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Afghan student envisions leadership role

Like most first-year students, Muska Assad has a dream. Hers, however, is probably unique. She wants to become the Condoleezza Rice of Afghanistan.

"I love Condoleezza Rice," says the political science major. "She is one of my favorite personalities." Assad, who plans to minor in business and eventually go to law school, would prefer to be minister of justice over secretary of state, but her primary goal is to become a strong woman leader for Afghanistan. She hopes to meet or at least communicate with Rice while studying here.

Assad, a native of Kabul, might achieve her leadership goal thanks to a scholarship fund begun in 2001 that enables Afghan women to study in the United States. The Initiative to Educate Afghan Women (IEAW) is the brainchild of Paula Nirschel, wife of Dr. Roy Nirschel, president of Roger Williams University.

As Paula Nirschel watched coverage of events following Sept. 11, she was haunted by images of Afghan women in burqas and by the Taliban's restrictions against them—especially in education.

She knew she had to do something, so she wrote letters to 4,500 universities asking for support, and she conferred with the U.S. State Department. In August 2002, she launched the IEAW.

That fall, four Afghan women came to America thanks to the IEAW and its host universities. Two of them attended Roger Williams. This year, Assad is one of 20 students in the program studying at colleges across the country. They receive full, four-year scholarships.

Assad, whose family moved from Afghanistan to Pakistan when she was 11, said life in her home country was "so hard." She remembers rockets being fired, schools being closed.

Life in Pakistan was also difficult. Her parents struggled to find jobs in a new country where they did not speak the native language, even though both are highly educated professionals. Her mother is a lawyer and her father is an accountant.

The family escaped the oppression of the Taliban, however, and Assad was able to continue her formal education, which included classes in English and computers, both necessary for her to study in the United States. In November 2003, her family moved back to Afghanistan, and she started working with USAID in the Ministry of Finance.

She had never been to the United States prior to this year, but she says she always has loved Virginia. "I don't know why," she laughs. "I just always have. It's so natural." She spent this summer in the home of Michele Cox and David Kitchen, both staff members at the University.

They have been "like my own parents," she says.

Assad now lives in one of the residence halls and is excited about being part of campus life. "The University's people are so nice," she says.

She is homesick, but as part of the scholarship, Assad will go home every summer to help her country rebuild. Like the other 19 scholarship recipients, she is committed to returning home after graduation and using her education to improve life for her fellow Afghan citizens.

—Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64

Truman Scholar correction

The summer 2005 issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine stated incorrectly that the University has produced only two Truman Scholars, Jacquelyn B. Knupp, '06, and Andrew O. Rich, R'92.

In fact the University has produced seven Truman Scholars. The other five are Sonia McCutchan Quinonez, W'91, Matthew R. Burns, R'91, Alice E. Colvin, W'89, Michael P. Ring Jr., R'88, and Margaret Wolfensberger Sager, W'82.
Spider Diaries
Students document university life on the Web

To give prospective students a more personal picture of the Richmond experience, the Office of Admission has asked five students to maintain online diaries on the University’s Web site.

“Our new ‘Spider Diaries’ go a long way toward improving the way prospective students learn about what it is like to be a student at Richmond,” says Sabena Moretz-Van Namen, W’89, associate director of admission. “We’ve long known that the college decision is made, not just based on information that can go on a spread sheet, but also on the way a school feels to the student.”

The Office of Admission does not edit or censor the diaries other than requiring the writers to refrain from offensive language and explicit photographs. The students are communicating primarily with prospective students, but curious parents and alumni are welcome to take a peek.

Here are a few highlights from the fall semester.

“Wow’ is the only word I can use to describe my first week of college!” writes Laura Moore, a first-year student from Maryland.

“It was interesting, interactive, difficult but fun!”

Proclamation Night made a big impression on Moore.

“Proclamation Night is a tradition and a rite of passage for freshman and senior girls,” she explains. “The freshmen wrote letters to ourselves about what we wanted to accomplish by our senior year, and the seniors opened the letters they wrote to themselves as freshmen. ... I absolutely loved this event, and I have to admit my favorite part was getting dressed up and seeing how nice everyone looked. I’m not one to brag or anything, but my friends are absolutely gorgeous. Just look at them!”

Three of Moore’s friends (left to right)—Gaybrielle James, ’09, Brittni Parris, ’09, and Jasmine Major, ’09—enjoy Proclamation Night.

Dan Petty, a first-year student from New Jersey, rolls out of bed at 7 a.m. on his birthday to make cross-country practice by 7:30. After practice, classes and dinner, he rehearses with the jazz ensemble then tackles 90 minutes of “oh-so-awesome calculus homework.” When he returns to Freeman Hall, he finds the entire cross-country team crammed into a dorm room to throw a surprise birthday party for him.

“It was absolutely amazing that so many people got together for this occasion, especially since I never mentioned my birthday to anyone,” Petty writes. “I can go to bed knowing I’ve made some great friends just in the three weeks I’ve been here.”

To read more from these and other Spider Diaries, go to http://richmonddiaries.richmond.edu.
Alumni band together to fight rare disease

Just weeks before his first birthday, Sean McQueen was diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia (FA), a rare genetic disorder that leads to bone marrow failure. As Sean's bone marrow cells die, his body produces less blood, making him exponentially more susceptible to infection, cancer and developmental disorders. The typical life expectancy for a child with FA is 18 years.

For Sean's parents, Kevin, R'89, and Lorraine, W'89, there was only one way to react to the news. "We decided the best way to cope was to take an aggressive stand," says Kevin McQueen. "The best way to do that is to raise awareness and raise money for research."

In the past five years, the McQueens have spearheaded a number of awareness-building and fundraising efforts, generating more than $300,000 for FA research, but they quickly point out that they have not done it alone.

Kevin estimates at least 80 fellow alumni have joined them in the fight against FA, readily participating in silent auctions and casino nights, playing in golf tournaments, hosting music festivals, responding to fundraising efforts, and attending fall festivals (organized in part by Sean's sister, Kelsey). One annual fundraiser—Chickenstock—features a house band with four alumni: Rick Whiteman, R'89, and brothers Page Gravely, R'88 and L'91, Martin Gravely, R'90, and Phillip Gravely, '96.

"When you see a dear friend in pain, you want to take that pain away," says Pam Watson, W'89, an active FA volunteer. "The best way for us to do that is to find a cure."

The medical researchers have made "tremendous strides," Kevin reports. "When we started, the survival rate for an unrelated bone marrow transplant was 19 percent. Today that rate is approaching 80 percent. Now it's viable."

While that's great news, the fight is far from over. Kevin says they are still seeking the major treatment breakthrough for all of the issues associated with FA. Until that happens, Sean's friends will continue their crusade, led passionately by dozens of Richmond alumni.

"What our friends and fellow alumni have done for us is amazing," Kevin says. "Their support has given us that sense that we're fighting back—and we are."

For Sean, who just turned 7, it's business as usual—he played soccer this fall, and he can't wait for tee ball in the spring.

For more information about Fanconi Anemia, visit www.fanconi.org.

All in the family

Members of the Class of 2009 pose for a photograph with their alumni parents on move-in day. The students are listed below with their parents' names in parentheses.

Ann Barrows (Kathryn Barrows), Jessica Daniels (Robert Daniels, R'83 and G'87, and Susan Daniels, W'83), Morgan Davis (Nancy Heilman-Davis, W'75 and G'77), Carl Frankovitch (Eric Frankovitch, L'83), Matt Giragosian (Chris Giragosian, L'76), Mike Gola (Donna Gola, W'81), Caroline Hudgins (Carter Hudgins, R'72, and Donna Hudgins, W'73), Jake Kurzer (Barry Kurzer, R'74), Melissa Mendez (Gary Mendez, R'80), Megan Owen (Charles Owen, R'79, and Peggie Owen, W'80), Bob Quaintance (Doug Quaintance, B'77), Allison Rosser (Donna Rosser, W'74, and Aubrey Rosser, R'74 and L'77), Amy Shockley (Bill Shockley, B'74), Sebastian Sullivan (Daniel Sullivan, R'76), Giles Thomson (Jack Thomson, R'68), Mary Cate Walker (Nancy Van Der Griend, W'76) and Hillary Wayland (Keith Wayland, R'70). Also photographed (front and center) is Chancellor Bruce Heilman, the grandfather of Morgan Davis.
Campaign exceeds $175 million mark

The University’s Transforming Bright Minds campaign has passed the $175 million mark on its way to $200 million. Two and a half years before the campaign is scheduled to be completed, the largest fundraising effort in Richmond’s history continues to gain momentum.

More than 24,000 donors have contributed to the campaign, including 44 supporters who have made commitments of $1 million or more.

“The tremendous outpouring of support for this campaign by so many of our alumni, parents and friends has been truly inspiring,” says President William E. Cooper. “Your gifts, both large and small, are helping to make this great University even greater.”

Capital projects gain momentum

During its fall meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a new initiative to raise money for an addition to the law school building. The board also decided to accelerate fundraising efforts for an addition to the business school building and an expansion of First Market Stadium.

The School of Law addition would create four new teaching spaces, including a 75-seat lecture hall, and numerous new offices. Estimated to cost $10.2 million, the expansion would create space for up to 120 additional law students beyond the current enrollment of 475.

The Robins School of Business expansion would include a 225-seat auditorium, 15 new teaching spaces, an electronic trading floor, a behavioral research lab, 38 new offices, conference space and a café. The project is estimated to cost $16.8 million.

The First Market Stadium expansion would include replacing the existing west stands with a new grandstand that would provide premium seating, a media box, sky boxes and other entertainment space. Additional seats would be built on the east side, but total capacity would not exceed 9,000. According to University officials, the modern scoreboard, lighting and sound system would have minimal impact on surrounding neighborhoods. The project is estimated to cost $22.8 million.

Weinstein announces additional gifts

Marcus Weinstein, head of the family that has donated $5 million toward a new recreation and wellness center on campus, announced an additional $1.5 million in gifts for the project during the ceremonial laying of the center’s cornerstone in September. The new gifts include $1 million from the Weinstein family and $500,000 from Jay Weinberg. In recognition of the Weinstein and Weinberg families’ generous support of the University, the center’s exterior courtyard and peristyle will be named in honor of the Weinstein grandchildren, and the interior courtyard will be named in honor of Weinberg’s late wife, Sondra E. Weinberg.

Marcus and Carole Weinstein, both Richmond alumni, joined their daughter and University trustee Allison Weinstein and son-in-law Ivan Jecklin in making the initial $5 million lead gift in March 2005. The $13.5 million Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness is scheduled to open in January 2007.
Richmond expands merit scholarships

The University has named a new undergraduate scholarship program in honor of Oliver W. Hill Sr., the Richmond attorney who served on the legal team that successfully argued against public school segregation in the 1950s.

Beginning in the fall of 2006, 15 Richmond Scholars will be invited to also become Oliver Hill Scholars. They will receive an additional $1,000 a year to participate in special activities exploring the ongoing efforts of African-Americans to attain social justice.

They will participate in field trips that focus primarily—but not exclusively—on black history and social issues. Despite the program’s emphasis on African-American studies, candidates of all racial and ethnic backgrounds will be eligible.

At an event to honor him in late October, Hill, 98, advised his namesake scholars to aim high no matter what their detractors say. “The first time I saw an airplane, the man beside me said, ‘Man is getting too smart. If God had intended man to fly, he would have given us wings. He will strike us down.’ Now we have airplanes that can carry 800 people, so I guess God changed his mind.”

Oliver Hill Scholars will be part of the Richmond Scholars program, which the University is expanding to 50 four-year, full-tuition scholarships annually. Designed to attract extraordinarily talented students, the expansion will provide several new scholarships and upgrade some partial grants to full-tuition status.

Oldham Scholars, the University’s premier merit scholarship program, will continue under the Richmond Scholars umbrella. Oldham awards include full tuition, room and board. The Richmond Scholars program also will encompass special-focus awards for arts and science scholars.

In addition to eight semesters of full tuition, all Richmond Scholars receive a one-time $3,000 grant for a special scholarly experience during their undergraduate careers. The University also pairs Richmond Scholars with carefully selected faculty mentors and gives them priority course registration and housing selection. In addition, they will have a special advisor to help them apply for Rhodes, Truman, Goldwater, Fulbright and other prestigious graduate scholarships.

MBA enrollment jumps 60 percent

At a time when many MBA programs are losing students, Richmond’s entering MBA class was 60 percent larger than last year’s. A total of 59 students from eight countries enrolled in the predominantly part-time program in the fall of 2005.

“This was not only our largest class since 1999, but also the most academically qualified in 17 years,” says Dr. Richard Coughlan, associate dean for graduate and executive programs. “We have always drawn exceptional students, but we saw significant increases this year in GMAT scores and undergraduate GPAs among our applicants.”

Coughlan noted that five entering students already held master’s degrees in other disciplines and six more are simultaneously pursuing law degrees in Richmond’s School of Law.

“Applicants seem to appreciate the curricular changes we’ve made recently,” he says, citing new courses in investments, entrepreneurship, leadership and organizational change. “We also have added co-curricular activities that seem to be generating a great deal of interest in the Richmond business community.”

Schools collaborate on Next Generation Leadership Academy

Richmond is addressing the shortage of administrators in elementary and secondary schools with a new program called Next Generation Leadership Academy.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has awarded the University $102,653 to establish the academy, which includes partnerships among the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, School of Continuing Studies and four Richmond-area school systems. The academy’s first class includes 40 aspiring principals and 20 mentors from public schools in the city of Richmond and the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico. It will be part of the University’s new Center for Leadership in Education.

In addition to the Next Generation Leadership Academy, the center sponsors Issues in Leadership, monthly breakfast meetings that foster discussion of leadership ideas for administrators of Chesterfield County Public Schools.

The center also provides leadership instruction to K-12 students and teachers.
Senior Statesmen

Dole and McGovern highlight Jepson Forum

Bob Dole and George McGovern will soon be together on the same ticket—not the presidential campaign kind, but a joint appearance at the Modlin Center on Feb. 6.

Despite their political differences, Dole and McGovern have a lot in common. Both lost landslide elections to presidents who later faced impeachment. Both represented heartland states in the U.S. Senate, and both bemoan the loss of civility in American politics.

Political civility will be their topic at the next meeting of the Jepson Leadership Forum, a speaker series sponsored by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

“One of the characteristics of the Senate at its best is its tradition of civility,” McGovern once wrote in The Washington Post. “That tradition sometimes permits senators of opposing parties to become effective allies and friends. Former Senator Robert Dole and I built such an alliance on matters related to food assistance to the poor, nutritional guidelines for the American people and a strong agriculture.”

Dole echoed those sentiments at the dedication of the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas in 2003. He also recalled something McGovern said to reporters following Pat Nixon’s funeral.

“When the reporters persisted, thinking that he must still hold a grudge against the man he opposed for the presidency in 1972, George said one of the classiest things I’ve ever heard. He told them, ‘You can’t keep campaigning forever.’ That’s the kind of politics I hope we can encourage ... where conviction co-exists with civility, and the clash of ideas is never confused with a holy war.”

To learn more about this and other Jepson Leadership Forum events, visit http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/leadership/forum. The events are free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Call the Modlin Center box office at (804) 289-8980.

McCulla fills new community relations post

The University has hired John K. McCulla as community relations coordinator, a new position designed to help the University enhance relations with business, civic and governmental groups.

McCulla is a former partner in the global consulting firm Accenture, where he worked with clients in financial services and other industries. As lead recruiter for Accenture’s consulting practice, he worked closely with the University, and he currently chairs the executive advisory council for the Robins School of Business.

He also is active in several Richmond-area service organizations, including the Heart of Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Richmond forms advisory council

How can Richmond become the University of choice for its students, staff and faculty of choice? That’s the type of question a new advisory group tackled at its inaugural meeting in late September.

The Richmond Council, 178 members strong, brings together trustees, alumni, faculty, students, staff, parents and friends of the University. It convenes “some of Richmond’s finest minds and talents,” says Gerri Leder, W’78, who chairs the new organization.

Their mission, says President William E. Cooper, is to “inform, engage and energize the University’s institutional leadership and to help shape our direction and priorities as we work collectively to advance the University of Richmond among the world’s best educational institutions.”

Cooper posed the question about making Richmond the school of choice for its students, staff and faculty of choice. In other words, how does the University attract the students, staff and faculty that every college covets?

One breakout group suggested that students should have “an integrative experience that lasts throughout student and alumni years, with special emphasis on career development and networking.”

Several other groups suggested that promoting greater diversity would help. (See cover story on page 10.)

Evaluations of the inaugural meeting were overwhelmingly positive, according to Dave Johnson, vice president for advancement. “I truly enjoyed this experience,” wrote one participant. “It was a great way to bring a variety of members of the Richmond community together to work on a common goal.”
The Maine Man
Gray sparks football turnaround

The television reporter started his camera, positioned the microphone and posed a tongue-in-cheek opening question.

“So, I guess you could say you single-handedly beat the Black Bears with one arm tied behind your back, right?”

Richmond linebacker Lance Gray shrugged his left shoulder while his right shoulder—secured by a sling—remained motionless.

“No, I wouldn’t say that,” laughed Gray, a junior from Mechanicsville, Va. His performance, however, was pivotal in Richmond’s victory at Maine on Sept. 17. Gray intercepted two passes, one that he returned 40 yards for the game’s first touchdown and one that prevented Maine from taking the lead in the third quarter.

“I injured the shoulder on the play right before the interception for the touchdown, and it was still hurting when I scored,” he recalls. “I really enjoyed the second interception. That was the same play they had scored on us last year” when Maine rallied to win at University of Richmond Stadium.

This time Richmond prevailed 26-21, and the team’s fortunes seemed to turn on the Maine game. The following week the Spiders lost to Division I-A Vanderbilt, but then they won four games in a row over Villanova, Delaware, Hofstra and James Madison, the defending national champion of Division I-AA. In November, the Spiders seemed poised to make a run at the Atlantic 10 Conference title.

For his performance in the Maine game, the Atlantic 10 honored Gray as Defensive Player of the Week. Football Gazette named him Player of the Week, and CollegeSportsReport.com called him Performer of the Week.

“It was just a matter of being in the right place at the right time,” Gray says. “Our defensive line did a good job of pressuring the quarterback, so he made some bad decisions. I was just there to make them pay.”

Head Coach Dave Clawson believes there was more to it than that. “Lance is perhaps the best linebacker I’ve ever coached in terms of his ability to diagnose a play,” Clawson says. “His ability to read what an offense is going to do is uncanny. That includes our offense. There are times in practice he will point out things our offense is doing to tip off a play, and we’ll correct it because of what he saw. And, as he proved by making big plays even after he got hurt, Lance is a very tough kid.”

Richmond golfers compete in U.S. Amateur

John Pelet, ’07, and Chris Bagley, ’08, earned spots in the U.S. Amateur Championship during the summer with outstanding performances in qualifying tournaments.

Bagley, a Charlotte, N.C., native, shot a 6-under-par 138 (for two rounds) at the Golden Horseshoe’s Green Course in Williamsburg, Va., on July 21. He carded a 68 and a 70 to qualify for the U.S. Amateur along with two other players in that tournament.

Pelet, an Atglen, Pa., native, shot a 3-under-par 141 (for two rounds) at Llanerch Country Club in Havertown, Pa., in early August to earn a spot in the U.S. Amateur along with eight other players in that tournament.

Neither Bagley nor Pelet advanced to the third round of the U.S. Amateur, which was played Aug. 22-28 at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. The event celebrated the 75th anniversary of Bobby Jones winning the U.S. Amateur at Merion to complete golf’s grand slam in 1930. Other previous winners of the tournament include Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods.

On the Richmond team, Bagley averaged 76.8 strokes in 27 rounds during the 2004-05 season. Pelet averaged 77.1 strokes in 33 rounds.
‘Live the life of a champion’

Richmond field hockey coach Ange Bradley made two triumphant returns this fall to her alma mater, the University of Delaware.

Her first visit may have invoked mixed emotions as the Spiders rallied for a 3-2 victory over the Blue Hens on Sept. 4. Her second trip, however, produced nothing but pride and joy. Bradley was inducted into the University of Delaware Athletics Hall of Fame on Nov. 4.

“A hall of fame is one of those things that you never think about as an athlete,” she says. “Years later, when you get a call stating that you are one of a select group of athletes in the school's history to be inducted, it is humbling.”

In the mid-1980s, Bradley was a record-breaking goalkeeper in field hockey and a tough defender in lacrosse. She was a four-year starter in both sports and was named the university’s Outstanding Senior Female Athlete of the Year for 1987-88.

Bradley has been just as successful as the Richmond field hockey coach. Entering the 2005 season, she had led the Spiders to three consecutive Atlantic 10 Championships and NCAA appearances. During that span, the Spiders have amassed a 58-17 record, including a perfect mark in conference play. The team was ranked 10th in the nation last year, and Bradley earned conference coach-of-the-year honors in 2002 and 2004.

“I have been fortunate to have an amazing first recruiting class of eight seniors,” she says. “My mission is to encourage the women on my team to be bold, courageous and take risks in sport so they can one day do the same in the workplace ... I teach my athletes to live the life of a champion.”

Seniors play internationally

Jermaine Bucknor, ’06, and Kevin Steenberge, ’06, sharpened their basketball skills in international competition during the summer.

Steenberge traveled to Italy and Switzerland with a group of American college players, while Bucknor toured Brazil and the Dominican Republic in his second year with the Canadian National Team.

“There is nothing really better than doing something you love and having the opportunity to travel the world doing it,” Bucknor says. “My experience in the past two summers with the Canadian National Team, and the past three years at the University of Richmond, has helped me to change my perspective on both life and the game of basketball.”

Bucknor was a starter and key reserve for Team Canada, and he hit the game-winning bucket in one victory. In the summer of 2004, he competed with the team in China, and he plans to join the team again next summer as it plays qualifying tournaments for the 2008 Olympics.

Steenberge traveled with Global Sports Academy, which featured college players from the Eastern United States. The team competed primarily in Italy, where it played in a tournament that included national teams from Turkey, Bulgaria, Central Africa, Georgia and Italy. The squad also traveled to Switzerland.

“It was a fantastic experience, getting to play against such high-level competition and seeing parts of the world I had never been to,” Steenberge recalls. “It was just a great experience, meeting new friends and at the same time working on my game.”
Apprehension gripped Kelly Roth, '01, when the photograph of her future Richmond roommate arrived in the mail.

Roth, a petite white girl from the middle-class suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio, showed the picture to one of her high school friends. “She's pretty,” the friend said, “but she's gonna kick your ass.”

The prospective roommate, Patrice S. Yancey, '01, had similar misgivings when she saw Roth’s photograph. Yancey was a tall black girl from the blue-collar town of Chase City, Va.

Yancey says she “got off on the wrong foot” when Roth finally summoned enough courage to call. “We were talking about what we were going to bring,” Yancey recalls, “and I insisted that we have two televisions. I wanted to watch BET (Black Entertainment Television), and I had no idea what she might want to watch.”

The roommates did not have time to watch much television once classes started, but they did make time to get to know one another, and they became good friends.

“She's the first white person to spend the night in my [mother's] house,” Yancey says. “What we learned from each other over the course of four years allowed us to transcend our racial and economic differences. She is still one of my best friends. We pride ourselves on the relationship that we built within an environment that did not foster or encourage substantial mixing.”

President William E. Cooper and Provost June Aprille are leading new efforts to improve that environment so that everyone on campus can benefit from all forms of diversity—not just racial differences. The administration made diversity a top priority two years ago by creating the Common Ground Commission and charging it with developing a plan for “intentionally inclusive diversity.”

To benefit from diversity, “we have to move way beyond tolerance to acceptance and inclusiveness,” Aprille says.

The ultimate goal is to better prepare students for the realities of an emerging global society, Cooper adds. “We want to transform students so they can make major contributions to any area of civilization.”

**Breaking religious barriers**

The University’s first diversity decision came in 1833 when its founding organization, the Virginia Baptist Education Society, considered the application of James Strange, a prospective student who was not Baptist.
"A letter from Mr. Strange was read requesting admission for his son, who professes no religion but is willing to conform to the regulations of the School," according to the society's minutes. "Resolved, that he be admitted."

It is not clear when the University accepted its first Jewish students, but Jacob Billikopf, class of 1902, was prominent among them. A pioneer in many areas of social justice and labor-management relations, Billikopf, H'28, was one of Richmond's most celebrated alumni in the first half of the 20th century.

"From the moment of my arrival on the UR campus 31 years ago, I was struck by the strong, productive, mutually respectful relationship the University of Richmond enjoyed with the Jewish community of the greater Richmond area," says Dr. David D. Burhans, the University's chaplain emeritus. "The Jewish Student Association on campus (now Hillel) was active and supportive in helping the newly established Chaplaincy develop its programs and ministries."

For the past 17 years, Dr. Frank E. Eakin Jr., holder of the Weinstein-Rosenthal Chair in Jewish and Christian Studies, has attracted notable speakers to campus to address the relationship between the two religions. Dignitaries such as Martin Marty, Elaine Pages, Bruce Feiler, Karen Armstrong, Deborah Lipstadt and A.J. Levine have captivated audiences.

"It has been one of the rare privileges of my tenure at Richmond to be able to bring these individuals and their gifts to the University," Eakin says. "Because of the generous endowment of the chair, the University has been able to signal in conspicuous fashion its concern for the meaningful and productive relationship of Jews and Christians in the greater Richmond metropolitan area as well as its basic commitment to diversity."

As Richmond's reputation has grown nationally and internationally, the University has attracted students from a wider range of religions. Richmond now has more Catholic students than Baptist students, and most of the world's major religions are represented on campus.

"The value of greater diversity, the friendships formed, exposure to other cultures and the opportunities for inter-religious dialogue and understanding inside and outside the classroom richly enhance the Richmond student's educational experience," Burhans says.

Richmond's current chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Daphne Burt, was inspired on her first visit to the University's Wilton Center for Interfaith Ministries in 1994. "Around the edge of the wall were flags
of all the campus ministries, all equally displayed,” she recalls. “I said to myself that this is a place that knows how to do religious diversity.”

As the University recognizes greater value in that diversity, Burt is looking for more common ground among the various spiritual communities. She developed an interfaith prayer room in the Wilton Center and hired Jen Landis-Santos to fill the new position of interreligious community and justice coordinator. Santos networks with people of all faiths on campus to provide opportunities for greater dialogue and understanding.

Burt is just one of many faculty members and administrators who are beginning to address the goals set by the Common Ground Commission.

The commission has challenged the University to develop a diverse work force and student body and to foster an inclusive campus environment that promotes excellence in teaching, learning, personal development and institutional success.

To oversee efforts to achieve these goals, Cooper and Aprille appointed the Common Ground Action Committee, which published specific recommendations in August. (See sidebar on page 15.)

The committee concluded that “the vision of Richmond’s greatness as an educational institution cannot be fully realized unless the ideals of human understanding and social justice are demonstrated as well as taught here.”

**Students demand diversity**

Students who withdraw from the University often cite a lack of diversity as the reason for wanting to go elsewhere, says Dr. Leonard Goldberg, vice president for student development. Surveys routinely given to graduating students have shown an increasing desire for a broader college experience.

“Many students indicate they don’t feel prepared to enter the world of work and the world of their community based on the lack of experience with diverse cultures at the University of Richmond,” Goldberg says.

Contrary to its current reputation for homogeneity, Richmond was one of the first colleges in Virginia to accept female students. It enrolled its first women in 1898 and hired the first female dean of a Virginia college in 1914.

Unfortunately the University was much slower to welcome black students. African-Americans started attending night classes in 1964, but the University did not enroll a black residential student until 1968. The first residential student, Barry N. Greene, R’72, says people treated him well at Richmond, but many of the African-American students who followed him say they felt isolated.

“Though I fell in love with Richmond at first sight, it has taken me nearly two decades to embrace it,” says Joe Williams, R’84, who came to the University on a football scholarship. “Living on campus meant conquering what teammate Jimmy Lyles called ‘fly in the milk bowl syndrome’—learning to live with being the only black face in a sea of white ones. It was a daily struggle.” (To read more about Williams’ Richmond experience, see his Vantage Point column on page 48.)

Black alumni rarely return to campus, says Kimberly L. Dean, ’97, one of the organizers of URBAN, the University of Richmond Black Alumni Network.

The network began in 1999 as a grass-roots initiative “that sprang out of a desire to bring us back to campus—at least for homecoming,” Dean recalls. The University’s traditional homecoming events “are just not the types of things that draw a majority of us back to campus,” she explains. “But it’s not enough to just say that. We need to propose some alternatives.”

URBAN sponsors a reception for black alumni during homecoming that
attracts a growing number of people. The next step, Dean says, "is to plug black alumni into other homecoming activities as well as other campus-wide initiatives outside of homecoming." She is optimistic that will happen as more African-Americans get involved with the University of Richmond Alumni Association and student recruitment activities through the Office of Admission. They will bring new ideas to the table and discover some opportunities that already exist, she predicts.

Race, religion and gender continue to be hot topics at Richmond and on many college campuses around the county, but today's diversity discussions also feature differences in age, ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status, physical abilities, mental abilities and sexual orientation.

In 1996, for example, the University established a Safe Zone chapter to reduce homophobia and heterosexism on campus. A number of administrators, faculty and staff are charter members who serve as resources for students who want to learn more about sexual diversity. The group also organizes educational programs that are open to everyone on campus.

In addition, the University sponsors Collegetown Institute, a four-day retreat that promotes cross-cultural understanding by providing opportunities for no-holds-barred discussions about diversity among students, faculty and staff.

"Collegetown changed my life," asserts Kelly Norman, '07, who participated in the program during her first year at Richmond. "It's an incredible experience because it is so intense and emotional."

The retreat's organizers try to assemble the most diverse group possible, an eye-opener for Norman, who attended a high school "with 99.9 percent white students." Now, she says,
“My best friends at Richmond are all people I met at Collegetown…. I switched majors from pre-med to international studies and women, gender and sexuality studies…. I want to join the Peace Corps and teach people about the value of tolerance.”

**Richmond’s defining moment**

Five years into the 21st century, the Common Ground Commission concluded that catching up is not sufficient. The University must lead the way. The commission recommended a complete cultural review of policies, procedures, practices, recruitment, retention and curriculum.

“For us to compete with other institutions, we need to hear all the voices,” says Shirley Woods, director of the Professional Development Program at the Robins School of Business. Woods also staffs the Common Ground Action Committee, the group charged with making the University’s culture more intentionally inclusive.

“Our most valuable resources are humans. If we utilize those abilities, it will maximize our ability to compete,” Woods says. “There are few defining moments in the history of an institution, I believe this has to be one.”

An important first step is to attract faculty, staff and students who value an inclusively diverse culture.

“We use the very broad definition of diversity,” says Pam Spence, the University’s dean of admission. “We look for an independent way of thinking as it applies to relationships with others, as it applies to community service.”

Applicants who have demonstrated an interest or ability to step outside their comfort zones now have an edge, Spence says. “We want students to learn as much from one another as they do from their professors.”

Woods applies the same principle to recruiting faculty and staff. “People tend to hire people who think like them, look like them. That isn’t going to give you the right mix—or any mix,” she says. “But when you consciously bring talented people from different backgrounds, you get a better outcome.”

The University’s international programs are heading in that direction. In the past 15 years, the number of international students on campus has grown from 15 to more than 200 from 73 countries.

“Our goal should be to have 10 percent of the student population from a broad spectrum of countries,” says Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education. “Today we hover between 5 and 6 percent.”

Enrolling international students is just the beginning, Gabara says. “If you have people from various cultures, and they don’t integrate with the domestic students, you have accomplished only a very small part of your goal. Our goal is to have students who look and sound different … who also interact with each other and become friends.”

Global House, an international residence hall, is one place on campus where that happens with regularity.

“My decision to live there made me roommates with a student from England, and because I knew him, I found myself having an ‘in’ to meet other international students,” recalls Godfrey Plata, ’05, of Gardena, Calif. “It’s that type of interaction that I think the University needs. It’s not enough to have the ‘presence’ of diversity. We need to forge the relationships.”

**Dropping your guard**

The Common Ground initiative is gaining momentum, but it has a long way to go, and its success will depend on group consensus and individual actions.

All of the University’s top administrators have participated in diversity training. They attended a two-day workshop, and they read The Inclusion Breakthrough: Unleashing the Power of Diversity and Promoting Diversity and Social Justice: Educating People From Privileged Groups.

“These are excellent books,” says Provost Aprille. “They certainly made me stop and think, and I had to adjust some of my attitudes.”

University leaders realize that it is difficult to change an institution’s culture, but President Cooper insists that
Common Ground Action Plan: Six steps toward a more inclusive campus

In late August, the Common Ground Action Committee recommended that the University take six steps toward a more “intentionally inclusive” campus. Here is a brief summary of those recommendations:

Recruit students, faculty and staff who bring both talent and diversity
“To prepare students for lives in a pluralistic society, the University should mirror that society. More generally, learning and creativity increase when differences trump sameness. ... More diversity among staff, especially in managerial and senior-level positions, is critical for a positive representation of University values to prospective students, faculty and staff.”

Change external perceptions that the University does not value diversity
As the University becomes more inclusively diverse, it must communicate that good news to the outside world. “The resulting increase in demographic, socioeconomic and ideological diversity can become self-sustaining when the question, ‘Will I be welcome and valued there?’ always can be answered, ‘Yes.’”

Make an explicit commitment to inclusive diversity
The University should feature the common ground mission statement or similar language in publications, policy statements and other highly visible places across campus. The University also should “remove institutional barriers (perceived and real) to inclusive diversity,” including barriers to physically handicapped people.

Measure the progress of common ground initiatives
“A new iteration of the Common Ground Action Committee should be established to monitor implementation and outcomes. ... Given the major investment in resources that is likely, the inevitable question, ‘What did we get for the investment?’ must be answered with rigorous assessment.” (The University established the ongoing Common Ground Action Committee in October.)

The complete report of the Common Ground Action Committee is available online at http://commonground.richmond.edu/action/plan.htm

placing more value on diversity is an important opportunity to lead.
“If we can make this happen, we will be a model for other institutions,” he says. “Higher learning is much about opening your mind.”

On an even more personal level, benefiting from diversity is all about dropping your guard, says Roth, the former roommate of Yancey.
“I was so concerned about whether I should hug her or not when we first met,” Roth recalls. “But I decided not to hug her, and that was the right decision. She had that mean expression on her face. From experience, she knew she needed to have her guard up.”

Not anymore.
“Now,” Roth says, “I would hug her to pieces.”

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Learn More Online
To learn more about diversity at the University, visit these Web sites:
Common Ground Initiative
http://commonground.richmond.edu
Multicultural Affairs Office
http://oncampus.richmond.edu/student/affairs/office/multiaff
Richmond Safe Zone Chapter
www.richmond.edu/~safezone

Recommended Reading


Richmond reaches out to victims of Hurricane Katrina

BY CATHY L. EBERLY

Carl Baloney Jr., '06, returned to campus on Thursday, Aug. 25, from his home in Garyville, La., about 20 miles west of New Orleans. On Saturday, his mother sent him a brief text message saying his entire family was evacuating. His parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents were heading for Houston.

Baloney responded to the message, but he received no answer. He tried to get through numerous times that day ... and the next ... and the day after that ... still no reply.

On Monday, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast east of New Orleans at 6 a.m. Within two hours, the National Weather Service reported the first in a number of levee breaches, this one along the Industrial Canal. Water poured into the city, trapping the people who stayed behind.

On the Richmond campus, students, faculty and staff paused to watch news reports, and some began to worry about friends and family in the Gulf Coast region. Few imagined that the storm would touch so many people affiliated with Richmond.

The University was quick to support its 50 students from the affected area. Many of them gathered in Whitehurst Living Room to hear words of encouragement from President William E. Cooper and other administrators, many of them with close ties to New Orleans.

"This is an unspeakable tragedy, and we want to do everything we can to address your needs," Cooper told the students. "Please let us know how we can help. Are you looking for information about family members? Do you need to seek additional financial aid? Do you need counseling?"

Baloney did not attend that meeting, but he got the message. "The dean's office offered me counseling services through the CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) program," he recalled. "I also appreciated fellow students expressing their concern."

Students backed up their words with blood, sweat and money. The University's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils quickly organized a blood drive in Tyler Haynes Commons that netted 228 units, the largest per-capita total from any college campus in the history of Virginia Blood Services.

During fall break, 21 Bonner Scholars drove to Hattiesburg, Miss., to work in an emergency supply warehouse. They also helped elderly people clean up their homes.

Meanwhile, the Richmond College Student Government Association,
Westhampton College Government Association, Women Involved in Living and Learning, and Volunteer Action Council joined forces to collect nearly $7,000 for the American Red Cross.

Alumni take action
Alumni also rallied to support Katrina victims. Leanna Goodrich, '99, called fellow Spiders to action in a passionate letter to the Office of Alumni Relations.

"Dear Fellow Brother and Sister Spiders all across our wonderful country and the world," she wrote. "I write to you as a plea to help our fellow Americans down in Louisiana and Mississippi who need our dollars and our prayers."

In her letter, Goodrich expressed concern about her freshman roommate, Abril Baloney, '99, and her sister, Quendi Baloney, '01. Their brother, Carl, was not the only one who was growing worried about them.

As anxious alumni scrambled to contact former classmates, the alumni office served as an informal clearinghouse to put them in touch with each other. Executive Director Kristin Woods started that effort with an e-mail to 330 alumni in the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. About 70 percent of those alumni updated the University on their circumstances.

"We have been extremely fortunate," wrote Dr. Bob Prehn, R'76, in an e-mail to the University. His family evacuated from Mandeville, La., to Austin, Texas, where he had started a job at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital just weeks before. "Unlike 99.99 percent of my fellow New Orleanians, I have a job and a paycheck coming in. We have somewhere to live, food to eat, something to drink, and everyone is safe."

Dr. Preston "Chip" Rich, R'89, was among the early responders. As chief of trauma and critical care services at UNC Health Care System, Rich was part of a state-funded disaster team deployed Aug. 31 at the request of governors in the hurricane-ravaged region. He joined a group of 100 health care workers—doctors, nurses, EMTs and support staff—who traveled in a 22-vehicle caravan to Waveland, Miss., where they quickly erected a mobile surgical hospital on a debris-strewn K-Mart parking lot.

"Within 30 minutes after we painted a giant 'H' on the asphalt, the first helicopter carrying sick and injured individuals landed," Rich recalled. "Every other health care facility in a six-county radius had been destroyed, and the roads were largely impassable."

In its first week of operation, the hospital—dubbed the "K-Mart Clinic" by locals—treated 1,000 patients who were suffering a full range of chronic ailments as well as hurricane-related injuries.

"We treated patients whose feet were severely lacerated from kicking out windows in their homes so they could escape the rising water," said Rich, who volunteered in Mississippi for 10 days. "One man who had clung to a tree for three days to survive the flooding had deep gouges on his forearms."

Richmond’s open doors
Back on campus, Cooper announced that Richmond would accept, tuition-free for the fall semester, a limited number of students from colleges and universities affected by Hurricane Katrina. Richmond was among the first few universities in the nation to offer assistance.

"This tragedy calls upon us to help both displaced students and their home institutions," said Cooper, a former dean at Tulane University. "Beyond these roles, we need to marshal sustained support in concert with countless
individuals and organizations to advance this recovery.”

Pam Spence, dean of admission, outlined a strategy for accepting transfer students from the region. “We extended the offer to Richmond faculty and staff whose children are enrolled in New Orleans colleges, students accepted or wait-listed at Richmond who chose to enroll in a New Orleans-area school, children of alumni or siblings of current students attending a school in the Gulf region, and students enrolled at Tulane through international exchange programs in which we participate,” she said.

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New Orleans Nightmare

Alumnus endures week of frustration and misery

Even Dante’s dark imagination could not have conceived such hell on earth. Chest-high water contaminated with raw sewage, toxic chemicals and medical waste. No power, no running water and dwindling supplies of medicine and food.

Nothing could have fully prepared Dr. Michael Garbee, R’89, for this dilemma—not his Richmond education, not his medical school training, not even the rigors of the Army Reserve. When the levees protecting the city’s lower Ninth Ward broke, thousands of residents sought shelter at Charity Hospital, a 1,400-bed facility that had always been there for them. But Charity—with its ground floor flooded and its food and generators submerged in the basement—had to turn them away.

“We actually had a SWAT team fast-roping onto the hospital roof from a helicopter to protect us.”

Dr. Michael Garbee

On the fourth and fifth days, Garbee and his colleagues slowly emptied the hospital, strapping patients to boards and carrying them down 12 flights of stairs to a staging area. Under armed guard, they lifted them onto boats and Army trucks.

"It felt as though we carried at least 200 down, but it could have been 20," he says. "I actually have no idea about the exact numbers we helped to evacuate.”

At the end of the fifth day, they rested, and on Friday—five days after Katrina had passed and one week after he had entered the hospital—Garbee left. As he and other physicians climbed aboard an airboat, someone asked if everyone was out.

“I believe mine was the last boot to touch the ramp,” he says.

—Betty M. van Iersel
Helicopter Parents

The University advises moms and dads not to hover

A interfering father calls the Richmond housing office to insist that the University replace the carpet in his daughter's dorm room.

"Is there a stain or something else wrong with it that we can fix?" the housing official asks.

No, says the father. "My wife has already bought curtains and bedspreads for the room, and the carpet clashes with them."

When the "uncooperative" housing officer refuses to replace the carpet, the father threatens to have him fired.

Throughout the country, college administrators are dealing with rising numbers of helicopter parents: moms and dads who hover over every aspect of
their child's college experience. They call to complain about roommates, professors, grades, food service, parking tickets—even carpet color.

Dr. Leonard Goldberg, Richmond's vice president for student development, says that some parents go beyond the image of a civilian helicopter.

"A colleague [at another university] said he was dealing with 'Blackhawk parents.' They had come into his office with guns blazing."

This year the student development staff is taking a more active approach to parents who want to be directly and constantly involved in their children's college experience. They sent a two-page letter to parents of first-year students outlining their expectations for parental involvement. They also send a book called You're on Your Own (but I'm here if you need me).

Goldberg acknowledges that helicopter parents are a growing concern at Richmond, as they are at every college in the country.

"These parents mean well," Goldberg says, but "their constant involvement is likely to interfere with their son's or daughter's personal development and maturation. Part of a college student's education is learning such things as conflict resolution, compromise and problem solving, but if mom and dad jump in and take over, the student loses the opportunity to develop those skills."

On the other hand, Goldberg says his office appreciates calls from parents about more serious issues.

"We want and expect to hear from parents on matters involving their child's health and well being," he says. "If a student is stressed out, we want to know it. We don't want to have to discover an eating disorder that a parent already knew about. But if a student is written up for having a beer in his room, ... let the student face the consequence of his behavior."

Dr. Peter LeViness, director of the University's Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, offers a simple explanation for the recent proliferation of helicopter parents. "Part of the increase in hovering behavior has to do with some of the wonderful technological advances—cell phones, e-mail, instant messaging—that allow a kind of 'instant access' or constant accessibility that was simply not possible in years past."

For example, several students who did not get the rooms they wanted in the annual housing lottery called their parents by cell phone immediately after the event, says Richmond College Dean Steve Biscse. "It was a matter of seconds then before a number of parents called to complain."

University administrators note that many parents bring a sharp consumer mentality to their dealings with Richmond.

"A college education is a significant investment," Goldberg says, "and parents who are paying the bills expect good service, for themselves and their students. ... Our parents are often influential people used to going right to the top to get something done. Many of

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The privacy issue also arises in routine matters of college life. "We have parents who try to make out the class schedule for their child," Landphair says. "And when we say that this is something the student needs to do, the parent might say, 'I'm acting on her behalf.' Then we ask them to get written permission, but we know they're filling out forms and applications. The worst case I've seen was a mother who started to cry because she couldn't get her daughter in the classes she wanted—not the student crying, mind you, but the mother."

Landphair says most of the problems she encounters with helicopter parents come from the close bond
commonly shared by baby boomer parents and their children.

"It's so different from what we remember from our college years," she says. "Today's parents are often more friends than disciplinarians—they have not set rules, but they are extremely protective. On the kids' side, they in turn are very close to their parents, consider them their best friends, worry a lot about disappointing them and don't want them to know if they get in a little trouble."

LeViness says the University has people in place to help students with almost any problem. "It's better for all parties for parents to be available to give advice when asked and to serve as a safety net when needed, but to encourage their son or daughter to handle matters as best she or he can using the resources available to them at the University. Only then will students develop the skills to handle difficult situations on their own."

Barbara Fitzgerald is a freelance writer based in Richmond, Va. She admits that she was a helicopter parent when her children were in college.

Hovering parent at 10 o'clock! Take cover!

Writer Barb Fitzgerald went looking for helicopter parents on move-in day for first-year students. She scheduled a 10 a.m. interview with Jennifer Pinilla, '09, and her parents, but they were running late, and there was no shortage of anxious moms and dads moving their children into dorm rooms.

One likely candidate appeared to be hovering dangerously low, so Fitzgerald politely asked if she would consent to an interview for Richmond Alumni Magazine. The woman declined the offer and bolted up the steps in hot pursuit of her daughter. Within five minutes, University officials were conveying the mother's complaints to Fitzgerald's editor.

To the contrary, the students were happy to share their thoughts about helicopter parents.

Chris Florio, '09, of Mansfield, Mass., is confident that his parents will not interfere with his college education. "No concerns," he says. "I'll get along fine."

His mother, Jean Florio, agrees. "He's been managing his own money already, and he's organized," she says. "He'll be able to handle things without us. We are just leaving him to make his own schedule. If he does have issues, he'll e-mail us. I feel sure. I don't want to be hands-on at this point."

Jean Florio does not seem like the helicopter type, but her 15-year-old daughter, Amanda, is not so sure.

"She's really a hands-on mom," Amanda confides when her mother steps away for a moment. "She does everything for us, handles a lot for us. If there's any kind of paperwork, she does it. She has done so much to get my brother ready for this that I tell her she should be the one going here to college."

At nearby Moore Hall, the Pinilla entourage streams across the Robins Center parking lot. Jennifer's mom, dad and two aunts carry everything in one trip with plenty of help from several football players.

"I'm sure I'll be calling home several times a day," Jennifer says, as she settles into her room. "I'm always on the phone with my mom, and I'm sure that will continue. I'll also probably go home a lot. I have a car, and home is only 90 miles away. It makes me feel better that I'm close. ... I don't worry at all that my
mom will be calling up people here to try to solve any problems for me. She would never do that.”

Jennifer’s mom, Azzeneth Pinilla, shed a few tears as they arrived on campus.

“She’s my last baby and my only daughter,” she explains. “I’m very happy at the new life she’ll have here, but it’s hard for her to be leaving us. I was excited on the way up here, but I got very sad once we arrived,” she says. “I expect us to talk on the phone often, probably several times a day. If she doesn’t call me, I’ll be calling her. ... I wouldn’t expect to be directly involved in solving her problems. She is perfectly able to cope with challenges.”

A month later, the Pinillas’ predictions came true, but with a slight twist. Instead of being a helicopter parent, Jennifer’s mother seemed to be giving her some gentle nudges out of the nest.

“I think she calls and comes home so much because she’s worried about me. She’s trying to keep me from being lonely and missing her so much.”

—Azzeneth Pinilla

“I do complain to her some, but she doesn’t try to solve my problems,” Jennifer says. “When I tell her that I have too much reading, she says, ‘Then go get started on it!’”

Jennifer was enjoying her independence, but she also was going home every weekend. “I had good reasons to go home so much: to get my TV fixed, to see my brother, and to get a home-cooked meal and relax,” she insists.

Her mom and dad are always happy to see her, but Azzeneth doesn’t want her daughter to feel obligated to come home every weekend.

“I think she calls and comes home so much because she’s worried about me,” Azzeneth says. “She’s trying to keep me from being lonely and missing her so much.”

In sharp contrast, Chris Florio had not gone home by mid-October. He only calls home, “once or twice a week,” and it looks like his kid sister was wrong about their mother’s helicopter potential.

“I haven’t had any problems,” Chris says. “And if I did, I would handle them.”

His dad, Bob Florio, agrees. “They’ve got to leave the nest sooner or later,” he says. “It’s up to him now. ... We’re settling in fine at home, too. The house is quieter, and Amanda now has full control of the TV and computer.”

Jennifer Pinilla gets help from Mom, Dad and the football team.
Alumni rise to the top in pro sports management

When Margaret Stender played basketball for Richmond in the ’70s, women’s sports still operated in the shadows.

“We were kind of invisible,” recalls Stender, W’78. “We did it for fun and for the love of the game.”

Media coverage was non-existent, and scholarship money was scarce.

“They didn’t even buy our shoes,” she says.

Thirty years later, Stender is back in the game, but the game and the atmosphere around it have changed a great deal.

Stender is president and part owner of the Chicago Sky, a new WNBA franchise that will begin play in the spring. After more than 20 years in the corporate world, Stender jumped at the chance to re-enter the sports world, particularly a league that offers greater professional opportunities to female athletes.

“This is much more than just a job for me,” she says. “It takes all of my business and leadership experience, but it also takes me back to my passion. I’m just really kind of a sports girl.”

The WNBA is great entertainment, she says, “but when you get right down to it, it’s really about women’s empowerment. It’s such a symbol in today’s world that girls can be whatever they want to be. Work hard, dream big and go at it.”

Stender is among a group of Richmond alumni who have ascended to prominent positions in professional sports management via ambition, training, hustle and luck. Others include Bruce Allen, B’78, general manager of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team, and Tim Finchem, R’69, commissioner of the PGA Tour.

They share a love of sports and a passion for their teams. Their sports management career paths have been quite different, but they have used the corporate world as a springboard into the sports world, and they have used the sports world as an escape from the corporate world.

FOOTBALL? YOU BET!

Bruce Allen was no more than 6 when he met Papa Bear—George Halas—one of the fathers of the National Football League. Halas coached the Chicago Bears when Allen’s father, George, was an assistant coach there.

Two years later Allen was a water boy for Deacon Jones and the other members of the “Fearsome Foursome” in Los Angeles, where his father was head coach of the Rams. As a teenager, Allen was a statistician for the Washington Redskins, a franchise his father revitalized.

On the Richmond football team, Allen excelled at punting, and the Baltimore Colts drafted him in the 12th round.

“I knew I loved football, but that’s no different than any kid in America who loves sports,” Allen recalls. “I was just fortunate I could be around it more than most people.”

Allen’s business education gave him “a different perspective” on sports.

“As a kid growing up, I knew about the players and the coaches, but at the business school, I learned there were other facets of professional sports,” he says.

An injury stopped Allen’s professional career before it got started, so he went into coaching, first as an assistant at Arizona State and then as a head coach at Occidental College. He was 22.

He later went to work for W.R. Grace Co. in the purchasing department of the company’s chain of home centers. He enjoyed that job, but when a front-office opportunity arose in football, he found his true calling in sports management.
Allen keeps an eye on his Buccaneers during pregame warmups.

Allen worked briefly in the Canadian Football League before teaming with his father in the upstart United States football League's Chicago Blitz and Arizona Wranglers. He served as general manager while his dad was head coach.

He later worked as a sports agent before joining the NFL's Oakland Raiders in 1995 as a senior assistant to the legendary Al Davis.

After helping the Raiders to the Super Bowl in 2003, and being named The Sporting News' NFL Executive of the Year, Allen moved to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he is responsible for negotiating contracts, managing the team's salary cap and handling personnel matters.

More so than his siblings—including U.S. Senator George Allen Jr.—Bruce Allen seemed to have been ordained by his father to work in football, but Allen doesn’t necessarily see it that way.

“For some reason, I was a football kid, but Dad’s general marching orders were for all of us to just work hard and enjoy what you do, no matter what it is. He didn’t really care. Just work hard at it, and you’ll be successful.”

THESE GUYS ARE GOOD!

Tim Finchem's educational epiphany occurred in the sweltering crawl space of a house.

“I did heating and air-conditioning work, installing ductwork, largely under houses and later in attics,” Finchem says about his summertime job as a teenager. “Neither place was very comfortable. I was under one of those houses in a puddle of water one time, and decided I ought to focus a little more strongly on my academics.”

It's a long way from the sweaty underbelly of an overheated house to the commissioner's office of the PGA Tour, where Finchem has worked since 1994. As only the third commissioner in the history of the tour, he acts much like the chief executive officer of any large company with the added responsibilities of managing issues that are unique to professional athletes.

Finchem began playing golf when he was 9 or 10. He competed for a year on his high school team, and he even scored a hole-in-one as a teenager on a par 3 over water.

“I hit a terrible shot. It barely cleared the water. In my early years, I had a bad temper, and I was upset that I’d missed this shot. Then it bounced up and went in the hole. [It] taught me a lesson: Don’t react to your shot until the ball comes to rest.”

But it wasn’t lucky golf shots that led Finchem to Richmond. It was his debating skills. The second of six children, he knew the only way he could afford college was with financial aid—his father was a sergeant in the Marine Corps—so he quit golf and focused on debating and ultimately won a partial scholarship.

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—Tim Finchem

He just a wonderful man. He had a great impact on me, and what he taught me had a great impact on me.

Richmond was a great experience.”

After graduation Finchem earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced law for three years before serving as deputy advisor for economic affairs to former President Jimmy Carter in the Office of Economic Affairs in 1978 and 1979. Then he was national staff director for the Carter-Mondale presidential campaign.

In the early 1980s, he co-founded...
Allen played a key role in selecting and signing rookie running back Cornell "Cadillac" Williams (No. 24).

the National Marketing and Strategies Group in Washington, D.C. He joined the PGA Tour in 1987 as vice president for business affairs and later became deputy commissioner.

During his tenure, the PGA Tour has grown substantially, both in tournament dollars and charity contributions. He also has helped expand the tour’s influence domestically and internationally.

His job keeps him on the road half the year, away from his family and off the golf course, where he has a 6 handicap.

Finchem seldom plays with PGA Tour players, but he recently enjoyed a friendly round in Scotland with a foursome that included Davis Love III.

“He shot a 62, and he was my partner, which was sweet,” Finchem says. “I didn’t have to do a thing except watch.”

GOTTA BE THE SHOES!

After graduating from Richmond, Margaret Stender taught and coached basketball and lacrosse for three years at Norfolk Academy. She became interested in the business world largely through the parents of students she coached, but she knew little about it. She had majored in education and minored in history at Richmond and “could barely get out of calculus.”

She had an inkling, however, that business was not all that different from sports.

“You’ve got different people coming together for a common goal,” she observes. “You keep score, and it’s competitive.”

So she left teaching and coaching and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia. Quaker Oats hired her, she moved to Chicago, and has been there ever since, advancing from assignment to assignment. Eventually she became president of ready-to-eat cereals for Quaker Oats and then president of juice drinks for PepsiCo, which acquired Quaker Oats five years ago.

“Much of my business success, if I had any, was attributed to my ability to work in teams, and my leadership skills came from sports,” she says. “A lot of women in those (early) days didn’t have that experience.”

Stender had reached a point in her career where she was looking for a new challenge, maybe something in education, when the opportunity arose with the Chicago Sky, the 14th team in the WNBA. Most of the WNBA teams are owned by NBA teams, but the Sky is an
had, this is the most fun,” Stender confides. “Most of my business experience was in marketing and general management, which is what I’m doing now, but this is different.

exception, and Stender became part-owner, president and chief executive officer.

She was the first and only employee for several months and has overseen the development of the franchise from scratch. The team hired NBA Hall of Fame star Dave Cowens as coach and general manager, and it announced its nickname in September. Training camp opens in April, and the season tips off in May.

“Although I’ve loved every job I’ve had, this is the most fun,” Stender says with a laugh. “So that’s progress.”

She also remembers the day after practice when the players were told they could not leave the Keller Hall court and go to dinner. They had to stop and see the shoe salesman. The school would be purchasing shoes for the players.

“We were so pumped,” Stender recalls. “We had this brainstorm. We said, ‘Hey, we should all get the same shoes!' You laugh, but you would have thought this was the biggest brainstorm of all time because we had just worn what we all brought with us. We all got red suede shoes. We won our first eight games, and we were ‘the girls in the red shoes.’ That was like a life-changing thing for us.”

Thirty years later, the shoes of WNBA players do not match because some of the players have shoe contracts, Stender says with a laugh.

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Alumni books

Annapolis Vignettes
GINGER DOYLE, ’01
Cornell Maritime Press, 2005

Author-Illustrator Ginger Doyle has gathered her newspaper columns on Annapolis history for publication in this volume. Part 1, “People,” features interviews with people who recall the old days in Annapolis. Part 2, “Places,” focuses on places in danger of being lost, not only physically, but in memory. Part 3, “St. John’s College and the U.S. Naval Academy,” includes surprising stories from the histories of these institutions. Part 4 celebrates historic preservation—not only individuals, events and organizations but also the unexpected forces moving the past into the future. A photograph or an original illustration by Doyle accompanies each vignette.

Gone to Market: The Annapolis Market House, 1698-2005
GINGER M. DOYLE, ’01
City of Annapolis, 2005

The old markets of the United States and Colonial America were the places where the New World’s “melting-pot” culture boiled the hottest. The Annapolis Market House exemplifies this trend. Doyle’s book shows that the market house has been among Annapolis’s most cherished and controversial landmarks for more than three centuries. It has served as a gathering place for people of varied backgrounds to trade in goods and ideas. Unlike many such landmarks, the Annapolis Market House has survived progress, including three attempts in the 20th century to tear it down. As Doyle notes in her foreword, “The market’s story isn’t simply a tale of a building.” Rather, it offers insight into many of the larger trends that have defined Annapolis—and in some cases, America—since the late 17th century.

Confronting Evil
RICHARD A. NABLE, R’87
BookSurge, 2005

In TV scripts, police officers call criminals “perps,” while lawyers refer to them as “defendants.” Real-life police officer and author Richard Nable has a name for all the criminals he goes after in the course of this book: “Evil.” The book, he says, is an attempt to “balance the action in and of itself and is not meant as a commentary on any person’s worth as a human being. ... People who are essentially good, can in fact do things that are evil. For some, evil is all they know.” Although his approach can be philosophically—quotations, for his readers by the collar and giving them a stern lecture about their complicity. Nable has seen the worst (and best) of human nature, and he tells what he has learned with zest and zeal.

Do They Wear High Heels in Heaven?
ERICA O’ROUFF, W’85
Red Dress Ink, 2005

Suburban mom and newspaper columnist Lily Watkins is going to get a mammogram, write about it, make it funny and inspire other women to go. When she finds out she has advanced breast cancer, her assignment changes. She must construct a family around her two children so they can go on. Her ex-husband, “Spank of Satan,” is not in the picture, so she turns to her best friend, Michael. His sarcasm and his faith. Lily appreciates the irony of the deeply spiritual gay Catholic—nurtures her through rounds of chemo, through stages of anger, despair and resignation to a state she recognizes as grace. Along the way, she receives help from her exasperating, loveable, normal children; from a lawyer whose Italian suit has “creases so sharp they seemed to slice the air ahead of him as he walked;” and from Pete, who becomes her lover. “The reason I’m here,” Lily says—the reason we are all here—“is simply to love and be loved in return.”

The Golden Girl
ERICA O’ROUFF, W’85
Silhouette Bombshell, 2005

When it comes to wearing designer gowns, snipping the best champagne, finding success in the teeth, the Gotham Roses make Charlie’s Angels look declassed. Maddie Taylor-Pruitt is on the fast track to a Wall Street business—Manhattan real estate—when her closest friend, Claire, is murdered. Quickier than you can say “tabloid headlines,” Maddie is fired from her job and has to open a boutique of her own. She learns that Claire herself had been working undercover, investigating irregularities in Maddie’s family business, and that Maddie’s father, who’d been Claire’s lover, is the chief suspect. Events unfold at a rapid pace, but Maddie finds time to wear the gowns, sip champagne, and fall in love with a reformed gang member turned teacher. The Golden Girl is one in a series of adventures for the Gotham Roses, whose mysterious leader, the Governor, pursues the similarly mysterious arch villain known as the Duke across a luxurious landscape of high society.

GORDON VAN NESS, G’83, EDITOR
University of Missouri Press, 2005

With the publication of his novel Deliverance in 1970, James Dickey achieved what Gordon Van Ness calls “unparalleled glamour”—name recognition and success among American poets. It was the high point of a life that would unfold for 30 more years, and it is the beginning of Gordon Van Ness’s second volume of Dickey’s letters, enriched by about 100 pages of biography. Dickey was an obsessive correspondent who aimed to write letters on a large scale. He was reaching out to gather an audience one by one. As Van Ness makes clear, Dickey inhabited himself in his letters, exaggerating, for example, his involvement in the filming of Deliverance. After the critical acclaim of his early works, Dickey was accused of diluting his poetic voice to sell books. Van Ness asserts that, although “Dickey altered what he said and how he said it depending on the audience, his was always only one voice.”

Faculty books

The Latter-day Saint Experience in America
DR. TERRY L. GIVENS (professor of literature and religion)
Greenwood Press, 2004

“Founded in 1830 ... the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormon Church) has emerged from inauspicious beginnings to become a major American religious denomina...” The book begins with the founding of the Mormon Church, its texts and creeds, and its growth from an embattled few to millions of believers. Elsewhere, Givens has cited "a generally prevailing level of interest in things Mormon and an openness to letting Mormons share in the telling of their own story and analysis of their own tradition" (www.timesands seasons.org) that encourage his efforts in that direction.

On James Tate
BRIAN HENRY, EDITOR
(associate professor of English and creative writing)
University of Michigan Press, 2004

James Tate has published nine volumes of poetry and has won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Tate’s poetry has garnered an undulating number of awards, but a lack of useful criticism. For this volume, Henry has gathered nine essays, seven of them new, from writers representing different generations, different countries and different schools of criticism. He also has added reviews published over the three decades of Tate’s career thus far, chosen to represent the critical climate regarding Tate at that time.” Frank Moritz, in his review of Absences, says Tate is interested in “the power of creative imagination ... move us into entirely new ways of being,” and quotes these lines from Tate’s “Wait for Me.” In this year’s edition, he says the year has been one that you are right to pack your heart in ice if you believe this.

Universal Coverage: The Elusive Quest for National Health Insurance
RICHARD MAYS (emeritus, professor of public policy)
University of Michigan Press, 2004

“Universal coverage,” says Rick Mays, “is actually on an old topic that only seems new because it cycles back to the top of the nation’s policy agenda ... about every 10 years or a crisis.” The United States is the only Western country without universal coverage even though politicians have advocated it for more than 100 years. In 1974, Richard Nixon called it “an idea whose time has come” and unveiled a plan that went nowhere. A similar plan, put forth by Bill Clinton 20 years later, met a similar fate. George W. Bush’s State of the Union Address in January 2003 proposed “high quality, affordable health care for all Americans,” but the United States seems no closer to that goal. Mays’ study dissects the public and private interests and the broader social forces that have derailed every attempt to establish national health insurance. Mayes says the current health care crisis threatens so many consequences that they may overtake their differences and push for change.

Faculty new editions

Juvenile Law and Practice in Virginia (2005 Update)
ROBERT E. SHEPHERD JR. (emeritus, professor of law)
Virginia Continuing Legal Education, 2005

Real Estate Closing, Virginia Practice Series (2006 Edition)
WADE BERRYHILL (professor of law)
Thomson-West, 2005
Educational eavesdropper pursues doctorate

Jon DeShazo, '04, got his money's worth from the School of Continuing Studies—and then some.

"I would come to school early just to sit on a bench outside the previous class and eavesdrop on the lecture inside—regardless of the topic," he recalls. "I truly enjoyed the classes and instructors, and looked forward to every new semester."

A survivor of the dot-com crash with a knack for computer programming, DeShazo, 31, found stable work in 2000 as a senior consultant with Keane Federal Systems. He excelled at his job, but he realized that he needed more formal education if he wanted to move up. So he started working on a bachelor's degree in information systems.

"Initially I enrolled in UR's School of Continuing Studies because of its convenient class schedules and location," he recalls. "However, I quickly and unmistakably grew fond of just being there and learning."

For the next four years, DeShazo continued to work full time at Keane while taking classes at Richmond. He also volunteered at a health center in Church Hill, and in his last two years of school, he attended the Virginia National Guard Officer Candidate School.

"I like to stay busy," he says, "but I was really pushing the limit for a while, and could not have done it without the support from my wife, Sarah."

Most students who work full time do well to earn C's and B's, but DeShazo maintained a 3.98 grade point average. He also began to dream of ways to combine his information technology experience with his passion for health care. (He began his career as an Army Reserve combat medic and a licensed practical nurse.)

As he gained confidence in his academic abilities, DeShazo started applying to graduate programs that would prepare him to conduct high-level research in biomedical informatics. He considered offers from the University of Virginia, Oregon Health and Science, the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University. He settled on a Ph.D. track at the University of Washington, where he received a fellowship from the National Library of Medicine and a Top Scholar award from the university.

"UW's biomedical and health informatics program is relatively young, but its reputation and its capabilities are skyrocketing," he says. "The students and faculty are collaborative in nature, and the atmosphere there is smart and friendly."

DeShazo also praises Richmond's School of Continuing Studies.

"I think it will surprise some people to hear that an education through the SCS program is very competitively priced," he says, and "the school's atmosphere and the quality of instruction represents that of an excellent private university."

Five years from now, DeShazo wants to be conducting research at a top university. "I would also love to teach," he says. "I think the significance and the satisfaction gained from doing biomedical and health informatics is contagious, and I hope someday my students will catch it from me."

—Karl Rhodes

Sigma Phi Epsilon elects Yeatts national president

Sigma Phi Epsilon, the largest college fraternity in the country, has elected Archer L. Yeatts III as its national president.

Established at the University in 1901, Sigma Phi Epsilon has not had a president from its founding chapter in 60 years. During that time, the national organization has grown to include more than 13,000 undergraduate members on 256 campuses. The Richmond chapter lost its charter in 1997 and returned to campus in 2000.

Yeatts, R'64 and L'67, proudly notes that the local chapter has bounced back to win two consecutive Buchanan Cups, an award given to the fraternity's top chapters. This year the Richmond chapter also received the MacDonough Award for helping to develop a chapter at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. Meanwhile, member Scott R. Erwin, '05, received the fraternity's Honor of Philias, an award that recognizes outstanding demonstrations of brotherly love. Erwin was shot in Iraq last year after starting a program called Ambassadors of Democracy.

"I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of UR Sig Eps and humbled to follow in the footsteps of giants in the fraternity like 'Uncle Billy,'" Yeatts says. "William Lazell Phillips, who was elected grand president in 1945, was one of our founders and had served as the fraternity's executive director."

Yeatts serves as chief judge of Henrico County District Court. He also is a trustee of Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. He is married to Elaine Johnson Yeatts, W'64 and G'89, and the father of Carole Yeatts Timberlake, W'90, and Laura Yeatts Thomson, '94.
1928

Hazel Anderson Carpenter, W, celebrated her 99th birthday in June. She lives in Lynchburg, Va.

1935

Gary A. Bousman, R, won first-place ribbons at the Maricopa County Fair in Phoenix, Ariz., for two of his scratchboard drawings. He celebrated his 94th birthday last summer and was looking forward to taking his 12th cruise in December.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Hearing from you, my classmates of ’35, has been a delight. I'll list M. Elizabeth "Betsy" Marston Sadler, in her vibrant voice, express what I wish for each of you: "I'm well, I'm happy, I keep busy. I go out in the fresh air every day. I love my church. I send best wishes for a happy Christmas."

We extend our deepest sympathy to Hazel Weaver Forbes, whose husband, John, a diplomat with the State Department and United Nations, died in January 2005. Hazel should write a book about their life in the service, including 4 years living in India.

Mary Bruce Harper Heisler and Patsy Pitts Henderson say hello to you and offer their best wishes for a happy Christmas.

Jessie Neale Jensen lives in a retirement community in Ames, Iowa. She and her late husband, head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Illinois, lived for 50 years in Urbana, Va. Jessie "raised children, vegetables and flowers, did community service, played bridge incompetently, took up antiquing and enjoyed wonderful friendships."

Frances Rowlett Perkins attended her 2005 church retreat at Shrine Mount. Bless her for being our lone representative at the last annual alumnae meeting.

Margaret Taylor Gallaway, lively and with a wonderful sense of humor, has been a world traveler, going around the world in the 1970s. A few years ago Margaret established a music scholarship at the University in memory of her mother. She says, "I count myself fortunate, having made many good friends. In closing, she adds, "It's politics that's keeping me going!"

Otelia Francis Bodenstein and her sister, Kathleen B. Francis, W'41, are proofreading a Civil War book written by another sister, Dorothy Francis Atkinson, W'45. The book features the Battle of Yellow Tavern, where Gen. J.E.B. Stuart was mortally wounded. Otelia writes, "Dorothy wrote another book on that period some years ago about King William County, where we now live."

Jacquelin "Jackie" Johnston Gilmore, a 15-year resident of Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, is a volunteer in the library there. She has five great-grandchildren. She says, "The computer is my old-age entertainment."

Helen Caulfield Hoffman writes that she has had two happy marriages and has three children who are the center of her life. All three are married, and Helen has grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Helen has been involved in Virginia Wesleyan College since its inception. "At their 2003 commencement, they honored me with a degree of Doctor of Humane Letters," she writes. "I am very proud!"

Gary A. Bousman, R'35, won first-place ribbons at the Maricopa County Fair in Phoenix, Ariz., for two of his scratchboard drawings.

Marion Alport Foley lives in a retirement center in Warrenton, Va. She is well and enjoys reading but misses her own home.

Mary Bruce Harper Heisler died on Feb. 28, 2005. Mary Bruce was a devoted member of our class, and loyal to Westhampton. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family. At the time of this writing, Anna Hallett Sniffen is coming to the end of her first year living in rural Maine. "I still find it beautiful here and recently enjoyed a visit from my first great-grandchild and her family."

There are several other classmates from whom I have not heard. I hope they are well and would welcome news from them.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Janet Turpin Ayers reported she is having a busy time with family and friends.

Annabel Carswell Audet keeps busy with various groups and trips to visit children and grandchildren. Her children celebrated her birthday in February with a super party.

Alice Ryland Giles is busy working with a local literacy council and teaching English as a second language.

Nancy Clevinger Carpenter, W'72 and L'80, enjoyed having her mother, Mary Brock Clevinger, live with her for the past four years.

M. Virginia Burfoot Hill has moved to Williamsburg, Va.

Eleanor Whitehead Straffin has moved to Tucson, Ariz.

Margaret Bowers Gill is going on a trip down the Lewis-Clerk Trail by paddleboat. She will visit family in Bend, Ore. Bend is where I was born, when my father was a forest ranger. It would be fun to make the trip. My father, John Ris, wrote about his life as a forest ranger in a book titled Ranger Trails.

I am still in a watercolor painting class at The Hermitage. I was very pleased when the Virginia Historical Society included one of my photographs of a one-room school in a Civil Rights Exhibit. I took pictures of one-room schools in Hanover County in the 1960s and wrote stories for The Herald-Progress.

Please keep sending me news about your activities.

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Last April, pediatric cardiologist Martha A. Carpenter was home with pneumonia when an urgent phone call pushed her out of bed and on her way to the University of Virginia Medical Center. A newborn baby desperately needed interventional catheterization to open a heart blockage, and no one who could perform the intricate procedure was around at the time.

“I came over, opened up the blockage and crawled back home again,” she recalls. “The child is doing great. With this procedure (which involves using a balloon catheter) the child can go home the next day. It’s nice to see new advances. You do save some lives along the way.”

Carpenter, W’51 and H’84, tells the story in a matter-of-fact tone—nothing special about doing what she loves to do.

At Westhampton College she studied hemodynamics, the way blood flows through the circulatory system. After graduation she enrolled in UVA Medical School even though her father wanted her to take over the family manufacturing business in Madison County, Va.

“My advice is to do exactly what you want to do,” she says. In Carpenter’s case, however, following that philosophy was difficult sometimes.

“A picture of her medical school class shows only four women. “Some of my classmates said, ‘They (the women) will ruin the school. . . .’ It’ll be a mess,” she recalls.

Carpenter ignored the naysayers. She specialized in pediatrics and completed an internship at Massachusetts General Hospital. When she got the chance to practice at UVA, she jumped at it, even though she had an offer from Harvard as well. She has been in Charlottesville ever since, practicing medicine with a caring, personal touch. She has stayed on the cutting edge of pediatrics for more than 40 years.

She finally cut back in 2005 to a one-quarter-time schedule, but “the only thing one-quarter about it is my paycheck,” she says with a laugh. In addition to her work at the hospital, she routinely visits clinics she established in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Bristol.

Throughout her career, Carpenter has been a tireless supporter of the University. In 2001, she was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988, and she received an honorary degree in 1984.

Carpenter believes sports taught her to compete. “Women are not naturally as competitive as men,” she says. “You have to learn to compete in something, and I think sports helps. There is sexism, of course, and you have to fight for yourself once in awhile.”

She certainly held her own at Westhampton College, where she was a four-year-letter winner in field hockey, basketball and tennis and the Seal Winner for all-around excellence in athletics, leadership, academics and citizenship.

Hazel White, member of the White clan, taught her to play tennis, and Constance Appleby, who brought field hockey to this country, taught her that sport.

“The Apple decided to teach me to play better,” Carpenter says with great enthusiasm.

Carpenter loved her college days so much, both academically and athletically, that she did not want to graduate.

“How fortunate we were,” she says. —Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64

1940

William W. Farley, R., is a physician who works as a medical consultant for the Disability Determination Services Division of the Social Security Administration.

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Josephine Moncur Flexner, W, spends most of her time playing piano, writing poetry and writing a book about her life. She worked with her husband, Kurt, on his latest book, The Twenty-First Century: The Best or the Last. They live in Millbrook, N.Y., and have two sons and four grandchildren.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Virginia Lee Ball Bray still enjoys her flower gardening and the company of her two cats. She has been in touch with Jeanne Wilkins Spears, who lives near her daughter, Virginia. Virginia Lee relayed the sad news of the death of Chris, husband of Marion Yancey Petroff. Chris had been ill for some time, and he died in March 2005. Their love goes out to Marion at this time. Marion continues to live in Alexandria, Va., where she enjoys gardening and sharing her produce with neighbors. She recently traveled with daughter Martha to a family reunion in Alabama.

1942

Helen Martin Laughon, W’41, and her daughter, Nel, are considered national authorities on the history and art of silhouetting.

Anna Marie Rue Stringfellow has moved to a retirement home in the Culpeper area.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig reminds classmates to forward to her any material that can be added to the class scrapbook in time for our reunion in 2006. The scrapbook is stored at the library on campus.
for musical events and Eldenhostel programs.

Selling her house in Richmond, Ann Pavey Garrett and her husband, Kari, have moved to a smaller home in Chesterfield County, where she enjoys walking through the woods to a lake. Her daughter, Amanda, came from Roanoke to help with sorting and packing.

Serving as membership secretary at a nearby Methodist church heeds Lillian Henrietta Jung on her toes. She also visits people at the county home who have no family or visitors.

Mary Grace Shere Taylor, Grace Norris Reese and Ethel Levine Bas all seem to live at Cottonwood, a retirement community, Louise Hall Moser’s son, Tommy, has been singing opera in Tokyo and Spain, among other places. He came to visit her for 30 days. Her youngest son, John, lives next door and looks after her. Her daughter, Robin, lives near Charlotteville and visits often.

As for me, I live in an apartment on the first floor with no steps to climb. It was said to leave my house and yard, but it was time. My son, Chris, who is a lawyer in Richmond, flew to San Francisco to run in a marathon. It was tough with all the hills, but he did finish the 26.2 miles—and he is 58 years old.

Reminding us to contribute to our class scholarship fund, Ada Moss Harlow says we want to keep the scholarship active. Check should be made out to University of Richmond and mailed to Irene Motley, Maryland Hall, Room G-173, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Note that the money is the Westhampton Class of ’42 Fund.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Time takes its toll on our class members. The last bulletin carried notice of the death of Evelyn Josephson, and the class roster I recently received from the alumni office no longer included Helen Barnes Henshaw and Marguerie Peake. It is always sad that we learn of these losses. Harriet “Happy” Patterson Ellis’ husband, Pierce S. Ellis Jr., R., died in April after a one-year illness. You may remember them both married in the chapel the week of our graduation. When I talked with Happy, her daughter from Canada was with her. Her sons live in New Jersey and Nashville. She has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

My husband, Storie, died the first of June. He had battled multiple sclerosis and other health problems for more than 35 years. I am so fortunate to have my family and to be where I am, but it is quite an adjustment to this new chapter in my life.

Evelyn Clifton Wisowaty, W’42, volunteers at a hospital in Baltimore, cheering up young people with spinal cord injuries.

Over the summer Billy Jane Crosby Baker, Millie Coxe Goode, Elizabeth “Betty” Rice, Dorothy “Dot” Thknen and Helen Curtis Patrick got together at a luncheon for a mini-reunion. They enjoyed it so much they plan to repeat performance.

Mary “Molly” Warner Stephenson and Jim attended an Elderhostel on the campus of Jim’s alma mater, the University of Illinois, which they spent three days in Chicago with their son, Lany, and his family from Seattle. They all returned to Florida, and 11-year-old Matthew remained for a week after his parents headed back to the West Coast.

Gone Sheppard Keover says the responsibility of her house and yard is a full-time job. Her daughter, Suellen, is with her and does legal work, mostly from home, for a local bank.

Katherine “Kay” Hanley Wery, like Juanita Tillier Edmquist, has taken up long-distance walking and participated in three 10K walks last spring.

Millie Coxe Goode and Aylett “Ske” W. Goode Jr., R’43, flew to Boston to visit their granddaughter, who is doing graduate work in architecture at Harvard. They rented a car and drove to Maine. On their way back they visited Richard E. Humbert, R’41 and G’47, in New Hampshire.

For the past year, I have participated in an informal Spanish conversation group. There are eight of us who meet one morning a week with a native Texan who has lived in South America. I enjoy it immensely, but I soon discovered my one year of Spanish at Washington and Lee had long ago left me!

I hope you’ll send news soon.

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Louis D. Rubin Jr., R. and H’72, was the 2005 recipient of the John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities, presented by the North Carolina University Council. The council’s highest honor is awarded for its first recipient, the late John Tyler Caldwell, a former chancellor of North Carolina State University.

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Lois Bradley Baker wrote that she and Arlie are still in their home in Oney, Md., where they have lived for 36 years. They go to the Eastern Shore frequently, where they still own the house where Arlie grew up. Their children and three grandchildren like to have short visits with them there. Their oldest granddaughter is in her fourth year of high school at Columbia. Their second granddaughter is in her second year of veterinary school at Virginia Tech.

Amy Hickerson Dalton observed that she was not traveling as far as she did before, but she is still getting around. She and her youngest granddaughter attended an Elderhostel at the Virginia Living Museum last July. They then went with her children and grandchildren to the Pocomos in August.

Frances Anne Beale Goode hosted her customary summer party at “the river” in Detox-Ac, Va., in August. Anne Beverly “Bet” Ryland came to Richmond from her home in Alexandina, Va., and spent a week at the cottage with Frances Anne, as did Julia Shelton Jacobs and a childhood friend of Frances Anne’s, Golden Jackson was there the day of the luncheon, and I joined them for the day and one night. We had a really good time together, as always, sharing lots of memories of Westhampton days.

Louis D. Rubin Jr., R’46 and H’72, received the John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Frances Anne had a trip planned to Ottawa, Canada, with the Shepherd Center group in September. She considers it her birthday gift to herself.

Cayley was at the Outer Banks of North Carolina early in September with her children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to celebrate her 80th birthday. Later in September she traveled with friends to San Francisco.

M. Virginia “Ding” Lambeth Shotwell and her husband, Ralph Shotwell, R., were in Ireland in June and had a great surprise being picked as the King and Queen of the castle. With crows and velvet-costumed escorts, they were ushered into the grand hall as they listened to astounding madrigals, a flutist and harpist. Ding says it was a terrific way to celebrate their 58th anniversary. Of course, they ate with their fingers in the historical manner. Ding wanted everyone to know the dates of the reunion so that “we can save them,” so I assume that means they’ll be coming.

Allen and I are still sailing, but the weather has not been as pleasant as in previous years, so fewer trips, but we’ve taken a trip with a group from our Episcopal church to Ireland in September. Our associate priest, Julia Asby, accompanied us. It was a pilgrimage and seemed appropriate for a land where Christianity has such a heritage.

Now the big news. As most of you know, our class will celebrate its 60th reunion this year. The dates are March 31–April 2, 2006. Linda Acors from the alumni office advises that there are some really exciting events planned, including Alumni College sessions, the Friday night Boatwright dinner and an energy awards ceremony, the annual alumni picnic, tours of new campus facilities, a Sunday memorial service and much more. Any of you who would like to help by serving on the reunion planning committee can get in touch with Linda by e-mail at alumni@richmond.edu or by phone at (804) 289-8030. If you would like to work on specific events for our class, please let me know.

Do take note of my new e-mail address and use it, I’m also available by the good old phone and the U.S. mail. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the spring.

1947

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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When you read this, we will be at the end of 2005. Best wishes for a happy holiday season. This is summertime news, but that is the way the magazine is set up.

Helen Cole Richardson and family, along with Nancy Richardson Elliott and some of her family, spent the July 4 holiday at their cottage on the Northern Neck.

Nancy’s summer also included a 10-day trip to England.

Martha “Betty” Tinley Andrews and Dick celebrated a big reunion of Dick’s class at Virginia Tech. They say they were treated royally. Other news from Betty and Dick is that their oldest grandson is engaged to be married.

Marylou Massie Cumby’s family held a reunion at a national park in Alabama. She says it was one of the nicest parties she had ever visited, and they left just before the hurricanes arrived.

My own summer was fairly quiet except for the first weekend in June. My sister’s daughter was married to a fireman young man in Washington.

I had a good visit with Anne “Higgie” Higgins Borger, even though it was by phone. She is nicely settled in a retirement home in Newport News. She called to tell me that she had a wonderful visit, then she died last May of a pulmonary disease.

The alumni office informed me of the deaths of two of our classmates. Helen Porter died in June 2003, and Verdia Stetton Hobbs died in March 2000.

1948

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Anne Brunner Woo lives in Port Arthur, Texas. She was surprised when she heard on the morning news, “My name is Frances Stuart Bailey and we are here with our children from Virginia for our anniversary celebration.” She enjoyed meeting the old classmates and called afterward. Anne stays very busy with church and community activities. Her five children and grandchildren also live in Texas.

Ariene Reynolds Schaefer and her husband, Joe, are enthusiastic travelers. Last October they took a Canada/New England cruise that included two very stormy days. Also in October they attended their 60th high school reunion. The day after Christmas they had a family reunion in Massanotum in Virginia, and they spent three weeks there in the summer as well. They traveled to Vermont to visit their middle daughter, Jesse, in May, and in August they visited their daughter, Helen, and her family in Wisconsin. Ariene keeps in touch with Anne Dudley Woodfin Smith, who was a member of our freshman class.

Elizabeth “Betty” Hickerson Butterworth and John F. Butterworth III, R., have two new-born great-grandchildren. Wendell arrived in May and Will arrived in
Mary Cross Marshall, W’48, enjoyed the brown bag lunch socials sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University.

Patrick Kelley’s son, Robert, and his wife, Karen, were named Citizens of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Windsor, Conn., in recognition of their longstanding devotion to the town.

Leonard Helleman, R’50, and his wife, Betty, were named Citizens of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Windsor, Conn., in recognition of their longstanding devotion to the town.

Mildred “Mimi” Anderson Gill spent time at the Chesapeake Bay with University friends, and in late July she set out on a 15-hour drive to Maine for the remainder of the summer. Before she left, however, she relayed the following news about some of our classmates:

- Audrey Bradford Sautel traveled with her son and his wife to the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Dorothy “Dot” Richwine Korb has recovered from her illness of last fall and has served as secretary of the Scotiabank Women’s Club. For the past two years she has been a member of the presbytery at St. John’s Church in Mendon. Her daughter and granddaughter are in Windsor, Conn.
- Patricia Ann Dilley traveled with her son and daughter to New York City.

Mildred Ritz “Millie” Waters Harford and Jim are enjoying the Jersey shore vacation near the ocean.

Lauren Mander, W’95, and her family are visiting family in Florida.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

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Lee Reeves Childress spent a week in New Jersey in June when her grandson, Michael, graduated from Montclair High School. She attended the University of Mississippi.

Helen Lampathakis Kostyal writes that her grandson was married at her home on the river. In addition, she and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Niagara Falls in September.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert proudly reports that one of her grandchildren graduated this spring from the VCU School of Nursing. She is now working with heart patients at the Medical College of Virginia. Another granddaughter, one of the twins, was married in June. She and her husband teach high school in Abingdon, Va.

This June, Mary Howard Holloway and Bill enjoyed being in Chicago with their youngest son and his wife while attending the annual Convention of Rotary. She reports that 40,000 participants came from all over the world.

William “Les” Lester Duty, R, and I traveled from Beazemont, Mont., to Las Vegas, in between we visited Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. We also attended a concert of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake City.

Jean Tinsley Martin’s son, Rusty, and his wife, Sarah, had a child, Joel Anne, born March 8, 2005.

Leonard Helleman, R’50, and his wife, Betty, were named Citizens of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Windsor, Conn., in recognition of their longstanding devotion to the town.

Special condolences go out to three of our class members who have lost loved ones. In May, Mary Howard Holloway’s daughter-in-law lost her battle with lung cancer. In July, Lester A. Balderson, husband of Barbara White Balderson, and a former classmate of Doris Balderson Burbank, died as a result of an accidental fall.

Please send me your news for the next issue of the alumni magazine. Also, please don’t forget our scholarship fund.

1951

Reunion Reminder

March 31—April 2

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From the Westminster Class Secretary

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Mildred Ritz “Millie” Waters Harford and Jim are enjoying the Jersey shore vacation near the ocean.

Suzanne Holt Bagley’s son, Seth, was married in April and lives in Danville. Suzanne’s mother, who also lives with her, celebrated her 103rd birthday in May.

Pat Smith Kelley’s son, R. Scott Kelly, and his partners received the coveted Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Richmond. They founded Service Centers International, an aluminum extrusion plant, in 2001.

Charlotte Houchins Decker had a second operation last year. Charlotte works in a hospital gift shop in Greensboro, N.C., and enjoys bridge.

Betty Tredway Blake broke her hand last June and is still undergoing therapy.

Mary Beth Davis had a knee operation in April and is coping well. Libba Eames Baskerville’s grandson, Wes Baskerville, was married in Richmond in July.

Jean Love Hanson and Charles M. Hanson, R’52, were in Bermuda in May enjoying the sun and beach.

Our sympathy to Joan Dahve Helzer, whose mother recently passed away.


1952

Betty Hurt Shipp, W, and her husband, Jim, live in St. Augustine, Fla. They recently celebrated a significant birthday and their 20th wedding anniversary with a visit from her four children and their families. A 10-day trip to Italy with friends completed the celebration.
1953

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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To escape the heat, Alice Warner Matthews vacationed last summer in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Labrador.

Joan Perlin Ruby, W'53, explored an unexcavated cave in Jerusalem. She slithered through narrow openings, climbed through holes and jumped from one level to another.

Patti Thompson Stay wrote between miner's dinner trips that she and Don had just returned from Italy, where a highlight was Da Vinci's "Last Supper." Traveling with a group that included a number of University of Richmond people, they were pleased to see that they weren't the oldest and that the seven couples from Richmond were the most fun. After touring three colleges with a granddaughter who is a freshman, they continued to Montana and Canada for a visit with Don's Virginia Military Institute roommate.

Faye Kilpatrick Gillespie isn't letting last summer's dislocated shoulder interfere with her project of inoculating a love of the Blue Ridge Mountains in her grandchildren. Last year's trip to Bryson City included a festival of world folk dancing and a family reunion where all of Faye's cousins and their spouses met at the church attended by the Casons, Faye's mother's family. Together they made a gift that will enable the church to install a stained-glass window over the baptismal pool in memory of their grandparents, as well as five more windows in honor of all of their parents. Last summer found them all in Cherokee, N.C., sitting rapt in the audience of Unto These Hills.

Last Christmas, for the first time in about six years, Joyce Brock Bennett and all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at her son's new home in Powhatan, Va. They were all together again when her second granddaughter was married in Mississippi in August. Meanwhile, her third granddaughter is playing softball on scholarship at Liberty University this year.

Joan Perlin Ruby took seven Rubies with her to visit her 16-year-old granddaughter, Jessica, who spent the spring semester in a high school in Jerusalem. (Her credits will transfer back home to Douglas Freeman High School.) Among other adventures, Joan explored an unexcavated cave. Without her children, who refused to go along, she slithered through narrow openings, climbed through holes, jumped from one level to another, and has the photographs to prove it. Despite the fact that it was her 13th trip, she saw new sights. This summer she is being less adventurous, hanging out in her condo at Virginia Beach.

Jane Wilson Robston's foot surgery in December put her in a cast for almost three months, but by spring she was in Central America doing the easy climbs to the ruins in Belize. In early April she and Norman, accompanied by their daughter, went to Villanova, where he was presented with the Mendel Medal for his work in science and religion, especially in regard to genetics. In June, she and Holmes attended a conference in Iceland. Since Holmes is the distinguished guest professor in a multidisciplinary department for bioethics, forestry and divinity at Yale University this academic year, their home until June 2005 is an apartment in midtown New Haven, Conn. Meanwhile, Ike Carlia Johns, she too presents a yearly program—sometimes serious, sometimes humorous—to her chapter of P.E.O., an international philanthropic educational organization.

Carlia Waal Johns, like other members of our class, is still engaged in projects begun ages ago. Though retired from her position as chair of the Theatre Department at the University of Missouri, Carla still taps into the research surrounding her dissertation on Harriet Bosse, actress-wife of the playwright August Strindberg. Her most recent product, an original dramatic reading titled To Believe in Happiness, was part of a Women's History Month program, sponsored by the Columbia, Mo., branch of the American Association of University Women.

Fourteen years ago, Barbara Anne Watkins Beale took a training program run jointly by the AARP and the Internal Revenue Service that taught her to prepare income tax returns. Each year since then, she and a half-dozen other citizens of Caroline County, Va., have been meeting clients by appointment in the public library.

Ever the writer, June Pair Kilpatrick, who edited the student magazine during our senior year, will have the pleasure in July of hosting her longtime pen pal—her teacher at the bilingual school in Cuernavaca, where June studied 11 years ago. She expects there'll be a lot of smiling and nodding, as both she and her teacher are equally epid in the other's language. Her daughter, Rebecca, now living in China, was administrator with the public school system in Henrico County, Va. Although the original offer was for a temporary assignment of three-to-six months, Hunt has now led the school through three academic years.

“I got here and found that I just love the place,” he says. “Money can’t get you in; you have to compete. Our students really benefit from being around other people, just like themselves, who value learning for its own sake, not just for the grades.”

Founded in 1991, the publicly funded regional high school offers 23 advanced placement courses and 10 foreign languages including American sign language. All graduates must take at least four years of one foreign language and two years of another. In addition to the typical Spanish, French and German offerings, students can choose among Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Greek, Latin and Italian. Despite the specific emphasis in its name, Maggie Walker offers a broad curriculum, with many students aspiring to higher education in the arts and sciences.

A self-described “home boy” from eastern Henrico County, Hunt entered Richmond on an athletic scholarship in 1961 and played guard on the basketball team. After graduating with a degree in mathematics, he returned to teach at his alma mater, Highland Springs High School, where he also coached basketball, track and cross-country. He later served as principal for six years. He earned a master’s degree in education administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1978.

“I quickly learned that I enjoyed the teaching more than I did coaching,” he says.

Hunt later served for 11 years as principal of Hermitage High School and worked as Henrico County’s director of technical and continuing education before his retirement in 2000. During that two-year interlude, he returned to the classroom, teaching math at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

“I didn’t pursue the Maggie Walker opportunity, but I am certainly glad that it came to me,” he says.

Hunt praises the University for its “controlled growth.” He has seen many changes since his undergraduate days, such as the evolution of coeducation on campus.

“In the 1960s, we had Richmond College for the men and Westhampton for the ladies, and you tried not to take a course over there (at Westhampton) if you could help it because the women were much more serious about their studies than we were.”

One thing that hasn’t changed is Hunt’s love for his alma mater.

“It was a wonderful five years,” he says.

—Betty M. van Iersel
Making an impact

Impact Austin, an upstart philanthropic organization in Texas, expects to give away $1.5 million in its first five years. It already has given founder Rebecca Powers, B ’76, a keener sense of purpose. The organization is a growing group of women engaged in what they call “high-impact philanthropy.”

“The premise is so simple,” Powers says. “Find 100 women who are willing to contribute $1,000. Pool all of the donations and give it all away.” The organization grants $100,000 or more to local charities that members select by majority vote.

Powers read about a similar organization in Cincinnati while flying home from visiting her brother, Peter, for what would be the last time.

“He was dying of cancer, and I was angry,” she says. “When I read the article, it just stayed with me. I kept thinking, ‘Maybe I could do something like that in my city, and it would make me feel better.’ I could focus my energy on something positive instead of wallowing in my sadness.”

She and four friends formed a board of directors and spent the next seven months promoting the idea, often at gatherings in members’ homes. They recruited 126 donors and made their first grant—$126,000—to an organization that assists homeless children. The money changed hands on June 12, 2004, which would have been Peter’s 51st birthday.

In 2005, they funded case workers to assist 100 at-risk high school boys, and they created 1,000 voicemail boxes to help clients of a mental health and mental retardation center stay in touch with family, physicians and potential employers. These voicemail boxes also assisted Hurricane Katrina victims who were evacuated to the Austin area. The organization expects its membership to grow to 500 by 2007, enabling one grant per year in each of their focus areas: culture, education, health and wellness, environment and families.

Powers, who worked 14 years in sales for IBM, has used her education and her business experience to help get Impact Austin started. As an undergraduate at Richmond, Powers planned to major in biology until she took an economics course taught by Dr. N. Fayne Edwards.

“I inhaled every concept he taught and loved every minute of that class,” she says. Dr. Robert W. Phillips was another professor who provided inspiration. “The personal touch of all the professors at the B-School really made my learning experience rich.”

Powers volunteers 60 hours a week as Impact Austin’s president. She also donates time to an eye clinic for the homeless she learned about during the organization’s first grant-selection process. Woman’s Day honored her with a “Dare to Dream” article in June 2005, and the Ballet Austin Guild called her a “Woman on Her Toes.”

Powers recently helped Impact Austin form a new program involving high school girls who pool donations of $100. She also is organizing the first “best practices” conference for similar organizations, mentoring groups in Indiana and Kentucky, as they explore the possibility of starting chapters, and encouraging her college roommate to start one in Richmond.

Her work is a fitting tribute to a brother who was there for those who needed a hand.

“Peter was always for the underdog,” she says fondly. “It would please him tremendously to know that those who didn’t have as much were getting support.”

—Kristin Stemhagen
Annette Masters Scheel, W'58, spent five weeks in China teaching English in Xian and Xining.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner and Charlie curated the alumni Club Day Luncheon for Gloucester-Matthews County and raised money for the Gloucester American Red Cross. Jean Hurdins Frederick and Louis Arnold Frederick, R'56, and Nancy Prickett Yarbrough attended this luncheon. They also held a pig roast to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The Woerners took a Caribbean cruise and made trips to Northern California, Oregon, the Czech Republic and Paris (including a barge trip through Alsace-Lorraine). They also spent two weeks in Hilton Head, S.C.

Our sympathy goes to Nancy Goodwyn Hill and Jack on the death of his brother, Dick, in Hampton, Va. While in Hampton, they saw Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains. Nancy and Jack's son, Bruce, has been recalled to the military and is presently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Annette Masters Scheel and Gene spent five weeks in China teaching English in Xian and Xining, followed by a week in Beijing. They have been doing this for three years and find it to be fantastic.

Carolyn Quinn Brooks and Andrew D. Brooks Jr., R, had a nice trip to North Carolina in the spring. Carolyn arranges flowers every two weeks for her church and other groups. Her husband raises Casa Blanco and Rubrum llies.

Shirley Hill Bishop also enjoys flower arrangement. She hears from Lola Hall McBride and Sarah Ashburn Holder frequently.

Barbara Wilson Crompton has moved to Merritt Island, Fla. She loves Merritt Island, Courtenay Springs Village, her apartment and especially the food that she does not have to cook. It was a big change for her, but she is glad she made the move. She visits her children in Florida frequently but is always glad to return to "paradise."

I had a delightful lunch with Nancy Nelson Tweed at the Grace Church Tea Room during Sottoo. Nancy had double knee replacements in July and is recuperating nicely.

Thanks to all of you who sent in news. I hope to hear from more of you in the near future.

1959

From the Westminster Class Secretary

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Reunion Weekend March 31-April 2, 2006
For class years ending in 1 and 6

If you have questions or would like to help with your class reunion, please call the Alumni Relations Office at (804) 289-8030 or send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or visit www.richmond.edu/alumni.
I regret to report that Mary Marguerite Dorsay Fussell died in April 2005.

Anta Knipling Scott and husband are also to see their four grandchildren almost daily because they live only six minutes away. Anta is on the board of four organizations and performs with The Diamonds, a tap dancing group. Anta visited Gary Moore Coleman, who has ovarian cancer. She is in a nursing home and probably will go into hospice. Gary’s husband is in an Alzheimer’s care facility.

Joan Wyndham, W and G70, was diagnosed with colon cancer last year and had her colon removed. She enjoys her granddaughter and four grandsons.

Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum and Ellis M. Dunkum, R and GB’69, vacations in Michigan and Wisconsin. Elizabeth wrote that Galiea A. Aylor asked for prayers as she continues her four-year battle with cancer and lymphedema of both legs, so severe she cannot walk. She also suffers from peripher- al neuropathy of both hands and legs.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Goldman Solomon still enjoys memories of her son’s outdoor candlelight wedding. Andrew lives in Atlanta and recently received an award for outstanding client service. Daughter Loein received a creative design award from Emory University. Elizabeth continues with her tutorial service.

Ruth Adsins Hill, G85, and her husband, Bob, enjoyed a trip to London. Their son, Bobby, was married last spring.

Bonnie Lewis Haynie and Robert Gerald “Jerry” Haynie, B, traveled to Greece.

Nancy Taylor Rowe and husband visited Hawaii. Jimmie fell on a rock while walking and broke his shoulder in five places. He recuperated with Nancy as his nurse, cook, chauffeur and secretary. He is now back practicing law and going to therapy.

Judith Otton Mueller, W’61, traveled to Vietnam with the U.S. assistant secretary of state as an international consultant on women’s issues.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and Bill took their motor home in the fall on a journey from North Dakota through Manitoba to Thompson, where they took an overnight train to Churchill (Manitoba) on the Hudson Bay. They spent several days on the tundra observing polar bears. They have four grandchildren in college and one in high school.


In July Eileen Cordell Harris, her husband and their daughter family’s annual Bible school in Shippenburg, Pa. In August their whole family was together in Carlisle for the 28th annual Virginia Lake Festival and Eileen’s 68th birthday.

Barbara Dulin Polis and Charles T. “Charlie” Polis Jr., R, took a family vacation in June. At 12 they had a grand time at Disney Cruises. Barbara’s over-60 tennis team won the district and went on to the finals in Daytona.

Peggy Dulin Crews is the proud owner of a Britany spaniel.

Annette Ellis Osborn’s family of four children, spouses and six grandchildren gathered for a week at Ocean Isle, N.C., a tradition started 15 years ago by her mother. In July Annette spent 3.0 days in the Chesapeake Bay area and the Boston area visiting her sister.

Richmond alumnae held a mini-reunion at Elizabeth Rams Dunkum’s home. Beverly Brown Peace was in town and joined us. We enjoyed phone calls from Barbara Dulin Polis and Peggy Dulin Crews.

Eleanor Dickson Campbell’s granddaughter spent a week with her. Eleanor, her daughter and granddaughter attended midnight Harry Potter parties, buying two books and a magic wand. Eleanor, her three daughters and five grandchildren enjoyed a day shopping at a Williamsburg outlet mall.

Sylvia “Silby” Haddock Young and Paige Allain Young announced the arrival of a new grandson, born June 6. Their son, Allan Young, ’93, is a major in the Army and should return this month from the Middle East. They are enjoying their summer place now that hurricane damage has been repaired.

In May, Jacqueline “Jackie” Connell Atkinson and Charles enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise.

Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum reported that by the end of July our Class of ’59 Scholarship Fund held total gifts and pledges of $18,178 from 33 classmates. We are looking for 100 percent participation as we work toward our 50th reunion goal.

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Judith Otton Mueller, W, was invited by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Patricia S. Harrison to accompany her and the U.S. Ambassador to Prague to President Vaclav Havel. Judy’s role was that of international consultant on women’s issues. She serves on the board of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and has extensive experience in women’s issues in developing nations such as Uzbekistan, Morocco, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the Philippines. This was her first time in Southeast Asia.

William J. Pellagro, R, teaches world history at East Brunswick High School in New Jersey, where he has coached boys’ tennis for 41 years. He also has coached the school’s swimming and football teams. Currently he is a coach for the Princeton University lightweight football team.

1962

David G. Boynton Sr., R, is looking forward to retiring in March after 43 years in management and sales for a paper distribution company. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

S. Lee Richardson, B, serves as chairperson of the Town Center Village Board in Columbus, Md. He is immediate past president and a current executive corporative member of the National College of the University System Faculty, representing faculty from 13 universi-

ties in Maryland.

1963

Stephen B. Miller, B, has three daughters and a 2-year-old granddaughter. He lives in Rockville, Md.

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Congratulations to Ann Hurst Wilson’s daughter, Jane, who earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Virginia Tech. She is practicing at Quococian Veterinary Hospital in Richmond, where she specializes in the care of small animals.

Elizabeth “Beth” Holland Maxwell vacationed with her husband, their three children and their families at Sunset Beach. The Maxwells later went with the North Carolina Bar Association on a cruise of the Danube River.

Cecelia Ann Stiff Mahan and O. Leiland Mahan, L64, vaccinated in May in Florida with their son, Stan, and his wife. In June, Cecelia and Leiland attended the Virginia State Bar Conference in Virginia Beach.

M.L. Grayson Hoy has retired from 33 years of teaching at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College. She lives at Westover Canterbury in Richmond.

Lois Rita Helmbold, W’67, chairs the women’s studies department at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kay Koontz Gillette, who died on Jan. 15, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Gillette, L65, and their son, Greg, as well as daughters Jan Gillette and Jennifer G. Miller, the mother of Kay’s two grandchildren, Kate and Harrison.

1964

Elizabeth Morris Meadow, W, retired from Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, N.C., after serving as interim chair for the language and communication department. She and her husband, Dave, visited her brother in Australia last fall. They also spent time in Richmond, visiting their daughter, Sara, her husband, Scott, and their grandchildren, Dalton, 3, and Price, 1.

1967

Lois Rita Helmbold, W, chairs the women’s studies department at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. She was featured in an article, “Women’s Studies in Sin City: Reactionary Politics and Feminist Possibilities,” which was published in the summer 2005 issue of the National Women’s Studies Association Journal. In June Lois attended a luncheon at the Berkeley Conference of Women Historians, where she was delighted to discover that she was seated next to her Westover Canterbury mentor, Nancy Grayson, whom she had not seen since 1970.

Gene C. Wilkinson, R, is program manager for Ochotaw Management Services Enterprise, providing services to Air Force families stationed in Europe. He retired from active duty in the Army in 1993 and has lived in Germany since 1999.

1968

Reginald N. Jones, R and L68, was re-elected to the board of the Robbins Foundation and was honored by the Jamesview-Yorktown Foundation for serving as president of its fundraising affiliate. He continues to serve on the boards of both organizations and the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee. In July he was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia Early Childhood Learning Council.

Ellen B. Shuler, W, has joined the advisory board of the Salvation Army Richmond Area Command.

1969

Benjamin F. Sheftall, R, and his wife, Kay, split their time between homes in Charleston, S.C., and Abington, Va. They have two daughters. Kathy lives in Charlotteville, Va., and Becky resides in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Katherine Shapiro Wootton, W, and her husband, Bill, are retired and live in Tucson, Ariz. Their oldest daughter, Amy, was married to Richard Batson in 2004, and their youngest daughter, Lisa, is a medical social worker in Tucson.

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Raymond Edward Dameron, C, and his wife, Elizabeth, are now officially “empty nesters.” Their oldest son, Chris, is a project manager at Capital One and is married with one son, Older daughter Becky is married and teaches math in Prince William County. William Edward Dameron, ’02, is entering the Medical College of Virginia, and Amy is married and works as director of women’s basketball at the University. Ray has been with Virginia Asset Management as a financial advisor for four years.

Joseph Eugene Talley, R, has been promoted to clinical professor of medical psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center. He is also an accreditation site visitor for the American Psychological Association.

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Joseph Eugene Talley, R’71, has been promoted to clinical professor of medical psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center.

January Thornton Rust and her husband, Steve, live in Annandale, Va., where she continues to teach elementary art in Fairfax County. They look forward to Italian this summer, and Janet was in art heaven! Recently she and Steve visited with Mary Elizabeth “Meg” Gillman King and her husband, Mike, in Granada, Va., which is on the Eastern Shore. Janet said that they are doing an amazing job raising their large family. Janet and Steve have two children. Mike is living in Boston while finishing his studies in physics, and Bucky is a student at Radford University.

Carole “Terri” Bailey McKenzie continues to practice law in Virginia Beach but is taking more time off to travel. Terri visited the Outer Banks in August, Florida in September, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in November and Brazil in December. A trip to the Homestead is planned for January, and a cruise is planned for February.

Sharon Rose Gulliksen earned a master’s degree in English from Duke University after she graduated from Westminster College. Sharon now lives in Richmond, where she is a certified senior paralegal at McGuireWoods LLP and she has a daughter, Frances, who is 29. Sharon sometimes sees Sara Bridges Metz. Last year she spent some time on Long Island, N.Y., during her vacation.

Kathy Neal White is now the lead teacher in social studies for her school district and director of the gifted program at the high school in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Her husband, Bill, and his business partners have renovated an old post office into office space for their law firm, Kathy and Bill have three sons: Brian, a lawyer; Neil, a second-year MBA student at Kellogg; and Matt, a second-year medical student at Wake Forest University.

Davie E. Adams has moved from her hometown of Rochester, N.Y., to Harlemville, Pa., which is between Altoona and Philadelphia. She works with computer communications in the home office of a regional insurance company. Davie will soon start looking for a house so that she will have more storage space and room for her cats (all of them would love a screened-in porch). She is planning a short trip to Ireland in March 2006.

Beverly Miner Letters lives in Brooklyn and continues to work for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York City. She has a daughter, Wanda, who is nine years old. They had an enjoyable vacation last year at their summer home, which is located outside of the city.

Mary Elizabeth “Bet” Harrell Neale and her husband, Mark Neale Jr., R’70, still live in West Point, Va., a peninsula located between Richmond and Williamsburg. She continues to work in Richmond as a lobbyist for middle and high school principals at the Virginia General Assembly. They have two daughters, Nancy, who married two years ago, and Cheryl, who recently received a master’s degree in child and family development from the University of Georgia. Bet sometimes sees Cheryl Clarkson Jenkins and Cheryl Carlisle Woods.

1972

Jonathan M. Aggar, R and L’76, was reappointed by the General Assembly to a second eight-year term as a Circuit Court judge for the 23rd Judicial Circuit. He resides mainly in Roanoke.

As president of Procter & Gamble’s global feminine care division, Melanie P. Healey is determined to destigmatize the menstrual cycle.

“There’s so much taboo about feminine care products globally,” says Healey, B’83. “Many women have negative attitudes about their bodies and getting their period. It’s a starting point for their teen years — how women perceive themselves. It can be positive or negative. We need to get the period out of the closet. We need to have this category be as positive a step toward womanhood as shaving is toward manhood.”

Healey’s desire to raise women’s self-esteem is one reason she helped found the Women’s Initiative of the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. She also volunteers at the University, where she is a member of the National Advisory Council for the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the newly formed Richmond Council. (See story on page 7.)

When she first arrived on campus from Brazil, Healey thought she would study accounting, but she quickly changed her plans.

“I enjoyed math. It was very easy for me. Then I took one or two accounting courses and absolutely hated it,” she explains. “It was far too methodical. I needed something more mind opening.”

Enter Dr. Thomas D. Giese, professor of marketing. “He was a super professor,” she says. “He got me curious about marketing.”

When Healey was growing up, Brazil was a military dictatorship, so marketing there was undeveloped. “I remember walking into a supermarket in the U.S. It was fascinating,” she recalls. “There were so many products and brands, so many choices.”

Healey and Giese had long conversations about marketing supermarket products and understanding the buying habits of consumers. “That’s what ended up defining what I wanted to do later in life,” she says.

Richmond’s “homey nature” helped her adjust quickly to American culture, but she still remembers being astonished by a variety of new experiences.

“I had never heard of cruise control,” Healey says. “There are so many things we all take for granted, so many things about life in the States when you come in as a foreigner that are new. You don’t understand it because you haven’t seen it. It taught me to never take anything for granted and to explain things to folks as if they have never seen them before.”

Healey taught her Richmond classmates a lot about Brazil. “They asked what it was like to live in Brazil. Did we have electricity, for example,” she recalls. “It made me realize how little we know about the rest of the world. When I meet a friend from another country that I don’t know, I spend some time learning about the country and what’s important to that person.”

After graduating, she returned to Brazil to work as an assistant brand manager for S.C. Johnson & Sons. She later moved to Johnson & Johnson’s consumer division in Brazil and then to Procter & Gamble in 1990, when it opened an office in Brazil. Today she works at P&G’s corporate headquarters in Cincinnati.

“Richmond gave me a great education,” Healey says. “It played a huge role in my life by enabling me to learn to become independent. It helped me to fit into American society.”
Their oldest son, Taylor, plans to be married in December 2005.

Kathryn “Kathy” McDorman Goyne is a grandmother again. Her son, Richard, and his wife had a baby boy, Evan Jackson Goyne, in April. This makes a total of three grandchildren for Kathy and her husband, Dick. Her other daughter, Sarah, has two children, Tristan, 5, and Charlotte, 4.

Faye Patterson Green and husband Chuck came to Richmond last spring to meet Donna Abbott Livesay and husband Leon Woodward Livesay, B’T, and Libby Lynch Hesselt and husband Ray Kenneth Hesselt, B’T2, for dinner and catching up. They live in Farmville, Va., where Chuck is a dentist and Faye is in her 20th year in guidance.

Rachel Pierce Newwell enjoyed a Bermuda cruise with her two girls in August. Margaret Price, 26, is pursuing a Ph.D. in education policy at Georgetown University. She became engagi ed in the spring and plans a 2006 wedding. Many Darden Price teaches 5th grade in Loudoun County, Va. Rachel took a trip to New Mexico during the spring and spent time with her three grandchildren. She continues to teach three days a week, and she runs a three-week art camp, Summer in the Arts, for 500 students in grades six through 12. The camp offers 70 classes in dance, music, art, language, computer graphics, video production and culinary arts.

Elizabeth S. Reynolds earned a paralegal certificate at James Madison University in America in August. Previously, she was a copy editor for scholarly books and professional journals. One of her daughters began law school last August at Texas Tech University. The other daughter is getting married in the spring and lives in Newport, R.I. Elizabeth lives in Takoma Park, Md., a suburb of Washington.

Sallie Stone Cook’s daughter, Elizabeth M. Cook, ’03, was married in July to Andrew Christian Miller, ’03.

John Paul Carman, R’T5, has been elected as a fellow to the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Diane Tarkington Bleih’s big news is that her daughter, Carrie, and her husband, Steve, had a baby girl in June. Her name is Ana Susan. What a great tribute to Susan Tarkington Thomas. They are the number two for Diane. She also has a grandson, Lee, who is 2. Diane’s son, Andrew, was in the Persian Gulf for six months, where he is a lieutenant commander. He has trained Iraqi sailors on their Chinese-made patrol boats. According to Andrew, he has never met friendlier people, and they are so glad the Americans, British and Australians there helping them. He returned home in September.

Judith Thompkins Davis’ daughter, Susan Brown, was married in June to Matt Drerup. The Drerups live in Christiansburg, Va. Judith’s son, Joshua Brown, came from Colorado for the wedding.

Harriette Turner Evans’ son, Jonathan, is engaged to be married.

Annie Tootelian Norris is in her fourth year with Christopher Newport as a librarian at Community High School, an alternative school. Annie’s oldest daughter, Kara Elizabeth Norris, ’02, is in graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her youngest daughter, Katherine, started college in the fall at James Madison University. Last summer, her husband, Robert Murphy Norris III, B’T4, and Katherine went to Armenia for 12 days with their priest and other people from the church. As a granddaughter of three survivors of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-23, the trip was very emotional for Anna, but it was also very uplifting because she could witness an independent Christian Armenia.

Rozanne Dean Oliver and husband Bob traveled to the United Kingdom last spring—part business, part vacation. Last summer they visited her roommate, Sharon Custer Boggess, and husband Preston in Floyd County, Shenandoah. Sharon didn’t graduate with us but was at the University until mid-summer. Rozanne was in Richmond recently to visit her parents and attend River Road Church and reconnect with Vivian Stephenson Clinepeel and her husband, Michael James Clinepeel, R’T3, the pastor at River Road.

Late August was the annual Westhampton Class of ‘72焕发聚会 with Rachel Prillaman Newell. This year: Judy Johnson Mawyer, Vivian Stephenson Clinepeel and I had a great time visiting with Rachel, her parents and each other.

1973

Robert K. Blake, G13, is fund development chairman for Children’s Health Initiative Involving Parents (CHIP) of Greater Richmond.

Walter E. Prillaman, B. and Patricia Mason Prillaman, W’T2, live in Midlothia, Va., where Walt has been a national account manager for Rohm and Haas Co. for 39 years. Their oldest son, 1st Lt. Thomas Brett Prillaman, has returned from serving in Iraq.

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Thanks to all of you who responded to my e-mail plea for news.

Barbara “Barb” Lynn Baker lives in Richmond, where she juggles six part-time assignments. She manages two professional associations as well as the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. She is also a consultant to the symphony conductor and works with a psychology professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, helping him manage his educational grant and set up training on his model for treating chronic depression in adults. Add that to her work for psychological consultants as an observer in their assessment centers. Barb and her sister, Carol Gail Baker, took a summer cruise to Alaska and were planning a trip to tour the Las Vegas, Bryce and Zion areas with John Whitfield Hall, R., and his wife, Giselle.

Nancy Bass Zill and her husband, Ken, moved to a new home on the golf course at Ford’s Colony in Williamsburg. She says she has plenty of room and would love to have visitors.

Agnes Mobley Wyne and her daughter, Laurel Cadmus Fuller, ’05, traveled to Austin in June, where they both completed the Innsbruck Festival Choruses. They went on to Grundens, where Agnes had a solo chamber music concert with German, Austrian and American musicians. “It was a super experience!” Agnes says. Laurel is now working on her writing portfolio so she can apply for a “real” writer’s job with a newspaper or magazine. Gint attends Old Dominion University and plans to major in oceanography. Stephon Billy and his wife, Christy, are busy with Washington politics. Agnes and Dave had a summer visit in Florida with Dave Jr., his wife, Amanda, and their daughter, Natalie. Agnes says her parents and each other.

From Germany, Jeannette ‘Jean’ McNeish Verb wrote that she and Jon traveled to Seattle for Jerome’s graduation from Seattle University. He had a double major in philosophy and psychology and is now at Boston College with a fellowship in the Ph.D. program in philosophy. On the way back to Germany, the family stopped in Ohio for Jon’s mother’s 80th birthday. Before heading to school, Jerome accompanied his mom as she escorted a tour to South Africa. Jeanne’s older son, Joseph, is halfway through his training for an airline pilot’s license. Jeanne had a busy fall escorting tour groups to Russia, India and Egypt.

Carol Bouchard Johnson and Phillip C. Johnson, B’T2, have moved to a new home in Suffolk, Va., on the Nansemond River. Carol received a master’s degree in education from Old Dominion University over the summer, and she continues to take classes to keep up with the guidance counselor requirements for the state so that she may take over...
the K-4 guidance position at her school. Her daughter, Jenny, was married in the fall. Her son, Taylor, will graduate from Mary Washington in December. He has already received his EMIT license and swift-water rescue training.

There was a fall wedding in the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Rodman Harris and Scott. Son Scotty started his third year of law school at Wake Forest University and was married in November. Son John is working as production manager for the show Modern Marvels. The whole family was able to be together at their vacation home in Maine for the Fourth of July.

Judith "Judy" Roberts Willis and Craig have bought property near Gate City, Va., where they plan to build a vacation retreat. Son Stephen graduated from high school and is attending the University of Georgia. Judy and Craig had dinner with Jane Woodward Meyer and her husband in the spring when the Meyers were in Atlanta for a convention.

Linda Wilkins Muirhead and family have had a busy summer in Colorado with camping, hiking, kayaking and tennis. On the way off the tennis courts, she saw a man wearing a L'RF sweatshirt. It was Richard Harris, Seward III, B'65, who was visiting from Las Vegas with his wife, Kathy. "Who knows how many more alums I would meet if I had a LRF sweatshirt?" she says.

Caroline Hudgins, the daughter of Donna Kegley Hudgins and Carter L. Hudgins, R'72, has transferred to the University, where she is a sophomore. Son Carter is engaged to be married next spring in Charleston, S.C. Son Cary works as a financial analyst for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. Donna traveled to Ghana last summer as part of a church delegation that carried 350 pounds of books to set up a children's library in a Presbyterian church. Her work for Oppenheim Archaeology on the island of Njéus.

This summer, I had a wonderful visit with Gayle Goodson Butler and Scott in Des Moines, Iowa. It was my first visit there, and the Butlers showed me everything. I do think that our greatest pleasure came on the afternoons we spent floating in the pool and yaking. Gayle's daughter, Sarah, is living in Dallas, and Ellen is a freshman at Vassar.

Sam and I have thoroughly enjoyed having our granddaughter, Hannah, living in Richmond (oh, and her parents, too). It is so much fun spoiling the next generation!

1975
John Paul Carman, R., has been elected as a fellow to the American Society of Landscape Architects. He lives in Medford, N.J.

William C. Hall, B., has joined the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Richmond.

Walter FitzHugh Hylor III, R., lives in Jackson, Wyo. His daughter, Molly, is a student at Randolph-Macon.

G. Richard Jackson, R., is director of behavioral medicine services at Bon Secours Medical Center in Norfolk, Va. He lives in Williamsburg with his wife, Donna.

Bobbie Heilman Murphy, W., and her husband, Mike, live in Glen Allen, Va. She is a flight attendant with Trans States Airlines, flying for United Express and US Airways Express. Her oldest son, Mike, works for W.W. Granger, while her middle son, Christopher Banks Hudgins, '00, is public policy advisor for the National Prostate Cancer Coalition in Washington. Her youngest son, Matthew Bruce Hudgins, '03, is employed in the pro shop at Dominion Golf Course in Richmond and is working toward golf pro status. Bobbie has two granddaughters, Taylor, 7, and Lauren, 4.

1977
Nancy Williams Walker, W., and her husband, Robert, own a welding business in Hopewell, Va. Nancy also makes and repairs jewelry. Their daughter, Lauren, is a sophomore at the University.

1976
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Charles F."Chip" Kingery Jr., R., has been appointed director of international ministry for Joni and Friends, the disability ministry of Joni Earkson Tada. His wife, Jean, will continue as executive director for proVISION Asia, the ministry they founded nearly 20 years ago in Bangkok, India. When in the United States, Chip, Jean and their three teens live near Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Leo O."Buddy" Whitlow Jr., B., begins his 20th year with Virginia Assisi Management, which he helped establish in 1968. The company has offices in Richmond, Norfolk and South Hill, Va.

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Robert M. Lalumia, R'81, has been promoted to vice president of construction and facilities for Au Bon Pain Corp.

A. Peter DiCenso, B. and his wife, Lee Conaboy DiCenso, W., live in McLean, Va., with their two- year-old son, Jay. Peter is executive director of national sales and professional development for Openhouse & Co. Lee is active in the community and serves as treasurer for the McLean Project for the Arts.

Robert M. Lalumia, R. has been promoted to vice president of construction and facilities for Au Bon Pain Corp. He lives near Boston with his wife, Carol, and their son, John Paul.

1982
John F. Brady, R. is recorder of deeds for Sussex County, Del., and an associate at Brown, Shively, Beaugrand and Chasanov. He recently completed coursework at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for senior executives in state and local government.

John M. McCall II, B. and Debbie Yates were married on June 25, 2005. The couple lives in Richmond, Va.

Barry D. Redden, R. is vice president of APS Financial Corp. in Houston, Texas. He is also president of the Houston chapter of the NFL Retired Players Association.

1983
Michael W. Beagle, R., is director of athletics and head football coach at North Dakota State College of Science. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Wahpeton, N.D., with their daughter, Morgan Alexis, who is in the fourth grade.

Clifford "Ford" Wilson Brooks Jr., R. and his wife, Kathryn, had a daughter, Sarah, on May 12, 2000. They reside in Shippensburg, Pa., where he is associate professor of counseling education at Shippensburg University.

Philip S.T. Costin, R., is director of the Preparedness, Training and Exercises Division of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. He is responsible for developing state plans for preparedness, response and recovery to natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.

Jeffrey M. Laibstain, B. is owner of Virginia Furniture Co., which recently relocated to a larger space in downtown Norfolk. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Virginia Beach with their son, Blake, 10, and daughter, Raven, 8.

Theresa M. Romano, B. and George Silberzahn were married on April 16, 2005. Included in the wedding party was matron of honor Shelia Henry Napier, B. The couple lives in Laurel, Md.

James R. Sacca, R. and his wife, Carol, had a daughter, Catherine Karol, on April 2, 2005.
Immunization records from the Health Center are routinely destroyed 10 years after graduation. These records may be your most complete immunization history. If you would like a copy of your records, please fax (804) 287-6466 or mail your request to the Student Health Center. Be sure to include your full name (as it was when you attended Richmond), date of birth, graduation year, signature and date. We cannot accept e-mail or telephone requests. Please allow three to five business days for copying of records.

1984
John F. Dombrowski, R, is a physician and president of the Center for Pain Medicine in Washington. He recently appeared on the Today show to discuss new techniques in pain management, such as medical acupuncture. He and his wife, Jill, live in Washington with their daughter, Carolyn, 13, and son, Michael. 10. John serves on the board of directors for the American Society of Anesthesiologists and is president of the D.C. Society of Anesthesiologists.

J. Russell Fentress IV, R, was appointed by MADL North Carolina (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) to a one-year term as chapter leader for the Elizabeth City/Outer Banks area. He is managing partner for the law firm of Goos & Fentress, which has offices throughout the Hampton Roads area of Virginia and north-eastern North Carolina. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Mary Ellen, and their children, Anne, 7, Jack, 3, and Will, 1.

1986
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Michael A. Barrs, R, has lived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, since 2003. He is chair of the English Department at the Baldwin School of Puerto Rico. He was selected by the College Board as a reader for the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition exam. He read and evaluated more than 1,000 essays last summer.

William H. Parrash, R, and Beatrice Gruber were married on June 5, 2004. The couple lives in New York.

Bettie Diane Henry Parr, B, is treasurer of Richmond Congregated Inc. She and her husband, Donald, had a daughter, Taylor Cleveland, on June 21, 2005. They live in Hopewell, Va.

Daniel R. Volante, B, was promoted to senior manager at Goodman & Co. He lives in Richmond.

1987
John J. Caplice, GB, is a member of the board of directors of Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now).

Steven T. Fisher, B, is a financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management. He lives in Richmond with his wife, Lisa, and their son, Will, 1.

Caroline Stamford Hartson, W, and her husband, Jimmy, had a daughter, Victoria, on Nov. 30, 2004. She joins brother Christopher, 3, they live in Richmond.

John F. Dombrowski, R'84, is a physician and president of the Center for Pain Medicine. He recently appeared on NBC’s Today show to discuss new techniques in pain management.

1988
Lisa Jones Baldyga, B, and John James Baldyga Jr, B'89, had a son, Jason Wyatt, on July 24, 2005. John is senior account executive at Virginia Asset Management, and Lisa is assistant treasurer at Circuit City Stores. They live in Montpelier, Va.

Scott M. DeBergh, B, is president of a new golf tournament services business in Northern Virginia called Event Masters LLC.

Steven D. Silverman, R, is managing partner of the law firm of Silverman, Thompson & White. He was appointed to a four-year term by Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and confirmed by the state senate to one of three statewide attorney positions on the Commission on Judicial Disabilities.

Monica Riva Talley, B, received a Burton Award for excellence in legal writing at the Library of Congress. She is an attorney in the Washington office of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett and Dunner, LLP, the largest intellectual property law firm in the world.

1989
Marionose Coulson, W, is an associate with Boilin & Hamilton Inc. in Falls Church, Va. She recently presented strategic planning plans at the annual conference of the Federal Information Systems Security Educators Association (FISSEA).

Donna Hagon Hayes, B, is a project manager for Chase Home Finance. She and her husband, Brian, had a son, Brydon Wilhlm, on May 20, 2005. They live in Holmdel, N.J.

Brian Jordan, R, an outfitter for the Atlanta Braves, has signed a contract with Just Us Book Inc., an independent publisher of children’s books, to author a picture book titled I Told You I Can Play.

Michael P. McCready, R and L'92, and his wife, Denise, had a daughter, Emerson "Emmie" Judith, on July 21, 2005. They live in Chicago.

Preston B. "Chip" Rich, R, is a trauma surgeon at the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill. He traveled to the Gulf Coast in September as part of a team that set up a 100-bed field hospital to help people injured in Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

Jeff Walter, R, is director of health economics for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Richmond. He and his wife, Lesley, have a daughter, Rachel Corn, 1.

1990
Angie Darlington Carrano, B, and Richard "Ritt" Carrano, R'91, had a son, Nicholas Andrew, on Feb. 11, 2005. They are sister Sophia, 4.

Kristi Connors Garstang, W, is a stay-at-home mom with two sons, Ryan, 15, and Adam, 12. She and her husband, Donald, also have custody of her 8-year-old cousin, Rebecca, whose mother was injured in an accident. Kristi, who has been a survivor of Hodgkin’s lymphoma since 1993, raised more than $3,400 last year as part of Team in Training with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

John J. Weber, R, is East Coast regional manager for SunTrust Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of the world’s oceans, waves and beaches. He lives in Belmar, N.J.

Robert K. Wilson-Black, R and G'92, was named vice president for institutional advancement at Morehead College and Marian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa.

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Susan L. Brown, W, is an oceanographer at the University of Hawaii. She is also a paddler for the Waikiki Beachboys, a canoe club that was named the best small club in the Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a organization last year. She has been part of the club for nine years and is coach of the women’s novice B crew. In August the Beachboys competed in the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championship.
J. Spence Colleypipur and his wife, Sheila, had a daughter, Kendal Ronnie, on March 12, 2005. They live in Foster City, Calif.

Scott H. Engels and his wife, Melissa, had a son, Joshua Hunter, on Nov. 29, 2004. They live in Idaho, where she is a consultant with Zynap Group.

Jennifer Himes Gottesman and her husband, Chad, had a son, William Garrett, on Sept. 25. 2004. They live in Westchester, Pa.

Kristen Greenwood Hefert and her husband, Kevin J. Hebert, B.B.T., had a daughter, Barley Greenwood, on June 18, 2005. They live in Kentucky, where she is a technical/clinical instructor in the biology department of MIT.

Honour H. Pearson is employed by VeriSign Inc. in the Mobile Content Group. She lives in Redwood City, Calif., but travels to Germany frequently.

Elizabeth Gleason Seeber and her husband, Ted, had a daughter, Meredith Jane, on Feb. 7, 2005. She lives in Severna Park, Md. with her husband and son, Alexander.

Benjamin C. Quig and his wife, Andrea, had a daughter, Nicola, on Dec. 13, 2004. They live in Register, Iowa.

Regatta at Hanalei-o’oo Beach in Maui.

Ellen See Dickerson, W, received a master’s degree in the physician assistant program at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey.

Lori Poveromo Haight, W, and her husband, Will, had a daughter, Ryan Elizabeth, on Feb. 21, 2005. She joins sister Ben, 5. Lori is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration at North Carolina State University.

Suzanne M. Koch, W, and her husband, Andrew Fenseal, had a son, Samuel Alexander, on Sept. 12, 2004. He joins siblings Nick and Rebecca. They live in Newton, Mass.

Christopher H. Macrurk, R, has been elected secretary of the Hennico County Bar Association.

Trevor P. Myers, R, is president of Domnon Amestrotikais PLLC. He lives in Bethesda, Md.

Holly Price Prepastrick, W, and her husband, Eric, had a daughter, Miranda Joy, on Dec. 8, 2004.

Angela Bauer Snyder, W, and her husband, Jim, had a daughter, Abby Grace, on April 22, 2005. She joins sister Lindsey, 2. They live in New Haven, Conn.

Tracy Stefanka Tinnemeyer, W, and her husband, James, had a son, James Tinnemeyer III, on Sept. 4, 2004. She is a senior manager with Deloitte Tax LLP they live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kelly Freeman Warfel, W, and her husband, Brian, had a son, Connor Michael, on April 21, 2005. He joins sister Dylan, 2. They live in Westfield, Pa.

Mary Anne Rodemheiser, W, works for Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington in support of the Department of Homeland Security. She lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Douglas A. Sandler, Bl, and his wife, Elise, have three children: Collin, 7, Jack, 5, and Katie Grace, 3. They reside in Richmond.

Melanie Leftwich Stolkes, W, and her husband, Scott, had a son, Cody William, on Feb. 1, 2005. He joins Sydney Jean, 2. Melanie is a public information specialist for Henrico County Schools.

Tara Bunting Arnold and her husband, George, had a daughter, Ashley Rebecca, on Nov. 29, 2004. She joins sister Lauren Rebecca, 3. They live in State College, Pa.

Dayanna Rose Ciabattoni and Blase Ciabattoni, R, had a daughter, Zoe Rose, on July 6, 2005. She joins George, 7, Jack, 5, and Abby, 2. They live in Naples, Fla., where Blase is director of sales and marketing for Naples PrintSource and an ambassador for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Amy Kahler Godwin, Amy Tordman Lovett, Meredith Welton Sanderlin, L.O.K, and Katherine Becon Schneider, ’95, held their own reunion over a long weekend in Cape Cod, Mass., last summer. Goodwin is a physical therapist and clinical counselor of outpatient services at Sheltering Arms in Richmond. She and her husband, A.4, have a son, Calvin, 3. Lovett lives in Troy, N.Y., with her husband, Ken. She is editor of the Williams College alumni magazine. Meredith is an attorney with McGuireWoods in Richmond. Katie is a technical/clinical instructor in the biology department of MIT. She and her husband, Brian, live in Framingham, Mass.

Mark A. Lemieux and his wife, Robin, had a son, Maxwell Benson, on March 5, 2005. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

Gail Ferrai Marold and her husband, Charles, had a daughter, Allison Marie, on May 10, 2005. They live in Cary, N.C.

Brian J. Mueller is regional sales manager for Boston Scientific. He lives in Sartell with his wife, Jennifer, and children Jake, 4, Alexandra, 4, and Mason, 3.

Laura Steffick McNally and her husband, Thomas Richard McNally, ’93, had a daughter, Eleanor Jean, on May 17, 2005. She joins sister Anna, 3. They live in Richmond, where Tom works for Capital One and Laura is a stay-at-home mom.

Eric P. Oulson and his wife, Tina, had a son, Ryan Thomas, on May 11, 2005. He joins sister Ashley, 3. Eric is a major in the Army and serves as chief of the Managed Care Division of the Armed Forces Community Hospital at Fort Hood, Texas.

Tracy Brandner Roper and her husband, Marc Joseph Roper, ’95, had a daughter, Emerson Rose, on June 10, 2005. She joins Kailyn, 3. They live in Richmond.

Sharon A. Stout is a collection manager for American Express, National’s National Museum of American History. She lives in Falls Church, Va., with her husband, John W. Lee, ’95. He is a captain in the Army stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he is preparing for a one-year deployment to Iraq. When he is released from the Army, he will return to his job as an analyst at the Government Accountability Office.

David Thalacker and his wife, Rebecca, had a son, Marc Anthony Adam, on March 1, 2005. They live in Lexington, Ky.

Melissa S. Bowers and Rick Boreyn were married on June 4, 2005. The couple lives in Richmond, where they are renovating a home in the Fan District.

Jennifer O’Loughlin Britton has been promoted to senior manager at Goldman & Co. in Richmond.

Megan Beth Donnell is senior project administrator for MS, an ADP company. She lives in Rockland, Mass., with her children, Michael, 5, and Emerson, 2. She has launched an online support group in Spanish for families of children with Russell-Silver Syndrome.

Heather Holman Hay and her husband, Marcus, had a son, Joshua Barrett, on April 25, 2005. He joins brother CJ, 3. They live in Westbaden, Germany, and plan to relocate to Savannah, Ga., in the summer of 2006.

Katherine Bacon Schneider, ’95, is a technical instructor in the biology department of MIT.

Maria Maggipinto Kaplan and her husband, Eric, had a daughter, Ava Rose, on Nov. 24, 2005. They live in Woodland Hills, Calif. Maria published her first children’s book last fall.

Jason A. Kranzusch emceed a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss.

Elizabeth Midgley MacKenzie and her husband, Steve, had a son, Tyler Douglas, on Nov. 17, 2004. They live in Newark, Del., and often see Patricia “Trish” Flatley Lagrange and her family.

Catherine Devine Phillips and her husband, Matt, had a daughter, Josephine Anne, on Oct. 8, 2004. They live in Chalthim, N.J.

Joshua Schultz lives in Northampton, Mass., and is pursuing a doctorate in education with a concentration in literacy, language and culture. She is a National Board Certified teacher in middle childhood literacy. Last fall she had a reunion with Keith Patrick Zanni, David E. Miller, Peter B. Kennard and David C. Johnson, ’96. She also visited recently with Patrick Michael Tucker, ’96, who has moved to Washington to work as a reporter for the METRO.

Scott Murray Barrow and Amy Elizabeth Solin were married on May 22, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Robert Frederick Fuller and Patrick Bryan McKee. The couple now live in New York. During the past year Scott has worked at the New York Theatre Workshop, Arkansas Repertory, Hartford Stage and at the Grange Theatre Center with Kathleen E. Watsch, W, 84.

Brian Alan Blackburn is director of marketing and business development for eCOS.com Inc. He lives in Los Angeles.

Shelby Rhoads Brunner and her husband, Jason, had a daughter, Kelly Marie, on May 3, 2005. They live in Montgomery, Pa.

Kym Berman Carpentieri and her husband, Adam, had a daughter, Jordan Paige, on May 11, 2005. Kym is a physician at Family Healthcare of Central Valley and an assistant professor at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Christina Kaufman Gismondi and her husband, Ben, had a daughter, Jaci Ashlyn. She joins brothers, Belgium, 6, and Sydney, 3. Christina is a senior manager in Assurance and Advisory Business Services for Ernst & Young LLP in Philadelphia.

Julie DeAgazio Kinney and her husband, Michael, had a son, Cole Michael, on Sept. 8, 2004. They live in Boston.

Duriechee LeAnne Lynch has joined the board of directors of the St. James’s Children’s Center in Richmond.

Allison Foster Remley and her husband, Michael, had another daughter, Haley Luther, on Oct. 20, 2004. They live in Cary, N.C.

Carole Ann Zahumehy Rohan and her husband, William John Rohan, had twin sons, Jared Thomas and Brandon Michael, on April 29, 2005. Carole received a master’s degree in project management from Stevens Institute of Technology, and she is a marketing associate at BlackRock Realty. W, 84, is a senior manager with Deloitte in New York. They live in Scotch Plains, N.J.

Sean W. Ryan has joined the advisory board of the Salvation Army Richmond Area Command.

Jonathan David Sacks lives in Jackson Heights, N.Y., and works out of the 40th Judicial Circuit at the State Attorney’s Office in Nassau County.

Hal Jackson Vincent and his wife, Sarah Cole Turner Vincent, live in Tampa, Fla., where he is vice president, assistant director, at Farisgen Benito Advertising.

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Kevin Larson Baron and his wife, Dawn, had a son, Frederick Larson, on April 3, 2005. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Nicole M. Berkebile lives in Atlanta, where she coordinates clinical drug trials for a psychiatrist. She spends her spare time improving her home in Decatur, Ga., volunteering for Hands of Atlanta, playing tennis and traveling internationally.

Rebecca Masiea Bolton and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Annika Helene, on July 6, 2005. She joins brother Trent, 2. They live in Sandy Hook, Conn.

Heather Kister Crone and her husband, Brady, had a daughter, Sophe Catherine, on June 9, 2005. They live in Richmond, where Heather is an English teacher for Richmond Public Schools.

Amy Lynn Harman, ’97 and L00, has joined the Norfolk, Va., office of Kaufman & Canoves PC as an associate attorney. She practices in the areas of real estate development and financing, as well as lender representation.

Sarah Arnold Jessler earned a master’s degree in foreign language education from the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed by the Austin Independent School District as an ESL instructor in middle school.

Rita Susanna Kovach lives in Doha, Qatar, with her husband, Zoltan, and son, Erik. She is budget director with the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service branch campus in Education City.

David Alexander Ralston, ’97, was selected as a “Super CPA” in the “Young CPA” category by Virginia Business magazine.

Erik Michelle Mancuse and Michael Warren Smith were married on July 16, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Alissa Mancuso Poole, ’94, and Randi Lynn Spooner, ’97. The couple lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Terri Renee Meadows and Thomas Helland were married on May 30, 2005. Included in the wedding party was matron of honor April Maloshnie-Abril. The couple lives in Enisco, Calif.

Kelly Ann Nagle Pace and her husband, Chris, had a daughter, Maggie Rose, on June 22, 2005. They live in Richmond.

David Alexander Ralston was elected to the board of directors of the co-educational international business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi and to the board of the Richmond Volleyball Club. He is an accountant and was selected as a “Super CPA” in the Young CPA category by Virginia Business magazine.

Janice Theresa Reichl earned an M.B.A. from George Mason University and is now pursuing a master’s degree in exercise science at George Washington University. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Jason Todd Shull was promoted to database administrator at PCA Management Resources Inc. after completing the Oracle certified professional designation for database administrators.

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Anna Elise Allison received a master’s degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is now pursuing a master’s degree in public history at North Carolina State University.

Jessica Anderson Barnes received a master’s degree in public policy from George Mason University and works at the Department of Homeland Security in the Office of Inspector General. She and her husband, Amne, live in Bowie, Md.

Mia Carr Hoffman and Vincent Anthony Rycadal were married on June 25, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Kathryn Webb Heidt and Erica Leigh Gordon. The couple resides in Plishsburgh.

Shelby S. Holman, B. and her husband, Travis, had a son, Daniel Bruce, on July 9, 2004. She is a corporate accountant for Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Services. They live in Richmond.

Christine Coleman Kirk and her husband, Dave, had a daughter, Elizabeth Browning, on May 26, 2005. They live in Boston, where she and her husband are both dentists.

C. Robin Fleet Lambert, G’99, and Dennis McKinley “Buck” Lambert had a son, Peyton Bright, on May 15, 2005. He joins brother Pierce, 2. They live in Harrisville, Md.

Crystal Dawn LaVoie Lang and her husband, Wallace, had a daughter, Heady, on May 23, 2004. They live in Ashland, Va.

Erica Motley Morrison and her husband, Shawn Brian Morrison, had a son, Manning Nathanael, on June 4, 2005. They live in Durham, N.C.

Allison Jones Speras and her husband, Martin, had a daughter, Adeline Kaye, on June 24, 2005. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Darcy Williamson, GB, is a director in Corporate Treasury at Capital One. He lives in Falls Church, Va.

Amanda Fiorette Wong raised over $630,000 with the New York City chapter of Team in Training for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She completed her first Olympic-distance triathlon, the Ford NYC Triathlon, with her team last summer and is now training for her second NYC marathon.

Katherine Sayerl Wright and her husband, Greg, had a daughter, Amelia Elizabeth, on April 11, 2005. She joins brother Grayson, 2. They live in Richmond.

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Suzanne Marie Conning lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz., where she works for Anteon Corp. as an unmanned aerial vehicle instructor for the Army. She is pursuing a master’s degree in aeronautical science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Holly Lynn Fewkes, B., earned a master’s degree in physical education, with a concentration in coaching and sports administration, from Montclair State University. She lives in Metuchen, N.J.

Waylon Graydows and Sara C. Ayre were married on May 21, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Eakin Lovitt, Scott August McLaughlin, Robert “Sandy” Alexander Whitesides Jr., G00 and G03, and Kristin Addins Whitesides, 02. Mr. received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School last year and is director of music at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Jokhn Whitson Hicks is a CPA and a senior manager at Olifon Guntern. She lives in Richmond.

During homecoming, classmates of John Jorgensen, ’99, joined family, friends and University staff to dedicate a bench in honor of his memory.

Lisa Marie Sommermeyer, ’00 and L03, has completed a fellowship with the 7th Judicial Circuit of Virginia and practices law at Stockhouse, Neisen & Turlett LLC in Norfolk, Va.

Nicholas Charles Waugh and his wife, Lauren Weschler Waugh, ’01, have moved back to the United States from Hong Kong. They are both M.B.A. students at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Jennifer Coleman Willis and her husband, Tyler, had a daughter, Mary Virginia, on April 14, 2005. They live in Roanoke, Va.

Allison Dolan Winson and her husband, Robert L. Winson, had a son, Clayton Robert, on April 9, 2005. Robert is a third-year student at the Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Allison is an associate director with Ann Corps. They live in Chicago.

Victoria Eiteljorg Wunsch is pursuing a master’s degree in cinema studies at New York University.

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Amy Leigh Ochowsicz is a product analyst for Mexico Marketing. She lives in New York City with Frances “Frannie” I. Hararin, ’01.

Justin Kyle Lindquist received a medical degree from Ross University and is a resident in internal medicine at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Haven Scott Pope was promoted to manager of Assurance & Advisory Services at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Richmond. He earned an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia.

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Reunion Reminder March 31-April 2

Send email to alumni@richmond.edu if you would like to help plan your reunion.

Scott Andrew Bennett is a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Ukraine. He works in the city of Donetsk, where he teaches business, economics and American culture at a local high school.

Keyna Renee Ham is program director for Dance Dimensions, a dance group for ages 3–16 in Capitol Heights, Md.

Richard “Rick” Lee Houston and Brett A. Morgan are employed in the dealer management training program at Kuhn Honda-Volkswagen in Tampa, Fla.

Jaclyn Anne Morris and Samuel Evan Howie, ’98, were married on July 5, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Lisa Anne Gable, Lauren Harley Mansden and Sara Stone, ’03, as well as Erik John VanSchaffelen, ’98, Christopher Meo Harris, ’98, Timothy J. Bloom, ’98, Thomas Edmon Luke, ’98, and Jen Alexander Fowler, ’00. Jaclyn is a kindergarten teacher in Orange County, Calif., and is pursuing a master’s degree in educational administration. She recently wrote The Kindergarten Readiness Guide. Samuel is a combat helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps and is based at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is preparing for his third tour in Iraq.

Carrie Lee Pogany Masini and her husband, Brendan, had a son, Brendan Daniel Masini Jr., on June 4, 2005. They reside in Schertz, Texas.

Merideth McGuire and Tyler Marshall, both are married on June 18, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Catherine Mary Scott, F. Douglas Cobb III and Matthew Owen Page.

Heather Grace Shortlidge completed the Breast Cancer 3-Day in Dallas, a 60-mile, three-day walk to raise money for breast cancer research and prevention. She raised $5,000 of the event’s $4.1 million total.

Kris A. VanWagener received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is completing an internship program at Wilson Regional Medical Center in Binghamton, N.Y., before entering an orthopaedics residency program at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y.

Gregory Mark Yeadon is pursuing an M.B.A. at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

2002

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

John Douglas Brecker is a financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management. He serves on the board of directors for the Downtown Club in Richmond.
Alumni Volunteer Awards
And the winners are ... 

Fourteen alumni were honored at the annual alumni leaders dinner in early November.

James E. Derderian, R'85, won the Volunteer of the Year Award, which recognizes the alumnus who has done the most to engage the alumni and the wider community. Derderian has been an active volunteer with the D.C. Initiative and the alumni admissions interviewing project.

The Young Grad Council recognized Jasmon M. Coleman, ‘98, with the Distinguished Young Graduate Award. This honor goes to a graduate from the past 10 years who has made outstanding contributions to the University and society. Coleman serves on the alumni association board and provides commentary during Spider football radio broadcasts.

Carla M. DeLuca, ‘93, received the Spinning the Spider Web Award for engaging alumni outside the Richmond area. DeLuca is president of the San Francisco Alumni Chapter and serves on the nominating committee of the Renee Elmore Scholarship. She was instrumental in creating this scholarship, which is named for a friend and classmate who died during her freshman year.

The Westhampton College Class of 1955 Fundraising Committee included (back row) Joy Winstead, Barbara Turner Willies and Margaret English Lester; (front row) Alice McCarty Hagerty, Burrell Williams Stultz, Barbara Reynolds Wyker and Jacquelyn Kilby Brooks. Committee members not pictured are Jean Crittenden Kaufmann, Elizabeth Stembridge Leggott, Margaret Glenn Taylor and Grace Phillip Webb.

Committee won the Educational Fundraising Award, which honors the individual or group that makes the biggest impact on fundraising. The Class of 1955 created the George M. Modlin Scholarship in the Arts, a full scholarship for a talented student in the fine arts or performing arts.

Call for Nominations

The alumni association is taking nominations for its 2006 Distinguished Service Awards and its 2006-07 Board of Directors. To nominate someone for a service award, go to http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/nominations.html. To nominate someone for the alumni board, visit http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/nominations.html. The new board will take office July 1, and the awards will be presented during Reunion Weekend, March 31-April 2, 2006.

2003

Sarah Elizabeth Bender and Ryan Christopher Hall, ‘01, were married on July 2, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Dabney Shell DeHaven, Melissa Gainey Cross, Kelly Ann O’Neill, Emily Anne Schendel, ‘04, and Jonathan D. Kipp, ‘01, Douglas V. Deussing, ‘01, Elliot H. Ritzema, ‘01, and Brian M. Letourneau, ‘01.

Amanda Lee Folk graduated from Harvard Divinity School with a master’s degree in theological studies, with a concentration in South Asia and Sanskrit. She is now pursuing a master’s degree in library science and information technology at the School of Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Theresa Rose Gaulke is a third-year law student at Tulane Law School. She evacuated New Orleans before Hurricane Katrina hit the city, and she enrolled in the University of Richmond School of Law for the fall 2005 semester.

Tina Nicole Mayes received a master’s degree in social work from the Columbia University School of Social Work. She is employed as a senior case manager for the School-Based Youth Services Program at Masson Middle School in Plainfield, N.J.

Jeffrey Michael Myers lives in Richmond, where he works as a financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management.

Elise Ryder is director of annual giving, athletics, and Spider Club director in the athletic department at the University.

Brian Richard Steiner is a financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management. He is active in the University’s Young Graduate Program as well as the Innsbrook Rotary Club.

2004

Cecilia Nally Ackerman and Patrick Theobald were married on June 18, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Jenny Elizabeth Bohm, Abigail Emerson Ward, ‘03, Julie Carter Irvin, ‘03, Rushina T. Cholera, ‘05, and Scott William Burris, ‘01.

Leslie Michelle Bishop and Christopher T. Brewes, ‘03, were married on June 4, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Jessica L. Artur, Ellen Sharpe Brooks, Christine Erin Pill, Evans Heath Massie, ‘03, Thomas A. Ostendorp, ‘03, and Peter Timothy Uihlein, ‘03. The couple resides in Chicago.

Lauren Elizabeth Corbett has been volunteer director of the International Hospital for Children in Richmond.

Alison Anne Frattare is an account coordinator at Fultz + Associates, an advertising agency in Richmond.

Catherine “Cait” Helen Wright and Matthew James Apriling were married in St. Louis on Sept. 3, 2005. The couple resides in St. Louis.

2005

Elyn Ashley Daensken is a student at the Virginia-Maryland Regional School of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

Richard Thomas Elder II and Ashley Renee Nugent were married on Aug. 20, 2005. They reside in Chester, Va. He is a financial advisor with Virginia Asset Management.

Julie Vanessa Ruettgers is a financial planner with Virginia Asset Management in Richmond. She is involved in the Chamber of Commerce and the University’s Young Graduate Program. In her spare time, she has taken up giz.

Joseph John Tannery, L’03 and GB, has joined the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as Virginia staff attorney in the Richmond office.

David Peterson “Pete” Teagle, G, teaches American studies at Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News, Va. He and his wife, Rachel, live in Gloucester.

1937 / Pollyanna Shepherd Tierney, W. of Portsmouth, Va., July 20, 2005. She was past president of the Westminster College Alumnae Association and the Pilot Club of Portsmouth. She was a member of Park View Baptist Church.

1937 / Frederick Whitfield Black Jr., R. of Boyertown, Pa., July 26, 2005. He retired from the New Jersey Division of Taxation, where he served as an internal auditor. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Yardley.

1938 / Mary Jane Barry, W. of Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 1, 2005. She was a registered nurse and a member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

1939 / Mildred Markham Jackson, W. of Richmond, July 3, 2005. She was a volunteer for many years at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and was a member of the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club and Windsor Farms Garden Club.

1940 / Stuart Walter Hoskins, R. of Williamsburg, Va., Aug. 6, 2005. He served more than 27 years in the Army and retired as a colonel. He earned three battle stars during World War II and a Bronze Star in Korea. An accomplished athlete and coach, he was the first American to be awarded the International Sports Military Medal of Honor for his contributions to international sports. He was a member of the University of Richmond and Virginia sports halls of fame.

1940 / Dorothy Grant Ivy, W. of Jarrett, Va., June 2, 2005. She taught in the Sussex County school system for more than 20 years and was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

1943 / Peggy Kyle Anderton, W. of Atlanta, July 22, 2005. She was active in the American Association of University Women for many years and was an avid art collector. She and her husband traveled all over the world.


1945 / Doris Colley Berger, W. of Fairfax, Va., July 24, 2005. She was a retired chemist.


1947 / Helen S. Porter, W. of Alexandria, Va., June 8, 2005. She was a retired music teacher.

1947 / Bernard Manuel Savage, B. of Richmond, June 29, 2005. A World War II veteran, he practiced medicine at Richmond Memorial Hospital for 32 years.

1947 / Malcolm Theodore Stamper, R. of Seattle, June 14, 2005. He retired from The Boeing Co., where he served as president and later vice chairman. After his retirement, he founded Storyellers Ink, a family-run publishing company that provided millions of free books to children nationwide. He was a civic leader and supporter of education and the arts, and he served as chairman of the Seattle Art Museum and was on the board of the Smithsonian Institution.

1948 / Benjamin Willard Brockenbrough Jr., R. of Mechanicsville, Va., Aug. 15, 2005. He was an officer in the Navy during World War II. He spent most of his career in the insurance business, retiring from Tabb, Brockenbrough and Ragland Inc. He was a long-time member of St. Thomas’s Episcopal Church and the Hanover Rotary Club.

1948 / William Henry Rowan, R. of Alexandria, Va., June 6, 2005. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was an assistant attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was active in Queen of Apostles Catholic Church.

1949 / Ralph W. Bragg Sr., R. of Chase City, Va., June 4, 2005. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was co-founder of Mecklenburg Tractor and Equipment Co.

1949 / Ralph Oberly Harvell, R. of Richmond, May 26, 2005. He served in World War II as a lieutenant in the Army. He was a senior executive at Virginia Federal Savings & Loan and a member of St. George’s Episcopal Church in PungoLeage.

1949 / John B. Kollm, R. of Smithfield, N.C., June 23, 2005. He served in the Navy in World War II and Korea. He was a retired educator and a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

1949 / John Gray Perkins, R. of Crayzer, Va., Aug. 7, 2005. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He taught music for many years in the Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan county school systems and formerly served as minister of music at Westhampton Baptist Church. After retirement, he became an accomplished woodworker and traveled throughout Virginia demonstrating his craft and selling his work.

1950 / Curtis V. Gianinni Jr., R. of Richmond, May 26, 2005. He served in the Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart. He worked for Liggett and Myers and the city of Richmond.


1950 / Mary Lee Rankin McCollough, W. of Durham, N.C., June 8, 2005. She was an avid world traveler and lived in Switzerland and England before settling in North Carolina. She taught social studies for 20 years at Northern High School in Durham, where she was a member of the school’s first advanced placement course in American History.


1952 / R. Forrest Parsons, B. of Warner Robins, Ga., July 6, 2005. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked for many years as a CPA in Richmond, Fredericksburg and Warsaw. He retired from The Fauquier Bank, where he served as a trust officer and internal auditor.

1952 / Beverly Randolph Shannon, W. of Richmond, June 22, 2005. She taught art for many years at Collegiate School. She served on several community boards and was a member of St. James’ Episcopal Church.


1954 / Margaret B. Overby, B. of Ashville, N.C., July 29, 2005. She served as a WAC in World War II. She was a retired accountant and was active in St. Paul’s United Methodist Church.

1956 / Charles Wilson Smith, R. of Richmond, July 24, 2005. He was a Baptist minister and a longtime employee of Hawthorne Volkswagen and Boulevard Imports.

1958 / Charles Turney, R., and G’59, of Salisbury, N.C., Aug. 13, 2005. He was on the faculty of Catawba College for more than 20 years, serving as vice president and dean of academic affairs and later chairman of the English department. He lectured frequently to literary and professional groups, and reviewed books for the Charleston Gazette and the Charleston Post.


1965 / John G. Karegeannes, G. of Spartanburg, S.C., June 16, 2005. He retired from Hoechst Celanese Corp. and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.


1966 / Walter P. Phillips, R. of Perry, Ga., July 25, 2005. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a field engineer for ITT Avionics Division until his retirement.


1969 / J. Douglas Hall, R. of Gloucester, Va., June 12, 2005. He was owner of Broadus & Hall Inc., and he was an active member of Abingdon Episcopal Church.

1970 / William W. Alexander Sr., B. of Stuart, Va., July 27, 2005. He owned and operated Alexander’s Food Market for many years and was a member of Stuart Baptist Church.


1974 / Katherine Bolling Elcan Congiulli, G. of Richmond, June 28, 2005. She taught fourth grade at Ridge Elementary School in Henrico County for 28 years. She was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

1980 / John C. Lantz, R. of Wilson, N.C., May 30, 2005. He was president and owner of Great Atlantic Publishing Inc., and he was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1981 / Ruburn Allen Weakley, B. of Elizabethtown, Ky., June 1, 2005. He was vice president of Citizen’s Union Bank of Shelbyville.

1982 / Kathleen C. Jones, W. of Midlothian, Va., June 14, 2005. She was an applications specialist at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center.

STAFF

Margaret “Peg” Hogan, who coached synchronized swimming at Richmond for 24 years, died Oct. 8, 2005, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Hogan won numerous medals in national and international competitions, both as a competitor and a coach. She joined the University in 1976 as a swimming instructor, and she started Richmond’s synchronized swimming team that year. By 1981, it was a varsity sport, and she led the team to second place in the U.S. Collegiate Championships in 1988.

In addition to coaching the team, Hogan taught many students how to swim—a graduation requirement until the mid-1990s. “Peg was the most influential teacher I had at Richmond,” says Sabena Moret-Van Noren, W’89, associate director of admission and a four-year member of the synchronized swimming team. “She taught me so much about how to approach things that were really, really hard. Peg was a true emblem of one of the chief strengths of the University and of the coordinate college structure. By having strong, capable, professional women such as Peg as role models, we had such a good window into the way to create a successful, multifaceted life.”

Hogan coached nine All-American swimmers at Richmond. She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002 and Richmond’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

TRUSTEE


Thalhimer, H’73, ran Thalhimer Brothers Inc., a Richmond-based department store chain, for more than 40 years. He built the family business from one store in downtown Richmond to 26 stores in four states. He joined the company in 1934, became its general manager in 1948 and its chief executive officer in 1956.

In Richmond the Thalhimer name has been synonymous with retailing and community service. Billy Thalhimer supported numerous non-profit organizations in the city, most notably the Science Museum of Virginia.

Following his tenure on Richmond’s Board of Trustees, he served 10 more years on the University’s Board of Associates.

Correction

The spring 2005 issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine reported incorrectly that H. Joseph Williams IV, R’63, died July 21, 2004. His father, Dr. H. Joseph Williams III, R’35, died on that day. Williams III was a family physician for more than 50 years in Rockbridge County, Va., and in Staunton, Va. He was the longtime team doctor for Robert E. Lee High School, and he was inducted into the National High School Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of that service. His son, Williams IV, is alive and well in Augusta County, Va.

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The ‘fly in the milk bowl syndrome’

One rainy Saturday night during my junior year—bored, broke and stuck on the University of Richmond campus for another weekend—I gathered my courage and did something I had promised myself I would not do again. I went to a party on Fraternity Row.

When I walked in the door, I wished tracked-in mud and spilled beer covered the floor. I didn’t know any of the frat boys drinking at the keg. None of the girls made eye contact—not even the ones I’d met before.

Like me, most of the black kids on campus were there because of sports. We coped by sticking together and employing bitter humor. Calling ourselves “field hands,” we claimed a big round table in the dining hall, pushed the administration for more minority academic scholarships and teased one another about dating the dining hall workers—among the handful of eligible black women on campus.

It makes me think of what a former colleague wrote about racism’s subtle discomfort: It’s like wearing shoes a size too small. For us, getting a Richmond diploma meant living with or ignoring the discomfort, at least until the next subtle reminder.

Things have changed since I left the University in 1984. Minority student enrollment is up significantly. There’s a multicultural affairs director, and Alpha Kappa Alpha, an African-American sorority, has a campus chapter. Diversity is on President William Cooper’s agenda. But there are plenty of nagging signs of how far Richmond has to go.

A headline in The Collegian two years ago—“Minorities feel left out on campus”—could have come from the 1980s. What the students told reporter Julie Wilson about their time on campus—no social life, a high minority turnover rate, few African-Americans who aren’t on athletic scholarship—reflects my life at Richmond. Last year, mocking affirmative action programs, the University’s conservative students held a “bake sale” to fund scholarships for white students. “We can only hope that some of the revenue from the tuition increase will be used to help fund scholarships to attract a more diverse student body.”

When I graduated back in 1984, I really wanted to cherish my alma mater, but I kept thinking about those tight shoes I had to wear. I’ve since realized the discomfort was worth it. I owe my career to two Richmond professors who pushed me to develop my talent. I’ve made friends I consider as close as kin. I’m proud of my diploma, which has become more valuable each year.

Still, if I had to do it over, I don’t know if I’d pick Richmond again. And that’s a big problem President Cooper and his administration must solve for Richmond to become a world-class university. There are still too many undergraduates who feel the way I did that rainy-soaked night. Too many minority alumni have memories like mine.

The University of Richmond Black Alumni Network, an association of minority graduates, could hold some answers. The network could be a resource for President Cooper to identify problems the administration might not see and help find solutions.

There has been progress, no doubt. But the more things have changed, it seems, the more they have stayed the same. Those of us who love Richmond—and those who want to—deserve better.

Joe Williams, news editor in The Boston Globe’s Washington, D.C., bureau, was Richmond’s 2004 commencement speaker.
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From left to right, Brad Brunswick, B'91, Tim Vaughan, R'91, and Marianne McGhee, G'05, enjoy the pregame picnic.

The team prepares for its 38-3 win over VMI.

Fletcher Stiers, R'48, and Mimi Gill, W'49, enjoy the alumni awards dinner.

Dance team member Erin McFarland, '07, shares a moment with her husband, John Loyde, B'92 and MB'97, and her husband, John Loyde, find a spot on the hay.
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From left to right, Liz Shupe, interim director of the Career Development Center, Jennifer Dodge, B'91, Jasmonn Coleman, '98, and Lindsay Sikes, '98, field questions at the alumni networking event.

From left to right, Bill Phillips, R'82 and L'85, Margaret Phillips, L'87, Patty Garbee, W'73 and G'76, and Mitch Garbee, B'72 and L'75, get ready to root for Richmond.