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Where does the University of Richmond story begin? With Virginia Baptists, who identified the need for ministerial education in the late 18th century? With the Rev. Edward Baptist, the man who taught the first six students at Dunlora Academy in 1830?

Maybe it would be better to start with the Rev. Robert Ryland, the driving force behind Richmond College from 1832 until the Civil War—or maybe Dr. Frederic Boatwright, who led the University to new heights from 1895 to 1946.

With all due respect to chronology, theology and ideology, perhaps it is best to start with the 12 alumni who made an impassioned plea to reopen the college after the Civil War. History did not record all of their names, but their zeal inspired trustee James B. Thomas to pledge $5,000, an enormous sum in those days. He attributed his generosity to the “enthusiasm of these young men.”

The University could not have survived and thrived during its first 175 years without the enthusiastic support of its alumni and many other friends whose collective contributions sustain and inspire us today. We might not remember their names, but we will not forget the difference they made.

Who were the alumni, professors and students who inspired Boatwright to devote his life to his alma mater? Who influenced E. Claiborne Robins to give so generously to the University? Who encouraged the diminutive Dr. May Keller to stand tall for women’s education and women’s rights?

It is impossible to list everyone who has played important, even crucial, roles in the University’s history. We dare not, for example, single out individual faculty members among the many brilliant and beloved professors who have stirred in their students a passion for learning.

So the timeline on the following pages focuses on stories that should never be forgotten, tales of people overcoming tremendous obstacles to keep the University going and growing. If your favorite personality or story does not appear (Joe Nettles? Dick Tarrant? Pierpont the dog?), please note that our original list for this timeline was twice as long.

If we had space for just one idea, it would be this: All of us—students, faculty, staff, alumni and other supporters—embody the University’s history. We should never underestimate the value of our collective efforts. Like the alumni who made the case to reopen Richmond following the Civil War, our names eventually will be forgotten, but our contributions will endure as they inspire future generations to build an even greater University.

—Karl Rhodes
Editor
Richmond Alumni Magazine
The Baptist General Association of Virginia, at its annual meeting in Richmond, established an Education Society to create an academy to train young men, tuition free, for the ministry. In October, the Rev. Edward Baptist taught the first class of six students at Dunlora, a private home in Powhatan County.

The seminary moved to Columbia, a Federal-period mansion west of town on Lombardy Street between Broad and Franklin streets. The school remained there for the next 80 years, building the structure pictured above in stages from 1855 to 1883.

The academy, renamed Virginia Baptist Seminary, relocated to 224 acres north of Richmond called Spring Farm, where students labored in the fields as an essential part of their education. (Today the site is the southeastern edge of Lakeside, just northeast of Bryan Park.) Under the direction of the Rev. Robert Ryland, the superintendent and only teacher, students arose at half past four, worshiped at five, studied until half past three (with one brief intermission), worked the farm and garden until five o'clock worship and then, after dinner, resumed their studies until bedtime. Ryland described the buildings as a plain farmhouse, slab-covered log cabins and an unsightly barn that served as a chapel and schoolroom. Although the initial 14 students were preparing for the ministry, Ryland decided that "their studies should ... be mostly classical and literary," focused on "language, math, history and rhetoric (sic), geography, etc.," in addition to theology. The farm regimen proved immensely unpopular with students and grossly unprofitable for the Education Society, which sold Spring Farm after two years.

Ryland became the first president of Richmond College.

Richmond College conferred its first degrees upon Josiah Ryland (nephew of the president) and Poindexter Smith Henson.

The Virginia General Assembly passed an act of incorporation, and Virginia Baptist Seminary became a liberal arts school called Richmond College.

Timeline by Barbara Fitzgerald
Fourteen graduates established the Society of Alumni and elected Josiah Ryland as its first president.

Responding to a plea from 12 alumni, Trustee James B. Thomas (above) pledged $5,000 to help reestablish the college following the Civil War. It reopened with Tiberius Gracchus Jones as president.

Financial strain prompted a change to faculty-run administration. President Jones resigned, and Bennett Puryear became chairman of the faculty, the school’s top position for the next 26 years.

The college closed at the start of the Civil War, and a number of students and faculty died in battle. The college’s main building served first as a Confederate hospital and, after the fall of the city of Richmond, as a barracks and camping ground for the Union Army. Vandals defaced the buildings and stole the science equipment. The college had invested its endowment of $100,000 in Confederate bonds that became worthless.

The Law School opened.

The college’s first fraternity, Kappa Alpha, organized.
In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Baptist General Association, Baptists across the commonwealth joined the Memorial Movement, a campaign to raise $300,000 for Richmond College. Parishioners and churches, impoverished by the war, were inspired by ministers to support the cause with "holy enthusiasm." A crowd of 10,000 Baptists gathered at the college to hear orators such as trustee J.L.M. Curry, who recounted the religious persecution and imprisonment of Baptists in Virginia in the mid-18th century. He held up the old lock and key from the Culpeper jail, and the crowd went wild as he snapped the lock open to symbolize religious freedom. They answered the call for donations with cash, pledges, and even jewelry. Although it fell short of its goal, the college's first major fund-raising campaign helped rebuild the endowment.

Traveling in the Mediterranean, Curry purchased a mummy for the college museum. (Ti Ameny Net and her sarcophagus remain on display in North Court's Ancient World Gallery.)

Richmond won its first football game, 3-0, against Randolph-Macon.

Local sportswriter, Evan Ragland Chesterman, referred to the college's baseball team as "the Spiders." Legend has it that the Richmond pitcher and outfielders were tall and lanky, and something about the way they scurried around the field suggested the Spiders moniker. Teams had previously been called both "the Mules" and "the Colts," but "the Spiders" name stuck, and reporters popularized the nickname for the baseball and football teams.

A student group burned Frederic Boatwright in effigy as he considered an offer to become president of Richmond College. A second group marched with a band to Boatwright's home to serenade him. Boatwright, a 26-year-old professor of modern languages, was chosen for his "exalted character, well ascertained scholarship, unusual ability ... youth, honorable ambition [and] tried devotion to his alma mater." The campus, however, divided over Boatwright's appointment and the change from faculty administration to presidential leadership. Boatwright accepted the position on Jan. 1, 1895. After a rough start, he held the post 51 years, guiding the college through a move to a new campus, two world wars, the Great Depression, fires, a million-dollar fund-raising campaign, the founding of Westhampton College and the construction of many signature buildings on campus. Boatwright did as much as any individual to turn a small college into a full-fledged university.
John D. Rockefeller gave $5,000 to the college, opening the door to a later gift of $25,000 and a long-term association between the college and the General Education Board of New York, a Rockefeller-funded philanthropic organization. In 1906, the college asked the board for $150,000 to help establish a women's college in Richmond. The board approved the amount, contingent upon the college raising $350,000 from other sources and placing the women's college and Richmond College under one administration. The $500,000 total helped establish Westhampton College.

Richmond College admitted its first four women as day students, some with transfer credits from nearby Baptist-supported Richmond College for Women (formerly the Richmond Female Institute), where Boatwright had begun teaching German in 1893. In 1899, one of those women, Lulie Gaines Winston, became the first female graduate of Richmond College.

Trustees voted to move Richmond College to its present campus in Richmond's West End, formerly the grounds of an amusement park. They chose renowned Boston architect Ralph Adams Cram to design the first seven buildings. Cram favored a Collegiate Gothic style of architecture, which became the University's signature. Noted landscaper Charles Gillette designed the original grounds.

A fire on Christmas Day swept through the main building at the old campus. Fifty-three students, many of them home for the holidays, lost all their possessions, and the college lost many valuable documents, including some sketches of the new campus. The fire made the planned move to the West End urgent.
On Sept. 17, Westhampton College opened for its first session, under the leadership of 37-year-old Dr. May Keller, the first female dean of a Virginia college. President Boatwright wanted Westhampton to offer the same strong liberal arts curriculum as Richmond College, and he wanted a dean who prized scholarship. He found that in Keller, an English professor at Goucher College with a Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg. Keller hired a strong faculty to teach Latin, mathematics and philosophy. She required students in her course, Development of English Drama, to read 100 plays. By 1923, Westhampton was known as a model women’s college. In a 1964 editorial, the local newspaper said that Keller “lived through a complete revolution in women’s education, women’s rights, women’s role in society. Lived through it? She fought in it. She was four feet, 10 inches tall, but she was indomitable.” In her 32 years as dean, Keller became a legend.

The first graduating class of Westhampton initiated the Daisy Chain, a tradition that lasted approximately 50 years. Sophomores created an elaborate chain of wildflowers they carried on their shoulders to honor seniors at graduation.

Richmond College moved to its new, spacious, wooded campus at the end of the streetcar line. On the north side of a central lake—the men’s side—the permanent structures included two dormitories, a stadium, a refectory and an administration building that also housed classrooms and a library. The new Westhampton College occupied the south side of the lake, with a single building, North Court, housing a lecture hall, classrooms and dormitories for women. (The law school remained on the old campus.)

The federal government commandeered campus buildings as hospitals during World War I, and the college moved back to the old campus for the 1918–19 session.
1920
The Law School admitted its first female student.

1921
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences opened.

1929
Cannon Memorial Chapel was dedicated.

1933
Mac Pitt, the legendary “Silver Fox,” was named head basketball coach. He added head baseball coach to his resume in 1935. His 1934–35 basketball team achieved a 20-0 season. Pitt led his basketball teams to five state championships and an overall record of 197-168. His baseball teams won 16 state and four Southern Conference championships and achieved a 426-257 record during his 36-year tenure. Several of his players went on to become Major Leaguers, including Milwaukee Braves pitcher Lew Burdette, the 1957 World Series MVP. Pitt was elected to several halls of fame for both baseball and basketball.

1943
First Ring Dance was held. Westhampton juniors dressed in white and wore their class rings for the first time.

1920
The trustees united Richmond College, Westhampton College and the Law School under one name—University of Richmond.

1930
First dance was held on campus.

1935
Douglas Southall Freeman, rector of the University’s Board of Trustees from 1933 to 1949, won the Pulitzer Prize for his four-volume biography of Robert E. Lee. His seven-volume biography of George Washington won a Pulitzer in 1958. Freeman appeared on the cover of Time magazine in 1948.
1946
Memorial service was held for 57 former students who died in World War II. More than 1,300 Richmond College students fought in the war.

1949
Dr. George Modlin was named president. During the next 25 years, he oversaw the birth of University College and the School of Business Administration. He was a strong supporter of the arts.

1955
Boatwright Memorial Library was dedicated. The building was a gift from the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

1954
The Law School moved from Columbia to a new building on the main campus.

1961
University of Richmond’s first radio station, WCRC, went on the air. WCRC became WDCE in 1977.

1962
University College opened. It later became the School of Continuing Studies.

1964
The first black students attended University College.
The University installed its first computer, an IBM 1620, in the business school building. A small crane lifted sections of the system through a third-floor window because they were too big to pass through the doors.

The Fine Arts Center was dedicated. In 1996, the University expanded it and named it in honor of President Modlin.

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman was appointed president. During his 15-year tenure, he helped raise $200 million and oversaw construction and renovation projects worth $65 million.

E. Claiborne Robins donated $50 million to the University. When President Modlin announced the gift at commencement, the audience of 4,000 people stood, clapped and shouted. At the time, it was the largest cash gift ever presented to an American university, and it came at a critical juncture. Robins challenged Richmond “to become the finest small private university in the nation.” The gift transformed the University in many ways. A new charter, for example, reduced the influence of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. When Town and Country magazine named Robins one of the “most generous living Americans” in 1983, it said his gift made the University “a major institution.” Over his lifetime, Robins and his family gave Richmond about $175 million in total.
1972
The Robins Center opened, replacing the Richmond Arena as the home court for basketball.

1974
Students built a 600-foot-long banana split in an attempt to make the Guinness Book of World Records.

1976
A new student commons spanned the lake, physically uniting the two campuses. It later was named for trustee Dr. W. Tyler Haynes.

1977
The Gottwald Science Center (now known as the Gottwald Center for the Sciences) opened.

1978
The Office of Chaplaincy was created, and one year later Dr. David Burhans was hired. Burhans held the post for 30 years, inaugurating such traditions as interdenominational worship services, annual food and clothing drives, special programs for Black History Month, and extraordinary student involvement with Habitat for Humanity.

1980
The WILL program (Women Involved in Living and Learning) was established at Westhampton College, one of the first programs of its kind in the nation.

1981
Student Josephine White won the NCAA championship in the 1,000-meter run.

The popular television show, *The Waltons*, debuted, created by Richmond alumnus Earl Hamner Jr. The autobiographical lead character, John-Boy Walton, enrolled in "Boatwright University" in a 1974 episode and had several adventures at Boatwright during the show’s eight-year run.

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The women's tennis team won the AIAW Division II national championship.

Dr. Richard Morrill was appointed president, serving 10 years and developing a strategic plan that strengthened academics. He expanded the faculty and promoted the arts.

The Office of International Education opened, significantly expanding the University's global reach. Soon the student body reflected 70 nationalities and every major religion. Study abroad programs flourished, and by 1994, two International House dormitories opened. In 2003, Global House opened as a residential program for both U.S. and international students to promote awareness of global issues.

The men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16 with wins over Indiana and Georgia Tech.

Dr. Samuel Banks was named president.

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies was dedicated as 3,000 people gathered on Stern Plaza to hear Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and alumnus Robert S. Jepson Jr., the school's visionary benefactor.

The University hosted a pivotal presidential debate. Candidates George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot faced off in the Robins Center in the first-ever "town hall meeting" debate. Televised to some 200 million people worldwide, the debate brought hundreds of journalists to campus, including Tom Brokaw, John Chancellor, Andrea Mitchell and Bernard Shaw. A Gallup-selected audience asked the candidates questions, including how the national debt had affected them personally. Bush stumbled over his response, and a television camera later caught him checking his watch. Some political analysts claim that the president's poor performance cost him the election.
1994

U.S. News & World Report first ranked the University No. 1 in its category in the magazine’s annual “America’s Best Colleges” issue. Richmond has maintained that ranking each year since.

2000

The first Richmond Quest was held. The New York Times, USA Today and CBS Sunday Morning all have featured stories about the competition to select a challenging question for campus-wide exploration. President Cooper conceived the program to stimulate intellectual engagement.

2001

The First Community Service Day was held to encourage students, faculty and staff to volunteer in the Richmond area. Students have donated more than 100,000 hours to local schools, charities and other worthy causes each year.

1996

A huge flatbed truck transported the historic Bottomley House across River Road to become the centerpiece of the Jepson Alumni Center.

1996

The new Modlin Center for the Arts opened. President Morrill called the center “a rallying and connecting point for both campus and community.”

1998

Dr. William E. Cooper was named the University’s eighth president. He created an ambitious strategic plan, boosted the University’s academic profile, established the innovative Richmond Quest, and launched a $200 million fund-raising campaign.
2002
Men and women began living on both sides of Westhampton Lake.

2003
Alumni associations from Richmond College, Westhampton College and Robins School of Business merge.

2004
The University embarked upon a year-long celebration of its 175th anniversary.

2004
The University launched the Transforming Bright Minds campaign. The $200 million campaign is the largest in Richmond's history.

2004
New social sciences building, Weinstein Hall, won national recognition as an environmentally friendly building.
What’s on the bookshelf?

1. Edward Baptist used this Greek New Testament and concordance at Dunlora Academy in 1830. In the painting of Dunlora on page 3, Edward Baptist is placing these books back into a leather pouch. The painting is part of the Virginia Baptist History Mural by Sidney E. King. The painting and books were photographed with permission from the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

2. Brick from the ruins of Dunlora Academy. The ruins are in Powhatan County north of U.S. Highway 60. See page 3.

3. Photograph of the Rev. Robert Ryland, the first president of Richmond College, taken after he resigned in 1866. See page 3.

4. Magnifier and slide used in the biology department of Richmond College in the early 20th century.

5. Key from the Culpeper Jail that imprisoned Baptists in the 18th century. University Trustee J.L.M. Curry used this symbol of religious freedom to inspire a crowd of 10,000 Baptists to donate money and jewelry to Richmond College during the Memorial Movement of 1873. See page 5. The key was photographed with permission from the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

6. Trophy won during field day at Richmond Academy, a prep school operated by the University of Richmond from 1902 to 1918.

7. Colorized postcard (circa 1900) shows the main building on the old campus near downtown Richmond. Completed in 1883, the building caught fire on Christmas Day 1910. See pages 3 and 6.

8. Spectacles of Robert Semple, the first president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in 1823. The association was the driving force behind the University for many decades.

9. Photograph of Dr. Frederic Boatwright, president of the University from 1895 to 1946, taken before 1895. See page 5.

10. Richmond College commencement program from 1911.

11. Toy spider purchased by the University Archives from the collection of Robert L. Garian, R’55 and L’58. For more on the spider nickname, see page 5.

12. Photograph of Dr. May Keller taken in 1904, when she received her Ph.D. in Heidelberg, Germany. Keller was the founding dean of Westhampton College in 1914. See page 7.

13. Beanie worn at Westhampton College, probably in the 1940s or 1950s.

14. Student handbook from 1934–35


16. Photo of E. Claiborne Robins, the University’s greatest benefactor, taken in 1974. See page 10.

17. Toy football currently on sale at the University’s bookstore.

Note: Items that aren’t identified in the photograph—the quill, pocket watch, cell phone, etc.—are emblematic of their time periods but not specifically connected to the University.

About the Books

All of the books in this photograph have strong ties to the University of Richmond, and most of them reside in the rare books collection of Boatwright Memorial Library. On the far left is the first volume of Southern Literary Messenger, the Richmond-based magazine that employed Edgar Allan Poe in the 1830s. The second book from the left, The Works of James Hervey, Volume 2, was used at Virginia Baptist Seminary in the early 1830s. Charles H. Ryland donated this book to the University in 1899.

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Mark your calendars

Upcoming 175th anniversary events

Then & Now: Dementi Studio
Photographs of the University of Richmond
Jan. 21 – May 6
Marsh Art Gallery and the Joel and Lila Harnett
Print Study Center

This exhibit pairs historical photographs with contemporary scenes of the campus and its community. Dementi Studio, founded in 1924, has captured vibrant images of the University’s students, faculty, buildings and activities during decades of changes and achievements.

Verbum Vitae et Lumen Scientiae:
175th Anniversary Print Portfolio
Feb. 15 – March 4
Marsh Art Gallery

“Verbum Vitae et Lumen Scientiae,” the University’s motto, means “word of life and the light of knowledge.” To celebrate the University’s 175th anniversary, University Museums commissioned a portfolio of prints by 12 contemporary artists.

Founder’s Week
Feb. 28 – March 4
Campuswide

The week will include a birthday cake and celebration for all students in Heilman Dining Center on March 1. Students also will place a time capsule in the University’s archives.

Open House
April 2

The open house will feature fun for the whole family, including children’s activities, concerts, lectures, exhibits, international films, trolley tours of the campus, and a baseball game. The Robins School of Business will host an exhibit on the history of Richmond’s business community, and Dr. Doug Hicks, director of the University’s new Center for Civic Engagement, will moderate a discussion on the University and the Richmond community.

Margaret Thatcher visits Jepson School

How better to learn about leadership than by talking with leaders? Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher shared her insights with students at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies during a visit to the University in August.

Thatcher, prime minister from 1979–1990, traveled to the Jepson School at the request of leadership studies and political science professor Dr. Gary McDowell. Before joining the University last year, McDowell directed the Institute of United States Studies at the University of London. Thatcher served on the institute’s board, and they have maintained close ties.

“Having her here was a very special opportunity,” he says. “The Jepson School is about leadership studies, and one of the best ways to explore that is actually to talk to great leaders. One of my favorite moments was when a student asked, ‘How, as a prime minister, did you consider leadership?’ She responded, ‘You don’t consider it; you just get on with it.’”

Thatcher, 79, no longer gives public speeches, so sessions with students were small and conversational, and students described her as warm and approachable.

“Knowing her reputation for having an iron fist, we were all a bit surprised to realize that she truly is human,” says Allison Kirk, president of the Jepson Student Government Association.

But the iron fist slipped out of the velvet glove when senior Zachariah Dorey-Stein asked Thatcher about the experiences that have shaped her political beliefs. “She responded that the six-year war [World War II] was instrumental,” Dorey-Stein recalls. “Her country thought that evil was completely subdued by the end of it, and they thought another war would never be fought. She said that building a strong military is very important for any nation, particularly after a major war.”

Thatcher gave students a brief overview of her university experience and her many encounters with world leaders, but she also inquired about their interests and opinions. “There is no doubt in my mind,” says senior Adrienne Benson, “that each individual who met [her] will forevermore have a vivid picture of the strength and charm of such an influential woman.”

— Megan Marconyak, ’05
Striving to help homeless people

Prior to attending Richmond, seniors Lauren Johanson and Jill Fasching never seriously thought about social justice issues.

Now the two students have developed a program that has reduced homelessness in the Richmond area.

Their creation, “Project Strive,” has helped more than 100 homeless men and women develop work-readiness skills, obtain jobs and, for many of them, find permanent shelter.

The idea for the project began with a class, Analyzing and Making Policy, that the two students took as sophomores in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. “The focus of that class and of the leadership school that year was on homelessness,” says Johanson of Camarillo, Calif. She and Fasching looked at the inherent problems of day labor pools—the traditional source of employment for homeless people—and came up with a plan to help the homeless find better employment and housing.

When the leadership school hosted a summit on homelessness, they presented their plan, which caught the attention of Peter Prizzio, executive director of The Daily Planet, a service agency for homeless people in the Richmond area. The Daily Planet ended up scrapping its existing vocational program and replacing it with Project Strive.

“We had people willing to work with us and consider us peers in the project,” recalls Fasching of Mount Joy, Pa. The students met with The Daily Planet’s board and business leaders as well as members of Homeward, a coordinating body for homeless services “to convince them of the merits of the program.”

Project Strive combines education with job training to give the homeless the necessary skills to obtain employment. Participants can earn a GED, learn how to fill out employment applications, interview and dress appropriately for work, complete a paid internship at The Daily Planet and obtain a job.

The success of the program became apparent when The Daily Planet received a $226,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement Project Strive on a permanent basis. In a trial period, 90 of 97 people who started the program got jobs, according to Prizzio. After 30 days, 68 percent were still working, and of those, 70 percent had moved into permanent housing.

“We hope these results will justify continued funding,” Prizzio says. “Lauren and Jill have gained some valuable experience, but even more exciting is the fact that [Project Strive] is having such a positive impact on the people we serve.”

One Project Strive graduate, Joseph Henry, is a house painter who moved to Richmond from Baltimore. After becoming homeless in Richmond, he tried working, but ended up angry, hungry and cold most of the time.

He went to The Daily Planet for help. His case manager recommended Project Strive, and after completing the program, he obtained employment with a painting contractor, moved into a townhouse and bought a car. “One thing about being in the Strive program,” he says, “they guarantee you shelter. It would have been impossible to sleep out on the streets and then come in and educate yourself.”

Henry’s goal is to remain self-supporting. “There’s nothing like making it on your own,” he says.

Penny Dortch agrees. Still in the program, she has set her sights on managing a fast-food restaurant.

“When I first became homeless, I didn’t know which way to go,” she recalls. “I have little to no education. I thought the doors were shut for me. Project Strive let me know that there are still opportunities.”

She credits Johanson and Fasching personally. “They let me know that it’s not over,” she says.

Those comments have made the long hours of work worthwhile for the students.

“Having been involved in the Jepson School and specifically having worked with an amazing group of people on Project Strive, I will graduate with an entirely different perspective on the world,” Johanson says. “This school has encouraged me to think critically about my surroundings and will inspire me to contribute to my community.”

Fasching also learned valuable lessons from Project Strive.

“I was given the unique opportunity to experience a piece of the public policy process that students usually only read about in textbooks,” she says. “In the future, I hope to pursue a career that encourages creative problem solving and that allows me to participate actively in the community.”

Their instructor, Dr. Thomas Shields, is proud of their accomplishments. “The real application of leadership studies begins when the students get their hands dirty in helping our local community,” he says. “In terms of academic learning, Lauren and Jill were excellent students, but they also learned that the ideal of moral leadership occurs through action. Project Strive embodied the mission of Jepson—to educate people for and about leadership.”

— Linda Evans, W’71
Students help staff weather storm

When the remnants of Hurricane Gaston pounded the campus in September, 60 trees lost their grip on the squishy soil and came crashing down, blocking roads and crushing cars.

Comprehensive insurance policies replaced most of those cars, but two dining hall employees, Margaret Bethune and Sharon Knox, seemed to be out of luck: no coverage, no cars.

That's when several student organizations formed the Gaston Relief Fund to help the employees replace their ruined vehicles. Dozens of students raised money by knocking on every door of every residence hall and every apartment building on campus. They also collected donations from students, faculty and staff at a table in Tyler Haynes Commons.

In just nine days, students raised more than $9,000. They gave Bethune and Knox $3,000 each plus $100 in gas money. They used some of the funds to host a luncheon to thank the facilities staff for doing a great job cleaning up the campus after the storm, and they donated the remaining money to an employee emergency fund administered by the Office of the Chaplaincy.

The co-chairs of the Gaston Relief Fund—seniors Kristen Emerson, Melanie Mayhew and Ken Kraper—met Bethune and Knox for the first time at an emotional reception in Tyler Haynes Commons.

"We all heard your story, and we know that you are always here doing things for us, and we wanted to do something for you," Mayhew said. "What you do so often goes unnoticed. The professors and the deans get lots of credit, but you are just as important. You are an integral part of this University."

Bethune and Knox clearly were overwhelmed with emotion, and they both pledged to pass on the students' generosity to others in need down the road.

"You are all my children, even though I know that you are all grown up," Bethune said. "As a mother, you always feel that longing to mother."

Knox choked back tears and struggled to say, "I don't know how to thank you."

The room was silent until Len Goldberg, vice president for student development, said, "I think you just did."

— Karl Rhodes

Center for Civic Engagement combines ideas, advocacy and action

It's a place for debate, ideas, hope and action for social change.

Dr. Doug Hicks, director of the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, presented that description of the center at its dedication Sept. 14. With it, the dream of countless students, faculty and staff is coming alive in Tyler Haynes Commons.

The center is designed to bring campus and community leaders together in collaborative study, reflection and research to address social issues in Richmond and the wider world.

Hicks said the center must then put the resulting ideas into action. "Problems will not be solved in an ivory tower or in a bubble," he noted. "If we are seen only as a coordinator of community service, or alternatively, as a closed-minded, narrow research center, then we will have failed this challenge of an integrated vision."

According to other speakers, failure is unlikely.

President William E. Cooper said there is a "true spirit here of effective engagement, trying to leverage what we do as an academic community with the Richmond community, and in some cases, with communities well beyond Richmond, in a way that really brings home results."

The Rev. Wayne Meisel, president of The Bonner Foundation, which sponsors the Bonner Scholars program on campus and is a benefactor of the center, told those gathered for the dedication that community service must be tied to civic engagement.

"Community service that is not connected to civic engagement, while being well-meaning and perhaps providing some benefit, falls short of what a democracy expects and requires and holds out as a possibility," he said. "By engaging in advocacy, "we speak up in a way to make sure that other voices are heard."

Prior to the dedication, the center sponsored three concurrent seminars on social issues. One featured panelists from the Democratic and Republican parties, electionline.org and Richmond Crusade for Voters in a discussion of the November 2004 election. A second seminar examined the politics of housing and homelessness, while the third looked at international development and the responsibility of the United States.
Weinstein Hall wins environmental award

Weinstein Hall, the University's social sciences building, has been named one of the most environmentally friendly structures in the world.

The U.S. Green Building Council awarded the building its Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. At the time of the award, only 115 structures in the world were LEED certified, and just four of those buildings were in Virginia.

Completed in July 2003, Weinstein Hall incorporated a major expansion and renovation of the former Political Science Building. Architects and contractors followed the council's guidelines throughout construction of the 53,000-square-foot building, whose many environmentally friendly features include a system that monitors and adjusts fresh air entering the building.

Other environmental amenities include special parking for carpool participants and drivers of alternative-fuel vehicles, including receptacles for recharging electric car batteries. Builders used recycled steel, and they selected other materials, such as paint and carpeting, that have low "volatile organic compounds" to reduce potential allergy-related problems for faculty, staff and students. The building even has special mats at primary entrances to remove particles from shoes.

Trustees approve tuition increase

The Board of Trustees voted in October to set the 2005–06 total cost of attendance for entering first-year and transfer undergraduate students at $40,510, an increase of 26.9 percent from the current academic year. Returning undergraduate students will see a 5 percent increase to $33,510.

Total cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room and board. Recognizing that currently enrolled students and their families already had budgeted for their college expenses based on the existing tuition rate, the board decided to exempt them from the larger increase.

To ensure that a Richmond education remains affordable, the board dedicated a sizeable portion of the additional tuition revenue to continuing its policy of meeting 100 percent of a student's demonstrated financial need. That policy, which began in 2002, places a $4,000 cap on loan and work-study funding per year with the balance of demonstrated need met with need-based grants that do not have to be repaid.

Richmond is the only university in Virginia, and one of fewer than 40 universities in the country, to meet 100 percent of undergraduate students' demonstrated need and offer a "need-blind" admission policy. Applying or qualifying for need-based aid is not a factor in Richmond's admission decisions.

Tuition at Richmond is the primary revenue source for annual operations, as it is at most private universities. Although the University's endowment is sizeable, it accounts for only 27 percent of the institution's total operating budget. While the ongoing Transforming Bright Minds campaign is expected to secure financial support for many institutional priorities, its success will have only a marginal impact on the University's annual operating budget.

The additional tuition revenue will allow Richmond to accelerate many of its strategic initiatives that will greatly enhance the undergraduate experience and directly benefit students. These initiatives include increasing the amount of need- and merit-based scholarships, hiring additional faculty in a variety of disciplines, updating technology resources throughout the campus and re-engineering classrooms to better facilitate discussion-based learning. Other initiatives include renovating or expanding existing buildings such as the science center, library, business school and dining hall, as well as constructing new facilities.

When the tuition increase is implemented, the total cost of attending Richmond will be comparable to other selective private universities with which Richmond competes for top students, including Duke, Vanderbilt, Georgetown and Colgate.

"For the past several decades, the University of Richmond's tuition rate has been comparatively low and does not accurately reflect the high quality of our faculty, academic programs and campus resources," says Otis D. Coston Jr., rector of the Board of Trustees. "We are in the process of building one of the nation's great universities, and increasing tuition revenue will provide the resources needed to propel Richmond to the top echelon of academic excellence. We have a responsibility to our students and the nation to provide the highest quality educational experience within our reach."

The vast majority of Richmond alumni supports this position. In a 2003 alumni survey, 95 percent of respondents said it was important for the University to pursue its vision to "become one of the finest small private universities in the nation."

Prior to the trustees' vote on the tuition increase, President William E. Cooper met with the Alumni Association Board to brief its members on the issue and seek their input.

"After careful consideration of all of the facts, the Alumni Association Board strongly endorsed the tuition proposal," says Board President Bob Seabolt, R'77. "We are pleased to have been consulted prior to the decision, and we look forward to dialogue in the future on issues critical to the University's future."
Dan Lochner, a senior from New Canaan, Conn., has conquered Mount Everest, the sixth leg of his extraordinary quest to climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

Lochner savored his moment on top of the world, but he was disappointed that he could not achieve his goal to be the youngest person to reach the seven summits.

Unbeknownst to Lochner, Britton C. Keeshan, a Middlebury College student, simultaneously was attempting to become the youngest to climb all seven. Lochner also didn’t know that he and Keeshan scaled Everest at the same time but on different sides and that Everest marked Keeshan’s seventh summit. Lochner later discovered that Keeshan, the grandson of TV’s Captain Kangaroo, lived only 15 minutes from Lochner’s home.

Keeshan’s climb meant he held the new record, and to break it, Lochner would have to reach the summit of Vinson Massif in Antarctica on or before Nov. 2. Lochner considered an October mission to Antarctica, but financial constraints and extreme weather stopped him.

Lochner reached the top of Everest on May 18. He called it an eye-opening experience for him and climbing partner Dan Meggitt. In his summit report, he described the three steps, or rock formations, they tackled: “Between the first and second step, the climb is extremely exposed with the use of old frayed rock that could have snapped at any moment. I was very scared at this section because if my crampons did not bite into the rotten rock below, I would have slipped to my death. Or if I had merely broken a limb, I would have still been left for dead as it is next to impossible to save someone at this altitude.”

“To put Everest in perspective,” he continued, “a day after I made the summit, six climbers died on their summit bid, either for reasons of exhaustion or a fall. Even a member of my team and a friend of mine almost died the day after I made the summit. … A member on my permit and I mounted a rescue attempt to save this man, who remained at 27,200 feet, dazed in his tent after making an oxygen-less ascent. To save his life, we pleaded with two Sherpa to search for him, and he was found in his tent at Camp Three almost dead. We met the two Sherpa and him at the North Column and assisted in bringing him down.”

Although Lochner has raised money, he also has maxed out six credit cards in climbing Everest, Mount Kosciusko in Australia, Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Elbrus in Europe, Mount McKinley (Denali) in North America and Aconcagua in South America.

Back at Richmond for his senior year, he hopes to raise enough money to climb Vinson in December during the winter break. His goal is to raise $1 million for prostate cancer research.

After Vinson, Lochner will consider the Adventure Grand Slam—climbing the seven summits and trekking to the North and South Poles. No American has ever done it.

In the meantime, Lochner seems to be getting over the disappointment of missing the seven summits record. “It’s not about winning,” he explains. “It’s about trying.”

To read more about Lochner’s most recent climb, go to www.everestnews.com/lf. To contribute to his cause, visit www.oath7.com or www.prostatecancerclimb.com/sponsorship.htm.

— Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64
Carver wins top ROTC award

Master Sgt. James I. Carver III, an ROTC instructor at the University, has been named national instructor of the year by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Carver was selected from 626 instructors teaching at 272 Army Senior ROTC programs nationwide. First he was named most outstanding instructor in the 4th Brigade, which consists of 19 ROTC programs in Virginia and North Carolina. Then he was named best in the Eastern Region and, finally, best in the United States.

A national board reviewed the candidates’ nomination letters, 15-minute videotapes of their teaching, and accounts of their individual challenges and contributions. Specific criteria included tactical and technical knowledge, communication skills, appearance and military bearing, training literature development, research, and publication of articles.

“We are very proud of Master Sgt. Carver and this distinct recognition,” says Lt. Col. Donald J. Lash Jr., Richmond’s professor of military science. “He is an incredible asset to our team.”

Richmond’s ROTC program is ranked 28th for overall performance among 272 in the nation, and it recently was named to the “Commanding General’s Top 15 Percent.”

Urban forum probes town-gown relations

The 2005 Urban Practice and Policy Forum will examine what questions the University of Richmond and higher education in general need to ask to continue to serve both the local and global communities.

Some of the questions might be: What is the purpose of higher education? What goals should colleges and universities pursue? What obligations do colleges and universities have to society?

The forum is sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences’ Urban Practice and Policy Program. Contributing sponsors include Richmond Quest, the University’s 175th Anniversary Committee, the Office of International Education, and the Center for Civic Engagement.

The University and the Local Community: What Questions Should We Be Asking?
Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Jepson Hall 118

Speakers:
Dr. David Maurrasse, an assistant professor in the Department of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He is the author of Beyond the Campus: How Colleges and Universities Form Partnerships With Their Communities.

Dr. Kenneth Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Dr. Harlan Beckley, director of the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability at Washington and Lee University.

The University and the Global Community: When Do We Know When We’ve Asked the Right Questions?
March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Jepson Hall 118

Speakers:
Dr. Terence P. Dolan, associate professor of old and medieval English at University College in Dublin, Ireland. He was one of the scholars who helped create ERASMUS, a consortium of colleges and universities that promotes international education throughout Europe.

Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education and the Carole M. Weinstein Chair in International Education.

Kathryn J. Monday, vice president for information services.

The University of Richmond and the Richmond community
April 2, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Jepson Alumni Center

Panel discussion moderated by Dr. Doug Hicks, director of the Center for Civic Engagement.
Long-time professors retire

Five professors retired in May with more than 30 years of service to the University. They are listed below in order of seniority.

Dr. Welford D. Taylor, R’59 and G’61, most recently held the James A. Bostwick Chair of English. Taylor began teaching at the University in 1964, and he chaired the English Department from 1978 to 1987. He has written extensively on American authors, including Sherwood Anderson, Ellen Glasgow, Robert Frost and Amelie Rives (Princess Troubetzkoy).

Dr. Ernest C. Bolt Jr. was most recently the Samuel Chiles Mitchell - Jacob Billikopf Professor of History. Bolt started teaching at the University in 1966, and he was chairman of the history department from 1983 to 1989. His teaching and research interests included American diplomatic history, the American peace movement, the Vietnam War and Cuban-American relations.

Dr. Charles W. Johnson Jr., professor of art history, arrived at the University in 1967, and he chaired the art and art history department from then until 2003. Johnson received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1997 from the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia. His specialties included renaissance and baroque art history.

Dr. John W. Outland, professor of political science and international studies, joined the University’s faculty in 1969. He helped create Richmond’s international studies program in the mid-1980s. Outland received the Faculty Member of the Year Award in 1986 and again in 2004 from the Richmond College Student Government Association.

Dr. Joseph F. Kent III began teaching math at Richmond in 1973, and by 1980, he also was teaching computer programming. He chaired the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from 1982 to 1992 and in 2000 became associate dean for academic operations of the School of Arts & Sciences. Kent returned to full-time teaching in 2003.

NEW LEADERSHIP CHAIR HONORS VIETNAM WAR HERO

The University has established an endowed chair of leadership studies in honor of retired Col. Leo K. Thorsness, recipient of the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award for military heroism.

Thorsness, who lives in Saddlebrooke, Ariz., was shot down over Vietnam and survived six years in a prison camp.

On a mission over North Vietnam in 1967, the Air Force fighter pilot and his wingman took out two surface-to-air missile sites. During the attack, the wingman’s plane was shot down, and its two crewmen bailed out.

After shooting down a MiG-17, Thorsness was forced to leave the area because his jet was critically low on fuel. But when he learned that other MiGs were threatening the rescue helicopters, Thorsness ignored his fuel problem and returned to the area. Spying four MiGs, he shot one down and drove the others away before maneuvering his aircraft to the safety of a forward operating base. As he landed, the plane ran out of fuel.

Eleven days after that harrowing experience, he was shot down and captured on his 93rd mission. After Thorsness returned to the United States, President Richard Nixon awarded him the Medal of Honor on Oct. 15, 1973.

Exactly 21 years later, the University hosted a dinner to recognize Thorsness and announce the creation of the Colonel Leo K. and Gaylee Thorsness Chair in Ethical Leadership at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies funded by W. Thomas Matthews, president and CEO of the Global Private Client Group at Smith Barney.

“Col. Thorsness and his wife, Gaylee, have led lives of unselfish service to others, the kinds of lives we hope our students will lead,” says Jepson Dean Kenneth B. Ruscio. “We are honored to have this association with two individuals who personify so many of the highest ideals of the Jepson School.”

For more information about the Transforming Bright Minds campaign or to make an online contribution, visit www.brightminds.richmond.edu.
Move over, Harvard

The Princeton Review has rated the University of Richmond ahead of Harvard for academics in its 2005 edition of The Best 357 Colleges.

Each year, The Princeton Review ranks the top 10 percent of colleges nationally in four categories—academics, campus life, selectivity and financial aid. On a scale of one to 99, Richmond scored 96 for academics, while Harvard scored 94.

Each college’s ratings are based primarily on surveys of its students and administrators, according to the publication: "Factors weighed included how many hours students studied and the quality of the students the school attracts as measured by admissions statistics; we also considered students' assessments of their professors' abilities and helpfulness."

In addition to its impressive academic rating, Richmond earned exceptionally high marks for campus life (94) and student selectivity (97). The University’s financial aid rating was 79.

The University continues to gain recognition in other surveys, too. For the 11th straight year, U.S. News & World Report has rated Richmond No. 1 in its category within the magazine’s “America's Best Colleges” issue. Richmond topped the “Best Universities-Master's-South” category by a wide margin, as it has since 1994. The category includes schools in Southern states that offer undergraduate- and master's-level programs, but not doctoral programs.

U.S. News & World Report measures colleges and universities in seven categories: peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni giving.

“We are pleased to be ranked so highly by America’s college guides once again,” says President William E. Cooper, “especially in the areas of academic quality, outstanding faculty and students, and loyal alumni.”

Burt Installation

Visiting clergy support Chaplain Daphne Burt (front row, center, white robe) at her installation in September.

Fulbright grant takes Larkin to Estonia

Edward Larkin, assistant professor of English, has won a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture on American studies and literature at Tallinn Pedagogical University in Tallinn, Estonia.

Larkin will teach two classes on American studies and American immigrant literature there. He is one of around 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to 140 countries during the 2004-05 academic year through the Fulbright program.

“I was thrilled to win the award,” Larkin says, “and my family is delighted at the prospect of this grand adventure. It represents an interesting opportunity to teach American literature, history and culture in one of the newly independent Baltic States that were formerly a part of the Soviet Union.”

Richmond wins national award for alcohol-abuse prevention

The University’s wellness program, collaborating with many other programs and departments on campus, has won an award for alcohol-abuse prevention. The award recognizes Richmond and two other universities for having the best overall alcohol-abuse prevention programs in the nation. Student judges at Fort Hays State University evaluated nearly 300 submissions during the competition, which was sponsored by Coors Brewing Co. and the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues.

Richmond’s multifaceted approach to alcohol-abuse prevention impressed the judges, says Carol Johnson, the University’s director of wellness. The centerpiece of the program is URAware, a required, four-hour workshop that gives students specific guidelines for drinking based on their self-assessment of risk factors. Other key components include: aggressive enforcement by campus police; the University’s Natural High Program, which gives students exciting alternatives to drinking; and a Social Norms Marketing Program that dispels the notion that alcohol abuse is a “normal” aspect of college life.

“You are never going to stop college students from drinking,” Johnson says. “What we are about is harm reduction.”
Richmond hoopsters reunite in Europe

After four solid years on the University’s basketball team, Scott Ungerer, ’02, got one more chance to impress pro scouts at a three-day hoopfest in downtown Richmond.

Players from big-name schools, such as Duke and UCLA, were among the hopefuls, but Ungerer caught the eye of Herman van den Belt, the head coach of a professional team in The Netherlands. Now in his third season with van den Belt’s team, Landstede Zwolle, Ungerer is living the dream of pro basketball. “People are actually paying me money to play the game I love,” he says. “I realize just how lucky I am.”

Every basketball player wants to play in the NBA, Ungerer concedes, but “as you grow up, reality starts to set in. I feel totally comfortable playing over here and don’t really give the NBA much of a thought anymore.”

Former Spider teammate Greg Stevenson, ’OJ, joined Ungerer on the Landstede Zwolle team in early October. Then the team signed another former Spider, Johnathan Collins, ’03.

Collins had been a sales manager at Gold’s Gym in Northern Virginia, where he also was coaching high school basketball. “It was tough dropping everything I was doing back home,” he says, “but the opportunity to play competitive basketball again with two of my best friends was something I couldn’t pass up.”

Stevenson played in Germany during the 2001–02 season and played in France part of the following year. He has spent the past two seasons with minor-league teams in the United States.

“Playing in Germany and France, compared to the USA, was a little different because of the style of play and a slight difference in the rules,” Stevenson says. “There is a little more pressure. You are the ‘American’ who is supposed to make the team that much better.”

The money can be good, Stevenson says, but sometimes teams do not pay their players on time or in full. Another drawback is being away from your family six to 10 months a year. Stevenson says language barriers also can be a problem, but “you get to travel and see different parts of the world.”

Another former Richmond star, Chris Fleming, ’93, played five years in Germany for Quakenbrück and is now in his sixth season as the team’s coach. His interim assistant coach earlier this season was Jimmy Shields, ’92, a former Richmond teammate who played in Germany last year.

Fleming’s team faced the versatile Ungerer in a preseason game earlier this season and came away impressed. “He can play the four (power forward) on defense and the one (point guard) on offense,” Fleming marvels. Last year in 36 games in The Netherlands, Ungerer averaged 13 points, 5.3 rebounds, 5.6 assists and 1.6 steals per game.

Like most Americans playing professional basketball in Europe, Ungerer lives rent-free in an apartment he shares with a teammate. All of Ungerer’s salary is tax-free, and the hours aren’t bad, he says. “I train three hours a day for basketball, which leaves a lot of time, which I fill with weightlifting, coaching younger kids, e-mails and reading.” By staying busy, Ungerer staves off occasional bouts of homesickness, and he credits his Richmond experience with helping him adapt to his new surroundings.

“Richmond was a great preparation,” he says. “When you arrive at school your freshman year, you are thrown into a completely different world with all strangers, and it is up to you to create your own life. Richmond helped to provide me with an open mind, and that is essential for being happy here.”

—David Driver

For more information about former Richmond basketball stars playing professionally overseas, visit Richmond Alumni Magazine online at www.richmond.edu/alumni/magazine.

Men’s basketball runs for the border

Cancun, Mexico, has become a popular destination for spring break—but fall break?

The men’s basketball players spent their fall break amid the sun and sand of this tropical location. The players enjoyed Cancun’s outdoor attractions, but they had even more fun inside the city’s hot, sweaty gyms.

Richmond dominated three contests against university, club and professional teams from the Mexican resort city. Several Richmond players performed brilliantly on the hardwoods. Junior Kevin Steenberge recorded double-doubles (points and rebounds) in each game, while junior Jermaine Bucknor and sophomore Daon Merritt scored consistently.
Field hockey team dominates A-10

The nationally ranked field hockey team extended its dynasty by going undefeated in the Atlantic 10 regular season for the third consecutive year. Richmond has won 22 straight matches against conference opponents.

Junior Holly Cram of Glasgow, Scotland, was one of many stars on the squad this season, establishing a new single-season point mark of 67 and the program record for goals in a season with 29. Junior Michelle Swartz of Severna Park, Md., played well as goalie, posting 11 shutouts.

The Spiders qualified for their third consecutive NCAA tournament.

Richmond unveils new Spidey

Football fans leaped to their feet and applauded as the newest member of the Richmond athletic family emerged from the back of a luxury sport-utility vehicle at halftime of the season opener.

Smiling children surrounded Richmond's beloved new mascot for the rest of the afternoon as he led the cheers for the Spiders.

Spidey also was a frequent visitor to another new feature at Richmond football games—the Ukrop's Family Fun Zone. The Family Fun Zone is filled with inflatable play things and other games for children to enjoy throughout the games.

Expectations soar for women's basketball

After missing last winter's NCAA tournament by a shoestring, the women's basketball team entered the 2004-05 season with high expectations. Excitement and anticipation overflows when anyone within the program discusses the 2004-05 campaign.

Third-year head coach Joanne Boyle led Richmond to a WNIT berth in each of the past two seasons, but the program's ultimate NCAA goal has proved elusive. The Spiders won 23 games last winter, advancing to the WNIT semifinals before falling to eventual champion Creighton.

The leaders of last year's team, senior forward Kate Flavin and junior guard Saona Chapman, are preseason Atlantic 10 all-conference honorees, and Flavin's reputation stretches even further.

A Street & Smith preseason all-American, Flavin led the Atlantic 10 in rebounding last season and was ninth in the nation in field goal percentage (59.2 percent). She enters the year with 1,299 points, placing her fifth on Richmond's all-time scoring list. If Flavin matches the 594 points she scored as a junior, she would move into second place behind Karen Elsner, who scored 2,367 points from 1981 to 1985.
Alumni books

Best in Show
JOHN KENNETH MUIR, R’92
Applause Theatre & Cinema Books, 2004

In his 15th book, Muir takes an in-depth look at the method behind film director and actor Christopher Guest, focusing attention on the Guest-directed trilogy Waiting for Guffman, Best in Show and A Mighty Wind. In these films, Guest’s casts his audiences into the worlds of a small-town theatrical company, a dog show competition and a folk music festival. Much of the book relates the unique process by which Guest directs films—use of a common repertory company, improvised scenes and screenplays without dialogue, for instance.

Muir studies Guest’s early influences, such as Saturday Night Live and National Lampoon, and he details the events that led to Rob Reiner’s influential and legendary This Is Spinal Tap, which Rolling Stone called the best rock ‘n’ roll movie of all time. Guest played the part of guitarist Nigel Tufnel.

On Grandpop’s Lap
CATHERINE HELWIG, author;
GINGER DOYEL, ’01, illustrator
Booksin Pointe Press, 2004

On Grandpop’s Lap is a story about a young boy who visits his grandparents only to get under his Grandmom’s feet. Grandpop tries to occupy Zachary with games, videos and toys until Zachary finally tells him he really just wants to sit on his lap and hear his stories. The 32-page children’s book is appropriate for ages 2 to 6.

Doyel graduated in 2001 as valedictorian with a B.A. in leadership studies. She writes a weekly history column for The Capital, which forms the basis of an upcoming book, Annapolis Vignettes. Annapolis Mayor Ellen O. Moyer and the Annapolis Club have commissioned her to write books celebrating aspects of Annapolis history.

Eleven Bravo—A Skytrooper's Memoir of War in Vietnam

Wise served in Vietnam from May 1969–April 1970. During those 11 months, he wrote an estimated 750 to 800 letters home, recounting the details of his experiences and venting the terror and tedium of his daily life. This memoir tells the story of the Vietnam War from his perspective as a rifleman and combat medic forced to learn his medical skills under fire. He later became a personal writer in the private mass mail of Maj. Gen. E. B. Roberts.

The book contains diagrams of several battles and photographs taken by the author while in the jungle and in the near echelon area of Phouc Vinh. Wise lives in Rockville, Va.

The Rarest of the Rare: Stories Behind the Treasures at the Harvard Museum of Natural History
NANCY PICK, EDWARD O. WILSON, authors
MARK SLOAN, F.R.S., photographer
HarperCollins, 2004

Where do you find Nabokov’s butterflies, George Washington’s pheasants and the only stuffed bird remaining from the Lewis and Clark expedition? All can be found at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, which houses collections of animals, minerals and plants dating back to the 1700s. This book tells the fascinating stories behind the scientific and historic specimens that fill the museum’s halls.

Sloan has written several books, including Wild, Weird and Wonderful: The American Circus 1902–1927 as Seen by M.G. Glaser. He is director of the Halsey Gallery at the College of Charleston School of the Arts.

Faculty books

The Leadership Dilemma in Modern Democracy
KENNETH P. RUSCO
(Dean, Jepson School of Leadership Studies)
Edward Elgar Publishing Inc., 2004

How can leaders be effective in a system designed to limit their discretion and power? In this book, part of the New Horizons in Leadership Series, Rusco argues that claims about the legitimate duties and responsibilities of leaders depend upon claims about principles of democracy. It is impossible to imagine effective democracies without effective leaders, yet leaders are often seen as the problem. The book is designed to provide professionals with a comprehensive resource for contemporary democratic leadership.

The International Library of Leadership, Vol. 1–3: Traditional Classics on Leadership, Modern Classics on Leadership and New Perspectives on Leadership
J. THOMAS WREN
(associate professor of leadership studies),
DOUGLAS A. HICKS (associate professor of leadership studies and religion) and TERRY L. PRICE (associate professor of leadership studies), editors
Edward Elgar Publishing Inc., 2004

Volume one focuses on classic discussions of perennial leadership issues, including the moral purpose of leadership, the nature of legitimate authority and the role of followers. Volume two turns to investigations of leadership in the modern era and makes available the seminal social scientific works that inaugurated the modern theories of leadership. In volume three, the editors build upon the first two volumes to address current ethical, democratic and international challenges of leadership.

One Nation Under Law: America’s Early National Struggles to Separate Church and State
MARK McGARVIE
(visiting assistant professor of law and history)
Northern Illinois University Press, 2004

Although the Constitution embodied the legal basis for separating church and state, McGarvie argues that the actual process of designing a society in which the church played no governmental role took several decades. Because new public institutions were unable to assume responsibility for such things as education, relief for the poor and civic recordkeeping, Americans tolerated using churches in these roles. However, he says, toleration should not be misconstrued as an endorsement by early Americans of a role for Christianity in governance. The early republic tore down old institutions as it created new ones, and the battle to disestablish America’s churches involved Americans in their greatest ideological battle prior to the Civil War. Ultimately, McGarvie says, law served as the means of divorcing churches from roles in government when in 1819 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public and private realms must remain distinct, holding that the public could not impose public goals and responsibilities upon private institutions.
A shooting star

Cynthia Meyer, B’87, could have had some sparkly jewelry for her 21st birthday. Instead she chose a shotgun.

Her choice surprised no one who knows Meyer and her family. They have spent years traveling throughout the United States and Canada pursuing their favorite pastime—trap shooting.

Meyer, however, has taken her hobby to a higher level, placing third in the 2002 World Cup competition and competing in the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

Top competition combines her love of travel and shooting, says Meyer, who holds dual citizenship in the United States and Canada and represented Canada in the Olympics. Meyer was born in New York, but her family hails from Vancouver and spent summers in Canada. Representing Canada "lent me more of a feeling for my Canadian side," she says.

The Olympic experience "adds a whole different flavor to your life," says Meyer, who placed 16th in trap and 11th in double trap in Athens this year. Her best Olympic finish was fifth in the 2000 Sydney Games.

Meyer competes in the "international" or Olympic style of trap, which is faster than the American version her family and husband, Robert Cranshaw, R’86, prefer. In the international version, clay targets, about five inches wide and one inch thick, fly out of underground bunkers at 60 miles per hour. Double trap adds to the challenge by releasing two targets at the same time, although they move slightly slower than single targets.

Will Meyer compete in Beijing in 2008? The three-time Olympian is not sure. Now the mother of two girls, ages 2 and 5 months, and a financial consultant for AXA Advisors in New York City, she may not have enough time to prepare. Prior to Athens, she trained with the 1984 Olympic bronze medalist in Texas, Florida, Colorado and Georgia. Grants from the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian government, as well as ammunition from cartridge makers, helped defray her expenses.

Even if she can’t make Beijing, the 2012 games might take place in New York City, and Meyer would love to compete in her hometown. "The best thing about shooting," she muses, "is you can remain competitive into your 40s."

— Linda Evans, W’71

Jane Pauley features Richmond’s ‘Queens’

The Jane Pauley Show recently featured Richmond’s “Queens,” 13 Westhampton alumnae who have maintained life-long friendships since they first met at the University in 1971.

One of the Queens, Diana Blackburn Whitaker, W’75, contacted the producers of the show to suggest a segment highlighting the value of true friendship. The producers liked the idea and invited all of the Queens to New York.

Twelve of the 13 women appeared on the show last fall along with a psychologist who emphasized the emotional—and physical—benefits of maintaining close ties to life-long friends.

“Yes,” Pauley agreed. “But do I really need 13 of them?”

For Richmond’s Queens, 13 has been a lucky number. All of them have enjoyed remarkably good health during the past 33 years. “There is a lot of compassion and understanding here,” explained Judy Forrest Newlin, W’75. “We say it saves us a lot of therapy sessions.”

The Queens stay in touch with one another all year long, and they reunite once a year on the first weekend in May. The Jane Pauley Show has arranged for the next reunion to occur on a Caribbean cruise.

The “Queens” clown around on the set of the Jane Pauley Show. Top row (left to right) includes: Katie Schutz Amrine, Martha Schoonover, Nancy Heilman-Davis, Cindy Lowe Rynning, Judy Forrest Newlin, Karen Hutcherson Wimbish. Bottom row (left to right) includes: Diane Barnes, Martha Valz Mullen, Carol Goode Ngent, Joan D’Anzio Dobson, Diana Blackburn Whitaker, Deborah Blankenship Edlund. Only one Queen, Ellyn Watts Foitz, did not appear on the show.

World Affairs Council honors Howard

The World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond has presented its George C. Marshall Award for International Law and Diplomacy to A.E. “Dick” Howard, R’54 and H’84.

In mid-October, the council praised Howard’s “lasting influence on the securing of freedom.” He has helped many countries write or rewrite their constitutions as they emerged from dictatorial and authoritarian rule, said World Affairs Council Chairman Jerry W. Gales.

Howard has left his imprint on the constitutions of Czechoslovakia and its successor states, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Albania, Gales said. “As Russia and Moldova emerged from their Soviet pasts, Dick Howard was there to urge insertion of protections for the rights of citizens into their new constitutions. He has also extended thought, experience and expertise to the constitutional writing and revision projects of Brazil, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Malawi.”

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Let’s celebrate 2004 by getting in touch! What are you doing? This past year I have seen several of you: Margaret Bowers Gill, Helen Denoon Hopson, Mary Holt Carlton, Susan Bonnett Chermak and Eleanor Whitehead Straffin. This summer I visited Mildred “Mimi” Ellyson Court. She and her husband, Capt. John Court, live in a pleasant cottage in Hanover, ME. I attended the student scholarship dinner with Helen Denoon Hopson. I also attended the Boatwright Dinner—very crowded. One classmate I saw was Christine Vaughan Troull and her husband, Bill.

1941

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We were saddened to learn of the deaths of husbands of three classmates, Jeanne Huffman Waite’s husband, George T. Waite Jr., R’42, and James R. Harris, R. husband of Frances Wiley Harris, died in June. James Harris was a recipient of the University of Richmond Award for Distinguished Service in 2003. R. McLean Whitsett Jr., R’39, husband of Antonette Wirth Whitsett, died in July. Many of you may remember that Jeanne and George married the day after we graduated. Mac and Toni often hosted our class reunion affairs in their home.

Margaret Forrer Darling and husband Brad had a delightful trip to Alaska to observe the Aurora Borealis in the spring and were at Emerald Isle for a family reunion later.

After two daughters and four grandchildren, Eleanor Kindell Miller has a great-grandson, and she will be seeing him frequently since he also lives in Texas.

It was good to hear from Louise Morrissey Meyer, who is enjoying her retirement home in the Baltimore area.

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The magazine uses W, B or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For those graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year will be used. We will continue to use abbreviations for those with law, graduate or honorary degrees and those who graduated from the School of Continuing Studies, regardless of their year of graduation.

1942

Stuart L. Williams Sr., R and L’48, has decided to retire from the active practice of law after 65 years now that his partner and son, Stuart L. Williams, L’80, has been named a judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Henrico County, Va.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Ann Pavey Garrett says she will arrange a get-together at a restaurant for those willing to drive to Richmond—a place for us to chat, brag about our kids and then tour the campus. If you would like to take part, drop me a note.

S. Louise Hall Moser’s son, Thomas Moser, sings Tristan in a new recording from the Vienna State Opera of Tristan Und Isolde.

High praise appeared in an editorial in the Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Moser has achieved in music what a sports star would achieve in the NFL and made the all-pro team. He performs at the greatest opera houses in the world and with the top conductors, soloists and ensembles. ... If he threw touchdown passes, he likely would rank as Central Virginia’s most famous son.”

From Windsor, N.C., Mary Pegram Wilson Worthington said she has five children and five grandchildren. “I called them all together a year or so ago and announced I was retiring from cooking,” she said. “They were astonished. I told them everybody who uses the sheets has to wash them and replace them on the beds before they leave the cottage at Nags Head,” Smart woman! Mary remembers fondly her days at college when four of them lived in one room. “We had a room for sitting and studying and four beds in the other.”

Laura Jenkins Cornell was one of our roommates, and Mary enjoyed visiting her in Hudson, N.Y., on her farm and learning how to wash eggs before they were sent to market. Another New Yorker, Lillian Henrietta Jung, spent her summer sightseeing in the state.

Ada Moss Harlow says, “Don’t forget our scholarship fund.” Checks should be made out to University of Richmond and sent to Irene Morley, Maryland Hall, Room G17, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Please include a note stating that it is for Westhampton’s Class of ‘42 fund.

1944

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Thanks to Billy Jane Crosby Baker for sending me updates from some of you who couldn’t attend our reunion.

Evelyn Josephson Levin lives in a condo in Baltimore. She holds a graduate degree from Columbia and taught elementary school for many years.

Nell Collins Thompson is doing a lot of writing. She stays busy doing historical research and still enjoys ballroom dancing at various functions. Both her daughter and granddaughter hold master’s degrees and teach in Salem, Va. Her grandson earned a master’s degree in fine arts and will probably teach also. Nell hopes to move into the new Baptist retirement home, the Glebe, when it is completed.

Dolly Lederer Maass traveled to Australia and New Zealand last year. Her son is now director of the St. Petersburg Holocaust Museum. Molly Warner Stevenson and Jim have toured with it.

Meta “Mimi” Hill Erb sent Katherine “Kay” Hanley Wery snapshots taken at our reunion and that was followed by a long telephone call. Mimi and Dave took an extended summer trip to Alaska. They flew to Anchorage and cruised down the Aleutian Islands and up the Bering Sea to some outlying parts of Russia above the Arctic Circle. When they headed back to Nome and Denali, they saw Mt. McKinley in all its glory.

Billy Jane Crosby Baker traveled from college graduations at Virginia Tech to elementary school finals in Northern Virginia. Her grandson, who studied architecture at Tech, is now working for a firm in Arlington.

Molly Warner Stephenson and Jim attended a World War II Memorial Elderhostel in Washington, D.C., before joining Storlie and me for another Elderhostel at Peabody in
Doctors Milton Ende, R’40, and Norman Ende, R’45, are not just brothers. They are blood brothers. They are the earliest known pioneers in stem-cell research, specifically the stem cells found in umbilical cord blood.

Milton is a physician in Petersburg, Va., and Norman is a pathologist at the New Jersey Medical School. They have studied the therapeutic benefits of umbilical stem cells for nearly 40 years, and they insist that these cells have greater medical potential than embryonic stem cells.

In the 1960s, Milton started wondering why infants rarely got cancer. He hypothesized that something in babies’ blood kept them healthy, and he wondered if a transfusion of that blood would help his terminal cancer patients. “I was thinking about this while I was taking a bath,” Milton recalls. He thought to himself, “I can’t take blood from babies!” And then he realized, “Yes I can! I can get it from their umbilical cords!”

So in 1966, he injected umbilical-cord blood into 17 cancer patients, and many of them lived longer than expected. “I didn’t know what I was doing,” Milton admits. “This was totally uncharted, and I was very frightened that I might be doing something wrong.” Even so, Milton continued his research in 1970 by injecting umbilical cord blood into a 16-year-old boy with acute leukemia. The patient, who also received chemotherapy, lived for one year, which was far longer than anyone expected.

Milton and Norman published that case in The Virginia Medical Monthly in 1972, and they continued their research on mice. But they had little funding, and the major medical journals routinely rejected the articles they submitted. “It’s very difficult for a doctor in Petersburg, Va., to publish articles in major medical journals,” Milton explains.

The significance of the Endes’ early research became clearer to them in the 1980s when scientists began to discover the regenerative properties of stem cells. As stem-cell breakthroughs made their way into medical journals, however, the brothers’ research often was overlooked or pigeonholed as work with adult stem cells, which lack the therapeutic potential of embryonic stem cells.

Many scientists maintain that umbilical cord blood contains adult stem cells, but Milton flatly rejects this view. “They aren’t adult stem cells,” he insists. “They are baby stem cells. And the president of the United States said that, when they were pinning him down ... for not funding embryonic stem-cell research. Well, he happens to be right!”

To further distinguish umbilical stem cells from adult stem cells, the Endes call them “Berashis’ cells” or “in-the-beginning” cells. Unlike their embryonic counterparts, umbilical stem cells are not encumbered by patents, and they do not “act like a malignancy,” Milton says. If scientists could control the growth of embryonic stem cells, “they could cure cancer,” he says, “but they have a long way to go, and it will take a lot of money from the government.”

After laboring in obscurity for decades, the Ende brothers are just beginning to win recognition for their groundbreaking work. Articles in the major medical journals have begun referring to their studies, and the brothers’ research often is overlooked or pigeonholed as work with adult stem cells.

The cells are very effective in treating mice for a number of ailments—including lethal exposure to radiation, Norman says. “All of the diseases that researchers say embryonic stem cells would help us have treated with cord blood. And in all cases, it has improved the [rodents’] life spans.”

But the brothers still see a number of inter-related roadblocks—most notably fear, funding and the FDA. “We always have had limited funds,” Norman says. FDA rules make it extremely expensive to do human trials, and embryonic stem-cell research has soaked up much of the funding, Norman says. “An enormous amount of venture capital has been put into embryonic stem cells. If cord blood works, forget about it. No one is going to put more money into embryonic stem cells.”

The brothers say they may find allies in pro-life organizations that want umbilical stem cells to replace embryonic stem cells as the great hope to cure cancer and other terrible diseases. The Endes argue that umbilical stem cells have greater potential than embryonic stem cells—but without all the controversy.

“Give umbilical cord blood a chance!” Milton pleads. “You’ve got it right now!”

– Karl Rhodes
was recovering from a carpal-tunnel operation. Colley had enjoyed several trips to the beach this summer, and the phone hasn’t rung. I can only hope that all of you were too busy having fun this summer to be in touch.

Please do get in touch with any items of interest.

1947

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I hope all of you read the excellent article about Marion Huskes Moorman’s daughter, Susan, in a previous bulletin. She and her husband, Jack, have made marvelous careers for themselves in the fields of finance and securities.

I missed two of our monthly luncheons, so I’m a little out of touch with the Class of ’47.

I do know that Virginia “Gin” Celeste E Illet is one of the busiest from our class. She still works in the Cedarsfield resale shop and participates in most of the many activities planned for the residents.

Mary Lou Massie Cummy had a spring trip to New Mexico for a family graduation. July found her in Europe on a tour with family. They did the main tourist attractions—London, Paris and Rome.

The remainder of this letter is sad news. On June 28, Ollie Menefee Stirling died of complications from a fall in her home. She was survived by two sons and two daughters. Her daughter, Alice, was the first baby girl of our class. Ollie and I were roommates for four years. I will really miss our phone visits.

My other sad news is very personal. In July, my husband, Jack, lost his very long battle with emphysema. The year had been a difficult one for both of us. Faith, family and good friends have helped me tremendously.

My wish is for all of you to have a healthy and happy new year.

1948

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Reported experiences of past months confirm that "1948ers are not a "giving up" group."

Judith Barnett Seelhorst wrote: “July was quite a month with Art’s triple-bypass surgery and resulting complications, but right on schedule, the biannual family reunion took place with the arrival of 63 to the family home, Windy Hill Farm. . . . For three days, all gathered to reminisce, eat, play in the barns, swim in the lake and play pinocchio (the family game).”

Sally Taylor Dubose and Bill had their family at Pipersburg Resort in West Virginia to celebrate their 50th anniversary. There were the Richard Duboses from Decatur, Ga., where he is vice president of Columbia Theological Seminary; Bill from Davidson, where he works in the athletic department; and Wade, who is an architect in Montreal.

Elizabeth Kottкие Cowie reported as excellent her two hip replacements (in May and August): “So glad I did it!” Her special joys were visits from Jim and family and Mary, all from Texas; Martha from New Jersey; and Sid with two sons from California.

Hospice/Palliative Care Inc. honored George W. Bowman III, R ’50, as Founding Father. He also will be honored by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education at its annual meeting.

Josephine "Jo" Hoover Pittman wrote from their vacation home in Destin, Fla., where she says they have sold their sailboat and are enjoying a pontoon boat. A recent cruise to Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten gave them a chance to spend a day with daughter, Anne, and Brian.

Millicent Hutcherson Taylor and Simeon Pipkin Taylor III, R ’47, have moved to Springfield, Va. Doris Moore Shea visited for a weekend before they moved. Also, Millicent had emergency gall bladder surgery but was doing well. Daughter Cathy is again near them. Her last official duty in Brussels was at the Palace of the Nation for the new ambassador from the United States.

Ann Clark Little and Randel Quincy Little Jr., R, were pleased to have most of their family together for a grandson’s high school graduation. In August, the Littles had a trip east to their 60th high school reunion in Uniontown, Pa. From there they came to Virginia to visit family and then to the shore at Avalon, N.J., to a daughter’s home. They were hoping to be in touch with classmates and to explore retirement possibilities in Virginia and elsewhere.

Sarah Brennan Rubin had a surprise call from a friend in California from the Class of ’46, after reading of Miller’s second bar mitzvah. They had a wonderful exchange of news of each other’s recent Westhampton days.

Frances Stuart Bailey is working part time as hostess at Lakewood Manor Baptist Retirement Community. She and husband Roland C. Bailey, R ’49, finished their memos in 1949. Mr. Bailey is a member of the class of ’49. There is a copy at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society at the University. They suggest that others do something similar for their descendants. They have also videotaped their memoirs for their children.

Hannah Barlow Bain and Jack are proud of their fourth grandchild, Jesse Bain King, born at the parents’ farm home near Rocky Mount, Va., on July 19, 1949.

Virginia Kreyer has moved from her apartment to assisted living at Williamsburg Landing. She was not happy, seeing this as “giving up.” We continue to see her as a fighter and a remarkable woman.

Jean Brumse Biscoe had rotator cuff surgery and therapy. She shared her realization that “being well is a blessing for all of us as we age.” She continues doing a lot of manual work at her river cottage. Jean was among the throngs who attended the dedication of the World War II Memorial, which was quite a patriotic experience.

Jeanne Carlton Bowman had back surgery and complications that followed. We join in special wishes that by now there has been a wonderful recovery.

Doris Moore Shea continues interesting travel experiences. The long adventure was a long weekend in Jackson, Miss., where her group viewed the Dresden exhibit, the Paris Modern Art exhibit and the 25th anniversary of the International Ballet Competition. “It was a cultural experience of a lifetime.” Also, she had a fun weekend in New Orleans. When at home, Doris serves on the advisory board of the Hampton Public Health Department and the Healthful Family Organization. But her most consuming job is as treasurer of the Hampton Retired Teachers Organization.

Frances Orelle Lineberry and Berlin Byron Lineberry Jr., R ’49, were in Staunton, Va., on business, and we were happy for the chance of the new ambassador from the United States.

Patricia "Pat" Parlow Broman participated in a show for local artists and sold some of her photography. She shared some of life in Maine: “I have a garage apartment and friends from Florida have visited. Festivals, fairs and fun have gone on as usual. Recently, I went on a sunset cruise down the St. George River to Thomson and saw my cottage from the river.”

1949

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The names of two classmates were omitted from the last issue: Anne Carter Haberer from Glen Rock, N.J., and Mary Burton Haskell McKenzie from Atlanta attended our reunion.

Ann Wilson Bryant, Hazel Jennings Bevington and Peggy Hassel Ford got together every three months. They are preparing for their 60th class reunion from John Marshall High School. Peggy is busy helping her 90-year-old mother, who is still living in her own home. Hazel lost her granddaughter in an accident last February.

Jean Harper Hamlett called me in June, sounding as cheerful as ever despite a knee operation in May. She was doing fine.

Those of us at our reunion regretted that Ruby Patterson Weber was unable to attend because of Nelson’s illness. Nelson E. Weber, R, died on June 17. We extend our sympathy to Ruby.

Elizabeth "Beth" Wilburn Hooker and 18 members of her immediate family had a fabulous visit to Georgian Bay in Canada off Lake Huron.

Martha Hall has enjoyed both the beach and time at the river.

Betty Evans Hopkins reports that their family vacation was enjoyable and that now Jim must face a second replacement surgery for his hip.

Cynthia Patrick Lawson Otte and Ray visited Tuscany in May. Ray took many digital photographs and}

1950

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Aggie Feild Burke and David celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Homestead with their children and grandchildren. Aggie and David continued their celebration with a Caribbean cruise.

Mary Sue Mock Milton and Cecil enjoy time with their six granddaughters who live in Charlotte. They divide their time between Charlotte and their mountain home in Montreat, N.C.

Maryann Bugg Lambert and Pete celebrated a granddaughter’s wedding in Richmond and attended Pete’s 60th high school reunion at Augustus Military Academy.

Carlottte Westervelt Bisham and Burt have been to Ocean Crest, Sea Island, New York City, and the Adirondacks, and Charlotte says, on a permanent holiday at Rockland, Del., their home.

Claire Noren Griffin has done a lot of reading while recovering from a fractured vertebra due to a fall.

Ruth Morrissey Bain writes that her whole neighborhood in Charlottesville once belonged to the McWethers Lewis family, and this year’s garden week tour included, for the first time, his former home.

Helen Lampathakis Kostgal and Dick took an Alaskan cruise, as did Hilda Moore Hanksins.
Lucia MacClintock Barbour traveled to the Netherlands and Belgium at tulip time. After she saw the lovely Keukenhof Gardens, she was fascinated by the 250-mile dam that keeps the North Sea from flooding Holland. Lucia also spent time in Brussels, Belgium, a small, lovely university city. Betty Lane B. Bragg also enjoyed a trip to Holland.

Mary Margaret Bowles Flanagan and Robbie continue to enjoy living in Columbia, Va. On a clear day, from their deck, they claim they can "see it all!"

Dorothy "Dot" Warner Gardner and William "Doc" Rush Gardner Jr., R’51, recently moved to a retirement community in Warwick, Va. As her housework is now minimal, they are free to visit their nearby family home, Sunnyside, which is now the home of their son, Pierce.

Barbara Coleman Augustine reports that her first year of retirement at Leisure World of Virginia gave her and Jim an opportunity to make many new friends, enjoy numerous activities, and become involved in exercise classes. They also found time to travel to the Florida Keys and Kauai, Hawaii.

It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Charles Lloyd Halloran, R’51, husband of Janice Brandenburg Halloran. Many of us knew Charlie, who was editor of The Web. I talked to Janice recently after her return from a visit with her daughter, Amy, and her family in Albuquerque. She then met them on the Outer Banks for a week in the sun.

The Richmond area classmates held their annual luncheon at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

Elizabeth "Libby" Givens Pierce and Buck participated in an Elderhostel at Natural Bridge, Va., and then traveled with their daughter, Elizabeth Arlene, to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Lenore Greenberg Siegel and George attended a wedding in Salisbury, N.C. They also traveled to Martha’s Vineyard, Mass., and to their cottage at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks.

Joanne Waring Karpf and Bill took the auto tour to and from Florida with visits to Naples, Vero Beach and Sarasota. They attended the Boatwright Society dinner at the University, staying overnight with Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy, along with Barbara Coleman Augustine and Jim. Joanne and Bill had a wonderful vacation at Sea Colony, Bethany Beach, Del., with their sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Joanne had a sad note from Julia Winn Prittman, whose daughter-in-law lost a hard-fought battle with cancer. Linda was the wife of Julia and A’s youngest son, Craig.

Louise Covington Randall made her annual trip to visit relatives in Virginia.

Since our last newsletter, I have learned of the death of our classmate Georgia Louise Tripplett Frieldy, a former teacher and member of the High Street United Methodist Church in Franklin, Va.

Marianne Beck Duty and Les took the Mississippi Queen from Memphis to New Orleans and cruised to Bermuda on the Horizon of the Celebrities. Marianne wrote that Doris Balderson Burbank and Banny were on the Radisson, and they passed each other like "ships in the night."

Marjorie Parson Owen had a nice week at Virginia Beach with her family. Marjorie has been busy with graduations, weddings, her granddaughters' softball games and gardening. I had a lovely lunch and visit with Aggie Feild Burke and Jane Edmonds Barnett. Jane was visiting her sister in Alexandria on her way to a family get-together on the Eastern Shore. Nancy Harrison Davis has many family ties with the University of Richmond. Her daughter, son-in-law and daughter-in-law all graduated from there, and her son attended for two years. Her daughter's wedding was in Cannon Memorial Chapel.

Margaret Alexander Anderson enjoys participating in the state duplicate bridge tournaments in Richmond, Williamsburg and luny. Margaret learned to play bridge while at Westhampton, but just started duplicate bridge about four years ago.

Hilda Moore Hanks’ granddaughter was awarded the Class of 1950 Scholarship for the coming school year.

Barbara Lee J. Jones and her family enjoyed their annual week at the beach. All the family was there except one son-in-law, who is with the National Guard unit in Afghanistan.

Doris Balderson Burbank took time off from testing students in May to go on a cruise with her husband, David B. "Banny" Burbank, R to Bermuda. They have traveled to Bermuda every year except two since 1980. This was the second time they have cruised, and it was wonderful—except only one day was left for riding moped. It was a much-needed break from trying to fix all the damage of Hurricane Isabel.

Several of the Class of ’50 "girls" took a tour of the new addition to the University library on Aug. 10 and ate in the dining room afterward. The group included: Jean Tinsley Martin, Elizabeth "Libby" Givens Pierce, Barbara White Balderson, Janice Brandenburg Halloran, Marianne Beck Duty, Gene Hart Joyner, Helen Lampathakis Kostyal, Virginia W. Sims, Maggie Alexander Anderson, Mary Howard Holloway and Doris Balderson Burbank.

I hope to see each and every one of you in April. Note: Our 55th reunion is scheduled for April 29 through May 1, 2005.

1951

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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June was quite a month for Paula Abernathy Kelton. She attended the graduation of her granddaughter, Sara Kelton, at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Then Paula and John's three children and families surprised them with a 50th anniversary party. Among the many faces present was "Big Sister" Mitzi Verra Williams, W'49, and her husband, Jack. Two days later Paula and John left on a river cruise from the Black Sea to Budapest on the Danube. They were joined by classmates Elizabeth Munsey Spatz and husband, Bob, Nancy Taylor Johnson and Frances Allen Schools. The cruise was preceded by a trip to Transylvania and a visit to Dracula's home and castle. Also on the agenda were visits to Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia and Croatia. Frances particularly enjoyed the mineral spas in Budapest. It was a great trip and a mini-reunion of Westhampton Class of ’51. They are already planning their next trip together.

Many of our classmates traveled last summer. Marthalea Thompson Osburn toured France for 10 days, principally in the Aix en Provence area. In July, she enjoyed the beaches in Maryland and Cape Hatteras.

Mary Lee Moore May and husband Ed were in Hilton Head and visited with Millie Wright Outten and Joe.

Charlotte Henrik Sayre spent two weeks in Nova Scotia in July and was amazed by its beautiful scenery and abundant history.

Norma Streeter Craig and Norm flew to Anchorage, Alaska, and visited Skag, Juneau and Ketchikan. On their return, they stopped in Vancouver and Victoria to enjoy the beauty of that region and in Seattle to visit Norm’s daughter.

Frances Arrighi Tonacci and husband Robert spent 30 days in sunny Italy. They were joined at the ancestral home in Tuscany by their children and grandchildren for a marvelous week together. Frances and Robert then toured the spectacular Dolomite Alps.

Family events also engaged our classmates. Virginia Henrik Coppelook and husband, Robert Coppelook Jr., L’57, attended his great-nephew’s wedding in Blenheim, England.

1953

Elizabeth Ann H. Lemoine, W, and her husband, Roland, enjoyed the Class of ’53’s 50th celebration. She reports that she was thrilled to see classmates and cherishes her college memories.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Betty Montgomery Marsh and Harriet Wheat Frank enjoyed a second 50th reunion. In spring 2004, they extended the official greeting to the Class of ’54 at the Boatwright Dinner.

Muriel Price Hoffman, G’68, who missed our reunion last spring due to her battle with post polio syndrome, is now walking again and returning to responsibilities as a member of the advisory board of a charter school that offers a Montessori program for special-needs students. She’s also Gov. Jeb Bush’s nominee to the board of a new college in Naples, Fla.

JoAnn Asbury Hopkins and Hal visited their son, Russ, in Langmont, Colo.

Jean Love Hanson and Charles M. Hanson, R’S2, celebrated their daughter Page’s 50th birthday in Savannah with a gala event attended by friends from all over the country. The festivities included a costume ball and dinner party.

On a sad note, Betsy Bethune Langborne’s husband, Lewis, passed away in June.
Good luck and hard work

Tamara Christian, W'89, attributes her success as much to good fortune as to hard work, dedication and business acumen. Soon after graduating from Richmond, Christian ran into a classmate at a mall. “She was leaving her position at an IT consulting firm and suggested I apply,” Christian recalls. A few days and a good recommendation later, Christian landed her friend’s former position as a marketing research analyst. Two years later, her experience led to a contract research job with NTP, a company that manages and organizes national and international trade shows. Today she is its president.

Christian’s climb to the top might have begun with good luck, but it also has included plenty of hard work. At NTP she advanced through successively more challenging and demanding roles—marketing manager, director of marketing and executive director of the managed shows division.

Since becoming president of NTP three years ago, Christian has more than tripled the company’s revenues. “I feel very lucky,” she says. “I’ve had a chance to spread my wings and take on a lot of challenges. Starting new shows is a challenge and a huge risk, a lot like starting a new company. There’s a high failure rate.”

The business got even more difficult on Sept. 11, 2001. The terrorist attacks triggered travel and budget cutbacks that “just jumemed the industry,” according to Christian. “We’ve had a dramatic decline in exhibitors and attendees since 9-11. Our shows are now running with tighter margins than ever before. ... It has been very tough.”

Even so, the trade show business remains a lot of fun, she says. It “gives you opportunities to have exposure to many industries, see different cities and explore.” Christian has produced events related to scuba diving, civil engineering, geospatial technology, public transportation, occupational therapy, intelligent transportation systems, government security and many other industries.

She has met the rich and famous, attended George W. Bush’s inaugural ball and had a private tour of the Vatican.

But Christian is careful not to take herself too seriously. “You’ve got to have fun and be able to make fun of yourself,” she advises. “Pay attention to people’s attitudes. When you see something negative happening, stop it. ... Create a fun social atmosphere for employees that includes games, parties and social events.”

Even with the tremendous responsibilities of her job, Christian makes time to train for triathlons and contribute to her Washington, D.C., community. In 2004, she raised more than $82,000 for the Capital Area Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which named her Woman of the Year and put her face on ads gracing the district’s metro buses.

Christian attributes much of her success to lessons learned at her alma mater. “It was a perfect environment for me,” she says. In classes and extracurricular activities, she learned about processes, group dynamics and how people make decisions. “Group presentations are an excellent microcosm of the real world,” she says. “A lot of jobs in the business world require working in teams and depending on someone else. You need to learn how to work with them.”

Christian believes she is an example of how much you can achieve by working hard and striving to do your best every day. Everyone at NTP knows her story. In fact, she says, “every new hire is brought into my office and told, ‘She started as a temp.’”

— Donna Geisler
Wilbur E., “Gene” Thomas, B’54, has retired after 27 years of service on the board of trustees of Greensville Memorial Hospital. He has also completed eight years of service on Virginia’s State Board for Community Colleges.

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1954

Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, G’73, e-mailed me sharing how much she enjoyed seeing everyone at our 50th reunion. She was going to be celebrating her 70th birthday in November. Wilbur E., “Gene” Thomas, B’54, has retired after 27 years of service on the board of trustees of Greensville Memorial Hospital. He has also completed eight years of service on Virginia’s State Board for Community Colleges.

1955

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By the time you read this, you should have received information about our 50th reunion. The dates are April 29 through May 1, 2005. If you can make only one reunion, the 50th has to be the one. Questions? Contact Brenda Fog, associate director of alumni affairs, at (804) 289-8841 or at bfg@richmond.edu. If you have a reunion committee, please get in touch with Brenda so everyone can receive information on the 50th reunion.

The co-chairs of our 50th reunion gift fund, Margaret “Marty” Glenn Taylor and Alice McCarty Haggerty, and a committee of your classmates have been working diligently with the University development staff to reach our goal in time for the presentation to our alma mater on reunion weekend. For information on planned giving (gift annuities, wills, etc.), contact Wendy Eastman at (804) 287-1206 or at weastman@richmond.edu.

1956

From the Westhampton Class Secretaries
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We express our deepest sympathy to Mary Moore Mullin Mowery on the death of her husband, Al, on Aug. 26, 2004, in Houston.

James Peyton Farmer, R’56 and L’58, was honored with the unveiling of his portrait to be hung in the Caroline County Courthouse.

Carolyn Moss Hartz and A. Ransome Hartz, R, are the proud grandparents of John Ransome Hartz, born July 2, 2004. He joins parents, Jim and Virginia, and his 2-year-old sister, Vivian, who live in Nashville, Tenn. Carolyn had fun in the spring speaking to a meeting of young grads on first-time home buying. To quote Carolyn, “They were so cute and smart that it made me proud to be an old grad.”

Mary Jean Simpson Garrett writes that Harry W. Garrett Jr., R’56 and L’56, is recovering nicely from heart bypass surgery in February. In the summer they spent a week in South Nags Head with their sons and their families. Mary Jean continues to volunteer at the D-Day memorial in Bedford. On June 6, 2004, they had a big celebration with lots of people of all ages. Alex Kershaw, author of The Bedford Boys, was there to sign books.

We extend our sympathy to Lola Hambright on the death of her mother, who was 90. Even though she had a stroke in 2002, the family was able to keep her on her own home until her death. Mary Jean Simpson Garrett, Harry W. Garrett Jr., R, and L’56, Dottie Goodman Lewis and David attended the funeral.

Shirley Hill Bishop, Dottie Goodman Lewis and Lola Hambright attended the Martinsville High School 50th reunion in July. It was a great chance for them to get together and celebrate both Martinsville and the University.

Suzanne Kidd Bunting had a great week on Lake Michigan during the summer visiting old friends. She spent a week in Zurich at the end of March attending the funeral of her close friend Magri Voglienweeder. Suzanne was planning to teach kindergarten in September in Richmond.

Dottie Goodman Lewis stayed with Suzanne in June and attended the Rector’s Club Garden Party. Dottie continues to work with the Church and Synagogue League Association. She has revised a guide for the association, Simple Solutions to Successful Workshops, and is also giving workshops on the topic. In his retirement, David has been doing mission work in Honduras and Brazil.

Nancy Goodwin Hill and Jack’s son, Bruce, got married June 24 in Kileen, Texas. Nancy and Jack kept the grandchildren for the newlyweds to go on a honeymoon.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains and George attended the Hill wedding and did some sightseeing in Texas afterwards. Nancy Jane retired from NASA in 1995. She now stays busy at her church, Trinity United Methodist, in Newport News. She also is involved in several environmental and fine arts groups.

Betty Lou Sutton Anthony and Barry B. Anthony, B and GB’66, live in Virginia Beach. Their two sons are married and they have two grandchildren. Betty enjoys playing bridge and mahjong, traveling and visiting their second home in Duck, N.C.

Marilyn Yates Burkholder and Alfred Lee Burkholder, R’57, moved to Kinston, N.C., in 1988 after living in South Boston for 24 years, where Al was administrator of Halifax Regional Hospital. Their three children and five grandchildren live in Virginia. Marilyn enjoys golf, bridge, sailing, needlework, gardening, cooking and travel.

Nita Glover Eason and Percy “Port” M. Eason Jr., B’60, live in Portsmouth, Va. They enjoy living near their five grandchildren. Nita’s main hobby is genealogy and research. Anne House Hill lives close by, and they see each other frequently.

Annette Masters Schoel and Gene taught English in China during the summer. They were in Fuzhou on the South China Sea and in an area near Tibet in the city of Xining. In May, they traveled to Israel, Greece and Turkey on a journey that included many of Paul’s missionary stops.
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1961
Sidney H. Greens, R. and his wife, Joan, visited with Edward V. Allison Jr., B. and his wife, Joyce Smith Allison, W. at their summer home in Montross, Va. Sid sent congratulations to fraternity brother Charles S. "Chuck" Boone on his induction to the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Sid has retired from his law firm and has been appointed to the board of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and love to our classmate Sclair Clark Crooker and her family on the loss of her husband, Joe. He died on Jan. 25, 2004, after a six-year battle with cancer. Sally reports that he was able to enjoy 10 months with their first grandchild, Eli Joseph Holsberry, son of their daughter, Cheryl, and her husband, who live near Nashville. Sally's son, Joseph C. "Jay" Crooker, '93, received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and now lives in Boulder, Colo. Jay has competed in the Hawaiian Iron Man competition twice. Sally and Joe were able to travel both times to Kona on the Big Island to see him.

Carolyn Shields Attiaison reports that she consults with Pacific Gas and Electric Co. on energy-efficiency contracts. Son Erik is a graduate of Wesleyan and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Daughter Claire is in graduate school for her M.B.A., and she and her husband, Jeff, had their first grandchild in 1999.

Carol Winfield Eliot is still a member of the religion department faculty of the national Catholic School. She has three sons: Christopher is completing a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, Andrew is completing a Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley and Philip is in venture capital work in Washington, D.C.

Aleta Goodwyn Jenkins is active in her church. Her daughter, Jennifer, graduated cum laude from James Madison University and has a son, 6, and a daughter, 3. Daughter Julie graduated cum laude from The College of William and Mary and received a master’s degree from Old Dominion University. She has a 3-year-old daughter.

Nancy Wickers Lasher is teaching fourth grade at The Country School, an independent school in Easton, Md. She has three children and five grandchildren.

Nancy Delano Moore’s daughter, Sara, is a professor at Eastern Kentucky University and her son, Frank, is the father of the Moore’s three grandchildren. Nancy is fulfilling a lifetime goal of becoming a writer.

Arch Randlett Parkinson and Terry M. Parkinson, GB’70, have traveled extensively, including trips to Europe, the Caribbean, Alaska and, most recently, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and other points west. Their daughter, Cathy Doyle, and her husband, Dan, had their second son on March 13, 2004.

Carolyn Anthony Powers and Bill enjoyed a cruise to Bermuda in May. Carolyn works part time at Courtside West, where she runs the daytime tennis leagues and helps manage the club. Daughter Kendal Kruse and husband Kent had a son, Nolan, May 11.

Marjorie Burkett Rozum is a school librarian for Chesterfield County. She has four children and five grandchildren.

Leslie Long Tate and hubby Clarence Edgar "Butt" Williams, R., have retired and moved to Redchurch, Va. When working, she received the Foreign Language Teacher of the Year Award for Henrico County. She volunteers at Redchurch Fisherman’s Museum and is a guest lecturer for Richmond County Schools.

Charlotte Hines Forrester, G’86, and Diok arrived on a trip to France in May. They rented an apartment in Paris for a week and then spent a week in Normandy. They were there during the celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day. She said it was a memorable experience to be where the Allied forces landed and to be present for commemorations of the year. She even saw Prince Charles and shook hands with President Bush.

Peggy St. Clair Stevens and Charles Daniel Stevens, R’62 and L’66, are proud grandparents of Zachary David Stevens. He was born May 18, 2004, to son David, who is a professor of creative writing at Seton Hall and his wife, who works for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Kenneth M. Gassman, B’67, is chairman of the finance committee at United Methodist Family Services of Virginia.

Jean Morris Foster and T.D. took an Alaskan cruise last spring.

Donna Houff Ludwig’s daughter, Christine, was married on June 26, 2004, in Staunton, Va., to William Warthen. Anne Hudson Wilson was among our classmates who attended.

Anne Hudson Wilson’s son, James, graduated in May from James Madison University with a B.S. degree in marketing.

Peggy Dal White went to Romea during the summer of 2003 on a mission trip. She is the minister of education of First Baptist Church in Newport News.

Please send me your news. We want to hear from you.

1962
Julie Perkinsen Crews, W., hosted seven classmates at her townhouse in Glen Allen, Va., in August. The group generally gets together annually in Fredericksburg. Diane Light Riffer and Judith Trunzo, who had returned from three years in government posts in Haiti, came down from Northern Virginia. They stopped in Fredericksburg and picked up Judy Accree Hansen. Jane Thompson Kemper and Robin Cramme Perks came from the Northern Neck, and Katharine “Kitty” Borum Fitzhugh from Mechanicsville rounded out the group.

Ellen K. November, W., and her husband, Richard J. November, B’60, have a new grandchild, Evelyn Gaye Goudlin, whose father is Winston Miller Goudlin, R’88.

S. Lee Richardson, B., was elected chairman of the Town Center Village board in Columbia, Md. He also was elected chairman of the Maryland Council of University System Faculty.

1963
Michael M. Foreman, R., was one of five recipients of the Distinguished Service Award for Public Service from the John Q. Marsh Institute of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. Michael retired in 2003 after 28 years as clerk of the Winchester Circuit Court. He was recognized for 39 years of public service as a teacher, council member and court administrator. He is a lecturer on local history at Shenandoah University and is writing a book on local women who were leaders in the community.

1965
Harold C. Guy III, R., received the Middle Atlantic PGA’s David Wortman Citizen of the Year Award for 2004 for his contribution as the organization’s historian.

Sanders T. Schoolar III, B., is chairman of the Westminster Canterbury Foundation.

1966
Eileen Ford, W., serves on the board of directors of Fellowship and Family Service and volunteers at the Free Clinic of Goochland. She has joined the Goochland Garden Club and enjoys hours of gardening on her five-acre property. Three days a week she works part time at the Goochland Branch Library. She has traveled throughout the United States and abroad and has escorted high school students to England during spring vacation for many years. At Hebron Presbyterian Church in eastern Goochland, she is chairman of the music committee and sings in the choir.

Kay Land Lutz, W., has relocated to Richmond, where she hopes to find a job as a school psychologist. Her husband, Glen L. Lutz, B’64, is retiring from full-time ministry and going into interim work.

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R. Allen Saville, B., has been 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 also is a sculptor, and his work is offered by a fine arts gallery in Boulder, Colo. He is elected chairman of the board of directors of the Boulder Mountain Fire Authority.

1967
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At the beginning of last summer, Rick and I (Frances) took a trip to the East Coast and first went to Virginia Beach. While there, I had telephone visits with two classmates, Linda Yeatts Brannon and Nancy Jarvis Brissois, both of whom live in Virginia Beach, Va., and I then went to Richmond to the Benedictine High School graduation ceremony for our nephew, Stephen
Fowler, Stephen’s father is my brother. Robert Stephen Fowler, ’77. While in Richmond, I had telephone visits with Linda Fries Weirich, Lynne Mallory Hildebrand, Brenda Carrier Martin and Leila Baum Hopper, who all live in Virginia. Here is the news that I received from them.

Linda Yeatts Brown, who has 30 years of public service as a psychologist and social worker, has decided to continue working part-time rather than retiring. She and her husband, Max, and their children were planning to visit Montrose, Colo., where Max grew up. This family was recently featured in Beach Magazine because all of them volunteer at the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Nancy Jarvis Brissbois has taken early retirement from teaching English and now works as a real estate agent. She has an 8-year-old grandson and a 3-year-old granddaughter. Last year Nancy and her husband, Bill, went on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Linda Fries Weirich is associate director of music and arts ministries at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Short Pump, Va. She has three children: Jimmy, 26; Marianne, 26; and𝑔, 23. Linda said that she saw Jane Alphin at her son’s graduation from the University of Virginia.

Lynne Mallory Hildebrand, who has worked as a teacher off and on for 20 years, now teaches pre-school at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond. She and her husband, James E. Hildebrand, R’74, have two sons, both living in North Carolina, and a daughter who recently graduated from Randolph-Macon College. James, who attended Richmond College, is their oldest son and is an alumnus of Virginia Commonwealth University, has started his own computer company.

Brenda Carrier Martin continues to substitute at Lakeside Elementary School in Henrico County, Va. Her husband, Darrell, is retiring from the procurement office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture. Their son, Chris, graduated from Virginia Tech and is working on his Ph.D. there.

Leila Baum Hopper still works for the Supreme Court of Virginia in the area of juvenile and family law. Her older son, Cory, is at Hampton- Sydenham, Sydney, and both are at Virginia Tech. Recently Yvonne Sylvia Olson and her husband, Charlie Hall, visited her when they were in Richmond for a meeting.

Martha Rothenberg Roplane, who lives on Fort Ward Road, and her husband, Chuck, are moving to England in January 2005. His career takes them there, and they plan to live outside London for two to three years. Their son, Taylor, is working in Atlanta for an excursion company. He wants to explore the world and possibly climb Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina. Their daughter lives in Baltimore and is vice principal of a Jewish day school.

Nancy L. Osgood lives in Silver Spring, Md., and works at the Nutter Center for Veterinary Surgery at the National Institutes of Health. She enjoys riding her horse in the Maryland state parks. She also does volunteer work as a horse-mounted safety patrol in the county parks.

Susan Clarke Schara, W’72, is clerk of the Virginia Senate and was named staff vice chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She is a former president of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries.

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Everyone enjoyed Rachel Pierce Newnall’s gathering at the beach June 1. Jeanne McCall Simar came from New Jersey to join Rachel. Mary “Marilou” Henry, Nancy Clevering Carpenter, L60, and Judy Johnson’s nephew for a few days of fun, sun and swimming.

Jeanne and her husband live in Lawrenceville, N.J., where Jeanne teaches computers at Stewart Day School in Princeton. Husband, Jim, is athletic director at The Lawrenceville School. Other classmate sightings by our group: Marilou has seen Mary Suzanne DeLesosse Ehrhardt, who also lives in Lawrenceville and has two daughters, one in college and one a rising senior; and Rozanne Dean Oliver, whose son recently graduated from high school. Rozanne is still working for the State Department. She recently took a business trip to Paris and was planning to spend two weeks in Nova Scotia on vacation.

Rachel also sees Mary Elizabeth “BeBe” DeBergh Green, who lives in Leesburg, too. Nancy has spoken with Ann Stewart McDow, who lives in Richmond. Ann and Susan Clarke Schara have been working together on a project of former state Sen. Hunter Andrews. Ann is the representative for the artist, Lynor Biaz. Susan recently attended the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in Salt Lake City and was elected staff vice chair. She will become staff chair at the NCSL meeting in Seattle next year and will represent over 35,000 legislative employees and 10 staff sections. In October she went to England and Scotland with the NCSL.

While at the bay, we were looking at the printout of our classmates and addresses and realized that a “townie” classmate was living nearby. So Rachel called and spoke with Caroline Kelly Terry. Hope we get to see her next year!

Vivian Stephenson Clemenplein ’57, husband Mike Clemenplein, R and H’93, has accepted the pastorate at River Road Church, Baptist in Richmond. Mike had been the editor of The Religious Herald, a weekly Baptist newspaper. Vivian is the coordinator of volunteers at Lakeawood Manor Retirement Home.

Lucy Bone Orgain’s oldest daughter, Katherine, was in Richmond for a wedding and visited with Susan. Lucy’s second daughter, Sarah, finished Western Kentucky with a degree in design. The third daughter, Emily, is a pre- med major at Clemson, and son Brian is a junior in high school.

Faye Patterson Green completed her third Bivik in June—250 miles in the Shenandoah Valley. She just returned from Europe where she and her husband, Chuck, hiked for seven days in Northern Ireland and County Donegal. She is busy getting ready for the upcoming Bivik season. Faye is a counselor at the Fuzua School.

Ann Greene Turner’s son, Bailer, just returned from two years with the Navy overseas, where he fought in the Iraq war. He joined her in Athens, where he will be stationed for the next two years while teaching at the Navy Supply School. Her husband, Ralph “Wertlie” Werteneraker Turner Jr., R’68, retired in September after 36 years with the Navy (active and reserve). He is still a minister in Richmond. Their oldest daughter, Katherine, is in her last year at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, and their youngest daughter, Elizabeth, is a junior. Ann works for a financial counseling firm.

Cathy Dowd Pembon torches jobs and a program consultant at the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Donald W. Piacentini, B’74 and L’82, is chief financial officer of Parker, Pollard and Brown, a law firm in Richmond.

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Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick have had a busy summer. Middle daughter Amanda graduated

Dr. Nick Poulos, R lives in Hollywood, Calif., where he leads a medical outcomes group doing research in genetic disorders. He is an accomplished musician, and his second CD, LA Town Colors, earned several top-10 category rankings on Broadjam, a network of independent artists, musicians and producers.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
School last spring and is working for a law firm in Washington. Dave and Agnes were planning a trip to Maine before the fall semester.

Nancy Martin Jett wrote that her daughter, Maureen Jett Gladden, ’02, loves being married and is still showing her home most weekends. Caroline is doing audits for KPMG and traveling to Hawaii, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, and Bar Harbor. She has passed two sections of the CPA exam and will take two more in the fall.

 Roxanne Armstrong is assistant general counsel at Apache Corp., a large independent oil exploration and production company in Houston. She handles both domestic and international litigation. Roxanne spends her vacations either visiting her mother or at her condo in Grand Cayman. In her free time, she enjoys home remodeling, interior design and travel with friends.

My family had exciting news last spring when my nephew, Zachary Kightlon, was cast in a Fox network situation comedy, Related by Family, that will begin airing in January. Zach has had some TV and movie roles, but this is his first regular part. Sam and I are getting ready for our annual trek to Pavley’s Island. We will be joined by all the kids.

1974

Suzanne Shroyer Harris, W. is senior vice president, senior portfolio manager at Caplin Asset Management in Richmond.

Donald W. Piacentini, B’74 and E82 is chief financial officer of Parker, Pollard and Brown, a law firm in Richmond.

1975

Robert T. Dail, B. has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general. He will become the deputy commander of U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Forces Base, Ill. With this promotion, he would become the U.S. military’s highest-ranking graduate from the University.

1976

Paul E. Galanti, GB is president of the board of directors for the Virginia Aviation Museum Foundation Inc.

Charles F. “Chip” Kingerly Jr., R, his wife, Jean, and teenagers Keturah, Noah and Naomi are home for a while. They founded a
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Cynthia Fouch Johnson was elected president of the Pocahontas
District of Virginia Alpha Delta Kappa, the honorary sorority for
women educators. In the summer, she went to the regional conference in
Ellicott City, Md., and also vacationed with her husband Bill on the
Outer Banks at Corolla, N.C., and Lake Nantahula, N.C. In her spare
time, Cynthia enjoys decorating her house and landscaping the yard.

Susan Moonmaw Humphreyyre was from Sea Island, Ga., that 2004 was the
36th year she has been there to vacation with her family. Oldest daughter Sarah is attending
Cornell’s School of Architecture, Art & Planning.

Adrienne “Andi” Eichberg Dameron met Sidne Stockman Dickenson for dinner in July, and
Sidne’s daughter Whitney was the waitress. Andi writes that she has
had an unbelievable time with the weather for the past year with the
hurricane in September 2003 and a tornado in May 2004. The straw
that broke the camel’s back was when the last tree (out of 25) that had to be taken down fell on her
roof and came crashing through her bedroom. When people ask her what she does these days, she says, “I work with insurance claims!”

Emily Coppedge Gurley, G’78, is looking forward to retirement in five years from her MCV research and says, “seems like we just gradu-
ated!” Carol Byrd Barr, Anne Hanks Moore, Bonnie Ritchie Dehavan and Emily have a surprise birthday party for Holly Gronn Boyd
to celebrate the “big 50” that most of us are experiencing this year.
Emily’s son, Joey, plays on his middle school tennis team, and I see
Emily and catch up when Stonewall plays Potomac, the team I coach in the spring.

Speaking of birthday parties, Danby Shell Dehavan, ’03, planned a surprise luncheon for her mother, Bonnie Ritchie Dehavan, in March at the Jefferson’s Tea Room. Among those in attendance were
Peggy Lum Watson, Kay Lambert King, Charlotte Houchins Leslie and me.

Mary Lloyd Vecchione is still the principal of Maude Trettew
Elementary School in Richmond. She and husband Paul vacationed
in Monterey and San Francisco. Kay Lambert King keeps busy
with the YMCA. She recently completed a regional program called
Leadership Metro Richmond with 50-plus other community leaders.
She also volunteered for a medical mission trip to Honduras in May,
where she operated the eye refra-
tor and gave out prescription
glasses. She writes that she tried to
use her Spanish skills but told someone to put one or two “gatos” (cats) in her eyes instead of “tuxes” (drops). “I hope I didn’t embarrass the
University,” she says.

I am starting my sixth year of
teaching middle school health and
physical education and will be fin-
ishing up my classes for an
endorsement to teach math. I took calculus at VCU this summer and
got a taste of what the “good old college days” were like with the
freshmen and sophomores in the
class. One of the young girls in the
class who sat next to me remarked one day (upon seeing an “R” on my test paper), “You must be very good at this class!”

Elizabeth Morse Pismas, W ’79, was
elected to the city council of
Portsmouth, Va., for a four-year
term. She and her husband, Alan,
travel Designers Inc., a corpo-
rate travel agency, Elizabeth’s for-
mer roommate, Karin Rascoss and her husband, Craig L.
Pascoss, B ’76 and L ’79, were present at her swearing-in ceremony on
July 1, 2004.

1980

David R. Beran, GB, is execu-
tive vice president of strategy
consulting manager for the Richmond
division. He and his wife, Susan,
live in Richmond with daughter
Tyler, 19, and son Michael, 17.

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1981

Laura West Carr, W, is in her
22nd year of teaching Latin and
math in Suffolk, Va.

Deborah Frisly James, B, and her husband, Randall, had a son, Adam, born on March 30, 2004. He joins brothers Connor, 6;
Seain, 5; and Dillon, 2. They live in Leesburg, Va.

1985

Stephan C. Bazarian, R, and his wife, Lauren, had a daughter,
They live in Dracut, Mass.

Maura McCarthy Dunn, W, is vice
president for strategy and market-
ng for Hellogg Brown & Root. While
serving as corporate ambassador, she traveled to South Florida in August to help with Red Cross relief efforts. She
and her husband, Kevin H. Dunn, R ’82, live in Alexandria, Va.

David Chad Felt, R, was named “High School Teacher of the Year” in
Berlin, Germany, by the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper. He teaches
at the John F. Kennedy School, and in an ambassador, the newspaper
included mention of the
Kennedy Quad, which was modeled after the Richmond Quad. Chad and his wife, Nabuko, and sons Rene, 10,
and Momo, 9, will take a two-year leave of absence for Chad to teach in
an international school in
Saﬀron, Japan.

James P. Kearney, R, is man-
gaging director for Shoreline Trading Group in Summ, N.J. He and his
wife, Marcy, have three children: Lauren, 8; Anthony, 5; and Peter, 1.

Carl S. Milsted Jr., R, and
Suekinda Obermatt were married on April 18, 2004. They reside in
Asheville, N.C.

Brian J. Spalding, R and
GB’86, sells residential real estate for Coldwell Banker in Richmond.

Margaret Monroe Webb, W, is public relations coordinator for
the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross.

1986

Susan Parcell Gerard, W, and her husband, Jim, had a daughter,
Emily May, on April 12, 2004. She joins brothers Brian, B, and Daniel, 2. Susan enjoys family and children and professional photography business out of her home in
Buckingham, N.C.

Michael Twomey Greason, R
and GB’87, was reappointed as a commissioner of the New York State Uniforms, insurance Appelation Board. He previously served as New York’s deputy commissioner of
human rights, press secretary for Roosevelt Island and deputy com-
missioner of personnel for the City of
New York. He resides in
Southampton and Manhattan,
where he owns several bars, including Dacoon Bistro’s West 45th Street in Hell’s Kitchen.

Eileen Marie O’Donnell, R,
and her husband, Patrick, had a son,
Keegan Michael, on June 22, 2004. He joins brothers Cullan Patrick,
4, and Gavin Thomas, 2. They live in Abington, Pa., and spent
time recently with Christopher
Damiens Dolan, R’69, and Mary Kate Owens Dolan, W’86.
1988

Robert Herman Dow Jr., R, and his wife, Sue, have a son, Stephen Richard. He joins sister Madeleine Claire, 2. They live in Martinsville, N.J.

Robert H. Dunham, B, and his wife, Michelle, returned to the United States after three years in Poland. He works as a business unit vice president in the marketing department of P. & R. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Sarah Williams Haj, W, and her husband, Hosein, had a daughter, Mita Haje-Hariri, on Feb. 27, 2004. She works part time as a television producer in Charlotte, Va.

Lucy Muckerman Lamb, W, and her husband, perfor, had a daughter, Hollis Ferguson, on April 13, 2004. She joins sisters Emily, 10; Joanna; S. Carrolls, 7; and Landon, 3.

Arthur J. Zelenak II, B, is chief financial officer for Hydro Spa. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in St. Petersburg, Fla., with their children, A.J.; 11, and Ashley, 9.

1989

Kristine Jenkins Brubaker, W, works part time as children's ministry director at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pa. She homeschooled daughters Abby, 10; Sarah, 7; and Lissy, 5. Her husband, Makin V. Brubaker, L'87, works as a computer programmer but also enjoys legal research and writing.

Tamara Lynn Christian, B, was named "Woman of the Year" by the National Capital Area Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She was recognized for raising more than $82,000 for the 2004 fund-raising campaign. Tamara is president of National Trade Productions and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Martha E. Mock, W, received a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Wisconsin. She and her husband, Jeffrey Choppin, reside in Rochester, N.Y.

Cheryl Romanik, W, is director of marketing, advertising and public relations for Covington International Travel in Richmond.

1990

Alice Marrin Turner, W, and her husband, Wright, had a son, John Wright, on Oct. 22, 2003. He joins sister Kate, 2.

Robert M. Allen, R, and Tracy Knott were married March 20, 2004. He owns two successful optometry practices in Northern Virginia and was named Virginia's "Young O.D. of the Year" in 2000 by the Virginia Optometric Association.

Elizabeth Stevens Deaton, W, and her husband, Michael, had a son, Benjamin Reese, on March 3, 2004. She is a licensed customs broker at Argentus Express Group, and they live in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Kate Hendricks Rodriguez, W, and her husband, Christian Hummel, had a son, Oliver Cornelius Rodriguez Hummel, on July 27, 2004. He joins brother Samuel, 2. They live in Santiago, Chile.


Marton de St. Pierre, R, joined the Private Bank at Bank of America as vice president and senior trust officer. He lives in Naples, Fla.

Catherine Shelsy, W, and F. Scott Collins were married on June 26, 2004. They live in Broomall, Pa., and she is a senior compensation consultant for SAP America Inc.

Amy Hargest Walsh, B, and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Kelly Romaine, on April 26, 2004. She joins sister Mackenzie, 5, and brother Sean, 3. They live in Phoenix, Md.

Jeremiah Wood IV, R, is a partner in a small law firm where he works with trust planning and probate matters. He and his wife, Colleen, live in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., with their son, Samuel Jeremiah, 1.

1991

Jean S. Arnold, W, is software quality assurance manager for the Florida Lottery. She lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

L. Ellen Bradley, W, joined the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill last February as funding and communications director for the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium. She recently hosted a reunion with former roommate Kristen Gedeon, Sharon Matson Patricelli and Michelle Muller Singewald at her home in Chapel Hill, N.C.

1992

Sarah Gravitt-Boose, G, is director of creative for Capital One Financial Corp.

E. Charles Blottner, B, has joined Sentara Health Management as network relations manager in Richmond. He and his wife, Christel, adopted a son, Brooks Charles, who was born Aug. 4, 2003. He joins sister Minna, 6.

Marc D. Cram, B, and Elizabeth Cole were married on April 17, 2004. The couple lives in Richmond.

David A. Foreman, R, and his wife, Elizabeth Boger Foreman, 93, had a son, John Alexander, on April 11, 2004. He joins sister Kendal, 2.

Bradford W. Frey, B, and his wife, Kelley, had a daughter, Gillian Shum, on Sept. 23, 2003. They live in Boxford, Mass.

Shannon Rice Keene, W, and her husband, Bryan, had a daughter, Emily Grace, on May 29, 2004. She joins Brendan, 2.

Edward L. Pierce, R'92, is associate scenic designer for the Broadway show Wicked.

Kathleen M. Powis, GS, graduated from the Medical College of Virginia and is completing a four-year residency in Harvard's combined internal medicine and pediatrics program in Boston.

Stephen P. Price, R, and Robyn Shapiro were married on June 7, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Brandon Atkinson and Geoffrey P. Brigolina, both '93; Jeremy Brian Hellman, B'92, and Randell Hubert Peterson, R'92.

The couple lives in Owings Mills, Md.

Bryan E. Rutt, B, has been named operations manager for the Lancaster Production Division of Visions Marketing Services Inc. in Lancaster, Pa.

G. Douglas Ross, R, and his wife, Megan, had a son, Andrew Hartford, on July 29, 2004.

F. Hoopes Wampler, R, and Gemma Gaspino were married on April 3, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Michael E. Walden, B; Robert B. Pinkerton, R, and Robert S. Macmillan, R.

Benjamin "Todd" Zartman III, R, has taken a position in the community affairs department of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank after six years of teaching business and technology classes to secondary students in Pennsylvania public schools.

1993


David H. Bradley is a policy analyst for the State Fiscal Project at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C.

Geoffrey P. Brigolina and his wife, Christine, had a daughter, Abby Larkin, on April 2, 2004. She joins brother Jack, 5, and sister Grace, 3. They live in Oceanport, N.J.

Kelly Wright Foster and her husband, Mark D. Foster, had a daughter, Madeleine Davis, on April 15, 2004. She joins Benjamin Douglas, 3. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Marie Brooke and Charles Atkins were married on April 17, 2004. They reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

Daniella Croce McDonald works as a recruiter for U.S. Airways. She spent two weeks in Australia last spring. She and her husband, David, live in Manassas, Va.

Molly Delea McEvoy, LDO, has joined Williams Mullen in Richmond as an associate in the tax law section.

Shannon Quirk Ray and her husband, Brian, had a son, David, on March 29, 2004. They live in Gainesville, Fla.
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Megan Callahan Ryan and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Maura Eileen, on May 18, 2004. She joins brother John, 2. They live in Rosewell, Ga., where Megan is assistant principal at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School and coaches the varsity girls soccer team.

Bill Phelps, '94, is media affairs manager for Philip Morris USA in Richmond.

Pamela Erickson Sakalosky and her husband, Mark F. Sakalosky, '91, had a son, Enroson Mark, on Nov. 11, 2003. He joins Madison, 2. They live in Tampa, Fla.

Scott E. Shauf received a Ph.D. in New Testament from Erasmus University and is an assistant professor of Bible and Greek at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va.

Sheila Rappazzo Yorkin and her husband, Andy, had a daughter, Nora Jane, on March 5, 2004. She joins Kurt Dominick, 2. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Charles W. Walter and his wife, Anita, had a daughter, Margaret Emily, on April 26, 2004. She joins brothers Nicholas, 5, and Sam, 3. Chas is a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers in Stamford, Conn.

Richard H. Singleton, '96, is resident physician in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Julia Althouse Szarko and her husband, Andrew M. Szarko, '93, had a son, Kyle Andrew, on April 19, 2004. He joins sister Katelyn, 3. They reside in Glen Allen, Va.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Tanya Karr Atwell and her husband, Glenn, welcomed a son, Kamon Harris, on Jan. 2, 2004. Tanya is an elementary reading specialist in Annandale, Md.

Bill Phelps is media affairs manager for Philip Morris USA in Richmond.

Amy Anne Smith and John Edmunds were married on May 29, 2004, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Jennifer McCusker Orth was one of 100 finalists in the 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest held in Hollywood, Calif., in June 2004, making Greek quesadillas in the Dinner Made Easy category. She won a trip to Hollywood for the Bake-Off finals and a GE Profile oven.

Kim Fisher Springer and her husband, James B. Springer, '93, had a daughter, Minnie Leigh, on Oct. 8, 2003. Kim works in technology for a bank in Cleveland, and Jim works for his family's manufacturing business in Sandusky, Ohio, where they live.

Lara Jo Jolly Tan and her husband, Keith Tan, had a daughter, Jordan Song-Lin, on June 9, 2004. She joins sister Rachael Song-Ying, 2. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

Jennifer Collins Thompson and her husband, Timothy C. Thompson, had a son, Tyler Patrick, on May 20, 2004. They live in Baltimore, where Tim is director of business development for Educate Inc. (a Sylvan company). Jennifer is a brand manager for Procter & Gamble's cosmetics business.

1995

Dennis M. Callahan and his wife, Emily, had a daughter, Mary Byrne, on Jan. 21, 2004. They live in Atlanta.

Megan Beth Donnell received an M.B.A. in global management from the University of Phoenix Online. She lives in Rockland, Mass., and hosted a party last summer for new University of Richmond students from Massachusetts.

Christine Weidman Grady and her husband, T.J., had a son, Gavin Thomas, on May 3, 2004. He joins Lindsey, 3. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Amy Abell Hover and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth, on June 15, 2004. They live in Le Plata, Md.

Leah Allen Johnson and Chad R. Gillespie were married on May 15, 2004. The couple lives in Baltimore.

Heather Briggs Mackey and her husband, Todd, live in Rockport, Maine, with their son, Dillon Patrick, 2. Heather is a special events manager for the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce. They recently attended the wedding of Allison Claire Burling, where they saw several other Richmond alumni.

Rajiv Malhotra graduated from medical school in Napa, Calif., and has begun his internship at a major hospital in the western United States.

Jennifer Sue Kleinier, '99, earned a Ph.D. in psychology and is completing a residency in neuropsychology in New Orleans.

1996

John Michael Cunningham and his wife, Ellen Mahoney Cunningham, enjoyed a honey-moon in Hawaii and have purchased a condo in South Boston, Mass. John was recently promoted to the position of senior headquarters Internet technician at Mathworks Inc. in Natick, Mass.

Lee Wallace Driver and her husband, Todd, had a daughter, Blair Roland, on May 4, 2004. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

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

Andrew J. Herriott and his wife, Nicole, had twin boys, Andrew Robert and Brandon Macnee, on July 12, 2004. They reside in Hoboken, N.J.

Maria Vlassidis Kokolis and her husband, Mario, had a son, James Michael, on Feb. 2, 2004. He joins sister Paige, 1, a stay-at-home mother and a graduate student at The College of William and Mary. They reside in Williamsburg, Va.

Elizabeth Russoff Nugent has been appointed director of structured finance at Financial Guaranty Insurance in New York.

Richard H. Singleton received an M.D. and a Ph.D. in anatomy and neurobiology from the Medical College of Virginia last year. He and his wife, Karen, live in Pittsburgh, where he is a resident physician in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

John G. Unico and Michele Peart were married in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 14, 2004. He is an associate at the law firm of Jones Day, and the couple lives in Philadelphia.

Hal J. Vincent was promoted to account supervisor at Tierney Communications, a Philadelphia advertising agency, where he handles the Independence Blue Cross and Martin Guitars accounts.

Emily Wilkerson Ward and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Grayson Covington, on July 28, 2004. She joins John, 2. They live in Richmond.

Dana Joy Yobst returned from six months in Africa and is working in sales for a software company in San Francisco.

1997

Jonathan Andrew Brabrand was promoted to vice president at Cooblestone Advisors, a division of Harris Williams & Co. in Richmond.

Keller Byrne Denecaud, and her husband, Matthew Frances Slaski, had a son, Brooks Matthew, on July 19, 2004. The couple resides in Richmond.

Jennifer Sue Kleinier, '99, earned a Ph.D. in psychology and is completing a residency in neuropsychology in New Orleans.

Amy Widerman Lignelli, '98, and her husband, John, had a daughter, Anna Josephine, on May 2, 2004. They live in Merchantville, N.J.

Erim M. Mancoo completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Virginia and works as a physician for Mid-Atlantic Emergency Medical Associates, which staffs emergency rooms of several private hospitals in Charlotte, N.C., where she lives. She recently completed her second marathon, the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tenn.

Michael Miller received a medical degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is completing a residency in emergency medicine in Columbus, Ohio.

David A. Ralston is a manager with Kester, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves in the business assurance sector.
Meeting high expectations

Crystal Wright, ’95, remembers crying “or almost crying” in Dr. Andy Newcomb’s office while he critiqued the personal statement she planned to include in her applications to graduate school. “I can make you feel good, or I can tell you the truth, and we can work on something that will really show the schools how great you are,” said Newcomb, now dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Wright took a deep breath and opted for honesty. She went on to become an assistant professor of psychology at Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn., and she believes that her Richmond experience taught her to have high expectations of undergraduates. She attributes much of her success at Maryville to her Richmond professors.

“They were wonderful,” she recalls. “They let you do as much as you wanted to in the lab.” In addition to Newcomb, Wright says Dr. Scott Allison and Dr. Jane Berry in the psychology department greatly influenced her development as a person and professor.

“I think they [the psychology faculty] looked for people with potential, students who were hungry learners,” she says. “From day one, they prepared undergraduates for graduate school. I really felt like a graduate student by my junior year. We had spaces we could use as offices, and I was a teaching fellow in the psychology department.”

When Wright took her Richmond experience to the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. in social psychology. She also taught a couple of courses as an adjunct instructor at nearby Westmont College. “From the first second I set foot in the classroom” at Westmont, she recalls, “I realized this was what I was meant to do.”

As an assistant professor at Maryville, Wright loves to tackle tough issues in class, like the links between mental illness and creative genius. Pointing to Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock and Sylvia Plath, all unquestionable geniuses with inner demons, she says: “There is a very high suicide rate among female poets. Many artists and musicians are bipolar, and writers seem to have a higher rate of depression than the rest of society. We look at these curious kinds of connections.”

Like Richmond, Maryville encourages undergraduate research, and the college reminds Wright of her alma mater in other ways. It has a beautiful campus, an emphasis on liberal arts, a Christian heritage and an academic culture that encourages one-on-one relationships between professors and students.

At Maryville, Wright heads up “Community Conversations,” a speaker series that her Richmond experience taught her to “consider with an open mind the many different perspectives on current political and social issues.” She also works on a range of social justice issues on campus, including sexual orientation.

After two years on the job, Wright was runner-up for the college’s Outstanding Teacher Award in 2002. Her dean described her as an active scholar, “a wonderfully enthusiastic teacher” and “someone deeply concerned about students as individuals.”

Like Newcomb, she is brutally honest when evaluating papers, but she puts her students at ease by showing them some of the old drafts she wrote as a student.

Wright loves her job and can’t see herself anywhere else. As she attends convocations and other ceremonial events, she looks at the older professors who have the privilege of sitting on the back rows. She sees herself sitting there someday.

– Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64
2000

Rukeltha Mee Booker works as a customer service representative for RR Payne, a manufacturer and supplier of pressure sensitive tear tape to producers of consumable products. She has clients in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America. She is putting her Spanish major to good use.

Shane L. Jimison, '00 and L03, has a law practice in Richmond. His practice is focused on family, business and education law.

Christopher Buell Crowell II received an M.D. last spring from Jefferson Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He is currently completing a residency in emergency medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.

Matthew John Espenshade was awarded a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine last June.

Meagan Fidelis Frayer and Chad Christopher Temple were married in Cannon Memorial Chapel on Oct. 9, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Rebecca Elaine Buchheimer, Jennifer Coleman Willis and Amanda Degregorio Manning. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

2001

Elizabeth Carol Corson and Brandon J. Kivler were married on May 1, 2004. They live in Washington.

Ginger Doyel received a publishing contract from Cornell Maritime Press/TradeWater Publishers to write and illustrate Annapolis Vignettes, a book based on her weekly history column in The Capital newspaper. She lives in Annapolis, Md.

Kristen Weber Jimison is director of education at Syrian Learning Centers in Richmond.

2002

Jennifer M. Bernard graduated from the University of Cincinnati’s Conservatory of Music with a master of music degree in composition. She is pursuing doctoral studies as a Distinguished Graduate Fellow in Cincinnati.

Christianne M.F. Goldman was promoted to a marketing support role for Wachovia Mortgage Corp. in Charlotte, N.C.

Sarah Welch Gregory works as a technical writer in Lansing, Mich.

Laura A. Hogan graduated from the University of Maryland with a master’s degree in public policy. She is a management consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.

Jae Yeon Jeong graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a master’s degree. He is in the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at the University of Memphis in Tennessee.

Laura Elaine Knouse and Stephen Russell Barkley were married on June 5, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Denise Amanda Oliveri and Ian Michael McNamara. Laura is a graduate student in clinical psychology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Steve is employed with Prudential Carolina Realty.

Thomas Patrick Kubick is employed with Kraft Foods. He lives in Bensalem, Pa.

Simon J. Paolo is a claims adjuster for Amica Mutual Insurance. He lives in Southampton, Wash.

Abby Hammer Rendish received a master’s degree in elementary education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She teaches second-graders at the Prescott Elementary School in Gorton, Mass.

Jamieson L. Richardson and Eric J. Beatty, ‘01, were married on April 3, 2004, in the Greek Theatre. Included in the wedding party were Nicole Kristina Sedule-Ross, Brian Francis Stockunas, ‘01, and John W. Richardson, ‘05. The couple resides in Gurn Spring, Va.

2003

Samantha Lynn Bain and Josh Dulli were married in May 2004. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Sarah E. DeVoe passed the CPA exam and is employed at Paterno & DeFreitas in Long Island, N.Y.

Matthew J. Fagan is a student at Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He resides in Ramsey, N.J.
Christopher L. Sandlin, ’03, works in Cairo, Egypt, as a freelance journalist. He is a graduate student in Middle East studies at the American University in Cairo.

Graham got his start in the insurance industry in 1946, when he joined Mutual Insurance. He was named president of the firm in 1962 and sold the company to Richmond Corp., in 1969. He was named president of Insurance Management Corp., a subsidiary of Richmond Corp., in 1971. Five years later, The Continental Group bought Richmond Corp., and Graham continued as president of Insurance Management and also became senior vice president of The Continental Financial Services. In 1983, he became president of The Consulting Company, a firm he created after retiring from Continental.

Graham received the Liberty Bell Award from the Northern Neck Bar Association in 1997 and the Distinguished Citizens Award from the Boy Scouts of America—Robert E. Lee Council in 1996. His wife, the former Mary Alderson, W'44, preceded him in death.

ALUMNI

1931/ O. Mallory Freeman, R., of Richmond, Va., June 10, 2004. He retired from A.H. Robbins Co. after 25 years of service and was a businessman, actor and artist. He appeared in numerous productions at the Bardkakte Theatre at Hanover Tavern, and he narrated the Richmond Christmas Nativity at the Carillon for 25 years.

1935/ Martha Kromer Cox, W., of Mitchellville, Md., May 24, 2004. She was a retired high school biology and horticulture teacher.

1935/ Mary Decker Pugh, W., of Williamsburg, Va., June 18, 2004. She was a skilled gardener and lifetime member of the Berkeley Garden Club in Williamsburg.

1937/ Grace Elliott Olsen, W., of Vincennes, Ind., July 4, 2004. She was a retired librarian.

1938/ Henrietta Harrell Smith, W., of Richmond, Va., May 21, 2004. She had a long career as a math teacher at Douglass Freeman High School in Richmond and was also a volunteer with Henrico County Social Services.

1938/ Paul B. Watlington Jr., R. and H'34, of Norfolk, Va., July 5, 2004. Before his retirement, he served as pastor of Park Place Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va., for 27 years.

1939/ Roderick L. O'Flaherty, R., of Richmond, Va., June 15, 2004. He was a retired Navy commander and a former vice president of Collegiate School in Richmond.

1939/ Robert McLean Whitten Jr., R., of Richmond, Va., July 26, 2004. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He was the fourth generation of his family to lead Whittet & Shepperson Inc., a printing and publishing firm in Richmond. He also was a deacon and elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

1939/ Nancy Gatewood Whitworth, W., of Hilton Head Island, S.C., June 27, 2004. She taught high school English in Fairfax County, Va., for many years. After retiring, she and her husband established Nancy's of Harbotown, a shop in Hilton Head.

1940/ James F. Hart, R., of Richmond, Va., July 9, 2004. He was co-owner of pharmacies in Lexington, Bedford and Moneta, Va. Before moving to Richmond, he was a long-time member of Bedford Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and choir member.


1941/ James Riddout Harris, R., of Richmond, Va., June 18, 2004. He worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York and New Jersey for 40 years, where he developed many new technologies. One of his inventions, the world’s earliest transistor-based computer, was in the Smithsonian Institution for many years and is now in the AT&T archives. In 2003, he received an Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the University.

1942/ Frank Joseph Baker Jr., R., of Pittsburg, Pa., July 8, 2004. He was a commissioned Naval officer during World War II. He and his wife owned and operated the Pioneer Inn in Bethel Park, Pa., and he successfully developed several properties in Florida. He was a lifetime member of the Eks and Lions clubs.

1942/ Richard C. Klaifky, R., of Naples, Fla., May 25, 2004. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. For many years he was business manager of the Huntingdon School District in Long Island, N.Y., before pursuing a career in commercial real estate. After relocating to Naples with his wife, he became a founding member of Wyndemere Country Club and was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1942/ George T. Wale Jr., of Fredericksburg, Va., June 14, 2004. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II. He was owner and operator of Wale Barber Co. and was founder and owner of Wale Furniture Co. and Wale Construction Co. He was a member of Fredericksburg Host Lions Club for more than 50 years.

1943/ Sidney J. Brandon, R., of Dundas, Va., May 22, 2004. He was a flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and later worked as a civilian flight instructor, teaching many friends and family members to fly. A tobacco farmer, he served four terms on the board of supervisors of Brunswick County and was a founding board member of the Bank of Brunswick.

1943/ Richard R. Williams, R., of Kilmarnock, Va., May 22, 2004. He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and was stationed in Norfolk, Va., Bethesda, Md., and American Samoa. He practiced ophthalmology in Richmond for more than 40 years before beginning a new practice in Kilmarnock. He was a former president of the Northern Neck Medical Society and a volunteer physician for the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

1944/ Louise Richardson Phipps, W., of Dinwiddie, Va., June 5, 2004. She was a teacher in Hopewell and Dinwiddie for many years and was a member of Lebanon United Methodist Church.

1948/ Wilson C. Ware, R., of Richmond, Va., July 24, 2004. He served in World War II. He was a CPA and was employed at Coopers and Lybrand for his entire career. He was also a lifelong member of Rappanahock Christian Church and served on the boards of several charitable organizations.


1949/ Jane Norris Knutson, W., of Wytheville, Va., May 29, 2004. She was retired from the Wythe County School System, where she taught for many years.


1954/ Edward Earl Dunklee, R., of Gloucester, Va., June 7, 2004. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He worked for the Federal Emergency Management Association as a disaster assistance specialist and retired from Gloucester County after 15 years as a planner. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.


Reserve. He retired from GE Plastics in 1997 after 34 years of service.

1958/William F. McKinney, B. of Virginia Beach, Va., July 23, 2004. He was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and was active in community affairs with the Jaycees, both in Suffolk and Virginia Beach. He was an accountant and had worked for several banks and hospitals.

1968/Herbert Miles Savage Jr., B. of Phoenix, Ariz., June 9, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was employed by Reynolds Metals and Alcoa Aluminum before retiring in 2002.

1987/Scott W. Bestwick, R. of Spring Township, Pa., June 9, 2004. He was president and CEO of Tray-Pak Corp. He was also director of the Berks County Manufacturers Association and a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, Pa.

1989/Claudia D'Agostino Carlson, B. of Mechanicsville, Va., July 20, 2004. She worked as a senior decision support analyst for Philip Morris before retiring to care for her family and three children.

FACULTY

Dr. Fredric M. Jablin died Oct. 30. He joined the University in 1994 and held the E. Cloiborne Robins Distinguished Chair in Leadership Studies. He also served as acting dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies during a pivotal time in its development.

Jablin focused his teaching on communication and leadership, motivation, research methods and critical thinking. He researched various aspects of leader-member communication in organizations, group problem solving, and communication associated with organizational entry, assimilation and exit.

“He was a dedicated scholar, a respected teacher and a friend to all of us,” said Dr. Kenneth Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School. “He provided guidance and support to everyone and personified the school’s central mission of service to others.”

William H. Lockey Jr., retiree associate professor of speech communication and theatre arts, died Sept. 18.

Lockey, primarily a lighting and scene designer, joined the University as a part-time instructor in 1963. He started teaching full time in 1967, and he became an assistant professor in 1972.

“He dedicated himself to the theatre program and to the students,” said Dr. John D. Welsh, another retired theatre professor. “The students really took to that, especially the design students.” They called him “Coach,” he recalled.

Dr. Martin Luther Shotzberger, B’48, GB’49 and H’74, died Oct. 19. He was the founding dean of University College, now the School of Continuing Studies.

After teaching at Lynchburg College and Ohio State University, Shotzberger came to Richmond in the 1950s as an assistant professor of business administration. After a five-year stint at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, he returned to Richmond in 1962 to help start University College.

Shotzberger left the University again in 1968 to become president of Catawba College in North Carolina. He returned to teaching in 1980 at the business school of Elon College in North Carolina.

Dr. William H. Thorn III, professor of history, died Sept. 11. Thorn taught at the University for 38 years, retiring in 2000.

Thorn specialized in Russian and German history, and he also taught a course called “Technology in Modern Civilization.” Its syllabus has been published in a national journal recognizing innovations in teaching.

Thorn was known for his extensive class preparation and for his wry sense of humor, said Dr. Hugh A. West, chairman of the history department. “He really enjoyed students,” West said. “He loved teaching, and he was an absolute demon at getting classes ready.”

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Genetics may explain why many of these freshmen look familiar. Members of the Class of 2008 pose for a picture with their alumni parents on move-in day.
Homecoming king and queen
Ben Dietrich, '05, and
Kam Somayaji, '05.

Danielle Morris, '05, and the other Spider cheerleaders pump up the crowd.

It's easy to spot the placekicker's mom during extra point attempts. Deborah M. Ball watches her son split the uprights against James Madison University. Freshman Carter Ball converted two extra points and hit two field goals with help from junior quarterback Stacey Tutt.

The Doctors of Jazz features Ben Anderson on trombone, Dr. Rob James on trumpet and Dick Dunsing on banjo.
Young grads flock together for a tailgate party. The back row (left to right) includes: Jen Lax; Joshua Bush, '00; Kent Mancini, '02; Kelly Gribbin, '02; Susan Price, '03; Katherine Ponzo, '03; Martha Shear; Jeanenne Fagan, '98; Ashleigh Gregg McDermott, '98; and Andrew Miller, '03. The front row includes: John Brecker, '02; Bo Pisko, '98; Katy Young, '03; Sarah Shear, '01; and Kelly Hart, '03.

Alumni win annual awards

During homecoming, the University of Richmond Alumni Association presented its annual awards: Spinning the Spider Web, Distinguished Young Graduate, Educational Fundraiser of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year.

George Varoutsos, R'70 and L73, and his wife, Sandra Varoutsos, won the Volunteer of the Year Award for planning and hosting alumni events, new student welcome parties and other Richmond-related functions in the Washington, D.C., area.

Jennifer McKay, '99, received the Distinguished Young Graduate Award, which recognizes a recent graduate for outstanding achievement. McKay is an Army captain stationed at Fort Rucker in Enterprise, Ala.

Robert Ukrop, B'69, accepted the Educational Fundraiser of the Year Award. As a University Trustee, Ukrop has served on the board's advancement committee and as national chairman of the University's annual fund.

Mary Anne Rodenhiser, W'92, won the Spinning the Spider Web Award for promoting alumni involvement in areas outside of Richmond. Rodenhiser is president of the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter. She has facilitated many events and worked closely with the Young Grad Committee in Washington.
Honoring the Past. Creating the Future.

Adapted from President William E. Cooper’s address to the campus community on Sept. 8, 2004

In this 175th year of the University, it seems fitting to consider where we have been and where we are heading. Our University was founded as a Baptist seminary in 1830. Literary studies were added a decade later, and with that leap, a seminary broadened its mission and began to take on the shape of a college.

By that time, the campus was near downtown Richmond. In 1914, the college held its first classes on the grounds we enjoy today. The first building on this campus was Ryland Hall. In the years that followed, the college built many other buildings to accommodate its growth. These structures are important, because they contain the learning and friendships that come alive within their walls. These buildings hold the echoes of our conversations and of all the voices that preceded us.

In recent years, we have continued to build the quality of our academic programs. We have highlighted the critical roles of imagination and curiosity, placing more emphasis on faculty-student research. We have added new dimensions to our faculty and more scholarships for our students. We have added innovative co-curricular programs—WILL, Spinning Your Web, the Bonner Scholars Program, to name just a few.

We have made strides in building a vibrant learning community that values diverse perspectives. We have increased our funding for CIGNA Scholars. We now provide both need-blind admissions and a commitment to meet students’ full, demonstrated financial need. In addition, we have augmented financial aid for international students. In intercollegiate athletics, we have provided equal opportunities for women.

Today, we have more female faculty members than ever, and more women serve as senior administrators. When I arrived, all of the president’s direct reports were male. Now, five of nine are female. Women serve in key positions such as provost, chaplain and dean of the business school. This year 23 percent of newly hired, full-time, tenure-track faculty members represent under-represented populations. In addition, we recently recruited our first Hispanic trustee and our first African-American alumnus commencement speaker.

These distinguished individuals and so many others have added immeasurably to the perspectives and experiences of our learning community. Yet we are just beginning to fulfill our true potential. A university that proclaims itself open to individuals with differing views and values has a responsibility to equitably benefit those individuals, to learn from and cherish the differences we as a community embody.

Together we have crossed historic thresholds and reached key milestones in the face of terrorist attacks, hurricanes, recessions and wars. These conditions humble us even as they strengthen our resolve. We have far more to achieve in the days ahead. We must continue to aim ever higher academically, stretching ourselves to exercise more of our enormous capacity for learning, for discovery, for creativity, for the development of skills and understanding so necessary for each of us to serve more effectively on and beyond this campus.

We must continue to foster a culture that is respectful of all who learn here, a culture based on honest discourse, a culture that welcomes friendly discussion in an atmosphere of genuine caring and concern for each individual, each group and the common good.

We must continue to raise funds for additional faculty, scholarships, programs and facilities. In our Transforming Bright Minds campaign, more donors than ever are rallying to our cause because it is a cause worthy of their investment, just as it was to the great philanthropist, E. Claiborne Robins. Our donors believe in our ability to build an ever greater university. They see you achieving, and they see themselves achieving, leading lives of fulfillment, thanks in some measure to what they have learned here.

Our supporters see how dedicated we are to community service. They understand that the essence of a great university lies in the talent and character of its people, that a great university combines local involvement and global reach. A great university achieves real synergy among its departments and schools, benchmarks itself against other leading universities but imitates none. We are striving to be the best Richmond we can become, offering an unparalleled educational experience.

Our shared vision for the University can be put simply—to be the place where we educate and inspire students to contribute in major ways to society, realizing that their Richmond educations play key roles in enabling their achievements. Richmond is ultimately worthy in proportion to the consequential achievements of its alumni, its faculty, its staff and its students. By this measure, Richmond is already highly successful, and we will become more influential still in a world of enormous need and opportunity, facing issues from malnutrition and poverty to energy and environment.

Each of us plays a vital role in this effort. Think ahead for a moment to a day when others will celebrate Richmond’s 200th or 300th anniversary. They will benefit from your efforts, and they will bring their own initiatives to the mix, taking bold steps we cannot yet imagine, firmly rooted in Richmond’s longstanding core values. It is our duty to prepare the University as well for our successors as our predecessors have prepared it for us.
The reasons Richmond’s current and future alumni give to their alma mater are as numerous and personal as the donors themselves. Regardless of the reason, each gift is critical to the University’s ability to sustain its momentum and build upon its status as one of the nation’s best. There are various ways to give to Richmond and all gifts count toward the Transforming Bright Minds campaign. Please consider your reason for giving and join your fellow alumni in supporting your University. Call 1-800-480-4774 today to learn more about giving opportunities at Richmond.
President Heartily Endorses Plan to Invite Schools to University Next Thanksgiving

INQUIRIES INVITED

Equally as important to Virginia High Schools and Prep Schools as the coming Intercollegiate Newspaper gathering in Richmond is to Southern collegians of like interests, will be the membership of the University. Next fall, Mr. Garst was the unanimous choice of this club to be the President. As such, he will be in Richmond in May to invite the schools to join him in preparing the University of Richmond for the yearly meeting. The University of Richmond is the only one of Virginia's multitudes of schools that has the education to offer a real chance in the world.