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Richmond junior aids bomb victims in London

When bombs explode, most people run the other way, but Sean M. Baran, '07, rushed to aid victims of the London transit attack on July 7.

Running late for his last day of a summer internship, Baran hopped a double-decker bus because the subway was closed.

As the bus approached Edgware Underground Station, the entrepreneurial studies major saw people streaming out into the street. Cell phones on the bus began ringing like crazy, and Baran called home to Westfield, N.J., (4:30 a.m. there) to let his father know he was OK.

Then he hurried off the bus and waded into the chaos.

"People were coming out of the station with soot around their mouths and blood splattered on their faces," said Baran, a rescue squad volunteer in his hometown.

"I went over to a police officer and said, 'I'm an EMT from the United States. Can I please help?'" Baran told Katie Couric on NBC's Today show the following morning.

The officer directed him to a hotel, where he helped evaluate and treat patients in a makeshift triage unit.

One woman sustained burns and lacerations to her face, hands and legs, Baran said. He quickly removed "incredibly hot" glass shards from her leg, applied burn gel and gauze and "got her out the door quickly" to the hospital.

Another victim told him about a man who had been thrown from the subway car where the bomb exploded. Apparently the man was trapped on the adjacent tracks. Passengers in the car "could hear him calling for them, but they weren't able to pull open the doors," Baran said. "I believe he was run over by one of the trains."

He described the disaster as "extremely surreal," a sucker punch to a city that was celebrating Wimbledon, Live 8 and its winning bid for the 2012 Olympics.

Despite the initial shock, Baran said the city's emergency personnel reacted with extraordinary poise and efficiency.

"They had about 60 patients total, walking wounded, and they were able to process all of those people and get them to the hospital within about two or three hours," he recalled. "That's an incredible response time when it comes to a multiple casualty incident like that."

He said he will remember the "sounds of silence" after the buses were called back and the city emptied of cars and taxis. "It was eerily silent and reminiscent of Sept. 11."

Baran's willingness to help and his articulate accounts of rescue efforts made him a hit with American media. In addition to the Today show, he appeared on CNN's Larry King Live, NBC's Dateline and Fox's On the Record with Greta Van Susteren. His story also ran in dozens of daily newspapers throughout the United States and Great Britain.

Baran himself narrowly escaped being a victim. "I definitely would have been on the train when it stopped at Edgware Station," he said, "had I not been running late."

—Karl Rhodes and Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64
Board elects new trustees

The Board of Trustees has elected three new members to four-year terms: Richard S. Johnson of Richmond; Charles A. Ledsinger Jr. of Silver Spring, Md.; and Patricia L. Rowland of Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Johnson, B’73, is president and chief executive officer of The Wilton Companies, a Richmond-based real estate company established in 1945. He and his partners purchased the company in 2002. Prior to acquiring Wilton, Johnson was chairman and CEO of Southern Title Insurance Co. and, subsequently, founder of Southern Financial, which became part of The Wilton Companies.

Ledsinger is president and CEO of Choice Hotels International Inc., one of the world’s largest hotel franchisers. Ledsinger joined Choice Hotels in 1998. He previously was president and chief operating officer of The St. Joe Co., Florida’s largest private landowner and a major developer of master-planned communities, commercial and industrial facilities, resorts and location-based entertainment.

Rowland, W’77 and GB’81, is co-founder of Act II, a firm dedicated to making tailored, affordable health insurance available to retiring employees. She previously was senior vice president for business development and marketing of CIGNA Healthcare. Rowland began her career with CIGNA in 1983.

ROTC staffers earn top honors

The U.S. Army Cadet Command has named two Richmond ROTC staffers best in the nation for 2005. Cadet Command is the parent organization of Army ROTC.

A board of officers selected Lt. Col. Donald J. Lash Jr. as Professor of Military Science of the Year and Hoa “Lan” T. Weidle as Human Resource Assistant of the Year. The board also named Richmond’s ROTC program the top battalion in the 4th Brigade, which includes 19 schools in Virginia and North Carolina.

The Richmond staffers competed individually against their counterparts at 272 Senior Army ROTC battalions across the nation.

In addition to each nominee’s individual contributions to Cadet Command, the selection board considered the battalion’s overall performance, its success in commissioning second lieutenants and its cadets’ performance on the leader development and assessment course.

Lash, a West Point graduate, has been professor of military science at Richmond since 2001. He earned an M.B.A (aviation) from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., and has served 22 years in the military.

Weidle has worked at Richmond since 1998. She has won six Commander’s Awards and five Achievement Medals for Civilian Service.

ODK names Richmond grad National Leader of the Year

Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society for college students, has named Brandon L. Boxler, ’05, National Leader of the Year. The award marks the culmination of a college career that overflowed with leadership and service.

Boxler earned a 3.65 grade point average while double majoring in political science and philosophy. He is a member of the political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the philosophy honor society, Phi Sigma Tau. He was named to the Mortar Board National College Honor Society in 2004 and the National Dean’s List for 2003–05.

During his senior year, he was vice president of the Richmond Circle of ODK and president of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. He co-chaired Build It 2005, the largest community service initiative in the University’s history, managing a $100,000 budget and overseeing a Habitat for Humanity blitz-build plus renovation work on three local public schools.

As a Bonner Scholar, Boxler organized and advised a Students Against Violence Everywhere chapter in a Richmond elementary school.

Boxler completed internships with the Richmond Legal Aid and Justice Center, Congresswoman Mary Bono, and the Australian Parliament.

In 2004, Boxler received the Golden Key International Honour Society award for “outstanding character, service and leadership” and the Richmond College McAdams Prize for “stimulating the cooperative spirit between the student body and administration.”

He also received Richmond College’s Most Significant Contributor Award for the Class of 2005, the Kessler scholarship for “the most outstanding student leader” and the E. Bruce Heilman Leadership Award for “the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding character and leadership.”

Boxler works for the Office of Vaccine Litigation at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.
Srinivas Pulavarti has been named president of Spider Management Co., Richmond’s investment-management affiliate. In that position, Pulavarti will serve as the University’s chief investment officer, overseeing a $1.18 billion endowment.

Previously, Pulavarti managed $14 billion in global pension assets for Citigroup, and before that he was director of investments for the $2 billion Johns Hopkins University endowment.

Pulavarti says he prefers to work with funds in the $2 billion to $4 billion range because they are able to make significant investments in an alternative asset class while remaining highly selective within that class. His goal is to build Richmond’s endowment to that level.

“We are delighted that Mr. Pulavarti is leading our investment staff,” says Herbert C. Peterson, Richmond’s vice president for business and finance. “He has extensive experience in the alternative investments area.”

Dr. James H. Hall, professor of philosophy, retired in May after 40 years of distinguished service.

Hall graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1955 and entered Southeastern Theological Seminary. He added a doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964. He joined Richmond’s philosophy department the following year, and became a professor in 1974.

He chaired the philosophy department for 30 years while winning numerous awards for service to the University. He was the first director of the Richmond Quest program and a long-time academic adviser to the University’s Oldham Scholars.

Other faculty members retiring with 30-plus years of service were Dr. Stuart C. Clough, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Arthur B. Gunlicks, professor of political science and international studies.

Gunlicks joined the faculty in 1968 and won the University’s Distinguished Educator Award in 2003. He has written extensively on German federalism, political parties and campaign finance.

Clough, ‘65, joined the faculty in 1973 and won the University’s Distinguished Educator Award in 1987. His research includes precise chemical analysis of the spray emitted by stink bugs. (Clough has agreed to teach one more year.)

Both Clough and Gunlicks are featured in the cover story, “Tough Love Professors,” that begins on page 10.

Dr. Jorge Haddock, a nationally recognized expert on management and information technology, became dean of the Robins School of Business in July.

He comes to Richmond from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., where he was associate dean and professor of management science and information technology in the Lally School of Management and Technology. He also was responsible for business operations and information services at the Lally School.

“Dr. Haddock’s strong record of scholarship, teaching and administrative experience has prepared him to lead the Robins School as it continues to ascend in quality,” says President William E. Cooper.

The new dean is known for his research on the design and implementation of information technology systems for production and business services, including evaluation of these systems’ impact on corporate cultures. He has authored or co-authored more than 70 publications and has taught operations research, production planning and information technology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, NASA, Alcoa, General Motors, Kodak and RCA Corp.

Haddock has consulted for a wide variety of corporations including Citibank, CSX World Terminals, Baxter Pharmaceuticals, Fiemex in Mexico and Cedel in Luxembourg. He also is co-author of a patent titled "Method of System for Providing Credit Support to Parties Associated with Derivative and Other Financial Transactions."

“Dr. Haddock brings a wealth of relevant experience, outstanding leadership ability and interdisciplinary expertise to this assignment,” says Provost June R. Aprille. “He is well-prepared to advance the continued development of our nationally distinctive business school.”

Haddock earned his Ph.D. at Purdue University, his master’s degree from Rensselaer and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Puerto Rico. He is a native of Puerto Rico and held academic positions at the University of Puerto Rico and Clemson University before moving to Rensselaer in 1986.

“I am thrilled to be joining the University of Richmond as dean of the Robins School of Business,” Haddock says. “The school is already outstanding and has potential to become even greater.”
Westhampton Center

Deanery addition to enhance college’s sense of place

The University has launched a fundraising initiative to create Westhampton Center, a complex that will include the historic Deanery and a new, adjacent building of similar size.

“This much-needed facility will have a major impact on students and alumnae,” says Westhampton College Dean Juliette L. Landphair. “It will enhance Westhampton’s sense of place.”

Founded in 1914 as a separate women’s college under the leadership of Dean May Keller, Westhampton merged its academic operations with Richmond College’s in 1975. The college, however, continues to maintain its own residence hall system, student government, honor system, judicial system, traditions and student-faculty committees.

Today the Deanery primarily serves as a dean of students office tailored to the needs of women, an increasingly vital mission, Landphair notes.

Westhampton Center will make room for the college’s growing staff, programs and resources. The new portion of the center, a 5,400-square-foot building, will connect to the south side of the Deanery via an entry loggia. The addition will have a residential look and feel with architecture that complements the Deanery’s.

A 1,400-square-foot living room will be the centerpiece of the new addition. The room will include significant display space for Westhampton artifacts and memorabilia such as diaries, song books, scrapbooks and beanies. It will host meetings of alumnæ groups, sororities and Westhampton organizations such as the Westhampton College Government Association. It also will provide an inviting place for students to study and socialize.

“It will be our Whitehurst,” says Becky Clarke, W’76, referring to the gathering room for Richmond College.

The second floor of the new building will house the Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program and offices for several proposed new positions, including a women’s resource director and an academic advising coordinator. These additional staff will help the college deal more proactively with issues facing female students, including sexual assault and eating disorders.

“College is not just about teaching and research,” Landphair says. “It’s also about mentoring students and ensuring that they are healthy and strong outside the classroom so they can thrive inside of it.”

Building the new structure and connecting it to the Deanery will cost nearly $3 million. Fundraising for the project has just begun, but the impetus to build Westhampton Center goes back several years to alumni, students and staff who recognized a critical need for more space.

“The original goal was simply to consolidate the dean’s staff in one place,” Landphair says. “But over time we realized that this expansion is more than physical: It is about the college’s past, present and future. In order to preserve the historic nature of the Deanery, we came up with the idea of building a separate ‘home’ with architecture similar to the Deanery’s.”

The concept gained momentum from an alumnae advisory board that was looking for ways to energize Westhampton. Convened to support the college’s annual Women in the Know Conference, the board expanded its agenda to include the future of the college. They gave Westhampton Center a ringing endorsement, Clarke says.

“There is a feeling among many alumnæ that Westhampton is losing some of its identity,” she explains. “Westhampton needs a place we can call home.”

For more information about Westhampton Center and its fundraising initiative, contact Betty Prince at (804) 289-8468 or eprince@richmond.edu.
Is SpongeBob the missing link?

There is strong evidence that the common ancestor of all animals was sponge-like, says Malcolm S. Hill, a visiting associate professor of biology.

Sponges are the most primitive multicellular animals, and studying them allows scientists to look backward in terms of evolution, adds Dr. April L. Hill, associate professor of biology.

The husband-and-wife research team is willing to go so far as to say, with tongues firmly in cheeks, that if sponges made full use of their genes, they might really resemble the popular cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants (minus the pants, of course).

"Sponges have the genetic potential that could lead to things like eyes, legs and arms," April Hill says.

The Hills' research has shed new light on the genetic composition of these simple creatures. Although they strongly resemble the earliest animals to appear on the planet, sponges carry sophisticated genes that control the growth of eyes, brains and central nervous systems.

"It's as if sponges have all these tools—a black box of genes—but still have very simple bodies," Malcolm Hill says.

In one set of experiments, the Hills isolated a gene from sponges (the Bar/Bsh gene) that in more advanced animals plays a key role in brain and nervous system development. In ongoing research, they are examining genes (Pax genes) that are involved in eye development. It appears that Pax genes from sponges can produce eyes in more advanced animals even though they do not produce eyes in sponges.

SpongeBob's popularity aside, the Hills have noticed that sponges are attracting more attention among scientists.

"Sponges are important creatures for a number of reasons," April Hill says. "They produce promising anti-cancer drugs. They are the most ancient animal group and provide clues about our own evolution. They play important ecological roles in marine systems."

Most students want to study humans, sharks or dolphins, Malcolm Hill concedes, "but once they get introduced to sponges, a lot of them come around. We're converting one person at a time to the sponge world."

Their most recent poriferan protégé is Lisa Lint, a junior from West Chester, Pa., who spent the summer conducting sponge research with April Hill as part of a fellowship Hill received from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and the Council of Undergraduate Research. They collected sponges from the Chesapeake Bay and examined a variety of evolutionary-conserved genes that help develop nervous systems in more complex animals.

"We believe that understanding the fundamental roles of these genes will not only help scientists elucidate how animals evolved, but will also aid in the understanding of the role these genes have in more complex organisms," April Hill says.
Alumnus meets with the Dalai Lama

Traveling abroad with the Tibetan Studies Program of the School for International Training last spring, Jed Grubbs, '05, savored a rare opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama.

Grubbs was traveling and studying with a group of students in India, Nepal and Tibet. They visited the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India, seat of the Tibetan government in exile.

“He talked with us for nearly an hour and a half,” Grubbs recalls. “We talked about what it means to lose a loved one, and also what it means to love from a Tibetan Buddhist perspective with regards to and in the company of fundamental Buddhist principles.”

The students were not allowed to ask political questions, but they did pose for a picture with the Dalai Lama. Grubbs describes the meeting as “a really cool experience.”

Fulbright grant sends alumnae to Germany

Two recent graduates will be teaching and conducting research in Germany on Fulbright grants for the 2005–06 academic year.

English-German major Anne Schwalbe, '05, of Corcoran, Minn., hopes to enhance English language programs in German schools.

“For many students, the hurdle of learning a new language prevents them from ever being able to study and experience another country’s culture,” she says. “I believe that this hurdle can be overcome by integrating stimulating real-life course material into language classes and by providing connections to other countries.”

One such connection, Schwalbe says, is the Germans’ fascination with American Indian culture. Germany has many Native American hobbyists who make costumes and teepees and spend weekends together in villages they create.

Another English-German major, Caroline A. Weist, '05, of York, Pa., plans to study intercultural theater in Berlin. Intercultural theater employs theatrical elements or techniques from a foreign culture or adapts an entire play from another country.

U.S. News ranks Richmond high among best liberal arts colleges

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the University of Richmond in the top tier of its national ratings of “best liberal arts colleges.” The magazine also featured Richmond on its list of “great schools, great prices” in the liberal arts category.

Richmond’s debut on these national lists is a significant change from previous years when it was compared with “master’s universities” in the South. The new ranking places Richmond in the prestigious national liberal arts category, which includes 215 schools throughout the country. Richmond tied for 34th place.

Richmond changed categories this year following a reclassification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The foundation administers the official classification system for all U.S. colleges and universities, and U.S. News bases its various categories on that system.

Carnegie upgraded Richmond to national status because the University compares more closely—across a variety of measures—with nationally ranked liberal arts colleges than to regionally ranked master’s universities.

Williams, Amherst, Swarthmore, Wellesley and Carleton colleges ranked first through fifth, respectively, in the national liberal arts category this year. Richmond placed ahead of such schools as Franklin and Marshall, Furman, Occidental, Dickinson and Rhodes. The only other Virginia school to make the top 50 was Washington and Lee University, which ranked 14th.

Richmond also placed 35th among 40 schools in the magazine’s best values rankings for liberal arts colleges. U.S. News determines these rankings based on a school’s academic quality and the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid from that school. Richmond is the only university in Virginia, and one of fewer than 40 universities in the country, to meet 100 percent of an undergraduate student’s demonstrated need while maintaining a “need-blind” admission policy.

“We are pleased to be included in the top tier of national liberal arts colleges,” says President William E. Cooper, “and we will continue efforts to build distinctive programs at the highest level of academic quality.”
Richmond welcomes five new coaches

**Chris Mooney—Men's Basketball**

After five seasons of coaching at the Air Force Academy, Chris Mooney was named men's basketball coach in May. Last season Mooney led Air Force to its second-best record in his first year as head coach. He was previously an assistant coach.

At Air Force, Mooney played a large role in the Falcon's success. The team led the country in scoring defense for the past three seasons, and it finished second in limiting turnovers last year. In conjunction with his on-court success, Mooney fostered strong relationships in the community that helped boost attendance in each of his years at Air Force.

During his playing days under Hall of Fame Coach Pete Carril at Princeton, Mooney twice earned the B.F. Dunn Trophy, given annually to the varsity basketball player who contributed most to the sport at the school through sportsmanship, play and influence. The program's 20th all-time leading scorer with 1,071 points, he helped lead the Tigers to two NCAA tournament appearances and a pair of conference titles.

**Matt Barany—Swimming and Diving**

Matt Barany, former director of swimming and diving at James Madison University, is Richmond's new swimming and diving coach. Barany served three years as the men's head coach at JMU, and he guided both the men's and women's programs in his final season there.

In just one year with the women's team, the Dukes broke four school records, and one swimmer registered an NCAA "B" qualifying time. On the men's side, Barany coached nine CAA champions and seven school record holders.

A 1995 graduate of JMU, Barany swam freestyle on four consecutive conference championship teams.

**Michael Shafer—Women's Basketball**

Michael Shafer, the new women's basketball coach, assumes his first head coaching position after serving as an assistant coach with the University of Georgia women's program for 11 years. He was associate head coach for the Lady Bulldogs the last two seasons.

Shafer helped lead Georgia to 11 straight NCAA tournament appearances and four Southeastern Conference championships. During his tenure, the team posted a 273-85 mark and advanced to a trio of NCAA Final Fours.

An outstanding recruiter, Shafer helped Georgia Head Coach Andy Landers sign five top-10 freshman classes, including the nation's fifth-best class last year. While serving the past three years as the Lady Bulldogs' recruiting coordinator, Shafer signed five high school All-Americans.

Shafer played basketball for the College of William and Mary as a walk-on, serving as team co-captain in 1994.

**Adam Decker—Men's Golf**

Richmond hired Adam Decker one week after he helped lead Penn State to the NCAA East Regional as an assistant coach. Decker coached one season at his alma mater after playing professionally for six years.

The Long Island, N.Y., native competed sporadically on the Mid-Atlantic Tour before qualifying for the 1998 Kemper Open, a PGA Tour event. During the following three years, Decker won four times on three separate tours and advanced to the second stage of the PGA Tour qualifying rounds several times.

A former walk-on at Penn State, Decker led the Nittany Lions to the 1996 NCAA Championship as a junior. The following year he earned All-America honors.

**Leighanne Rastede—Women's Golf**

When LaRae Sugg was promoted to assistant athletic director, her first challenge was to replace herself as golf coach. Two weeks later she hired Leighanne Rastede, a former Penn State assistant and Methodist College All-American.

While at Penn State, Rastede served as head instructor of Penn State's golf camps and its alumni golf schools. Before that she taught at the Dana Rader Golf School in Charlotte, N.C. She also served as a teaching assistant for Dr. Jim Suttie, who ranked among Golf Digest's "Top 15 Greatest Teachers."

At Methodist College, Rastede's team won the school's 15th national title in 2002. Individually she finished fourth, earning both NCAA and Academic All-America honors.
Tennis teams win A-10 championships

Richmond women’s and men’s tennis teams finished atop the Atlantic 10 Conference and advanced to the NCAA championships. The women captured their second straight A-10 title and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the fifth time. They ended the season with a 14-10 record after competing a majority of the season with only five players, due to injuries.

The A-10 honored Lindsay Cox, ’05, as its Most Outstanding Performer in Women’s Tennis, the first time a Richmond player has won that award. Courtney Klein, ’05, Meghan Wolfgram, ’06, and Robin Carter, ’07, joined Cox on the All-Conference team. Cox and Wolfgram attracted national attention, climbing as high as 40th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association doubles rankings, and head coach Mark Wesselink earned his third A-10 Coach of the Year award.

The men also won their second consecutive A-10 championship, advancing to the NCAA tournament for the third time. They closed the season with a 16-7 record, including eight straight wins before falling in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Lacrosse team turns season around

The lacrosse team overcame an 0-4 start with a 7-1 finish, capturing the program’s first-ever Atlantic 10 championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

The Spiders ended with a 9-8 record, their third winning season under fourth-year coach Sue Murphy. They were 5-2 in conference play.

Three of Richmond’s first four losses were to nationally ranked teams. After beating Old Dominion and American, the team dropped three more consecutive games, including two conference losses, and the Spiders’ season hit bottom.

Then Richmond surged back to win its last five regular-season games, including an upset of nationally ranked Temple. In the opening round of the A-10 tournament, the Spiders again defeated Temple, the conference’s top seed and defending champion. They won 11-10 on a last-second goal by Caroline McGuire, ’06. The following night, Richmond became the first fourth-seeded team to win the conference championship when it topped Duquesne 10-8.

McGuire was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player, and teammates Kristen Habicht, ’05, Jackie Swansburg, ’06, and Ashley Friend, ’07, joined her on the All-Tournament team. Habicht also earned all-conference honors.

The Spiders lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to No. 2 seed Duke.

Going once ... going twice ...

The athletics department will host an auction to benefit student-athletes on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Robins Center. Tickets are $75. A list of auction items is available at www.richmondspiders.com/auction. For more information, call the Spider Club at (804) 289-8759.

Last chance for seniors

Led by co-captains Brian Burnette, David Freeman, John Gromin and Stacy Tutt, the football team is determined to deliver its first winning season since 2000.

Improvement at the skill positions should translate into more points for an offense that averaged 18 per game last season. Eight starters return, including quarterback Tutt and running back Freeman. On defense, Burnette leads nine returning starters. After gaining experience on the field last season and completing another year of strength training and conditioning, they should be ready.

“We have a very good senior class,” says second-year coach Dave Clawson. “This is their last shot to play football for the Spiders. Our entire football team has to have a sense of urgency.”
Tough Love
Alumni remember the professors who loved them enough to demand their best work.

By Karl Rhodes

In the early 1930s, Charles H. Ryland took physics and did OK. Then he agonized over the second half of his science requirement.

He knew the chemistry professor's tough reputation, but the other choice was biology, and he wasn't interested in cutting up frogs. So he signed up for chemistry and braced himself.

Ryland finished the course with an E—not a passing grade but good enough to qualify for re-examination. He and nearly half of his classmates studied hard and took a second-chance test. Then they lined up in the hallway to see if they passed. One by one the professor called them into his office.

When it was Ryland's turn, the professor ushered him in and shut the door.

"Sit down, young man," he said solemnly, as he opened Ryland's file and studied its contents.

"I do not look like you did very well," the professor moaned. "I do not recommend you for a career in science."

"He could have called me that at breakfast," Ryland recalled years later. "I was my father!"

Ryland, R'36, L'39 and H'71, eventually became one of Richmond's most accomplished alumni—a prominent attorney and a University trustee from 1961-86. His father knew Ryland warned to be a lawyer—not a chemist—but that was not the point. Ryland was sliding by as an undergraduate, and he needed a professor who cared enough to demand his best work.

In the end, Ryland earned a passing grade, and his father, Dr. Garnett Ryland, became one of Richmond's legendary tough-love professors. Others include Dr. May Keller, the founding dean of Westhampton College, who required her drama students to read 100 plays in one semester, and Dr. Lewis F. Ball, the English professor who bled red ink on Earl Hamner's first college paper. Hamner, R'44, was devastated, but he learned from his mistakes and went on to write seven best-sellers and create *The Waltons*, an award-winning television series.

Some critics of higher education complain that tough love is nearly extinct in college classrooms. Professors, they lament, have moved to replace it with personal attention, accessibility, grade inflation and the kinder, gentler approach of treating students like customers.

So *Richmond Alumni Magazine* went looking for tough love among Richmond's modern-day faculty. We consulted roughly 100 alumni, students and staff to identify professors who are both tough and respected. We limited the search to professors—active or recently retired—who taught here at least 10 years. We filtered out considerations of popularity, publishing prowess and scholarly research to focus on one question: "Who is a tough teacher in a positive way?"

Nominations poured in from the Robins School of Business. Based solely on student nicknames, it was tempting to choose economics professors Dr. David H. Dean (Dr. Death) and Dr. Robert C. Dolan (Dr. Doom), but we settled instead on Dr. John H. Earl Jr., associate professor of finance, and Joe Ben Hoyle, associate professor of accounting.

Dr. Joanne B. Ciulla was the consensus pick from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, but we struggled to narrow the field among the many disciplines in the School of Arts and Sciences. In the basic sciences, we choose Dr. Stuart C. Clough, professor of chemistry. In the humanities, we picked Dr. Terryl L. Givens, professor of literature and religion, and in the social sciences, we selected Dr. Arthur B. Gunlicks, a professor of political science and international studies who retired in May 2005. At that point we felt we had covered the academic waterfront, but one more name kept cropping up—Dr. Kathleen A. Rohaly, a professor of health and sport science and women's studies, who retired in 2000.

We sent each professor the same questions about "tough love" in the classroom, and the highlights of their responses—along with alumni comments—appear below. At the bottom of her reply, Rohaly added one final, telling touch. "Had your interview questions been submitted to me," she wrote, "they would have been returned for additional work."
Dr. Joanne B. Ciulla  
Professor of Leadership Studies

The paper landed on Maia Carter Hallward’s desk with a big fat C. It was the lowest grade Hallward, ’98, had ever received, but she was thrilled because most of her classmates had D’s or F’s on their papers.

Welcome to Ciulla’s critical thinking class.

“She pushed you beyond where you thought you could go,” says Hallward, a Ph.D. candidate at American University’s School of International Service. “She tore apart our first batch of papers ... but she provided constructive feedback, led a session in class on how to improve our skills in constructing written arguments, and had us rewrite our papers for improved grades.”

Ciulla says she does not enjoy her tough reputation.

“Students can be very unkind,” she explains, but “what is most important to me is not how students feel about my class at the end of the semester, but how they feel about what they learned in that class after they graduate.”

Hallward knew that Ciulla’s toughness would serve her well in the long run, but “that does not mean we always enjoyed the stress of preparing for one of her exams or the agony when we received papers covered in markings.”

Ciulla says her “so-called toughness” comes from her high regard for students.

“I tell my students the truth about their work because I respect them,” she insists. “I assess the quality of their work based on how they do relative to others in the class and also on how their work stacks up against people outside of the class.”

Joe Ben Hoyle  
Associate Professor of Accounting

Hoyle rejects the idea that “toughness” and “customer service” are mutually exclusive in the classroom.

“That was one of my disappointments with my undergraduate education at Duke,” he says. “The faculty did not care enough about me as a person to push or challenge me. They were perfectly satisfied if I was willing to be mediocre. I think Duke should give me a rebate for some of those classes.”

At Richmond, Hoyle’s CPA prep course does not come with a money-back guarantee, but many of his students attribute their success on the CPA exam to his spirited instruction.

“He was most certainly the reason that I succeeded in accounting and was able to pass the CPA exam with flying colors,” says Nicole M. Meomartino, B’97, an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston. “He held us to the highest possible standard 100 percent of the time. He made us think through the answers and not just memorize accounting rules.”

Meomartino says Hoyle was “my most demanding professor” and “also my favorite, but at the time, I definitely didn’t appreciate him as my favorite!”

Teaching is serious business, Hoyle says. “We have wonderfully bright and talented students here at Richmond. They have almost unlimited potential. For most, this is their one shot at college; they deserve nothing less than an excellent education, an academic experience that challenges them to excel from their first day to their last.”

(For more on Hoyle’s philosophy of teaching, read his “Vantage Point” column on page 48.)
Dr. Kathleen A. Rohaly
Professor of Health and Sport Science and Women’s Studies, Emerita

Two days before “a ridiculously long paper” was due in Rohaly’s human sexuality class, Margaret Lynch’s computer crashed, and she lost her work.

“I freaked out and went to Dr. Rohaly crying,” Lynch recalls. “I was terrified.”

Rohaly’s reputation as a stern taskmaster contributed to more than one panic attack among her students, but she did not consider herself tough.

“I saw myself as a challenging and, I hope, caring professor,” Rohaly recalls. “It was important to me to be intellectually demanding, to ‘stretch’ students. . . . Excellent work meant truly superior work. This held true across the various classes/subjects that I taught. Over the course of my career, grade inflation became more and more evident. I believed that A work meant excellence . . . in the ’70s, ’80s and ’90s.”

Lynch says she worked hard to earn a B in Rohaly’s class, and it was worth it.

“I learned more in that class that has helped me be the athletic trainer and teacher I am today,” says Lynch, who works at Providence High School in Charlotte, N.C. “She was by far my toughest professor, and human sexuality was the hardest class I took at Richmond.”

Lynch says students measured their words carefully in Rohaly’s class to avoid her sharp sarcasm, but they also appreciated Rohaly’s sense of humor.

“I feared her before I took the class,” Lynch admits. “She was every bit as challenging as the rumors had stated, but hands down one of the best professors I have ever come across.”

Lynch discovered that Rohaly also could be compassionate. After Lynch’s computer crashed, Rohaly calmed her down and put her in touch with people at the Help Desk who retrieved her work.

Dr. Terryl L. Givens
Professor of Literature and Religion

Givens flunked eight graduating seniors in his second semester at Richmond in 1989.

“They were slackers, the administration was supportive, and a certain impression took shape,” he says. “I have never failed that many since. I have never needed to—in part because the student culture has changed.”

Givens was “a demanding grader, a fascinating lecturer and a teacher devoted to improving critical analysis,” recalls Daniel L. Hocutt, R’92 and G’98. “He expected excellence, or at least genuine effort and participation, and rewarded little else. . . . He challenged me to think harder, longer, and more critically than most other instructors, and I appreciated, even enjoyed, being challenged.”

Now an adjunct assistant professor of English in the School of Continuing Studies, Hocutt strives to emulate Givens’ example.

“I don’t set out to be tough,” Givens says. “I am passionate about my subject, and I expect students to be passionate learners. Any student who comes to my class with a disposition to ask genuine questions and engage the material in earnest is going to do very well.”

As for the eight “slackers” whom Givens flunked, one came back to thank him.

“In spite of the delayed graduation and disruption to his life, he said it was the first time in his life he had really been held to account,” Givens recalls. “He was glad it finally happened.”
In Clough’s organic chemistry class, Brandt D. Portugal, ’02, did not dare blink. When reciting his favorite compounds, the professor could speak “faster than a Sotheby’s auctioneer,” Portugal recalls. “Methyl, ethyl … and then there was no stopping him!”

Portugal took Clough’s class during the summer and experienced eight intense weeks of chemistry every weekday from 8 a.m. to noon. “Then I would need to study for about eight hours,” he says. “I never knew I could process so much information, and it became a challenge to do well in his class because he was inspiring. The class helped jumpstart and bring my drive to a different level. … Seeing in three dimensions also tapped into a part of my brain that has allowed me to create complex Excel models that help in my current job.” Portugal is an investment banker for Goldman Sachs in New York.

Clough was surprised to learn that his former students considered him tough. “My job is to make learning less difficult, not more difficult,” he says. “I teach organic chemistry, which involves a lot of logic, a lot of intuition, a lot of new information, a lot of problem solving, a lot of integration of different pieces of information, and the development of the ability to see things in three dimensions. This takes effort.”

Clough defines “tough” as professionally demanding in a fair way, “a professor who always responds to questions and problems in and out of class in a helpful fashion.”

Within that definition, he says, “I think all professors should be tough.”
Dr. John H. Earl Jr.
Associate Professor of Finance

Earl makes no apologies for the workload in one of his upper-level finance classes.

“We cover a 1,150-page text and Alcoa’s annual report in a semester. The students write two term papers, take two tests—that last for three hours to infinity—and five quizzes,” he says. “Years ago I wanted all of their time, now only most of it.”

Earl says he promotes “friendly competition” by guaranteeing “one A per semester to the highest pre-final grade average.”

To guard against multiple A’s, Earl makes his tests “the most brutal three-hour events a student could imagine and then curves them around the top score,” says Ryan H. FitzSimons, ’01.

FitzSimons works for Goldman Sachs in Chicago, where he covers Midwest hedge funds in the prime brokerage sales department.

Another former student, Michael Barlettano Jr., ’04, says Earl’s style is “aggressive, cutthroat and intense, yet understanding, humorous and responsive—all at the same time. Because of the aggressive atmosphere of his classroom, I felt it was the best preparation for anyone looking for a career on Wall Street.”

Barlettano is a trader on the credit derivatives desk at Citigroup in New York.

“UR students do very well on Wall Street because they are used to often unrealistic demands on their time,” Earl notes. “In the last five years, UR has made great inroads into this predominately Ivy League world. I want to make sure they are prepared to kick some Ivy League butt.”

Dr. Arthur B. Gunlicks
Professor of Political Science and International Studies

The toughest aspect of Gunlicks’ comparative government classes was his map quizzes, recalls Michael P. Geiser, ’98.

“We had to memorize all the countries of Africa, which is much tougher than it sounds,” says Geiser, a lawyer with Susman Godfrey in Houston. “We had to memorize all of the changes to the borders of Germany in the last 200 years or so, which is exactly as tough as it sounds.”

It took awhile for Lance J. Ludman, ’94, to adapt to Gunlicks’ expectations, but “once you understood the method to his madness, you gained admiration and recognized the value of his approach,” Ludman says. “He would not tolerate nonparticipation. You were expected to take an active role in a discussion and to be able to defend your position with facts.”

As director of government relations for Savi Networks in Alexandria, Va., Ludman practices what Gunlicks preached.

“I’ve always remembered Professor Gunlicks’ approach,” he says. “He has inspired me to be well-read and well-versed on a wide variety of topics and to go beyond the high-level headlines and into the detail. That has benefited me greatly.”

Gunlicks attributes his teaching style to his experiences as a student in high school and college.

“Other students whom I knew and admired, who received good grades, seemed to work hard, and that encouraged me to do the same,” he recalls.

Asked if he enjoyed his tough reputation, Gunlicks says, “I guess so, but I don’t think I could be other than I am.”
The first female president of the United States will come from which of the following backgrounds: A) governor B) senator or C) chancellor of the University of Richmond?

The answer is C, according to Commander in Chief, a new TV series scheduled to debut September 27 at 9 p.m. (EDT) on ABC.

Richmond has served as a backdrop for a number of movies and television shows, but this time the University plays a pivotal role in the plot.

With the president of the United States on his death bed, Vice President Mackenzie Allen (played by Academy Award-winner Geena Davis) flashes back to her days as chancellor of the University of Richmond when the presidential candidate asked her to be his running mate in a scene filmed in Tyler Haynes Commons.

“You’ve done a helluva job here at the University of Richmond,” the candidate says. “Your leadership is unquestioned. Your research is really coming up. How many Nobel prize winners do you have now?”

Setting aside her political differences, Davis’s character accepts his offer and is elected vice president. Later the dying president asks her to step aside to allow the dastardly speaker of the house (played by Donald Sutherland) to take over. But when the president expires, the vice president “decides to trust her instincts and accept the most powerful job in the world,” according to ABC’s Web site.

The producers of the show originally cast Richmond as the anonymous stunt double for Boston University, but Carla Shriner, assistant director of University events, persuaded them to identify the school as Richmond instead of Boston.

“I knew we’d just get a tiny credit if we simply served as the location site, but now we’re actually part of the show,” Shriner says.

Location scouts for movies and TV shows approach the University at least once a semester to inquire about filming on campus.

“The events committee—made up of representatives from a number of University departments such as
communications, University services, athletics and so forth—meets to consider each project on its own merits,” Shriner says. “Is this project something with which the University wants to be associated? Is there anything about it that might not jibe with the University’s philosophy? Will it show us in a good light? How much will it disrupt day-to-day life on campus?”

Commander in Chief, a drama along the lines of West Wing, got two thumbs up. Rod Lurie, acclaimed for the Oscar-nominated film The Contender, created the show and serves as its executive producer-director.

The pilot episode is loaded with campus images, including some spectacular interior shots of the Bottomley House in the Jepson Alumni Center. The crew filmed scenes in its bedrooms, dining room and library, where Davis’s character ultimately takes the oath of office.

“In the dining room scene, our UR china is on the table, and our logo is on the wine glass,” Shriner says. “You can’t miss UR. It’s our furniture, our memorabilia, our pictures on the walls. I think alumni will really enjoy watching this to see all the things they will recognize.”

Unlike Cry Wolf, the most recent movie filmed on campus, Commander in Chief was shot when students were gone for spring break.

“The biggest challenge of doing anything like this is to minimize the interruptions to classes and campus life,” Shriner says. “So we prefer to film when students are not here, unless it is a project in which our students can get involved.”

ABC arrived with three times the equipment that had been required for the movie shoot. There were wardrobe trailers, a makeup trailer and personal trailers for Davis, Sutherland and some of the other actors. “Just finding parking for all that is a challenge,” Shriner says.

So why does Richmond bother?

“We like to be good citizens of the community and of the state, and film production is getting to be a bigger and bigger deal in Virginia,” she says. “We work closely with the Virginia Film Office, and if they send someone over to us to scout a location, we try to be
obliging. But we do let the location scouts know our parameters. When they're looking around, they cannot enter any buildings, just look for exteriors. They have to come back to me if they want to look inside."

Shriner says the University turns down most requests to film on campus. "This summer, for instance, location scouts for the movie John Adams wanted to film here, but since it's a period piece, they needed to take up all the chairs in the recital hall and replace them with those from the right era. That would have been totally disruptive, ... so we had to say, sorry, can't be done."

When a shoot is approved, Shriner stays with the cast and crew every minute they are on campus.

"We learned our lesson a few years back when a Hallmark Hall of Fame crew came here to film a TV movie called Love Letters," she recalls. "They had told us maybe they'd be arriving with a couple of trucks and a couple of actors. When they arrived, we found ourselves with tractor-trailers, 40 crew members and six horses. They stopped traffic, turned off our lights after promising they wouldn't, and set up a cantina in a parking lot.

Even a shoot as self-contained as Commander in Chief (they brought their own caterers, for instance) increases the demands on University employees.

"When they use their lights for a shot, our lights have to be disconnected, and our people have to do that," Shriner says. "All air conditioners have to be turned off when the cameras go on, and we see to that as well. Our police have to stop traffic. ... And while a lot of people are involved, we're often expected to keep the whole thing hush-hush."

Commander in Chief definitely fell into that category, Shriner says. "But somehow The Collegian reporters spied Davis ... and she gave them a little interview."

Interacting with the stars is just part of Shriner's job, and she was particularly pleased to meet Davis.

"Geena was very kind, chatted with everybody, very amiable. She brought along her 10-month-old twin boys and her 3-year-old daughter, and they were beautiful. Her husband was here for awhile, too."

Shriner says Sutherland was "totally professional. He came to do a job and he focused on that."

Meanwhile, the cameras were focused on Richmond's campus. In addition to the Bottomley House and Tyler Haynes Commons, ABC filmed scenes at the North Court archway and in Perkinson Recital Hall.

The University is well-represented in the pilot, but odds are good that subsequent episodes will be set in Washington, D.C., with little additional filming on campus—unless there are more flashbacks to the president's previous career as Richmond's chancellor.

And there's no telling how long the Davis administration will endure. ABC has picked up 13 episodes, and then the Nielsen ratings will determine the fate of our country's first female president.

For information about alumni premiere parties, go to http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni.
Film shot on campus premieres in September

It was the ultimate dark, stormy night when Jeff Wadlow, writer-director of the new psycho-thriller Cry Wolf, arrived on campus to begin shooting his first movie.

In the wake of Hurricane Isabel, the young filmmaker had no electricity and no students. He had to dodge downed trees for days and do his prepping by candlelight. Of course, when you’re creating a film noir, what’s a little wind, rain and blackness?

Cry Wolf, scheduled for release by Universal Pictures in September, is a modern retelling of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf.” The plot revolves around a group of kids at a private prep school who lie for fun.

Wadlow shot the entire film in Richmond, 85 percent of it on campus. Scenes take place in North Court, South Court, Ryland Hall, Jepson Alumni Center, Keller Hall, the Modlin Center and Jepson Hall. The movie also features a variety of outdoor shots, including one at the Westhampton entrance and one in the Westhampton woods. Dozens of students participated in the filming, some as extras and others helping the crew.

“From a creative standpoint the school was a perfect fit,” Wadlow says, “a seamless mixture of tradition and contemporary aesthetics. The architecture denotes a small academic institution, while the computer classrooms and libraries look like they might’ve been upgraded just the day before.”

Wadlow, son of the late Virginia state senator Emily Couric (and nephew of Katie Couric of the Today show) had attended a summer Governor’s School program in drama at the University 10 years earlier.

“Actually, I have UR to thank for a good portion of the professional success I’ve enjoyed thus far,” he says.

A theater professor in the summer program persuaded him to change his educational direction. Wadlow was planning to attend a trade school-like film program, but the professor stressed the importance of pursuing a liberal arts education while seeking filmmaking opportunities on the side. That was the route Wadlow chose, and he says he cannot imagine any other path that could have brought him to his first film so quickly.

“When I was writing this script with my writing and producing partner, Beau Bauman, I always saw Westlake [the fictitious boarding school where the story unfolds] as gothic, idyllic and steeped in tradition,” he says. “Only when I started location scouting ... did I realize I was flashing back to the summer I spent in high school on the University of Richmond campus.”

Wadlow was thrilled with his latest experience at Richmond. “From students to faculty, everyone went out of their way to help us make the film,” he recalls. “As all will see, we’ve given the University a huge thank you card near the beginning of the credits—which is not typical at all—but without the University, we would not have been able to make our film.”

Wadlow, a Dartmouth graduate who financed Cry Wolf with a million-dollar award from the Chrysler Film Festival, says that while Universal is marketing the film as a horror movie, it is actually more like Double Indemnity than Scream.

British actor Julian Morris leads a cast that includes Canadian actress Lindy Booth and, fresh from Gilmore Girls, Jared Padalecki. But the star who attracted the most attention on campus was hunk rocker Jon Bon Jovi. His scenes were shot at night, and few people were aware he was here until a shoot ran long one morning. Students recognized him and started playing his music through open dorm windows in tribute.

To preview clips from Cry Wolf, go to www.crywolfmovie.com.

—Barbara Fitzgerald
Odd Coup

Thrust together like Oscar and Felix, unlikely Richmond roommates become

By BILL LOHMANN, R'79
Ditched by her roommate at the end of the term, Roberta Grossi trudged across campus feeling sad, lonely and rejected.

One of only 19 foreign students at Richmond in the early 1980s, Grossi often felt like an outsider, but the native Italian did not expect her roommate to abandon her so suddenly.

An acquaintance noticed the glum look on Grossi’s face and asked what was wrong.

“I told her that my roommate did not want me anymore,” Grossi recalls. “And then she said, ‘You know what? The same thing happened to Sherry yesterday. Why don’t you ask her to be your roommate?’ And then Sherry just walked by. I quickly asked her, ‘Do you want to be my roommate?’ She hugged me—crying and laughing, and saying, ‘Yes!’”

In that moment, Grossi, '83, and Sherry Sprouse Clark, '85, forged a strong bond. They have been the best of friends ever since.

Today, Clark is married with two children in Collegeville, Pa. Grossi lives in Paris and travels the world as chief executive officer of her own consulting firm. She also is godmother to Clark’s son, John.

“We get together as often as we can and e-mail and call in between,” Clark says. “Roberta is a very special person, and we have had lots of good times together, during and after college. … She’s a great friend and really a member of our family.”

Anyone who has lived in a college dormitory has roommate stories—funny ones, sad ones, warm ones, aggravating ones. Two strangers, bearing suitcases full of clothes and idiosyncrasies, cannot be thrust together into a dorm room without sparkling some vivid memories and occasional fireworks. Some become instant friends, others grow on each other gradually, and a few part company as soon as possible.

First impressions? One Richmond alumna says her first roommate had the unsettling habit of “sitting on her bed and biting her toenails.” They became good friends despite the peculiar pedicures, but sometimes roommate issues are insurmountable.

John J. Downer’s first Richmond roommate was a constant source of aggravation and concern. Downer, ’98, describes him as “an underachiever from Princeton, N.J., who—denied entry into Princeton—thought he’d come to UR and glide right through to valedictorian.”

Two days into the semester the roommate declared that he had “blown it” and that his college career was over. “He got increasingly depressed and bizarre over the next few months,” Downer says. “About two hours prior to leaving for Christmas break, he told me he wouldn’t be returning for the spring semester.”

Downer was relieved to have a new roommate with fewer problems and more social skills, but he often wonders what happened to his troubled friend from New Jersey. “Looking back, I wish I had treated him with more compassion and been more of a help to him,” Downer says, but “his problems were really way beyond me.”

Matchmaker extraordinaire

Matching roommates is part art, part science, and it has become more challenging in this era of smaller families and larger homes, where children grow up having bedrooms to themselves.

While learning to get along with new people remains a cornerstone of the college experience, and having a roommate helps avoid isolation, dorm life is a rude awakening for many students.

At Richmond, Carolyn Bigler is the administrator charged with sorting out personalities and anxieties and coming up with combinations that work. She is assistant director of undergraduate student housing and matchmaker extraordinaire.

“It turned out to be the greatest way to make friends, and [we] remained close through our four years at UR.”

— Thomas M. Hogg, R’79

Every year, each first-year student fills out a basic questionnaire and composes a brief essay about what they are looking for in a roommate. Bigler then reads the responses—this is where the art comes in—and decides who might get along with whom.

“You just get sort of a feeling for them,” Bigler says.

The questionnaire asks students if they prefer a quiet room or one with some background noise, such as music or television. Speaking of television, how much do they watch and what sorts of

Most Richmond roommates get along fine. Jimmy Marion, ’06, (top left) and Chris Spangler, ’05, now live on separate continents, while Stephanie Tarallo, ’07, (bottom left) and Rebecca Taylor, ’07, are rooming together again this semester.

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By chance and design: How students pair up on college campuses

By Barbara Kessenich

Programs? Do they like to play sports or watch sports or neither? When do they typically go to sleep? Midnight? After 2 a.m.? Are they neatniks or slobs?

Bigler even starts the essay for them: “The best roommate for me would be someone who …”

“I’ve found the answers can be much more honest if they’re talking about the other person,” Bigler says. “If I ask about them, they’ll give me the answers they think I want. In talking about the other person, they’re actually revealing themselves.”

The system worked particularly well in the fall of 2004 when none of the first-year students paired by the housing office requested a new roommate.

“We’re really pleased with the way this has worked for us,” says Bigler, who notes that by second semester some students ask to move simply because they have formed new friendships, not because they could no longer tolerate their original roommate.

Other schools employ different matchmaking methods. Some use only the barest of information—gender and smoking, for example—in a process that is otherwise random. Some use computer software that takes into account a wide variety of student preferences.

At Davidson College, incoming freshmen fill out a “housing preference card” of specific likes and dislikes, as well as a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory. Students are paired accordingly, with special care given to distributing athletes, minorities and various personality types across all residence halls.

At the University of Notre Dame, first-year students are assigned halls, rooms and roommates randomly to broaden their social experience. Students with disabilities or other special needs receive appropriate hall assignments, but everyone else is placed indiscriminately by a computer program with one caveat—the software does not pair students from the same high school or hometown.

Robins Center Ritz

Thomas M. Hogg, R’79, showed up in August 1975 for orientation and discovered that his assigned dormitory, Jeter Hall, was still being renovated. So

“I wondered how my new friend, Wendy, could survive with this Dolly person. I never would have guessed that Dolly would become my roommate.”

—Barbara Kessenich, W’88

The room had 15 to 20
bunk beds, and there were 30 or so sets of freshmen, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. It was also very hot.

"But it turned out to be the greatest way to make friends, and [we] remained close through our four years at UR."

Hogg remembers "the gang" as a diverse group that included Eddie Harrow, R’79, a Virginian who was "as country as they come" and Bob Baumler, R’79, a future roommate, from New Jersey. They lived together in the Robins Center for the first month of school until Jeter Hall was ready.

Students who approach life in a residence hall with an open mind generally get along fine with their roommates, Bigler says. Asked what they're looking for in a roommate, some first-year students say they want a best friend - someone who will be a groomsman or a bridesmaid in their wedding. That might be expecting too much, but who knows?

Barbara Kessenich, W’88, and Dolly Robertson, W’87, did not hit it off when Robertson was rooming with one of Kessenich’s friends, Wendy Swain Band, W’87.

"I wondered how my new friend, Wendy, could survive with this Dolly person," Kessenich recalls. "I never would have guessed that Dolly would become my roommate."

During one Parents Weekend, Kessenich’s mom and dad were stuck in New York, so Robertson offered her parents as surrogates.

“All weekend long, her mom said, ‘You will be Barbara Robertson,’” Kessenich recalls. “The first thing that her father said to me was, ‘You have got to meet my son, you are perfect for him!’”

Kessenich met their son, Marsh, during the next Thanksgiving break at the Robertsons’ home in Greenville, S.C. It was love at first sight. Three years later, she officially became Barbara Robertson. She and Marsh now have three children. Dolly, who was maid of honor in their wedding (along with Band), lives just around the corner in Greenville.

Kristin Suess Donaldson, ’94, and Sarah Caton Owens, ’94, were another inseparable pair. They were suitemates during their first year at Gray Court and roommates for the next three years.

“She’s a 5-10 brunette from Kentucky, and I’m a 5-1 blonde from Pennsylvania, so we were an unlikely pair, but we quickly became close friends,” Donaldson recalls.

They lived together after school for several years until they each got married. Kristin was in Sarah’s wedding in August 1997, and Sarah was in Kristin’s wedding in November of that year. Their first children were born six months apart. They got even closer with their second children, who were born two days apart in February 2004. Donaldson and Owens were almost roommates again in the same suburban Richmond hospital.

Today, they and their families live only a few miles from each other in Hanover County, Va.

“From ‘around the world’ parties on campus to first birthday parties in the suburbs, Sarah and I have been through it all.” Donaldson says. “Maybe 17 years from now, (their daughters) Liza and Suzanne will begin their UR adventure.”

More roommate stories are available in the online version of the magazine at http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni.

Bill Lohmann is a writer and columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
It is nearly dusk. Mark Thornton, ’95, and a handful of clients are walking along a small rise above a dry riverbed. The day’s heat is beginning to dissipate, and the sky is beautifully clear. The clients spot a variety of animal tracks: leopard, hyena, civet and buffalo. There is even a well-established hippopotamus trail winding its way through the forest that lines the riverbed. Thornton, however, is more focused on big tracks, fresh dung and the sound of branches cracking just ahead. His clients are about to witness what they’ve come thousands of miles to see—African wildlife, up close and personal.

They glimpse a herd of elephants, nine adults and three young, feeding intently on nearby vegetation. Thornton leads his guests to a safe vantage point where they can see the animals better. As they crest some rocks, they suddenly come upon a bull elephant heading straight for them.

The elephant does not see or smell them. He continues to move steadily forward, oblivious to their presence, until he comes within 10 feet of the breathless visitors.

Thornton begins to speak, using a mixture of English and Swahili. He doesn’t yell. His voice is low and calm, yet stern enough to inform the bull that he is entering the humans’ comfort zone. The elephant stops. He chooses another path to the riverbed. But his new course also leads directly to the humans. Again Thornton speaks. The elephant pauses, considers the situation. He faces the humans, ears extended, trunk testing the air, but he does not appear nervous. He studies the visitors while Thornton continues to speak firmly and calmly. Finally the elephant turns away and joins the rest of the herd.
Dream job

Welcome to a day in the life of Mark Thornton: safari guide, entrepreneur, conservation expert and economic development consultant. Thornton has what many people would consider a dream job. As owner of Mark Thornton Safaris, he leads tours of wilderness conservation areas in Tanzania adjacent to two of the country's mammoth national parks, the Tarangire and the Serengeti.

Thorton was fascinated by exotic animals and faraway places. "I always had my nose in a bird book, and I visited the American Museum of Natural History practically every week just to see kudus and gorillas, not to mention the famous elephant...

As they crest some rocks, they suddenly come upon a bull elephant heading straight for them.

Safaris, he leads tours of wilderness conservation areas in Tanzania adjacent to two of the country's mammoth national parks, the Tarangire and the Serengeti.

It may seem like an odd career for a New York native, but even as a city boy, Thornton majored in economics, a field and the University of Richmond offered me the chance to have all three. Besides, I liked the fact that it's a top university where I wouldn't get lost in the crowd.”

According to Dr. Joe Essid, director of Richmond's Writing Center, there was little chance that Thornton would get lost on the Richmond campus.

“He told me that he liked to hunt, and I remember releasing him from his tutoring responsibilities on the opening day of buck season,” Essid says. “He showed up the next day with a gift for me: beautifully cut venison steaks wrapped in butcher paper. Mark was a free spirit, a very down-to-earth young man and an excellent tutor.”

Outdoor economics

Despite his outdoor inclinations, Thornton majored in economics, a field
"With simple economic understanding, you are better able to conserve biodiversity and take the necessary steps toward bettering the lives of local people."

The real issue is how to give people in developing countries an economic incentive to conserve, says Wight, who remembers Thornton as an excellent student. "If hunting is practiced carefully and poaching is controlled, wildlife will be highly valued and there will be more conservation."

By the time he was in his third year at Richmond, Thornton was eager to see

that usually leads to an indoor career. Then, a course taught by associate professor Jonathan Wight—Economic Development in Asia, Africa and Latin America—transformed Thornton's thinking and helped him combine his two passions.

I'm a hunter who believes in conservation. That, to many, is a dichotomy," he says. "But I learned in [Wight's] class that economics is often at the very heart of conservation. With simple economic understanding, you are better able to decide how to protect wilderness areas, conserve biodiversity and take the necessary steps toward bettering the lives of local people."
decide how to protect wilderness areas, bettering the lives of local people.”

more of the world. When he learned that he could study wildlife ecology and conservation in eastern Africa through an organization called World Learning, Thornton couldn’t wait to pack his bags. With support from Richmond, he designed an independent project that focused on land management and economics in the migratory routes outside Tarangire National Park in northern Tanzania. The park serves as a massive wildlife refuge during the dry season, but during the wet season, the animals migrate over vast areas beyond the park in search of good grazing. Increasingly the corridors they travel are becoming farms and settlements of the semi-nomadic Masai and other groups.

“My goal was to determine why one of the formerly very large corridors was no longer a primary migration route,” he says. “In addition to living with a local family and learning Swahili, I also examined the area’s economic forces, population patterns and land-use changes, as well as the views of the local Masai toward conservation initiatives.”

Thornton thoroughly enjoyed his time in Tanzania. “The people are just fantastic—hospitable, warm and fun to be around—and I discovered that being out in the bush and exploring new areas are some of the finest joys in life.”

A few months after graduation, he left his job as a USAID contractor in Washington, D.C., and returned to Tanzania.

“I figured I could do more for conservation and economic development in the private sector by creating opportunities to employ local people,” he explains. “It was the right choice, and a whole new world opened up for me.”

Livingstone, I presume?
Thornton began working for a company that offered tours in Tanzania, Kenya and Zanzibar. Two years later he launched his own venture, Livingstone Expeditions. His goal was to provide wilderness travel experiences that would support the local economy and respect existing conservation programs, while offering access and excitement to photographers, filmmakers, students and tourists. His approach was highly principled. He worked closely with government and industry leaders, national park services, village councils, conservation alliances and the like to offer experiences that would be as beneficial to the local people as they were to his clients.

When he began to work with the Dorobo Fund for Tanzania, a nonprofit
This is the sort of intimate experience Thornton had in mind when he launched his latest venture, Mark Thornton Safaris, earlier this year.

“I created this company so I could focus on better, fewer trips and personally guide all of my clients,” he says. “I prefer it to a larger operation because I can be in the bush with my clients and give them the experience they are looking for. It makes a world of difference.”

To promote his new venture, Thornton is getting help from his former Richmond roommate, Hervey S. “Strick” Walker, ’95, who recently launched Fort Franklin, a marketing and public relations firm in Boston.

Walker predicts nothing but success for Thornton. “He is enthusiastic and has rampant energy, and I’m quite sure his business will take off because, like me, he loves what he does.”

Looking ahead, Thornton wants to maintain a balance between safari guiding and environmental consulting.

Tourists circle the globe to see the wildebeest migration.

organization that implements conservation projects throughout the country, he realized that he needed further academic training. He chose to attend the University of Cape Town because he could remain “on the continent and close to the issues.” After earning a master’s degree in environmental management last year, he began to supplement his safari work with environmental consulting.

Dr. François Odendaal, director of EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants, has worked with Thornton on several projects since then.

“Mark has a pleasant character that makes him easy to work with, technical knowledge that makes him credible and a wide perspective,” Odendaal says. “I threw him straight into the difficult task of researching and producing a feasibility study for a trans-frontier site in one of the most isolated areas of the world that includes the Southern Namib Desert and a group of semi-nomadic people known as the Namas. To gain the trust of the Namas is not easy. I would not introduce just anyone to this region, but Mark fit very well into the setting and produced a successful report that has now led to UNESCO making funding available … to nominate the area as a World Heritage site.”

Back to the bush

Odendaal describes Thornton as someone who “clearly cares about people as well as the environment,” a sentiment that is echoed by safari client Julie Norris, a Montana-based graphic designer.

“He’s very conscientious and thoughtful, and it’s obvious that he cares about what he’s doing,” —Julie Norris

“He’s very conscientious and thoughtful, and it’s obvious that he cares about what he’s doing,” Norris says. Thornton helped Norris and her photographer husband, Brian Kopper, plan a safari that included many opportunities to see and photograph wildlife. Norris and Kopper plan to return to Africa in October with two other family members for a six-day walking and camping safari with Thornton as their guide.

He enjoys the variety, and he believes it is the right thing to do for Africa, the continent he has grown to love.

For more information about Mark Thornton Safaris, visit www.thorntonsafaris.com.

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Unwind at the five-star Hotel InterContinental and the InterContinental Praha. Optional excursions include: a Budapest city tour, Danube Bend and Szentendre tour, Prague walking tour, Prague Castle tour, and an up-close look at Baroque art and architecture. First-class rail tickets are included.

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

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Richmond alumni lead Jamestown 2007

Richmond alumni are playing key roles in planning Jamestown’s 400th anniversary commemoration, a series of high-profile events expected to attract millions of tourists to Virginia during the next two years.

Frank B. Atkinson, R’79, chairs the federal Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission and is vice chair of the Jamestown 2007 steering committee. J. Steven Griles, R’70, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, serves on the federal commission, while Reginald N. Jones, R’65 and L’68, sits on the steering committee. H. Benson Dendy III, R’79, and Suzanne Owen Filippo, W’68, serve on both.

It is mostly a coincidence that so many Richmond alumni are planning the Jamestown commemoration, says Filippo, who chairs the Jamestown 2007 program and events committee. “Of course we all had good training at the University of Richmond and at Westhampton College, and one of the things we were taught was to give back to the community. So in that respect, it isn’t a coincidence.”

The festivities will begin in May 2006 as the newly built Godspeed sails up the East Coast to six major ports.

For the following 18 months, commemorative events will take place nationally and internationally. In November 2006, for example, there will be a nationwide “teach-in” designed to educate 50 million school children about the impact of Jamestown.

“Outside of Virginia, very few people recognize the significance of Jamestown,” Filippo says. “One of our major goals is to pull Jamestown out from under Plymouth Rock.”

Jamestown Settlement’s Susan Constant, a replica of the Virginia Company’s flagship.
1935

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We thank Frances "Billy" Rowlett Perkins, the sole member to attend the Class of 1935's 70th reunion in April. The rest of the class was there in spirit, but good ole Billy was always the loyal one!

Had I been telephoning from Timbuktu to Helen Caufield Hoffman in Norfolk, I would have recognized her voice. Outgoing person that she is, she sends her love to each of you.

We are asking Hazel Weaver Fobes to write a report on her many travels around the world with her husband in the diplomatic service.

Margaret Taylor Gallaway, who has an apartment at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, reminds us of the Class of 1936 Scholarship Fund. She tells me that Jessie Neale Jensen is in Iowa with her daughters. Jessie was an ace hockey player and the sweetheart of the class. Let us hear from you, Jessie.

Jacqueline Johnston Gilmore and Patsy Pitts Henderson have apartments at Westminster Canterbury, too. Henderson sounds happy and hearty and enjoys reading.

Mary Bruce Harper Heider died in 2004, as did Susan Whittet Wilson.

You have the promise of news from Otelia Francis Bodenstein. She is well and happy, and is now making her home with her sister in Harlow.

Mariann Allport Foley lives in Wrennorton and has the joy of three sons living in that community.

Elizabeth Marston Sadler lives at the Hermitage in Richmond. She is active in her church and enjoys her family and bridge.

Susan McClure Jones is in Santa Barbara, Calif.

I have moved to Maine, adjacent to my son's home.

1936

Reunion Reminder
March 31–April 2, 2006

Send e-mail to alumni@richmond.edu if you would like to help plan your reunion.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We have lost three 1936 classmates. Mildred Ellyson Court passed away on Feb. 24, 2003. I had recently visited her at her cottage in Maryland. She and her husband, Capt. John Court, lived near Annapolis. She was a dear person.

Also, Susan "Sue" Bonnet Chernside passed away on May 9, 2003. I saw her recently at Helen Dennon Hopson’s home and at the University.

Mary Brock Cleveinger passed away on Feb. 6.

1937

Paul G. Wiley Sr., celebrated his 90th birthday last fall. He and his wife, Dorothy, have three children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They live in a retirement village in Springfield, Va., and are in good health.

1938

Mary Ellyson Graves is now a widow and lives in a retirement center in Kauai, Hawaii, where she has a beautiful view of the Koolau Mountains.

Ethel Mitchell Sullivan, is enjoying retirement at the SaddlerBrooke community in Tucson, Ariz. She stays busy playing bridge and enjoying meals with friends.

Elizabeth Darracott Wheeler, has been busy writing. Two of her books, Ten Remarkable Women of the Tudor Courts and Their Influence in Founding the New World: 1530-1630 and Sir John Dodderidge, Celebrated Barrister of Britain: 1555-1628, are available in the University’s library and the Virginia State Library.

1939

Elizabeth Burch Fowlers has a grandson serving in Iraq and seven great-grandchildren. She lives in Richmond.

1940

Katharine Wicker Long is living at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. Her husband, John, passed away in April. They were married for 62 years.

Eileen Lloyd Mador enjoyed a summer trip to Hawaii, where she attended a conference on art, science and communication. She lives in Rockville, Md.

Helen Smith Moss lives in Richmond and has retired from teaching exercise classes. She lost her oldest daughter, Nancy, to cancer in 2002. She enjoys spending time with her 18-month-old great-grandson.

1941

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Waverly S. Green Jr. is a widower and lives in Bristol, Va.

Jesse W. Markham has retired as president of the Sarasota-Manatee Phi Beta Kappa Association. He lives in Longboat Key, Fla.

Anna Marie Rue Stringfellow has moved to the Columbia Baptist. Retirement Community.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We are saddened to learn of the deaths of classmates Dorothy Auringer Berkepyle, M. Anne Boelling and Kathleen "Kitty" Crawford Lindsay.

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We’ll show you how.
Edgar Clyde Garber Jr. remains very active with hunting with his sons, playing golf and looking forward to attending the next reunion on campus.

Eleanor Kindell Miller still volunteers in her local library in Wimberley, Texas, and is also busy establishing plantings on the property where she once plans to build a home nearer her daughter in Austin, Texas.

Jesse W. Markham, R'41, has retired as president of the Sarasota- Manatee Phi Beta Kappa Association. He lives in Longboat Key, Fla.

Mayme O’Haferty Stone stays in touch with Ann Phillips Bonifant, who now lives near a daughter in Raleigh, N.C. I attended the wedding of grand-daughter Amanda Kaines last May.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig has received a snapshot of a group of Richmond classmates made in the front yard of the former home, “Front and center” are Elizabeth Jeannette “Teeny” Evans Harris and Kathleen “Kitty” Crawford Lindsay in their World War II Navy uniforms. Margaret hopes that this is just one of many items of memorabilia she will receive to be included in our class scrapbook, which she is bringing up to date for our 65th class reunion in 2006. The scrapbook is currently in the University library but probably will be transferred to the Doaney. Margaret says there are plenty of pages left to be filled, so please send along any items you can submit.

Kira Nicholsky Curwen was looking forward to Derby Day, for that is the time for her family’s annual reunion.

Mary Buxton Smith was seen on television recently giving a beautiful violin solo at church.

The daughter of Margaret Forr Carr, R’41, currently had the honor of performing at St. Martin of the Fields.

Note my new address when you send news. I have downsized from a four-bedroom house to a two-bedroom apartment. I have lived for two years in the house, and it was hard to throw out cherished things I didn’t have room to keep.

Also downsizing are Ann Pavey Garrett and Kari. They bought a condo in a group that has a village concept with shops nearby. “There are individual houses, but we have a clubhouse, a lake, woods and a pool,” Ann said.

Jean Beeks Marston likes living at Westminster Canterbury. She has two daughters and two grand-children. One daughter teaches at the University of Virginia; the other is a physician, who practices with her husband in Lynchburg, Va.

For a fun vacation, Grace Norris Reese goes to Eagles Mere in Pennsylvania. “It is on top of a mountain with a natural lake,” Marty says. She travels there every year with her family, two daughters, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren. “It’s cool by the lake, and we stay a week or two in a home we rent,” Marty says that she keeps busy at Cederfield with all its activities.

Mary Grace Scherer Taylor has recovered from four hip replacement operations. She walks and does sit-down exercises. She enjoys reading mysteries and other books.

Our representative to the scholarship fund, Ada Moss Harlow, said to remember to send in your donation to keep the class fund going. Checks should be made out to University of Richmond and sent to Irene Moltry, Maryland Hall, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Include a note saying your check is for Westhampton’s Class of 1942 fund.

1943

Helen Herrnik Fix and her husband, Jack, are in good health and continue to travel, visiting their children in Arizona, Southern California and Florida. She spends much time fundraising for the Episcopal retirement home where she lives. Her husband enjoys painting, especially Western landscapes.

Rosemary Ives, W’43 and H’03, is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program. She lives in the Kernville, N.C., area where she is also a member of the Kernville Senior Enrichment Center and the YMCA.

John P. Oliver Jr. and his wife, Margaret, live at Lewekow Manor in Richmond and are members of River Road Church of Baptist, where Michael J. Clingerman, R’72, H’03, is pastor. John enjoys working with wood and recently restored an antique drop-leaf table.

1944

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Our deepest sympathy to Lucy Garnett Lay, who lost her husband in July 2004. Bill Lay served as dean of students at Franklin and Marshall College for many years. He had been in failing health for some time. Lucy is still in her home in Lancaster, Pa., and is fortunate to have her daughter and three grandchildren nearby. She and Meta “Mimi” Hill Erb enjoyed lunch and a Civil War museum visit in Scottsville last summer.

Sympathy also goes to Elizabeth “Betsy” Rice, whose brother, a Presbyterian minister in Columbia, S.C., died.

While on a trip to New Zealand, Molly Warner Stephenson’s niece and nephew spent the summer in Honolulu and saw Katherine “Kay” Hanley Wery. Kay took them to an arboretum for a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Kay is still “decluttering” after her move. She says she keeps turning up treasures she can’t bear to throw away and passes them on to friends. She sent letters from Dolly Lederer Maas (dating from 1944) to Dolly’s son in Florida. He was delighted and said he would share them with his mother on her next visit. Kay sent me a postcard that Mess Lutz had sent decades ago when she was planning to spend her sabbatical in Hawaii. The picture on the postcard is a Rodachrome of the Jenkins Greek Theatre at Kalamazoo. I will save it for our scrapbook.

Meta “Mimi” Hill Erb and Dave are still on the go. The latest trip was a barge cruise down the Rhone to Nice with an on-trip to Normandy.

Rosemary Ives, W’43 and H’03, is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

Ann Burchard Stansbury and Warren A. Stansbury continue to be active in their retirement community in Williamsburg with golf, water aerobics and tennis. Thanks to Billy Jane Crosby Baker, Mildred “Millie” Cox Goode and Elizabeth “Betsy” Rice, who reviewed this year’s scholarship applications. They were faced with a mammoth job. Our reporter is Emily Patrick Maloney, a rising senior from Charlottesville. Emily is majoring in business administration and minor in law and religion. Her mother, grand-mother, aunt, great-aunt, sister and cousins all went to Westhampton. She has an outstanding academic record and is a member of the Golden Key and Nocturne Filius.

1946

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Let me know what’s going on in your lives. I’ll be so glad to hear from you.

Virginia “Ding” Lambeth Showell keeps in touch through e-mail. She wrote that Barbara Richie Branch came from Poolesville, Va., to Florida to visit at the end of March. They toured the Ford and Edison summer homes in Fort Myers, did some shopping and enjoyed lots of sharing and remembering. Ding and J. Ralph Showell drove north, stopping off in Richmond because they had made arrangements for their daughter’s ashes to be placed in the Columbarium in the garden next to Cannon Memorial Chapel. She said it seemed the perfect place for the three of them to ultimately be together since their daughter did not have a family of her own. As you probably remember, both Ralph and Ding graduated from the University, and he taught there and was the chaplain. Ralph’s three brothers also graduated from the University. Ding and Ralph were married in the chapel.

Jean White Robeson’s grandson, Tim Cunningham, professionally known as Aaron Cunningham, was in Norfolk in early spring as artist-in-residence at the Governor’s School for the Arts. While there he also had a part in Virginia Stage Company’s production of Treasure Island. We had hoped his grandparents, Jean and Andy, could also be here to see him, but they were on a cruise to the Caribbean.

I talked with Caroline “Colley” Goode Jackson, and she waslewting for the Outer Banks of North Carolina to spend about 10 days with some friends, an annual excursion. Even though she is not scheduled for work at the Medical College of Virginia this summer, she still spends a good deal of time there scanning glass slides, making them available online. Her work on tutorials is an ongoing project.

I spoke to Frances Anne Beale Goode today, who told me that she, Caroline “Colley” Goode Jackson and Barbara Goode from Richmond recently went by train to Alexandria for a day to visit with Anne Beverly Ryland. Unfortunately, Ben has some problems with osteoporosis but is coping well and is still in her condo. Jacqueline Hodges Walker was in Northern Virginia in April. She and Ben were able to meet at Mount Vernon for lunch.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Please let me know what you did on your summer vacation.

Last May, Virginia “Gin” Celeste Ellett enjoyed a week’s cruise to Bermuda with a group from Cederfield. The ship was their hotel, which always makes things easier.

Marion Collier Miller, W’46, took a 30-day trip to Europe in July. She flew to Scandinavia and boarded the Queen Elizabeth II, her favorite ship, for a cruise around the Peninsula. After that, she spent some time in England and came home on the new Queen Mary II.

In April, the dean of Westhampton College, Juliette Landphair, spoke to the alumnae group in Suffolk, Va. Lena Thornton Small invited our Wednesday lunch bunch, Mary Lou Massie Cumby, Gin Celeste Ellett, Martha “Betsy” Tinsley Andrews, Nancy Richardson Elliott and I attended. The dean spoke of Westhampton College’s plans, including the expansion of the Deaneary and the Commons to be built in front of the Helmian Dining Center. I’m sorry to say the rest of this letter will be sad news. Lois Johnson Willis passed away on March 7, 2005. She lived in Annandale, Va. We also lost Howie Birnbaum on March 30, 2005. She lived in West Trenton, N.J. Both had battled health problems for some time. The Class of 1947 extends sympathy to both families.

Also, our sympathy goes to Betty Anne Duff. Her sister, Mildred G. Donohue, W’40, died on April 21, 2005.
1948

Hannah Barlow Bain lives in Wakefield, Va. She enjoys good health and her four grandchildren.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Betty Stanbury Lomax shares pictures of her beautiful spring garden in Salisbury, N.C. Gardening is a special pleasure of her dentist husband, Bob, while Betty enjoys walking her two dogs, reading and bridge. Still the teacher, a favorite is a class at a retirement center that includes ladies of 104 and 96, who arrive with their walkers. She also has taught young mothers who are first-time players. Recently, I discovered a good friend here in Staunton who fondly remembers Betty as her teacher at Westhampton Junior High. Betty and Bob are both active in the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury. He is an elder, and she is on the worship committee.

Alvin Isaacs, R'47, lives in Sarasota, Fla., where he enjoys a consulting practice centered on intellectual property matters.

Judith Barnett Seehorst attended several United Methodist Women's retreats. Judy is active in the leadership of UMW.

It was wonderful to hear from Lily Brittle Hepler. She has been experiencing some health problems that included a hospital stay in March and April.

Millicent Hutcherson Taylor had knee replacement surgery in April. By now we hope she is enjoying good results and is thinking of being on the go again. She and husband Simeon Pipkin Taylor III, R'47, have adjusted well to retirement community living and have many new friends.

Virginia Herndon Pugh had abdominal surgery in April, and in May she had a debilator implant. By coincidence, her son had similar surgery and is to have a debilator implant.

Frances Orrell Lineberry and Berlin Byron Lineberry Jr., R'49, were visited in Lynchburg by Josephine Hoover Pittman and Bob as they returned from his 60th reunion at Virginia Military Institute. Jo and Bob also visited her brother and family in Bedford and were stunned to see such an impressive memorial of World War II. Daughter Anne and Brian are now in Honduras, anchored off a little island named Utila. Jo reported that Berlin looked well recovered from his heart surgery. Frances is very involved as chairman of the Resident Council and seems to be well-known at Westminster Canterbury.

Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles is inspiring to anyone who needs hip replacements. She is delighted that, after two surgeries, she can be "on the go" as in the past. In February she visited Sid in Oakland, Calif., then on to New Jersey in March and then Jacksonville, Fla., and Sarasota, Fla., in April, visiting family and friends. Happy, happy, Bob! Virginia Smith Kynett and Gerald R. Kynett Jr., B'50, had a lovely two-week adventure in April. They sailed from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Key West, Fla. Their son, a Goodyear blimp pilot based in Akron, Ohio, was in Pompano Beach, Fla., where they had a visit with them.

Jean Brumsey Biscoe had a marvelous trip on the Queen Mary II, cruising the Caribbean in March. In April Jean attended the Boatwright Society annual meeting in the Jefferson Alumni Center. Other 48ers also present were Ellie Faye Hines Kilpatrick and Mary Cross Marshall, who serves on the board of directors. Mary sent a copy of the program.

Margaret Sabine Brizendine said her Easter was perfect since they had three of their children, spouses and five grandchildren at son Bill's house on Boca Ciego Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla. Martha's family came from Houston.

Mary Cross Marshall had a great Disney cruise with daughter Jean, husband Fletcher, Marshall, 9, and Ella, 6. There were many fun activities for the children and adults. Also, she traveled to New York for four plays and enjoyed a bus trip sponsored by the Shepherd Center, a wonderful senior learning group.

Doris Moore Shea had a busy but fun April. She was joined in Palm Springs, a favorite place, by her Seattle son and friends for a week. After being home long enough to unpack, she joined other friends on a cruise out of Norfolk to the Caribbean.

My adventure in South America in February was memorable in every way. While physically challenging, the diversity of sight and experience was well worth it. Santiago and Buenos Aires were impressive, as well as 14 days on the ship south through the Chilean fords, Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, rounding Cape Horn, the Falkland Islands, Montevideo and then Buenos Aires, where the tango show was a special favorite.

The number three probably is not William J. Howell's favorite digit.

Howell, speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, lost his first election by three votes. He was running for class president at Richmond, and his loss to fellow senior Russell G. Warren proved both disappointing and valuable.

"I learned a good lesson," Howell comments. "I learned that every vote counts. You have to go out and get every one of them."

Howell, B'64, remembered that when he ran for the House of Delegates from Stafford County in 1987. He won with just 49 percent of the vote. That election was the official beginning of his political career, but Howell's exposure to politics goes way back.

"My dad was interested in politics and public policy," Howell explains. "He talked about politics for as long as I can remember."

Howell's mother came to the United States from England, where her father was involved in politics. "The family story is that he ran against Winston Churchill, who is one of my heroes," Howell remarks.

In high school, Howell was interested in science, but at Richmond he majored in business. "I got a D in botany, so I thought I'd better go elsewhere," Howell jokes. "I switched to the business school."

Later, as he considered a career in law, he took a political science class from Dr. Joseph C. Robert. "He was an outstanding professor, a neat guy," says Howell, who graduated from the University of Virginia Law School in 1967.

Even though he describes his Richmond experience as wonderful, Howell confides that he did not have a high profile on campus. What many people may remember about him, he says, with a laugh, was his worst moment.

"When I was a sophomore and lived on the fifth floor of the tower in Thomas Hall, I was throwing water at a friend on the third floor," he recalls. "I leaned over the rail too far and fell to the basement. I stayed in the hospital for a week."

From that point there was nowhere to go but up.

Two years after winning his 1987 election, Howell opened what he refers to as "the world's smallest law practice," a one-attorney firm currently housed in a log cabin high above the Rappahannock River in Falmouth.

Howell became speaker of the house in 2002. A fiscal conservative, he describes the 2004 General Assembly session as his most challenging. He voted against a major tax increase that he viewed as unnecessary and inappropriate, but "some caucus members broke away" and voted for it anyway.

Howell believes the most controversial issue of the 2006 session will be transportation. "No one denies we have a problem regarding transportation," he says. "The question is how do we handle it?"

All in all, this father of two—Howell's oldest son, William F. Howell, graduated from Richmond in 1990—and grandfather of six, says his political career has given him an opportunity to make a difference.

"I've enjoyed almost every minute of it."

—Joan Tupponce
The ‘opportunities business’

The “Save the Children” necktie hugging the collar of Martin E. “Tod” Balsbaugh Jr., R’67, aptly describes his mission in life. The former executive director of the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls has been helping kids find their way since joining the organization in 1971.

“A lot of the kids here never had a stable family,” explains Balsbaugh, who lived with his family on the home’s campus for 34 years. “Our living on campus gave the kids a chance to know us and gave us a chance to know them. It was like living in a small town.”

Born and raised in Hershey, Pa., Balsbaugh found a similar small-town atmosphere on the University of Richmond campus. He remembers roaming the pathways and corridors of the University as a youngster with his aunt, Dr. Marjorie J. Rivenburg, who taught ancient languages here for 33 years.

“I used to visit her, and she would introduce me to her friends, so I got to know some of the professors before I went to Richmond,” Balsbaugh recalls. “I remember that Ms. (May) Keller and Ms. (Pauline) Turnbull had cocker spaniels. I loved to visit with them.”

Balsbaugh’s academic years at Richmond also were filled with fond memories. While on campus, he met his late wife, Elizabeth J. Matthews, W’68, and he notes that Dr. Robert S. Alley, retired professor of humanities, had a profound influence on his life.

“He would make you question everything,” Balsbaugh says. “He would make you think.

Balsbaugh also appreciates the teaching of Dr. John R. Rilling, retired professor of history. “He would ask questions and expect essay responses,” Balsbaugh marvels. “My grammar wasn’t the greatest, but I learned how to express myself and write. I learned about communications, and that’s such a critical skill. Throughout my years at Richmond, I learned about critical thinking.”

Those skills came in handy when Balsbaugh accepted the position of campus director of the Virginia Home. He was responsible for all programs, staff and services for the children. As the organization grew, adding the John G. Wood School, the Youth Emergency Shelter and most recently the Independent Living Program, so did Balsbaugh’s duties. In 1979 he became executive director. He stepped down from that position in January 2005 to become director of development.

Throughout the years, Balsbaugh has cared for and supported the kids who have lived on campus. He has brought in speakers as Henry Kissinger, Clarence Thomas, Brian Williams and Newt Gingrich, people he hoped would influence the kids in the same way he was influenced at Richmond.

“Talking to these people helps the kids feel valued and important,” he says. “We are in the opportunities business. It’s up to our kids to take what they can out of the opportunities.”

Balsbaugh beams when he mentions that an alumnus from the home is headed to Richmond this fall. Balsbaugh says his greatest pleasure is “getting e-mails sharing what is going on in our graduates’ lives.”

—Joan Tupponce

1949

Anne Carter Habere has grandchildren studying abroad in Australia. She spent 15 days there in June with several family members.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I received a lovely letter from Julie Moller Sanford. She and John are planning their 50th wedding anniversary. John proposed to her at William and Mary following a trip on a Greyhound bus to Williamsburg. After a medical career and the birth of four children, she and John now have retired to the banks of Lake Superior.

1950

Francis T. Laurinatis, who lives in Bilkleslea, Pa., traveled to Washington, D.C., for the dedication of the World War II Memorial. He had the opportunity to drive a DUKW amphibious vehicle similar to the one driven in the Normandy invasion.

Walter J. McGraw, R’50, received a Department of Defense Award for dedication to his country and community.

An outstanding family story came from Jacqueline Stone White. She and David F. White Jr., R’50, had six children, three boys and three girls, and now have 17 grandchildren, nine boys and eight girls. Three grandchildren are graduating from high school. One grandson will enter the Citadel. One grandson graduated at age 16 and plans to work before applying to college, and their granddaughter was awarded three full scholarships and is deciding about her choice of schools.

David continues his college teaching.

Frances Robison King and I chatted on the phone about family and education. She has six grandsons, ages 8-22. They live in all parts of the country. Virginia to New Jersey to Montana. She and George continue to travel, sometimes with their 10-year-old grandson, who lives a half-hour from their home.

“The John Marshall girls” are unstoppable. After much work on their 50th high school reunion, Ann Wilson Bryant, Peggy Hassel Ford, Hazel Jennings Beilngrove and Caroline Lynn Davis attended the event in early May. Ann is assuming the office of treasurer of their DAR chapter for the coming year. Her granddaughter plans to attend Longwood University in the fall.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Our 55th class reunion was a resounding success. Although we certainly missed those who could not come, we were delighted to see Nan Johnson Adams, Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara Coleen Augustine and Jim, Barbara White Balderson and Lester, Charlotte Westervelt Bisham and Brud, Doris Balderson Burbank, W and G’77, and David “Banny” B. Burbank, Lee Reeves Childress, Marianne Beck Duty and William “Les” Lester Duty, R’59, Ruth Pittman Gurley, Janice Brandenburg Halloran, Mary Howard Holloway and Bill, Patricia Kelly Jordan and Lloyd “Alex” Alexander Jordan Jr., R’49, Gene Hart Joyner and Floyd, Joanne Waring Karpf and Bill,
Helen Lampathakis Kostyal and Dick, Maryanne Bugg Lambert and Pete, Frances Chandler Long and Allen, Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy, Mary Sue Mock Milton and Ceci, Frances Sutton Oliver and Raymond, Marjorie Parson Owen, Elizabeth Givens Pierce and Buck, Virginia W. Simons and Gatedow Hallston Stoneham.

The Class of 1950 was well-represented at the dinner and annual meeting of the Frederic W. Boatwright Society, which was held at the Jepson Alumni Center. Thanks to Gene Hart Joyner, who presided at the meeting and served as president of the society's 2004-05 board of directors. Gene is also chairman of the Westhampton Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund.

Our appreciation also goes to our reunion committee, headed by Janice Brandenburg Halloran, to Doris Balderson Burbank, to our president, to Frances "Franie" Chandler Long, our retiring secretary, to Gatedow Holland Stoneham, our treasurer, and to Virginia W. Simons, our class historian.

"Our 55th reunion was a time of reflection for me and caused me to realize anew just how much my Westhampton College classmates meant to me," says Gene Hart Joyner. "Never was I more aware of this than when I saw so many of you at the Boatwright Society annual meeting. When I asked the 55th reunion class of 1950 to stand and be recognized, I was pleased and proud to say, 'That's my class!' I felt your personal support in that moment. Thank you for being there. Serving as president of the Boatwright Society this year has been a good experience for me. It has deepened my devotion to Westhampton College and the entire University community. How wonderful it is that as alumnae we can still cherish the reality that we continue to be a vital part of such a great, dynamic University!"

George Francis Tidye, B’55 and L’63, has retired from Henrico Circuit Court after 19 years on the bench.

We held a class meeting at our reunion. Officers were called on by the president, Doris Balderson Burbank, to give their reports and to be thanked for the work that they had each done. Frances "Franie" Chandler Long turned over her office of secretary to Marianne Beck Dutry after serving for five years. She was commended on her excellent work. She thanked all those who helped her collect news for our class, especial the ones who wrote cards. Marianne passed out double cards with her address and future dates for news on one, while the other had space for news to be sent to Richmond Alumni Magazine.

Virginia W. Simons showed us the scrapbooks that she keeps of our past and present. She has one scrapbook for those who are deceased with copies of their obituaries. All the books were neat and up to date. Virginia has worked hard on them. The reunion people, Jean Tinsley Martin and Janice Brandenburg Halloran, did not need to give report of their great work spoke for itself. Everything was perfect for our reunion, all due to their caring and planning. Janice called many people to the reunion who had not yet signed up, and Jean was right there on the spot to answer all questions. We owe them many thanks.

Helen Lampathakis Kostyal writes that Keri is now a senior editor for National Geographic Magazine. Helen and Dick also are excited because their grandson, Brandon, will be with them in May to sing at a wedding. He will be with the Santa Fe Opera this summer and the New York City Opera for a year when he returns to New York. His wife is also an opera singer.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert says that she and Pete enjoyed the reunion and entertaining Mary Sue Mock Milton and Ceci for the weekend. She also writes that Rosemarie "Penny" Wilkes Fitzgerald and Earl recently moved to New York, N.C., where two of their sons live.

Margaret Alexander Anderson traveled in March to Kingsland, Jekyll Island and St. Simons, Ga., as well as to Amelia Island, Fl., and to Charleston, S.C., where she visited her son and his wife.

Each year Pat Kelly Jordan goes with Lloyd "Alex" Alexander Jordan Jr., R’49, to his Hump Pilots Reunion. Last year it was in Denver; this year it will be in Nashville. Their oldest son, Jonathan, is a dentist in Martinsville Va.; their youngest son, Carter, is a pilot with American Airlines.

Barbara White Badwell traveled to New York City with her two daughters. They attended two Broadway plays, toured the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and shopped.

In March Lee Reeves Childress and three friends cruised the eastern Caribbean in style on the Queen Mary II, visiting St. Thomas, St. Kitts and St. Martens.

Last fall Mary Howard Holloway and Bill also cruised the Caribbean. She reports they also enjoys several days in Corallo, N.C., with her roommate, Joy Hull Bolte and Joy’s sister, Jo Frieda Hull Mitchell, W’53, and her husband, Jack. We understand that Joy has a new grandson.

Joanne Waring Karpiol says her best friend, Aggie Feildes Burke, has moved to Cape Cod with her husband, David, and that Aggie is active in a home Bible study group. Joanne also reports that Letitia "Tish" Earl Pfau has moved to Aspen Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md.

Doris Balderson Burbank and David "Banny" B. Burbank are "great- aunt and uncle" again, with the birth of twins to their niece on April 4 and the birth of a son to their nephew on Feb. 22, 2005.

William "Les" Lester Duty, R’59, and I continue to enjoy our travels. Close to home, we attended the Shad Planking festivities in Wakefield, Va., this past April, and in May we went to Bridgewater College for the Lincoln Symposium. Our grand adventure, however, took us on a 28-day odyssey from Sydney to Hong Kong in February and March as part of a grand world tour on Holland America’s Ms Prinsendam.

1951

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Charles R. Neatour, B, lives in Harrisonburg, Va., where he retired from the faculty of James Madison University several years ago.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Gwendoly "Gwen" Priddy Donahue celebrated her 75th birthday with a party for family and friends given by her daughters, Marion, Terry and Beverly. Marion, who lives in Hawaii, arranged for a wonderful, exotic table flowers. Too many in attendance were Norma DosS Craig, Frances Arrighi Tonacci and Margaret Anderson Alexander. The following week Gwen took a bus tour to Mississippi with friends and numerous members of her church.

Anne Marie Hardin Bailey traveled to Rochester, N.Y., to see her granddaughter, Melissa, commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Melissa graduated from Nazareth University in Rochester. She will follow in the footsteps of her grandfather, Ben, and attend intelligence school. Unfortunately, health problems prohibited Ben from attending this memorable event.

Norma DosS Craig and Norm traveled to New York on a theater tour in early May and enjoyed four plays in three days. The tour was escorted by John D. Welch, R’50, of the University’s theater department.

Patty Weatherly Cooper, W’56, is treasurer of a community project to raise $800,000 to build the Lonesome Pine School and Heritage Center in Big Stone Gap, Va.

Frances Allen Schools visited Nancy Taylor Johnson in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in March. Also visiting were Paula Abberly Ketton and John, as well as Elizabeth "Betty" Munsey Spatz and Bob. Frances continues to be a loyal supporter of her son’s music and will be at Radio City Music Hall in April, where he will be playing for three nights.

World travelers Maryglyn Cooper McGraw and Wally sailed on the Queen Mary to England in May and flew home. Earlier they had vacationed in Hawaii.

Martheale "Lea" Thompson Osborn took a four-day tour to Savannah, Ga., while Mary Lee Moore May and Ed visited Edenton, N.C. Mary Lee and Ed also were at the Homestead in April with their daughter and son-in-law.

Bobbie Lee Brook Yagel suffered a fall at home in April and was hospitalized. She recovered nicely.

Elizabeth "Liz" Latimer Kokiko and George report that they have returned to their normal ways and days after each of them underwent heart bypass surgery.

1952

Richard Page Hudson Jr. and his wife, Sally, took a trip to New Zealand to visit their oldest son, Page, who is spending a sabbatical year there with his wife and three children.

1953

Muriel Price Hoffman, W and G’68, has recovered from the accident she had in 2003. She looks forward to attending an alumni gathering soon. She lives in Port Charlotte, Fla.

1954

Costelloe W. Barnes lives in Southwestern Py, N.C., and reports that she has a new grandson, Pearson Drew Dyslin, who lives in Atlanta.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Carol Jones McNamara says that her back surgery went well. She and her husband, Jay, relocated to their Urbanna, Va., home for the summer and fall. During the summer they visited the Berkshires, Maine and Nova Scotia.

1955

Lawrence B. Bond lives in Nashville, Tenn., and teaches full-time at the Belmont University School of Music.

The Alumni Relations Office has addresses for 74 of us (63 grad and 11 non-grad), so more than 50 percent returned for our 50th reunion, compared with the usual 30 percent.

Myra Embry Wormald was recognized as the classmate with the most grandchildren—17! Traveling the greatest distance was Marjorie Moeschler Hahn of Helotes, Texas. Cameron "Cammie" Freeman Napier and Ann Lindsay Pettit-Gotts were attending a Westminster reunion for the first time.

As a keepsake, Barbara "Bobbie" Reynolds Wyker had prepared booklets for each of us containing data provided by answers to your questionnaires. She also included her 1951 bill for room, board, tuition, and fees for the first semester ($437.50, an excerpt from Cameron "Cammie" Freeman Napier’s campaign speech for freshman class president, songs, the blessing, old photos and amusing tidbits from our handbooks. For example, under Dining Room Rules, it says, "No shirts may be worn out at any time." The alumni plans to mail one to each class member who was unable to attend the reunion, or if yours was astray, contact Bobbie. The booklet will update you on each classmate who responded. Most interesting, perhaps, are the responses to "Vivid College. Memories."

Several classmates who were unable to attend sent messages. Beverly Drake Herring was entertaining family members at Apple Blossom Weekend. Janice Elliott Lovig’s granddaughter has been an active student leader. Maritza Garrido McManus was recovering from a broken leg, and Gracia Mason Evin’s just returned from visiting her son and his family in Sweden. Janice Boyer Balderidge’s husband, Robert L. Balderidge, was in a play, and they moved to a United Methodist retirement community near Asheville, N.C.

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Ann Perry Oppenheimer, W ’56, publisher of Folk Art Messenger, received three first-place photography awards from the National Federation of Press Women.

We had a moment of silence to honor classmates who had passed on: Ann Allen, Mary Anne Logan Morgan, Virginia "Dodo" Lovelace Barbey, Phyllis M. McGhee, Mary Anne Pinder Rennolds, Kathryn Putnam Kinzer, Dorothy Smithers, Dorothy "Dottie" Smoller Nelson, Carol Ann Strauss Morrison, Virginia Thomas Phillips, Helen Thompson Olstad and Ann Tillman Shaffer. Later, Alice McCarty Haggerty used the internet to find a 2004 obituary, Pat Stump Hurley in the Cincinnati Post. Our sympathy goes to Pat’s brother, James Williams "Buddy" Stump Jr., R 56, and his family. Pat was our class valedictorian. When Burrell Williams Stultz presented the Westminster Class of 1955 Scholarship for the Arts on Saturday night, 50 out of 74 classmates had contributed. The scholarship was accepted by Kathy Panoff, head of the Modlin Center for the Arts. After dinner, our own Joan "Jody" Weaver Wampler led the band in old favorites suitable for our kind of dancing.

As of May 13, our class scholarship had received $308,427. We need about $650,000 for a full scholarship, but a partial one will be available immediately. Continue to designate checks for "Westminster Class of 1955 Scholarship" and address the envelope to Office of Annual Giving, 28 Westminster Way, University of Richmond, VA 23173.

Our class sends congratulations to Robert L. Burrus on receiving an honorary degree from our alma mater. Bob was cited for his outstanding accomplishments as chairman of McGuire Woods, one of the leading law firms in the country, and for his service to the University as a trustee and former rector.

Barbara Turner Willis will succeed Alice McCarty Haggerty as alumnae class president and Barbara "Bobbie" Reynolds Wyker, G ’76, will write our quarterly newsletter as class secretary. Please send your news to her at 1047 P.O. Box 640, Urbana, 21773.

Alice McCarty Haggerty and Margaret "Marty" Taylor Glenn have turned the scholarship fund chair over to Burrell Williams Stultz. Burrell and I will represent the Westminster Class of 1955 on the Board of the Bethesda Society Class.

Our 50th reunion closed with a memorial service at Cannon Memorial Chapel on Sunday morning, followed by our traditional brunch at the Stultz home near the University. Burrell and John sent their thanks to class members who provided the flowered choker/bouquet for their garden in appreciation of their hospitality.

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Robert L. Morris Jr. lives in The Villages, Fla., which he describes as an adult Disney World.

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Ladies, mark your calendars! The University has designated March 31 through April 2, 2006, as Reunion Weekend. Committees are already meeting and planning activities. Let’s have record-breaking attendance at our 50th reunion.

Judith Olton Mueller, W ’61, was elected to the board of UNIFEM/USA, the United Nations Global Fund for Women.

I had a delightful telephone visit with Patty Weatherly Cooper and learned so many things about the interesting volunteer work she and her husband, James D. Cooper, R ’58, are doing. After living in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., they have retired to their hometown of Big Stone Gap, Va. In addition to teaching adult education classes part-time, Patty is treasurer of a community project to raise $800,000 to build the Lonesome Pine School and Heritage Center. The center will include a 250-seat theater to be used as a rainy-day location for the production of "Tar of the Lonesome Pine," an outdoor drama that has been running for 42 years in Big Stone Gap. Patty also volunteers at the Toliver House and the John Fox Jr. Museum.

I talked with another fellow English major, Kathy Spaulding McNichol, who is active in the Gettysburg Historical Association. Her husband is a volunteer interpreter at Valley Forge, and she works as needed in supporting roles there. Kathy has taught in a junior high school for 25 years and now enjoys gardening, crafts, needlework, bridge and church work. She knits and crochets for babies in a local hospital. Virginia "Jann" Hogge Atkins stays busy as an Illinois state officer in R.E.O., a philanthropic education organization. She will become president in June 2007. While Jann was in Virginia in May visiting her sister, she enjoyed having lunch with Barbara Pratt Willis.

Ann Perry Oppenheimer has been recognized by the National Federation of Press Women for excellence as publisher of Folk Art Messenger. She received three first-place awards for photography, as well as commendation for news reporting.

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1957

John Louis Booth is director of Paradise Valley Counseling Inc. and is co-director/administrator of TeenTown of Arizona USA. He lives in Munds Park, Ariz.

Paul S. Schueler, who lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., traveled to St. Louis last fall for the wedding of his son, Robert.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner travels frequently in the United States and abroad and is involved in community work. Last year she raised more than $3,000 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year she is involved in a fundraising event for the American Red Cross. She and her husband, Charles, live in Gloucester, Va.

1958

John H. McKay has retired from Zoar Baptist Church in Locust Grove, Va. He stays busy singing gospel music in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and churches.

1959

Mary Lou Walden Wagner, who lives in Newport News, Va., made two trips to Southern California last year. She has five grandchildren and two grandchildren.

1960

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S. Wyndham Anderson continues to do volunteer work at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital and the Valentine Museum in Richmond.

Laura Colgin Bukovsan and Sarah Willis Blair celebrated 45 years of friendship recently by traveling together on The Ghan, the new Australian transcontinental train. The 1,651-mile, two-day trip links the northern and southern coasts of Australia through the Outback. Laura’s son, James R. Bukovsan, ’94, and his wife, Anne, live in Melbourne, Australia. Laura and her husband, William, are retired biology professors and spend their winters in Highland Beach, Fla., and their summers in New York. Sarah and her husband, William, own Blair Brothers Contractors, a grading, paving and asphalt company in Suffolk, Va.

Judith Olton Mueller was elected to the board of UNIFEM/USA, the United Nations Global Fund for Women. She lives in McLean, Va.
A legacy of leadership

Kiera G. Hynninen’s meteoric career has created an opportunity that any marketer would envy—the chance to build on an existing equity in a nationally known brand. For the past two years, Hynninen, B’86, has led a 12-member marketing team at the National Geographic Channel, where she is a senior vice president.

Marketing the 5-year-old cable channel “offers me the fascinating challenge, not only of working on a stellar national brand that is 140 years old, but to build upon it while creating a separate identity,” she says.

In just two years, Hynninen and her team have demonstrated measurable results in the markets where they have advertised. The National Geographic Channel is available in about 53 million of the 90 million television households nationwide. Hynninen’s goal is to continue to drive ratings in markets where her team buys advertising on television, billboards and other outdoor media.

“The position represents many opportunities for cross promotion with our partners, the National Geographic Society and Fox Cable Network,” she says. The channel features award-winning, action-oriented programming including Explorer and Seconds from Disaster.

“We want viewers to come away with a sense that what they’ve seen is adventurous, daring, suspenseful or some combination of all three,” she says.

After four years as senior vice president for strategic marketing at The Weather Channel and two before that as a vice president with Holiday Inn, both in Atlanta, Hynninen was seeking a new challenge closer to her former Richmond classmates and her family in New York.

The National Geographic opportunity was in Washington, D.C., and it allowed her to join a smaller, more focused organization.

“There are no silos here,” she says. “As a young team, we’re all focused on the same goal: ‘Let’s keep driving business.’”

The theme linking many of Hynninen’s accomplishments is leadership. She credits the University with giving her opportunities to lead many campus activities. She chaired the homecoming action committee during her senior year and was president of the Finance Society. These and other experiences helped her win a spot in the University of Chicago’s M.B.A. program, where she switched her emphasis from finance to marketing.

“Coming out of Richmond, I think what Chicago saw in me, other than strong academic preparation, was how to manage conflict, how to work with people of different work styles and ethics,” she says. These skills have served her well in later leadership positions, including volunteering for her alma mater as president of the New York and Chicago alumni clubs. She is a member of the Washington, D.C., chapter.

Hynninen stays in close contact with about six former classmates whom she met during her freshman year. and she says networking with Richmond alumni helped her land her last two jobs.

“I feel so fortunate to have gone to UR and made the friends I did,” she says. “Richmond was such an important experience in my life.”

—Betty M. van Lersel
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1968
Sally Felvey Guynn is helping to
create a national leadership-develop-
ment initiative for conservation profes-
sionals in fish and wildlife agencies in
all 50 states. Her second grandchild
arrived in April.

L.D. Metcalfe, B, retired from
Whirlpool Corp. after 32 years and is
now professor of marketing in the
University of Notre Dame’s M.B.A.

1969
Connie Booth Collins lives in
New York. Her daughter, Ashley, gradu-
ated this year from Trinity College after
spending a semester at the Sorbonne
in Paris. Her son, Saym, is at The New
School University where he is a bas-
ketball player.

David T. Elliott lives in
Chesterfield, Va., and works for
Ortho-Medical, which was recently pur-
chased by GE-Healthcare. He sells
fetal monitors, baby warmers, incuba-
tors and phototherapy systems to hos-
pitals throughout Virginia.

Catherine Whitlock Englishman is
a Realtor in the Richmond area.
She enjoys her six grandchildren.

Ronald G. Oeyler, B, is retired from
the Senior Executive Service of the
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Resort. He lives in McLean, Va.

1970
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mail address, please let Yvonne and
Nancy M. Jett, Martha Nancey and her husband, G. L. Elizabeth Benjamin and William Emerson, R. A. Millard Rodman Harris. Nancy Kelly live in Richmond, N. Among Nancy Hardy, Sharon Foster, Burdick, Agnes Mobley Wynne and spent a fateful night together, and had dinner with Gayle. Nancy Bendall Emerson, Andrea Ruck Black, W. S. and her daughter, Lee Kirby West, "00, joined us for the presentation on Saturday and the reunion picnic.

Mary "Marilith" Henry Tomb has watched a lot of baseball because of son Jacob, who is graduating from high school. He received a local award for baseball player of the year and has been named to the All-Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk. Son Gary is getting established in Harrisonburg, Va., working for Caldwell Banker.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan and husband Greg celebrated their 32nd anniversary this year. They visited Seattle and Virginia to visit their parents in West Point and her sisters in the Richmond area.

One sad note to report: Nancy Clevering Crowe, mom passed away in February. Many of us remember her, a Hampton Roads graduate, and her kindness to all. She had been living with Nancy in Arlington.

Trio and I had our Memorial Day family get-together with too much food and lots of laughter. It was awesome to sit in the kitchen and hear a room full of our "young adult" children laugh and play games together.

Dr. Sallie Stone Cook received an award for her work funded by Virginia’s Improving Patient Care and Safety. She is chief medical officer for the Virginia Health Quality Center.

Duffy Zenavia continues to work with the Beach City Public Schools, where she is a school improvement specialist. Her daughter Ashley, works as a guidance counselor at a Virginia Beach middle school.

Nancy Jane McFall, a busy spring with daughter Nancy getting married in New York.

Michael L. Dunkley Sr., R ’75, lives and works at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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The wonderful Westhampton Women’s Retreat took place in Richmond this year so we could all attend the presentation of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award to Gayle Goodson Butler.

Nancy Martin Jett, Martha Potts Emerson, G. W., 01, Elizabeth "Betty" Rodman Harris, Nancy Kelly Hardy, Sharon Foster Burdick, Agnes Mobley Wynne and I spent Friday night together and had dinner with Gayle. Nancy Bendall Emerson, Andrea Ruck Black, W. S. and her daughter, Lee Kirby West, "00, joined us for the presentation on Saturday and the reunion picnic.

There were lots of graduations including Ann Greene Turner’s daughter, Katherine, who graduated from the University of Virginia with a nursing degree and hopes to work at the U.Va. Medical Center. She also plans to get married this summer. Ann’s husband, Ralph "Walter" Wertenbaker Turner, R ’68, retired from the Navy Reserve after 32 years.

Mary was now in her 30th year of teaching Latin. She is president of the Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teacher’s altruistic sorority. She has two grown children, Katie, 26, and Andy, 24.

Maryann Makowski Robertson and her two little dogs have moved to a new house in Richmond, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. She traveled to Africa to participate in wildlife tours including one in Botswana, which supposedly has the largest concentration of elephant herds. From there she went on to Victoria Falls and ended up in Cape Town, where she toured the wine country.

Alice Elizabeth Presson moved back to her family farm in Virginia in August 1994. From there she telecommutes to her job at the Southern Regional Education Board in Wakefield, Va. She misses her friends in Atlanta, but she is enjoying the peace and quiet. Alice is now restoring the house and gardens and taking daily hikes around the farm.

Fay Duffer Zenavia continues to work with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, where she is a school improvement specialist. Her daughter Ashley, works as a guidance counselor at a Virginia Beach middle school.

Mary Lee Watson Brazell has a new grandson, Riley, the son of her daughter, Trace. She continues to work at Cannon School in Concord, N.C., where she helps young people figure out where they want to go to college and how to enroll.

Anne Taylor Cregger, who resides in Annandale, Va., is renovating her home. Anne and her family moved out of the house for over a year, had the house gutted top to bottom, and then the real work started on the renovation.

Patricia "Pat" Burton Temple and her husband, Roger, have built a new house in Stanardsville, Va. While living in their temporary home and waiting for the house to be completed, a hurricane swept through the area (on Pat’s birthday). Then after moving into their new home, a tornado came through the area (on Pat’s birthday) and narrowly missed their house.

Catherine "Cathy" Holmes Hubbard’s home, Old Castle, located in Eastville, Va., was one of six houses featured on the Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Garden Week Tour in April. Their youngest son, Scott, graduated from Hampden-Sydney in May.

Metta Jean Harris Nickerson, who lives in Midlothian, Va., with her husband, Stewart "Stew" D.
Maura McCarthy Dunn, W'85, has become vice president for administration for General Dynamics in Washington, D.C.

Laura Lee Hankins Chandler and Ted L. Chandler Jr., L'77, moved into their new home in Goochland in December 2004 and are enjoying life in the country. She stays busy with family, travel and volunteeering with her church and the Maymont Foundation. Their daughter, Becca, just completed her sophomore year at Richmond, along with Elizabeth “Beth” Neal Jordan’s daughter, Laura. She says they both lived in a dorm “on the boys’ side.” Laura Lee and Beth had a visit when Beth came from Seattle to move Laura home for the summer. Laura Lee and Ted plan to visit Becca in Italy, where she will be studying this summer. Their daughter Katie, graduated from the University of Virginia, came back to Richmond and is hoping to work in event planning.

Esther Hopkins Barnes is completing her 15th year with the Poulsbo, Wash., school district as an assembly media specialist for third- through fifth-graders.

Kenneth Edward Barnes is completing 25 years with Northrop Grumman Newport News. His middle son, Ben, is at Old Dominion University pursuing a marketing degree. The youngest, Brian, is finishing his third year at the University of Virginia School of Engineering.

Brad, the oldest, and daughter-in-law Stephanie live in Princeton, N.J., where he works for Atlantic and she is a physical therapist.

Elizabeth “Beth” E. Woody of Greensboro, N.C., and her family had a great ski trip to Park City, Utah, in March. Son Matt is finishing up school at Middle Tennessee State. Zac is a junior in high school, and Emma is in eighth grade. Beth continues to work as a school psychologist with Guilford County schools, and her husband, Randy, works for the North Carolina Psychology Board.

Donna Higginbotham Rosser writes that she continues to teach in Altavista, and Aubrey stays busy with her law practice and serving on a variety of committees. She and her sister, Bruce, also write lessons for Blue Ridge Public Televison, incorporating video technology and hands-on activities. They travel together around the state demonstrating lessons and doing teacher training institutes. Donna and Aubrey’s daughter, Allison, graduated from Chatham Hall in May and is a freshman at Richmond. Their son, Jay, is in graduate school in economics at New York University.

Mary Kirchman Wharton and her husband, Stephen B. Wharton, C'74, welcomed their son, Ll. Edward Wharton, home from Iraq after a year-long tour. The Whartons live in Fairfax Station, Va., and are now associated with Long and Foster Realtors in Alexandria.

1976

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William L. Winston has created a new Web site for his practice as a nonprofit development consultant in Bedminster, N.J. He recently completed a project for the Town of Morris to benefit local colleges.

Carlton M. Yowell, B, is vice president of contracts with Dateline Inc. in Norwalk, Va.

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Wendy Haynes Eastman is still director of planning at the University, Husband Kevin T. Eastman, R'78 and G'89, is an assistant coach with the Boston Celtics and works for Nike basketball as national director of skill development for their elite players. Son Jake, 14, is entering halfback at Glen Allen, Va.

Hugh E. Fraser III has retired as a captain after 25 years in the Naval Reserve. He served in active duty as a flight surgeon and was recalled briefly during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He lives in Reddickville, N.C.

John D. Kelton is owner of JDK Music Production in Richmond. He is currently scoring two documentaries for the Hallmark Channel and a film about the International Truth Commission.

Bobbie Heilman Murphy has completed 10 years and is earning her new career as a flight attendant for Trans States Airlines, where she flies on US Air Express and United Express.

David C. Snidow, B, is vice president for commercial insurance at Acorda.

1977

George B. McClure is deputy commander of Madison Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.

Sandy Heilman van der Meer is moving to Darmstadt, Germany, with her 16-year-old son, Nicholas, after six years as a civilian technologist specialist for the Department of Defense Education Activity over the past two years. She is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Prior to moving to Okinawa, she worked for the defense department in Biebrung, Germany, for 17 years.

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Gary W. Edwards is a captain in the Navy serving as commanding officer of the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, S.C. His wife, Barbara, is a pharmacists, and she lives in Chesapeake, Va., with the couple’s four horses.

Bradford Hildreth is a contractor surveillance pilot supporting the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia.

Gregory Gale Humphries is owner of Low Cost Construction Co. in Beaumont, S.C.

1980

Michael Henry Dunkley was re-elected to the House of Assembly in Bermuda and as deputy leader of the United Bermuda Party. He and his wife, Pamela Wood Dunkley, W'83, have been married for 23 years.

George Peyton Neatour lives in Virginia Beach, where he has opened Eastern Virginia’s first ambulatory center for eye surgery.

1981

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John W. Harper was promoted to branch manager of Marshall & Sterling Inc., a property and casualty insurance agency in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Timothy L. Rogers-Martin serves as a transition leader for several churches in the Buffalo, N.Y., area and is also president of Spritual Strategies, a consulting group that assists nonprofit organizations. Tim and his wife, Julie, reside in Decatur, Ga., with their sons, Tazed, 16, and Jacob, 14.
1982

Frances E. Anderson works for The Aerospace Corp. in Chantilly, Va.

David E. Adams, B, was promoted to vice president of operations for Escolar Pest Elimination in St. Paul, Minn.

David Scott Beck, B, was named senior vice president and branch manager of the Baltimore Office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He lives in Ellicott City. Md., with his wife, Cecilia, and their son, Jeffrey, who is a freshman at Virginia Tech.

John F. Brady, B and C’81, is a senior associate with the law firm of Brown, Sheets, Beauregard and Chesanov in Georgetown, Del.

What a great 20th reunion! Approximately 150 classmates returned for a party at the Tavern, Christopher J. Donahy’s restaurant; brunch at the home of Jeffrey Alan Brown and Lauren DeLaurentis Brown; dinner in Keller Hall; and our very own Greek Theatre Party, almost like the old days. Thanks to Claire Grant Pollock and Kevin Francis Stubbe for coordinating all of the activities and to other classmates for their behind-the-scenes efforts and encouraging others to attend:

Steven D. Howell, Amy Lawætouf, Linda Beck Shawcross, William H. “Bill” Shawcross Jr., James E. “J.D.” Derderian, Terri Allen Hendley, Brian J. Spalding, G.B.G., Patricia “Trish” Moore Cornett, Charles E. Cornett and many others. Philip C. Weilbe wins the prize for bringing back the most classmates; almost all of his Pika fraternity brothers were there.

Here is some of the news shared at the reunion.

Claire Grant Pollock lives in Richmond and works part time as a paralegal, but she spends most of her time with husband Chris and their children, Grant, 12, and Allison, 10.

Andrew “Andy” F. Anastasi works with Conference Direct in New York City, serving as a broker for hotel rooms and facilities for events held around the world.

John R. Melley is in a similar line of work as an event planner extraordinary, handling events most recently in Tokyo while also planning the annual Ump’s Christmas Parade in Richmond.

Susan Hostetter Davenport is in charge of “Go Read,” an annual community-wide event in Richmond.

Ann Nicoleides Haglund handles marketing for the Washington Wizards basketball team at their home court of the MCI center.

Many of our classmates have moved from corporate ladder to community ladder, focusing on family and other activities while taking a break from their careers.

Florence “Flo” K. W. Monaghan left a career in banking to take care of her two girls and help her community through neighborhood association activism to combat development.

Christine “Chris” Eagleton Fleming, who you may remember was an on-air reporter for the Richmond NBC affiliate Channel 12, is raising three children.

Laura Quarles Spillane is busy with four young sons and a stepdaughter.

Sally Zehrung Wright is in Atlanta with her three children.

Alice Bush Kachajian and Lise Holdert Tracey also shared rewarding stories of raising children and volunteering in the community since leaving their full-time careers.

Kimberly “Kim” South Guy was preparing for a move to Tampa, Fla., where she has been appointed head of a women’s hospital. Also in Tampa, Elizabeth “Mary Beth” Deloer Friedrich is teaching at Tampa Prep School.

Carl W. Cheek II is director of marketing for SF&GC, working for Specialty Industries in Maryland.

Robert C. Cundari is in the real estate appraisal business in Manhattan and is coaching the Blue Jays, a little league team that features his two sons.

Karen Hanson Steele is a paralegal in the Annapolis City Attorney’s Office.

Maura McCarthy Dunn has been a president for administration for General Dynamics in Washington, D.C. She had been with Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton.

Suzanne Krachun Green works in information technology for Capital One in Richmond. She and her husband, Mike, have two children.

Anne Bentley McCray, W’88, was elected partner at McGuireWoods in Richmond.

Terri Allen Hendley came from Atlanta for the reunion. She is a paralegal with the law firm Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP.

Robert S. Bloom Jr. is living on the Eastern Shore with his wife and three children, according to his father, Robert Spencer Bloom Sr. F’92, who is Virginia’s first Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. In addition to running the family auto parts business, Bob is working in aquaculture.

Chiles Bentley “Ben” Mason lives with his family in Norfolk, Va., where he is senior vice president with wealth management services for SunTrust Mid-Atlantic.

E. Scott Broderick lives in Richmond and teaches at Pinchbeck Elementary School in Henrico County. James E. “J.D.” Derderian is a founder and partner of Stanton Park Group, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Mary, came to the reunion with their young daughter, Grace.

William H. Shawcross Jr. and Linda Beck Shawcross live with their children near Winston-Salem, N.C., where Bill is senior vice president and director of relationship management with BB&T Capital Markets.

James P. Brady is founder and president of PayGather, a company in Richmond that manages financial transactions in the healthcare field. His company was named in 2004 to Deloitte & Touche’s Technology Fast 50 for Virginia, one of the fastest-growing technology companies.

Scott J. Stahl has a veterinary practice in Northern Virginia, where he specializes in exotic animals.

Jeffrey Alan Brown is a vascular and general surgeon with a group of doctors in Richmond. When he’s not busy with activities for one of his four children, he stays active with the University, serving on the Athletic Council and the President’s Council.

Carol K. Hazard, who worked for many years with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, now helps communities going through environmental clean-up processes. She serves as a bridge between the companies and the affected residents.

Andrew J. Rich lives in Richmond and owns a mortgage company. Andy led the way for our classmates to hold their own Greek Theatre Party when the University moved the official party indoors.

Kevin Francis Stubbe is vice president and bond manager for Charles Lunsford Sons and Associates in Richmond.

John Trible “Trib” Sutton III is a senior vice president with commercial real estate company CB Richard Ellis in Richmond.

Edward “Duffy” Myrtetus is a partner in the Richmond office of the law firm Kaufman & Caros. He donated a considerable amount of time writing the bylaws for the new University of Richmond Alumni Association in 2003.

Richard “Bert” Herbert Hardy Jr. is vice president of information technology and chief information officer for Sirah Famous Brands in Richmond.

I hope Helen Breneman Grove won’t mind if I share that she is still as fit and athletic as she was back in college when she was the champion mud-wrestler at VA. Helen is now teaching school in FairFax, Va., and I’m sure her students would enjoy any photos we can share of that winning performance!

1983

Joseph P. Corish, B and L’86, was named to the list of “Best of Washington Lawyers” by Washingtonian Magazine. He practices real estate law in Arlington, Va.

Gus Steve Doliannitis and his wife, Kathy, had a son, Matthew Constantine, on July 31, 2004. Gus is vice president of commercial lending at First Citizens Bank in Danville, Va.

1984

Michael J. Davies is vice president and area production manager for Homecomings Financial, a GMAC company in Pascappany, N.J.

Gregory F. Simionian is a vascular surgeon at Hackensack University Medical Center and chief of endovascular studies. He and his wife, Carie, live in Paramus, N.J., with their daughters, Sophia, 4, and Oliva, 6 months.

1985

Scott J. Kearney and his wife, Christine, live in Newton Square, Pa., with their sons, Griffin, 7, Garrett, 5, and Flynn, 1. Scott is director of institutional business development at Turner Investment Partners.

Erica J. Oliff and husband, John Diaz, had a son, Jack David, on Feb. 25, 2005. He joins Alexa, 14, Nicholas, 9, and Isabella, 7.

James Lloyd Patterson III is a sales manager with Allstate Insurance Co. He has four daughters and resides in Roanoke, Va.

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Nancy Erichetti Missihula left the practice of law to direct fundraising programs at the Windward School in White Plains, N.Y. She lives in Greenwich with her family.

Several of our classmates came a great distance from their homes west of the Mississippi to attend our reunion.

Alexis Rago traveled from the San Francisco area, where he is district manager for Victoria’s Secret.

Leigh Ann Holt Buettner, her husband, David, and their young daughter, Laura, live in Lakewood, Ohio, where she is regional counsel for the U.S. General Services Administration.

Kevin M. McCarthy lives nearly in Colorado Springs with his family. He has been in the military since graduation and shared with me details of his career serving in the Gulf War. Working as an undercover demolition specialist. His wife is in the Air Force. Kevin is now a civilian employed by the military, but he continues to serve in the reserves.

When Dan and I are not running after our 5-year-old daughter, I’m working for a new foundation created to support the historic Virginia Capitol. We’re free this weekend to see the 1788 Jefferson-designed building that is undergoing a major restoration and expansion.


Elizabeth Hinkle Scott and her husband, Ricks, had a daughter, Samantha Grace, on Jan. 20, 2004. They live in Lakeland, Fla.

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Lauren Brokoff Carbaugh and her husband, Bill, had a daughter, Charlotte Anne, on March 15, 2005. She joins William, 9, and Caroline, 7. Lauren is on a lengthy sabbatical from the practice of law. She and her family reside in Great Falls, Va., and her former roommate, Kiara G. Hyninnen, is now close by in Chexy Chase, Md.

Lauren Ilene Carson works in new home sales in Las Vegas after several years in sales management with FedEx Corporate Services.

Allynn Aldsamer, W., and her husband, Douglas, had a daughter, Isabel Alana, on Sept. 20, 2004. She joins brother Kyle, 4. They live in Henderson, Va.

Theresa “Terry” Gray Handerhan, W., was inducted into the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame earlier this year. She has conducted a women’s summer league in Hartford County, Md., for the past 12 years. along with an annual beginners’ clinic for girls.

G. Tracy Jones II is managing director for Cohen Specialists, an American Stock Exchange specialist firm in New York.

1987


1988

Todd S. Bright, B., has become a partner and principal in Lars Energy LLC, a merchant banking and advisory services firm focused on the alternative power and fuels sectors of the energy industry. He and his wife, Teresa, had a son, Baird Sumner, on May 23, 2004. He joins brothers John and Morgan, 10, and sister, Makena, 6, and Ryley, 5. They live in Maryland.

1989

Kathleen M. Powis, GB ’91, is completing a four-year residency in Harvard’s combined internal medicine/pediatrics program.

Karen Ivers Dailey, Gina Marchetti-Jeckerson, Monica Riva Talley, B., Jennifer Davis Berlinger, Denise Varletta Hustead, B., Lauren Greely Hagerstrom and Carrie Bunting Rodricks reunited in Florida for a weekend getaway from family and career responsibilities.

Sam S. Ottomonti, B., is an oncology specialty representative for Bristol-Myers Squibb. He and his wife, Laura, live in Delaware, Ohio. Barbara A. Schneider, G., is executive director of The Powell Center for Economic Literacy at Collegeate School in Richmond.

Toni Ianniello Stapel has relocated to Evanston, Ill., after 10 years overseas. She and her husband, Neil, have three children, Nicole, 6, and twins Erik and Jay, 4.

Christopher John Francis Toolan lives in Nags Head Woods, N.C., with his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Charlotte. He has launched a local networking Web site and has been busy buying and selling real estate in Eastern North Carolina for himself, as well as family and friends. In his spare time, he surfs, sails and cares for his horses.

1990

Catherine Shelly Collins and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Amanda Catherine, on March 8, 2005. They live in Bowmorn, Pa.

E. Anthony Cowie, B., is employed by Swiss Reinsurance Co. in Ansonia, N.Y. He lives in Ridgehood, N.J., with his wife, Kathy, and daughters, Grace, 3, and Olivia, 1.

Amy Madden and C. Scott Daniel were married on Oct. 9, 2004. They live in Powhatan, Va., with their four children, Matthew, Kathryn, Grant and Sadie. Amy is a kindergarten teacher for Powhatan County Public Schools.

Linda M. Spiers, GB, is a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut and is rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Colliswille, Conn.

Robert E. Sweeney and his wife, Alexandra, had a son, Robert Monroe, on March 2, 2005. They live in Dallas.

Sarah Towner Wright and her husband, Chris, had a son, Henry Christopher, on Dec. 31, 2004. He joins brother Austin, 3. Sarah works part time as manager of the Clinical Library at UNC-Chapel Hill Children’s Hospital. They live in Cary, N.C.

1991

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D. Lance Baldwin, B., appeared in the film XX/2, State of the Union, released earlier this year. He lives in Lutherville, Md.

Scott Thomas Casey and his wife, Tami, have adopted a daughter from China, Jaiden Weihuan, born on Nov. 23, 2003. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

Cindy A. DeGrazio and Michael Neiglreff were married on Feb. 18, 2005. Included in the wedding party was Linda J. Roberto. Cindy is an esthetician at Elizabeth Grady in Framingham, Mass. The couple lives in Quincy, Mass.

Maureen Victor клоl1es and her husband, Chris, had a son, William, on Aug. 15, 2004. He joins brothers Ross, 5, and Ian, 3. They live in Woodstock, N.Y.

1992

Cindy Nelson Blakley and her husband, Baron S. Blakley, ’93, had a son, Benjamin David, on May 30, 2005. He joins brother Nelson, 4, and sister Sierra, 3. They live in Richmond.

Amy Barlow Brit and her husband, William Everett Brit, had a son, Sam, on July 17, 2005. He joins Kathryn, 5. They live in Smithfield, Va.

Wendy MacEwen Browning is a part-time physical therapist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C. She has three children, Mac, 6, Dean, 4, and Anne Cathryn, 3.

Elizabeth Carson Cowell and David B. Cowell, ’89, had a daughter, Grace Hollingsworth, on April 8, 2005. She joins brother Grant, 2. They live in Baltimore.

Jennifer Leigh McClellan, W’94, won a primary race in June to represent the 17th District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

William F. Loving, B., is the owner of Ironworks, a Web consulting firm that has employees in Richmond, Raleigh, N.C., and Culpea, Va. He lives in Richmond with his wife, Laura Loe, and their three children, Sadie, 5, William, 3, and Charlie, 1.

Amy L. Mautlin and Riley Morton were married on Sept. 19, 2004. They live in Seattle, where Amy owns a professional organizing service.

Lara Bagdon Putnam and James D. Putnam, R’91, had a son, Grant Walter, on Dec. 17, 2004. They live in Germantown, Tenn.

Douglas A. Sandler, B. and GB’01, and his wife, Elise, had a daughter, Kate Grace, on Aug. 29, 2003. She joins Jack, 5, and Colin, 7. They live in Richmond.

Brooks M. Smith is a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP where he is a member of the resources, regulatory and environmental law team. He and his wife, Jennifer Eway Smith, live in Richmond with their daughter, Emma, 2.

1993

Sean P. Byrne, ’93 and U97, is a director at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle PC in Glen Allen, Va. He represents physicians and hospitals in malpractice cases. He and his wife, Michelle Byrne, ’94, had a daughter, Anna Catherine, in June 2004. She joins Maggie, 3.

Julie Byrd Cassidy started her own company, JBC Designs. She lives in Texas with her husband, Chris, and their children, Grace, 10, Chase, 7, and Colin, 6.

Carla Marie Deluca founded a marketing communications consulting practice in San Francisco and New York four years ago.

Marnie Clough Robey is a Spanish teacher at Loudoun County High School. She joined her husband, Tom, live in Hamilton, Va., with their son, Jake, 2.


James B. Trivette Jr. and his wife, Tia, had a son, Tucker, in August 2004. He joins sister Laya, 2. They live in Richmond.

Scott A. Wenk completed his residency at the University of Florida and has joined Central Florida Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Orlando.

### 1994

Jennifer Leigh McMillian won a primary race in June to represent the 17th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. Her district includes sections of Richmond and Henrico County. Although she has been a Democratic Party activist for 15 years and now serves as the state party’s vice chair, this was her first run for elected office. She is a corporate attorney for Verizon Virginia.


Amy Schroeder-Hea, and her husband, Drew Hea, had a daughter, Avery Susan, on Nov. 6, 2004. They live in Maplewood, N.J.


### 1995


Congratulations to A. Chadwick “Chad” White and his wife, Melissa, on the birth of their son, Zachary Hays, on April 13, 2005. He joins sister Makenze, 3.

Melissa Throckmorton Hallman was a member of the first graduating class in the Master of Public Administration program at the Virginia Tech Richmond Center.


Gregory Ryan Hoffman and his wife, Missy, had a daughter, Eliza Kelly, in April 2005. She joins sister Hagan, 3. Greg is working as an attending physician in emergency medicine, in which he is board-certified.

Robert Michael Kirchner and his wife, Meghan, had a daughter, Brooke Hoxen, on March 2, 2005. They are internists in the Air Force, stationed at Royal Air Force Station in Lakenheath, England.

Laura Wengert Moore and her husband, Jeffrey Alan Moore, had a daughter, Holly Virginia, on March 19, 2004. She joins brother Alex, 3. They live in Athens, Ga.

Mark Robert Thornton lives in Cape Town, South Africa, where he operates Mark Thornton Safari.

Scott M. Tozier and his wife, Rebecca, had a daughter, Ella Maria, on May 24, 2005. They live in Richmond.

Hervey “Strick” Strickler II has been named president of Fort Franklin, a Boston-based advertising agency.

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Sarah Savage Hebert and her husband, Grady R. Hebert, ’93, welcomed a daughter, Annabella Rose, on April 21, 2005. They live in Baton Rouge, La.

Gilbert F. Logan III, ’96 and G’98, is pursuing a doctorate in organizational management at Capella University. He is an associate professor of English and business at John Tyler Community College and has opened a travel agency in Midlothian, Va., where he lives with his wife, Tracy.

James F. Maloney and his wife, Nancy, had a daughter, Devon Paige, on Feb. 21, 2005. They live in Oakton, Va.

Jeanne Lusk Rowe and her husband, Mike, had a son, William Michael, on Feb. 24, 2005. He joins Ellen, 2. They live in Reston, Va.

Anthony R. Scisliscian I III practices complex civil litigation law with a firm in downtown Seattle. He has traveled to Tuscany, the Napa Valley and kayaked in the San Juan Islands. He and his wife, Monica, live in Redmond, Wash.

Keith Michael Stojka and his wife, Kristy, had a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on July 10, 2004. He is the webmaster for Factsheet Research Systems in Norwalk, Conn.

Hal Jackson Vincent was promoted to account director at Tieney Communications, a Philadelphia advertising agency, where he handles the Independence Blue Cross and Martin Gusters accounts. He also teaches a course in advertising research at Temple University and serves on the advisory board for Temple’s Ambler Campus. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Sarah Cole Turner Vincent, ’98.

Carol E. Warren works for Creative Financial Group as a financial planner. She and her husband, Charles, have a son, Jackson, 1. Charles is serving with the Army National Guard in Iraq.

### 1996

Corrie Spiegel Kiesel and her husband, Christopher David Kiesel, had a daughter, Claire Michelle, on Jan. 19, 2005. She joins sister Celia, 3. They live in Baton Rouge, La.

**1997**

Kate Clements Coehorst has been appointed to the board of Capitoleast, the national association of Capitol reporters and editors. She also serves as treasurer of the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association, sits on the board of the Springfield Ballet Company and edits the Junior League of Springfield newsletter. She resides in Springfield, Ill., with her husband, David, who owns a lobbying and consulting firm. Kate is capital bureau chief for The New-Gazette of Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

Rita Susanna Kovach and her husband, Zoltan Lajko, had a son, Erik Lajko, on March 5, 2005. They live in McLean, Va.

Stefanie Rene Mathis is director of development for the Foundation for the National Archives, where she is leading a capital campaign to renovate and expand the historic building. She lives in Washington.

Christina Anne Newman and Jeffrey S. Ott were married on June 25, 2005. They reside in Atlanta.

Patricia Rodan Raybould and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Alyssa Elliana, on Jan. 3, 2004. They live in Richmond.

John “Joy” David Sukiernek and his wife, Kelly, had a son, Nicholas David, on April 18, 2005. He joins brother John. They live in Pittsburgh.

Lanel Ward and Rob Patrick were married on Nov. 20, 2004. Lanel is a marketing manager for Clifton Gunderson LLP. They live in Baltimore.

Robin McFardlin Weeks and her husband, Benjamin, had a daughter, Campbell Lynn, on March 10, 2005. They live in North Little Rock, Ark.

Sarah Elizabeth Zia is a second-year veterinary student at the University of Tennessee. She is also pursuing a master’s degree in public health with a concentration in veterinary public health.

### 1998

Charles Anderson Battelcher, and his wife, Megan, had a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on Sept. 18, 2004. They live in Richmond.

Braden H. Bouchev is an assistant district attorney in Williamson County, Tenn. He and his wife, Monica, live in Franklin, Tenn.

Melissa Lynn Buray and Gabriel Roman were married on July 23, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Danielle Marie Foschino Schwartz, ’97, and Dann Schwartzzmann Leombrone. They live in Tom’s River, N.J., where Melissa is a first-grade teacher.

Jasmon Maurice Coleman will join Bob Black, the “Voice of the Spiders,” in the football radio booth.
1999

Samantha Fay Bonom rejoined Young & Rubicam Advertising as an account supervisor on the Danone account. She lives in New York.

Lee David Solomon Gimpel is a freelance writer based in Richmond. He has written for Inc., Men’s Journal, Worth and Budget Travel. His biography of Gen. George C. Marshall and the Marshall Plan was published in July.


Wendy Corinne Salmone is assistant director of the Michael Hooker Microscopy Facility at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Heather Jane Yoxall and Blake C. Reid were married on March 26, 2005. Included in the wedding party was Hillorie Anne Leaman. The couple lives in Richmond.

2000

Danielle Marie Armstrong and her husband, Andrew Raymond Armstrong, ’99, had a daughter, Aligai Grace, on April 20, 2005. They live in Richmond.

Allen Gray Bowman graduated from the Ralph P. Pappit School of Law at Roger Williams University. He is a legal clerk for Justice Maureen McKenna Goree, Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Laura Giesen Haskin and James Russell Haskin, ’99, were married on May 14, 2005. Laura earned a master’s degree in nursing and is certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner. The couple lives in Midlothian, Va.

Anabello Bueso and Jesse Lee Davis were married in 2003. Included in the wedding party were Carolina Diana Valencia, Lisa Carol Baldwin, Jessica Olivera, Quinn Tyler Cornelius, Craig Robert Iannucci, ’99, Lindsay Dyson Dryden IV, ’08, and Daniel Ryan Legerberg, ’01. The couple resides in New York.

Morgan Patricia Gallagher lives in Atlanta and is a graduate student at Emory University.

Elizabeth Nora Guinan is pursuing a master’s degree in school leadership and development at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She lives in Somerville, Mass.

Rutledge Sims Hammond earned an international M.B.A. from the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina, where she was co-chair of the student association. She also earned an M.B.A. from Wirtschaftsuniversitat Wien at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, where she was student government president.

Courtney Kinzel Silberman is a Spanish education consultant for Vista Higher Learning, which is based in Boston. She works out of her home in the Raleigh, N.C., area.

2001

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Monika R. Alston completed the coursework for a doctorate at Penn State University and passed her comprehensive exams. She was awarded the Burton-Waller Dissertation Fellowship and has relocated to South Carolina to complete her dissertation on African-American women politicians.

Matthew William Cline graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland. This summer he began a general practice residency at the University of Virginia hospital in Charlottesville.

Jaime R. Goski is a senior consultant in the forensics and litigation group at FTI consulting in New York. She is a CPA and a member of the Tuckahoe Business Advisory Council.

Haidee Elizabeth Henderson won a full scholarship to the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia through the Battén Media Fellowship. She will leave her position at the National Geographic Channel in Washington to begin graduate school this fall.

Heather Laura Cummins MacMahon and her husband, David, had a daughter, Maia Elizabeth, on Feb. 16, 2005. They live in Warrenton, Va.

Lorraine Larsen Rosamilla received a medical degree from Penn State University, where she was the commencement student speaker and an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate. She is a dermatology resident at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Graham Michael Strub earned a master’s degree in human genetics and is enrolled in a graduate program at the Medical College of Virginia, where he is pursuing a medical degree and a Ph.D. in biochemistry. He lives in Richmond.

2002

Sarah Renee Asbell has received the Hartford Scholarship from the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a master’s degree in nursing as an adult health/gerontological nurse practitioner.

Andrea C. Barra is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology as an Excellence Fellow at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Adam Wesley Bayes is pursuing a master’s degree in history at Arizona State University. He spent the summer working in Grand Teton National Park.

Jamie E. Beasley III spent a year living with a Mayan family in La Esperanza, Guatemala, where he was a young adult volunteer for the Presbyterian Church USA. He now teaches Spanish at a middle school in the mountains of Asheville, N.C.

Anna Shaw Clickner and her husband, David, had a daughter, Holly, on Dec. 14, 2004. They live in Glenwood, Md.

Thomas Ryan Dunn earned a master’s degree in rhetoric and communication studies from Syracuse University.

Michael Lawrence Finn and Nicole Lourie were married on July 24, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Spencer W. Martin and James Jonathan Hawk, ’04. The couple lives in Aviso Veijo, Calif.


Danielle Leigh Lewis was promoted to account executive at Spitfire Strategies, a boutique public relations firm.

Nedra Marie McClure received a master’s degree from the Actors Studio Drama School at New School University. She plans to remain in New York to pursue a theater career.

2003

Melissa S. Coleman and Michael W. Coleman, ’02, are both pursuing J.D.s and Doctor of Business Administration degrees at Louisiana State University. Melissa was selected as a member of the Moot Court Board, and Michael was named managing editor of Volume 66 of the Louisiana Law Review.

Joanna Lee Dallam and William A. Wright, ’02, were married on May 21, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Renee C. Szymanik, Alisson L. May, Richard V. Poidemomi, ’02, and Joshua M. Parrett, ’04. The couple lives in Frotland Park, N.J., where Jill is studying for the bar exam and Joanna has an administrative residency position with the St. Barnabas Health Care System.

Amanda Lea Folk has graduated from Harvard Divinity School.

Renee C. Szymanik is employed at Merck & Co. as a chemist in pharmaceutical research and development. She lives in Schenektady, Penn.

Christine Nina Watsa and Quinn McLean were married on Aug. 14, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Andrea L. DellMonse and Allison Lauren Kane.

2004

Emily Clark Carveth is an independent sales representative, beauty advisor and leadership representative for Avon Products Inc. in the Lynchburg, Va., area.

Daniel James Celucci is communications director for Catholic Leadership Institute, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization.

Amy Marie McMullon is assistant director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program in State College, Pa. She is also a student at George Mason University School of Law, where she is specializing in criminal law.

Anna M. McPhail and Bryan S. McPhail, ’05, had a daughter, Madysen Alexandra, on Oct. 28, 2004. They live in Richmond.

Kossen Gregory Miller has returned to New York after spending several months traveling in Australia and New Zealand with Matthew Stephen Hoverman.

Phillip Guy Worthley has completed his first year of medical school at the University of Texas at Galveston. This summer he was an intern in radiology at Methodist in Dallas.

as an analyst for the 2005 season. He is a former defensive player for the Spiders.

Shelby Seris Holman is employed at Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Services as a corporate accountant. She lives in Richmond.

Haidee Elizabeth Henderson, ’01, won a full scholarship to the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia through the Battén Media Fellowship.

Crystal LaVoie Lang, and her husband, Wallace, had a daughter, Helen Dabney, on June 23, 2004. Crystal is employed as controller at the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Katherine Elizabeth Lansewone and Shawn J. Gartiz, ’95, were married on Oct. 18, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Elizabeth Rose Laroue has joined the international Monetary Fund as a bilingual (French/English) special projects administrator in the African Department, where she works with Côte d’Ivoire, Liberia, Mali and Mauritius. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Eric W. Moore was named plant controller for the Richmond Plant of Aico Inc.

Geoffrey M. Sigler and Melissa G. Moore were married on April 16, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Ryan Nicholas Lombard, David Brian McGonigle, ’97, Lindsay Dyson Dryden IV, and W. Stuart Wright, ’99. The couple lives in Washington, D.C.

MaryEllise Edwards Snyder and her husband, Ryan, had a son, Kevin Ryan, on Feb. 28, 2005. They live in Towson, Md.

Katherine “Katie” Claire Tichacek is pursuing a master’s degree in cinema studies from the University of Roehampton in London.

Sarah Coleman Turner Vincent is a senior account manager at Avenue/Razorfish Philadelphia, an interactive advertising agency, where she works on the AstraZeneca and Dentyne accounts. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Hal Jackson Vincent, ’96.
Dear fellow alumni,

As the University of Richmond Alumni Association enters its third year and I begin my term as your president, I thought it would be appropriate to revisit our mission and highlight our goals for the future.

The mission of the association is to promote and foster a dynamic, enduring and mutually beneficial relationship between the University and its alumni; enlist and encourage alumni support for the University; sustain a spirit of excitement about our alma mater; and provide opportunities for alumni to connect with each other.

As our University has evolved and developed a national and international scope, so has our alumni base. We now have more than 39,000 alumni in all 50 states plus the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We also have graduates in 84 nations. Making sure that we are able to reach all of you and strengthen your connection with your alma mater is our goal.

We need your support, not only financially, but through your involvement in our programs and events, as well as your comments, suggestions and feedback.

Be certain to note the list of Alumni Association board members on this page. Feel free to contact the board via uraa@richmond.edu.

I encourage you to get involved in the life of the University by attending chapter events at one of our 24 active chapters, participating in homecoming and reunion weekends, and any other University events or Alumni Association activities. The University could not have survived and thrived during its first 175 years without the enthusiastic support of its alumni. Now it's our turn to do whatever we can to preserve and enhance the Richmond experience for the next generation of students.

More information is available at https://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni.

The association's board members and I look forward to helping you enhance your lifelong relationship with the University of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Bob Keiter, B'74
President
University of Richmond Alumni Association

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Stay in touch with your classmates by joining UROnline at https://uronline.net. This interactive alumni directory provides a variety of searchable fields, including location and class year. While online, check your alumni record to ensure your contact information is accurate.

Alumni who provide an e-mail address receive SpiderWeb, an e-newsletter with the latest campus news, alumni events and sports information.
IN MEMORIAM

Paul W. Duke, R'47 and H'73, moderator of PBS’s Washington Week in Review for 20 years, died July 18.

He was among Richmond’s most distinguished alumni, and he attributed much of his success to the tutelage of the late Joseph E. Nettles; the University’s longtime journalism professor, public relations director and alumni secretary.

“What Joe did for us all was to give us confidence in our abilities,” Duke said in a 1990 interview with University of Richmond Magazine. “He made us know that we could do it.”

Actually Duke was doing it long before he became sports editor of The Collegian. At age 16, he produced newscasts for a local radio station, and by 21 he wrote a weekly sports column for the Virginia bureau of the Associated Press.

Duke worked for AP’s Washington bureau and The Wall Street Journal before joining NBC News in 1963. As NBC’s congressional correspondent, he was recognized as “a most fair and objective reporter” in a national survey. In 1974, he moved to PBS to become moderator of Washington Week in Review, where he again won kudos for his objectivity, fairness and intelligence.

Throughout his career, Duke remained closely connected to the University. He served as a trustee from 1977–81 and on the Board of Associates from 1983–2001. He also spearheaded a fundraising campaign to establish the Joseph E. Nettles Scholarship for journalism students.

Duke won numerous awards for journalism, including the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism in 1999. He was inducted into the Washington Journalism Hall of Fame in 1987 and the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 1992.

1923/Virginia Kent Loving, W. of Richmond, May 23, 2005. She was believed to be the oldest living alumna of Westhampton College. She taught biology and chemistry at Virginia Intermont College, Fluvanna County High School and Fairfax Hall. She was an elder in Fork Union Presbyterian Church, served on the board of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, and was co-founder of the Wilmington Club and past president of the Fluvanna Garden Club.

1928/Mary Dandridge Payne Smith, W. of Martinsville, Va., April 25, 2005. She taught Spanish at Martinsville High School for many years, and was the last living founder of the Charity League of Martinsville and Henry County. She was a member of the Martinsville Garden Club, Piedmont Arts Association and Christ Episcopal Church.

1929/Garland January Conn, W. of Newport News, Va., March 24, 2005. She was a teacher and guidance counselor at Newport News High School. She was president of the Council of Jewish Women and a member of Hadassah, ORT, Roessle Shalom Temple and the Temple Sisterhood.

1930/Olive Hewitt Thomas, W. of Pacific Palisades, Calif., April 4, 2005. She was an active community volunteer who devoted much time to the Children’s Recreation Service, Palisades Woman’s Club and United Way.

1930/Lucy Ann Wright Pitts, W. of Richmond, March 17, 2005. She taught for 33 years in Caroline County and Hanover County schools.


1934/Grayson Lewis Nickle Jr., R. of Irvington, Va., Feb. 28, 2005. He was the former owner of Nickle’s Florist.


1938/Ralph P. Moore, R. of Bay Point, Fla., May 11, 2005. He served in the Navy during World War II as a lieutenant on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. He retired from Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., where he was treasurer, vice president and chief financial officer. In retirement, he served as director of the Rockefeller Center Board of Directors.

1939/Edna Virginia Ellis Powers, W. of Richmond, Nov. 4, 2004. She was a clerk in the Henrico County Courts for more than 20 years and was active in civic and church organizations.

1939/A.C. Walker Jr., R. of Culpeper, Va., April 2, 2005. He was a retired minister who served churches in Rappahannock, Orange and Culpeper counties. He was a World War II Army veteran and served as chaplain for the Virginia National Guard. He also taught in the Culpeper County school system.

1940/John Muse Bareford Sr., R. and L’49, of Saluda, Va., March 17, 2005. He was a World War II veteran, and for many years he was co-owner and president of Southside Sentinel, a weekly newspaper headquartered in Urbanna. He also practiced law in Saluda and was a judge of the General District Court before retiring in 1995. He was a member of Saluda Baptist Church.

1940/William Jefferson Cash Jr., R. of Virginia Beach, Va., May 14, 2005. He was a World War II Navy veteran and worked for G&P Telephone Co. He served in many civic and community organizations, and he was a member of Walker Chapel United Methodist Church.

1940/Mildred Gustafson Donohue, W. of Richmond, April 21, 2005. She taught school in Beavard, Va., and worked for the Virginia Department of Agriculture as a botanist. She served on the Virginia Museum Council for 23 years and was a member of River Road Church, Baptist.


1940/Woodrow W. Paris, R. of Richmond, Feb. 22, 2005. He was a retired chief examiner for the State Corporation Commission Board of Insurance and a member of First Baptist Church.

1942/Marion F. Badenoch, W. of Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 21, 2005. She taught physical education in elementary schools in California and Hawaii.

1942/John M. Hardman, R. of Richmond, Feb. 15, 2005. He was a retired chemist.

1944/Pierce S. Ellis Jr., R. of Nashville, Tenn., April 21, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II and served as a cryptographer with the OSS behind enemy lines in Burma. He retired from Methodist Publishing House in 1963, where he was editor of college texts.

1944/Arthur Pound Flippo, R. of Doxey, Va., April 9, 2005. He was a former chairman of the Virginia Forest Products Association and the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers’ Association. He served many years on the Hanover County Planning Commission and on the boards of Randolph-Macon College, Richmond Memorial Hospital and the original Tri-County Bank. He was a member of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church.

1944/Helen Barnes Henshaw, W. of Richmond, March 13, 2005. She was a lifetime member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir.

1945/Nancy Leslie Chambers, W. of Tazewell, Va., March 7, 2005. She taught Latin and English at Tazewell High School and for 24 years throughout Virginia.


1947/William Etheridge, R. of Chesapeake, Va., April 19, 2005. He was a World War II Army veteran and a school teacher and administrator for more than 40 years. He was a member and Sunday school teacher at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

1946/Frederick Albert “Soapy” Jennings Jr., R. of Richmond, March 27, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II and a retired chemist. He was a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church and the Spider Club at the University of Richmond.

1947/Verda Stetton Hobbs, W. of Urbana, Ill., March 17, 2005. She was a retired middle school teacher.


1947/Lois Johnson Willis, W. of Annandale, Va., March 7, 2005. She was a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Burke, Va.

1948/Harold I. Farley, R. of Richmond, March 15, 2005. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a charter member of the Tuckahoe Lions Club.

1949/James E. Caudle, R. of Petersburg, Va., May 11, 2004. He retired from the Fort Lee Quartermaster School after 30 years of service. He later owned a restaurant and a bed and breakfast.


1949/Robert Zane Gray, R. of Bristol, Tenn., March 2, 2005. He was a guidance counselor at Vance Junior High School for 17 years. He also served as minister of music at many churches.

1949/George S. Harding Jr., R. of Richmond, April 7, 2005. He was a Navy pilot during World War II. He retired as president of Harding-Stauss Leasing and Rental Inc. and was a member of River Road Church, Baptist.

1949/Joseph Murray, R. of Fredericksburg, Va., June 30, 2000. He was a retired accountant.


1950/Francis Chandler Martin, B., of Newport News, Va., March 14, 2005. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired from Newport News Waterworks and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

1951/James Edmond Temple, R. of Richmond, March 29, 2005. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a retired physician.

1952/W.G. “Gill” Armbrrecht, R. of Richmond, April 24, 2005. He served in the Marine Corps. He retired as a senior consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Virginia.

1952/James C. Taylor, R. of Richmond, April 4, 2005. He served in the Navy during World War II, and he taught for 36 years in Chesterfield County schools.


1953/James Sydnor Philips, R. of Richmond, April 10, 2005. He retired from Bell Atlantic as vice president of external affairs after 38 years of service. He was a former chairman of the University's board of associates and of the Greater Richmond Private Industry Council. He was a vice president and fundraiser for the Boy Scouts of America.
Virginia and a member of the Richmond Rotary Club.

1953/Joseph Franklin White, G., of Richmond, April 18, 2005. He was a retired minister and served in numerous positions in the Virginia United Methodist Conference.

1954/Greta Anne Clark Ghee, W., of New York, Dec. 22, 2004. She was a retired educator.

1954/Robert Ann Moyer Rich, W., of Bluefield, Va., May 4, 2005. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school.

1954/Donald E. Seim, R. of Virginia Beach, Va., March 26, 2005.

1956/Herbert O. “Buddy” Arnold, R., of Richmond, May 9, 2005. He was a retired Baptist minister.

1956/Josephine Mary Logan, G., of Richmond, March 9, 2005. She taught in Richmond Public Schools for 44 years and was the first president of the Catholic Junior Women’s Club.

1957/Hugh Alvin Lawson, R., of Sarasota, Fla., Dec. 27, 2004. He was a retired dentist.


1960/James E. Hoyle III, B., of Galtain, Tenn., April 19, 2005. He worked for many years in furniture sales and real estate. He was also a contributing writer to newspapers in Florida and Tennessee.

1961/Regina Sue Droppelman Wagner, W., of Greensboro, N.C., Feb. 26, 2005. She worked for the Naval Weapons Laboratory in White Oak, Md. She also worked for Burlington Industries, Ciba-Geigy Corp. and Ciba Specialty Chemicals in Greensboro.


1966/William Graves Sackett, R., of Lexington, Ky., March 21, 2005. He was a sports writer for the Lexington Herald-Register and an art historian. He served on the board of the Virginia Center for Creative Arts and was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church.

1969/Linda Seeley Huber Wetmore, W., of Glen Allen, Va., May 27, 2005. She co-founded the Fox-Hubber Co., which was one of the largest temporary secretarial firms in Virginia. She chaired the University’s Board of Associates and was on the board of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was the first woman Rotarian in Richmond.

1970/Joseph Christian Bristow Jr., R., of Richmond, March 30, 2005. He served in the Army in Vietnam and was an active member of the Richmond theater community. He owned Backstage Inc., a theatrical supply company.

1971/Franklin P. Hall III, R., of Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 21, 2005. He was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and owner of Pinnacle Online and Hampton Roads host.net.

1971/Frederic “Rick” M. Hicks, R., of Richmond, March 11, 2005. He served with the Richmond police force for 34 years.

1971/H. Timothy Thomas, R., of Henderson, N.C., March 7, 2005. He was a certified public accountant and a partner in Phillips, Dorney, Thomas, Waters & Bradford, where he practiced for more than 32 years.

1972/Gilbert G. Cumbie, R., of Richmond, May 3, 2005. He was a teacher and guidance counselor in Henrico County schools, where he served as the county’s first substance-abuse intervention coordinator.


1981/William Q. Hawkins, L., of Norfolk, Va., Feb. 24, 2005. He was a partner in the law firm of Kerstner and Hawkins, before becoming chief justice of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

1987/E. Kenneth Guarino, B., of Clark, N.J., May 9, 2005. He was president of Kenmark Management.

FACULTY

Dr. O. William Rhodenhiser, professor of religion, emeritus, died June 3. He was associated with the University for 65 years as a student, alumnus and faculty member.

Rhodenhiser, F’44, was a member of the faculty from 1955 – 92. He served as both chair and acting chair of the religion department, and in 1988, he was appointed the George and Sallie Cutchin Camp Professor of Bible. He also held the Solon B. Cousins Chair of Religion.

Rhodenhiser served as pastor of Baptist churches in Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina.

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In the classroom, easy doesn’t do it

Teaching is serious business. We have wonderfully bright and talented students here at Richmond. They have almost unlimited potential. For most, this is their one shot at college; they deserve nothing less than an excellent education, an academic experience that challenges them to excel from their first day to their last.

Faculty members have a responsibility to the world to coax the very best from their students because they will certainly become the next generation of leaders. Where they go from here, what they accomplish, how they impact the world, depends in large part on how much we are able to push and nurture their development. I want every student to leave my class at the end of the semester saying, “I didn’t know that I could work so hard, and I didn’t realize that I could learn so much.” Anything less is unacceptable.

If a teacher challenges students to think and do their best, word gets around campus quickly, but having a tough reputation is both good and bad. When students walk into my class on the first day, they tend to be very quiet and pay attention right away. On the other hand, I am always so disappointed when a student says to me “I hear you are a good teacher, but I didn’t take your class because I know you are very demanding.” Isn’t that just incredibly sad? I think Richmond will be a better school when students sign up only for classes where teachers push them each day to do their best.

Many times during each semester, I point out to my students that the grade of A, according to the University catalogue, reflects “outstanding” work. A student does not earn the grade of A for a good effort, only for consistently outstanding work. Grade inflation has hurt college education across this country and could be fixed simply by faculty members saying, “You earn an A when the work that I see is truly outstanding.” Don’t fool yourself; students are well aware of the difference between “good” and “outstanding.”

I use the Socratic method. I call on every student every day in class. I don’t ask them to regurgitate material; I ask them questions that I believe will cause them to think and reason—on the spot. That is what adult life is like, especially in the business world. I then follow my initial question with others based on their answers. If I don’t get good replies in my class: to improve each student’s ability to think, reason and understand. Our students realize how capable they are, but human nature loves to take the easy path.

A good basketball coach adapts to the talents of his or her players. A good teacher does the same. You cannot take an identical approach with every student. Some love to be pushed and pushed hard. They enjoy “in-your-face” challenges. Others are more fragile. You have to coax and nurture them. Toughness comes into my class where toughness is necessary. You teach each student, not each group. However, every student needs to be willing to prepare and to think. That is not negotiable.

One of the keys to becoming a good teacher is learning to walk into a room of students and “see” what is happening to the individual members: Billy needs a few extra seconds to formulate an answer, Susan loves to be called on, Andy doesn’t know what is happening right now, Ellen is not prepared. You have to be able to adapt to your students on the spot every day.

Our students can do amazing things, but if we don’t challenge them fully, they will never realize what marvelous talents they truly possess.

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Joe Ben Hoyle is an associate professor of accounting in the Robins School of Business. He has been teaching at the University since 1979. He is a five-time recipient of the University’s Distinguished Educator Award, and he was named “Most Feared Professor” in April 2005 by seniors at the business school.
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