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President Cooper announces plans to step down

At its January meeting, the University’s Board of Trustees voted to honor President William E. Cooper’s request to step down as president effective June 30, 2007 and resume teaching and research as a University Professor at Richmond.

“It is a singular privilege to have served as president since 1998. I am grateful for the dedicated efforts of all members of the University community,” Cooper said. “Working together, we have achieved a great deal and have made key decisions that will continue to unlock Richmond’s full potential.”

Among Cooper’s and his administration’s most notable achievements is the creation and implementation of an ambitious 10-year strategic plan. Only six years into the plan, 11 of 17 major initiatives have been fulfilled. These key objectives include the development of one of the nation’s most comprehensive and generous need- and merit-based financial aid programs, the hiring of a significant number of additional faculty and staff, the completion of several major capital projects that include the Gottwald Center for the Sciences and Weinstein Hall, Richmond’s move to the top tier of the national liberal arts universities and the establishment of an active Center for Civic Engagement.

Cooper also has led the most successful fundraising campaign in the University’s history with more than 24,000 donors to date and 44 donors of $1 million or more. Richmond has raised nearly $178 million toward its $200 million campaign, which is not scheduled for conclusion until 2008.

Additionally, the University garnered its first Rhodes Scholar in nearly 50 years. Scott Erwin received this prestigious international honor in fall 2005. (See story on page 10.)

“The board offers its profound thanks to Dr. Cooper for his many significant contributions to the University,” said Rector Otis D. Coston Jr. “Our task ahead is to continue to build on our considerable momentum and identify a worthy successor. The most important decision any board makes is the selection of its chief executive officer.”

The board also reaffirmed its support of the vision and strategic direction of the University and initiated a national search for presidential candidates who share the University’s quest for academic excellence. (See Vantage Point column on page 48.)

The Presidential Search Committee includes a broad cross-section of the University community—trustees, faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni. Seven of the committee members and one of the advisors to the group are Richmond graduates.

Trustee members are Robert L. Burrus, R’55, H’05 and a former rector, who will chair the committee; Coston, current rector and a parent of two Richmond graduates; Robert S. Jepson, B’64, GB’75 and H’87; E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B’68 and H’86; Paul B. Queally, R’86; Susan G. Quisenberry, W’65; Allison P. Weinstein, the daughter of Marcus and Carole Weinstein, both of whom are graduates of the University; and George W. Wellde Jr., B’74 and father of a current Richmond student.

Faculty members are Henry L. Chambers Jr., professor of law and chair of the Faculty Council; Dr. Craig H. Kinsley, professor of psychology; Dr. Gary L. McDowell, professor of leadership, political science and law; Dr. Nancy H. Schaub, associate professor of philosophy; and Dr. Peter Smallwood, associate professor of biology.

Staff members are Christie D’Amour, director of financial operations in the Controller’s Office and chair of the Staff Advisory Council; and Srinivas B. Pulavarti, president of Spider Management Co., which oversees the University’s endowment.

Student members are Balu Chandrasekaran, ’07, Robins School of Business; and Jaime Settle, ’07, School of Arts and Sciences.

The alumni representative is Robert H. Keiter, B’74, president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association, which represents 38,000 graduates throughout the United States and in more than 60 countries around the globe.

Emeritus Trustee Lewis T. Booker, R’50, H’77 and a former rector, and Trustee Charles W. Sweet Jr., parent of a Richmond graduate, will serve as advisors to the committee.

“The search committee will examine ways to solicit the advice of the University of Richmond campus community and alumni throughout the process,” said Burrus, the committee’s chair.

The committee has created a Web site that will carry periodic updates on the progress of the search and provide an opportunity for all alumni to submit the names of potential candidates as well as provide input on the qualities and qualifications for Richmond’s next president.

To visit the Web site, go to www.richmond.edu/presidential_search.
Jepson School launches leadership journal

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies plans to launch Jepson Review, a journal dedicated to exploring leadership issues, this spring.

The Review will publish the best scholarly work on leadership in the humanities and social sciences, according to Dr. J. Thomas Wren, co-editor of the new journal and associate dean for academic affairs at the Jepson School. “It will draw on the main strength of the Jepson School, its broad-based liberal arts approach to the field,” Wren says. “No other journal offers this liberal arts perspective on leadership.”

Each issue will focus on a single leadership theme, question or problem, says Dr. Terry L. Price, co-editor of the Review and associate professor of leadership studies. The inaugural issue will feature contributions from 12 of the nation’s top presidential leadership scholars, who will approach the topic from a variety of disciplines, including rhetoric, law, history, philosophy, psychology, political science and public policy.

Contributors presented their preliminary papers at a Jepson School conference on presidential leadership in September.

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Mother knows best

Mother rats are significantly smarter than virgin rats. That simple fact continues to fascinate Dr. Craig Kinsley, professor of psychology, who has been studying maternal behavior for 15 years.

“Virtually all female mammals, from rats to monkeys to humans, undergo fundamental behavioral changes during pregnancy and motherhood,” according to a recent article in Scientific American by Kinsley and Kelly Lambert, a professor at Randolph-Macon College. “New research indicates that the dramatic hormonal fluctuations that occur during pregnancy, birth and lactation may remodel the female brain, increasing the size of neurons in some regions and producing structural changes in others.” In rodents, those changes translate into greater ability to build nests, protect offspring and forage for food.

While undergraduates at Richmond, Natalie Karp, ’03, Angela Orthmeyer, ’05, and Naomi Wightman Hester, ’04, showed that mother rats are better than virgin rats at capturing prey.

“Slightly food-deprived mother and virgin rats were each placed in a five-foot-square enclosure bedded with wood chips, in which a cricket was hidden,” Kinsley and Lambert wrote. “The virgins took an average of nearly 270 seconds to find the cricket and eat it, compared with just more than 50 seconds for the lactating females.”

While most of Kinsley’s and Lambert’s research has focused on rats, they say “it is likely that human females also gain long-lasting mental benefits from motherhood.” That likelihood has put their research in the national spotlight, including a recent segment on ABC World News Tonight. Kinsley gave an on-campus interview in his lab, and the story featured mothers who said having children expanded their ability to multitask.

Scientists are investigating the human angle, and “many studies indicate that the human brain is remarkably plastic,” according to Kinsley and Lambert. “Its structure and activity can change when a person is confronted with a challenge.”

Their article in Scientific American focuses primarily on mothers, but it also gives a nod to dear old dad. They have conducted similar research that shows parent monkeys—both female and male marmosets—are better at foraging for food. Marmosets are monogamous, and both parents help care for their offspring.

The instincts of monkeys and rats may seem insignificant to the uninitiated, but “some researchers have suggested that the development of maternal behavior was one of the main drivers for the evolution of the mammalian brain,” they note. “As mammals arose from their reptile forebears, their reproductive strategy shifted from drop-the-eggs-and-flee to defend the nest.” Paraphrasing the poet William Ross Wallace, they concluded that “the hand—or paw—that rocks the cradle indeed rules the world.”

—Karl Rhodes
Honor roll inductees include Westhampton puppeteer

The puppets still haunt the Deanery, sitting high on a dark, dusty shelf watching everyone who walks across the creaky floorboards of the living room. If the puppets could speak, they would tell the story of Caroline Stookey Lutz, who taught English at Westhampton College for 42 years.

Lutz fostered creativity and imagination by enlisting students in the University's Marionette Repertory Theatre, which she started in 1939. She taught puppetry classes at Westhampton until 1958, coincidently the year that Attack of the Puppet People debuted in movie theaters.

She retired the following year, bequeathing her 400 puppets to the University after her death in 1967. Most of them have migrated to the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, but a few remain in the Deanery, spooking the staff and waiting for a skilled puppeteer to bring them back to life.

Lutz was among six former faculty members named in January to the Trustee's Honor Role of Distinguished Faculty, Administrators and Staff. The others are: Dr. Frances Wheeler Gregory, who taught history from 1950-80; Dr. William Asbury Harris, who taught ancient languages from 1901-41; Dr. William Hensley Leftwich, R'52, who taught psychology and served as an administrator from 1961-86; Edward Franklin Overton, R'31, who taught education from 1946-78; and Jean Gray Wright, who taught French from 1930-66.

Richmond joins consortium to increase minority doctors

Richmond has joined the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, a consortium of colleges and universities working to increase minority representation in health care professions.

The alliance's other members include Virginia's five historically black colleges and universities—Hampton University, Norfolk State University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University and St. Paul's College—as well as Virginia Commonwealth University, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, the University of Nebraska and the University of Virginia. The alliance identifies and prepares talented minority students and faculty for clinical and investigatory careers in health and biomedical sciences.

As a member of the alliance, Richmond will offer a summer preparation course for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The program will serve up to 10 students from Virginia's historically black colleges and universities. In addition to the prep course, the program will pay living expenses and a stipend.

"The shortage of minorities in the health professions is well-documented, and helping undergraduates gain access to medical school is one way to begin closing that gap," says Provost June Aprille. "Richmond has a highly successful program that prepares students for the MCAT."

Journal highlights University's history

The Virginia Baptist Register, the annual journal of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, has published a special edition saluting Richmond's 175th anniversary.

The journal features an overview of the University's history by Fred Anderson, the society's executive director. A second article, by Pamela Ash, profiles Charles H. Ryland, who attended Richmond College from 1854-56 and served the University in a variety of ways from 1873 until his death in 1914. A third article, by Mike Whitt, focuses on three students who attended Richmond College in the 1840s, including Tiberius Gracchus Jones, president of the student body in 1841 and president of the college from 1866-69.

Copies of the journal are available for $6 (plus $2 for postage and handling) from the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, P.O. Box 34, University of Richmond, VA 23173.
NSF funds distributed computing research

The National Science Foundation has granted $401,193 to three Richmond professors who are trying to improve the security of distributed-volunteer-computing platforms.

The computing method harnesses idle processing time on personal computers of volunteers via the Internet to tackle enormous computations that would otherwise require expensive supercomputers.

Drs. Doug Szajda, Barry Lawson and Jason Owen, all assistant professors in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, started working on the project in 2002. The grant provides funding through 2008 to set up a distributed volunteer computing platform at the University and to involve undergraduate students in the research.

The most famous example of volunteer distributed computing is the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project, which employs thousands of personal computers that download and analyze radio telescope data in their spare time. More down-to-earth applications exist in biomedical endeavors such as computational chemistry, genetic sequencing and protein folding.

“The potential impact of this research is extensive,” Szajda says. “Access to more secure computing platforms is likely to draw commercial applications and will foster future interdisciplinary research among scientists and practitioners.”

With that in mind, the professors will attempt to answer key questions such as: “How do you know the results from a distributed computing platform are correct?” and “How can you use a distributed computing platform and continue to keep your data private?”

Fundraising accelerates for Robins School expansion

Fundraising to expand the Robins School of Business building is gaining momentum as it surpasses $5.5 million on the way to its goal of nearly $17 million.

The expansion will provide 33,000 square feet of new space, including a 225-seat auditorium, trading room, behavioral research lab, café, reception gallery, 34 new offices and nine new classrooms.

“These endeavors will strengthen our student-centered learning environment, student and faculty research efforts, and service to the community,” says Dr. Jorge Haddock, dean of the Robins School.

University Trustee Robert S. Ukrop, B’69, has committed funds to help build the auditorium—the future venue for visiting executive programs and other special events for the Robins School and the entire University. Ukrop is president and CEO of Ukrop’s Super Markets.

Another trustee, Stephen M. Lessing, has pledged $900,000 for the Lessing Capital Markets Trading Room, which will give students experience with the workings of Wall Street. Lessing is managing director and head of client relationship management for Lehman Brothers.

Friends of Louis W. Moelchert Jr. have raised more than $640,000 to build the Moelchert Café in the new wing. Moelchert retired last year as president of Spider Management Co., the University’s investment-management affiliate. Trustee Paul B. Queally, R’86, spearheaded the fundraising in honor of Moelchert’s 30 years of outstanding service. Moelchert, who continues to run his own investment management firm, Private Advisors, contributed an additional $250,000 to create a reception gallery adjacent to the café and auditorium.

Trustee Richard S. Johnson, B’73, and his wife, Joyce E. Johnson, pledged $200,000 to build a courtyard on the western side of the building. Johnson is president and CEO of The Wilton Companies.

Additionally, Karen Gregory O’Maley, B’81, committed $100,000 to fund a business center, and $100,000 has been donated for the international business suite that is named in memory of the late Winfield J. Kohler, B’50.
Students confront diversity issues at Collegetown

Late last year Richmond students started receiving somewhat cryptic e-mails offering them a chance to discuss and learn more about diversity issues.

"The message was, 'If you're interested in attending a workshop to talk about race, gender, sexual orientation, class, cultures and religion with a group of other UR students, here's how to apply,'" recalls Katey Reighard, a sophomore from Altoona, Pa.

Reighard accepted the offer and spent four days in January near Williamsburg with 37 other Richmond students at a retreat called Collegetown.

Collegetown is a cultural diversity and prejudice-reduction program for college students across the United States. Portions of the program, developed by the National Conference for Community and Justice, are kept secret to maintain an element of surprise for participants, but students are encouraged to share what they learn from the experience.

"Collegetown is a very safe environment for honesty and openness. There's been a lot of discussion, some role-playing, and different kinds of exercises and exchanges," Reighard said, during a break at "culture and belief night," which was held on the last day of the retreat.

That closing exercise was open to visitors and charged with emotion. Divided into groups representing their diverse backgrounds, students took turns illuminating their group's customs, traditions and—most dramatically—the stereotypes they would like to dispel.

A Russian student re-enacted actual responses she had received when others learned of her heritage: "Is your family in the Russian mafia? Are you a communist? Do you like vodka? Are there bears just walking around everywhere in Russia?"

Some of the onstage exchanges were amusing; others were sad. Some students performed in tears. Junior class president Reena Brar, a member of the India group, got a standing ovation for dancing to a song from Devdas, a Bollywood movie.

Other performers represented African-American, Asian, Appalachian, Latino, Jewish, Indonesian, Korean, Guatemalan, Dutch, Irish, Chinese, Native American and Vietnamese cultures. All participants were invited to think deeply about prejudice and discrimination.

Colin Bragg, a junior from Skaneateles, N.Y., says that the best part of Collegetown was the opportunity for students "from a campus that is often indifferent" to express their feelings.

"I think Richmond students are uninformed on social issues," he says. They "don't take the time to know, don't want to know. It makes life easier that way. It's primarily a Caucasian campus, and the white population doesn't want to deal with diversity issues. It's good to come here and see and feel the emotion."

Collegetown is "a chance to come together and find ways we can change things at Richmond," Reighard adds. "I have seen the hurt here that I and others have experienced on campus, and I have felt the joy of getting to know a lot of people I would never have known otherwise."

—Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64
Professors’ Richmond careers span 38 years

Two long-tenured professors are retiring in May. Both joined the University in 1968, one year before E. Claiborne Robins endowed Richmond with $50 million.

“I started teaching at UR at a good time for me and a good time in the University’s history,” recalls Dr. Robert M. Nelson, professor of English. “The University was just beginning the transformation enabled by the first Robins endowment, a time of innovations and improvements.”

Nelson left Richmond in 1971 for Stanford, where he earned a Ph.D. in English and American Literature. He returned to Richmond as an assistant professor.

During those early years, he helped develop many new programs including interdisciplinary studies, American studies and Richmond College Fellows.

“In more recent years, my work in the field of Native American literature, and indeed the field itself, has benefited immensely from the University’s generous and unstinting support,” he says.

Dr. Frederick J. Kozub also mentions the Robins gift as a great moment in his tenure. “It opened up so many possibilities,” he recalls. “We suddenly had the wherewithal to become something really fantastic.”

An associate professor of psychology, Kozub earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He was director of the University Scholars Program from 1990 to 2005, and he currently teaches a course called Psychology, Pseudoscience and the Paranormal.

“It’s basically a course in critical thinking,” he explains. “Most of the students don’t believe in this stuff, but they don’t know why they don’t believe in it.”

The ability to think and evaluate is more important than any subject, he insists, because it helps students succeed in any field.

“One of the most rewarding experiences for me is seeing former students do well in graduate school or in some non-academic endeavor. Give ‘em the basics and turn ‘em loose. You’ll be surprised by that you get back.”

Center for Civic Engagement wins community service award

Richmond’s Center for Civic Engagement won a 2005 Governor’s Community Service and Volunteerism Award for its work to bring together campus and community members in collaborative study, reflection and action to address social issues.

The award celebrates “the generosity of Virginians and their efforts to enhance the lives of their neighbors,” says former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner. “I encourage all Virginians to follow their example by becoming involved and providing service to their communities.”

Founded in 2004, the center helps students connect their studies with service to the community. It supports a variety of research projects and academically grounded internships that help improve social conditions in Richmond and Virginia.

Ambassador Bolton speaks at Jepson event

The United Nations needs major reform, according to John Bolton, U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Bolton delivered that message in a campus address sponsored by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies in late January.

Speaking to a packed house at Jepson Alumni Center, Bolton said the U.N. is “besieged in some respects as never before” in the wake of its oil-for-food scandal in Iraq. Other recent embarrassments, he noted, range from wasteful procurement practices to sexual exploitation by U.N. peacekeeping troops.

Bolton also criticized the U.N. for perpetuating a “pervasive anti-Israel bias ... attacking Israel as a surrogate for attacking the United States.” For example, he cited the U.N.’s promotion of an international day of solidarity for Palestinians, “the principal purpose of which is to bash Israel.” He voiced similar disdain for annual resolutions protesting U.S. sanctions against Cuba.

“Much of what goes on at the United Nations, unfortunately, is a kind of political theater,” Bolton said. There is an “inability of the organization culturally to move beyond the end of the Cold War.”

The Bush administration is urging the U.N. to overhaul its governance and management structures, eliminate outdated and redundant commissions, and crack down on human rights violators, Bolton said.

Although Bolton criticized the U.N.’s “culture of inaction,” he offered a few glimpses of hope, including some international reconciliation over the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

“Through efforts in the United Nations and elsewhere, many of those rifts are being healed. For example, just a few months ago, the Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution reauthorizing the multinational force in Iraq that’s there to assist the government of the new Iraq,” Bolton said. “What we’re trying to do is get past the divisions that the overthrow of Saddam Hussein had left and point out that ... the success of new democratically elected governments is critical for all of us.”
Cycling with Lance Armstrong

Charlie Bird, '07, has competed in soccer, hockey and golf, but he really didn't know what adversity was until the day he was diagnosed with cancer.

After discovering a nine-inch tumor in his chest, doctors told Bird he had Hodgkin's disease. The next few years involved repeated rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, along with an infusion of his own stem cells.

The disease, however, brought him closer to his friends. "It's the best thing that's happened in my life," Bird says. "I met a lot of great new people. I would never want [the experience] removed from my life."

Cycling was a big part of Bird's rehabilitation, and he started raising money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, an organization founded by the seven-time Tour de France champion to advance cancer research and encourage cancer patients. As one of the foundation's top fundraisers in 2005, Bird earned a trip to Austin, Texas, to participate in the annual Ride for the Roses, during which he pedaled alongside Armstrong.

With his cancer in remission and graduation on the horizon, Bird says he wants to work for an accounting firm and study for the CPA exam.

Richmond places fifth in NCAA graduation study

The NCAA's new graduation success rate rankings show that 97 percent of Richmond's student-athletes who were eligible from 1995-98 earned their degrees.

Richmond ranked fifth nationally on the list, which uses a new NCAA graduation-rate formula that includes transfer data in its calculations. The list supplements the federally mandated graduation rate methodology that ranks Richmond 11th in the country at 84 percent.

Impact player
Saona Chapman contributes on and off the basketball court

When Saona Chapman, '06, transferred from Rutgers to Richmond, no one fully anticipated the impact she would have on the court, around campus and in the community.

The 5-8 point guard from Voluntown, Conn., is a playmaker and a difference maker. She averages more than nine points a game, and she leads the team in steals and assists. She also maintains a 3.46 grade point average with a double major in leadership studies and religion. She volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Richmond. She tutors children, organizes food drives and leads a Bible study for Richmond athletes.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch recently recognized Chapman as one of five Virginians who made a difference in the lives of others last year.

Described by coaches and teammates as a fiery, determined, selfless leader, Chapman has been a team co-captain for the past three years at Richmond. Last year, she helped lead the team to its first NCAA tournament bid since 1991.

"Saona defines intensity," says teammate Amber Petillon, '06. "She just tackles everything that comes her way and puts all of her effort and energy into whatever she is doing."

In January, Chapman scored her 1,000th point as a Spider. In just three seasons with the team, she has made 392 assists, ranking her second among the program's all-time leaders. She also ranks fifth for three-point goals made (137) and seventh for scoring average at 12.3 points per game.

Chapman plans to graduate in May. She has applied to several divinity schools, including Harvard's and Yale's, but she has not ruled out the possibility of playing professionally in Europe. Either way, Chapman seems destined be an impact player.
Fantastic Turnaround
Spiders overcome early losses to share A-10 title and make NCAA playoffs

Richmond’s football team had scored only one touchdown in its first two games—both lopsided losses—and next faced Maine, a team that took Nebraska to the wire to open the season. It was time to make a change.

Four senior co-captains—Brian Burnette, David Freeman, John Gronin and Stacy Tutt—met with Head Coach Dave Clawson and asked him to move Tutt back to quarterback, the position he had played in 2004. Clawson agreed—under one condition.

“The only way I was going to move him was if he committed to preparing the way a starting quarterback has to prepare,” Clawson said. “I think you can play other positions in football and [not prepare as much], but if you’re going to play quarterback, it requires a certain commitment.”

With Tutt back under center, the Spiders beat Maine. Then they hung tough against Vanderbilt, a Division I-A team that had won its first three games against Wake Forest, Arkansas and Mississippi. Richmond lost to Vanderbilt, but the Spider offense generated some sparks that caught fire the following Saturday at Villanova. Down 20-17 going into the fourth quarter, Richmond scored 21 unanswered points, including a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown by Burnette.

In the next game, against No. 22 Delaware, the Spiders jumped out to a 17-3 halftime lead and held on for a 20-10 win.

A week later, Hofstra led Richmond 30-17 after three quarters, but the Spiders scored 13 straight points to send the contest into overtime. The teams exchanged touchdowns in the first extra period, but a blocked Hofstra field goal attempt in the second overtime opened the door for the Spiders. From 15 yards out, Tutt rolled right and found sophomore Arman Shields in the corner of the end zone for the game-winning touchdown. Shields finished with 147 yards receiving, helping Tutt amass 450 yards of total offense, the second highest single-game total in Richmond history.

Riding a three-game winning streak, the Spiders had no time to celebrate. They prepared for a road game against James Madison University, defending national champion of Division I-AA. Ranked No. 17 nationally at the time, JMU was still in the race for the Atlantic 10 title.

Two key injuries at the beginning of the game sidelined Freeman and Josh Vaughan, leaving the running back duties to sophomore Tim Hightower, who finished with 119 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. Richmond held off a late rally by JMU to win 18-15.

The victory propelled the Spiders to their first national ranking since 2002 and gave them four straight wins. Richmond pushed that streak to five with a 38-3 rout of Virginia Military Institute. Tutt and Hightower each rushed for 100 yards, while the Spider defense limited VMI to only 113 yards of total offense.

The Spiders jumped to 18th in the national rankings and headed north to meet Towson, another team with playoff hopes. Tutt rushed for 144 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries. He also threw for 185 yards and two more touchdowns. Meanwhile, Richmond’s defense racked up seven sacks in the 48-21 win.

In the regular season finale, Richmond crushed William & Mary. The Spiders scored 34 unanswered points in the first half and breezed to a 41-7 victory, earning a share of the A-10 football title for the first time since 2000.

The first round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs pitted the 12th-ranked Spiders against third-seeded Hampton, the only undefeated I-AA squad in the country. Richmond scored the game’s first touchdown, and Hampton answered with 10 straight points. Then the Spiders kicked a field goal to tie the halftime score. In the second half, Richmond’s defense shut down Hampton, while the offense scored four touchdowns, putting the Spiders in a national quarterfinal game against perennial power Furman.

In a thriller on their home field, the Spiders got out to a 14-7 lead before Furman fought back to lead 17-14 at the half. The Paladins scored a touchdown in the third quarter. Then Richmond answered with a touchdown in the fourth.

Late in the game, the Spiders moved the ball deep into Furman territory with a chance to win. On fourth and two, Tutt’s pass to junior Matt Hale fell incomplete, and the Spider streak ended.

Nevertheless, the 2005 team earned a prominent place in Spider sports history by producing a fantastic turnaround season.
The education of Scott Erwin, '05, began early. You might say he was a born learner. "He's been very aware of the importance of education since the womb," says his father, Bob Erwin, referring to Scott's mother, Karen, who is a longtime elementary school teacher.

Scott took that inborn inclination and ran with it. Even as a young child, he was a highly motivated student, diligent beyond his years—or anyone else's.

"He was too hard on himself," says Bob Erwin, during a phone interview from the family's home in suburban Kansas City. "His expectations were just way beyond." He strived for perfection. Take spelling tests for example. It got to the point where Karen Erwin wondered if he would ever misspell a word.

"I don't remember what grade it was," she says, "but he finally did."

Scott also developed into a well-rounded kid. He played baseball and piano and enjoyed being with friends. He remained an outstanding student, but he was not the lonely bookworm some people might have imagined. His mother says teachers often were "amazed" to discover he had a life beyond his studies.

Perhaps they would be less surprised to learn that Erwin is one of 32 Americans selected as Rhodes Scholars to the University of Oxford for 2006. He is the second University alumnus to win a Rhodes. A.E. Dick Howard, R'54, a professor of law at the University of Virginia and an international authority on constitutions, was the first. (See sidebar on page 12.)

**Achievement and promise**

"The Rhodes Scholarship signifies extraordinary achievement and promise," says President William E. Cooper. "I know Scott Erwin well, and his efforts as a student and in Iraq exemplify the combination of talent, courage and commitment that the Rhodes Scholarship is designed to foster."

Erwin postponed his senior year to work as a budget advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad. In his spare time, he established Ambassadors of Democracy, a program that taught principals of democracy to Iraqi college students who agreed to pass along the knowledge to other young Iraqis. Richmond provided startup funding for the program.

Because of his pro-democracy efforts, Erwin apparently was targeted by insurgents, who ambushed his vehicle in June 2004. Two Iraqi police officers riding with Erwin were killed, and Erwin sustained AK-47 gunshot wounds to his abdomen and arms. A spare battery for his MP3 player might have...
saved his life by deflecting a bullet away from his heart. Even so, the bullet ruptured his spleen and pierced his liver and small intestine. He almost lost his left arm.

He has learned to write, eat and button shirts with his non-dominant right hand, but playing the piano again will be a much greater challenge. He has been playing scales and simple pieces for therapy, and he hopes his playing will improve as additional function returns to his left hand.

For his service and sacrifice, Erwin received the Defense of Freedom Medal, the civilian equivalent of the Purple Heart. He also got a big dose of perspective.

Getting shot in Iraq “made me appreciate friends and family a lot more,” Erwin said in a telephone interview from New York, where he is working as a research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations. “When you’re injured and lying in a hospital bed, it doesn’t really matter what accomplishments you have on your résumé. It certainly made me more appreciative of what I do and more religious as well.”

Something the experience did not do was send him cowering from dangerous public service. In the fall of 2005, he returned to Iraq, traveling as a freelance journalist, accompanying representatives of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen on a goodwill trip. Erwin retraced some of his earlier steps, visiting hospitals in Baghdad and Germany, where he had received treatment. He met doctors and nurses he credits with saving his life. It was “an emotional experience for all involved,” he says.

Going back “forced me to face some of my fears and overcome some of the anxieties that had built up, particularly after how I left,” he says. “But in talking with those still there and in particular talking with my students, who continue to promote the educational program despite great risks, I felt much more motivated and inspired.”

Relishing Richmond
Erwin’s experiences in Iraq were formative, as was his time at the University, where he graduated with a double major in political science and classical civilization. Attending Richmond was not a clear choice—until he saw the campus. A college counselor told him to include the University on a driving tour of schools in the East during his senior year of high school. Amid visits to Ivy League schools, Georgetown and Duke, Erwin and his parents stopped by Richmond.

“I immediately felt at home,” he recalls. “The campus was beautiful, and everyone I met was extremely friendly.” Proximity to Washington, D.C., was another plus because Erwin has always been interested in politics. The decision
was made easy when Richmond offered him an Oldham Scholarship, a prestigious full-tuition award.

"It all fell into place," says Karen Erwin. "All of his professors took a personal interest in him, the small class size, the whole thing. We couldn't have hand-picked a better place that cared about our son more than the University of Richmond."

Under an alumni program called the D.C. Initiative, Erwin was able to work as an intern in the office of Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who was house majority whip at the time. Next came an internship in the office of Vice President Dick Cheney, followed by the opportunity to work in Baghdad.

Erwin also cultivated many other interests at Richmond. He was in the business school for a time before deciding to enter the classics program. He spent a semester in Rome, and the classics in general gave him "a historical foundation and an appreciation for how modern government came about. [It] really provided a lot of flesh to my understanding of democracy."

He worked closely with a number of faculty members, including Dr. Akiba Covitz, an assistant professor of political science, who helped Erwin fashion his teaching initiative in Iraq and served as a sounding board for his Rhodes application. Another influential professor was Dr. Gary L. McDowell,

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—David Brannan

professor of leadership studies and political science and a leading constitutional scholar. McDowell says Erwin is "simply one of the most impressive students I have known. ... He is quietly thoughtful in that he reads widely, thinks deeply and expresses himself eloquently."

Thoughtful is only one way to describe Erwin; "dynamic" is another, says friend and classmate Fiona McCarthy, '05.

"Scott is someone who dives headfirst into new experiences," she says. "He is always on the go, moving things forward and picking up the pace of those around him. He brings such vigor to every aspect of life that it is hard to not be jealous."

Erwin enjoys a remarkably broad group of friends and close acquaintances, McCarthy says. "The group would not be as diverse as it is if he were not both grounded and brilliant. It would not be as large as it is if he did not have tons of energy to pour into relationships."

Public service calls

Erwin's friends and admirers include colleagues in Iraq, particularly David Brannan, who—as director of security policy—was Erwin's boss. When Brannan arrived in Baghdad, Erwin was already there.

"When I got there just before Christmas '03, a lot of the people had just gone home, and (Erwin) was

The Rhodes Mystique: How important is this scholarship?

"I think it's fair to say it changed my life," says A.E. Dick Howard, R'54, the first Richmond alumnus to win one.

Howard entered the Rhodes program in 1958, while a law student at the University of Virginia. After Oxford, he returned to Charlottesville to finish his law degree. He worked for a Washington, D.C., law firm and clerked for Justice Hugo Black of the U.S. Supreme Court before returning to teach at Virginia. In 1994, Washingtonian magazine called Howard "one of the most respected educators in the nation." He is more widely acclaimed, however, for helping emerging democracies write or rewrite their constitutions.

Much of what Howard has accomplished can be traced to his Rhodes experience, which he calls "one of those rare moments when one sees horizons that one never knew existed." He was tutored by some of the great minds of Oxford. He traveled throughout Europe and into the Middle East and Africa, and he made lifelong friendships with classmates who became leaders in their fields.

"I can't think of any two years of my life that were more transformative," Howard says of his time at Oxford. "It's a magical place."

The Rhodes Scholarship was established in 1902 by Cecil Rhodes, an English-born diamond magnate who wanted to promote international understanding and peace by sending future leaders to Oxford.

According to The Rhodes Trust, candidates are chosen based on academic achievement, integrity, unselfishness, respect for others, leadership potential and physical vigor. The scholars, Rhodes wrote, should "esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim."

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essentially running the shop,” says Brannan, now a lecturer at the Naval Postgraduate School in California. “Here he was, this 21-year-old kid, working 16 hours a day, doing everything he could to keep everything afloat. At that point, there were not enough people, and this kid was working his butt off.”

Erwin also demonstrated an astuteness that impressed Brannan. While many in the Coalition Provisional Authority were focused merely on the coalition, Erwin picked up on the fact that Iraqis were not sufficiently engaged in all aspects of the transition. He tried to keep the Iraqis involved and “became our best liaison with the Iraqis,” Brannan says.

“This is a scary-smart young man—really intuitive and intellectually very capable. I have no doubt he will do huge things,” Brannan says. “He’s already done more than most men do in a life.”

Erwin will work at the Council on Foreign Relations until he begins graduate studies at Oxford in October. He plans to study philosophy or international relations or theology.

“As I’ve gotten older, my master plan has gotten less clear,” he says. “I thoroughly enjoyed the work I was doing in Iraq, that kind of hands-on work in a field related to democracy-building activities. Beyond that, I don’t have a clear idea, but I do think with the Rhodes … comes a great deal of responsibility. I feel indebted to continue to give back and remain in the field of public service in some capacity.”

Public service seems to run in the Erwin family. His mother is in her 34th year of teaching young children, and his father gave up a career in corporate law to become a middle school math teacher. Something else Scott Erwin seems to come by naturally is a knack, as his father puts it, “of being in the right place at the right time to meet people or do things.”

And when opportunity knocks, he is ready, willing and able to open the door.

“Whatever he chooses,” McDowell predicts, “it is beyond doubt that he will be a great success.”

Bill Lohmann is a writer and columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Thirty-two Rhodes Scholars are selected in the United States each year plus 85 from other countries. Regional committees pare the list of candidates and invite finalists for personal interviews.

During the application process, Erwin met with Dr. Terryl L. Givens, professor of English, who serves as the University’s Rhodes advisor. Givens oversees the University’s selection of candidates and shepherds them through the process. He helps them develop their personal, written statements and then conducts practice interviews.

“A student of [Scott’s] quality doesn’t need window dressing,” Givens says, “but at this level of competition, his performance in an interview has to be nearly flawless.”

Givens says Erwin’s distinguishing characteristic in a field of high achievers is “the sense he conveys that his striving to make an impact in the world is both unselfish and authentic. He never set out to pad a resume. He just lives out a deeply held, service-oriented ethos.”

Erwin’s selection reflects well on the entire University, Givens says, “since Scott is representative of the institution that helped shape him.”

Howard readily agrees. “There are certain benchmarks by which you measure a university’s aspirations, and one of those obviously is the Rhodes Scholarship,” he says. “It’s time that it happened, and I hope there will be more. … The University of Richmond certainly has the talent.”

—Bill Lohmann, ’79
The new Gottwald Center for the Sciences promotes interdisciplinary collaboration, student-faculty research and discovery-based education

**Discovery Zone**

Matt Williams, '06, takes a very satisfied look around the building where he is spending most of his time during his senior year at Richmond.

"This is such an improvement," he says, of the recent $37 million expansion and renovation of the University's 190,000-square-foot Gottwald Center for the Sciences. "We have significantly better lab facilities, more group study space, workspace, independent study space, quiet space, computer space, space for camaraderie—space for everything we need."

Williams, a chemistry and political science major, recalls his initial impression of the old science center when he first arrived on campus. "It looked like something from the 1970s," he says. (The building opened in 1978.) "The color scheme was strange, space was confined, lighting wasn't great. But now, this building has been brought up to the level of the science faculty and programs."

Before Williams began his freshman year, the science faculty already was planning an ambitious, 10-year science initiative—goals that figured prominently into the University's strategic plan. Proposed improvements included hiring at least 18 new faculty members, increasing research opportunities for students and faculty, upgrading instrumentation for labs and classrooms, placing greater emphasis on interdisciplinary studies, developing innovative science classes for non-science majors, and expanding and renovating the science building. Dr. Andrew Newcomb, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, notes significant progress in each of those areas, well ahead of the 10-year timetable.

"We have already turned the corner in transforming the science programs," Newcomb says. "We are now a good deal more competitive and in a very elite scheme was strange, space was confined, absolutely first-rate students. We've always had excellent students in the sciences, but now more of the ones we accept are choosing to come here."

The University has added 10 full-time faculty positions in the natural sciences. "We've hired five people in genetics," Newcomb says. "We are unique, I think, in having a pre-health advisor—a Ph. D. physiologist who works with students who want to go to medical or dental school. We're interviewing for other positions right now."

Richmond also has invested more than $2.5 million in advanced science equipment. It has attracted five research instrumentation awards from the National Science Foundation since 2002—one in physics, two in chemistry and two in biology—with additional support from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and the Kresge Foundation.

"The curriculum is increasingly research-rich and..."
hands-on—promoting the kind of discovery-based learning we envisioned as we formulated the science initiative,” Newcomb says. “Universities have wisely moved away from science as a ‘chalk ‘em and talk ‘em’ experience, and we’re in the forefront of that move.”

PROMOTING SCIENCE
The University’s focus on undergraduate education helped recruit Dr. Con Beausang, an associate professor who came to the physics department from Yale a year ago.

“When I interviewed, I was struck by something Andy Newcomb said to me: ‘One of the things we do superbly well here is educate undergraduates.’ I see that to be true, and I believe it to be crucial. Scientific education is a strategic need that our country requires. We need strength and numbers in the foundation sciences, like physics, to keep the edge the U.S. has enjoyed for the last century. If planes don’t fly, if the Internet goes down, if computers fail or pandemics threaten, it’s all about science.”

For Beausang, promoting the enrollment of non-science majors in science classes is particularly important.

“We must interest and educate the huge majority of people who are not scientists, the people who will be the voting population, who will elect those making decisions about scientific projects and funding.”

Beausang, who teaches introductory-level physics classes open to both majors and non-majors, is excited about recent improvements in the program.

“Traditionally, students came to class for a lecture and then, at a different time and place, went to a lab, usually with a different instructor. Kids always hated labs. This building, though, is set up to allow lectures and labs in the same place at the same time, and that works much more effectively. And with a maximum of 24 students in a class, there’s workspace and lab space for all. No one has to wait their
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“Science is not biology or chemistry anymore—it’s not done within the boundaries of a particular discipline. ... The more you can bring departments together and students from the different disciplines together, as the science initiative encouraged, the more you see what the whole educational enterprise at Richmond is all about.”

—Dr. Valerie Kish

Christa Sikes, '06 (left), and Caitlin Burley, '07, fine-tune their biology projects.

turn—there are no observers in labs anymore, and actually there are no observers in class either. Students here are busy responding and discovering for themselves.”

Dr. Gary Radice, associate professor of biology, notes curriculum changes in his department, too.

“We have really changed the way we teach non-science students,” Radice says. “There used to be one or two large introductory biology classes, and those were the only choice for non-majors. We still have those classes, but we also have a number of smaller classes organized around topics like human genetics, human development, evolution and the like. These are specifically for non-majors, and all our faculty members teach them, including the senior faculty.

What you get is a professor teaching a topic that he or she really loves.”

COLLABORATIVE DESIGN
The workbenches where science students sit no longer face forward in rows. They are grouped into islands that promote more group work and less lecturing. “The students are more actively involved with each other and in the process,” Radice notes.
That transformation is obvious throughout the building. It features several well-appointed meeting rooms and student lounges, and the main lobby is designed for communal study.

“On every floor there are areas where faculty and students can meet. We never had that before,” Radice says. “There was simply nowhere to sit. The architecture did not support hanging around the building after class, talking, interacting, but it does now.”

Even before the new building opened, interaction among the natural science departments was increasing. One example is a new major in biochemistry and molecular biology (BMB), an interdisciplinary program that the science faculty established in 2002. “We are now graduating close to 30 majors in the BMB program,” says Dr. John Gupton, professor of chemistry. Also, a new interdisciplinary class for non-majors, Biochemistry in the Real World, is being developed.

“Interdisciplinary education is just built into the design of this place,” says Dr. Valerie Kish, professor of biology. “Science is not biology or chemistry
anymore—it's not done within the boundaries of a particular discipline. If you think about how things are done beyond the college level, out in the world, there is always interaction between physics and chemistry, biology and physics. Scientists from different disciplines are looking at the same problem in different ways, trying to move research forward. The more you can bring departments together and students from the different disciplines together, as the science initiative encouraged, the more you see what the whole educational enterprise at Richmond is all about.

**EQUIPPED FOR RESEARCH**

Dr. Stuart Clough, professor of chemistry, calls the new science center "magnificent." He also notes that recent gifts and grants have brought the quality of scientific instruments up to the level of the facility that houses them.

The new chemistry equipment includes a liquid chromatograph mass spectrometer, a high-field nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, a matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization/time of flight mass spectrometer, a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, an ultraviolet/visible absorption spectrometer, a spectrofluorometer and an infrared spectrometer. "These expensive and advanced instruments perform one of three functions," Gupton says. "They purify and separate chemical substances. They determine the molecular structure of a substance, or they determine how much of a substance is present." While this instrumentation is invaluable to chemistry students, biology students will use it routinely, too.

The new science center features a sophisticated imaging suite, used mainly by biology students and professors, that includes a scanning electron microscope, a confocal microscope and an upgraded transmission electron microscope. The physics department also has a new atomic force microscope that will be available to the biology department.

The University has hired a Ph.D. chemist to maintain the spectrometers and other chemistry equipment so other faculty members can spend more time with students. It also has hired a director of biological imaging, who maintains the electron microscopes and helps students and faculty take full advantage of them.

"Our teaching labs are set up just like our research labs—in state-of-the-art fashion that allows one to do any kind of discovery-based experiment."

—Dr. John Gupton

This is a tremendous achievement and a tremendous increase in numbers. All these students were funded, too, either by the University or with external funds."

In the new building, all faculty members have their own research labs, a vital resource to professors who blend teaching and research. Gupton says many universities have excellent research labs, but they often lack good teaching labs. "Our teaching labs are set up just like our research labs—in state-of-the-art fashion that allows one to do any kind of discovery-based experiment."

**FULL SPEED AHEAD**

Gupton and Clough both emphasize that the goals of the science initiative have been accomplished without sacrificing Richmond's small classes and highly accessible professors. To the contrary, the science initiative has enhanced those features by increasing the size of the faculty.

"For the past 32 years, I have had highly motivated and talented students in my classes," Clough says. "That has not changed. What is exciting is that we now have more resources to provide them with an even more outstanding education in the sciences, and as always the students are eager to take advantage."

So far, most of the progress on the science initiative has been achieved with the science departments working in an outdated building or in a construction zone. Now the Gottwald Center for the Sciences is operating at full capacity. "This is the first year we've had all our engines going at once," Newcomb says. "For the sciences, the best is still to come."

Barbara Fitzgerald is a freelance writer based in Richmond. To see more photos of the new Gottwald Center for the Sciences, go to http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/magazine.
In May 2000, the Board of Trustees adopted a strategic plan designed to move the University toward its goal of becoming one of the finest small, private universities in the nation. Six years into the 10-year plan, Richmond has completed or nearly completed 11 of the plan's 17 objectives. The plan identifies several "action steps" for each objective. Many of those steps have been completed while others are ongoing. Some new ideas have been added and some of the original ones have been scrapped.

"From the beginning, we have referred to the strategic plan as a 'guidepost,' not a 'hitching post,'" explains President William E. Cooper. "Fresh ideas are always welcome. We continue to encourage our community members to think creatively about further steps to continue building our extraordinary quality."

The two words that best describe the plan's progress are "more" and "better"—more faculty, more research and more scholarships as well as better facilities, better programs and better funding.

Raising money and building facilities are barely mentioned among the plan's objectives, but they clearly are necessary to make the plan succeed. From the beginning, the plan called for aggressive construction schedules supported by an ambitious capital campaign and a substantial tuition increase.

The tuition increase will be phased in from fall 2005 to fall 2008. Meanwhile, the Transforming Bright Minds capital campaign has surpassed $177 million and seems likely to reach its goal of $200 million before 2008. Contributions to the campaign have funded a variety of programs and improvements including Weinstein Hall, a new home for the social sciences that opened in 2003; the Gottwald Center for the Sciences, which was completed in 2005; and the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness, scheduled to debut in December 2006.

The adjacent progress report is an updated summary of key objectives in the strategic plan's "Five-Year Status Report," which is available online at http://president.richmond.edu/future.

—Karl Rhodes
## Objectives

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All my life, I have felt the anxiety of the untested. As a kid, nothing bad ever happened to me, no untimely deaths, no divorce, we never even moved. But then one night, while my husband, Edward, was away on business, I was in the tub with my two little girls and I felt a rock in my breast. I touched it once and then forced my full attention to bathing the girls.

My girls are beautiful, one chubby blonde, one scrawny brunette, both very funny. Georgia is 3, and Claire is 16 months. They love Van Halen and Play-Doh and fighting over old rubber bands and barrettes they won’t keep in their hair. I love them madly.

As I dried myself off, I knew I’d have to touch it again, just to be sure I was wrong. I wasn’t, and I knew I wasn’t. So I started moving at a manic pace to get the girls in pajamas and in the car so I could rush to my OB’s house and have an expert’s hands feel me, feel it. It was late, but my OB, Dr. Birenbaum, was also my friend, Emily.

She gave me an exam on the sofa. We had a good laugh imagining her husband coming home to discover me topless, arms over my head, on my back, on the living room couch. I was relieved to have a doctor involved, and I willfully assumed it was a cyst. Emily would line up a mammogram for me in the next couple of days.

I came home, carried my sleeping beauties to their beds and waited for my husband to call. The phone rang, and we ran through the highlights of his day and told each other how tired we were. Then, in a carefully controlled tone, I said, “So, when I was in the bath with the girls, I was, you know, washing myself, and I found a lump.” As I tried to describe it, I felt it again and again, each time surprised to find it still there. I told him everything Emily told me: It was hard, which was bad; but it was movable, which was good. And in younger women lumps tend to be cysts. He said, “Well, hopefully you can get a
mammogram tomorrow or the next day and we can be sure.” We hung up a few minutes later, both projecting optimism.

**Mammogram**

There must have been 20 women in the waiting room of the imaging center where I got my mammogram. It felt like the DMV with carpet. When they called me back, a chipper woman explained that she would be taking two pictures of each breast, and it shouldn't take more than a couple minutes. As she wedged my breast between the plates, I said, “Ever since breast feeding, my boobs are just empty bags. I bet you can get those plates to kiss.” She seemed genuinely impressed to see that I could get the plates to just four centimeters apart.

She left me with an *Elle Decor* while she took my films to the doctor. In the time it took to flip through the magazine, she was back.

“The doctor asked me to take a few more pictures, so come on up here and let's get it over with real quick,” she said, in a tone of forced lightness. I remember closing my eyes for a moment before I stood up, a flash of doom passing through me.

I kept a close eye on her as she manipulated my breasts. We were just a few inches apart, and it seemed reasonable that if she knew something dreadful already, I would be able to see it, or smell it. She moved quickly and was out of the room again in no time. I paged through the same magazine without actually seeing it. I was grinding my teeth.

“Ms. Corrigan, Dr. White would like to talk to you about your films. Why don't you put your clothes on and I'll walk you back to his office.” I got a funny taste in my mouth.

The old, uncomfortable doctor who read my mammogram films stared at a file on his desk while he explained that I should have a biopsy as soon as possible.

“I am concerned about the tumor, the mass,” he said, seemingly to his desk. “I am scheduling you for a core needle Friday morning, so you will come back to this building then.”

I didn't follow him totally, but I did manage to ask why he was concerned. He said the mass looked like an “explosion.” That’s the exact word he used. I didn’t speak after that. I nodded a lot but words were beyond me. I was a 4-year-old lost at the mall, red hot tears pouring down my face. I could see that my reaction made him terribly uneasy, but not so uneasy that he offered any hope. He didn’t say, “Oh, I see I have alarmed you. Don't get ahead of yourself. Many times, these mammogram films are misleading.” He said, “You can be here Friday then? At 10 a.m.? ” I nodded.
Biopsy
I checked in while Edward claimed a spot in the waiting room, unpacking our reading materials, preparing for a wait. As I gave my name to the receptionist, I found that I was watching myself from a distance, listening to my voice saying my name. “Corrigan … with a C. … I’m here for a core needle biopsy … left breast. … Yes, I have my mammogram films with me. … My husband is the primary on my insurance … an HMO. … Dr. Birenbaum referred me.”

It was only tolerable from a distance. I hovered above the scene, watching the raw footage of a young mother delicately approaching cancer, respectful, humble, on her knees. It was outside me. It was abstract performance art.

Edward had just begun a *Sports Illustrated* article on Shaq and Kobe when the receptionist called my name. “Here,” I said stupidly, like a high school freshman, as I slid my magazine back into our tote.

For 40 minutes, a nervous young doctor jammed a miniature harpoon into various parts of the mass while a cheery nurse guided her via sonogram. With a slightly strained voice, the harpoonist said things like “your breasts are so dense, so young, it’s hard to get through the tissue.” I had stopped thinking of myself as young. In the world of breast tumor biopsies, I was a toddler.

There is a sick part of me, maybe all of us, that actually wanted the sobering diagnosis, to prove that I know my body, that I am not a hypochondriac. And given the ongoing push-pull with my husband, who sees no danger in the world, and me, whose imagination runs toward the tragic, I almost wanted the lump to be a tumor so he would see that sometimes fears are justified. Sometimes bad things actually happen.

Before we left, they told me I’d have significant bruising and showed me four tissue worms floating in solution in a little plastic container. It had a sticker with my name on it.

Diagnosis
Monday came. They might actually call now. Edward stayed home in case the news was bad. We called the OB-GYN office at 9 a.m., not expecting the biopsy results but wanting to remind them that we were here, one mile away, in suspended animation, waiting for the good news that would release us into motion again.

Emily wasn’t there. “We do not have results yet,” her partner said, “but I will call the lab again around lunchtime, and I’ll call you either way, but I wouldn’t expect to get the report today.”

We spent the morning as you might a snow day, a day you didn’t think you would get. Edward took the girls to the park while I putzed around, moving things from here to there.

At 1 p.m., Emily called and said these exact words: “Kelly, I understand that you called in this morning. I have the biopsy report and, Kelly, it’s cancer.” I coughed out a scream: “Edward!” We crowded around the phone, politely asking the simplest of questions. “Is the test always correct? Does it say how much cancer there is? Could it be a false positive?” We were on our best behavior, as you would be with someone at the airline counter who might be able to get you an upgrade. We learned the term “invasive ductal carcinoma,” and after
a brief conversation, we hung up. The girls were at our knees, needing to be fed and put down for a nap. There was so much to do, on so many fronts, that the only thing to do was to start doing. Edward started making sandwiches for the girls. I called my old friend, Mary Hope. I don’t know what I said, but I do remember that she said, “I’m on my way. I’m closing my laptop now.” She didn’t wait to be invited or expect me to know what to do next. She just hit the highway, driving an hour, straight to me. I hung up and told Edward, “Mary Hope is on her way. Should we call Chad and Sarah?” He handed me a beer and said, “And the Prendies too. Call them all.”

I looked at him for a minute, really looked him in the eye, and said, “I’m sorry, Edward. I’m so sorry I’m defective. You don’t deserve this. You shouldn’t have to go through this.” And because he is occasionally perfect, he said, “Better or worse, Kel. Sickness or health. Won’t trade this defective body for anything.” He wrapped my arms around him and rocked me side to side.

Chemo
Yesterday, I took 18 pills in 24 hours. It starts with chemo, Adomyican and Cytosin. Before they load you up, they give you a handout with a list of side effects. There are 15. They include well-known maladies—like hair loss, nausea and fatigue—and secret ones like runaway infections, tear-jerking constipation and early menopause. And with modern medicine, there is a drug to combat each side effect. For nausea, there are Zofran, Ativan and Compazine. For the constipation caused by Zofran, there are laxatives and stool softeners. There is a persistent metallic taste in your mouth and what they call ‘scalloping’ of the tongue. This is treated there is Nupogen, something you self-inject every morning for six days after each round of chemo. Of course, Nupogen causes deep bone pain, which you can treat with Vicoden, which can cause nausea. And there you are, right back where you started.

My hair has been falling out in the shower, so today is the day I become bald, the day that I hang a shiny red sign around my neck that announces, “I am in chemotherapy.” I should also, perhaps, be the day I take down all the mirrors in the house and stop thinking of myself as a woman, more like just a person, androgynous.

But I don’t want to be that person in the meditative pose accepting her fate. I want to be the person walking past that person, slowing down a little, admiring her courage. I want to bake that person cookies and be an ear for her and drive her kids to school and be her hero. I want to be on the other side, the side where you just visit cancer. I want to go home already, and home is so far away.

But my friends are here, with an electric shaving kit and all their love and support. I have a cranberry and vodka, then two beers and a cigarette and then, it starts. I am on the desk, wrapped in an old fraying sheet. Georgia and Claire are here, and Sophie, my 17-year-old babysitter and friend, and her friend, Tori, who came with her just because, and then a couple more close friends. The big show makes it easier to keep my distance from it.

We have many great laughs, and somehow it doesn’t seem so awful. After it is all off, and everyone has kissed and rubbed my stubbly head, I take a quick shower to wash away all the

with lozenges that cause cavities. To ward off infection and stabilize your white blood cell count,
little hairs. Edward comes up and opens the shower door and looks at me like a teenager seeing tits for the first time. He says, “I know you’re gonna think I am blowing sunshine up your ass, but it looks really good.” And then I start crying, almost heaving, and he says, “Really ... I’m serious. ... You can do this ... because you have such a pretty face.” And I step right out of the running shower and soak him head to toe with my wet hug. It all comes out, gushing, burning, unstoppable tears. Then I take him by the shoulders, like a wise old matriarch, and say through my crying, “You are such a good husband, and that is such an important thing to be, and so many people aren’t good at it, and you really are.”

I knew that he honestly did think I looked like a hot sci-fi chick. He doesn’t know how to lie.

Surgery

Although my surgeon described my lumpectomy as “a piece of cake,” I found the days leading up to surgery surprisingly upsetting. Unnamed anxieties surrounded my feet like broken glass. Every step closer to the table made me wince.

Hidden cancer cells. Unforeseen complications. Human error. The total vulnerability of anesthesia.

My most rational fear was not getting it all out. Chemo had reduced the tumor from seven centimeters to one tiny pearl of cancer floating in a C-cup of healthy tissue. Finding that exact centimeter of cells would be the test of my surgeon’s competence. Cancer cells don’t look different from regular cells. They don’t hold signs or wave their arms.

On the morning of surgery, a squat, tidy doctor narrated her way through the needle loc, a procedure to find the tumor. She seemed irrefutably proficient. I imagined that she was at the head of every class she ever took. I could see her in the front row, completed assignment on her desk, arm raised, shoes shined.

After the needle loc, they injected radioactive material into my breast to direct the surgeon to my sentinel nodes. Sentinel nodes block the path of cancer from the other 25 or 30 nodes higher up near the armpit. If these gatekeeper nodes show no signs of cancer, the surgeon will close up the area, confident that the higher nodes are clean.

Nothing but anesthesia remained. Edward and I sat in a bright, clean room for several hours, waiting for word from the OR that we were up. About six hours after I arrived at the hospital, a huge woman wheeled me to the OR. I kissed Edward five or six times, crying like I used to on the way home from summer camp. My brother was there, too, to keep Edward occupied until I came out the other side. I kissed him, too, laid bare by quivering, puffy lips and a sloppy, childish, runny nose.

Knowing that in moments my awareness would be shut down by the anesthesiologist, I felt free to unravel completely. I thought childish thoughts like, “Get my mom. ... Take me home. ... I don’t want to do this.” But I didn’t say anything. I just stared at my surgeon, one woman to another, and shook my head ever so slightly from side to side while my face burned with fresh tears.
Five hours later, I emerged from the anesthesia like a girl lost in the circus, asking a stranger, an intern younger than me by a decade, to hold my hand and watch me cry until my husband could be found. After 10 minutes or so, Edward barreled in, strangely chipper, fresh from shopping on Fillmore Street with my millionaire brother, hardly able to settle down long enough to wonder why unstoppable tears had the best of me. They nearly laughed at me while I tried to tell them how much I love them. The tenderness I wanted was replaced by the joy I was given.

"We saw the surgeon. Your nodes are clean. She said it was a piece of cake."

Edward was ecstatic. My brother was thrilled. I was relieved in a way that isn’t done justice by the word or any of its synonyms.

Recurrence
Before I started radiation, I thought I might sit down with a nutritionist to talk about my diet. Lara, the on-staff dietician, is a slender vegetarian who lives alone and picks her produce up “fresh every other day on the way home.”

She filled four pages with notes about anti-inflammatories and anti-oxidants and warnings about growth hormones. We talked about alcohol, how it is best to reduce from a glass or two every day, to a glass or two every couple of weeks. I nodded and then exhaled, wondering aloud, “How am I going to relax at the end of 12 hours with my girls?”

I don’t want to be in charge of my body for the rest of my life. I don’t want the responsibility. What if I choose to live it up with fillets, red wine and cookies? What if the cancer comes back and I have to live with my choices? What if I give up all my indulgences and the cancer comes back anyway?

What if the cancer comes back? That’s at the bottom of every thought. If I just strip back the surface and reduce the noise, there it is, plain and unyielding. What if the cancer comes back? And that constant question intertwines with many others: Will my daughters inherit this? Will I exhaust my husband’s goodwill? Did the surgeon find it all? Will it come back?

That’s what it’s like when you’re living it, when breast cancer crosses over from an awareness campaign to a spiky trap you can’t escape. But that was last year. I was 36, with a 1-year-old, a 3-year-old, nine orange bottles of medication on my nightstand and not a hair on my body.

This year, I don’t have breast cancer. Every last one of the seven centimeters of aggressive cancer I found lurking in my breast last August is gone. A week ago, I got my first haircut in a year. My daughter keeps asking me if it’s going to fall out again. I keep promising her it won’t.

“So no more cancer?” she asks. “That’s right, sweetie, no more cancer.” My other daughter, now 2, climbs in my lap, pats my breast and confirms the rumor: “Mommy’s booby all better?” I keep promising her it is. “All better,” she parrots, and pats some more for good measure.

Kelly Corrigan is a newspaper columnist in Northern California and is working on a children’s book that will be released this summer. She was diagnosed with stage-three breast cancer in August 2004. She appeared on NBC’s Today show last year, and this year, she proclaims, “I don’t have breast cancer.” To see more of her writing and photography, visit www.kellycorrigan.com or www.circusofcancer.org.
Khalil Graham, '09, knew he had the grades and the test scores to get into a highly selective college. He simply figured there was no way he could afford it. "I live with my grandmother," he says. "I don't want to spend years paying off loans after I earn my degree."

A Brooklyn, N.Y., native, Graham visited Richmond in the spring of his senior year, drawn by its academic reputation and the prospect of playing football for the Spiders. He was elated when the University accepted him and offered him financial aid—not an athletic scholarship, but a need-based package that fully covered his expenses.

"I'm really pleased with my choice," says Graham, a redshirt linebacker on the football team. "With its structured athletic program and opportunities for personal growth, Richmond offers a good balance. I may be a little bit too far from home to suit my grandmother, but at least she doesn't have to worry about paying for my education."

College affordability is important, not only to Graham and his grandmother, but to many families as they guide their children through the college selection process. Sticker shock can cause them to cross colleges off their lists prematurely, says Cynthia Deffenbaugh, Richmond's director of financial aid. "Affordability is in the eye of the beholder, but too often I hear parents say 'no' to Richmond because they don't understand that we might be able to help make their answer 'yes.'"

The University is committed to making financial aid available to students who demonstrate need and supporting those who show exceptional promise as scholars or student-athletes. Richmond's undergraduate admission policy has long been "need-blind," which means that admission decisions are not influenced by families' ability to pay for college expenses. According to Deffenbaugh, W'80 and GB'88, most universities cannot sustain such a generous policy.

"Some schools might use financial need as a reason not to admit an otherwise qualified applicant because they either cannot or have not committed the resources necessary to help all families who need assistance," she says.

Richmond, however, takes its need-blind admission policy a major step
further bypledging to meet the entire
financial needs demonstrated by its U.S.
undergraduate students. “If we
determine that a family is not able to
pay our full cost,” Deffenbaugh explains,
“then we will provide financial aid to
meet the difference between our cost
and what we have determined they are
able to pay.”

Richmond is among fewer than 40
American colleges and universities that
make this promise in conjunction with
need-blind admission. The University’s
trustees adopted the policy in 2002
because they believed it was the right
thing to do, Deffenbaugh says, but “we
had to take a very close look at the
University’s operating budget to meet
the goal.”

More than one-third of current
first-year students receive need-based
financial aid, and nearly two-thirds
receive aid of some type—need-based,
merit, athletic, grants, work-study or
loan assistance. For the 2005–06
academic year, Richmond awarded
$16.8 million in need-based financial
aid to traditional undergraduates. The
University provided another $6.2
million in scholarship assistance to 263
student-athletes, and it contributed an
additional $6 million to fund merit
scholarships.

Meeting financial need
Richmond’s need-based financial aid is
fairly straightforward. Applicants’
families submit their tax returns and W-2
forms and two applications—a federal
one (available at www.fafsa.ed.gov) and a
University supplement (available at
www.richmond.edu/forms).

Like other schools, Richmond
expects each family to make a financial
contribution. Factors that determine
that contribution include the family’s
income and assets, as well as its size,
particular the number of children in
college. Families can estimate their
expected contribution by using the
need-analysis calculator at
www.finaid.org.

“We subtract the expected family
contribution from the cost of attending
the University, which includes an
estimate of charges for tuition and room
and board as well as additional costs for
books, supplies and some personal
expenses,” Deffenbaugh explains. “The
difference between these two figures is
the size of our award.”

The University will provide a financial
aid package equal to full tuition, room
and board to any undergraduate
student from Virginia who is admitted to
Richmond, whose family income is
$40,000 or less, and who demonstrates
eligibility for aid.

If a family has no resources available
for college, the student’s only obligation
would be $4,000 of loans or work-study
per year. In all financial aid packages
that include loans, debt is capped at
$4,000 per year, and the maximum debt
that a student can graduate with is
$16,000 (not counting funds that the
family might borrow to pay for its
expected contribution). Students do not
need to repay need-based grants from
the University. Wealthy families might
not receive any need-based financial aid,
but many middle-class families do
qualify for assistance. The average
need-based package in 2005–06 is $23,875.

Additionally, the University recently
announced it will provide a financial
aid package equal to full tuition, room
and board (without loans) to any
undergraduate student from Virginia who
is admitted to Richmond, whose family
income is $40,000 or less, and who
demonstrates eligibility for financial aid.

Attracting top students
Richmond uses a growing number of
merit scholarships to attract outstanding
students, such as Drew Setterberg, ’06.
The Minnesota native ranked No. 1 in
his high school class and was looking for
a highly selective, small liberal arts
college on the East Coast, where he
could develop his interests in Spanish,
international studies and economics. He
found everything he was looking for at
Richmond.

As an Oldham Scholar, Setterberg
receives the University’s most generous
merit award, which includes full tuition,
room, board, a travel stipend and priority
class registration and room selection.

He has maintained a 3.77 grade
point average while singing in the choir,
sitting on the Honor Council and
serving as an executive officer for the
Octaves vocal group. Fluent in Spanish,
he studied at the Universidad Torcuato
Di Tella in Argentina last fall through
one of Richmond’s international
exchange programs.

Anticipating a career in
international business, Setterberg is
grateful to Richmond for helping him
further his education. “Richmond is a
place where students who value
individual attention from their
professors can thrive,” he says.

Last year’s tuition increase will help
the University expand its financial aid programs. The Board of Trustees passed the increase on the condition that a substantial portion of the new revenue, nearly 40 percent, would be funneled into need- and merit-based financial aid. The idea is to attract even more exceptional students, says Associate Provost Joseph Kent, director of the Richmond Scholars Program.

“Beginning in the fall of 2006, we’ll be offering 50 four-year, full-tuition scholarships annually that include several new scholarships and upgrade some formerly smaller awards,” he says. Richmond selects recipients of these scholarships each spring after inviting up to 100 prospective students to campus for two days of interviews and social events.

“Our expanded merit scholarship program complements our need-based efforts, helping to keep the University accessible to all who qualify for admission,” says Kent, who chairs the faculty committee that awards the scholarships. “We offer bright students many exciting opportunities regardless of their financial situation.”

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### Student A

- **Parents’ Finances**
  - Earnings: $76,400
  - Retirement Plan Contributions: 0
  - Assets (excluding home equity): 4,000
  - Family Members: 4
  - Children in College: 1

- **Student’s Finances**
  - Earnings: $2,450
  - Assets: 700

- **Eligibility**
  - Cost of Attendance: $42,690
  - Expected Family Contribution: $16,820

- **Financial Aid Package**
  - Need-based scholarships/grants: $21,870
  - Need-based loans/work-study: 4,000

- **Total Aid Package**: $25,870

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### Student B

- **Parents’ Finances**
  - Earnings: $36,500
  - Retirement Plan Contributions: 1,200
  - Family Members: 3
  - Children in College: 1

- **Student’s Finances**
  - Earnings: 1,250
  - Assets: 500

- **Eligibility**
  - Cost of Attendance: $42,690
  - Expected Family Contribution: $2,440

- **Financial Aid Package**
  - Need-based scholarships/grants: $36,250
  - Need-based loans/work-study: 4,000

- **Total Aid Package**: $40,250

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### Student C

- **Parents’ Finances**
  - Earnings: $168,000
  - Retirement Plan Contributions: 14,000
  - Assets (excluding home equity): 48,000
  - Family Members: 5
  - Children in College: 2

- **Student’s Finances**
  - Earnings: 4,050
  - Assets: 4,000

- **Eligibility**
  - Cost of Attendance: $42,690
  - Expected Family Contribution: $26,400

- **Financial Aid Package**
  - Need-based scholarships/grants: $12,290
  - Need-based loans/work-study: 4,000

- **Total Aid Package**: $16,290
Revelations
M. SCOTT BYRNES, B'91
Blue Stripe Books, 2006
Science fiction pulls down the pillars of received wisdom to construct an alternate reality: the sturdier the pillars, the greater the impact. Byrnes engineering a mighty crash, bringing to the crucifixion of "the Nazarene known as Jesus" a seven-foot-tall avenger of the murderous creature somehow connected with—even responsible for—the event. From that prologue, the action of the book moves to the year 2129, to a world we recognize as our own except for the spacecraft. The United States has landed on Mars with the task of finding a real Martian—what can supply Earth's need for energy. Part of the plot follows the crew as they investigate traces of an ancient civilization whose members died at the same moment from no obvious cause. The main plot focuses on Tim, a young American with more-than-human brainpower and mysterious, otherworldly visions combined with all-too-human self-doubt. Tim works to solve the mystery of the Mars discovery along with the mystery of who he is and whether—in the chess game being played across vast expanses of space and time—he is a pawn, a knight or one of the players.

The Middle Place, Part One
KELLY CORRIGAN, W'89
Circus of Cancer, 2005
Charm defines definition, but Kelly Corrigan sees it personified in her father, George Corrigan, who "starts every interaction assuming the person is going to kill him—"with their humor, their cooking, their smarts, their white smile, their athleticism, their hand shake." With such a father, it's natural that Corrigan would grow up expecting to delight and be delighted. At 36, she has achieved that state as a wife and the mother of two young daughters of which she says, "I love them madly and hope they will be the older sisters to a couple more little people. I like chaos, I like noise." Into this life the word cancer drops like a pill. Corrigan writes openly about the effects, physical and emotional, of her breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. She calls this memoir "a coming of age story about a woman who loved being a girl and the things that made her finally grow up." Cancer is one of those things, but as a grown-up, Corrigan's focus is not on herself. She has learned that "preserving your children's troubled state is vital. It is the thing that you say to yourself late in the night, the thing that finally get you fast asleep. At least, you say, the kids are okay." (See excerpts from Corrigan's book beginning on page 14.)

New Day Rising
JOEL W. HARNETT, R'45
Harvard Museum: Native Cultures and Art, 2005
Joel Harrett's poems—illustrated with photographs, paintings and sculptures—often reflect Western landscapes, history and culture. Native American art, including music and dance, inspired many of the poems. "At the Heard Museum," for example, describes dancers with "hoops that morph into birds or deer or butterflies." Contrasting with the poem's beauty and harmony are themes of violence and betrayal. The earlier poems in this rear respond with anger and bitterness to violence against Native Americans. The shock of Sept. 11 drives Harrett to similar treatment of new atrocities. Personal subjects are here, too. In the final poem of the volume, "Last Night," Harrett imagines retreating to the mental bed on the night of his death.

When I close my eyes
I'll see a sunny light
a string of posses—
those little things between us
that built a glorious garland
of our years, our life, our love.

Labs of Deception
GAYLE MARLOWE, C'92
Noble House, 2005
The image of the scientist holding aloft a test tube has carried a double meaning of good and evil at least since Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Today that image yields more power than ever in our imaginations as we scan the headlines and wonder what could happen next. Marlowe imagines a horrific answer to that question in her techno-thriller Labs of Deception, set in Richmond. Marlowe couples the hard science of chemistry with the more ambiguous elements of psychology as her villain, who calls himself Sarge. Sarge plays on the weaknesses of key employees at chemical companies, making them believe the crimes he's committing on their behalf. The novel shows how this small-town rail-road crossing came into blues music, into literature (especially Eudora Welty's Delta Wedding) and into a painting called "Train of the South." From this point, Rubin opens the larger question of the South's legacy. Is this a question that could with equal relevance be posed about Southern fiction and poetry? The essays offer thought-provoking considerations about writers, the teaching of writers, and the selling of writers. It ends with a challenging question: What needs to be done so that good fiction may continue to be published? The final thing the reader will want to do, having wandered for a few hours with Rubin through the intellectual and sensual delights of reading and thinking, is join him in that crusade.

Theology as History, History as Theology: Paul in Ephesus in Acts 19
DR. SCOTT E. SHAUF, '93
Walter de Gruyter, 2005
In this study, Shauf proposes to "investigate the theology of Acts while taking seriously the status of the writing as ancient historiog-raphy." Among the questions important to him are "how the writing may have functioned for its origi- nal audience." In contrast to Paul's letters, Acts makes no direct statements concerning the history or circumstances of its author or its audience. Shauf quotes one scholar who calls Acts a "foundational epic" serving the same function for its audience as Vergil's Aeneid did for the Roman people. Acts narrates a series of dramatic encounters between Paul and his followers and the forces arrayed against them. Chapter 19 offers two such clashes, one with some "old school" Jewish magicians attempting to use the name of Jesus, the other with Artemis-worshippers of Ephesus who feel their income and status threatened by the newcomers. Shauf feels little serious study has been devoted to the story of these events in which we learn that the Southern and the Yellow Dog are train lines that cross at Moorhead, Miss. Rubin—a writer, editor, teacher, publisher, and winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Book Critics Circle—shows how this small-town rail-road crossing came into blues music, into literature (especially Eudora Welty's Delta Wedding) and into a painting called "Train of the South." From this point, Rubin opens the larger question of the South's legacy. Is this a question that could with equal relevance be posed about Southern fiction and poetry? The essays offer thought-provoking considerations about writers, the teaching of writers, and the selling of writers. It ends with a challenging question: What needs to be done so that good fiction may continue to be published? The final thing the reader will want to do, having wandered for a few hours with Rubin through the intellectual and sensual delights of reading and thinking, is join him in that crusade.
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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Margaret Taylor Gallaway gets pleasure from a scholarship she established at the University of Richmond in honor of her mother. The scholarship was used last year, for a voice major from Pennsylvania.

Otilia Francis Bodenstein watched Hurricane Katrina with great concern. She and her husband lived on the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans when they were first married. Later they moved to Maryland.

Frances Rowlett Perkins celebrated her 91st birthday. She keeps busy with her computer, her church and events. She has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her 31-year-old granddaughter in Sacramento, Calif., recently ran a marathon.

Marion Allport Foley says, "I'm growing old. I live in a retirement center and I am happy here."

Patsy Pitts Henderson has an apartment at Westminster-Canterbury and says, "It's a lovely home away from home."

M. Elizabeth "Betsy" Marston Sadler says she takes one day at a time. She finds great delight in her oldest granddaughter.

Hazel Weaver Fobes had a fall in her home, breaking a rib or two, but says she is doing fine and maintaining her interest in life.

Jacquelin Johnston Gilmore keeps busy with volunteer work in the library at Westminster-Canterbury, knitting and enjoying her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

It was sad to learn from John Heisler of the death of his mother, Mary Bruce Harper Heisler, on Feb. 28, 2005. Mary Bruce was devoted to our class and to Westhampton. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Drop me a card about yourself and let me know what you are doing.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
Lucy Burke Allen Meyer
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Dorothy Quinn Keeling is back home in South Hill after a repair to her hipbone in Richmond. She says, "It's wonderful. I was in St. Mary's and in a rehab center and now I'm fine." After living in her house for 33 years, Dot says she doesn't plan on moving.

Joanne Barlow Williams says weekly messages—a gift from her daughters—help her legs and bones stay strong and make her feel good all over. Joanne has four children, two boys and two girls, and two grandchildren with one more expected in April.

Peggy Vicars Early spends six months in Florida each year on Marco Island. Her condo wasn't damaged much in the last hurricane—just water in one bedroom with the carpet having to be replaced. She has five grandchildren and sometimes travels with them. She has been to Hawaii, New Zealand, Malorca and Alaska. She bought a condo in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and goes there often to enjoy the Tetons. "In September, the Tetons had three inches of snow. It's a beautiful place," she says.

Living in Appomattox, Va., is like being in the middle of history, according to Millie Tabb Trent. It's in the country with not much traffic, she says. She has two daughters living in Newport News with five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Grace Sherer Taylor passed away on Nov. 25, 2005. She was a resident of the Homrigata at Cedarfield. She was a very lively person and everyone will miss her. We send our condolences to her family.

For those of you who live out of state, you should know that I still find Virginia Beach a fun place in the sun or shade. Sand has been brought in to widen the beach, and it is swept each day. The new statue of Neptune on the boardwalk, by the same sculptor who did the Arthur Ashe statue in Richmond, is impressive and large enough to withstand the next hurricane, I hope.

Ada Moss Harlow reminds us to contribute to our class scholarship fund to keep the name of our class alive. Checks should be made out to University of Richmond and sent to Irene Motley, Maryland Hall, Room B-17, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Please mark your check for the Westhampton Class of '42 Fund.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Molly Warner Stephenson, W'44, was recognized for 25 years of delivering Meals on Wheels.

Demie Brown Blair sent me an article from Westminster-Canterbury showing a picture of Elizabeth R. "Betsy" Rice in a T-shirt that read, "We All Make a Difference." The article went on to describe how Betsy had organized CNO (Concerned Northside Churches) in a ministry to adults, ages 28 to 90, in day-care facilities. She also recruited reading and math tutors for children in grades two through five at two nearby elementary schools.

Billy Jane Crosby Baker also told me of a newspaper article about Betsy's childhood home in Ginter Park. Billy Jane is proud of Randy Marcus, her oldest grandson, who managed L. Gv. Bill Bolling's successful campaign in Virginia.

Mary Moore "Molly" Warner Stephenson and Jim were featured in a newsletter at Bayview Gardens, where they have lived for the past three years of their 33-year retirement in Florida. Molly was recognized for 25 years of delivering Meals on Wheels, and Jim and Molly were both recognized for their work in programs for the homeless and the Unitedarian Church.

Ann Burcher Stansbury and Warren continue to be active at Patriot's Colony. In addition to fitness activities, Anne enjoys a reading group. Their daughter, Susie, is on the faculty at Virginia Tech, and they attended some of the football games this past season. They also have a grandson who is a freshman.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary

Mildred "Mimi" Dvorak Horigan
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Richmond, VA 23226

I'm writing this in the fall of 2005 for the spring 2006 issue. An unsettling thought jumped into my head—2007 comes next and it will be another reunion year for the Class of '47. I just don't seem able to believe it.

We were very pleased to have LaVinia Watson Reilly with us for our October and November luncheons. She was spending some time on the East Coast, coming up to visit Gin for the occasion. In November, we met at the recently restored Hanover Tavern. LaVinia has a daughter-in-law who is a native of Bangkok, Thailand. LaVinia, her son and daughter-in-law left in November for Thailand, not planning to return until sometime in the near future.

Mary Lou Massie Cumby spent part of October in New Mexico, visiting daughter "Bee," who is a physician there. Her summer trip included a visit to the space center in Alabama.

Helen Cole Richardson, Straughan S. Richardson Jr., R'46, and Nancy Richardson Elliott enjoyed a five-day cruise to Bermuda in the fall. It was sponsored by their church, Second Baptist. Nancy recently moved into Lakewood Manor, in the far west end of Richmond.

Beverly Patton Bronwe is currently at Heartfields here in town. She is somewhat restricted in her activities but was able to make our October lunch. Please keep in touch. These letters come around quickly. I would love to hear from you.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

Henrietta Vinson, W'52, and Earl Allen won silver medals in mixed doubles tennis, age 70-75, at the Pittsburgh National Senior Olympics.

Alice C. Goodman wrote of visiting with Mary Cross Marshall when she came to Westhampton. She met some work from the Bon Air Group to Westminster-Canterbury. She pictured an atmosphere busy with new construction of buildings and new people moving in. The big news was that among the new arrivals in October were Elizabeth "B'icky" Hickerson Butterworth and John F. Butterworth, R. in a phone conversation with Betty, I learned that they are very happy there and are enjoying making and renewing some friendships.

Lily Brittle Hepler wrote with an update on her situation. After surgery in August, her doctors said it was unknown how often she should have check-ups. Therefore, testing is not necessary. Trusting that there has been some improvement, we continue our loving support.

Doris Moore Shae had a visit from Millie Gunther Taylor III and Simeon Poplin Taylor, R'47. He can picture the girls shopping and socializing with friends from the Taylor's years of living in Hampton. When Doris went with friends to Ocean View, N.C., last September, they had to evacuate to Myrtle Beach during Hurricane Opelia. Then, the problems experienced with FEMA after Katrina forced them to request relief. The owner of the house made them a FAUX FEMA debit card, which is a collectors’ item because there were only four issued. Of course the card is worthless but gets lots of attention at the post office. Doris also had a Columbus Day weekend trip to New York, meeting friends and seeing The Odd Couple. She traveled to Seattle to spend Thanksgiving with her older son.

Hannah Barlow Bains' husband has had some physical problems, so she has made him the top priority. Hope all goes well.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

Mildred "Mimi" Anderson Gill spent nine weeks in Maine, her 70th summer there, at Belgrade Lakes. She visited with son Lee and enjoyed friends and family. Mimi's oldest son is in Alaska.

Frances Stuart Bailey and Rolen C. Bailey, R'49, had a great summer with time at Massanutten, Myrtle Beach and Williamsburg. This was all during a case of shingles for Frances. She "just took some pain pills and went on anyway."That sounds familiar to a number of us!

Judith Barnett Seelhorst had a special visit with her two sisters in September. Her older sister, Sue, attended Westhampton from 1942–44. Her husband came up from Florida for three weeks, returning home to Pompano Beach in time for Wilma and evacuation, but their villa was not damaged. While in Kentucky, their sister from northern Ohio was back and forth visiting, Mary Cross Marshall and I hope to take Judy up on her invitation to visit Kentucky (that is, if the statute of limitations doesn’t run out before that is possible).

Frances Orrell Lineberry and Berlin Byron Lineberry, R'49, delighted in their trips to Myrtle Beach to visit their son, Roy, and Libby. Grandsons Tanner, 7, and Andy, 16, always provide special interest! Roy is vice president of the Horry County State Bank-Morgates of Myrtle Beach.

Margaret Stone Cunningham, who lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., had a second knee operation during the summer (the first one was the year before). Already, she is enjoying 18 holes of golf at her usual level of skill. Jerry has a fascination for racing and slowly greyskinds. Congratulations are in order for their particularly successful winnings in the past year. They have made not a trip to Richmond for two years but greatly enjoy visits from their daughter and two sons, who live in Virginia.

Henrietta Vinson, W'52, and Earl Allen won silver medals in mixed doubles tennis, age 70-75, at the Pittsburgh National Senior Olympics.

1948

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Josephine Hoover Pittman announced with great joy the arrival on Oct. 22, 2005, of her third great-grandchild, Gage Aiden Kraus. It is special to have one great-grandchild living just two miles from her. I wish I could share the beautiful pictures I sent of family happenings, especially one with grandson Wesley Hamel on their mutual birthday, Oct. 24. He was 17 and we all know that we share her age! October was also the occasion of a concert at Columbus State University, where granddaughter Allison is developing her special talent in music.

Patricia Parlow Broman returned from spending the summer in Maine. She was back in Fort Myers, Fla., just in time for Wilma, which was not as hectic as it might have been but scary! The plan to evacuate was cancelled at the last minute. Summer was fun with company and the usual knitting retreat to Monhegan Island. December she was in rehearsals for a Christmas play with the Shell Point Drama Group.

1949

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Ruby Patterson Weber visited her granddaughter in Hawaii, where she is a freshman student at the University of Hawaii. Ruby has 14 grandchildren and four children. She is well, notwithstanding an eye problem in June 2004.

Jean Harper Hamlett enjoyed her summer at the beach and baby-sitting. She reported that Frankie Robison King and George T. King III, R., spent time in France with their daughter and son-in-law.

Mary Dosher Long visited her sister in Idaho and then went on to the University of Idaho. Ruby has 14 grandchildren and four children. She is well, notwithstanding an eye problem in June 2004.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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In August 12 members of our class met at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for a delightful lunch. Those attending were Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara Joy Hall Sattt, Doris Balderson Burbank, G'77, Lee Reeves Childress, Marianne Beck Duty, Janice Brandenburg Halloran, Mary Howard Holloway, Audrey Lynn Jones, Gene Hart Joyner, Marianne Bugg Lambert, Jean Tinsley Martin, Frances Sutton Oliver and Elizabeth "Libby" Graves Pierce. Libby was also excited about attending her family reunion scheduled for that weekend.
I was delighted to hear from Joanne Waring Karpf that Agnes Field Burke had not moved to Cape Cod but is still living in Alexandria. Somehow news was given that Aggie and Howard had moved and we are glad to correct it. Joanne also reported that she and Bill recently returned from a cruise to Bermuda.

Bernadine Avery Clarke and her husband John Roderick Clarke, ’49, were on a cruise to Bermuda in late October. When they returned, they visited Richmond. They lived here for many years before moving to Washington state. They have three daughters and their husbands and children all live near Seattle. Bernie called her Westhampton classmates Doris Balderson Burbank and Barbara White Balderson to catch up on the news. In Tidewater Virginia in October, Helen Lampathakis Kestay and Dick, with Doris Balderson Burbank, G’77, and David B. “Bunny” Burbank, R, celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Dick’s sister and Bunny’s cousin.

William (Les) Lester Duty, R, ’59, and I enjoyed a few fun-filled days in October at the Virginia Beach home of Les’s nephew, Clifford B. Duty Jr., R, ’59, and his wife, Anna. After retiring from Southland Corp., Cliff became a licensed charter fishing boat captain, and he and Les had a grand time fishing in the bay.

Keep the news coming. We’ve a great class, and we need to share our adventures.

1951

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Anne Marie Hadlin Bailey attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Laura, in Mississippi in June. In September, her daughter Beth and her children came to Williamsburg from Arlington, Va., to celebrate dad Bert’s birthday. Anne Marie had successful cancer surgery on both eyes recently.

Sue Pitts Hodder was in Berkeley, Calif., in October to visit her newest grandson, Noah, born in September to her daughter, Elizabeth. Also enjoying grandmother’s visit was baby sister Zoe.

Virginia Herrick Coppock and her husband, Robert Coppock Jr., L ’67, attended the wedding of their son, Robbie, in Denver. Among the five days of festivities was Charlotte Herrick Sayre.

Jo Ann Asbury Hopkins and Hal have become grandparents once more. Their son, Rus, and his wife, Michelle, had their first child, a boy named Ian, who was born in Longmont, Colo. They also visited their son, Ralph, in Santa Fe, N.M. Since no vacation is complete without Jo and Hal having a “golf break,” they played in Price, Utah.

Patricia Smith Kelley and Paige were in Nashville, Tenn., to celebrate several family birthdays in October—her husband’s, son’s and grandson’s.

Bobbie Lee Brown Yagel celebrated her birthday at home with all her children and grandchildren present—17 in all. In October she and Myron M. Yagel, R, ’50 and G, ’55, spent two wonderful weeks in Hawaii. A favorite destination was Kauai, where they were impressed with the natural beauty of the island.

Jean Love Hanson and Charles M. Hanson, R, ’52, have sold their home in Richmond and moved to a townhouse in the Chippenham area of the city, bidding a fond farewell to yard work.

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E. Ralph Graves Jr. retired from the farm and ranch real estate business in 2000. He enjoys playing golf and hunting ducks with his sons and grandsons. Since his parents died in Richmond several years ago, the family has remained in McKinney, Texas.

Donald E. Harding retired in 1995 from the Virginia Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer in Herring County. Since then, he has returned to work on short assignments with the Herring County Circuit Courts and the City of Richmond Drug Court. He is taking advantage of his free time and visits friends in Italy, England and Germany.

Charles R. Neatour lives in Harrisonburg, Va., and has a second home at Massanutten. He and his wife, Betty, graduated from Indiana University with doctoral degrees and returned to James Madison University, where he was a math education and middle school specialist, and she initiated one of the top undergraduate Russian majors in the country.

1952

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Majoring in physics at Richmond, Manfred “Dutch” von Ehrenfried, R, ’60, had no idea the heights to which his education would take him. Working for NASA in the heyday of the space program, he helped support 18 space missions working closely with several famous astronauts.

His original goal was to become an Air Force pilot, but that career never got off the ground.

“I had just failed my flight physical at Langley Air Force Base due to having childhood asthma and was walking out of the building feeling pretty dejected,” he remembers. Then he noticed a building at Langley marked “NASA.” He walked in, applied for a job, and the agency hired him on the spot.

The Cold War was heating up, and Alan Shepard’s Freedom 7 flight in 1961 “started the whole thing,” von Ehrenfried recalls. After that, he was immersed in the space race. He provided flight operations and procedures support for John Glenn’s 1962 orbital flight and the other Project Mercury missions that followed. He later served as assistant flight director for Project Gemini, including the first American spacewalk by Ed White on Gemini 4 in 1964.

NASA hired von Ehrenfried when he was just 25, but his youth was not unusual among people involved in the early days of the space program.

“The average age of the Project Mercury flight controllers was about 28,” he recalls. “The enormous challenge and responsibility inherent in what we were doing didn’t faze us. We didn’t know any better.”

But the weight of responsibility became obvious in 1967, when the Apollo 1 command module caught fire during a preflight test at Kennedy Space Center. Three astronauts—White, Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee—died in just a few seconds. Manning the guidance officer’s console at Mission Control in Houston, von Ehrenfried heard the crew’s last words—“fire in the spacecraft”—followed by the sounds of a futile rescue effort. “The capsule was an inferno,” he says. “It was a devastatingly helpless feeling.”

Blasting astronauts into space remains extremely dangerous, “but that is the price of space exploration,” insists von Ehrenfried, who took some risks of his own. In addition to working in flight operations during Project Apollo, he tested space suits in vacuum chambers that simulated conditions at altitudes up to 400,000 feet. Although technicians and physicians were just outside the vacuum chambers, “a major pressure leak could have been fatal,” he says.

Years later, von Ehrenfried and his wife, Dayle Thompson, formed Technical and Administrative Services Corp. to help support NASA’s space station program. NASA named the company its small business contractor of the year in 1994.

Since leaving “spacebiz” in 2000, the couple has moved from Washington, D.C., to St. Petersburg, Fla., where von Ehrenfried is a financial advisor for Waddell & Reed Inc.

“It’s an excellent second career,” he says. “I just shifted from my background in physics to my background in math and contingency planning.”

He never earned his wings as an Air Force pilot, but he did become a private pilot. “Above all,” he notes with evident satisfaction, “I was part of the team that helped to develop manned space missions and eventually put men on the moon.”

—Betty M. van Iersel
Scout’s honor

Dick Balderson, R’68, gets paid to watch Major League Baseball games. “I love baseball and I love being outdoors,” says Balderson, a big league scout for the Atlanta Braves. “I’ve been a lot of things in baseball, and at this point in my career, [scouting] gives me some freedom to come and go and still get a chance to contribute.”

Balderson has worked for several teams in numerous capacities, including farm director and scouting director. His top job was general manager of the Seattle Mariners.

A member of Richmond’s Athletic Hall of Fame, Balderson was a standout pitcher for the Spiders. He still holds records for shutouts in a season (four) and in a career (seven), as well as complete games (27) and earned run average (1.58). He majored in history and served as president of Theta Chi fraternity, which helped prepare him for his managerial career.

“Anytime you have some responsibility, however narrow it might be, it gives you experience in dealing with people,” he says. “People skills are very important—managing people and getting along with people. … Surrounding yourself with the right people is the important thing.”

Balderson played eight seasons in the Kansas City Royals’ minor league system. He spent his summers riding buses from one small town to another and his winters in Portsmouth, Va., living with his parents, working in the hardware department of the local Sears Roebuck.

“I was good enough to get a chance,” he says, “but not good enough to go beyond that.”

He considered becoming a pitching coach but decided against more bus rides and locker rooms. He got married and started selling insurance, a job he did not enjoy.

Good fortune intervened. His name was John Schuerholz. As assistant director of player development for the Royals in the early 1970s, Schuerholz knew Balderson from the annual negotiations over the young pitcher’s contract.

“I was impressed by Dick’s preparedness, professionalism and personal character,” recalls Schuerholz, who in later years built the Atlanta Braves into a perennial winner.

When the Royals promoted Schuerholz to director of player development, he offered Balderson the job of administrative assistant. Balderson jumped at the chance.

“He quickly and easily demonstrated the skills and natural instincts to handle this job well and flourished in it,” Schuerholz recalls.

After the Royals, Balderson worked for the Seattle Mariners, Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies. In 1999, Schuerholz asked Balderson to rejoin him in Atlanta. Balderson lived in Atlanta while serving as farm director. Then he moved back to Denver when he became a scout in 2003.

Armed with a notebook, scorecard and stopwatch, Balderson attends dozens of games a year. His information and analysis help the Braves evaluate other teams’ players—both as opponents and as potential acquisitions.

Schuerholz continues to express great admiration for Balderson. “Dick has distinguished himself,” he says, “as an outstanding baseball man … and a gentleman.”
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The University gave a delightful pre-reunion gala on Sept. 22, 2005. Westhampton classmatessylvia Grigorowitsch Dickson, G’57, Anne Stuart Hartz Garnett, Joyce Still Gibson, Diane Brown Higgins, Nancy Saunders Huber, Janet Knobel Jones, Helen Molten Aldredge, James "Bo" Buren Aldredge Jr., B’59 and GB’69, spent more time in Richmond. Their home there was open for the 2002 Garden Club House and Garden Tour. They will do that again in June 2006.

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Joyce Garrett Tidye, G’77, writes that Judy Caldwell Dwyer is in Simi Valley, Calif. Judy is active in local and national politics. Joyce transferred from Oregon and England in 2005 with Westhampton College and teacher friends. She is meeting with the alumni relations staff to help plan our 50th reunion. Let her know if there are things that you want included. Thank you, Joyce, for all you do for the Class of ‘57.

D. Page Elmore, R’62, is campaigning for re-election as a Maryland state delegate.

I retired in July 2005 after teaching algebra for 33 years. I now volunteer at Sudley Elementary School in Prince William County, where I take my 2-year-old granddaughter twice a week. I still direct the small choir at my church.

Please remember to tag all your contributions to Westhampton College, University of Richmond, for our 50th reunion. Make your plans now to be in Richmond in the spring of 2007.

Send your news to me at kpajr@firstva.com or directly to the Alumni Relations Office. We want to know how and what you are doing.

1955

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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On Nov. 4, 2005, the fundrasing committee of the Westhampton Class of 1955 was honored at the annual Alumni Leaders Dinner in the Japson Alumni Center. Our committee was recognized as the group that had provided the greatest impact on a fundraising program in the preceding year. Margaret English Lestor, Margaret "Marty" Glenn Taylor, Jacqueline "Kiki" Ruby Brooks, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Barbara Turner Willis, Burrell Williams Stutz, M. Joy Winstead and Barbara (Bob) Reynolds Wyker, G’56, were present. Each committee member received a handsome game bowl etched with the University of Richmond emblem, the title of our award and the name of the recipient.

When presenting the award, Robert H. Kelly, president of the University and Alumni Richmond Alumni Association, stated that 67 percent of our class had contributed to the new Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Medallion Scholarship for the Arts. For the five years between our last reunions, the committee stayed focused on funding this scholarship. As co-chairs of our group, Alice Haggerty and Mary Taylor were greatly appreciated for their guidance. Most importantly, our classmates who made contributions to the fund helped this effort succeed. At the conclusion of the dinner, it was especially rewarding to talk with the president of the Westhampton College government association and with the homecoming chair. Both of these Westhampton students were inspired by our success and hoped for similar achievement for their class.

Maryann Abrams Saltzman continues to work happily as a paralegal. Both of her daughters and all four grandchildren live close by in Cleor warp, Fla.

"This is probably the best move we ever made," is the report from Janice Boyer Baldridge. She and her husband, Robert L. Baldridge, R. are now settled in their lovely new apartment in Asheville, N.C.

Marsha Chisholm Hasker and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Russia. They enjoyed a boat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow with stops in towns along the way.

Beverly "Be" Drake Herring and her husband had a joyful trip to Israel with Dr. Jimmy Destyung of Radio Bible Class.

Margaret English Lestor enjoyed a week-long retreat with 15 women to Pawleys Island, S.C.

David M. Armbrister, R’56 and G’58, is writing the history of Bluefield College, which is scheduled to be published in 2007. He stays busy with church activities and Bluefield College alumni activities, while receiving therapy after knee surgery.

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1957

Catherine Blair Armbrister, W, lives in Bluefield, W.Va., where she is a member of a deli club and is involved in activities at her church and in a retired teachers’ organization. She has a booth at a local antiques mall and is making a speedy recovery since having knee replacement surgery.

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1963
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James "Jim" Donald Davis, L'64, and I celebrated our 41st wed-
ding anniversary by taking a trip with our daughter, her husband, and our
son to Italy last October. We went to Rome, Florence, the Tuscany
region, Capri and the Amalfi coast.
Gals, I need more news. E-mail me. We need to keep up with each
other.

1965
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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There was a small but enthusi-
astic group of classmates at our
40th reunion last spring consisting of Leslie McNeil Barden, Brenda
Matlock Curtis, Linda Armstrong
Farrar, Eleanor "Millie" Bradshaw
Hotchkiss, Grace Collins Leary,
Linda Holt Lilly, Carol Lynne
Damerel Newton, Dale Minter
Poynter, Susan Gunn Quisenberry,
Irene McDaniel Reynolds, Nancy
Puryear Spence, Dianno Minter
Vann, Barbara C. Vaughan,
Harryet Hubbard Wallace-
Boulster, Nancy Curtis Wood,
Janet Renshaw Yates, and Margaret Brittle Brown. Most of us
attended the Friday evening gather-
ing at Susan Quisenberry’s lovely
home on the edge of campus, where
we were able to catch up on news of the
past five years. On Saturday we
enjoyed the luncheon at the Jesup
Alumni Center, an organ concert in
the chapel, poking around in North Court (may it be changed?)
and shopping for Westhampton items in
the bookstore.

Jo Ellen Ripley Moore of Fort
Wayne, Ind., writes that she and
her husband, Rev. Michael Moore, have been blessed with a new daughter.
Fourteen-year-old Nicky is a sweetest,
creative writer and artist.

Our condolences to Brenda
Matlock Curtis on the loss of her
mother last May.

Linda Armstrong Farrar and
Bob are enjoying life in their new
home at Symphony Village in
Centerville, Md., an over-55 commu-
nity on the Eastern Shore.

Leslie McNeil Barden retired
last May after 37 years at the
National Institutes of Health. In
June, she and Luther K. Barden, R.
set off on a two-month trip through
eastern Canada in their pop-up
camp. Leslie and Luther's older
son, Jamie, is working toward a
Ph.D. in social psychology at Ohio
State. Their other son, Ben, is an
Army officer in the Signal Corps,
serving his first tour in Korea.

Carolyn Jackson Elmore of
Salisbury, Md., retired last June
from her job as director of curriculum and professional development for
Wicomico County. She has been
spending her free time traveling
to visit her three children and five
grandchildren and doing volunteer
work at her church. She also will
be campaigning with her husband,
D. Paige Elmore, R.E.D., as he works
toward re-election as a Maryland
state delegate.

Eleanor "Millie" Bradshaw
Hotchkiss had a fantastic
vacation/adventure last summer con-
sisting of a mule ride to the bottom of
the Grand Canyon followed by a rafting
trip down the Colorado River.

Wayne W. Bradshaw, R'69,
owner of an insurance agency in Redondo
Beach, Calif., was elected to a
second term as president of the
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and Financial Advisors-South
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National Association of Insurance
and Financial Advisors-South
Bay, and he was named a Qualifying and Life
Member of the 2005 Million
Dollar Round Table.

Nancy Jo Srb Lowry, W., lives in
San Antonio, Texas, and is pursuing a
nursing degree. Her husband, Robert,
passed away on Oct. 23, 2005.

Stephen R. Stahl, R and
GB'82, is a territory manager for
Central Virginia for Travelguard
Insurance, a subsidiary of Grange
Mural Insurance. He lives in Richmond.

1967
Elizabeth "Betty" Dillard
Cherry retired in 2002 after teach-
ing for 31 years in Mason City
Community Schools in Iowa. Her
husband, John, is a magistrate judge
and attorney in Mason City. Their
daughter, Jane, works in Grand
Junction, Colo., and daughter Anne
is a second-year Nanadale H. Duke
Scholar at Duke University School of
Medicine. Betty reports that she had
lunch last summer with four other
members of the Westhampton
College Class of 1967: Mary
Bolling Wills Gassman from
Richmond; Mary Ann James
Christian from Doaktan, Va.; Jane
Barlett Smith from Steauton, Va.;
and Margaret Criddle Moore from
Charlottesville. The "lunch" lasted six
hours since the five classmates had
not met together as a group since
June 1967.

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Hello to all classmates! I hope
that you are enjoying a wonderful
spring. Thanks to all who provided
news for this issue.

Mildred "Millie" Cochran
and her husband own a 60-
acre farm in Augusta County.
They have four children, the youngest
of whom is a sophomore at Virginia
Tech. After college, Millie went into
the Army and later became a physi-
tical therapist. She now continues
to work part time in this field in
the home health care area.

Jane Houston Westbrook
plans to retire in June from her
job as a biology teacher at Hermitage
High School in Richmond. She has a
6-month-old granddaughter,
Hannah. Jane attended the wedding
of Kay Brasure Loving’s son, Josh,
in October. Jane still keeps in touch
with Margaret League St. Clair,
who teaches a couple of biology
classes at Collegegate High School.

Patricia "Pat" Gatting
Middlbrooks lives in Midlothian,
Texas, and works as a secretary in
the curriculum department for the
school district. She and her hus-
band, Charlie, have a son and
daughter-in-law.

Last summer Pat went to Oregon
to her nephew’s wedding and had a
visit with Carol Barker-Hindley.

Diane Davis Ryan, who lives in
Winchester, Va., is a retired math
teacher. She has a daughter,
Lauren Ryan Connolly, ’96, a son,
Chip, and two grandchildren. Diane
wrote that her husband, Charles C.
Ryan Jr., ’69, is "still threatening
to retire."

Jeanne Shorter Smith has
retired from her work as a
controller at Paramount’s Kings
Dominion. She and her husband,
Ron, who is also retired, live in Ayplet, Va. Jeannie
is treasurer of the Humane Society.
She and Ron also provide foster care
for puppies.

Jamie Lee Bingham Carson,"who recently retired from 32 years of
teaching eighth-grade math, is a
math tutor at the local community
college, where she enjoys working
with adults and sharing in their joy
of learning. She and her husband,
Ray, live in Keeling, Va., and have two
sons, both in their 20s. Lee had
lunch in Richmond with her former
domest, Dorothy Susan Boland,
and she said they “talked as if it
were yesterday.”

Pat Burton Temples and her
husband, Roger, had two great
trips last year. They went on a cruise
to the Panama Canal for New Year’s
2004 and went to Ireland in June.
They live in Stameville, Va.,
where they enjoy country life with
three horses, two dogs and beautiful
views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Betty Deans Witter has a
3-year-old grandson, Rhey. He is the
son of Betty’s daughter, Amy Witter.
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Fulcher’s list

As a focused fifth-grader in Stuart, Va., Ann S. Fulcher made an ambitious list of educational and career goals. Today, as chairman of the radiology department at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Fulcher, W’83, has achieved nearly all of them.

She started with Richmond, where she earned a 4.0 grade point average in biology. Next on her list was MCV, where she earned her medical degree in 1987. Then she served a four-year stint in the U.S. Air Force, chairing the radiology department at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. She received the Meritorious Service Medal in 1995, completing her service with the rank of major.

“All I ever wanted to be was a physician,” Fulcher says. Richmond beckoned because most of the doctors in her hometown in Southwest Virginia had earned their undergraduate degrees at Richmond.

“When you come from a town of 1,000, you don’t want to enroll at a university where you’ll be in a lecture class with 1,000 other students,” she explains. “At Richmond I benefited from an education that was more focused, more rigorous and more individualized than I would have received in a larger setting.”

She recalls the early research opportunities she enjoyed under Dr. William S. Woolcott, a biology professor she remembers as “one of the most demanding in the department.”

Originally intending to be an allergist, Fulcher settled on a radiology specialty during her third year of medical school after rotating through several specialties.

“I realized that the radiologist is the one specialist with which almost every other specialty intersects,” she says. “I also understood that it is often the radiologist who, because of advanced imaging technology, is able to make the definitive diagnosis. ... Radiology fits my personality because I like to make decisions and to be definitive.”

Fulcher credits her accomplishments in large measure to the support of mentors and colleagues. She reserves particularly high praise for her staff of 350 in MCV’s radiology department, 40 faculty and 34 residents among them.

“When I was asked to become chair in 2003, I knew I would need a great deal of support,” she confesses. So she turned to her mentor and colleague, Dr. Mary Ann Turner, who agreed to assume the key role of vice chair of faculty. “She has been the glue holding the department together,” Fulcher says.

“It was also Mary Ann who took me aside when I first joined the faculty and advised me to select a research focus and stay with it,” she recalls.

Fulcher selected the biliary tract and is well-published in the field. Of her many awards, she is perhaps proudest that the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists selected her for its 16th annual visiting professorship in 2001.

The grant allowed her to travel to teaching hospitals throughout the United States and Canada to share her research.

Named a “Top Doc” in the greater Richmond area by Richmond Magazine in 2004, Fulcher continues to add goals to the list she started in the fifth grade.

“No,” she says, “I’m focused on making the VCU Department of Radiology among the best in the nation.”
Young Democrat

Jennifer L. McClellan, '94, has been a "young Democrat" for 20-plus years. The newly elected member of the Virginia House of Delegates says her passion for politics goes back to the sixth grade when she watched a mini-series about President John F. Kennedy.

"I was fascinated with the Kennedy administration," she recalls. "The more I read about it, [the more] I felt that government was the most important force for change and that there was an unfinished mission from the Kennedy years. That's when I started following politics."

McClellan officially joined the Young Democrats soon after she enrolled in the University. "Richmond had a conservative reputation, and there were only four or five people in the YDs during my first year," she recalls. "We all got an office. The following year I became president."

Membership in the organization swelled as the 1992 presidential debate took the Richmond campus by storm. McClellan, who worked with then Gov. Bill Clinton's advance team, was chosen to sit in Clinton's VIP section during the debate.

McClellan got word of her seat assignment just five minutes before she spoke at a pro-debate rally. The speech was a hit with then Richmond Mayor Walter Kenney, who invited her to a special event after the debate, where she met Clinton.

"I honestly believe I would not be where I am today if I had not gone to Richmond when I did," McClellan says. "I see the night of the debate as the starting point for everything that followed."

McClellan's lengthy resume reflects her political, civic, and community achievements since her college days. She founded the Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats and served as president of the Virginia Young Democrats for three years. Currently, she is vice chair of development and organization for the Democratic Party of Virginia. She also serves on the State Advisory Board of the Sorenson Institute of Political Leadership, where she works with minority students who are interested in the law.

During her years at Richmond, McClellan's interests ranged from politics to sports. One of the founding members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, McClellan also was a huge basketball fan. "When I was a freshman, the men's basketball team went to the NCAA tournament and beat Syracuse," she says. "I was at that game. That was a big deal for me."

Her mentors included Dr. Dan Palazzolo, associate professor of political science. "I took every course he offered," McClellan says. "Professor John Rilling in the history department was another one of my mentors, as was John Rouch, who played a big role in my decision to go to law school."

Since becoming a lawyer, McClellan has focused her practice on telecommunications, most recently as assistant general counsel for Verizon Communications. She put that job on hold in January to represent the 71st District during her first General Assembly session.

"It's all starting to sink in now," she says. "I'm starting to get phone calls from lobbying groups and organizations who want to present their agendas. I'm even getting recognized in the grocery store now. It's becoming real to me."
while Laurel Cadmus Fuller, ’05, is working at Panera Bread and learning about “real life” as opposed to the college bubble. Agnes’ husband, Dave, bought a gently used sailboat and named it “Aggie Rose.” Agnes has been busy with concerts and planning future concerts but her best news was the perfect bill of health that she got from her doctor.

Jeanie Nicholson Veith visited Moscow and St. Petersburg and saw a few ballets, operas, circuses and folk shows. She and Jon were headed to the Turkish Riviera for some down time before Jeanie traveled on a 10-day tour of India. Both Veith sons are busy. Jerome is into his Ph.D. program at Boston College, and Joseph is in the last half of his commercial pilot’s training in Germany.

Sharon Foster Burtick and Rick had dinner with Nancy Kelly Hardy, Jack, Maryann Ryczak Casterline and William Hale Casterline. Sharon and Rick had a great time visiting with Kelly and Jack in Pinehurst, N.C., after dropping Madeleine off at Duke in the fall. Maryann and Bill are empty-nesters. John is in law school at the University of Virginia; Catherine is a senior at James Madison University, and David is a freshman at Furman. They reported that Barbara Lynn Baker and Carol Gail Baker had taken a trip to the Grand Canyon with John Whitfield Hall, R, and his wife, Giselle.

Linda Wilkins Murehead has been busy with college applications, as son Paul is a senior. She and Paul are going on a mission trip to a Christian school in Haiti over spring break. The whole family is looking forward to teaching skiing at Wolf Creek.

 Roxanne Armstrong survived Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While Houston dodged direct hits from the storms, the effects of the influx of evacuees have continued. Roxie chose not to “be a tourist,” worked late, stayed in town, boarded up the house and rode it out.” Fortunately, for the loss of electricity, she had no damage. She fixed coffee for all the neighbors the next day since she had the only gas range.

I am staying busy with school and keeping Hannah two days a week. Sam and I had a great trip to Palm Springs in October for business (his) and pleasure (mine).

1974

Allan Blakeley Adams Jr., R, and his wife, Eleen, moved to The Villages, Fla., last July after living four years near the Alabama Gulf Coast in Foley, Ala. He is a B-727 captain for FedEx, flying both domestic and international routes. He retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as a captain in 2000. Their oldest daughter, Brigitte, is employed by a major law firm in Fort Lauderdale, and their youngest daughter, Katy, works for the NBC affiliate in West Palm Beach.

1974

Donald “Donnie” H. Hatcher, B, and Karen “Kam” McClain Hatcher, W, have lived in Pauwhatan for many years and celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska. Their son, Alex, is a computer engineer with Northrop Grumman in Charlotteville. Their daughter, Audrey, is a songwriter and composer of the No.1 Christian music song All My Prayers.

Richard D. Stine, R’78, has been named senior editor for the Americas at Dow Jones Newswires.

Julia Habel Thompson, W, an English teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, was recognized by the National Society of High School Scholars as a Class Nobel Educator of Distinction. She was formally honored during the NSHSS National Scholar’s Day in Washington in May 2005.

1976

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Leo O. Whitlow Jr., R, was named to the board of directors of the Mathematics & Science Center Foundation in Richmond.

William L. Winston, R, has been awarded the professional designation of Certified Fundraising Executive by CFRE International. He is owner of Winston Consulting in Bedminster, N.J.

1977

Cynthia James Newman, W, is a resident of Beaufort, S.C., and traveled with a group of nearly 200 Beaufort residents to Long Beach, Miss., to help with Katrina relief.

Robert D. Seabolt, R, is treasurer of Leadership Metro Richmond.

William A. Slater, R, is senior pastor at Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest, N.C.

1978

Richard D. Stine, R, has been named senior editor for the Americas at Dow Jones Newswires.

1979

Karl Robert Hade, R and GB’88, is executive secretary for the Virginia Supreme Court.

John H. Quinn Jr., B, lives in Bangalore, Thailand, with his wife, Kim, and their four teenagers. He has lived in Thailand for 17 years and is involved in micro-enterprise development and post-tsunami relief and development.

Richard Bruce Russo, R, is a senior lubrication engineer with ExxonMobil in Plano, Texas. He has been with the company for 17 years. He has two daughters, Martha, 15, and Colleen, 13.

1981

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David T. Molowa, R, has been named to the Third Team, Biotechnology, for the 2005 institutional Investor All-American Research Team. He is employed by USB Securities and lives in Westfield, N.J.

1982

Lawrence C. Marsh, B and GB’94, was named top analyst for Health Care Technology and Distribution for the 2005 Institutional Investor All-American Research Team. He is employed by Lehman Brothers and lives in New York.

1983

Brian A. McCormack, B and GB’99, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Richmond Ballet.

1984

Vaughn Wilson Leigh, W, co-chaired the steering committee charged with developing a strategic plan for Montessori-Board School in Morris County, N.J. She chairs the school’s World Language Department and is responsible for 20 faculty members who teach French, Spanish and Latin in the middle and upper schools. She has taught Spanish for 23 years.

Donald A. Steinbrugge, B, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Richmond Ballet.

1985

Christopher J. “Chris” Gruber, R and GB’92, has been named vice president and dean of admission and financial aid at Davidson College. He lives in Huntersville, N.C., with his wife, Dana Guymon Gruber, W’87, and their children, Heidi, 13, Timothy, 11, and Greta, 5.

Forbes S. Hopper, B, and his wife, Patricia, had a son, John “Jack” Cameron, on Sept. 29, 2005. He joins sisters Kasia, 9, and Emily, 7. They live in Riverside, Conn.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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E-mail me with your news and I’ll include you in the next column for our class.

Catherine “Cathy” Lauder Alexander missed our reunion last year for a very good reason: her daughter, Caroline Lamberti, was born on May 27, 2005. Cathy left her job in the accounting world two years ago when her other daughter, Cece, was born. Cathy and her husband, Ben, make their home in Greenville, S.C.

Alice Bush Kachejian is a career volunteer at the schools her children attend. She worked as a sales manager for AT&T Commercial Marketers before the third of her three children was born. Now she focuses their time and talents on Kent, 12, Kara, 8, Katie, 5, and her husband, Kenny, at their home in Northern Virginia.

Helen Breneman Grove took time off this year from teaching third grade at a private school to substitute teach, tutor and care for a handicapped friend a couple days a week. She expects to resume teaching in the local public school system next year.

Christopher J. “Chris” Gruber, R’85 and GB’92, has been named vice president and dean of admission and financial aid at Davidson College.

James “Jim” Mark Guenther is happily married to Lynette Galante. He has a 12-year-old son, Andrew, by his first marriage and a 5-year-old stepson, Dylan. He is a vice president at People Management, a human resources outsourcing company in central New Jersey. Lynette operates a childcare company with locations in urban areas of New Jersey.
Attention Alumni

The University’s Student Health Center now maintains student immunization records permanently for alumni from 1995 to present. If you would like to copy your immunization record, please fax your request to (804) 287-6466 or mail it to:

Student Health Center, Special Programs Building, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Be sure to include your full name (as it was when you attended Richmond), date of birth, graduation year, signature and date of request. By law, we cannot respond to e-mail or telephone requests. Please allow three to five business days for copying of records.

Theodore “Ted” R. Shultz is market development manager at FrontBridge Technologies in Venice, Calif. The company was purchased by Microsoft last summer. Ted and his wife, Laura, live in Los Angeles and have a 5-year-old son, Max.

I bumped into two classmates down at the Virginia Capitol. Sarah Brooks Corey and Susan Bland Holwegar. Sarah is director of strategic planning for Norfolk Southern Corp. She was in town working on the “Raids to Trails” program that her company is hosting in institute in Virginia. This program turns abandoned railroad tracks into hiking trails. Susan left Norfolk Southern after a five-year corporate tour du Commonwealth that took her from Richmond to Roanoke to Norfolk. In 2003 she joined TransCommunity Financial Corp., a community bank holding company, as managing director. William “Bill” G.holwegar, runs his own data base-management company, and their son Jake, 6, is enjoying kindergarten and soccer, coached by Dad.

1986 Reunion Reminder March 31—April 2

Scott A. Robertson, R, and his wife, Adrienne, had a daughter, Trinity Maria, on Sept. 28, 2005. She joins brother Taylor, 2. They live in Los Angeles. Scott is employed by Team One Advertising, where he works on the Lexus Dealer Association business in the communications/media department.

1988

Kimberly Perkins Cheng, W, and her husband, David, had twin girls, Amanda Caroline and Emily Anna, on April 22, 2005. They live in Long Valley, N.J. Kimberly has been working for Schering-Plough for 10 years. Jonathan T. Colehower, R, is president and CEO of Opatant Inc. in Boston, where he recently visited with Nathaniel S. Sears, R, and

1989

Dr. Michael A. Garbce, W, is seeing patients at the Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La. Michael is the neurologist featured in the winter issue of the alumni magazine as one of the last people to leave Charity Hospital in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit the city.

Christopher A. Lawler, B, and his wife, Lisa, had a son, John Jack-Patrick, on Sept. 10, 2005. He joins brother Andrew, 2. They live in Waynes, Pa.

Eric R. Link, R and L97, and Vishva Bhargava Link, L93, had a daughter, Akia Elizabeth, on July 20, 2005. She joins sister Maya, 6, and brother Rowen, 3. They live in Richmond.

1990

Kathleen “Katie” Aylward, W, and Jeff Hoebeke were married on May 7, 2005. She is director of marketing for Hawaiian Punch at Cadbury Schweppes. The couple resides in Dallas.

Kelly Gannon Berryman, W, and her husband, Patrick, had a son, Cameron Michael, on July 25, 2005. They live in Richmond.

Pego Hayhurst Kiniry, G, is executive director of the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News.

Donna Rossetti Klein, W, owns and operates A Place for Everything, a professional organizing business. She lives in Naperville, Ill., with husband Jim and daughter Courtney, 6.

Christopher McFadden, D, was named to the Third Team, Health Care Technology & Distribution, for the 2005 Institutional Investor All-American Research Team. He is employed by Goldman Sachs in New York.


Kathleen “Katie” Aylward, W, is director of marketing for Hawaiian Punch at Cadbury Schweppes.

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Elizabeth Cash Becker, W, is assistant director of development at Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, near Lynchburg, Va.

Eve Louise Daneker, W, and Joseph M. Aulino, R, had a daughter, Audrey Ann, on June 3, 2005. She joins brother Max. They live in Brentwood, Tenn.


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

Joanne M. Miller, W, and Jay Johnstone were married in September 2005. She is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Minnesota.

Carrie Halberg O’Malley, B, L96 and GB96, and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Emily Landon, on Aug. 23, 2004. She joins brother Rainey. Carrie practices commercial real estate and finance law in the Fredericksburg, Va., office of Hirschler Fleischer.


Linda D. Tatem, W, received a master’s degree in criminal jurisprudence from Seton Hall Law School and works as a regulatory affairs professional with Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development in Raritan, N.J.

Tracy Stefanko Timnemeyer, W, and her husband, James, had a son, James William, on Sept. 9, 2004. Tracy works part-time as a senior manager with Deloitte’s Private Client Advisor group in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1992

Carla Morgan Bushay, W, and her husband, Steve, had a son, Mason Stephen, on July 15, 2005. He joins sister Sophia, 2. They live in Northfield, N.J., where Carla is a stay-at-home mom.

Marc D. Cram, B, and his wife, Elizabeth, had a daughter, Couper, on July 31, 2005. Couper is named after her great-grandfather, who grew up in London and fell in love with an American soldier stationed there during World War II (hence the British spelling of “Couper”). They live in Richmond.

Josie Bortz Daga and her husband, David, had a son, Robert Archer, on June 18, 2005. They live in Toronto.

Leah R. Elitchbaum, W, and Greg Raymond were married on May 21, 2005. They reside in Hilden, N.J.

Heather Breininger Granato, W, oversees editorial operations for Food Product Design Magazine. As group editor of Virgo’s Health & Nutrition Division, she also heads up two major trade magazines, Natural Products Insider and NDR: Health Supplement Retailer. She also was appointed to serve as an alumnus district officer for her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, supporting alumnae chapters in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California. She and her husband, Anthony, live in Phoenix and celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last May.
George V. “Tripp” Hodgins III, R. and Patricia Austin were married on Sept. 25, 2004. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry and serves a small congregation in Chicago.

Christine Ann Lee, W. was married in September 2004 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Krista Berquist Robinson, W. and Christine Monard Cameron, W. were in the wedding party. Christine teaches at the International School of Paris in France.

Karen L. Werner, W. was deployed to Louisiana in September 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, as a member of the 229th Military Police Company of Virginia Beach.

1993

Amy Oehmig Battaglia and her husband, Nicholas, had a daughter, Emily Neal, born May 5, 2005. She joins brother William. They live in Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

Kimberly Brown Bender and her husband, Paul, had a daughter, Kaelin Elizabeth, on June 24, 2004. They live in Richmond, where Kim is a mathematics specialist at Falling Creek Elementary School.

Amy Kingajon Garrison and her husband, David, had a daughter, Sydney Annarose, on Oct. 2, 2005. Amy is a cardiovascular nurse in Newton, N.J.

Mark P. Giago is practicing law in New Orleans after evacuating for nearly two months due to Hurricane Katrina. His home was entirely destroyed, and he lost most of his personal belongings. However, he plans to stay in New Orleans to help rebuild the city.

Lora M. Kilpatrick and Ted Collett were married on Sept. 17, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer Warner Corrigan, Diane F. Bouchkik and Michele Rafferty Guerrero, ’94. Lora and Ted reside in Old City Philadelphia.

Susanne Argamaso Maher and her husband, Michael, had a son, Aiden Jackson, on June 25, 2005. They live in Thornton, Colo.

Shelly Morrow Mark and her husband, Jamie, had a son, Maxwell, on June 5, 2005. They live in Ocala, Fla.

Susan McCormick Scarborough and her husband, Jason, had a son, Teddy, in May 2004. He joins brother Patrick. They live in Baltimore.

Mary Holland Wood Thompson, ’93 and G’99, and Joseph U. Thompson had a daughter, Amelia Dury, on Nov. 27, 2004. She joins brother Drew. They live in Richmond.

Dayanna Rose Claibaton and Blase A. Claibaton, R’92, had a daughter, Zoe Rose, on July 6, 2005. She joins sister Abby, 2, and brothers Jack, 5, and George, 7. They reside in Naples, Fla.

Koena J. Dautlick and her husband, Dave Wotts, had a daughter, Koryn, on Nov. 6, 2004. They live in Hockessin, Del.

Kelly Cummings DePumpo and her husband, Dan, had a daughter, Elia Marie, on July 27, 2005. She joins brother Alex, 4, and sister Tara, 2. They live in Alexandria, Va., where Kelly is a stay-at-home mom.

Jennifer Minna DeTeso and her husband, Damon, had a son, Owen Kenneth, on March 26, 2005. They reside in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Jo Anne Naylor relocated from Richmond to Clayton, S.C., to care for an ill relative. She is a clinical educator for the coronary care unit at the Medical University of South Carolina and was nominated for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses’ Excellence in Caring Practice award.

Erik P. Ruebeneracher and his wife, Kate, had a son, Daniel John, on May 12, 2005. They live in Wyckoff, N.J.

Timothy S. Selby and his wife, Caitlin, had a son, Owen Walker Steven, on June 22, 2005. He joins sister Lucy Grace, 4. They live in Peterborough, N.H.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Congratulations to Kevin M. Bradley and his wife, Kellie, on the birth of their daughter, Maeve Margaret, on Sept. 17, 2005.

It’s a boy for Christine Stahl Ihle and her husband, Chris. They welcomed Brandon Curtis on Aug. 16, 2005. He joins brothers Andrew and Kyle.

Christopher D. Swanson, and his wife, Vicki, are the proud parents of a daughter, Charlotte Amelia, born Nov. 11, 2005. Chris and Vicki work for Capital One in Richmond.

A. Chadwick “Chad” White received an M.B.A. from the Keller Graduate School of Management in June 2005. Chad lives in Atlanta with his wife, Melissa, and their children, Maxwell and Zach. He works for Ethicon.

1994

Lisa Sederhals Trail and her husband, John, had a daughter, Emily Nicole, on Jan. 25, 2006. She joins sister Sarah, ‘08. Lisa is a partner in a law firm in Frederick, Md.

Sara M. Truitt earned a degree in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University in interior design. She is a designer at Banker & Son in downtown Richmond.

1996

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Fletcher Patrick Cartwright and his wife, Claudia, had a daughter, Catalina Ines, on April 2, 2005. Fletcher completed a master’s degree in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) at American University, and he is a teacher in the Washington, D.C., public schools.

Melissa Hourigan Ellingshaus and Matthew Brennan Ellingshaus had a son, Connor, in February 2005. He joins sister Peyton, ’02. They live in Richmond.

Deana Fischetti Finora and her husband, Robert, had a son, Robert Michael, in March 2005. They live in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Jennifer Shannon Fisher and John Joseph Enright were married on Nov. 5, 2005. They are both special agents for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and they live in Castle Rock, Colo.

Katherine M. Newhart Laning and her husband, James, had a daughter, Kristiana Joy, on Aug. 5, 2005. They live in Severna Park, Md.

Marc E. McQueen and his wife, Canon, had twin sons, Will and Cai, on Aug. 22, 2005. They join sister Erinross. The family lives in Columbus, S.C.
Elizabeth Crowe Ream and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Charlotte Areath, on May 22, 2005. They live in Richmond, where Elizabeth is executive director of the Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Carol Elaine Warren lost her husband, Charles, who was killed in Iraq on Aug. 3, 2005, while serving in the Georgia National Guard.


Abigail R. Wilson and Dustin R. Durden were married on July 9, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Emily Greenstreet Towey, L’01, Allison M. Murrell, 00, and Elizabeth Slater Wilson, ’00. The couple lives in Raleigh, N.C., where Abby is a pediatrician.

1998

Joshua D. Anderson is a copart of in the U.S. Marine Corps and was selected as an Officer Candidate. He has moved to Monterey, Calif., for language training before departing for graduate school in Belgrade, Serbia, this summer.

Carlos Alberto Cuerda is a history teacher and head basketball coach for Union Hill High School. He and his wife, Vanessa, live in Jersey City, N.J.

Lauren Hobbs Deen is pursing a master’s degree in arts management at American University. She appeared as a contestant on the game show Jeopardy! in December.

Corrie Moore Franco and Mark Franco, ’97, had a daughter, Lucia Jane, on Sept. 12, 2005. They reside in Rota, Spain.


Lisa Madonia Lomas and John William Lomas Jr. had a daughter, Juliana Virginia, on March 28, 2005. They live in Durham, N.C.

Sarah Graham Miller is a member of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, a major symphonic chorus. She traveled with the group on a 10-day tour to Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, where they performed at one of the world’s great opera houses, the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires and the Teatro Municipal in Rio de Janeiro.

Michael Bronandan Rush and Sarah MacKinnon were married on Oct. 8, 2005. Included in the wedding party was Christopher Evan Heise, ’97. The couple resides in Charlottesville, Va., where Michael is a law student at the University of Virginia.

Amy Margaret Westcott and Kevin Corcoran were married on April 2, 2005. Amy is completing her final year of an internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut.

1999

Kellyanne Kurz Petruzzi and Philip R. Petruzzi, ’95, had a daughter, Ashley, in October 2005. She joins brother Alan, 2, Philip practices employment and labor law in the Newark, N.J., office of Letter Mendenhall.

Kristin K. Whittaker has joined the Richmond office of Williams Mullen, where she practices immigration law.

1997

Eugene A. Burcher and his fellow sailors mobilized as part of a reserve dispor, assigned to Commander Task Force (CTF) 84 in Norfolk, Va. CTF 84 is responsible for homeland defense, as well as antisubmarine warfare and maritime surveillance in the western Atlantic.

Brian T. Cavanagh, ’97, a producer at NBC News Specials, was part of the team that won an Emmy for its coverage of Ronald Reagan’s funeral.

Brian T. Cavanagh, a producer at NBC News Specials, was part of the team that covered the funeral of former President Ronald Reagan. The live coverage won an Emmy Award in 2005. The couple lives in Medway, Mass., and Jessica is an academic advisor at Northeastern University.

Coleen Lynn MacGrevel and David C. MacGrevel had a daughter, Schafer Julia, on Oct. 4, 2005. She joins brothers Gavin, 2, and David is a first-year student at Chamin Capital Partners in New York, and the family resides in Chappaqua, N.Y.

2000

Nicole K. Bonilla and Matthew Peter Dragnone were married in May 2005. The couple lives in New York.

Laura Nazimeek Buss and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Vivenne Grace, in May 2005. They live in State College, Pa. Laura teaches European literature at Grove Preparatory School, which she helped to found. She is also a speaker for Pure Freedom Ministries.

Amanda C. Coyle and Raj Maran, both married on Aug. 27, 2005. Included in the wedding party was maid of honor Katherine Alice Jollon. Amanda and Raj live in the Washington area.

Gregory Grabowski graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in May 2005. He is a resident in orthopedic surgery at the University of Vermont.

Thomas Moore Hayes IV and his wife, Meredith, have moved from New Orleans to Maine, Ore., where he has joined his father’s law firm as an associate attorney.

Sumner Howell Johnson and John Christian Rivers were married on July 23, 2005. They reside in Birmingham, Ala.

Meredith E. McDermid, GB, is president of the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Educational Foundation.

Richard Quasheen III is marketing manager for Scientific and is enrolled in an M.B.A. program at the University of Delaware. He and his wife, Lake, had a daughter, Katharina Arlene, on Sept. 30, 2005.

Douglas Mark Schaefer is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps. He is assigned to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Benning, Ga.

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

2001

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Annette Lynn Ardler has earned the Certified Professional Insurance Women designation from the National Association of Insurance Women, International. She chairs the legislative and bylaws committee of her local association, Insurance Women of Richmond. She is an account executive with St. Paul Travelers, working with professional liability products.

Laura Kristine Jensen and Steven James Bower, ’00, were married on Sept. 4, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Timothy G. Pitts, ’00, Nathan J. Keisling, ’00, Kelly M. Bower, ’98, Molly C. Young, ’00, Meena Venkataraman, ’00, and Kristine L. Macrides. The couple resides in Hoboken, N.J.

Farheen K. Khurram lives in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with her husband, Rahil Farhad, and their daughter, Sanawar Rakshanda, 1.

Julian J. Kidd lived in Miami for four years before relocating to Denver, Colo., where he attends the University of Denver College of Law.

Carrie Lee Pogany Masini and her husband, Brendan, had a son, Brendan David Masini Jr., on June 4, 2005. They reside near San Antonio, Houston.

Casey Ryan O’Connor and James W. Bounds were married on Dec. 18, 2004. Included in the wedding party were Britta A. Johnson, Samuel “Mac” Janney, Andrew M. Bogli, ’02, Matthew J. Reid, ’02, Michael R. Santos and David A. Pustynik, ’02.

Kimberly Anne Schell and Edward Taylor Shipley III were married on Aug. 20, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Kimberly Beth Silverman, Emily Elizabeth Griffey, Emily Drescher Hansen, Andrea Renee Chas, Mansi Shah, Alicia Eileen Nisline, Emilie Marjorie and Jamesetheroom Bridges. Kimberly and Edward are attorneys in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Heather Grace Shortridge walked 80 miles in three days in the DPW Breast Cancer 3 Day, raising $25,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Her sister, Joy Lynn Shortridge, ’99, was there to cheer her along the way and celebrate at the end.

2002

Dallas J. DeForest and Elizabeth Nelson were married on Jan. 5, 2005. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Sarah Welch Gregory and Matthew Goupell were married on June 25, 2005. Included in the wedding party were James Nathaniel Ashley and Karen Elizabeth Cahill, ’03.

Vicki R. Griffith joined the board of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Shenee Lynette Haskell relocated to Orlando, Fla., where she works in sales and recruiting for Randstad North America. She is enrolled in a master’s degree program in human resources at Rollins College.

Vicki R. Griffith, ’02, joined the board of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
New York University. He lives in Oakeson, Va.

Marya Elizabeth Kelly and Richard Edward Kartlon were married on Aug. 20, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Jonathan M. Lamb, Sergio C. Fedelini Jr., Adam R. Young, Matthew J. Dower, Katherine G. Kaseler and Brooke M. Goodwin.

Christina M. Kabala and John M. Toth Jr., ’01, were married on Aug. 20, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Margaret Anne Bingham, Megan L. Marshall, Laura K. Kirkman and Beth A. DiCalogero. The couple lives in Houston, Texas.

Joshua Edward Laws, ’02 and L’05, was admitted to the Florida Bar last year. He is an associate at John S. Dent, PA, in Tallahassee, specializing in employment law and insurance defense.

Laura Anne Osterman graduated from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in May 2005. She serves as law clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth A. Doyle, Blair County Court of Common Pleas, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Ryan Foster Smith and Molly Marsh were married on July 15, 2005. Included in the wedding party was Zachary R. Wall. The couple lives in Naples, Fla.

Erin Lyn Torrey, ’02 and L’05, and Paul Thomas Ranney Jr., L’05, were married on April 9, 2005, in the Moot Court Room at the University of Richmond Law School. The wedding party included Blake Brian Hegeman, L’05, John David Gardy, L’05, Jennifer Marie Sacra, L’05, and wedding mistress Leslie Wallace Watkins.

2004

Claire Carpenter Higgins and Matthew Garrett Shehorn were married on July 30, 2005. Included in the wedding party were James Colby Schneider, Matthew T. D’Canio, Peter J. Lyons, Maureen A. Sabri, Erica L. Fitzsimmons and Lyndsay Delquadro Ferguson. The couple resides in Chicago, where Matt is an investment banker and Claire teaches preschool.

Jessica Lee Moye and Mark Tallman were married on June 3, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Claire Nelson, L’03, and Nancy M. Yanovitch, ’05, and Elizabeth M. Holt, L’05, and Nicholas J. Colletti, ’03. The couple lives in New York City, where Bryan works for Goldman Sachs and Carolyn works for American Express.

Julee Anastasia Wilson is an editorial assistant at Real Simple Magazine. She lives in Harlem with Jennifer Michelle Coles, ’05.

Daniela Danchova Yordanova attends the University of Texas at Austin, where she is pursuing a master’s degree in Spanish and liberal studies.

2005

Lindsey Carol Drake and Sean Bannor were married on July 3, 2005. Included in the wedding party were Sarah E. Farmer, ’04, Poyolyn I. Bassa, ’03, and Goodwyn Heard, and Crystal M. Simmons. The couple resides in Louisville, Ohio.

Alison M. Smith, ’05, was awarded the O’Neill Scholarship at Boston College, which provides full tuition to graduate school.

Nathaniel L. Givens is an analyst at Dominion Benefits in Richmond.

Alison M. Smith was awarded the O’Neill Scholarship at Boston College, which provides full tuition to graduate school.

2003

Carolyn A. Little completed the Chicago marathon last fall. She is enrolled in the graduate entry program at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing.

Elise Siobhan Ryder and Jeffrey Michael Myers were married at Cannon Memorial Chapel on Oct. 8, 2005. They reside in Richmond.

Cynthia Silvester and V.J. Stockdale were married on April 9, 2005. Included in the wedding party were bridesmaids Kimberly A. Fischer and Alena M. Amy. The couple resides in Land O’ Lakes, Fla.

Dear fellow alumni,

It has been an honor to serve as president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association during the past year. I am always amazed by your passion and devotion. Each time I visit the campus or talk with alumni, students, faculty and staff, I get a greater sense of what makes our alma mater special and unique. I am so proud of our past achievements and so excited by the realization that our University’s greatest days lie ahead.

I look forward to joining the University community in welcoming alumni and guests back to campus for Reunion 2006, March 31–April 2. I will have the opportunity to offer remarks at several senior dinners, including the Richmond College Senior Dinner. Graduation weekend will be another special time as the Alumni Association hosts the Westhampton College and Richmond College reception for seniors prior to the candle-lighting ceremony. The following day, I will offer congratulations on behalf of the Alumni Association at commencement.

The work of the association continues in earnest as we play an ever-increasing role in shaping the University’s future. One of our most important accomplishments this year has been the creation of a more synergistic funding formula designed to bolster participation in annual giving and enhance programming for alumni across the country.

In October the association board unanimously agreed to replace our traditional dues structure with University funding based on the total number and amount of unrestricted annual fund gifts. The University will allocate a portion of each unrestricted annual fund contribution of at least $25 to the association’s operating budget, making it even more critical for all alumni to participate in the annual fund. It is important to note that, while our funding formula is changing, the association will continue to maintain full autonomy with regard to programming. We will keep all proceeds collected previously in a “rainy-day” fund, and we will independently disburse funds to a wide variety of organizations and constituent groups.

In February, I was pleased to be appointed to the Presidential Search Committee as the official alumni representative. I would very much welcome your comments regarding the next president of our treasured alma mater. Please e-mail me directly at uraa@richmond.edu and visit our Web site, http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/uraa/index.html, for updates on the search and other important alumni matters. Additional information and opportunities for input on the search are at www.richmond.edu/presidential_search.

Sincerely,

Bob Keiter ’74
President
University of Richmond Alumni Association
Fred Hardy died Dec. 16, 2005. He coached track at Richmond for 35 years, building a nationally prominent program that produced dozens of All-Americans. Hardy recruited top runners from Kenya, but he also insisted that any able-bodied student could make the track team if he trained hard enough.

Many alumni remember Hardy as the inventor of “Hardyball,” a variation of touch football that forbids blocking and allows players to pass the ball from anywhere on the field. The game became a big hit at Richmond, and alumni still teach Hardyball to high school students in Virginia and beyond.

Hardy was a track star at John Marshall High School in Richmond, where he ran the mile in 4:33, a state record that stood 13 years. At the University, he coached Josephine White Menk, W’86, who ran the indoor mile in 4:31 to set a women’s NCAA record in 1983. White also won an NCAA championship in the 1,000-yard run in 1981. The following year, Hardy coached a two-mile relay team that won an NCAA indoor track and field championship. One member of that relay team, Edwin Keech, R’85, won an NCAA title in the 1,000-yard run in 1983. He also placed sixth in the 800-meter run in the 1984 Olympics, where another of Hardy’s runners, Sosthenes Bitok, R’83, finished sixth in the 10,000 meters.

Hardy was inducted into Richmond’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002, and the University named its track in his honor the following year.

“Track is not just a profession,” it's an obsession with Fred Hardy,” wrote Joe Nettles, R’30 and H’77, who profiled the coach when Hardy arrived on campus in 1950.

“It’s a demanding sport,” Hardy said in that article. “It tests a boy’s moral fiber. ... It’s significant that Saint Paul chose a track term to describe his own battle and victory: ‘I have run the good race.’”

1923 / Miriam Boykin Norment Bremen, W. of Richmond, Sept. 17, 2005. She worked in advertising for Thalhimer’s and Miller & Rhoads department stores, and for more than 50 years she worked alongside her husband in running the business side of Camp Arrowhead for Boys. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and served for many years on the board of Retreat Hospital.


1928 / Alton E. Bridger, R. of Suffolk, Va., Sept. 22, 2003. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. and was a longtime member of Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Chesapeake, where he taught teenagers and young men for more than 50 years. He was also active in Boy Scouts for more than 50 years and was one of the first men in Virginia to receive the Good Shepherd Award.


1929 / Helen Covey Millus, W. of Crozet, Va., Sept. 24, 2004. A former high school English teacher and journalist, she owned and operated Millus Associates, a public relations firm, with her husband for many years.

1928 / Virginia Pleasant Robertson, W. of Richmond, Sept. 28, 2005. She taught math and biology at Midlothian and Thomas Dale high schools.

1931 / Charles Dickinson Snead, R. of Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 29, 2005. He worked for Eastman Kodak for nearly 40 years before retiring as vice president for corporate and government affairs. He also served as trustee and alumni association president at Fork Union Military Academy.


1934 / Mariada Comer Bourgin, W. of Washington, D.C., Nov. 10, 2000. She lived in Havana, Cuba, for several years, and upon returning to the United States in the 1960s, she organized a Washington-based radio network to broadcast into Cuba.

1934 / Virginia Ann McIntosh Puckett, W. of Mechanicsville, Va., Sept. 30, 2005. She taught in the Richmond, Petersburg and Chesterfield public schools for more than 20 years.

1935 / Waverly Wilson Barbe, R. of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Aug. 29, 2005. He was the co-author of the Barbe- Barbe Genealogy and author of the annotated 1850 census of Washington County, Va. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

1935 / Andrew Taylor Seay Jr., R. of Irvington, Va., March 19, 2005. He retired from DuPont, where he worked in the plastic department in Richmond, as well as at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems, Va.


1936 / William J. Falls, R. of Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 21, 2005. He worked for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for 35 years, retiring as senior book editor for Broadman Press. After his retirement, he served as director of European Baptist Press in Ruischon, Switzerland, where he wrote several annuals and the Points for Emphasis, a guide for Sunday school teachers. He was a member of St. James Church and was a member of First Baptist Church in Nashville, Pa.


1938 / Mollie Macgill Fleet, W. of Richmond, Aug. 22, 2005. A member of the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame, she was head of the Athletic Department at St. Catherine’s School for many years.

1939 / Samuel Coffman Epes, R. of Chesterfield, Va., Oct. 19, 2005. An Army veteran of World War II, he worked in the family business, Epes Fitzgerald Paper Co., for many years. He was also an avid historian with a special interest in English and Virginia history.

1939 / Mary Jones Earp Johnson, W. of Greensboro, N.C., Oct. 20, 2005. She retired from the National Security Agency in Fort Mead, Md., and was a member of Lebanon Christian Church in Semora, N.C.

1940 / Thomas H. Bruno, R. of Norfolk, Va., Oct. 5, 2005. He was a journalist in World War II Korea and Vietnam, and was a member of the Vietnamese News Program at Fort Meade, Md., and a member of Lebanon Christian Church in Semora, N.C.

1940 / Dorothy Hewes McGlincy, W. of Wilmington, Del., Oct. 11, 2005. She worked in real estate in Media, Pa., and Pittsburg, Pa. She was active in the Republican Party and in St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Wilmington.

1941 / Mildred Anne Owen Stanley, W. of Blacksburg, Va., Oct. 11, 2005. She was an accomplished artist, and was a member of the Woman’s Missionary Union at Blacksburg Baptist Church.

1942 / Dorothy "Dot"Dill Robben, W. of Richmond, Nov. 22, 2005. She retired from American Tobacco Co. and was a member of Westover Baptist Church.

1942 / Margaret Kalajian Tavetian, W. of Los Angeles, June 18, 2005. She was an avid photographer, and was as a translator for Armenian refugees in Los Angeles for many years.

1942 / Mary Grace Scherer Taylor, W. of Richmond, Nov. 25, 2005. She was a freelance journalist and author of Saints Alive, the centennial history of First English Lutheran Church.

1943 / Lowalta LeRownd Rowland, W. of Normal, Ill., Oct. 30, 2005. She was a school principal and taught in the University of Illinois Medical School un until her retirement.

1943 / Bart Barlow Walls, R. of Charleston, S.C., April 21, 2006. He was the co-author of the Sarb-Rowland, W. of Normal, Ill., Oct. 30, 2005. She was a school principal and taught in the University of Illinois Medical School until her retirement.

1943 / Walter E. Mason, W. of Allentown, Pa., Dec. 16, 2005. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was a radiologist and taught at the University of Minnesota Medical School until his retirement.

1943 / Ruth Stone Marks, R. of Richmond, Nov. 24, 2005. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Service Cross. As a member of the Seabees after World War II, he had become the most decorated Jewish veteran in Virginia. He joined the family business, Morton Marks & Sons, in 1952 and was named president in 1982. He was active in Richmond Jaycees and helped found the National Institute of Business Designers.

1943 / Catherine “Kakie” Smith Spratley, W. of Hampton, Va., Oct. 30, 2005. She was an active member of St. John’s Episcopal Church, St. Anne’s Guild and the Bracket Club.

1943 / James Barrett Walthall, R. of Richmond, Oct. 3, 2005. He was a…
1952 / Dalton E. McCoy, B, of Norfolk, Va., Nov. 12, 2005. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was the former owner of McCoys Pharmacy and Azalea Garden Pharmacy.

1954 / Roba Lee King, R, of Beaufort, N.C., Oct. 19, 2005. He served two tours in Vietnam and was a chaplain in the Army.

1954 / Nancy E. Lay, W, of Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 8, 2005. A member of the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame, she was a professor in the physical education department at the University of Tennessee, where she coached volleyball, basketball and field hockey. She was also the author of The Summit Season, a profile of longtime Lady Vols coach Pat Summit and an account of the team’s 1987-88 season.

1955 / Shelton Pleasants Applegate, R, of Cuernavaca, Mexico, Aug. 20, 2005. He was a professor at the University of Mexico in Mexico City and an associate professor at Harvard University, where he was a well-known expert on sharks.

1959 / Marguerite Dorsey Fussell, W, of Richmond, April 19, 2005. She retired after working 25 years for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She was a member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church.


1961 / James B. O’Neal, B, of Abbeville, S.C., Sept. 15, 2005. He retired after 29 years as plant manager for Pierce and he worked at Self Regional Healthcare. He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher.

1962 / David L. Burke, B, of Mechanicsville, Va., Sept. 27, 2005. He was controller for the Virginia Department of Taxation and retired as business section manager of revenue for Henrico County. He was past president of the Institute of Internal Auditors and an accounting instructor at the University’s School of Continuing Studies. He was a longtime member of Northside Baptist Church.

1970 / Lynwood Wilkinson, R, of Fredericksburg, Va., Sept. 27, 2005. He was vice president of construction for Battlefield Homes, a custom homebuilder.

1971 / Nancy Anne Weinstien, of Richmond, Oct. 10, 2005. She retired from Westbaco and was past president of the American Society of Women Accountants.

1974 / Julie Donohue Higgins, W and G’76, of Richmond, Sept. 14, 2005. She taught physical education part time at Collegiate, St. Catherine’s and Trinity Episcopal schools, as well as the University. She was the first female member of the Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad and was a leader of the early childhood program at River Road Church, Baptist. She was an accomplished tennis player and participated in many city and state tournaments.


1984 / Donald A. Gutzmer, GB, of Richmond, Dec. 1, 2005. He was a member of the West End Jaycees and Knights of Columbus, as well as a former volunteer coach and commissioner for Tuckahoe Little League and a coach for Kanawha Youth Football Organization.


2004 / Richard Errett Smalley, H, of Houston, Oct. 28, 2005. His extraordinary scientific contributions were recognized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 1996 with the Nobel Prize in chemistry for the discovery of the Carbon 60 molecule, Buckminsterfullerene, which he nicknamed “Buckyball.”

2008 / Ryan C. Jobes of Williamsport, W.Va., Dec. 20, 2005. He was a promising runner on Richmond’s track and field and cross country teams.

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Help your University find its next president

The selection of a successor for President William E. Cooper is the most important service your Board of Trustees will likely perform.

The next president will have a profound impact on the course of the University, and under our governing documents, the selection of the president is solely the province of the board. It is a responsibility that we hold most solemn.

It is vital that we have a selection process that will attract the best possible individual for this critical position. Under our bylaws, it was my job to select a search committee to guide that process.

As soon as we received word of President Cooper's intention to step down, I began assembling names of possible members. I asked Bob Burrus, a former rector and someone who has been involved in executive searches for both Fortune 500 businesses and universities for many years, to chair the committee. I then appointed a group of people to serve with Bob based on their judgment, their experience and their commitment to the ideals of the University.

Our committee represents a good cross section of the University community. It includes trustees, alumni, parents, faculty members, staff members and students. There are committee members whose association with Richmond goes back half a century, and there are members who have only recently joined the UR family. It is impossible to have every voice and every viewpoint actually on the committee, but the board's goal is to have many and varied perspectives represented, and I am confident we have achieved that goal.

My charge to the Presidential Search Committee was simple: to identify the best man or woman to serve as the next president of the University of Richmond and recommend that person to the board for approval, and to do so through a collaborative, participatory and inclusive process.

The first task of any search committee is to determine the characteristics needed in a president at the particular time in the organization's history. In the context of this search, Bob and I believe that it is important to reach out to members of the University community to seek their suggestions about the characteristics that they value in a president.

At its first meeting in February, the committee voted to establish a process to do that. First, it created a Web site devoted to the presidential search. The site will be the source of information on the search process, but more importantly, it will be a vehicle for anyone to contribute ideas, comments and suggestions about the qualities and characteristics of the next president or to submit nominations to the search committee.

Next, the committee voted to host an open forum for members of the University community to provide their input on the search process. The forum took place on campus on March 2.

The search committee also sought suggestions for additional ways to ensure that any individual or group who wishes to contribute to the search can do so. That formal process of gathering input has been underway for several weeks now and will continue until the next search committee meeting, at which time the committee will make a final determination on the characteristics and begin seeking candidates.

The nature of a search for a university president is unique in many respects. Quite often, many of the best candidates are unwilling to make their interest public. For that reason, the committee determined to engage an experienced search firm that can identify and approach ideal candidates, some of whom may not even be considering a job change. The search firm will assure them that they are entering a highly confidential process. The committee will be selecting a firm to partner with us in this important endeavor shortly.

In the meantime, the environment we create for the discussions and reflections on the selection of a new president is critical to the success of the search committee. Under the leadership of Bob Burrus, the committee has begun the hard work that will lead us to this person, but the timing of the process is difficult to predict. Estimates range from five months to as long as 14 months. We will not be restricted by a timetable, however. Our solemn responsibility is to select the best person for the position, and we will take as long as necessary to do so.

I invite and encourage all alumni to monitor the search Web site and to share with the search committee any comments or suggestions.

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Otis D. Coston Jr. is rector of the University's Board of Trustees and parent of two Richmond alumni. For more information about the search, go to www.richmond.edu/presidential_search.
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