the University, and it took just 19 days from the time I called the CPD to throw our hat into the ring until we became one of four finalists out of 70 universities vying to be hosts.

It all started when trustee Ed Eskandarian asked an associate, a public relations consultant, to call me to discuss ways we could increase the University’s visibility. Even though it was late in the game, I took his advice and called the commission asking for a shot.

It took a $500,000 fund-raising campaign on our part (Dr. Morrill working the phones), two campus visits from commission officials and some behind-the-scenes maneuvering, but on Aug. 11, the commission’s executive director called to say Richmond would host the Oct. 15 debate.

The University put on numerous debate-related programs, including a mock student debate, an alternative debate, a panel discussion by U.S. and foreign journalists and a talk by commission members on the history and significance of presidential debates.

“The presidential debate did an amazing thing. Richmond students were enthusiastically discussing politics in classrooms, dorms, apartments and at meals. It made them feel that they were part of the political process. From an educational point of view, the debate helped transform many of our students into citizens,” said Joanne Ciulla, chair of the debate education committee and professor in the leadership studies school.

Perhaps John A. Roush, former executive assistant to the president and vice president for planning, summed up the debate’s impact best when he said, “It proved we can run with the big dogs.”

—Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64
**Too little debate** by Sheila Carapico

Although it is America's greatest foreign policy challenge, I expect no debates this presidential campaign season on the United States' role in the broader Middle East because there is no substantive difference between the two serious contenders on our engagement in the region. Neither the president nor the challenger is likely to put forward a fresh proposal for pursuing American interests more effectively in the future. Instead, both nominees cling to the pillars of a bipartisan Near East policy forged over several administrations, Republican and Democratic.

Even as presidential contenders pretend we are on the right track and need only stay the course, it is clear things have gone awry. Decades of work on a resolution to Israeli-Arab antagonisms have come to naught. The long-standing deal with the Saudi royal family and other Arab Gulf dynasties whereby we protect their palaces in return for cheap oil backfired, badly, in terror attacks by Saudi dissidents both here and in Arabia. The old "dual containment" of Iraq and perhaps Iran too evidently failed. Neither Afghanistan nor Iraq is stabilized, much less democratized. Osama bin Laden and associates remain at large, their movement enlarged. Yellow alert is the new norm, and many Americans expect orange or red. The gaps and gaffs in our intelligence are truly mind-boggling, and within our security forces, not to mention diplomatic corps, political alienation is palpable. Whatever the campaign promises, these are the problems the next administration will confront, at tremendous cost. Moreover, surrounding these several distinct, complexly interwoven policy challenges is the larger question of the American role in the world in the 21st century.

What we need now, as a nation, is some trailblazing strategic imagination. And it looks as if that gauntlet may fall to scholars and students in universities and think-tanks.

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**Moments in time** by Akiba Covitz

Certain moments in time encapsulate broad ideas. Some such moments are obvious, like inaugurations or assassinations. Sept. 11 was one—perhaps the defining moment of our times.

Others are less dramatic. One took place on Aug. 10, 1990, the day Saddam Hussein declared "jihad" or holy war against the United States and its strongest ally and the sole democracy in the Middle East, Israel. Hussein, after fighting a devastating war against Iran and invading Kuwait, two Muslim countries, attempted to harness the Muslim world's anger and resentment at America and the West. He failed. Years later, Osama bin Laden took up that call and succeeded.

Why is America involved in the Middle East? Why are thousands of our soldiers in Iraq? Why does America support Israel and its right to exist? We need the Middle East's oil to fuel our economy. That much is simple and unlikely to change in the near future. After the first Gulf War and then bin Laden's terrorist war, access to oil became entangled with our national need to deal with bin Laden's brutal attacks and protect ourselves from more in the future, Al Qaeda's adopted home in Afghanistan was the first task. According to President Bush, Iraq was the next. At the time, a majority in Congress and in America agreed. This presidential election will likely turn on how America feels about that decision now.

Why does America support Israel is tied to how we see ourselves and our own past. According to one leading commentator on the Middle East, "in the global war against terrorism, Israel is humanity's laboratory for testing the limits of a democracy under permanent siege." We in America feel elements of that siege mentality. We also see ourselves in the same mold as the Israelis: two peoples whose founders searched for refuge from oppression, and who, through hard work and a sense of mission, created their respective countries against all odds.

Should we withdraw from the region? Should we leave the Israelis to their own devices? America's preeminent place on the international stage demands that we not flee in fear, it also demands that we support our democratic comrades in arms in Israel and around the world against not militancy or extremism, but vicious terrorism.

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**Timely Images**

"It's all about timing," said Richmond graduate Tim Sullivan, '02, who was a regional field director for the Lieberman for President campaign in New Hampshire. "It's not enough for presidential candidates to project a strong image," he said. "They have to embody the right image at the right time."

Four years later, during the Iraqi hostage crisis, "We wanted this tough-talking person who made us feel good about being Americans," Sullivan said. And that is why Jimmy Carter won. "He said, 'I will never lie to you.'"

Following Watergate in 1976, "We needed an 'aw, shucks' kind of guy," Sullivan said. And that is why Ronald Reagan won.

"In 1992, it was all about the economy," and that is why Clinton won, Sullivan continued. "And in 2000, I just don't think we had a clue what we wanted. And that's why it was so close."

In the current election, Lieberman would have been a formidable Democratic nominee, Sullivan insisted. He described Lieberman's image as "measured and methodical"—the consummate statesmen. "He took a risk that after 9/11, it wasn't going to be politics as usual, and people were going to want a serious presidential candidate."

Candidates who appear "too serious" have not fared well in modern presidential politics, Hobgood noted.
“A candidate like Joe Lieberman says, ‘What do you want in a president? Do you want a man with years and years of relevant experience? Or should I take saxophone lessons?’”

**Missteps and Stumbles**

The presidential campaign trail is the ultimate political minefield. One false step can be instantly blown out of proportion by the opposition. The senior George Bush did not know how much a gallon of milk cost. Gore told CNN that he “took the initiative in creating the Internet.” Michael Dukakis climbed into a tank.

All three of those stumbles reinforced caricatures painted primarily by the opposing campaigns. The Clinton camp portrayed the senior Bush as being oblivious to the economic realities facing average Americans. The junior Bush campaign painted Gore as a policy nerd who tried to claim credit for everything. The senior Bush campaign cast Dukakis as a dangerous choice for commander-in-chief.

So, the images seemed to ring true, but they were “caricatures at best,” said Ruscio. Bush’s assertions that the recession was over were accurate. Gore really did champion legislation that fostered Internet growth, and Dukakis actually did do his homework on national defense.

It is too early to tell if any missteps in the current campaign will rise to the level of Dukakis in a tank, but there may be two potential time bombs—both related to the war in Iraq.

One is Bush’s “Mission Accomplished” speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. The Kerry campaign may perpetuate that image to imply that Bush underestimated the dangers.

In the fall of 1964, many Southern Democrats were still seething over the Civil Rights Act that President Lyndon Johnson had signed into law that summer. The president’s campaign managers were afraid of what might happen if they sent their candidate into the South.

So Lady Bird Johnson went without him. Taking the “Lady Bird Express,” she made a whistle-stop train tour through eight Southern states—the first time a first lady hit the campaign trail without her husband.

“She was ridiculed,” said Linda B. Hobgood, director of the University’s Speech Center and former member of Pat Nixon’s White House staff. “Her famous line [to hecklers] was, ‘OK, you’ve had your turn, now it’s my turn to speak.’”

Hobgood is an expert on the campaign rhetoric of candidates’ wives. She is particularly interested in “change points in history” when first ladies or future first ladies redefined their roles in presidential politics. During the Johnson presidency, “we came to understand very clearly that the first lady is on the front line,” Hobgood said. “She is there by virtue of nothing other than marriage, but she is every bit on the front line.”

Since then, the strategy has evolved into putting candidates’ wives on front lines where they are the most comfortable and effective. Teresa Heinz Kerry “has a certain international standing, and the [Kerry campaign] might play to that,” Hobgood suggested. “For Laura Bush, it would be likely for her to go to educational sites, such as schools and libraries.”

Perhaps the most ferocious frontline fighting in a future first lady was Hillary Rodham Clinton’s appearance on “60 Minutes” with her husband on the eve of the New Hampshire primary in 1992. She stood by her man despite persistent allegations of marital infidelity.

“She definitely made the difference in that interview,” Hobgood said. “In essence she was saying, ‘If I can vote for him, you can too. If you have a better reason not to vote for him than I do, then don’t vote for him!’”

— Karl Rhodes

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in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein. "Depending on how things go in Iraq, you're going to see that [image] replayed many times—more likely by the Kerry campaign than the Bush campaign," said Ruscio.

Kindel is not so sure about Ruscio's prediction. It's risky for a candidate to criticize the commander-in-chief during a war, Kindel said. Ridiculing the "Mission Accomplished" speech could backfire if the criticism is perceived as belittling efforts of the U.S. armed forces. "Regardless of how one feels about the Bush administration's policies relating to Iraq and Afghanistan, we've got 135,000 troops over there."

Perhaps Kerry's unlucky stumble has been his explanation of why he voted against $87 billion to fund war and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Kerry said, "I actually voted for the $87 billion before I voted against it."

Translation: Kerry voted for an amendment that would have financed the wars by rescinding some of Bush's tax cuts. But when that amendment didn't pass, Kerry cast a protest vote against the original White House proposal to fund the wars.

The Bush campaign has used Kerry's explanation to portray him as indecisive, but Kindel predicted that the tactic won't work. "I don't think it's smart because you have to think about it, and one of the rules is you don't do campaign advertising that you have to think about." Jay Leno tried to make fun of Kerry's comment, Kindel noted, and the audience just didn't get it.

Attempts to capitalize on candidates' mistakes often depend on the comedic content of late-night TV, agreed Hobgood. She is not so certain, however, that Kerry's comment will fade away entirely.

"It's a problem [for Kerry]," she insisted. "It points to the fact that it's very hard to run for the presidency from the Senate because you have a record that you must defend. The only politician to move directly from the Senate to the White House in recent presidential election campaigns was Kennedy, Hobgood noted.

"For people who have been in Washington a long time, there is this inside-the-beltway tolerance for ambiguity that the rest of the world tries very hard to avoid," she explained. "What people want from their [presidential] candidates is a clear, simple, unequivocal, unambiguous message."

### Discerning Substance

Great presidents embody "the four C's"—conviction, compassion, competence and courage—said James MacGregor Burns, a founding faculty member of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of presidential biographies.

Burns is tempted to add another C for character, but defining character is too ambiguous and subjective, he said. "Some really great leaders have lacked virtuous characteristics, particularly those related to sexual conduct."

Measured against the other C's, Burns views Bush as a man of conviction and Kerry as a man of compassion. Both candidates are competent, he declared, but he is not sure which man has the most "courage to do the right thing."

Burns said the best way for voters to evaluate candidates is to listen to their comprehensive speeches on policy and philosophy. Such speeches are "usually dull," he conceded, but they force candidates to reveal their priorities. It is a great opportunity for voters to see "what they put in and what they leave out."

At some point—all imagery aside—voters do focus on what the candidates say, agreed Dan Palazzolo, associate professor of political science at the University. "Most voters do not care if the president has an answer for everything," he said, "but they expect him to articulate a vision for the country."

Palazzolo said voters should choose a candidate who can build coalitions, manage the executive branch effectively and provide strong leadership in times of crisis.

To separate substance from all the imagery, people should view candidates from three perspectives, Hobgood advised. "Look at their grammar, their logic and their rhetoric." In other words: "What are they saying? Does it make sense? And do you agree with their plans of action?"

Many critics think that potential voters lack the time and motivation to do that type of analysis, but if the media is doing its job properly, Palazzolo said anyone who pays some attention to a presidential campaign should end up with fairly accurate pictures of both candidates.

"In the end," he said, "you get a pretty good feel for who the candidates really are."

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Jepson Forum to examine presidential leadership

Perhaps no other position in history has had the authority, power and influence of the American presidency. But in a democracy, citizens must hold their leaders accountable, and the office of the presidency is constrained by constitutional systems of checks and balances, the rule of law and democratic elections.

How can a leader govern democratically and effectively in such a complex system? The Jepson Leadership Forum will ponder that and other questions about leadership in its 2004-05 season, The American Presidency: The Challenge of Leading and Governing.

Programs include:

**OCT. 20, 7:30 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**Critical Choices for the Next Administration: Public Education**
Two of the nation’s voices on educational reform, Drs. Abigail and Stephan Thernstrom contend that schools fail minorities at every level. They are authors of No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap In Learning and America in Black and White.

**OCT. 28, 7:30 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**Critical Choices for the Next Administration: Human Rights**

**DEC. 8, 7:30 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**How the Art of Biography Helps Us Understand Leadership**
Robert Dallek, professor at Boston University and author of Hall to the Chief: The Making and Unmaking of American Presidents, analyzes the presidency and argues that throughout history the elements of compelling leadership have remained largely unchanged. The biographer of Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy is working on a book about Richard Nixon. Dallek’s appearance on campus marks the debut of a new lectureship in honor of Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential biographer James MacGregor Burns, a founding faculty member of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

**JAN. 27, 7 P.M.**
**MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
**From Campaigning to Governing: What Next, Mr. President?**
Margaret Warner, chief Washington correspondent of PBS’ “The NewsHour,” moderates a discussion among journalists and White House observers. They bring front-row perspectives to matters of style and substance and the challenges ahead for the newly inaugurated president as he organizes his administration and sets the policy course for the next four years. Confirmed participants include Dan Balz of The Washington Post, Pam Fessler, NPR White House correspondent, and Marsha Mercer, Washington bureau chief for Media General and the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

**FEB. 10, 7 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**Critical Choices for the Next Administration: Health Care**
Hear the insights of Louis W. Sullivan, founder and president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta and host of the PBS series “Frontiers of Medicine.” Sullivan was secretary of health and human services during the first Bush administration (1989-93).

**FEB. 23, 7 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**Critical Choices for the Next Administration: Activism and Participation**
Political strategist and Democratic operative Donna Brazile managed Al Gore’s 2000 campaign. She will address the state of the Democratic Party, the tenor of the 2004 election and citizen participation in the electoral process.

Only for Alumni:

The Jepson Leadership Forum and Office of Alumni Affairs will host two special events linked to the forum that are exclusively for alumni of the University and their guests. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. No more than four tickets per graduate.

**NOV. 13, 3 P.M.**
**JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER**
**Grace and Power: The Private World of the Kennedy White House**
Biographer and journalist Sally Bedell Smith, author of a new behind-the-scenes book about the Kennedy White House will offer a fresh look at the private and public faces of the Kennedys.

For information on spring Forum and Alumni Only events, please visit http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/leadership/forum/index.htm

Forum tickets are free and may be reserved three weeks before the event by calling (804) 289-8980. For group tickets or other questions, contact Sue Robinson at (804) 287-6627 or jepson@richmond.edu.
From her people

Daryl Dance's research inspired by African-American folklore

By Bill Lohmann
n the poor, rural Virginia county where Dr. Daryl Cumber Dance grew up, family and education were the fabrics of her life and folklore was the thread.

At home, at school and on the front porch of the country store, she heard the old African proverbs and stories, rooted in a tradition of humor, misery and resilience, and she listened to what they told her about her people.

“I grew up inspired by the family legends that were so much a part of my being,” said Dance, a professor in the University’s English department and a gathered and authority on African-American folklore, African-American women’s humor, Caribbean literature and popular culture.

Dance has transformed her personal passion into a career of teaching, research and discovery, as well as eight books, the most recent an anthology, From My People: 400 Years of African-American Folklore.

“Dr. Dance is a national treasure,” said Dr. Anand Prahlad, professor of English at the University of Missouri, an expert on African proverbs and a student of Dance when she taught at Virginia Commonwealth University in the 1970s.

In the field of African-American folklore, Prahlad said, Dance has continued a tradition begun by Zora Neale Hurston, a novelist, folklorist and anthropologist during the first half of the 20th century.

Dance’s “collections of African-American and Jamaican folklore have set the contemporary standard, exposed students and scholars in diverse fields to the richness of these traditions and updated the materials for a modern generation,” said Prahlad, who credits his former teacher with introducing him to his career.

“Without a doubt,” he said, “her inspiration has filtered down to a second generation, as so much of what her students, like me, offer to their students, began with her.”

Not bad for someone who didn’t finish high school.

Dance was born into a family with a rich history in Charles City County, east of Richmond, a county with one of the earliest populations of free blacks. She traces her roots to Abraham Browne, who as a child in the 1700s was sold as an indentured servant but later gained his freedom, in Charles City before his death when his daughter was 9. “There really wasn’t anything else I aspired to be.”

Virginia State College, a traditionally black public institution, also was a tradition in her middle-class family. Dance just assumed she would go there. However, she might not have figured it would be before she reached the 11th grade.

Those were the days of segregation in Virginia and across the south, but segregated in Charles City did not mean subpar education.

“We had a wonderful school with superb teachers,” said Dance. “A number of my teachers had master’s degrees. I had a very good foundation.”

After 10th grade, however, Dance had grown bored with school and with Charles City. Her mother arranged for her to take a VSC entrance examination. She passed and at age 15 was a college freshman. By 18, she was an English teacher at Richmond’s Armstrong High School, instructing students who were her age “and occasionally some who were older,” she said.

Mama Seg: You can send a horse to water, but you can't make him drink:
You can send a fool to school, but you can't make him think.

fought in the American Revolution and eventually owned almost 300 acres. Descendants of Browne include former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and former network weatherman Spencer Christian.

In her immediate family, Dance comes from a long line of educators that included her great-grandmother, grandmother and mother.

“When I was growing up, that was about the only thing a black woman could do,” said Dance, whose father worked at the shipyard in Newport News and ran a beer garden.
Indiana, so Dance decided to apply for research grants to help support the family. Her husband later decided to go to University of Virginia. Dance received a grant and wound up there too in 1967. By then the university had opened its doors to blacks and women.

The littlest snowflakes make the deepest snow.

Although no African-American authors were ever included in courses she took at UVA, she decided to focus her dissertation on wit and humor in African-American literature. The vital role folklore played in so many works impressed her, carrying her back to her childhood, to images of her grandmother and her friends and the way swapping folk stories and family legends revealed a layer of their personalities not normally on display.

“My grandmother was very proper, and she spoke the King’s English,” said Dance. “But when she and these ladies got together in the house, they’d use some words you didn’t hear elsewhere, and they laughed out loud. They let their hair down, and they had a wonderful time telling tales.”

Her family did not go in much for old plantation tales, the Uncle Remus-style stories that whites had appropriated with the humor but not the bitterness that accompanied the original telling. Dance preferred more personal stories with hints of fables and folklore that trace back to the defining moments and places of the African experience, including the holds of slave ships traveling to America.
“I used to delight in (my grandmother’s) stories of her college days and courtship and what it was like growing up in her house, all of which had in them certain elements of the cultural traditions,” said Dance.

Dance has received two Ford Foundation fellowships, three Southern Fellowship Fund grants, two National Endowment for the Humanities grants and a Fulbright research grant, and she has presented papers at conferences all over the world. Last summer, she spoke at several conferences, including two in Japan.

Dr. Raymond F. Hilliard, chairman of the English department, said Dance has made “vital contributions” to the University since arriving a dozen years ago. She brought with her “an unusual degree of professional seasoning, from which all of us in the department have continuously benefited,” Hillard said. In addition, her expertise has permitted the department to offer “a range of appealing courses that introduce our students to the riches of African-American and Caribbean literature and culture.”

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The higher monkey climb, the more you see his behind.

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Old Man Death
don't know the difference between the big house and the cabin.

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Dance does not teach any courses on folklore exclusively, but she helps her students understand its presence and significance when it arises in her literature classes. She has a way of conveying that connection with the enthusiasm and devotion she brings to her own research.

“Dr. Dance has had a profound impact on my personal and professional life,” said Melanie Clore, G’03, who first encountered Dance in an African-American literature class. “She does not just study and write about the literary circles in which she is interested, but seems to actually be a part of them. She has forged relationships with many celebrated authors in this country, and her thoughtful way of including what she has learned from them in her curriculum makes her classes exciting and relevant.”

Clore, inspired by Dance, chose to write her thesis on a pair of Caribbean authors. She will never forget the late night she was working on her paper when she received a call from Dance, who had just completed a speaking engagement at a university several states away and wanted to go over another round of corrections.

“I can’t say enough good things about her,” said Clore. “Her work ethic is tireless, her passion for literature is contagious and her genuine interest in her students’ intellectual development is touching.”

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Lots of people travel. Lots of people volunteer. Lots of people enjoy exotic adventures. And lots of people donate money to worthy causes.

Dave and Linda Cryer, who recently made the largest gift in the history of the School of Continuing Studies, just put their own spin on life.

Retired college teachers, they are as much at home in a hot air balloon as they are in a jetliner; as comfortable in a jet boat in New Zealand as they are on an ocean liner in the Mediterranean; as excited mushing a dog-sled on an Alaskan glacier as kayaking on the Rappahannock River; as calm diving 100 feet under the sea in the South Pacific as they are on a beach in Aruba; awed crawling through a passageway in an Egyptian pyramid or repelling down a West Virginia mountain. ATV or SUV—it makes no difference.

Their travels have included all continents except Antarctica, which they hope not to overlook.

Dave Cryer, C’73, has bungee jumped and flown his own airplane, and Linda Cryer has calmly removed octopus tentacles from her scuba mask and regulator while 80 feet under. They both are Class 5 white-water rafters and sky divers. Often
their children, also certified sky and scuba divers, accompany them. They've even taught country and western dancing in a bar.

There's never a dull moment in the waterfront home in Urbanna, Va., which the Cryers designed themselves. Open in all directions to the water and sunlight, the house also is open to children who need a place to stay. Over the years, they've taken in about 40 foster children, for periods ranging from a day or two to nine months at a time for respite, short-term and emergency care. Even three or four years later, the Cryers said, they hear from the children they cared for.

"Foster kids are not bad kids," Dave Cryer said. "The problem is often a parental one, and the kids are just ill prepared to deal with it."

"It's gratifying to see the change in children when you can make a difference in their lives," Linda Cryer said.

Dave Cryer also is a court-appointed special advocate (CASA). CASA volunteers "are powerful, caring advocates for more than 280,000 abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to champion the best interest of these children so that they have a chance to thrive. The mission of CASA is to speak for these children who are involved in the juvenile courts," he explained.

Cryer knows, however, what it means to work for a living. He drove a taxi and worked as a bill collector to pay his way through the School of Continuing Studies, as did Linda Cryer's father, Bernard E. Oslin, who also was a bill collector when he attended University College (now SCS). Oslin earned his law degree from the School of Law in 1929.

Cryer graduated from University College in 1973, after a failed attempt at higher education at Lycoming College and two tours of duty with the Marines in Vietnam.

The future high school and college teacher flunked out of Lycoming after his freshman year, he said, with a grade point average of 0.0. He partied instead of studying.

He went on to teach history in the Henrico County Schools and at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, retiring in 1997.

In part because of the second chance SCS awarded him, Dave and Linda, also a retired teacher at Reynolds, recently committed to Dave's alma mater a gift of $500,000, the School of Continuing Studies' largest.

"The University was willing to overlook my pre-military indiscretions," Cryer said. He believes in continuing education's concept of giving people a second chance and the flexibility to work while earning a degree.

Giving people chances, second or first, has been a specialty of the Cryers.

They loaned two former Richmond football players, who had rented a house next door to them with a third teammate, the money to buy their first houses. Out of that came a very successful mortgage business based "100 percent" on lending to "people we know." They've "never, ever had a payment missed," Dave Cryer said.

The Cryers, in fact, have been successful at everything they've tried. "A lot of it is luck," said Dave Cryer. When he was named to a bank board, he learned he had to buy stock in the bank. When he told his fellow directors he had purchased the required 1,000 shares, they were stunned. It seems the buy-in was $1,000, not 1,000 shares. Six months later, the bank was acquired by another bank and his investment tripled.

In 1970, he also bought stock in Ward's Loading Dock, the company where he bought his TV after moving to Richmond. He was fascinated by the then-new concept of a big warehouse of appliances. Ward's became Circuit City, and Cryer's stock became worth many times his initial investment.

Dave Cryer credits much of their luck to his wife Linda, whom he considers his motivating and leading force. He describes her as the idea person, himself as the facilitator.

He also has a passion for baseball cards, and both are advanced divers who have made dives in most areas of the world except Antarctica. ("Linda does not like being cold," Cryer explained.)

James Narduzzi, dean of SCS and himself a believer in second chances and lifelong learning, said of the Cryers:

"They are a marvelous and fascinating couple. I can think of no better ambassadors for the mission of the SCS, or for the University's vision of producing graduates that lead lives of service and purpose.

"While only a portion of their overall generosity to their family and their community, the Cryers' gift to the University will have a profound impact on the long-term growth and development of SCS," Narduzzi said. The gift "confirms the commitment of our graduates to providing opportunities for the community to access the University."

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Computer programmers often work in pairs—one to program and the other to make suggestions and corrections. Previously, they had to sit next to each other in order to communicate while working. Thanks to a program called Facetop developed by David Stotts, R’79, members of teams soon will communicate "face-to-face" through the Internet while viewing the same computer desktop.

Stotts, an associate professor of computer science at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, designed a system that transparently blends a live video stream superimposed over an image of a computer desktop into one full-screen window. A user looking at a monitor will see both the desktop and the video image of the other user in the background—talking and pointing out items on the desktop with his or her finger.

“We track the user's fingertip and use finger motion to drive the mouse pointer,” explained Stotts. The user can select text, open or close windows, resize windows and do mouse-clicking and other manipulations with finger motions.

The system can be used as a single user interface, such as in a PowerPoint presentation, or in dual-user mode for pair programming. Stotts said companies are interested in the technology for applications such as collaborative design work on shared industrial CAD drawings and architectural blueprints, remote consultation about medical records and discussions of financial data.

Although it is currently running on a Macintosh OS X system, Stotts is working on a Windows version. An inexpensive video camera and network connection are the only other items needed to run the software, he said.

Stotts, who is married to Nancy Jo Miller Stotts, W’81, demonstrated his system at Richmond last winter during a talk sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Arthur Charlesworth, one of Stotts' former teachers, believes Facetop “is one of those rare inventions whose impact could be revolutionary, especially if it becomes practical to use on the Internet.”

“It could not only reduce the time to complete a joint project, but it could make such teamwork much more fun by giving it the spark of the human spirit. That's because it lets people interact in a magical-like way, not just with the written or graphical details of the project, but with the live image of the other person also acting directly on those same visual details.”

Stotts and a graduate student came up with the idea for Facetop in 2002 “in a true ‘aha’ moment of serendipity,” Stotts said. He routinely projects his computer desktop onto his office wall.

One day he was also trying out a new video camera and projected his face onto the same wall. Then the grad student walked in to discuss his Ph.D. thesis. When Stotts wanted to point out something on the projected desktop, “I noticed the camera was still on me, and I waved my hand in front of it so that my finger in the image on the screen was pointing in the direction of the item I was trying to discuss. Since the video image was mirrored, it worked out that I was pointing my real finger at the item on the screen.”

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The American Academy of Arts and Letters presented an Academy Award in literature to Louis D. Rubin Jr., R’46 and H’74. The honor, for a writer of exceptional accomplishment in any literary genre, was presented last May at the academy's annual awards ceremony in New York City.

In 2003, Rubin received honors from the Library of Virginia for a lifetime of achievement. A novelist, critic, publisher and teacher, he has edited or authored more than 50 books, founded the creative writing program at Hollins University and began Algonquin Books in Chapel Hill, N.C. As a teacher, he influenced numerous fellow Southern writers, including Lee Smith and Annie Dillard. LSU Press plans to reissue his novel Surfaces of a Diamond in its Voices of the South series.
Comic caper

If you want to disseminate important environmental information, appearing in a comic strip might not come to mind. But for Bill Hogarth, R'63 and G'65, the environmentally friendly Mark Trail was a natural place to tell the story of endangered sea turtles.

Hogarth, director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), appeared in the strip’s opening panel on June 20, 2004, explaining to Trail new methods of fishing that will save many turtles, especially the leatherback, the largest sea turtle.

“The comic strip provided a way to reach the most important sector of society—our nation’s children—with the messages of ocean-literacy and environmental consciousness,” said Hogarth. “The future health of our oceans relies on their interest and understanding of our stewardship responsibilities.”

Jack Elrod, creator of Mark Trail, has a long history of providing environmental education through the comic strip, which dates to 1950. "He began incorporating NOAA themes into his stories in 1995, and now he features NOAA topics about six times per year," Hogarth said. The title character has even become the official “spokesman” for NOAA Weather Radio, “an extremely important safety tool for fishermen and others who work on the sea,” Hogarth said. Trail is an outdoors writer, and through him, Elrod explains environmental sustainability and human-nature coexistence.

It was the first time Hogarth appeared as himself in the strip. Friends, family and colleagues “were surprised and thrilled” to open their Sunday newspapers and see “not only me, but also the important issue of sea turtle conservation,” he added.

Why sea turtles? “I receive a lot of constituent mail about turtles, so it is a topic of great concern to many people ... NOAA Fisheries has been demonstrating our commitment to making long-line fishing gear safer for turtles with direct participation from the fishing industry, and that’s a great message to send—that government and industry can work together to find workable solutions to complex and sometimes contentious environmental problems.”

Hogarth has worked in various capacities for NOAA since 1994 and previously was director of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries. He has been director of the fisheries service since 2001.

Recent graduates garner honors

Two 2004 summa cum laude graduates, Sara Scavongelli of Burke, Va., and Marci Smith of Absecon, N. J., have received further honors in their fields of study.

Smith won the Undergraduate Completed Research award from the American Psychological Association’s adult development and aging division. She presented her research and received her award at the APA meeting last summer in Hawaii. Last year she won the division’s Undergraduate Proposed Research award for her honors thesis proposal on Alzheimer’s disease.

“I definitely owe a lot to Dr. Jane Beny, who mentored me in conducting my research and encouraged me to apply for this award,” said Smith, who plans to study occupational therapy in graduate school.

Scavongelli won a Pulliam Journalism Fellowship and spent 10 weeks last summer working at The Indianapolis Star. She was one of 21 young newspaper journalists out of 150 applicants to win a Pulliam fellowship. Recipients worked at either the Star or The Arizona Republic, learning from veteran journalists at the two newspapers.

Scavongelli covered “everything from medical regulations to crime reports to weather stories.” She interviewed local politicians, longtime journalist Helen Thomas and football star Peyton Manning. She is currently working toward a master’s degree in Spanish literature at the University of Virginia.

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Law School graduate discovers lawmakers’ gaffe

The Virginia General Assembly reconvened on July 6, thanks to Carl E. “Buddy” Omohundro Jr., L’02.

The lawmakers met in special session to correct a whopper of a legislative error they made last spring that would have granted employees the right to take Saturdays or Sundays off. On April 1, the General Assembly mistakenly rescinded a law that gave workers one weekend day off upon request, and no one noticed until Omohundro, an associate with the McGuireWoods law firm in Richmond, found the mistake while doing research for a client.

The legislators intended to eliminate penalties that were part of obsolete Sunday closing laws. They accidentally kept the old laws intact, giving employees the right to take Saturdays or Sundays off, based on their religion. And if businesses refused, they could be fined up to $500 for each violation or required to pay businesses refused, they could be fined up to $500 for each violation or required to pay businesses triple their normal wages.

Omohundro discovered the revised law gave employees the right to request Saturdays or Sundays off, based on their religion. And if businesses refused, they could be fined up to $500 for each violation or required to pay businesses triple their normal wages.

He made a number of phone calls, consulted with his colleagues at McGuireWoods and alerted the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. Soon after, stories appeared in the local and national media.

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce and four large companies successfully petitioned a Richmond judge for a 90-day injunction blocking the law, and Warner called the special session to undo the mistake. It was a record-setting 116th day of the session, which officially ended in April.

Two cabinet secretaries, three lawyers in Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore’s office, and several advisers to Gov. Warner failed to catch the mistake.

Alumni books

Holy (Poker) Bible: A Poker Classic
RICHARD W. DAVIS, L’59
Commonwealth Press, 1995

Dick Davis practices a different kind of law with the Holy (Poker) Bible—alternate title, the Holy Epic Poker Bible. Davis juxtaposes Bible verses, chiefly of the wise man-versus-fool variety, with relevant observations from the poker-playing world. In defense of this tactic, he offers Proverbs 10:6: “He becometh poor that dealeth with a sly hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.”

Davis reports that the Holy (Poker) Bible has been “a good seller in Vegas for several years” and, with the advent of poker programs on television, “is becoming a best seller.” His maxims range from the fairly basic to the quite technical and are aimed at experienced players. Some, though, are applicable to everyone. An example is his Third Commandment of Poker: “Thou must play with patience and discipline. Thou cannot win without an abundance of both.”

The Unseen Force: The Films of Sam Raimi
JOHN T. KENNEDY, MIR, R’92
Applause Theatre & Cinema Books, 2004

The director of Spider-Man I and II has “arrived.” He is the subject of Muir’s latest encyclopedic work, publication of which was timed to coincide with the release of the second Spider-Man blockbuster.

Raimi, who is in his early 40s, has been directing more than half his life, first gaining notice with his indie horror film The Evil Dead. Other well-known films by Raimi are Darkman and A Simple Plan. Muir’s approach here, as in his other pop culture studies, is to take his readers behind the scenes. The book includes anecdotes from more than 30 film people, including Willem Dafoe and Cliff Robertson from the Spider-Man films, about their experiences working with Raimi. These first-person accounts and Muir’s conversational prose style puts the reader right in the action. Forget maps of

the stars’ homes; Muir brings the world of movie-making to a bookstore near you.

The Roofer
ERICA ORLOFF, W’85
Mira, 2004

Erica Orloff, known for her racy reads published by Red Dress Ink, has come out with a darker tale in The Roofer. The romance and adventure readers expect from Orloff turn up in spades, however.

Set in New York’s Hell’s Kitchen among Irish mob families, this novel focuses on Ava O’Neill, whose father is “the Roofer,” known for leaving his enemies with their swan dives from the tops of buildings. Growing up with such a father, Ava and her brother learn that a family keeps its secrets and defends its “honor.”

When a journalist and, later, a movie producer expose the family skeletons to public view, Ava finds herself torn between loyalty and the chance for a different life.

Faculty books

Encyclopedia of Leadership
JAMES MACGREGOR BURNS and GEORGE SHANNON (with GEORGE R. GOETHALS), editors (foundating faculty members, Jepson School of Leadership Studies)
Jepson Reference/Berkshire Publishing Group, 2004

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies served as the incubator of this comprehensive guide to leadership. According to its publisher, the encyclopedia, published in four volumes, includes hundreds of articles, written by 400 leading scholars and experts from 17 countries, exploring theories and examples of leadership. About one-third of the volumes’ pages focus on biographies and case studies of leaders. In addition to showing leadership in life and in action, the encyclopedia sets out to answer questions about what makes a great leader; how theories of leadership help explain situations in our world and in our personal interactions; and how each of us “can be a good (and maybe great) leader.”

Almost all of us are leaders in some area of our lives, and all of us, whether we want to be or not, are followers. Both those who seek to lead and those who want to be informed followers can turn to the Encyclopedia of Leadership.

Churchill’s Folly: How Winston Churchill Created Modern Iraq
GEORGE W. BUSH
Rodale Books, 2004

Scholar and advisor to Tony Blair’s government, Catherwood examines and analyzes Winston Churchill’s creation of the artificial monarchy of Iraq after World War I, “a mistake with calamitous consequences and unseemly repercussions into the 21st century.” Defying a global wave of nationalistic sentiment and the desire of subjugated peoples to rule themselves, Churchill forced together unfriendly peoples—Sunni Muslim Kurds, Sunni Muslims Arabs and Shiite Muslims—and a single ruler.

Catherwood examines Churchill’s decision, which later resulted in a 1958 military coup against the Iraqi Hashemite government and thereafter a series of increasingly bloody regimes until the ultimate “nightmare of Ba’ath party rule under Saddam Hussein,” and offers an explanation of the legacy of the Ottoman Empire’s collapse.

Charity, Philanthropy, and Civility in American History
MARK McGARVEY (assistant professor of history and law), and Lawrence J. Friedman, editors
Cambridge University Press, 2003

In this book, professional historians address dominant issues and theories offered to explain the history of American philanthropy and its role in American society. A collection of essays, often taking issue with each other, the book advances the premise that philanthropic activity in America has its roots in the desires of individuals to impose their visions, ideals or conceptions of truth upon society.
1934
Helen Wilkinson Buchanan, W, enjoys traveling, volunteering at the public library, working in her church and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She lives in Kentfield, Va.

1936
Virginia M. Guest, W, lives in Kensington, Md. Her two daughters, Nancy and Patti, do not live nearby, but her son, William, recently moved to Kensington from Seattle. Virginia has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1941
Anna Marie Stringfellow, W, lives in Culpeper, Va., and recently sold her oceanfront house at Sandbridge, which she has owned for 30 years.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We are saddened to learn of the death of Thelma Seldes Nieder and extend our sympathy to her family. Some of you will remember that her daughter graduated with honors from Westhampton in 1967.

Naomi Lewis Polcoff is hoping to get back to her art as soon as she adjusts to life without her husband, Leonard Polcoff, R'38.

Jim Stanley tells me that Mildred "Millie Ann" Owen Stanley has kept painting through the years and hopes to be able to return to it as she recuperates from a stay in the hospital and rehab.

Virginia Omojundoh Purcell is also recovering from hospitalization and expects to be able to travel soon with Harold for their annual trip back to Virginia, but she tells me that Vero Beach, Fla., is now their permanent home. They recently celebrated the birth of a great-grandson.

After many years, it was good to catch up with Helen Grimm Pence. She had a 30-year career teaching blind children before retiring with her husband from Fairfax to Mechanicsville, Va., where she now enjoys having family nearby, especially a great-niece and nephew.

I had a nice chat with Lois Campbell Herlong. She and her husband, Ernest, have retired in Birmingham, Ala. Lois' family moved to Birmingham during her senior year. Later she moved there to teach and was married there. Lois and Ernest recently welcomed their first grandchild, Emma. Lois shared a bit of news about Mary Arnold Brands. She and her husband, Royall Brandis, R'40, moved from Urbana, Ill., to retire in Lake Ridge, Va.

Kira Nicholsoby Curwen reports she stays busy caring for the geriatric animals in her household and looking for a good book to read.

Ann Phillips Bonfanti is happy with her relocation to Raleigh, N.C., and being near a daughter.

As the country approached the dedication of the World War II memorial, I was reminded that three in our class served in the military: Kathleen "Kitty" Crawford Lindsay and Sarajane "Sally" Payne Arredis were in the Navy, and I was in the Army Medical Corps. Have I missed someone?

Please share your news with classmates.

1942
Ephraim Steinberg, R, is an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he teaches a printing class.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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With Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden as a backdrop, Dorothy Quinn Keeling's granddaughter, Elizabeth Coleman, married a man in the Navy. Elizabeth graduated from law school in Norfolk.

Our class has a chance to get in on an interesting project: making the Deeney into a place for Westhampton students and alumnae to gather for socializing and meetings. The old lounges were lost in college expansion.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig and Wendy Haynes Eastman, B'76, arranged for lunch, a campus tour and coffee with Dean Landphier to discuss the proposed change. The new project will tentatively be called "The Westhampton Center" and will include study space for students as well as office space for the administration.

Perhaps we could decorate one of the rooms and put up a plaque with our class name. The last two graduating classes from Westhampton left a little money for this project and feel such a place is urgently needed for the girls. Write or call me to let me know what you think.

Busy getting her garden back into shape after Hurricane Isabel is Jayne Maille Massie. She finds time to be a counselor in APA in Hanover, Va., and is getting snake fence rails up at historical places. She's also on the board of the Caroline County library system. Jayne notes that her granddaughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Massie, '06, will be going to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in the fall. She will return to Westhampton after her stint abroad.

We were sad to learn of the death of Ann Gwaltney Harwood in April. She graduated with a major in music and a minor in French. Giving piano lessons in her home and also for Baldwin Piano, she found time to be a soprano soloist for Bainbridge and Forest Hill Baptist churches in Richmond. She joined the U.S. Navy and was a WAVES during World War II. Afterward she was a social worker for the city public schools and earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at a local college. She also operated the Harwood Boarding Homes for more than 50 years and the Food and Life Center for six years. Ann leaves five children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our condolences to the family.

When Margaret Brittingham Lovig was here from California, we heard Dan Roberts speak and happened to sit at his table. He's an interesting fellow. Not only does he teach history at the University, but he also writes and hosts the radio program A Moment in Time to remind us of the past.

I visited Nottoway Plantation House in White Castle, La., and mentioned it might make an interesting segment for his show. I conducted a little research and found that Nottoway survived the Civil War, was a sugarcane plantation and once had 6,200 acres. It was built by a Randolph from Nottoway County, Va., in 1858 as a 53,000 square-foot plantation house for his ten children. Five of those boys died in the war. His wife saved the place from being burned during the fighting. If you hear it on the radio, remember that a Virginian built the stunning structure with its 64 rooms, seven staircases and five galleries.

Let me know what you think about helping with preparing the Deeney for the girls.

Helen Grimm Pence, W'41, retired after a 30-year career teaching blind children.

1944
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We missed those who, for various reasons, were not able to come for our reunion, but thoroughly enjoyed seeing those who did.

Attending were Molly Warner Stephenson and Jim, who flew from Clearwater, Fla.; Anne McClary MacKenzie and William "Mac" A. MacKenzie Jr., R'43, who drove from Anchorage, Ky.; Meta "Mimi" Hill Erb and Dave, who drove from Roanoke; Ann Burcher Stansbury and Warren A. Stansbury, R, who came from Williamsburg, and Ed Granley, Norma Sanders Granley's widow, who came from Alexandria. They attended all events as did Elizabeth "Betsy" R. Rice, Demie Browne Blair, Mildred Cox Goode and Billy Jane Crosby Baker.

Aylott "Sike" W. Goode, R, attended Friday and Saturday night dinners. Dorothy "Dot" Monroe Hill attended the Boatwright dinner and lunch. Helen Curtis Patrick brought Dorothy "Dot" J. Henken to lunch. Having lunch at the Deeney was special. Your notes and letters were available for reading, and the six cans of delicious mushroom soup Key Hanley Very sent from Hawaii with best wishes were available for munching—all much appreciated.

Some of us took the bus ride to see the new buildings and construction underway. The campus is still beautiful.

Elizabeth Edelman will be our scholarship recipient again for 2004-05.

You will be glad to know that Dorothy "Dot" Monroe Hill will be writing our letter for the alumni magazine for a while, so send your news to her. Her address is Admiral's Landing, 475 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-3810.

I've enjoyed hearing from you.

1945
Doris Mills Harrell, W, has moved from Alexandria, Va., to Lakewood Manor, a retirement community in Richmond. Her older son, Louis J. Harrell Jr., was married last September. Doris is tutoring kindergarten children at a local elementary school. Because the children speak little English, she teaches mostly in Spanish. She is also studying Mandarin Chinese.

1946
Louis D. Rubin Jr., R, received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters at its annual award ceremony in May in New York City. The award of $7,500 honors a writer of exceptional accomplishment in any literary genre.
From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Our reunion luncheon took place on Friday, April 23, as planned. There were 11 of us, including one husband, attending. Anne Beverly Ryland came from Jacksonville. Margaret "Peggy" Clark Bowdler from Sharps, Va., near Warsaw, Leilia Phillips Toone from Ashland, Frances Newman Stevens and her husband from Roanoke and, from Richmond, Amy Hickerson.

Charles W. Gibson, R'52, has accepted the position of intentional interim pastor of Shalom Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Va., after serving as interim pastor of Corinth Baptist Church in New Kent, Va., for 17 months. He is a part of the Intentional Interim Ministry Network of Virginia.

Dalton, Gale A. Abbott, Caroline "Calley" Goode Jackson, Frances Anne Beale Goode and Lucy M. Harvie. I was the eleventh, driving up from Virginia Beach. It was a beautiful spring day and the campus was resplendent with spring bloom. We missed those of you who for various reasons could not be with us.

We met at Keeler Hall (the old SAB building) in the large room to your right as you enter the building. It overlooks the formal garden, which holds so many fond memories for us. The room itself looked just as we remembered, but the rest of the building had been transformed into offices, studios and the like. Even the swimming pool, which postulated the gymnastics, was gone. A delicious salad lunch was served by the University, after which we enjoyed the messages of praise that you had sent to us. Here are your regrets.

Elaine Weil Weinberg wrote that they had previous plans to visit family in the Philadelphia area, after which they would be in Washington to see their siblings. They were to be on the East Coast in April. While Elaine has not been able to attend a reunion yet, she is still hopeful for the next one.

Irene White Bain sent her greetings. She has some problems with arthritis that restrict mobility, but she was with us in spirit. She mentioned May Day and the maypole and the dances in spring rituals with much meaning.

M. Virginia "Ding" Lambeth Shotwell sent some pictures of previous reunions, which she hopes will be part of a larger collection of class memorabilia, perhaps for a scrapbook to have at our 60th reunion. Caroline "Calley" Goode Jackson kindly offered to be the repository for any pictures or other items that you might send to be used for that purpose. If you need her address, I can provide it since addresses are not to be included in the newsletters. Ding and Ralph had to be in Hartford, Conn., on a family matter and Ding was regrettful not to be attending.

Jean White Robeson and her husband were in California after seeing the United States via train. They had plans to have dinner with Jinks Booth Armstrong and her longtime friend Ernie while there. Jean sent me a note to tell me on a card with a reproduction of a piece of artwork her son Jim had done with crayons. It was abstract with vibrant colors.

Jean said she felt it demonstrated his satisfaction with his living arrangements and caregivers.

A card addressing "Amazing Women" came from Jinks. She thanked me and that category! She wrote, "I am proud to be one of the Westhampton Girls." She requested we have a glass of wine for her, which we did.

Betty Collins Walker expressed her appreciation of the invitation and was not sorry to come, as did Marie Peachie Wicker, for whom the three-hour-plus drive from North Carolina was a bit too much. Peachie is experiencing some vision problems just now. We did miss them both.

Other news about those attending included Caroline "Calley" Goode Jackson’s art show, which was held last April. This is the second year it has taken place at her home. Allen and I stopped by her garden as it was in preparation for the event, and it was charming. You may remember that Calley has built winding brick walkways and planted extensively with wildflowers, perennials, shrubs and trees. It is truly an oasis.

This Medical College of Virginia professor, who still teaches, is truly multi-faceted.

Margaret "Peggy" Clark Bowdler has one son who is a Presbyterian minister in Jackson, Miss. Her daughter teaches Spanish in New Jersey. One of her grandsons is a professional basketball player with the Atlanta Hawks and is playing for the Netherlands. Frances Newman Stevens finished a very busy tax season as she continues her work preparing tax returns. Gale Abbott’s granddaughter graduated from Richmond as did her mother, Donna, and her grandmother. Her granddaughter now has a job in Washington, D.C. Amy Dalton plans to come to the beach in August with her sister Betty. I hope to see them then.

I’m sure I speak for the class in thanking Leila and her committee, Frances Anne, Calley and Elizabeth "Libby" Thompson Schmidt, for their work in making arrangements and sending out notices for this reunion. It was really delightful to see everyone who came and hear from others.

Betty Miller Morris, Jeanne Pembworth Gammon’s sister, called recently and told me that Jeanne did not recover sufficiently from her last hip replacement to return to her cottage with Charlie and is living presently in the health care unit of The Seaford Manor House. She is confined to a wheelchair. Betty said Jeanne remembers past friends and enjoys getting mail, so perhaps we can send her a cardnote from time to time.

Frances Anne Goode attended an Elderhostel in Bermuda this spring. She and her friend, the Only Virginians in the group, studied the history and culture of the island while they stayed at the Bermuda Biological Lab Center in St. George’s. Marine science was also part of the curriculum.

In her words, "It was a good week."

I heard from Jacqueline Hodges Walker, who has been in Lawrenceville, Ga., near Atlanta, for five years, including 50 days in northern Virginia. She and her husband moved there because they have two daughters nearby. Unfortunately, she is having some vision problems due to a condition caused by a nasogastic tube, but she still hopes to be with us at our next reunion.

I am sorry to tell you that Louise Richardson Phipps died at her home on June 5 after an extended illness. She spent all her life in Dinwiddie, Va., after teaching in Hopewell for a short time. She continued teaching in Dinwiddie for many years, and at the Lebanon United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, William; her daughter, Rebecca, North Andover, Mass.; son William J. Phipps, Jr., M.D.; and wife Donna of Peterburg; six grandchildren; and her sister, Polly Winfield, whom many of us know, I'm sure all of us send our sincerest sympathy. As you may remember, she and I were roommates for the last two years at Westminster, and she was a member of the "Rot Alley Gang," her freshman years. She was a member of the "Rot Alley" girls meet once a year, and we shall miss her.

That about wraps up this edition of the newsletter. I'm sure our prayers go out to all who are having medical problems.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you, by phone, e-mail or the postal service.

Mary Lou Coghill Miller, W, is living at Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury, and she and her husband, Charlie, have their boat for sale. She makes precious metal clay jewelry and enjoys painting with watercolors and acrylics.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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This past summer was a traveling one for many of our class. Europe seems to be the place to visit. The exceptions were Helen Cole Richardson and Straughan S. Richardson Jr., R'46, who made a trip to Japan in late April, Virginia "Cinelle" Echert also went in a different direction, enjoying a barge trip along the Baltic coast of France in the spring. Cinelle continues to act as a tour guide. She has led several day trips to Beavardam, Va., for the residents of Cedarfield. She enjoys her knowledge of her hometown and some of the homes with which she is so familiar. Of course, a delicious lunch is always included.

Marion Collier Miller, G'66, made her annual trip to the Queen Elizabeth II. She has done this since 1987. This trip to be the ship’s last Atlantic crossing. She spent nearly a month traveling on the continent and in England. Her son John joined her for the latter part of the trip. They flew back in time for grand- daughter Jennifer’s graduation from Washington & Lee.

LaVinia Watson Reilly accompanied her daughter to Europe this summer. She also expected to spend some time in Virginia during the summer season.

July found Mary Lou Massie Cumby in Europe with her son and family. She said it was one of those "that high spots." London, Paris and Rome—trips.

Shirley Davis Sanford is downsizing, selling her home and moving into a nearby apartment. It is something of a lot to consider, for myself, I can’t seem to get motivated.

That’s it for now. Please let me hear from you.

1948

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Aenn Clark Little wrote of a gathering that took place on March 21 in Chicago for alumni. Daughter Patricia Little Rowland, W'77 and GB'81, and husband Philip Holland Rowland, B'74 and GB'81, were hosts, and a number of others, including Ann and her husband, Randle Quincy Little Jr., R'48, served on the committee.

President Coopar’s presence and report engendered pride in the University’s past, its present status in higher education and goals for the future. The gathering included many young graduates as well as children and grandchildren.

Seth Darrow Jewett wrote as she was "shop-sitting" her daughter’s antique shop, Nicholas Nickel’s Antiques, in Oxford, Md. She enjoys life on the water shared with four yellow labs and a toy Manchester terrier. Within the last year, she has chosen with Frances "Frankie" Steeb Haged and Constance Newton Peplot, and they have hopes of getting together. She says "The days at home are lived in my mind, all the history and friends of those years."

Betty Hickerson Butterworth and Doris Moore Shae spent a day in Williamsburg with Virginia Kreyer. Her apartment is lovely and she seems to be enjoying retirement. When she took the girls to lunch, they were surprised to see three grandchildren girls sitting at the next table. They were Cynthia Patrick Otto, Ida Eames Patrick and Catherine Smith Spratly, all from Alexis. She accompanied Virginia Shae and completed her autobiography, and it was to be released in Spring 2004.

Sally Taylor DuBoise enjoyed two special pleasures in the spring. Her son Richard’s wife, Jeannie Cechin DuBoise, was author and illustrator of The Mother Daughter Dance. It was described by author Lee Smith as "the most moving investigation into the mystery of this most complex relationships." If interested, go to www.motherdaughterdance.com. Sally’s nephew, George Taylor of Taylor and Boody Organics, appeared on "CBS Sunday Morning" about restoration of the 1800 Tannenberg organ in Old Salem. In storage for almost 100 years since its removal from the Home Moravian Church, it is attracting international attention as a rare example of a now-forgotten style of organbuilding in Tannenberg’s native Saxony.
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1949

Betty Ann made available to those at the picnic the class scrapbooks, both the original one with wedding pictures and young faces and the one filled with our 50th reunion news and the follow-up with current events. She received 25 responses to her recent letter. The scrapbooks are in archival condition and will be placed in the library of the Bottomley House. Many thanks go to Betty Ann. Contributions are still being accepted.

Mildred “Mimi” Anderson Gill has agreed to chair our 60th reunion, and I shall assume her duties as class secretary. Please write me of your news. The Class Connections section is the most popular feature of each issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine.

Finally, the Class of ’49, continuing its record of achievement, attracted members from some distance:

Doris Anne Bling Abbott from Delaware; Gaila Mann Ellis from Bailey Green, Pa.; Rosamond Calhoun McCarthy from Marion, Va.; Mary Louise Winn McCutcheon from Durham, N.C.; Aimee Verra “Mitz” Williams from Winston-Salem, N.C.; Patricia Allen Winters from Catonsville, Md.; and Jane Dans McManigal from Hampton, N.C.

Class of ’49 concluded with the unbelievable record of 95 percent participation in the class gift, with a generous gift from Audrey Bradford Sauer of $250,000 honoring John Stanton Pierce Jr., with a chemistry lab in the refurbished science building. We are about of our total giving of $277,181.

Please contact me with your news.

Robert S. Stephens, R’49, lives in Fredericksburg, Va., and has been retired for 30 years. He has five grandchildren who keep him busy, and he does a lot of traveling.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Elizabeth McRae Dudley and Roy returned from a “trip of a lifetime”—17 days aboard the Queen Mary II. Leaving from Ft. Lauderdale, they made stops in Barbados, Dakar, Senegal, Africa, Spain and other exotic ports. From Gatwick airport they flew to Inverness, Scotland, where they called on the leader of the McRae clan and subsequently visited the McRae castle near the Isle of Skye.

Frances Allen Schools’ son, David, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Collegiate School in June. It is said that Frances is a very proud parent. She recently traveled from visiting Ft. Lauderdale with Nancy Taylor Johnson. They had a fun time and attended a baseball game with Elizabeth “Bunny” Munsey Spatz and Bob.

The University celebrated women’s athletics the weekend of Feb. 21–22 as part of Women’s Sports Week of Fame Mary Jane Miller, instructor of physical education and esteemed teacher and mentor during our years at Westhampton. Attending the festivities were former inductees from our class Gwendolyn Priddy Donahue and Martha A. Carpenter, R’84. Martha spoke at the ceremony. Also attending were Martha Jane Thompson Osburn and Frances Arrighi Tonacci.

Bobbi Lee Brown Yagle and Myron spent some of their Christmas holidays in Massaumet, Va., skiing with the family. There were 14 in all, including children and grandchildren. Bobbi opted to go inner tubing as opposed to skiing!

Charlotte Houchins Decker had a back operation in February and got skiing very well, staying in the hospital only one day.

Ann Rogers Crittenden and Crit were in Spain getting ready for a cruise when Crit fell and broke a bone in his back. After eight days they returned home to recuperate. However, they did manage their annual stay at Sea Island.

1952

Charles W. Gibson, R’54, has accepted the position of interventionalist pastor of Shakam Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Va., after serving as interim pastor of Conchat Church in New Kent, Va., for 17 months. He is a part of the Intentional Interim Ministry Network of Virginia.

Marianne Shumate Jensen, W, and her husband, Arnold, work as volunteers with the host program for international students at the University of Virginia. This year they are working with three students from China. The Gilmores have three volunteer once a week as a representative for the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Mary Ann Coates Edel wrote that she, Bertha, Isabel and Sue selected the two recipients who will receive the Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarships—Caroline Lawson and Emily Maloney. Both are from Virginia and are descendants of Westhampton College alumnae we know: Cynthia Patrick Otte, W’49 and Anna Harris, W’49. The recipients were recognized at Celebration Night in April at Cannon Memorial Chapel and at a 2004 scholarship donor recognition luncheon hosted by President Cooper at the Jepson Alumni Center. At that time, we had the opportunity to meet both recipients. The Sirens, with angelic voices, sang the alma mater. The scholarship is now almost $10,000, divided between the two recipients.

Mary Ann described the devastation caused by Hurricane Isabel in Richmond in September. "All night long I heard boom sounds which sounded exactly like bombs. We were so shocked that Isabel had lasted 10,000 trees that night! We lost two enormous ones and a small building on our property. As though that wasn’t enough excitement, a couple months later, we also experienced an earthquake. Well, at that time I was frightened out of my mind as there was again the sound of bombs (daytime) and of course the house rocking and rattling.

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I used to wish for just a little earth-quake when I traveled with Don long ago, so my wish has now been fulfilled.

Henrietta Dow Vinson writes that events at reunion weekend were really great. The tea for Mary Jane Miller on Saturday was very well attended. Louise “Lou” Tull Moishburn and Art Martha Carpenter, W’51 and H’84, Gwendolyn Pridye Donohue, W’51, Nancy E. Lay, W’54, Laura S. Mapp, W’54, Mimie Anderson Gill, W’47, and Carly Priddy Derr, W’54, Betty Anne Gustafson, W’47, Martha’s brother-in-law, Edgar Williamson Jordan, R’53, and others, say “I’m so glad to see you.”

And now, I must share with you a wonderful experience. I drove to Richmond for a few days.

Henrietta Dow Vinson came up from Newport News, our suitemate Martha Carpenter, W’51 and H’84 (who has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the past 28 years), Mary Ann Coates Edel, Liz Coon, W-45, Wendy Hayes Eastman, B’76, and I were treated to a presentation by Deon Landphar of Westminster College. We then toured the new science facility under construction, with Dean Newcomb leading the way, and we were quite impressed. A delightful luncheon followed. It was a special treat to accompany Martha to dinner that night, to honor Chapian Burbans upon his retirement. Amazingly, at our table were people I had known in school: John B. Dorsey, R’55, and Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey, W’54, from our little sister class, and others. Everyone commented about their favorite trustee, Martha Carpenter—comments on campus and sincerely impressed with the caliber of faculty and administration. I trust in their best judgment to produce the best that they can for the schooling of their students, seen to also become alumni and alumni of this very special institution.

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Malcolm G. Shotwell, R, and his wife, Wallis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20. He has been elected to the Old

State Cepitol Foundation in Springfield, Ill., where he is a volunteer tour guide. He has also been selected as vice-president of the American Baptist Men in Illinois and Missouri, with responsibility for coordinating and managing the disaster relief min- istry in a 50-mile radius for FEMA.

From the Westhampton Class Secretory

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What a wonderful 50th reunion we had—a weekend full of events, camaraderie and great fun! Our turnout was terrific with the following classmates in attendance: Betty Rosenberger Allen, Cos Washburn Barnes, Marcella Hammad Bullock, Ann Hanbury Callis, Sara Sherman Cowherd, Nancy Stanley Deprew, Beverly Priddy Derr, Mary

Nancy E. Lay was the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony of our class’s gift to the school—a handsome honorarium for the Westminster hockey field and an athletic scholarship in memory of Fanny G. Crenshaw. Nancy’s address was excellent and gave us all insight into the life and times of Miss Crenshaw.

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50th

Dwight W. Cumbee, R, retired from the Rio Verde Community Church after serving as pastor for 12 years. He has joined the clinical staff of Faith Counseling Center in Scottsdale, Ariz. It is a non-profit, inner-city counseling center associated with the Samaritan Institute of Denver, Colo.

Beverly D. Harrington, W, and her husband, Ralph, have moved into a cottage at Shenandoah Valley Westminster Centerbury. They have four children and 17 grandchildren. Last February they enjoyed a two-week vacation in Hawaii, and recently they saw Ola Hill Krueger- Rouzie, W’53 and G’54.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

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I, too, was surprised to see our newsletter missing in the summer issue. Apparently it is still circling in cyberspace, so I have combined the summer and fall newsletters into one for this issue. Our 50th reunion is set for the weekend of April 28—May 1, 2005. We will present the Class of 1954 the famous Class of ’55 Modem Scholarship for the Arts on that weekend. Try to avoid scheduling conflicting appointments with grandchildren and trips abroad for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

I was delighted to receive news from Carolyn Neale Lindsey and Jim. Both have retired: she from educational consulting at MOC’s Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology Clinic and he from Virginia Commonwealth University’s Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Their three daughters are living in Virginia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. The Lindsays have a vacation home in Duck, N.C., where they enjoy sailing with their children and grandchildren. Their oldest grand- daughter graduates from the University of Virginia Law School this year. Last fall they toured in the West, renting a houseboat and going from island to island in the Exumas.

Our sympathy goes to Peggy Armstrong Tuszczew whose hus- band died last January. Peggy and Frank had built a home in Edington, Va., near Winchester, just a few years ago. Several classmates attended the service.

Peggy’s roommate, Marty Glenn Taylor, and her husband, Carrington “Cacky”, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with fami- ly members and friends at a club in their hometown of Tappanannock. They also have a new grandson.

Senior classmate Alice Creath McCullough of Scarsdale, N.Y., Dotty Smoker Nielsen of Medinah, Ill. Sue Smith Van Wickler of Chalfont, Pa. Betty Joan Parrish Knott of Tappanannock were at the University for ceremonies honoring Mary Jane Miller of Westminster’s physical education faculty. I’m sure most of you remember Miss Miller’s patience in teaching us the importance of exer- cise long before it became popular.

Burrell Williams Stultz and John escaped Westminster’s winter for the warmer climates of Florida and Georgia. Their travels included a visit with their daughter and her family.

Grace Phillips Webb and I enjoyed our tickets to Spider basketball games where we spotted fellow Richmondites Barbara Turner Willis and Bob as well as Emily Menefee Johnston and Bill.

Jackie Gilks Brooks of Fairfax recovered from a broken wrist in time to accompany Barbara Willis and me to Margaret English Lester’s lovely vacation home in Ocean City, N.J. We skipped TV and newspapers in favor of the beach, seafood and lots of conversation. The highlight was an evening at the
Living off the land

Like many people, Robert M. Thomas, R’77, starts his day with exercise. But instead of heading to a gym, Thomas’s exercise consists of “running to the highway to get the Wall Street Journal, then running home and reading page one.” By 6:30 a.m., he’s meeting with his “men,” discussing plans for the day based on such factors as weather and equipment breakdowns.

As president of Two Rivers Ranch Inc., Thomas oversees 17,000 acres near Tampa, Fla., and 5,000 acres in North Carolina. The ranch’s diversified operations include cattle ranching, forestry, farming, water excavation and real estate development.

“I do everything from taking out the trash and moving cows,” said the third generation rancher and father of a 19-year-old son, “to meeting with legislators in Tallahassee.” And although he has short and long-range goals for the ranch, very few of them are in writing.

A Florida native, Thomas left for Virginia when he was 16 to attend college and study under Olympic show jumping trainer Frances Newbill Rowe. When the University of Virginia, his initial college choice, suggested he wait a year before enrolling, Thomas’s mother discovered the University of Richmond. Thomas fell in love with Richmond’s campus, struck up a friendship with then-Dean Richard Mateer and decided to stay, even after UVa offered him a spot the following year.

“It’s absolutely the most beautiful campus in North America and maybe the world,” Thomas recalled.

Knowing that he would return to Florida after college, Thomas took a variety of courses, including law and business. A competitive equestrian, he missed a lot of class time because of his show and training schedule.

“Dean Mateer worked a deal that allowed me to miss classes as long as I kept my grades up and the horse shows announced that I was there representing the University,” Thomas remembered. Despite the special arrangement, Thomas failed his business classes because he missed too many sessions.

Even without a formal business education, the religion major quickly learned the ways of the marketplace. Three years after graduation, he assumed responsibility for all agricultural operations on his family’s ranch, which “slowly evolved to some administrative and real estate aspects.” A few years after that, Thomas and his family contracted with Perrier to become the sole source of Zephyrhills natural spring water, bottling a small portion of the 40 million gallons of water a day that the natural spring on their land produced. When the first water was bottled in 1989, bottled water was a new concept. Fifteen years later, Two Rivers Ranch remains the single source of Zephyrhills.

Thomas continues to explore new ways to live off his land. With more than three million people living within 50 miles of his Florida operation, demand for housing is increasing. Seizing an opportunity that “makes economic sense,” Thomas is converting some of his acreage to residential and mixed-use communities.

Yet he has no plans to give up the agricultural aspects of his land. In Florida, he developed an environmental education center near the Zephyrhills’ spring, and in North Carolina he is working with the state to place a conservation easement on his land, limiting future development. “We will always be in the business of managing natural resources,” Thomas said.

Although he’s been back to campus only once since graduation, Thomas loves to talk about his alma mater with local high school students. And he’s exploring the possibility of offering an internship on the ranch to Richmond’s environmental education students.

Richmond “gave me any opportunities I wanted,” reflected Thomas. “I’m looking forward to getting a chance to come back” to campus.

— Alissa Mancuso Poole, ’94
Harvey, who is slowly recovering from a stroke and hoping to be able to return to his favorite sport, sailing.
Phyllis Gee Wacker, G’65, wrote from Finland, where she is teaching, that her granddaughter, the only child of our class silver cup baby, was there as an exchange student and they were having a great time together.

1957
James M. Collins, R, relocated from Anniston, Ala., to Jonesville, S.C., where he continues to recruit engineers and management personnel for industry.

1958
Harry T. Dixon Jr., R, has retired as pastor of the Talladega Baptist Church in Northfield, Va.

James E. Hoffman, R, returned from a two-week walking tour of North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. One of the facts he learned while on this trip was that Richmond, North Yorkshire, is the mother of all the Londons in the world. There are 59 places called Richmond, which is considered a record for place names.

From the Westminster Class Secretary
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Margaret Lee Gardner-Waters loves being in the mountains of Asheville, N.C. She is a retired CPA and college professor at University of North Carolina-Asheville. She stays active with reading, travel and politics. She has served for several years on the executive committee of the condos where she lives.

Margaret Williams Ketner and her husband, Bruce, moved to their lake house in Salisbury, N.C., in 1996. Bruce has recently retired from dentistry. They have one daughter in Miami, who is married to an F-16 pilot and has three children. Margaret enjoys church, D.A.R., RV travel, boating, gardening, music and art.

Patricia Anne Winship says life is wonderful. She moved back to Virginia from South Carolina and teaches special education at James River High School. In the past, Patty has traveled extensively from Australia to Europe. She has four children and 16 grandchildren. She is lucky that her two sons live in the Richmond area.

Cora Anne Davis lives in Waco, Texas. She is retired from the faculty at Southern Seminary in Kentucky, where she taught church social work. She is sorry to hear that she has been quite ill, which has severely limited her activities.

Maryvonne Bambacuc Costas and her husband, Dino, live in Lewes, Del., where they are both ordained Christian ministers. They have teamed up with other pastors in offering times of refreshment and encouragement to American missionaries all over the world. She says, “We have seen many miracles of God here in America and on the foreign field.” They have two children and three grandchildren. In their spare time they enjoy sailing.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains and her husband, George, took a vacation trip to Savannah, Orlando, Miami and the Florida Keys. They stopped in West Palm Beach to see Dawn “Tom” Irvine Freeson and Jack. The Freoses are enjoying retirement. On the same trip they visited with their son, who teaches at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Nancy and George enjoy going to their cabin on the Chickahominy River. Nancy is still enjoying water skiing.

Nancy and Gail Carpenter Russell, who live in Newport News, Va., recently had a nice visit. Gail’s daughter, Lisa, had a boy in October, and Gail is enjoying spending time with her grandson.

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Elizabeth “Libby” Jarrett Burger, who lives in Lynchburg since 1989. In the past, Libby was the director of a church nursery school. She also helped run a restaurant, but now she and Walt are both retired. Libby says she loves to play golf, but most of all she loves being a grandmother.

Jo Anne Garrett West and Bill live in Chapel Hill, N.C. Bill is retired but still gets up into UNC daily. Jo Anne enjoys teaching 10 piano students. They have five grandchildren in Massachusetts and Alexandria, Va.

Sarah Ashburn Holder and Gene attended Sarah’s 50th Grandy High School reunion. She said it was great fun and fortunately they had picture name tags.

Susan Hudson Parsons, G’78, is planning a trip to Scotland, January and February in Venice, Fl. They loved it so much they have already rented a place for three months next year.

Dorothy “Dottie” Goodman Lewis and David are enjoying living permanently at Smith Mountain Lake. She is newsletter editor for the North Carolina Piedmont Triad Chapter of Church and Synagogue Library Association. She also is on the national board and is librarian for her own church.

Annette Hasty Walton and Dick live in Chesterfield, Mo. She stays busy with church activities, family, grandchildren, cards, Cardinal base-ball and travel. She got together in March with Nita Glover Eason and Ann House Hill.

Jann Freed Epsy and Carl live in Savannah, Ga. She was formerly financial officer of the Telfair Museum in Savannah and still visits there one day a month. She enjoys travel, volunteer work and needlepoint. Thanks to all of you who have sent me news. Please e-mail me (“Westminster 58” so you don’t get deleted; or write.

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Sidney H. Greer, R, and his wife, Joan, traveled to Marathon, Fla., in February with a group of sent from Friends of Frederick, Va. The weather was great, the fishing was good and the food was excellent.

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Nancy Saunders Kaplon, W, enjoys traveling. During the past seven years, she has visited France, Italy, Spain and the Greek islands. She lives in Maretta, Ga.

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Thomas W. Green Jr., R, resides in Bristol, Tenn. His daughter, Virginia, has been accepted into the doctoral program in ethics at Vanderbilt University.

Thomas W. Lukens, R, was promoted to associate professor of emergency medicine at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

Robert Allen Saville, R, was recognized for his management consulting expertise by a number of national and international Who’s Who publications. He is the author of two books: The Elements of Performance and Creating a Coaching Culture. He was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Boulder Mountain Authority.
Carol Waiter Kinder, who lives in Land O’Lakes, Fla., continues to work part-time as a school psychologist and part-time in private practice. Her son, Christopher, is in the engineering program at the University of South Florida and daughter Laura is in college in Orlando. Recently Carol and her best friend went together on their fifth trip to Europe, where they spent time in London and Paris. Last Christmas she saw Betty Deans Witter, a friend from not only college but also high school. Carol, Betty and Alice Graube Nuckols grew up together in Fredericksburg.

Jeanette Short Smith lives in Ajyet, Va., which is about a half-hour from Richmond. She retired in 1996 after working for a number of years as controller at King’s Dominion theme park. Jeanette and her husband Ron provide foster care for dogs for the Indian Rivers Humane Society, of which she is the treasurer. They live on a five-acre wooded lot, which provides a lot of space for them and their pets.

April Frames Gaskins works in Burgess, Va., as head teller for a bank. She and her husband live in Ophelia, Va., a very small town (April said that it has only a post office), which is near Heathsville and the Chesapeake Bay. During the past two years they have taken two cruises through the Caribbean, where they enjoyed stopping at St. Thomas and Barbados.

Carole Knosweldt Raack attended Westhampton for her freshman and sophomore years and then transferred to Penn State University. She later received her M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Heathwod, Fla., a suburb of Orlando. Their son, Andrew, will soon graduate from Tulane University.

Judy Strausser is chairman of the chemistry department at George Washington High School in Danville, Va., where she has taught for a number of years. She soon will go to Richmond to work on Standards of Learning testing for upcoming tests. The purpose of the S.O.L. tests is to see if schools in Virginia are teaching the same basic standards.

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Alice Graube Nuckols and her husband, Gary, live in Fredericksburg, Va. They were busy preparing for the weddings of their two children. Their daughter, Kate, who is 23 and in graduate school, was married in June 2004, and their son Ben, 25, will wed in 2005. In fact, the first person to host a bridal shower for Kate was none other than Betty Deans Witter! Alice continues to serve on the boards of several non-profit organizations and two museums.

Terry Catassus Jennings is now writing a column for her local newspaper, The Rappahannock News. She and her husband, Lou, have a daughter, M.K., who is a junior at the University of Virginia and a son, Ben, 17. Ben plays a lot of baseball and has looked at Richmond as a possible college since it has a good baseball coach. They have a summer home in Tappahannock, where they may someday retire. While in Tappahannock, Terry has occasionally run into Jeanne Shorter Smith.

1972

Clyde L. Hughes Jr., R, who retired from Henrico High School in Henrico County, Va., after 30 years as director of bands and chairman of the fine arts department, received proclamations from the Virginia General Assembly and Henrico County Board of Supervisors for his dedication and commitment to youth. He is a member of the music faculty of George Mason University, where he teaches music education. He lives in Richmond but serves as adjudicator and guest conductor for numerous music festivals and all-county/district bands throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Rachel Pierce Newell, W, an elementary school music teacher in Ashburn, Va., was awarded the 2003 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, sponsored by the Washington Post. She also participated in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program that sends American teachers to Japan for three weeks to promote greater cultural understanding. While in Japan, she had the opportunity to meet her childhood pen pal.

Linda Christopher Swartz, W, has enrolled in a master’s degree program in instruction at the University of Virginia.

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1971

Joseph E. Talley, R, and his wife, Vielke, recently enjoyed a visit from Joyce Clinkscales, W, at their home in Hillsborough, N.C., where she attended a conference nearby.

N. Grove Teates Jr., GB, is president of Alpine Services Inc., which is involved in every aspect of the construction, maintenance and renovation of premium athletic fields. The company, which he runs with his wife, Judith, received the Outstanding Commercial Affiliate award for 2003 from the Sports Turf Managers Association.

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NEW LOOK
Taking risks pays off

Breaking out of the mold is what Meg Thomas, W'92, does best. From the moment she graduated, she has sought the challenge and excitement of life, first moving to New York City on her own and then to California in 2000 to take a position with one of the Internet’s biggest success stories—Google Inc.

As human resources manager and site lead for Google’s Santa Monica, Calif., software development office, Thomas delights in turning the stereotypical bureaucratic, paper-pushing image of HR on its head.

“The culture here is very different on so many levels—the opposite end of the spectrum from an investment bank,” said Thomas, referring to her earlier job with Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. In an entrepreneurial environment like Google’s, hiring isn’t a matter of experience. The company employs 1,900 people in more than 20 offices in the United States and India. “With a technology company literally on the cutting edge, we don’t know exactly what we are hiring people to create. Our challenge is to find incredibly smart and innovative people who can help us to come up with the next big thing. Often, it’s less about their past experience and more about what we think they are capable of in the future.”

Google’s name reveals its philosophy—a googol is a mathematical term that means 1 followed by 100 zeros. The company’s mission “to make the world’s information universally accessible and useful” through its Web-based search engine is a task as difficult to fathom as a number the size of a googol, especially for a company only six years old.

“Google is in some ways building an organization from scratch,” remarked Thomas. Encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity has become her greatest daily challenge. “Most of the people I work with are software engineers, self-professed techie geeks” who love movies like Matrix and Lord of the Rings, for which Google bought thousands of opening-day tickets, she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Google bought thousands of opening-day tickets, she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also she added. Foosball tables, game rooms, free soft drinks and on-site visits by a masseuse also.

Even with the many demands and challenges of her work, Thomas finds time to maintain contact with other alums and be involved for the last few years in the University’s annual Real World Weekend, where alumni from diverse industries and disciplines return to campus to give juniors and seniors information on what it’s like “out there” in the working world. Thomas’ best advice: Don’t be afraid to take risks and surround yourself with the smartest people. “Education never stops. You can’t check ‘education’ off the list after college. I learn new things every day. The best thing anyone can do for themselves is to keep their brains engaged and continue the learning process.”

— Donna Geisler

Katherine Anna Kirk wrote to say hi. She is involved with her church choir and also sings with One Voice, a choir started as an outreach to the community with other churches. They have sung for the Hope in the Cities 10th anniversary and plan to sing for one of the services of the Presbyterian Church General Assembly being held in Richmond. She is still working at Dominion Virginia Power.

Rachel Pierce Newell is always on the go! She hosted a Japanese Extravaganza Day for 1,000 people to highlight her Fulbright trip. She accompanied husband Wayne on a business trip to Spain this summer. Daughter Margaret is teaching in Colorado, and Mary is going back to school to become a teacher. Several of our classmates gathered at the river (really the bay) with Rachel.

Faye Patterson Green is still a counselor at Fausq School and writes that she and husband Chuck once again participated in Bike Virginia as well as a walking and taking tour of Northern Ireland. This was all scheduled before their daughter Kristen got engaged and planned an early fall wedding. Good luck, Faye.

Libbie Lynch Heskett and Ray Kenneth Heskett, B’72, are the proud grandparents of William Porter Heskett, born to son Kevin and wife Lisa. To add to their busy spring, daughter Kendall graduated from college, got married and moved to Atlanta, where Kevin also is located. Son Brandon is living in Richmond and works for GE.

Tricia and I continue to keep in touch, usually in sports. Our families somehow managed to eat together at Christmas, Easter and Memorial Day this past year. We hope you’ll keep in touch just to say hi or to give us some news. It’s a great feeling to stay in touch with your classmates—so it could be your turn to write in for the first time! The next deadline is early December.

1973

Mary Esther Small, W, moved to Willseboro, N.C., where she works in a medical practice with a rural-based patient population.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The annual Wonderful Westhampton Women’s Weekend was held in April at the lovely Lake Gaston home of Elizabeth “Betty” Rodman Harris in-law. Attending in addition to Betty and myself were Marthaposton Turner, G’81, Nancy Martin Jett, Nancy Kelly Hardy, Donna Kingery Hudgins, Temple
Adair Glenn and Rosanna Painter Myers. Once we made it to the house (we all got lost), we spent the weekend talking about tidbits from college and our lives. Betty took us to her favorite restaurant in Roanoke Rapids on Friday night. We ate lots of good seafood and tartar sauce and enjoyed live music, but we were disappointed that we couldn’t order Kir Royale. Everyone in the restaurant knew Betty and stopped to speak. Most fun was seeing Kathy Neil White, W’73, who lives in Roanoke Rapids. We spent part of the dinner trying to remember the words of the Westhampton blessing, but I assure you that we didn’t embarrass our class by singing it.

Rosanna and Temple traveled from Roanoke to be with us. Both teach school in the Roanoke area and have husbands who spend most of their time on the road. Rosanna’s daughter, Caroline, lives in Charlottesville and works for a nonprofit. Both sons are at home. Temple’s son, Charlie, attends Hampden-Sydney. Daughter Adair is at Longwood and Thomas is in high school.

Martha’s son, Rett, will graduate from Hampden-Sydney this year and plans to work for his dad.

Grace has just taken a job with the Joint Democratic Caucus in Richmond, and Maribeth is in high school. Nancy has an empty nest with Maureen in Fredericksburg and Caroline in Washington.

Kelly and Jack had a wonderful trip to England in the winter. She had heard from Carol Reeder Throckmorton and Maryann Ryzak Casterline, Carol and David Lee Throckmorton, R’73, live in Houston. They have two daughters. Leslie is in college in Texas and Whitney will graduate from high school this year. Maryann and William Hale Casterline Jr., R., live in Chantilly, Va. Their children are at James Madison University and Virginia Tech.

The Hudginses will have an empty nest next year. Carter is in school in England, Cary works in Charlotte and Caroline will be attending University of South Carolina.

Betty’s son, John, is working in Los Angeles for an ABC Family TV show called Switched. Son Scottie is in law school.

Sharon Foster Burdick was unable to join us, as she and Rick were in Houston visiting friends. Daughter Emily is living and working in Washington, Amanda will gradu­ ate from Vanderbilt and work for the re-election campaign, and Madeline will graduate from high school and attend Duke in the fall.

Agnes Mobley Wynne couldn’t join us but called while we were there. Agnes still teaches at Old Dominion University and coordi­ nates vocal scholarships and audition recruitment for the music depart­ ment. She premiered a song cycle written for her by Adolphus Hallstock in the spring. Her husband, Dave, wants to retire and write his mem­ ories, including stories about politics in Chesapeake. Laurel is in her se­ nior year at Richmond and is going to London for the fall semester to study English lit. Clinton will be co­ captain of his high school wrestling team and looking at colleges next year. Andy and Dave are new grandparents—Natalie Charlotte Wynne was born in January.

Clyde L Hughes Jr., R’72, who retired from Hermitage High School in Henrico County, Va., after 30 years as director of bands and chairman of the fine arts department, received proclamations from the Virginia General Assembly and Henrico County Board of Supervisors for his dedication and commitment to youth.

Sue Hamill Smith lives and works in Richmond, where she is a partner in an accounting firm. Susan wrote that she and Mike were getting ready to pick up their son, Jeff, who had just completed his freshman year at Clemson.

Linda Wilkins McIvor sent a picture of the beautiful home that she and her husband are building in Colorado. Her big news is that their son, Kevin, will graduate from high school this year. He will be attend­ ing Colorado Christian University. Of course, I thought it was pretty big news that they awoke to seven inches of snow on Easter morning.

Judith Roberts Willis and Craig planned to take their family to San Francisco for vacation in the summer. Youngest son Steven is in the college search mode. They have looked in the Carolinas and at Georgia Tech and planned a sum­ mer trip to Virginia to visit more schools, including Richmond.

It was great to hear from Margaret “Meg” Graham Kemper. Meg is a psychologist in solo prac­ tice in Chapel Hill, seeing many uni­ versity students because of her background in college student men­ tal health. Her husband is an attor­ ney. Her daughter is a freshman at Duke, and her son is in high school. The family traveled to Lake Tahoe for Christmas, only to suffer through two blizzards that closed some of the ski slopes.

Sam and I stay busy here in Richmond and travel to Chesapeake as often as we can to see our Hannah (and her parents).

Christopher continues to live and work in Roanoke. He has moved from downtown to the suburbs—quite a transition. He will tour the states this summer with his band, including a visit to the Midwest more, Gayle Goodson Butler, in Des Moines.

Alfred G. Bridger Jr., R., is a director of the state Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program at the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Department of Consumer Protection, and serves on the governor’s Virginia ADR Council. His first grandchild, Ketteon Wilson Bridger, was born in October 2003 to Al’s son, Matt, and his wife, Dreema.

Susan Lindler Stephenson, W., took a school group on a sailing trip to the Bahamas in February. Her hus­ band, Thomas E. Stephenson, R’76, works for the Virginia secretary of commerce. They have three daughters. Carolyn graduated from University of Virginia and is married and living in Connecticut. Ann Paige Stephenson, ’00, was married in June, and Claire is a third-year stu­ dent at University of Virginia.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Twenty-seven women from the Class of ’74 had a wonderful time together at Keller Hall on Friday night during reunion weekend. Linda Fernald Honaker, one of our musically talent­ ed class members, attempted to lead us in singing the dinner blessing, which was a tradition during our time at Westhampton. It was actually in tune and harmony, though I must confess not many of us remembered ALL the words!

Attending the Friday night event were Jane Brantley Barto and Carol Schrefler Daily of Richmond; Jane Willis Pollard of Urbanna; Ann Vincent Gordon of Virginia; Alison Wagner Hegamyer of Frederick, Md.; Leslie Lilley Kellenberger of Raleigh, N.C.; Karen Gay Lukhurd, Long Jo Moses Mays and Mary Ann Liggemiter, G’93, of Richmond; Donna Higginbotham Rosser of Altavista; Susan Lindsey of Virginia; Gayle Goodson Butler; and Nancy Bennett Williams of Appomattox and Julie Donahue Higgins, G’76, of Richmond.

Elizabeth Neal Jordan trav­ eled the longest distance to be there—at the way from Gig Harbor, Wash. She and Margaret Heath Johnson of Vienna, Va., spent the weekend with the Virginia Sarah Clinton and her husband, Ted L. Chandler Jr., L’77. Both Beth and Laura Lee have daughters currently attending Richmond.

Grace Robinson den Hartog, of Crozet, hosted a number party for senior year without a party. Betsy Ray Cobb, Linda Fernald Honaker, Esther Hopkins Barnes, Ellen Early Lusk, and across-the- hall neighbors Elizabeth Ed. Woody, Donna Persing, Jane Dagenhart Smith, Sarah Hopkins Finley, L’82, Janet Yvonne Ferrell and Carolyn Bigway Cook. No, you’re never too old for a slumber party! We had such a good time and hope this will become a tradition. It is amazing how those decades pass by through years of separation and change.

Elizabeth Ed. Woody and her husband, Randy Yardley, of Greensboro, N.C., spent the week­ end with me and my husband, West. The four of us and Donna Mario Persing and Jean Dagenhart Smith also worked in a quick trip to Arts in the Park around the Carillon at Byrd Park.

To all of you classmates who couldn’t be there, we missed you and hope you can make it to the next reunion in 2009!

We gathered some e-mail addresses during the weekend and hope you will send your e-mail address to us if we don’t already have it. Laura Lee Hankins Chandler or I will send out an e­ mail reminder a month prior to each class notes deadline, asking you to submit any news about yourself or other classmates. So please respond, and let’s make 2004-2005 a year of reconnecting!

Michael L Dunkley, R’75, completed his State Department assignment in San Salvador, El Salvador, and is in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he is a general services officer at the U.S. Embassy.

Michael L Dunkley, R., and his wife, Martha, continued their State Department assignment in San Salvador, El Salvador, and are in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he is a general services officer at the U.S. Embassy. This is a two-year tour.

Bruce B. Keeney Sc., R., and Mary Taliaferro Byrd Keeney, B’77, celebrated the graduation this year of their son, B. Bennett Keeney Jr., ’04, making him a fourth generation University alu­ nus. Bennett’s grandfather, John A. Byrd Jr., R’46, and his great-grand­ father, J. Abbott Byrd, L’09, were also University of Richmond gradu­ ates.

Hugh E. Fraser III, R., took part in the annual Tahoe, Calif., Superbowl and ski weekend every year this year. Participating classmates were Thomas P. Archer, James C. Kourby, Barney E. Selph and George Nicholas Stokes II.

W. Garry Wiltom, B., was the number one agent at Karafotos Realty in Decatur, Ga., for the fifth straight year and received a top producer award for Dekalb County. He participated in more than $10 million in sales in 2003.

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William F. Barrow II, R., and his wife, Laffette, have five children: Nathan, Scott, Amy, Melanie and Brent. He is CEO of the Opequous General Health System, serves as chair­ man of the Louisiana Hospital Association and is a member of the Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association. He is active in a number of community organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club.

Brooks E. Hatch, R., has been named sports columnist for the Corvallis Gazette-Times. He has worked for the newspaper since 1984 and lives in Corvallis, Ore.

Michael L Dunkley, R’75, completed his State Department assignment in San Salvador, El Salvador, and is in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he is a general services officer at the U.S. Embassy.

Stephen V. McCordell, B., is vice president of inventory at Lands End in Dodgeville, Wis., where he has worked for 18 years. He and his wife, DebSalle, have three chil­ dren. Erin works for American Airlines in Madison, Wis.; Kelly is a junior at James Madison University and hopes to get into the nursing program; and Stephen is a fresh­ man at Miami University of Ohio, where he plays hockey.

1973

Richard Dunkley Hudson Jr., R., was honored by Patrick County High School in Virginia as the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Patrick County Award. He was recognized for his distinguished career as a conservation biologist and his work at the Fort Worth Zoo.
Timothy Nolan Tuggey, R’77, was elected to the board of directors of the Texas Business Hall of Fame. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, where he is managing partner of Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey.

Emily Camp Lewis, B., and her husband, Buddy, returned from touring China, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Thailand. Both she and her husband are Realtors with Russell and Jeffcoat Realtors Inc. in Columbia, S.C.

David A. McGrann, R., was elected president of the board of the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Nancy W. Hall, B., and her husband, Warner, live in Lynchburg, Va., where they are involved in a family business. They have three children: Kaitie, 14, Rachel, 11, and Abigail, 4.

Jori N. Hansen, R., is the telecommunications equipment manager for Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service in Rockville, Md.

Lisa Turner Honshul, W., is director of marketing for Hickory Falls Golf and Hunt Club in Leesburg, Va., and Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, Va.

Brenda J. Dintiman, W‘81, was named to Washingtonian magazine’s Top Doctors list for the second time. She is a dermatologist in Fairfax, Va., where she runs Fair Oaks Skin Center.

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Jane Futch Crooks, W., and her husband, Dan, had a son, Lewis Daniel Crooks IV, on Jan. 5, 2004. He joins sisters Sarah and Olivia. They live in Richmond.

Susan E. Frank, W., is vice president of sales for Marquis Jet. She lives in Brookline, Mass.

Elizabeth Herbener Mansfield, W., and her husband, James M., Mansfield, L87, had a daughter, Sarah Anne, on Nov. 21, 2003.

Sue Mingey Padlin, B., hosted a mini-reunion at her home in Philadelphia for Grace Brady, W., Melanie Kintigh New, W., Katherine Dooner Loftus, W., Melanie Dickerson Butterworth, W., Caroline Carroll, W., and Jane Warren Hedgepeth, W.
Accomplishing the impossible

The organization’s first fund-raising event, “Celebrate Hope,” was co-sponsored by Hotel Monaco in Washington. The group knew it had at least $15,000 to give to House of Ruth, but through a letter-writing campaign and e-mails, raised an additional $10,000.

Since then, they have sponsored a golf tournament, raising money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation to help enhance the quality of life for cancer patients.

A second “Celebrate Hope” is planned for Feb. 5 and will again benefit House of Ruth. “We wanted to build a strong relationship with a specific charity, not just a one-time involvement,” said Giesler.

In the fall the group will host a family-oriented, daytime event to support another Washington charity that assists homeless children.

While most members of Hope Rising are Richmond graduates, the group welcomes others. Laura Janes, another 1993 graduate and active Hope Rising member, calls those who have become involved “an extraordinary bunch of people. Everybody brings different skills to the table.”

“While different individuals, we share a passion for making the world a better place and for having a great time together in the process,” added Henry.

“We were a group of people who never did anything halfway,” reflected Giesler. “We were all fairly high achievers. Others are so amazed at the tight relations we have after 11 years—a group of a dozen people and their spouses, just as close today as when we were at UR.”

What is important, he said, is the “powerful value that you can get from a very talented group of friends, friends with varied talents and skills. Combine those talents with deep friendship, and it’s amazing what can come out of it.”

Fordi said the group is “energetic, dedicated and committed to doing positive things, while having a lot of fun in the process.”

As Hope Rising grows, she added, “It would be wonderful if we could increase our impact in the community by holding more events to benefit various charities. We are very proud of what we’re currently accomplishing and want to expand at a rate that allows a strong level of personal involvement with each charity. We also want to preserve the close knit and fun atmosphere in which we accomplish our work.”

To find out more about Hope Rising, visit www.hope-rising.org.

Edward A. Baptist, R, is a chaplain assistant in the U.S. Army and is currently deployed to Iraq with the 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. He and his wife and two children were stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Elizabeth Berman Brancaccio, W, works as a contract occupational therapist for the Delaware County Intermediate Unit in Delaware County, Pa. She has two children, Samuel, 7, and Lucy, 4.

Marjorie Coulson, W, is an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton and lives in Bethesda, Md. Last summer she attended the wedding of her roommate, Deborah L. Weigand, B, in New Jersey.

Cynthia Mire Davis, W, and her husband, Ken, had a daughter, Anna Tavera, in November 2003. They reside in New York City.

Thomas J. Fagan Jr., R, is senior director of product management in the Pharma Services Division at Caremark’s Scottsdale, Ariz., office. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife, Claudette, and their children, Gabrielle, 4, and Michael, 1.

Henry C. Godfrey, B, and his wife, Rachel, had a son, Aric Mitchell, on Nov. 18, 2003. They live in Joppa, Md.

Milan T. Gordon is owner of Scrubs-N Stuff and MTG Enterprises in Christiansburg, Va.

L. Tim Maransin, R, and his wife, Trisha, had a son, Nathaniel Timothy, on March 24, 2004. He joins Peter, 2.

Hope Mull Maxwell, B, is a senior vice president for Prime Advisors Inc., an asset manager for insurance companies. She and her husband, Bilt, live in Long Valley, N.J.

Mindi Harris McClure, W, and her husband, Jeffrey, had a daughter, Catherine Kay, on Jan. 13, 2004. They live in Arlington, Va., where Mindi is the managing director of financial services at Friedman Billings Ramsey & Company.

J. Jason Poulis, R, and Marina Nessim were married on July 20, 2002. Included in the wedding party were E. Kenneth Guarino, B’87; Edward J. Murn, W, B; and John M. Prokuski, R’90.

Ronald B. Ramos, B, is vice president of the board of directors of Sports Backers in Richmond.

Stuart D. Siedleck, B, has been elected to the board of directors of DOR Biopharm Inc.

Barbara Anne Warren, W, and her husband, Michael H. Foster, R’88 and L’91, had a son, Ethan Edward Foster, on Feb. 6, 2004. He joins sister Sydney, 5.
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Scott W. Anderson, R, and his wife, Meredith Brown Anderson, W'89, had a son, Carter Gray, on July 5, 2003. He joins Tyler, 6, and Brett, 3. They live in Ridgefield, Conn.

Stephanie Grana Bembris, W '93, and her husband, Scott I. Bennett, R'99 and L'93, had a daughter, Dakota Jean. She joins Nicole, 4, and Garrett, 3. They live in Richmond.

Eric P. Terpening, R, is studying biochemistry at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He was formerly an attorney with Immunex Corporation in Seattle for six years.

David E. Weigle, R, was promoted to banking officer at BB&T. He and his wife, Sandy, reside in Mechanicsville, Va., with their two daughters, Jennifer and Kathleen.

1991

Lauren E. Bolt, W, and Thomas S. Berry Jr., R'T8 were married on Nov. 8, 2003. Included in the wedding party were matron of honor Sandra C. Tan, W, best man David H. Berry, B'T3; and groomsmen Emery E. Jones III, R'T3, and E. Brian Bolt, R'T6. The reception was held on the University campus.

Bradford Ward Frey, and his wife, Kelley, had a daughter, Gillian, on Sept. 23, 2003. They reside in Buxton, Mass.

J. Parker Gilbert, R, and his wife, Melissa, had a daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Ashley, on Dec. 22, 2003. She joins sister, Kely, 3. They live in Manetta, Ga.

Kelly Wallace Iannelli, W, and her husband, David, had a daughter, Jessica Bronne, on March 7, 2004. She joins brother Michael, 3, and sister Hannah Rose, 2.

Kelly Dedol Johnson, W, left her position at George Washington University's Institute on Crime, Justice and Corrections to start a juvenile and criminal justice consulting firm. She lives in Portland, Ore., with her husband, Charles.

Holly Pittman Kidwell, W, and her husband, Andrew, had a daughter, Camille, on Dec. 2, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Carolyn Lottit McCarrigy, W, and her husband, Todd, had a daughter, Charlotte Holmes, on Sept. 15, 2003. She joins brothers Nicholas, 6, and Robby, 4. Carolyn traveled to Pittsburgh to visit Heather Phillips Burton, Chris Burton and Liz Whyte Hall. She is planning the 11th annual weekend at her Block Island vacation home for eight Richmond friends and spouses.

Laura Onesti Ney, W, was promoted to lead project manager at the U.S. General Services Administration. She resides in the Philadelphia area with her husband, David, and son, Collin.

Alden A. Provost and his wife, Ava, had a daughter, Sasha Irene, on April 1, 2003. He is an account executive in the Credit & Surety Department of American Reinsurance Company, located in Princeton, N.J.

Melanie Lawrence Rapp, B, is manager, compliance and controls, at Swedish Match North America Inc. in Richmond. She and her husband, Joseph, had a son, Mark Joseph, on Dec. 14, 2003. Kelly Freeman Wardell, W, who lives in Weston, Fla., was one of the first to greet Mark, since he was born in Miami, while Melanie was on a business trip.

Cynthia L. Reitmeyer, B, is director of business development for Checkpoint Systems Inc. She lives in Belmont, Mass.


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Bruce E. Brubaker III, B, and his wife, Tomara, had a son, Bruce E. Brubaker IV, on March 4, 2004. They live in Oceanside, Ky.

Tara T. Cavanaugh, W, and her husband, Lance Wells, had a son, Ragan Jack, on Nov. 13, 2003. She is a real estate attorney with Fisher, Sweetbaum and Levin PC in Denver, Colo.

Elizabeth Carson Cowell, W, and David B. Cowell, B'89, had a son, Grant William, on May 3, 2003. They live in Baltimore, Md.

Christopher R. DeAgazio, R, opened his own law practice in Burlington, Mass., where he will concentrate on corporate and real estate law.

Scott R. Glover, R, and his wife, Kern, had a son, Michael Fansus, on May 5, 2004. In addition to teaching social studies, Scott has joined the Arizona Foundation for Natural Resource Education as a foundation faculty member.

Amy L. Kristof-Brown, W, and her husband, Kenneth Brown, had a daughter, Madeline Taylor Brown, on July 27, 2003. She joins sister, Ellison, 2. Amy received tenure at University of Iowa and was promoted to associate professor of management.

J. Paige Lambdin, W, and her husband, John M. Schuchman, R, had a son, Jack Philip, on June 17, 2003. He joins twins Kendall Grace and Drew Elizabeth, 3. They live in Metuchen, N.J.


Christine Geary Medvedz, W, and her husband, Marc, had a son, Jake Geary, on Jan. 5, 2004. He joins sister Meredith Lynn, 2. They live in Bel Air, Md., where Christine is a stay-at-home mom.

Patrick Ryan Nateau, B, and his wife, Alisa, had a daughter, Kari Anne, on July 29, 2003. They live in Reisterstown, Md.

Jeanine Peters, W, received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Georgia and completed a veterinary pathology residency at Cornell University in 2003. She began a veterinary dermatology residency at Cornell in July 2004.

Patrick H. Roberts, R, is director of external relations at University Liggett School, Michigan's oldest independent school. He also teaches creative writing and coaches sixth-grade basketball.

Charles Anderson Rue, R, and his wife, Valerie, had a daughter, Zoe Cristina, on March 26, 2004. They live in Honolulu, where he is managing director of Continental Airlines Asia-Pacific Division.

Allison Gibert Tocci, B, and his husband, Louis John Tocci, B’91, had a daughter, Lauren Celeste, on Jan. 11, 2004. She joins sister, Ella, 1. They live in Charleston, S.C.


Juli Beth Wilson-Black, W, and her husband, Robert K. Wilson-Black, B’90 and G’92, had a daughter, Claire Alde, on Nov. 13, 2003. She joins sister, Hannah, 3. They live outside Chicago, where Juli is a partner associate at Riverside Presbyterian Church and does free-lance writing. Rob is vice president for development at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.

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Lynn Palmer Bailey and her husband, Gordon, had a daughter, Cecilia Marie, on Jan. 14, 2004. Lynn is an assistant federal public defender in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rebecca Stockton Baneri, and her husband, Shawn Baneri, had a daughter, Beverly Harper, on Sept. 26, 2003. She joins brother Julian. They live in New York City.

Andrew Boulden and his wife, Stephanie, had a son, Christopher James, on June 7, 2003. They live in Wayne, Pa.

Sean Patrick Byrne, B’97, has been elected director at Hancock, Daniel Johnson & Nagle PC, in Glen Allen, Va. He and his wife, Mindy Rett Byrne, ‘94, and daughter, Maggie, 2, live in Richmond.

Jason R. Chandler is metro regional director for UBS Wealth Management in New York City. He lives in Manhattan with his wife, Maria Matthews Chandler, ’95, and their daughter, Katharine. He plays for the New York Athletic Club men's soccer team.

Jennifer A. Clark completed her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She is civilian faculty in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Christine G. Daniels, GB, was elected chairwoman of the board of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia.
Robert H. Gudmestad, G., is assistant professor of history at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. He has published a book titled A Troublesome Commerce: The Transformation of the Interstate Slave Trade.

Pamela Orsi Kenney and her husband, Matthew Edward Kenney, R’91, had a son, David Grant, on Nov. 11, 2003. They live in Havertown, Pa.

Shannon Quirk Ray and her husband, Brian, had a son, David, on March 29, 2004. They live in Gainesville, Fla.

Hugh H. Scott III and his wife, Margaret, had twin sons, Rhodes Henderson and Hugh Harrison, on Jan. 21, 2004. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Tina Trebino Sinks and her husband, Troy, had a son, Kyle Patrick, on March 18, 2004. He joins Brianne, 2. They live in Oakhurst, N.J.

Mark K. “Stotli” Stollsteimer has spent nine seasons as head soccer coach at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, W.Va. He and his wife, Kathy, had a daughter, Katarina, on Feb. 24, 2004. She joins brother Donovan, 2.

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Angela Reciday Burbrink and her husband, Darin, had a son, Jacob Maxwell, on Oct. 18, 2003. He joins brother Samuel, 2. They live in Richmond.

Bre Nolan Collier and her husband, Christopher, had a daughter, Meenchwa “Mary” Nolan, on Jan. 22, 2004. She joins sister Caroline, 3. They live in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Bradley J. Conner and his wife, Laura, had a son, Brandon Robert, on Jan. 9, 2004. He joins sister Brocke, 2. They live in Phoenix, Ariz.

Alissa Gentry Flota and her husband, Alonzo, had a daughter, Alejandra Logan, on Sept. 5, 2003. They live in Belize, where they recently opened their second hotel, El Pescador Punta Gorda.

F. Robert Greene III and Jennifer Hollands were married in July 2003. They live in Buffalo, N.Y., where they are both teachers.

Scott Hydahl and his wife, Nikii, had a daughter, Brooke Alexandria, on Jan. 31, 2004. He is a physical therapist at Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy Associates, located in Fredericksburg, Va.

Kathy Ann Eckman Joseph and her husband, Greg, are founders and directors of Sandy Hill Camp, a residential summer camp for children and a retreat and training facility located at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. They have a daughter, Karalyn, 5.

Jill Stewart Maine and her husband, Dalton C. Maine, had a daughter, Cassandra, on April 9, 2003. They live in Chicago, where Dalton is a manager for Bain and Company, and Jill is a marketing consultant for Pepsi.

James F. Smith and his wife, Sherry, had a son, Grayson Bailey, on Dec. 17, 2003. James is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is assigned to the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jennifer A. Clarke, ‘93, completed her Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She is civilian faculty in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Joanne Bacon Smith and her husband, Eric Aaron Smith, had a son, Garrett Julius, on May 15, 2003. He joins sister Fiona, 3. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Matthew D. Gannon and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed a son, Davis Christopher, on Jan. 23, 2004. They live in Harrington Park, N.J.

Kevin L. Jones is a freelance graphic designer and is pursuing a bachelor of fine arts in dance and choreography at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Sharon A. McDermott is in her final year of the nurse anesthetist program at the Medical College of Virginia.

It’s a boy for James “Dusty” Rhodes and his wife, Kathy. Samuel Harrison Rhodes was born on April 29, 2004.

Kate McKnight Van Slyke and her husband, Andy, welcomed their daughter, Camille Katherine, on May 2, 2004.

Congratulations to Matthew B. Zemon and his wife, Melissa, on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra, on Oct. 13, 2003.

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Mary Szwejbiola Colman is a chiropractor at The Heedrick Center in Middletown, Pa. She and her husband, Scott, reside in Hershey, Pa.

Lauren G. Garner, L’99, and her husband, Seth, had a daughter, Cecilia Gingerly, on March 1, 2003. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Mark A. Heberer, GB, was promoted to director in the structured products research group at Wachovia Securities. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Susie Gill Kleinischmidt and her husband, Jeff, had a son, William Andrew, on July 18, 2003. They live in Gainesville, Va.

Derek Tug Malmborg and his wife, Jenifer, had a daughter, Kley Regan, on March 8, 2004. She joins sister Keitzen, 2.

Molly McCaskill and her husband, Angel, had a daughter, Emily Renee, on Nov. 17, 2003. They live in Vinton, Va.

Kevin M. McDermott and his wife, Jodi, had a son, Thomas Michael, on Feb. 23, 2004. He joins sister Bakly, 2. Kevin is senior product marketing manager for Nextel Communications Inc. in Reston, Va.

Lawrence R. Nightingale Jr. resides in historic Fredericksburg, Va., where he is a financial services representative for MetLife.

Frederick Parce and his wife, Chasidy, had a daughter, Macy Alenza, on Sept. 12, 2003. They live in Richmond, Texas.

Stacy Jones Patten and her husband, Bradford N. Patten, had a son, William Bradford, on March 9, 2004. He joins brother Carter, 2. They live in Richmond.

Anne J. Schlussler lives in Manhattan, where she runs a recruiting business.

Sarah Mentesana Tillery and her husband, Justin, had a daughter, Lauren June, on April 21, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Charles “Joe” Wilson was promoted to regional vice president, merchandising for CarMax and relocated from Florida to Naperville, Ill. He and his wife, Kristi, had a son, Zachary Joseph, on Dec. 9, 2003. He joins sister Taylor Virginia.

Lisa Harrel Zanni and her husband, Keith Patrick Zanni, had a son, Drew Anthony, on Sept. 29, 2003. Keith is an attorney, and they live in Hamden, Conn.

Katherine A. Zennor and her husband, John, had a daughter, Havenelo, on Jan. 3, 2004. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Beth L. Allen and her husband, Henry Levy, had a daughter, Sabrina Miriam Levy, on March 5, 2004. They live in Philadelphia, where Beth was recently promoted to senior manager within Accenture’s Health and Life Sciences practice.

Lyn W. Atteberry and Brian Noble were married on April 24, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Tara Evelyn Miller and Diana Lynn Cichewicz.

Scott Murray Barrow performed in the premier of Paul Rudnick’s “Vaslasha” off-Broadway at the New York Theater Workshop.

Brian Alan Blackburn is director of marketing for DNA Studio in Beverly Hills, CA. He lives in Los Angeles.

Sheila Dawson Caputo and Paul J. Caputo, ’95, had a son, Joel Dawson, on Feb. 18, 2004. They live in Broomfield, Colo. Joel is the first grandson of longtime University Spanish professors Al and Laila Dawson.

Kym M. Berneman Carpenter is a family practice physician. She and her husband, Adam, live in West Sayville, N.Y.

Terri Borzich Dunn and her husband, Rob, had a son, John Robert, on Jan. 18, 2004.

Michele Diann Eicher and David Lee Whiteside were married on April 17, 2004. Jennifer Lynn Burkholder was maid of honor. The couple lives in Richmond.


Jennifer Anne Giancola and Robert Grant Carney Jr. were married on April 17, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Sarah Ann Arnold, ’97, and Laura Channing, ’99. The couple resides in Reston, Va.

Jennifer Paige Hanna is a director at America Online and lives in Richmond.

Cammie Harkness Jecelin and her husband, James Edward Jecelin, had a daughter, Grace Victoria, on July 13, 2003. They live in Owings Mills, Md.

David Roger La•allee and his wife, Alissa, welcomed the arrival of Allison James La·allee on Oct. 13, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Kevin Larson Baron is a graduate student intern at the Center for Public Integrity and was a writer on the investigations reporting team that produced Windfalls of War: U.S. Contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan, which was awarded a 2003 George Polk Award. Kevin recently earned a master’s degree in journalism and public affairs from George Washington University in May 2004.

Nicole Berkebile is manager of research projects in the psychiatry department at Emory University in Atlanta, where she recently bought a house.

Katherine Ann Clements and J. David Cohorst were married on Oct. 4, 2003. They live in Springfield, Ill. She is statehouse bureau chief for The News-Gazette of Champaign-Urbana and won a national award for her work.

Emily B. Compton is in her third year at Cardozo School of Law. She is executive editor of the Cardozo Public Law, Policy and Ethics Journal. She lives in Astoria, N.Y.

Anna Johnson Cramer and her husband, Phillip Frederick Cramer, had a daughter, Caroline Grace, on Jan. 16, 2004. They live in Nolensville, Tenn.

Shawn Gregory DeMers and April Leigh Clements were married on April 24, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Allison Jones Speros, ’98, Derek Seth Smith, James William Adair and Stanley Russell Falis Jr., ’99. The couple lives in Nashville, who works for Broadcast Music Inc. as a senior manager in financial planning.

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Riding with Reagan

H. Douglas (Doug) Cunningham, R'71, wasn’t on the Secret Service detail that saved President Ronald Reagan’s life during the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt. But as a 30-year Secret Service veteran, that’s about the only significant event of the Reagan presidency that he missed.

From the Brandenburg Gate (“Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall!”) to an audience with the Pope at the Vatican, to the 40th anniversary of the event of the Reagan presidency that he missed. “At times, you are conscious of history being made,” he said. “But most of the time, you are too focused on protecting the president to think of anything else.”

Cunningham, a psychology and sociology major, joined the Secret Service almost immediately after graduation. Following temporary posts at the White House under Presidents Ford and Carter, he was assigned permanently to the details of Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush and, briefly before Cunningham’s 2001 retirement, Bill Clinton.

As assistant director of the branch of government charged with protecting the president and the first family, Cunningham came to know well not only Reagan and the first President Bush, but also world leaders including Margaret Thatcher, Brian Mulroney and Mikhail Gorbachev.

“Seeing Gorbachev seated with Prime Minister Thatcher at [Reagan’s] state funeral, I couldn’t help but wonder what President Reagan would be thinking now,” he said. Rather than attend the National Cathedral rites, Cunningham joined other former Secret Service colleagues at a special remembrance the evening before in the Capitol Rotunda.

In his current post as assistant inspector general for congressional and intergovernmental affairs at the Social Security Administration in Washington, Cunningham surveys an office filled with mementos, including a photo of himself jogging alongside “Number 41” (George H.W. Bush) and a framed letter of thanks dated Jan. 6, 1989, from Reagan on his retirement from the Oval Office. They are the chief executives he admires most.

“They were both very down to earth, both gentlemen,” he recalled. “With President Reagan, what you saw is what you got. He truly cared about those around him; there was no superficial façade.” Cunningham recalled the trip to Texas to comfort survivors’ families after the Challenger explosion as one of the most moving experiences of his eight-year detail with Reagan. “His compassion truly spoke volumes.”

As an accomplished equestrian, Cunningham, who grew up in Oakton, Va., remembers often picking up his family’s mail on horseback. He frequently rode alongside “Rawhide” and “Rainbow” (President and Mrs. Reagan’s Secret Service code names) for as long as two hours at a time at Camp David and Rancho de Cielo, the Reagan’s ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif. “We talked about many things, and I always had a repertoire of jokes handy.”

Cunningham and his wife, New Jersey native Ellen Hoffmann Cunningham, W ’72, (who “put up with my almost constant absences from home”) have stayed close to Richmond and their friends from college days, making frequent trips to campus. “UR gave me such a wonderful education that I can never repay it. Because of it, I was able to have the career that I enjoyed.”

Does he miss the halls of power, “the gazillion” trips around the world? “Oh, how I miss it,” he sighs. “I’ll always be a Secret Service agent at heart.”

— Betty van Jersel

Casey John Halloran owns Costa Rican Luxury Vacations, an online travel agency.

Christopher Harwood Hazleton is pursuing an M.B.A. and a master’s degree in information systems at Boston University’s School of Management. He was elected president of the M.B.A. Student Council.

Tara Christie Houston and Kenneth Christopher Matthews were married on July 12, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Laura Williams Salapha, ’96, and Jennifer Hein. The couple lives in Hanover, Va.

Clifton E. McClennen, G, was promoted to assistant director of regional administration and membership for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Sarah Walsh Muller and Bernhard Joseph Muller had a daughter, Eva Richmond, on Dec. 13, 2004. They live in Gloucester, Mass.

Jennifer Foster Quick and her husband, James, had a son, Noah James, on Feb. 15, 2004. She is a third grade teacher at Kempsville Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Va.

George L. Smith III is first vice president of equity research at Davenport and Company. His wife, Emily Wilson Smith, ’96, a critical care registered nurse, is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Richmond with their 16-month-old son, George.

Sarah Katherine Taylor received a Fulbright-Hays grant to travel for six weeks to Mexico and Canada during the summer of 2004. She also received a Youth Philanthropy Project grant through the Community Foundation to compile a literary magazine with Hanover County ESL students.

Katriona Barr Terry and Christopher Ames Terry had a son, Jacob Adam, on Dec. 15, 2004. He joins sister Samantha, 2. They live in Virginia Beach, Va.

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Siobhan Catherine Doughan is a legal assistant at Eaton & Van Winkle LLP, and is enrolled in the master of science for teachers program at Pace University in New York City.

John Alexander Flack II is in his sixth year with KPMG LLC. He lives in London, England.

John E. Hanson joined TRG, a distressed business recovery firm, as a consultant after graduating from Boston College’s Graduate School of Business.

Clarkson C. Logan is in his last year of graduate school at the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. He and a partner won the award for the Entrepreneur Project of the Year, and they are traveling around the country to make presentations for the university.
Matthew P. Tomkiel is an attorney with the firm Tomkiel and Tomkiel in New York.
Sarah Moore Oliver and Thomas Werburton were married on Aug. 30, 2003. The couple resides in Birmingham, Ala., where she is a first-year associate at the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin & White.
Christy A. Yarnell is working on a master’s degree in education at Indiana University of South Bend, where she serves as an academic advisor to the football, women’s soccer and softball teams.
Laura Momoko Asakura attends the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco.
David R. Elmquist trades municipal bonds for Bear Stearns & Company in New York. He was recently promoted to associate.
Allison Anne Fritzschke joined the advertising agency of Cline Davis & Mann in Manhattan, where she works on the advertising initiatives for Pfizer’s Viagra and Caduet.
Danielle Haskins Futter and her husband, Michael Scott Futter, had a daughter, Grace Abigail, on March 15, 2004.
Irene Anthonette Geraci and Jeffrey N. Grove were married on Oct. 26, 2002. She teaches elementary school, and he recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.
Rebecca Elizabeth Kennedy graduated from American University’s Washington College of Law and earned an M.B.A. from American University’s Kogod School of Business. She is a member of the Virginia State Bar and is working as an attorney in Maryland.
David E. Lynn is employed by Shackleton School, an experiential high school based on hands-on learning. He lives in Ashby, Mass.
Andrew W. Pulley is an agent assistant in the Beverly Hills office of ICM, one of the top talent agencies in the world.
Jaclyn Amy Radonis and Kevin Lee Wood were married on April 24, 2004, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Emily Kathryn Spiker, Patricia Marie Magnon, Courtney Morgan and Kristen Kelly Wood, B.B.A. The couple lives in Richmond.
Abigail Elizabeth Sims works for Mellon Financial Corp. as a compliance manager for its London-based investment firm, Newton Investment Management.
Katherine Minnette Standish is a consultant with Bocq Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.
Samantha K. Strauss teaches biology at Godwin High School in Richmond.
Sarah Emily Altman has entered a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she plans to focus on health psychology and eating behaviors.
Annette Lynn Ardler, C, is a territory sales manager for Deerbrook Insurance Company. She was elected first vice president of Insurance Women of Richmond, Va., Inc.
Cory K. Critchley and Katrina A. Smith, ‘03, were married in July 2003. He is deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and she is deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
Matthew Joseph Grimes was elected chairman of the Board of Education of Brookfield, Conn., making him the youngest board of education chair in the United States.
Keyona Renee Ham received an M.B.A. from Trinity College in Washington, where her concentration included strategic information management and intelligence.
Amanda G. Herold lives in Paris, where she works for the French government teaching middle school English in Versailles. She holds a master’s degree from Nyan in Spanish literature and is attending classes in advanced French at the Sorbonne.
Azzures Shevon Montoute was a recipient of the Graduate Consortium Fellowship for the M.B.A. program at the New York School of Business in New York University. She was awarded full tuition for each academic year and will study finance, marketing and entrepreneurship.
Leah Christine Rockwell and Peter Gunkeilman were married on Dec. 27, 2003. They live in Asheville, N.C.
James Joseph Tripp is pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania.
Kristin M. Adkins and Robert Alexander Whitesides Jr., G’03, were married on Aug. 16, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Lauren Bailey, Tiffanie Chan, Mark Graves, Chandra Mitchell Lane and Mark Lane. Kristin is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Duke University, and Sandy is pursuing a master’s degree in library and information sciences at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
Amanda G. Herold, ‘01, lives in Paris, where she works for the French government teaching middle school English in Versailles.
Jae Yeon Jeong graduated from Northeastern University with a master’s degree in counseling psychology and plans to begin a doctoral program at the University of Memphis.
Danielle M. Marconci lives in Japan and works at an English conversation school.
Tracey L. Miller and Logan Schwartz were married on Jan. 3, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Gretchen S. Wagner, Kevin Michael Saupp and Eric Simcox Allbright. Tracey and Logan received master’s degrees in exercise physiology from the University of Texas-Austin.
Andrea N. Whiteis is a graduate student in Latin American studies at the University of Texas-Austin, and she works at Equal Justice Center in Austin.
Catherine A. Bellais is pursuing her J.D. degree at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas.
Skye E. Bruce, G’03, had a son, Davis Mackinnon, on Sept. 29, 2003. She lives in Richmond and is a sales agent for RE/MAX Action Real Estate.
Raymond L. Del Savio Jr. is enrolled in the copywriting track at the Virginia Commonwealth University AdCenter.
Kelly E. Hart is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Eli Lilly and Company. She lives in Hamburgo, Va.
Stephanie J. Kline is pursuing a master’s degree in international environmental policy at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, Calif.
Lauren Marie Nerdilla and Christopher Frederick Betterbusch were married April 3, 2004. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Stewart. They reside in Savannah, Ga.
Marybeth Redheffer is doing graduate work in Madrid, Spain.
Christopher Sandlin works in Cairo, Egypt, as a freelance journalist and is a graduate student in Middle East studies at the American University in Cairo.

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1928/Annabeth Cash, W. of Wytheville, Va., Jan. 31, 2004. She was retired from Sullivan College in Bristol, Va., where she was a librarian. Prior to that, she was a librarian at Monticello College in Auburndale, a public school teacher and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy WAVES.

1928/Grant V. Harrison, R., of Falls Church, Va., May 10, 2004. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II and was employed with Dun & Bradstreet until his retirement in 1972. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a deacon at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Va.

1928/Louise Black, W. of Boulder, Colo., Oct. 24, 2003. She was retired from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she was a librarian for more than 20 years.


1931/Helen Haverty King, W. of Smithfield, Va., Oct. 11, 2003. She was a prominent historian of Isle of Wight County. Her published works included Historical Notes on Isle of Wight County, Va., and Historic Site of Wight. She was a librarian in Washington, D.C. and later in Newport News Public Schools. She retired as an elementary school librarian in Hampton Public Schools.

1933/3. Milton Hobson, R., of Richmond, Va., April 21, 2004. He was retired from Owens & Minor and was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

1934/George Sarkis Eksuzian, R., of Richmond, Va., Jan. 7, 2004. For 33 years he owned and operated the Domino Inn, a well-known restaurant at 10th and Main Streets in Richmond. He also was a professional violinist who had a big band dance orchestra and a small combo named “The Four Tones.” He also performed in both dance and summer orchestras in the Richmond area for many years.

1934/Helen Marie Hutcheson, W. and G. 45, of Richmond, Va., March 26, 2004. Prior to her retirement, she had a long career as a teacher at John Marshall High School in Richmond.

1937/Cecil Carl Anderson, R., Chambertin, Pa., Feb. 2, 2004. He was a retired Baptist minister who formerly served as president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland. Prior to entering the ministry, he was clerical and band director at George Washington High School in Alexandria, Va. During his term as director, his band often performed at White House events, including the annual Easter Egg Roll.

1937/Blanche Bristow Williams, W., of Richmond, Va., June 2, 2000. She enjoyed gardening, painting, sketching and Oriental dance. She was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church-Brook Hill.

1938/Mildred Harrell Clinkscales, W., of Virginia Beach, Va., May 14, 2004. She was a retired English, French and social studies teacher. She enjoyed singing and gardening and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

1938/Virginia Hudson Cosby, W., of Newport News, Va., April 3, 2004. She taught elementary school in the Hampton school system for 28 years before retiring. After retirement, she tutored numerous children and adults and traveled the world. She had a passion for singing, painting and children of all ages. She was a lifetime member of Oxytuct Church and served as a missionary to Korea.

1938/Florence Fowlies Garrett, W., of Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19, 2003. She was a member of Windsor Hills United Methodist Church for nearly 50 years and had worked as a librarian in several public libraries.

1939/Charles B. Harper Jr., R., of Richmond, Va., March 28, 2004. He was president of Harper Hardware Company Inc. and served as the first president of the Richmond Taxpayers Association. He was a member of Ginter Park Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and Sunday school teacher.

1939/Howard Cary Adams, R., of Chesterfield, Va., Dec. 12, 2002. He was a retired electrical engineer with Allied Signal Corp. and veteran of World War II, where he served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

1939/Nathan Harry Nordin, R., of Richmond, Va., Dec. 22, 2003. His World War II service earned him a Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak Leaf Cluster and a Bronze Star medal for his active combat in battles in Tunisia, Sicily, Rhineland, Central Europe and Normandy. He was retired from the U.S. Army Reserve.

1940/Virginia Dennis Dutton, W., of Newport News, Va., March 30, 2002. She retired as an administrative assistant from Frederick B. Hill and Co. after more than 20 years of service.

1940/Alvin Franklin Harris, R., of Chesterfield, Va., Feb. 26, 2004. He was a veteran of World War II and retired as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. After many years of service, he retired from the State Corporation Commission of Virginia, and he served with the administrative staff of the Virginia legislature for 10 years. He was a member at St. John’s Episcopal Church for 73 years and was past president and zone chairman of the Chesterfield Lions Club.

1940/George Rochkind, R., of Richmond, Va., April 19, 2004. He was a certified public accountant and a founding partner of Levin & Rochkind, which later became a part of Goodman & Company. He was active in Richmond’s Jewish community, serving as president of several organizations, including the Jewish Community Center, Keneseth Beth Israel, Workman’s Circle Cemetery and the Rudlin Torah Academy.

1940/Gilbert Siegal, R., of White Plains, N.Y., March 9, 2004. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Conspicuous Service Crosses, four Oak Leaf Clusters and numerous air and marksmanship medals. He practiced law for 50 years and was active in his community as Greenberg urban renewal commissioner, housing commissioner, president of the Hartsdale Civic Association and founder of Woodlands Community Temple.

1940/Claiborne Howard Stokes, R., of Richmond, Va., May 13, 2004. During World War II, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and he retired from the U.S. Army Reserve with the rank of major. He was secretary-treasurer for many years at Stokes-Williams Hardware Company Inc. in Blackstone, Va., which was founded by his grandfather and great-uncle. He also worked as a dental supply sales representative for Powers and Anderson Dental Company. He was a lifelong member of the Blackstone Presbyterian Church.

1941/William O. Seift, R., of Mantou Springs, Colo., April 7, 2004. He was retired from civilian employment with the U.S. Air Force.

1941/Aubrey Simpson Williams Jr., R., of Richmond, Va., Nov. 17, 2003. A veteran of World War II, he was a retired attorney and a retired senior judge advocate general in the Virginia Army National Guard. During his tenure, he coauthored the Virginia Code of Military Justice, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

1942/Genevieve Harrwood, W., of Richmond, Va., April 10, 2004. She served as a Navy WAVE during World War II and was retired from Richmond Public Schools after 25 years as a social worker and counselor. She also operated the Harwood Boarding Houses for more than 50 years.

1942/Clarence E. Major, R., of West Point, Va., Feb. 21, 2004. He was an Army World War II veteran and received a Purple Heart before retiring as a captain. He was superintendent of King & Queen, King William and West Point schools. He was an active member of St. John’s Episcopal Church and past president of West Point Ruritan Club, West Point Kuwans and the King William unit of the American Cancer Society.

1942/Charles F. Wing, R., of Richmond, Va., March 10, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and later served as chief of the pulmonary disease section and established the pulmonary function laboratory at McGuire Veterans Medical Center in Richmond. He was director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control for the Commonwealth of Virginia for 18 years and was an associate clinical professor of medicine at the Medical College of Virginia. He was a lifetime member of Southampton Baptist Church.


1943/Patti “June” Hargrove Connwell, W., of Richmond, Va., March 18, 2004. She was a former teacher and director of the Upper School at St. Catherine’s School and a retired employee of Signet Bank.

1945/Edwin T. Williams, R., of Richmond, Va., March 24, 2004. He served as pastor at churches in Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina and North Carolina. He was also a professional counselor with specialties in marriage and substance abuse.

1947/Ruth Schimmel Loevinger, W., of Gaithersburg, Md., April 18, 2004. She was coordinator of volunteer services and career information assistant at several high schools in Rockville, Md., until her retirement.

1947/John F. Murphy Jr., R., of New Canaan, Conn., March 27, 1999. He was a retired banker.

1957/Benjamin N. Jones, R, of Runoke, Va., Oct. 15, 1999. He was a retired physician.

1959/Edgar Brady Fearnow, B, of Richmond, Va., Sept. 16, 2001. He was a retired systems analyst for the Virginia Department of Corrections.

1960/Douglass Hilary Moseley Jr., R, of Richmond, Va., April 27, 2004. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a medical claims manager for 24 years at Aetna Life Insurance. He had an extended career as a tax preparer for H&R Block and was an enrolled agent for the IRS.


1961/Sally Robbins Spiller, W, of Tappahannock, Va., May 6, 2004. She was a charter member and director of the Essex County Museum and supporter of the Essex County Library. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she served on the Vestry and numerous committees.

1962/George H. Hock, B, of Raleigh, N.C., April 10, 2004. He was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served honorably as a combat veteran in Vietnam. He retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance as an auditor after 35 years of service.


1970/Russell W. Morris Jr., B, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., March 25, 2004. He was the manager of internal audit for Rayonier Inc. and a member of the American Institute of Internal Auditors.


1973/Craig R. Poole, B, of Richmond, Va., Feb. 27, 2004. He was the owner of Safety First Company of Virginia and a member of the University of Richmond Alumni Association board.

1975/Carol Anne Chittum, W, of Norfolk, Va., March 24, 2004. A former member of the historic Barter Theatre's acting company, she performed in more than 100 local theatre productions around Virginia, as well as commercials and industrial films. She worked in public relations for the State Council of Higher Education and recently worked at The Maning Studio.


1984/Brenda Newell Berry, C, of Richmond, Va., March 23, 2004. She was a programmer and systems analyst for the Commonwealth of Virginia.


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*Aug. 8–16, 2005*
Approximately $1,895, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy or $2,795 per person including air from Washington Dulles. V.A.T. is an additional $95 per person, subject to change.

Your campus site is picturesque Lisieux. Discover ancient Rouen, the site of Joan of Arc’s trial. See Monet’s home and brilliantly colored gardens at Giverny.

Make the pilgrimage to magnificent Mont-St.-Michel. Visit solemn Omaha Beach, the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the D-Day invasion. The Omaha Beach War Memorial, a protected historic landmark, stands here in silent homage to the fallen.

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*Aug. 17–29, 2005*
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**Discover Quebec**  
*September 18–27, 2005*
Approximately $1,499, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy or $2,079 per person including air from Richmond.

From the sophisticated cities of Montreal and Quebec City to the natural beauty of the Charlevoix and Saguenay regions in the north, Canada’s Quebec Province offers a rich and varied travel experience. Enjoy guided tours of Montreal’s historic sites and some time to discover Quebec City’s French traditions. Encounter nature at its grandest with a cruise of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers and take advantage of the amenities of famous resort hotels.

**Yorkshire**  
*Sept. 18–26, 2005*
Approximately $1,895, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy or $2,595 per person including air from Washington Dulles. V.A.T. is an additional $95 per person, subject to change.

Step back in time to olde England. Marvel at the magnificence of North Yorkshire with its high, wild Pennine hills to the west and its sandy beaches and rugged North Sea cliffs to the east. From the comfort of Harrogate, discover the grandeur and history of North Yorkshire. Relax like royalty at the elegant estates of Harwood, Castle Howard and Aske Manor. Brood over the rugged beauty of the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors. Explore the ancient streets and cobbled marketplaces of historic York.

**Saxony Cruise on the Magnificent Elbe River**  
*Oct. 21–Nov. 1, 2005*
Approximately $2,395, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy or $1,395 per person including air from Washington Dulles. V.A.T. is an additional $95 per person, subject to change.

Your adventure through fascinating Saxony begins in magnificent Prague, which has remained virtually unchanged for centuries, before embarking on a cruise down the Elbe River. From your base aboard the intimate M/S Swiss Cruise, divided now reunited and always intriguing, Berlin provides a fitting finale.

For more information on these trips and the University of Richmond Alumni Travel program, contact the Alumni Office at 804-289-8026 or visit the Web at http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/travel.html.

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As a volunteer speaker for Carolina Donor Services, Jill Doran, '96, knows first hand the desperate need for organ and tissue donors. She received a double lung transplant in January 2003—the result of a nearly life-long struggle with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects 30,000 people in the United States.

And just this year, her family became part of a small number of families who are both donors and recipients when her brother, Jim, passed away from the disease. “Although his organs were too sick to be donated, the Carolina Eye Bank was able to retrieve Jim’s corneas for donation,” said Doran. As a result, two people had their sight restored.

Doran waited about two years for her transplant after a lung collapse and progressive decline in her health led doctors to recommend the procedure. She had just begun a residency after graduating with a medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

Because her health insurance would expire before the transplant, she and friends raised more than $350,000 through the National Foundation for Transplants for the operation and follow-up treatment.

She has been unable to work since the transplant because of complications, such as an infection that left her with blind spots and acute renal failure. After five months of dialysis, her kidneys “kicked back in,” and she is doing much better.

“I can’t say the recovery has been easy, but it definitely has been worth it. My new lungs are doing very well, and I feel better than I have in years,” she said.

Doran is looking forward to someday using her medical degree—possibly in cystic fibrosis or transplantation research. “I would love to use my medical degree in some way, but I know that working with ill people is not in my best interest for the time being, I am still very susceptible to infection,” she explained.

When Doran received the call to come to the hospital for her transplant, the first thing she did was say a prayer for her donor’s family “because I knew that only a tragedy could have resulted in this chance at life for me.”

She met that family in August, having already talked at length with the donor’s mother and aunt. A 20-year old male college student, he was an honors student and Eagle Scout. “It is so incredible to think that in their time of grief, they chose to donate [his] organs. That truly is a selfless gift. I can’t bring [him] back to them, but I can say thank you and show them how grateful I am by living my life to its fullest.”

—LINDA EVANS, W'71

**Wedding bells ring for reunion couples**

College reunions are about renewing old friendships, but for two Spider couples, recent reunions also meant wedding bells. Forty-five years after graduation and more than 40 years after their first date, a chance meeting at the 2002 reunion resulted in marriage for Gent Cofer, R'57, and Grace Raveling, W'57. Gent, a retired minister, attended his first reunion because he had a speaking engagement in town the following weekend. After talking briefly at the picnic, Gent and Grace did not see each other the rest of the weekend. A few days later, Gent wrote to the former May queen inviting her to lunch. Two months later, Gent proposed, and on April 16, 2003, the couple—each having lost a spouse to cancer—married.

“I did not go back to the reunion with the expectation of meeting anyone,” recalled Gent, who commuted from Montana to Virginia during the year they dated.

“Something other than chance just brought us together,” said Grace.

Mitchell Hailey, R’79, attended the class of 1978’s 25th reunion in April 2003 after a fraternity brother invited him to the Saturday night Greek Theater party. While there, he ran into Carter Wilson, B’78, the sister of his classmate, Leslie Wilson Pepper, W’79. Carter, who was attending her first reunion, did not remember Mitchell, although she had represented his fraternity as homecoming queen more than 25 years earlier.

Mitchell, of Alexandria, Va., often traveled on business to New York City, where Carter was living. Six weeks after meeting, they had visited twice and were talking daily. By July, Carter had moved to Northern Virginia, and a month later, they were engaged. The couple married on Oct. 13, 2003—her first marriage and his second.

“I feel like I owe the University something,” Mitchell said. Carter agreed. Going back to my reunion “was definitely one of the best decisions I ever made.”

—ALISSA MANCUSO POOLE, ’94
Scrutiny awaits 2004 vote

"So will there be another Florida?"

Americans want to know if the postscript to the 2000 election—as exciting and embarrassing as it was—will be repeated.

Could it happen again? Could there be one or more states where the ingredients for an electoral perfect storm—a close election, (inter)national interest and alleged voting problems that affect the outcome—could come together to put the Presidency in doubt?

The questions over the security and integrity of voting systems have fueled election controversies during the primary season. The early evidence suggests those will increase tenfold in November.

The first two ingredients to cause post-election turmoil are undoubtedly present. It appears that the nation's sharp political divide is largely unchanged since 2000—with Republicans and Democrats evenly split on the war in Iraq, the economy and social issues such as gay marriage. Given this split and the nation's current role in the world, it is difficult to imagine more interest in the outcome of the November vote.

So, whether or not we have "another Florida" in 2004 depends solely on that third ingredient: alleged voting problems that affect the outcome of the election.

Consider the level of attention that has been paid so far this year to races that could be considered minor. A CBS Evening News segment in January highlighted problems with a fall 2003 election for school board in Fairfax County, Va., in which electronic machines, the report stated, "simply failed to count an unknown number of votes for Republican ... candidate Rita Thompson. She lost."

It—and numerous other news reports—also mentioned a better-known case in early 2004 during a special election in South Florida in which direct-recording electronic voting machines (DREs) recorded 134 blank ballots in a race decided by a dozen votes.

The spotlight again shone on more recent problems in California.

On Super Tuesday in San Diego, a power fluctuation caused new touch-screen machines to present poll workers with startup screens they had never seen, despite hours of training, causing delays. Other problems plagued machines in Alameda and Orange counties, while some questioned vote totals in Riverside, another county using DRE machines, leading to demands for a recount.

One can predict with some certainty that the outcry over machine problems will be much greater if one candidate wins the White House by only a few electoral votes.

It would appear that America is on track for election controversies because so many people are on the lookout for them to occur. If Florida 2000 was considered the perfect storm of election controversy, take a look at the low-pressure system building nationwide for November 2004.

• Politicians, parties and interest groups are paying attention and, like Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign, are preparing to strike before, during and after the election if it is perceived to be in their interest to do so.

• Based on phone calls and research requests at electionline.org, the media is gearing up for detailed reporting of state and local election preparations.

• State and local election officials across the country are girding themselves for another season under what Doug Lewis of the Election Center called the "electron microscope" of public and media attention.

• Everyday Americans—even if their only connection to the elections process is voting—are aware of the potential for problems and will be on guard against errors that affect their right to vote.

In this environment, with so many different people and groups focused on the election process, it is not only inevitable but likely that someone will find something to challenge in the 2004 result. Combine that with the nation's sharp political divide and the high national and international stakes, and those challenges could result in "another Florida."

In other words, the number of people hoping to prevent "another Florida" could actually help to make it happen.

The Election Reform Information Project administers electionline.org, the nation's only nonpartisan, non-advocacy Web site providing news and analysis on election reform. The project was created by a grant to the University of Richmond from The Pew Charitable Trusts after the November 2000 election brought the shortcomings of the American electoral system to the public's attention.
On June 30, we closed our fiscal year having surpassed our Annual Fund goal. This critical resource supports yearly expenses for scholarships, curricular enhancements, library purchases, technology upgrades, student life programs and facilities improvements. Thank you for making this success possible.