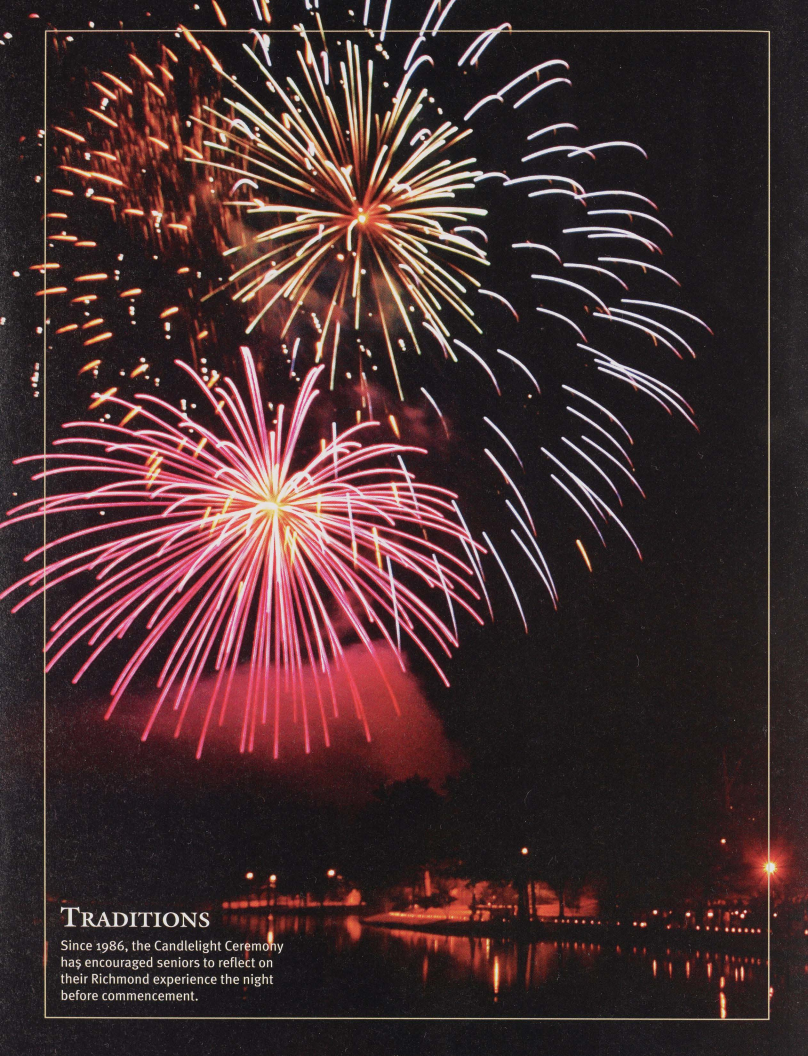


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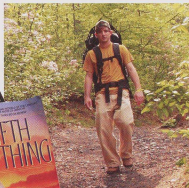


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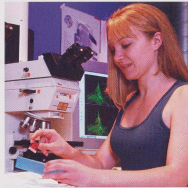
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AROUND THE LAKE

STUDENTS Three students named Goldwater Scholars

Three Richmond students have won Goldwater scholarships, the premier undergraduate scholarship in mathematics, science and engineering.

The students are Bryan Der, '08, a biochemistry major from Chester, Va., Alex Moore, '09, a biochemistry major from Chesapeake, Va., and Evan Wang, '09, a chemistry and math double major from Midlothian, Va.

Der works with Dr. Jonathan Dattelbaum, associate professor of chemistry, to develop a biosensor that someday might monitor glucose levels in diabetics. Der gave a poster presentation on their research at the American Society for Microbiology meeting in May. He previously presented their findings to the Virginia

Foundation for Independent Colleges. Der attends Richmond on an Ethyl and Albemarle Science Scholarship.

Moore conducts research with Dr. Scott Knight, assistant professor of biology, on RNA interference and how it applies to the regulation of genes essential for



Agatha Mushi, '09, plans to use her peace grant to fight AIDS in Tanzania. "Peace for Tanzania," she says, "is getting rid of this human misery."

human development. Moore presented some of their findings at the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in April. He attends Richmond on an Ethyl and Albemarle Science Scholarship and a National Merit Scholarship. He conducted summer research last year with grant support from the Thomas F. and Kate Miller Jefferson Foundation.

Wang conducts computational chemistry research with Dr. Carol Parish, associate professor of chemistry. They use supercomputers to study anticancer drugs called enedynes in an attempt to make the drugs more cancer specific. They gave a poster presentation at the American Chemical Society's national meeting in Chicago in March. Wang recently received a Beckman

Fellowship supporting 15 months of research that begins this summer. He attends Richmond on Oldham and National Merit scholarships.

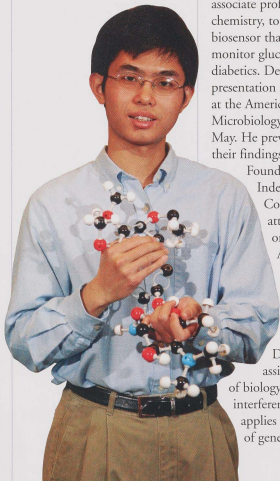
Goldwater scholarships honor Barry Goldwater, the late Arizona senator. This year the Goldwater Foundation selected 317 undergraduates nationwide from among 1,110 students nominated by their college faculties. All of Richmond's nominees were chosen for the scholarships, which pay up to \$7,500 a year.

Students promote peace with \$10,000 grants

Two Richmond students—one from Ethiopia and one from Tanzania—have won \$10,000 grants to establish peace projects in their home countries this summer.

The grants are from the Kathryn Wasserman Davis

Evan Wang, '09, is one of three Goldwater Scholars this year.



100 Projects for Peace program, which Davis recently established with a \$1 million donation on her 100th birthday.

Dereje Gudeta, '09, plans to use his grant to address the conflict between Muslims and Christians in the city of Kemissie, Ethiopia. He hopes to recruit 20 high school and college students from both religions to participate in workshops and discussions that will foster mutual understanding and suggest peaceful ways to resolve differences between the two groups.

"We hope the experience will have a positive impact on the lives of the participants, as well as the life of their highly divided community," Gudeta says.

Agatha Mushi, '09, plans to work with Good Hope Trust to construct a facility for HIV/AIDS counseling, treatment and education in the village of Kibosho, Tanzania. Most villagers cannot afford transportation to Kilimanjaro, where free HIV/AIDS services are available.

"Construction of a counseling facility will not only target people who are HIV-positive, but also will provide HIV/AIDS education to everyone they can reach in the village," Mushi says. "Peace for Tanzania is getting rid of this human misery."

Summers wins award to study at Mayo Clinic

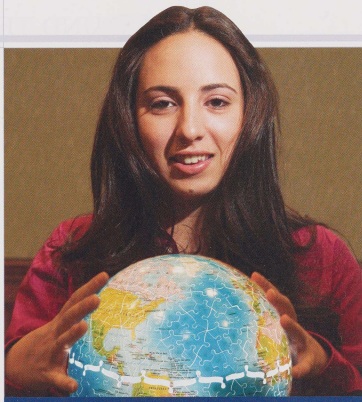
Matt Summers, '07, has won a full-tuition Dean's Award to study medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.

The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine is one of the most selective medical schools in the country, accepting only 2.3 percent of applicants. It grants Dean's Awards to students who show great potential.

Summers is interested in several areas of medicine, including oncology, infectious diseases and global health. He worked last summer at the National Cancer Institute doing lung cancer research.

"I am really excited about going to Mayo because there are only 40 students in the class, and we will get extensive contact and exposure to some of the best physicians," says Summers, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Madison Heights, Va.

Summers is president of the Richmond chapter of the American Medical Student Association and helps raise money for World Tuberculosis Day. He also has volunteered in the emergency room of St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond and conducts biochemistry research at Richmond on a DNA lesion that has been linked to cancer.



'How is it connected?'

Adrian Bitton, '09, won the \$25,000 cash prize in the Richmond Quest V competition.

Richmond Quest is a biennial program to select a broad and compelling question that will be explored by all academic disciplines on campus for two years. Bitton's winning question is "How is it connected?"

The competition encourages students to collaborate with faculty or staff mentors to formulate their questions and 1,500-word rationales. Bitton worked with Dr. Kevin Kuswa, director of debate. He will receive a \$5,000 professional development grant for his role in formulating the winning question and rationale.

Bitton is from Hanover County, Va. She is double majoring in leadership studies and in rhetoric and communication studies, and she is a member of the University's synchronized swimming team.

Her winning question, she writes, "is about the links, contacts, arrangements and relationships that define and surround us. ... The 'it' could refer to anything—the earth, a melody, the human body, Baghdad, a solar panel, love, civilization—and everything is connected, if only through language and our capacity to know. Connections gain meaning through the elements they draw together."

A record-breaking 627 students—22 percent of the undergraduate student body—participated in the Quest competition. Their 947 questions (some students submitted two) eclipsed the previous high of 436 entries in the first Richmond Quest.

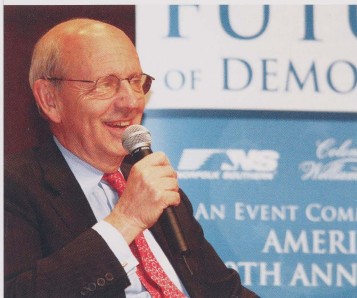
CAMPUS

Law conference attracts Supreme Court justices

In April, the School of Law hosted a conference that attracted U.S. Supreme Court justices and their counterparts from the United Kingdom.

The conference helped commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown by exploring the rule-of-law concept. To open the discussion, Rodney A. Smolla, the Law School's dean, asked 10 prominent judges what the term "rule of law" meant to them.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court defined the term as a complicated system that satisfies citizens' natural desire for fairness.



Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court participates in the rule-of-law conference to commemorate Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

Kiplinger's examined more than 1,000 private institutions and published two rankings—one for liberal arts colleges, which offer mostly undergraduate programs, and one for universities, which also offer graduate programs. The magazine placed Richmond in the university category.

Kiplinger's based two-thirds of its assessment on academic quality and one-third on affordability. To rate each school, the magazine considered admission rates, SAT or ACT scores, student-faculty ratios, four-year/five-year graduation rates, total costs (including tuition, fees, room and board), cost after need-based aid, aid from grants and average debt at graduation.

"This ranking affirms that the University of Richmond

offers a world-class education and provides generous financial aid to make it affordable," says President William E. Cooper.

Robins ranks 23rd among business schools

BusinessWeek magazine has ranked the Robins School of Business among the top undergraduate business programs in the country for the second consecutive year.

In the magazine's 2007 list, the Robins School ranked 23rd overall—up two spots from last year. The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School came in first, followed by business schools at the University of Virginia, University of California-Berkeley, Emory University and University of Michigan.

BusinessWeek ranked the Robins School as fourth best

RANKINGS

Kiplinger's magazine touts Richmond's value

The April 2007 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine ranks Richmond as the 22nd best value among private universities nationally. The magazine rated Richmond one notch ahead of Cornell on a list topped by Cal Tech, Yale, Harvard, Rice, Duke, Princeton, MIT, Emory, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth and Stanford.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance and *BusinessWeek* magazines rate Richmond high.



nationally for academic quality and gave it high marks for teaching quality (A+), facilities (A) and job placement (A). The grades for facilities and job placement reflect improvement from last year's marks.

"We are very pleased that the Robins School continues to be rated by our students and corporate recruiters as one of the top business schools in the country," says Jorge Haddock, the school's dean. "This ranking reflects the superb quality of our students, faculty and staff."

To identify the best undergraduate business programs, *BusinessWeek* polled undergraduate recruiters and surveyed nearly 80,000 business majors at top schools. The magazine also considered starting salaries for graduates and the number of graduates each school sent to top M.B.A. programs. Finally, an academic quality score—a combination of five measures including average SAT scores and faculty-student ratios—identified schools with the smartest, hardest-working and best-served students.

STAFF

Richmond names interim leaders

On July 1, Dr. Joe Kent will become Richmond's interim provost, and John Douglass will become interim dean of the School of Law.

The University has begun national searches to fill both positions following the departure of Provost June Aprille and Law School Dean Rodney A. Smolla. Both Aprille and Smolla have accepted similar posts at Washington and Lee University.

Kent has been Richmond's associate provost since 2005. Previously he was associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He began teaching at the University in 1973 as an assistant professor of mathematics. Kent chaired the mathematics and computer science department from 1982–92, and he became professor of computer science in 1987, with emeritus status in 2004.

Douglass joined the law faculty in 1996 after a distinguished career in private practice and government service. He was associate counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel during the Iran/Contra investigation, and he was an assistant U.S. attorney in Richmond and Baltimore. Douglass has continued to work as a mediator for The McCammon Group in Richmond while teaching courses in criminal law, evidence and criminal procedure. Douglass graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review.



Richmond College's new dean

Dr. Joseph Boehman became the new dean of Richmond College on June 1. He was previously assistant director for housing and residential education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Boehman brings more than 15 years of experience in higher education administration to Richmond, says Steve Bisese, vice president for student development. "He has an excellent record of creativity at UNC and has demonstrated specific interest and accomplishment in the areas of residential theme programs, crisis management and collaborative learning initiatives."

Bisese adds that Boehman is "very approachable and eager to meet with students on a personal basis." Also, he has a history of working with residential learning communities, "which is an important topic at Richmond. He will be helpful in reaching our goals in this area."

Boehman graduated from Ithaca College and earned a master's degree in college and university administration from Michigan State University and a doctorate in education from North Carolina State University. Prior to joining UNC-Chapel Hill, Boehman was assistant director for residence life and coordinator of residence education at East Carolina University.

He has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels and has been involved in several professional associations, serving a term as president of the North Carolina Housing Officers.

"I am honored to be invited into the University and Richmond College family," Boehman says. "I was so impressed by everyone I met during my visit to campus. ... My hope is that I will be able to work with the Richmond College students, alumni, staff and other stakeholders to explore what it means to be part of Richmond College today, and more importantly, what it could be. I'd like to develop a shared vision of the college that will bring out our collective best as a community."



AROUND THE LAKE

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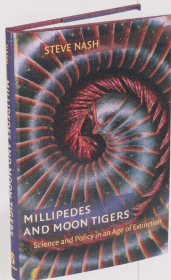
Millipedes and Moon Tigers

Steve Nash, associate professor of journalism, sticks up for Mother Nature in a collection of stories about timely environmental dilemmas—the invasion of snakehead fish, the loss of songbirds and the arrival of an Asian beetle that devours ash trees.

Published by the University of Virginia Press, *Millipedes and Moon Tigers: Science and Policy in an Age of Extinction* focuses on the southeastern United States, but it applies to the entire planet. Nash uncovers alarming environmental problems and presents possible solutions in both political and scientific terms.

The urgency he conveys is real. As one of his sources observes, it is much easier to maintain an ecosystem than to repair one.

Steve Nash sticks up for Mother Nature in his new book.



More faculty books

Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics. Dr.

Jonathan Wight, associate professor of economics and international studies, and John Morton, National Council on Economic Education (2007). Ten lessons that prompt students to think about ethical issues as they analyze



The Second City Touring Company opens the Modlin Center's season in early September with *One Nation Under Blog*. For more information about Modlin Center performances, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

economic scenarios.

The Stripping Point.

Brian Henry, associate professor of English and creative writing (editor). Counterpath Press (2007). A collection of poems that are "immersed in the lust and language of the everyday."

Virginia Criminal Offenses and Defenses.

Ronald Bacigal, professor of law, West Publishing (2007). A discussion of strategies and tactics that apply to criminal cases in Virginia.

FACULTY

Berryhill and Sholley retire after 30+ years

Two professors retired in May after teaching at Richmond for more than 30 years—Wade Berryhill, professor of law, and Dr. Barbara Sholley, associate professor of psychology and women,

gender and sexuality studies.

Berryhill has taught courses in environmental law, land-use planning, law and religion, ocean and coastal law, property law, real estate transactions and secured credit. He graduated from law school at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville in 1972 and practiced law as a partner in Moore, Logan & Berryhill. He joined the University in 1976 after earning a master of laws degree from Columbia University.

Sholley joined the University in 1972 after earning her doctorate from Ohio University. In addition to teaching classes within her disciplines, she has taught the Core Course and served as a faculty advisor to University Scholars.



Commencement 2007

Find your passion and go for it!

Three commencement speakers delivered similar messages to Richmond graduates in May: Find your passion and go for it!

Steve Buckingham, R'71, told 756 undergraduate and 70 graduate degree candidates to believe in themselves, think big, be positive, swing for the fences, "and always look for the different voice, the different cure or the different way of doing things."

That philosophy has worked for Buckingham, winner of four Grammy Awards and producer of 27 number one songs in 11 different musical categories. He also has produced six movie soundtracks, two CBS television specials and 30 albums that have gone gold or platinum.

The senior vice president of Vanguard Records and Sugar Hill Records learned this philosophy from some of the biggest legends in the music business. Ahmet Ertegun, co-founder of Atlantic Records, advised Buckingham to "find what you love and have a passion for, and success follows." Ertegun also convinced him to "listen to that small, still voice inside of us that plants the seed of creativity."

During the ceremony, the University conferred honorary doctorates upon Dr. Alfred H. Bloom, president of Swarthmore College; Dr. William E. Cooper, president of the University of Richmond; John Fahey Jr., president and CEO of the National Geographic Society; Lila Harnett, founder of ArtTable and benefactor of the Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art; Brian Lamb, CEO of C-Span; and Jorge Ramos, news anchor of *Noticiero Univision*.

Richmond also awarded seven honorary bachelor of letters degrees to alumni whose Richmond educations were interrupted for military service during the Korean War or Vietnam War. In addition, the University presented the Trustees' Distinguished Service Award to Otis Coston Jr., who served as Richmond's rector from 2002–06.

At the other commencement ceremonies, the School of Law conferred 166 juris doctor degrees, and the School of Continuing Students awarded 135 bachelor's, master's and associate's degrees.

Robin Robertson Starr, L'79, told the law graduates to find and

follow their true passion. After graduating from law school, she became a corporate lawyer, but in 1997, she decided to follow her lifelong dream of working with animals and became CEO of the Richmond SPCA.

"Finding your own true passion is hard work," she said. "There is no manual, template or onboard navigation system." The truly lucky, she said, find their passion when they are young. Others find it as a second career, and some never find it.

Provost June Aprille told the continuing studies graduates to focus on "the three P's"—push, purpose and perseverance. "It usually takes a little push to get started," she explained. "For some, I suppose encouragement came from other people—family members, friends, employers and so on. But for some ... the push was from inside—a little voice saying, 'You should do this, you can do this, go for it.'"





SPIDER SPORTS

LACROSSE

All-American sisters lead lacrosse team

Ashley Friend, '07, and Mandy Friend, '09—sisters from Canandaigua, N.Y.—have made a tremendous impact on the Spider lacrosse program.

They were named preseason All-Americans in 2007 by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine after combining for 100 goals last year. They led the team to its first Atlantic 10 regular season title, its second straight A-10 championship and a top-10 national ranking.

Throughout the 2007 season, they did it again. With more than 90 combined goals, the sisters have helped the team maintain its high national profile, ranking as high as No. 13 this year.

The Friends also are rewriting the Spider record book. Ashley will finish in the top six for career goals, assists and points.

Mandy, already in the career record book for all three categories, set a school record for most points in a single season during her rookie year.

Growing up, Mandy felt lucky that her big sister let her go along wherever she was asked to play lacrosse. "I can't imagine it not getting annoying, but she must have

Mandy Friend, '09, sets the record for most points in a season.



Richmond is seeking government approvals for an on-campus stadium that would seat about 9,000 spectators for soccer, track, lacrosse and football games.

kept it to herself," Mandy says. "It was hard playing together at first for me because she had two years under her belt. She knew so much more, and I just tried to learn as much as I could to rise to her level. ... No matter how hard I could imagine working, she will be working harder. Instead of trying to beat her, I've always just tried to come close, and that's a big enough goal."

Ashley also has plenty of respect for her younger sister. "I love playing with Mans," Ashley says. "She is so talented and hardworking on the field, and the positive attitude and enthusiasm she brings every single day is something I look up to."

Mandy concluded her first year with 53 goals and 23 assists, including 11 hat tricks. She was named to the A-10 Championship Team and the A-10 All-Conference Team. She also earned All-

American honors as a rookie.

Ashley has been named to the A-10 All-Conference Team and the A-10 Championship Team twice. She has scored more than 100 goals in her career and started every contest during the past four years.

Meanwhile, the team has risen to national prominence—with a little help from its Friends.

FOOTBALL

2007 Schedule

Sept. 1	at Vanderbilt
Sept. 8	at Northeastern
Sept. 22	at Bucknell
Sept. 29	New Hampshire*
Oct. 6	at Towson
Oct. 13	Stony Brook
Oct. 20	Rhode Island
Oct. 27	at James Madison
Nov. 3	Villanova**
Nov. 10	at Delaware
Nov. 17	William & Mary
* Family Weekend	
** Homecoming	

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TRACK

Young finishes ninth at indoor championships

Jessica Young, '09, ran 60 meters in 7.32 seconds to tie for ninth place at the NCAA's Indoor Track and Field Championships in March. The school record time made her the fifth fastest American in the event, which earned her a spot on the All-American team.



Jessica Young, '09

Young narrowly missed the finals, which included the eight fastest runners overall. Her time was only 0.03 seconds behind the eighth qualifier.

"She ran a great race," says women's track coach Lori Taylor. "That was her best performance of the season. ... It was a great experience and opportunity for her, and she just handled it like a veteran. That's what you want, especially in her first appearance in the national championships."

A native of Columbia, S.C., Young was seeded 16th out of 20 runners to qualify for nationals in the 60-meter dash. She was the first

Richmond athlete to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships since Josephine White in 1981.

BASEBALL

Atkins celebrates 700th career win

The baseball team scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to beat James Madison University on March 28, giving head coach Ron Atkins his 700th career victory.

In his 23rd season at Richmond, Atkins already was the University's all-time leader in coaching wins for any sport. He has led the Spiders to 30 or more victories in 10 of the past 16 seasons, including 53 wins in 2002 and 48 wins in 2003.

The 2007 Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame inductee has led the Spiders to four NCAA Tournament appearances, including a super-regional tournament performance that put Richmond one win away from the 2002 College World Series.

"We've won a lot of ballgames," Atkins said, during a post-game celebration at Pitt Field that started with players dousing the coach with a cooler full of water. "It's very special getting No. 700 before our home fans. That means a lot to me."

Atkins plans to retire this summer.



Six straight championships

The Spider swimming and diving team captured its sixth consecutive Atlantic 10 championship in February. As usual, the team won the title by a wide margin—284 points—while breaking six school records, setting five new A-10 marks and sweeping the relays.

It sounds like the same old story of conference domination, but coach Matt Barany does not see it that way. "When we start a season, we don't treat it as a sequel," he insists. "We treat it as a single opportunity to win a championship for the school."

Lauren Beaudreau, '09, became the sixth-straight Spider swimmer to be named Most Outstanding Performer at the A-10 championships. She captured three gold medals while shattering three A-10 records and two school records. Katie Sieben, '10, (pictured above) was named Most Outstanding Rookie Performer for winning the 50-freestyle and contributing to five relay wins.

The team also won many regular-season awards. Beaudreau earned the A-10 Performer of Year Award, the sixth straight by a Spider, and Sieben garnered the A-10 Most Outstanding Rookie Award, the fifth straight by a Spider. Barany was named Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year, extending Richmond's streak to six in that category.

After the A-10 championships, Beaudreau and Jessica Witt, '08, were invited to participate in the NCAA championships. Witt finished 16th in the 400 IM, qualifying her for All-American status.

"Jessica's repeating her All-American honors was special," Barany says. "This year's NAAs were faster than usual, so she appropriately dropped substantial time to score for Richmond."

Looking ahead to next season, the team will lose six seniors to graduation, but Barany remains optimistic. "Our swimmers are highly competitive, and this competitive side is very difficult for other A-10 teams to match," he says. "We don't know the unexpected obstacles that lie ahead, but I am pretty confident we will continue to get better."

Living & Learning

Richmond's growing theme-housing program expands education far beyond the classroom.

By Barbara Fitzgerald

A few miles into a day-long hike, Mike Albares, '10, noticed a strange sensation in his right foot. It was a minor irritation on a growing list of inconveniences related to carrying a 30-pound pack up Bald Mountain in Virginia's Blue Ridge.

It was early in the fall semester, and Albares was on his first major outing with RC Xtreme, a group of brave-hearted freshmen seeking outdoor adventure and new friends with similar interests.

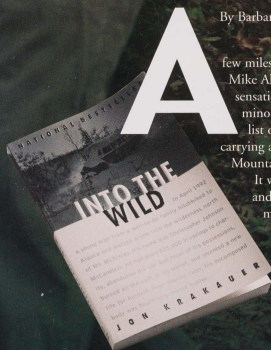
RC Xtreme is a volun-

tary program available to Richmond College freshmen. One part of the program is a series of weekend adventures designed to forge friendships among participants. The second part is a year-long commitment to live together on the RC Xtreme hall of Gray Court.

On campus, Albares could throw a rock from Gray Court to the dining hall, but on Bald Mountain, the dining hall was 100 miles away, and hunger pangs constantly reminded him that the group had not brought enough food. Fatigue was another consideration that kept his mind off the nagging pain in his foot.

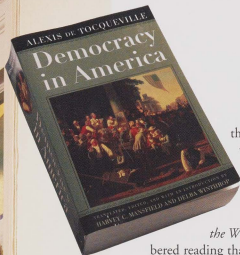
"It's just a small rock in my boot," he thought.

The wind rose a bit and Albares stopped to rest. He was tempted to remove the pebble from his boot, but he decided against it. He did not want to be the tenderfoot who made a big deal out of a small stone. He





Mike Albarés, '10, brings up the rear on an RC Xtreme trek.



thought back to the book that Xtremers had read during the summer, *Into the Wild*. He remem-

bered reading that you have to expect the unexpected in the wilderness, and when the unexpected happens, you just deal with it.

Albares started hiking again, but the pain—and the stone itself—seemed to be growing with every step. He was limping, but he was determined to keep up with the group—another mile, another half mile. Finally, the pain overpowered his ego.

“Guys!” he said, “I hate to slow you down, but I have to stop a minute and take this rock out of my boot.”

It was worse than he had expected.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Albares and the other RC Xtremers are taking advantage of a theme-housing program called Living and Learning. Participants share common interests, residence halls and an expectation that their college education will extend far beyond the classroom.

RC Xtreme is one of two Living and Learning programs that incorporate outdoor adventures. Others focus on leadership, global awareness, civic engagement and the arts.

“Theme housing is far more than an orientation exercise,” says Patrick Benner, assistant dean of Richmond College. “Theme housing is a living-and-learning experience, and each program was formed from student initiatives. A student comes along and says, ‘I have this interest, and it’s a great thing to do. How can I find others who might enjoy it?’ Thanks to the students, we’re always getting lots of new ideas.”

Corrie Mixon, '08, (seated), Joyce Bennett, '07, (left) and Jill Eisenberg, '09, turn their dorm into a forum.

The University's original theme-housing program was Spinning UR Web, which was conceived 21 years ago as an extended orientation.

Much like RC Xtremers, "Webbers" participate in weekend activities to get to know one another. Socializing is a big part of the program, which includes intramural sports, bowling, laser tag, game nights and a ropes course. They also meet and mingle with University administrators and student leaders.

The Webber program appeals to students who have been leaders in high school and expect to be deeply involved in campus organizations and activities. Braxton Bragg, '06, progressed from his Webber beginnings through several important roles on campus, including president of the Richmond College Student Government Association during his senior year. Bragg attributes much of his success on campus to Spinning UR Web.

"Two of my immediate three predecessors in the RCSGA presidency were Webbers, and many of the candidates they ran against were as well," Bragg says.

"Webbers are always encouraged to stretch themselves, from the day they arrive on campus."

READY FOR MOORE?

In recent years, the various theme-housing programs have strengthened their academic components.

A prime example is Westhampton College's Ready for Moore program, which features discussions and activities designed to connect academics to daily life in Moore Hall, a dorm for first-year women. This year, participants enrolled in a

special session of Foundations of Leadership, a popular class in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Dr. Tom Shields, who teaches the course, confirms that the Ready for Moore group really was ready for more.

"They bonded much more quickly as a class, and I think it was because they lived together," Shields says. "The class went on for them long after the hour was over. They would come in and say, 'We were talking about this last night, and ...' Living on a hall together was tremendous for them. It got to the heart of what Living and Learning is all about."

Since the class was well-stocked with future leaders—Webbers took it, too—the students were eager to study public leadership.

"We talked about what it means to be impoverished, for instance, and then we had the executive director of the Virginia Poverty Law Center talk about poverty in Richmond," Shields says. "Students

interviewed the superintendent of schools about education, and the police chief about crime. They looked at ... homelessness and at city council elections."

Even after the class ended, Shields continued to receive e-mail from participants. One contacted him during spring break to say that the report her group did on the Healing Place, a local non-profit agency, was being featured on the agency's Web site.

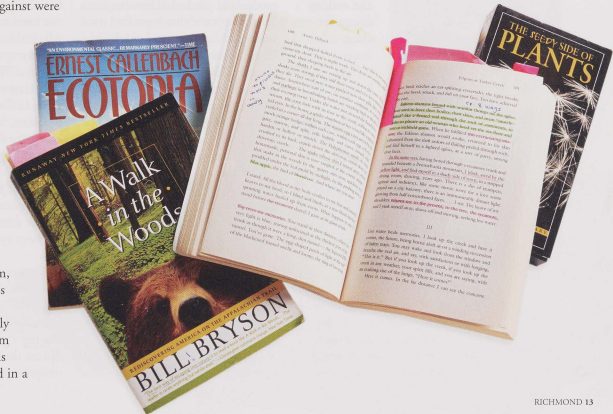
"These students have clearly gotten involved beyond the normal classroom experience," Shields says. "When they contact you over spring break, you can be sure they've grasped the fact that their school resides in a Richmond community far larger than this campus."

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT HOUSE

Civic Engagement House is another Living and Learning program that promotes interaction with the metropolitan Richmond community. Sophomores, juniors and seniors choose from activities

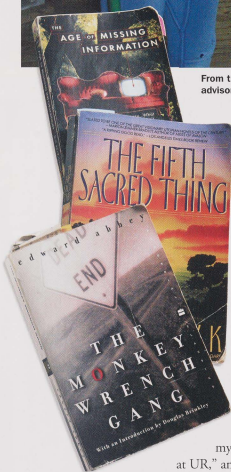
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Most Living and Learning programs include required reading.





From the left, Onur Unver, '10, Gabe Gigliotti, '10, Mike Albares, '10, Kris Gerig, '09, James McCormick, '10, and RC Xtreme advisor Shelley Justice prepare for white-water adventure on the New River.



that include service projects, tours of the city, panel discussions and making documentaries about urban issues.

Joyce Bennett, '07, and Jill Eisenberg, '09, call the co-ed program outstanding, perhaps even life-changing.

Eisenberg says it was "one of

my best experiences

at UR," and Bennett says she "absolutely loved it."

Much of their enthusiasm stems from a course taken by all Civic Engagement House participants, *Urban Crisis in Modern America*.

"Not only did we learn in this

class about the history of homelessness, poverty, race and class issues, we explored ways that we could do something about the problems," Bennett recalls. "We split into groups and produced documentaries about the issues that interested us—issues such as gangs and youth violence, Latino health and affordable housing. Then we made those documentaries available to non-profits and other agencies in the area. ... We also produced printed materials and publications that we handed out on campus."

The class toured the city and interviewed people working in the community. They spent a Saturday at Boaz and Ruth, a local non-profit agency working to revitalize Richmond's Highland Park neighborhood. They also started a blog about community issues as a way of extending their discussions beyond the classroom and residence hall.

"The Civic Engagement House allows us to be engaged in the community in a thoughtful manner

that has actual repercussions," Bennett says. "I think the house does a better job at that than any other organization that I have seen so far."

Bennett also has made lasting friendships with people she might not have met otherwise. "The best part is the nightly discussions in the hallway, usually at 11 p.m. or later," she says. "We talk about child care in Richmond, the lack of potable water in Central America, repression in China, immigrants in Richmond. You name it, we talk about it."

Eisenberg singles out Dr. Amy Howard, who teaches the urban crisis course, for special praise. "I am very appreciative [of her] taking the chance on this endeavor because it has been eye-opening," Eisenberg says.

Bennett adds that Howard has been completely devoted to the house. "Her motivation and excitement about its potential is catching. Having a professor of her caliber to discuss these issues with is ... a unique aspect of the house. Who

else can say that they have talked about public housing with their professor over bagels and coffee on a Saturday morning?"

EXPLORE UR WORLD

Another Living and Learning program, Explore UR World, invites domestic and international students to live together in Dennis Hall during their first year of Richmond College.

The program includes speakers from around the globe, international dinners, foreign films and a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit an embassy. Explore UR World also gives students a chance to jump-start their study abroad planning.

"This program helps domestic students get acquainted with other people and other cultures, and it helps international students acclimate to American culture," Benner says.

Global House is similar to Explore UR World, but the living arrangements are co-ed and include sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in global issues and cultural diversity. Residents promote cross-cultural understanding and respect while integrating their academic interests with their residential experience. Global House prepares students for the real world through continuous exposure to diverse people, concepts and ideas.

Another co-ed program is Arts Community, which places sophomores, juniors and seniors in the same residence hall with other visual and performing arts students. The new program dovetails with arts-related courses and events at the Modlin Center. Residents also plan activities that highlight their individual disciplines and artistic inter-

ests. RC ArtStart, a similar program for Richmond College freshmen, began this year and will add a residential component next year.

Finally there is Outdoor House, which is similar to RC Xtreme, but for sophomores, juniors and seniors of both sexes. Outdoor House also has a larger academic component than RC Xtreme. Residents of Outdoor House take a four-credit class that fulfills the literary studies curriculum requirement. It focuses on personal and intellectual interaction with nature, combining fiction and nonfiction readings with excursions into Virginia's mountains and forests.

Outdoor House residents participated in the camping portion of RC Xtreme's Bald Mountain trip, but they opted out of the 11-mile hike.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Albares found no stone when he finally removed his boot, but his foot was bleeding, and the blood had soaked through his sock and into the boot. A big nail was sticking up through the sole. He had been walking for miles with a nail jabbing his foot, and each step was pushing it deeper into his flesh.

Albares' punctured foot healed quickly, but the lessons he learned from the nail in his boot will serve him

well. He discovered that ignoring a problem is not the same as dealing with it, and he learned not to underestimate his fellow Xtremers.

They did not call him a tenderfoot. In fact, they marveled over the size of the nail piercing his foot, and they appreciated the way he had endured the pain because he did not want to slow them down.

Back on campus, Albares checked his tetanus shot records and adjusted to life on the RC Xtreme hall of Gray Court. His freshman feelings of apprehension are long gone, and the Xtremers have moved on to other adventures, including a white-water rafting trip in West Virginia.

The new friends soon will become old friends, and they probably will tell the nail story at class reunions years from now. And each time they tell the story, the nail will get bigger, the bleeding will become more profuse, and the bond they share will grow ever stronger. ✱

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Watch video of RC Xtreme's white-water rafting trip. www.magazine.richmond.edu





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the Art of Photography from the
wedding of Tara Stanley Zinna, '97,
and Michael Zinna, '96.

Campus Weddings

Alumni share their stories of getting married on campus.

By Joan Tupponce

What better place to celebrate your anniversary than on the campus where you met and were married? That's what Amy Smithwick Boyle, W'92, and her husband, Rob Boyle, R'92, discovered as they walked back down the aisle of the chapel on their first anniversary.

They were married in the chapel on Aug. 3, 1996. Every year since, they have retraced those first steps as husband and wife.

The Boyles are among more than 1,000 alumni couples who have tied the knot on campus over the years. Many of them fell in love while they were students. They kissed in the gazebo and returned there to get engaged.

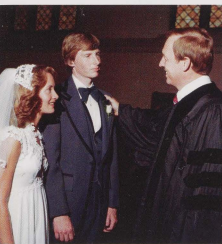
They share a special bond to the University, a strong connection that pulls them back to campus for frequent visits.

"During our first anniversary, we happened to be in Richmond," Amy

When Amy Smithwick Boyle, W'92, and Rob Boyle, R'92, retrace their first steps as husband and wife, they hear the pitter-patter of little feet.







Dr. David Burhans congratulates Mary June Schmick Jones, B'79, and Henry Jones, L78.

recalls. "We had gone to pick up the top of our wedding cake, and we decided to go to campus. The door to the chapel was open, so we walked down the aisle and talked about our wedding day. It was a happy accident that became a tradition."

In recent years, their twin sons have accompanied them on their anniversary and walked down the aisle with them. Their infant daughter will be part of the tradition this summer.

"This year, because they had been in a wedding, the twins said, 'I present to you Mr. and Mrs. Boyle' when we were standing at the altar. We walked down the aisle and they followed us. It wouldn't be our anniversary without this tradition."

MARRIED BY BURHANS

Dr. David Burhans estimates that he has united more than 600 alumni couples in holy matrimony since becoming the University's first chaplain in 1974. He retired from the position in 2004, but he continues to work part time for the University, and he continues to perform weddings in the chapel.

"Having Dr. Burhans officiate at our wedding was the most important aspect of a UR wedding to us," says Mary June Schmick Jones, B'79, who married Henry Jones, L78, in the chapel on Aug. 4, 1979. "We both had a very special place in our hearts for Dr. Burhans and felt there could be no better minister to counsel us, guide us through the

wedding jitters and direct our wedding."

Burhans runs weddings by the clock—with or without a wedding planner. Everyone involved knows what they are supposed to do and when they are supposed to do it. Even so, he recalls one wedding in particular when everything seemed to go wrong.

A nasty thunderstorm barreled across campus as the ceremony was about to begin. The bridesmaids walked down the aisle, and the organist began to play the wedding march. At that moment, there was a great crash of thunder and a simultaneous flash of lightning that illuminated the Rose Window in the chapel. The lights went out, the organ slurred to a stop and darkness engulfed the sanctuary.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we will continue," Burhans insisted. "Please stand."

There was total silence as the congregation stood and the bride made her way down the 98-foot aisle, but when she stepped up to the altar, she tripped on her dress and only the groom saved her from falling on her face. Burhans proceeded with the ceremony and presented the couple to the audience, but the bride stumbled to her knees again as she stepped down from the chancel.

"Everyone gasped," Burhans recalls. "The groom helped her up and they walked down the aisle. People were in disbelief."

As the congregation filed out of

The Gazebo Legend

Legend has it that when two Richmond students kiss in the gazebo, they are bound to marry each other. The legend may not hold true for every couple, but it did for Kristen Noz Loschert, W'96, and Matt Loschert, R'97.

The night of their engagement, they parked near the lake, and Matt steered Kristen toward the gazebo for a better view of the Christmas wreaths on the library tower. Unbeknownst to Kristen, Matt had gone to her parents' home the night before to ask for her hand in marriage.

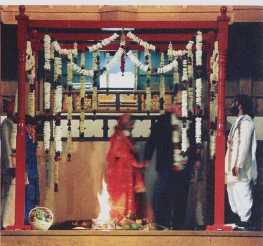
Once they got to the gazebo, Matt asked Kristen if she remembered the time they had kissed in the gazebo when they were juniors and the legend they had heard about the gazebo.

"I was clueless," Kristen says. "I told him that I knew the legend and then asked him what he was driving at." At that point, Matt dropped to one knee. "You're not doing what I think you're doing, are you?" Kristen exclaimed.

Matt had tied the ring onto a string tied into his pocket so he wouldn't drop it into the lake. He took it out and popped the question.

Teresa Payne West, W'75, and Reed West, R'76, were married between play rehearsals.

Vishwa Bhargava Link, L'93, and Eric R. Link, R'89 and L'97, experience a Hindu ceremony.



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To read about more campus weddings, visit the online version of the magazine at www.magazine.richmond.edu.

the chapel, Burhans searched for the right words to comfort the embarrassed bride, who had returned to the sanctuary for photographs. But before he could say anything, she threw her arms around his neck and exclaimed, "Oh, Mr. Burhans! No one will ever forget my wedding!"

Burhans does not remember the bride's name, but he will never forget her "wonderful approach to life."

HOT WEDDINGS

The chapel was not air-conditioned until the 1980s, so summer weddings there were notoriously hot. Even after central air was installed, the problem persisted.

It was a particularly warm day in late May when Jack Reagan, B'89, and Heather Berry Reagan, W'89, were married in the chapel in 1989.

"All the women planned to get dressed in the bride's room," Heather recalls. "Unfortunately, the heat was turned on high and would not cut off. With five bridesmaids, a flower girl, my mother, me and other people in the room, it was miserably hot. ... I have pictures of my maid of honor dumping baby powder down the front of my dress and my bridesmaids fanning me. And my mother even took a picture of the maintenance employee who came to fix the heat—after we were done."

Summer weddings were not the only hot ones. Burhans recalls a hot wedding that took place in Keller Hall in cold weather. The bride

wanted a fire in the fireplace, and Burhans had to stand perilously close to the flames.

"Before the wedding was over, I thought my clothes would catch on fire," he recalls. "People were laughing and saying it was the hottest wedding they had ever experienced."

Fire played a critical role in the 1996 wedding of Vishwa Bhargava Link, L'93, and Eric R. Link, R'89 and L'97. They had to get permission from the fire marshal for their ceremony because the primary witness of a Hindu marriage is the fire deity Agni Devta.

"The three tiers at the front of the chapel allowed us to start the ceremony with the look of a western wedding," Vishwa recalls. "I came down the aisle escorted by my father, then met Eric on the lower tier." At that point, they were legally married in a civil service by John Paul Jones, their favorite professor from the Law School.

Then they stepped up to the second tier, where Vishwa's brother read a Hindu poem and gave Eric a traditional Indian turban. Finally, they moved to the upper tier, where a priest performed the Hindu ceremony, witnessed by a flame that rose more than two feet high.

"We had to show the fire marshal what kind of vessel the priest would be burning the wicks and oil in," Vishwa says. But "we are very thankful to UR and the chapel for their flexibility and open-minded-

ness to allow us to create our unique ceremony and hold it in such a beautiful place."

EXTRACURRICULAR WEDDINGS

The show must go on, but rehearsals can be rescheduled. Rehearsals for the University Players' production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* were delayed for the wedding of Reed West, R'76, and Teresa Payne West, W'75, in 1974. They were both doing the lighting for the show.

"Half of the cast was either in our wedding or going to our wedding," Reed explains. "My wife and I worked on the lighting plot for the play while we were on our weekend honeymoon."

Basketball was the extracurricular activity that brought Elise Ryder Myers, W'03, and Jeff Myers, R'03, together. The Spider hoopsers met on the floor of the Robins Center, and when they announced their engagement, Athletic Director Jim Miller jokingly asked Elise if they would like to get married at half-time of a basketball game. They opted instead for the chapel and set the date for October 2005.

"Everything during the weekend was UR themed," Elise recalls. "We had a simple wedding, but it was very romantic." The reception included a 10-minute movie about how they met at the University. "The videographer interviewed both of us in Puryear Hall, where we had our first class together, and in the



Peggy Yarbrough Boulden, W'59, and Ed Boulden, R'64, enjoy their wedding reception in Keller Hall. (See *Wheeling & Dealing* sidebar.)



Robins Center. We even had clips of us playing in our basketball games.”

Sports also factored into the chapel wedding of Robin Holderness Newton, W'78, and David Newton, R'78, in 1981. The wedding was only 10 minutes long, but it coincided with an American League playoff game between the Milwaukee Brewers and the New York Yankees, and David's cousin was the Yankee's third-base coach.

When it was time to take photographs, the couple could not find David's grandmother.

“She made it through the wedding and bolted out the door,” Robin recalls. “She had gone out to the car, opened the trunk and started watching the game on a battery-

operated television. Who knew, when I chose that date, that the Yankees would make the playoffs?”

And who would have guessed that the chapel wedding of Marc Roper, '95, and Tracey Brander Roper, '94, would make *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*? Someone sent Leno a picture of the campus road sign that directed people to the “Roper-Brander Wedding.” Leno used it in a bit about funny signs, saying something like, “If you're into rodeos, here's the wedding for you.”

WEDDINGS EVERYWHERE

Many marriages end in court, but occasionally one starts there. Erin Torrey Ranney, '02 and L'05, and

Paul Ranney, L'05, married in the Law School's Moot Court Room. A circuit court judge presided over the spring 2005 ceremony, and a violin trio played in the jury box.

“We got married in the room where we first met during orientation in the first year of law school,” Erin says. “Midway through planning our wedding, I realized that everybody in the class thought they were coming to the wedding.” The gallery was packed.

Scott Sparks, '00, and Karianne Earner-Sparks, '02, were married in court, too—North Court. They had planned a chapel wedding for October 2002, but after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the couple realized that Scott would soon



be deployed overseas.

"We decided we wanted to be legally married before he left," Karianne explains. Because it was Homecoming Weekend, the chapel was not available, so "the University offered us the use of the Blue Room in North Court," Karianne says. "We were married by a justice of the peace on Oct. 27, 2001."

Karianne says she and Scott originally planned to throw a bigger, more formal wedding when Scott returned from Kosovo. "But we realized that it turned out to be just what we wanted," she recalls. "It was small, intimate and one of the happiest days of our lives."

Another campus venue for intimate weddings is the gazebo, site of

many proposals and first kisses.

Burhans' favorite gazebo wedding featured a flotilla of ducks that swam up to the ceremony hoping for a bread-crumbs buffet.

The wedding lasted only about 15 minutes, and just as Burhans finished saying, "I now pronounce you husband and wife," the ducks broke into a chorus of quacks.

"They waited until just that moment to make noise," Burhans says. "Everybody got the biggest kick out of that."

ANXIOUS MOMENTS

Ralph Shotwell, R'46, waited with his groomsmen in a small room at the front of Cannon Memorial Chapel. He was worried. His wedding to Virginia "Ding" Lambeth, W'47, was supposed to have started 15 minutes before, but no one had given him the signal to step into the sanctuary.

At the same time, Lambeth was experiencing similar anxiety as she and her bridesmaids waited in a room near the entrance to the chapel.

"I remember wondering if Virginia had changed her mind and failed to show," Shotwell says. "She was just as worried, wondering if I had changed my mind."

Finally, someone had to break the prenuptial stalemate. Dr. Solon Cousins, professor of Bible and Shotwell's best man, walked to the back of the chapel to investigate. He sorted out the miscommunication, and the wedding soon was underway.

The marriage suffered a slow start, but it has lasted six decades. "On June 22, 2007," Shotwell says, "we will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary." ❀

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Wheeling & Dealing

Peggy Yarbrough Boulden, W'59, and Ed Boulden, R'64, believe their wedding reception in December 1959 was the first one held in Keller Hall.

"We decided that Keller Hall would be the perfect place," Peggy recalls.

But Peggy had to persuade one more person, Charles Wheeler, the University's treasurer at the time. Peggy remembers her trepidation. Wheeler had the reputation of being "extremely businesslike," she recalls, "a true guardian of the purse strings of the University."

Wheeler informed Peggy that no wedding reception had ever been held in Keller Hall, so there was no customary fee established for such a thing.

"He hemmed and hawed, and I smiled and smiled, and finally we reached an agreement," Peggy says. "For the grand sum of \$25, we could hold the reception in the hall, but the caterers had better leave everything spotless." They shook hands on the deal, and the reception lived up to the couple's expectations.

"We revel, even now, in remembering the Keller Hall reception," Peggy says. "Everything was so beautiful, augmented by all the red and white Christmas flower arrangements. Of course, there were the ubiquitous Smithfield ham biscuits and a delicious white grape juice punch, but no champagne."

That was another one of Wheeler's conditions.



Tammy Slenn, '07, conducts research in the Gottwald Center for the Sciences.

TRANSFORMING BRIGHT MINDS

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are already benefiting from the fundraising campaign that concludes this summer.

By Karl Rhodes

The science test was particularly long and difficult. Tammy Slenn, '07, filled 19 pages answering questions about proteins.

"I'm just glad to be done with it," she says wearily. "I haven't slept enough in the past two days. ... Now I have to finish writing my honors thesis."

She also needs to make a final decision about graduate school. She is considering offers from Duke, Pennsylvania and Harvard. The deadline looms, but she can't imagine leaving the friendly confines of Richmond's Gottwald Center for the Sciences.

Slenn is among the many beneficiaries of the *Transforming Bright Minds* campaign, which concludes on June 30, 2007—one year and six months ahead of schedule. As of mid-May, the campaign had received more than 84,000 contributions and pledges from over 29,500 individuals and organizations. Together they have given more than \$208 million.

"Through their generous contributions to the University, Richmond's alumni and other supporters are helping to fulfill the campaign's promise of 'transforming bright minds into great achievers,'" says University Rector George Welde Jr., B'74. "Our students, faculty, staff and alumni are already

benefiting from the new facilities and programs made possible by the campaign, and we are deeply grateful for everyone's commitment to this important effort."

The science portion of the campaign has helped transform Slenn from a promising high school student into a budding research scientist. For the past three years, she has conducted research with Dr. Valerie Kish, professor of biology. Kish and her undergraduate assistants are investigating the activation of MMP-2, a protein that plays a prominent role in the development of brain tumors.

Slenn remembers seeing worn-out science equipment during her first year at Richmond, but Kish's lab was among the first to be finished during the Gottwald Center's \$37 million renovation and expansion. The facility is part of a 10-year plan to reinvigorate science instruction and research at the University. The initiative also allowed Richmond to hire more science professors and upgrade equipment.

During graduate school interviews, Slenn gained a new appreciation for the Gottwald Center. Its labs were superior to facilities at several other universities. She also noted that Richmond's science curriculum was more advanced. "From what I have been told, the upper-level courses here are more like graduate courses at other universi-

ties," says Slenn, who is majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology.

"I didn't fully appreciate the access to professors here until I talked to people from other schools. Everyone is here," she says, glancing around the Gottwald Center's atrium. "You can usually find faculty members at any reasonable hour."

The campaign has enabled the University to invest in people, programs and facilities "that touch the daily lives of each of our students," says President William E. Cooper. In addition to the Gottwald Center, other examples include Weinstein Hall, University Forum, Wilton Way, and the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

TRANSFORMING MINDS AND BODIES

The transformation of Jared Husch, '08, seems obvious. He started lifting weights when he arrived on campus in 2004 and has developed broad shoulders, rippling abs and bulging biceps.

His metamorphosis, however, goes beyond physicality. He is less stressed and more confident. He also has become more focused on his economics major and his environmental studies minor.

"The mental focus I have coming out of the gym is great. I feel good about myself, and that feeling spreads to everything else in my



Jared Husch, '08,
focuses on
fitness at the
Weinstein Center
for Recreation
and Wellness.

everyday life," Husch says, as he warms up in the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

"I really enjoy working out," he says between sets. "While staying healthy and in shape is important, it's also about challenging yourself ... and accomplishing goals."

Husch exercises about 12 hours every week at the Weinstein Center, which was funded by the *Transforming Bright Minds* campaign and other sources. He is joined there by faculty, staff, alumni and many of his fellow students.

"The Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness has dramatically increased the livability and the marketability of this University," says Seth Hickerson, assistant director for fitness and wellness. "It was the missing link in Richmond's ability to promote recreation and wellness among our students, faculty, staff and alumni."

The facility opened in January on the south side of the Robins Center. It features a two-level fitness center, three-court gym, elevated jogging track and direct access to the Robin Center's swimming pool. Other amenities include locker rooms, saunas and a game room.

At the height of the spring semester, the Weinstein Center served more than 1,000 people per day.

TRANSFORMING FACILITIES

Richmond's new Speech Center transforms everyone who uses the facility, according to Andrew Ryan, '06, who worked as a speech consultant while he was a student.

"Student speech consultants now have a state-of-the-art center in which to work, increasing their morale and providing a truly professional environment," Ryan says. "This environment transformed speech consultants like me by increasing their confidence and their

ability to serve those who visit the Speech Center."

Ryan majored in political science and rhetoric and communications studies, and he currently works as a public affairs assistant at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

In 2003, the Speech Center moved to Weinstein Hall, a new academic building that houses Richmond's social science programs. "The upgrade was truly miraculous," Ryan says. "Although it had its own charm, the old Speech Center was a cramped space that often forced speech consultants and students to use Mrs. Hobgood's office when the Speech Center was busy, which was usually the case."

Linda Hobgood, director of the program, has reclaimed her office in the new Speech Center, which includes three practice rooms, an editing room and a spacious lobby.

Like many facilities funded by the campaign, the Speech Center is a tremendous resource for everyone on campus, Ryan says. "It is a brilliant example of how gifts to the *Transforming Bright Minds* campaign ... will continue to positively impact the University of Richmond for years to come."

TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE

Even though the *Transforming*

Bright Minds campaign is almost over, the University will continue to raise money for important future improvements.

"This campaign should provide considerable momentum as the University continues to seek funding in support of key projects," says Cooper. "Fundraising will continue for new student scholarships and endowed professorships as well as capital projects, including expansions of the library, business school and law school as well as construction of the Westhampton Center and on-campus stadium."

The stadium project got a boost in December from Earl Dickinson Jr., R'75, who pledged \$2 million to honor the memory of his father, Earl Dickinson Sr., R'48, who died last summer. The University will name the playing surface Dickinson Field.

Dickinson's transforming experiences at Richmond began at age five, when he attended his first Richmond football game with his father. It was a tradition they enjoyed for decades.

"Dad went to every Richmond-William and Mary game from 1946 to 2005," Dickinson recalls. "One year Richmond played William and Mary on Thanksgiving Day at City Stadium. While all the other kids were eating turkey, I was having a corndog with my Dad. And I think I had the better deal." ✪

CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE

Amount Raised: \$208 million+

Total Gifts: 84,000+

Individual Contributors: 29,500+

Use of Funds:

- Endowed scholarships: \$36.9 million
- Endowed professorships: \$15.4 million
- Program support, including athletics and annual fund: \$52.3 million
- New buildings and renovations: \$89.4 million
- Undesignated: \$14.2 million

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MANNA

Richmond just might owe you some money

Each year the University writes a check to the Commonwealth of Virginia for several thousand dollars, most of it belonging to young alumni.

"It just breaks my heart to cut that check," says accounting manager Tammy Hicks.

Last year, it was for \$13,455.

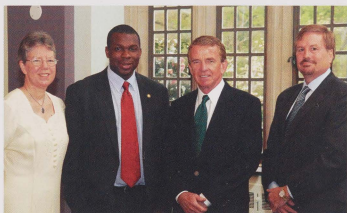
Most of the unclaimed money comes from uncashed checks—200 to 500 of them each year. Hicks and her staff work diligently to contact the rightful owners, but invariably dozens of

students graduate and leave campus without cashing a check from the University.

More than \$16,000 is currently up for grabs.

To find out if the University owes you money, visit the online version of the magazine at www.magazine.richmond.edu and click on "Free Money" in the "Bonus Content" section.

Rex Bradley, '09, performs on the University Forum during Reunion Weekend.



From the left, Dr. Judith Owen Hopkins, W'74, Maurice Henderson, '97, Timothy Finchem, R'69, and Robert Keiter, B'74, receive awards.

AWARDS

Alumni receive awards on Reunion Weekend

The alumni association honored three of the University's most outstanding graduates during Reunion Weekend.

This year's recipients of Awards for Distinguished Service include Robert Keiter, B'74, Dr. Judith Owen Hopkins, W'74, and Timothy Finchem, R'69.

Keiter is a founder of Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves, an accounting firm based in Richmond. He was president of the alumni association for 2005–06.

Hopkins is a physician and oncologist with Forsyth Regional Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. She has served on Richmond's Board of Trustees and Board of Associates.

Finchem is commissioner of the PGA Tour, a position he has held since 1994. Before that he was deputy commissioner and chief

operating officer of the tour.

Also during Reunion Weekend, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies presented its 10th Year Reunion Recognition Award to Maurice Henderson, '97, who was named deputy press secretary for Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine in March 2006.

URAA

Alumni association elects new president

On July 1, Patricia Dann Loyde, B'92 and GB'97, will become president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA).

Loyde has served as treasurer and vice president of programs for the URAA. She also worked on the transition committee that helped merge the alumni associations of Westhampton College, Richmond College and the Robins School of Business in 2003.

Over the years, Loyde has

served on the Richmond Council, the Robins School of Business board and the Annual Fund steering committee. She also was president of the Young Graduate Council of the Greater Richmond Alumni Chapter.

Other members of the URAA executive committee for 2007–08 are: Tripp Perrin, '95, president-elect; Jeff Marks, R'79, immediate past president; Carla DeLuca, '93, vice president for communications; Carolee Dykes Hall, W'72 and G'76, secretary; John Moreau, R'64 and G'71, vice president for membership; Betty Ann Dillon, W'48 and G'49, vice president for programs;

Dodge, B'91, Ryan FitzSimons, '01, Ashley Watson Flanagan, '00, Merlin Grim, B'77, Paul Hagenmueller, R'68, Shence Haskell, '02, Nancy Heilman Cale, W'75 and G'77, Kelly Gribbin, '02, Melanie Healey, B'83, Bill Jordan, R'53, Ken Kraper, '05, Matt Marrone, '95, Ted Mitzlaff, R'90, Rebecca Hancock Powers, B'76, Rachel Preston, '94, Bill Ranson Jr., R'64, Ben Sabloff, '95, Tracy Dodson Schneider, '95, Wanda Starke, W'76, Burrell Williams Stultz, W'55, Fletcher Stiers, R'48, Meg Thomas, W'92, and Joe Williams, R'84.



Patricia Loyde, B'92 and GB'97

Jasmonn Coleman, '98, vice president for university relations; Sam Kaufman, '99, vice president for finance; and Tracy Holgren Ivey, B'82, treasurer.

Other board members include: Jeannie Alcott, B'77, Hunter Allen, '06, John Brecker, '02, Oris Brown, R'56, Kellee Knepper Cueto, '00, Wayne Deminti, B'66, Kerry Depew, '93, Jen Riggle

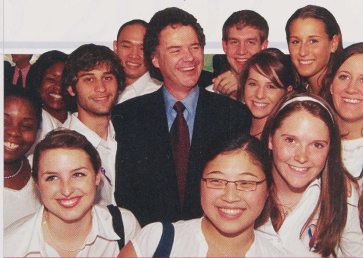
CAREERS

Alumni mentors help students launch careers

Working with the Career Development Center and the University's academic deans, a group of alumni has established the Richmond Alumni Mentor Program (RAMP).

The program matches alumni mentors in New York with Richmond juniors who are considering careers in finance or consulting.

For more information, alumni should contact Chris McFadden, R'90, at christopher.mcfadden@gs.com. Students should contact Mary Quinn in the Career Development Center at mqquinn@richmond.edu.



Meet the new president

Dr. Edward L. Ayers will become the University's ninth president on July 1. Richmond is inviting alumni and parents of current students to meet the new president at any of the following receptions this fall. Please visit www.uronline.net for more information.

Georgia

Atlanta, Oct. 11

New York

New York, Nov. 15

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Dec. 13

Tennessee

Nashville, Sept. 1

Washington, D.C.

Oct. 16

Virginia

Charlottesville, Nov. 29

Fredericksburg, Nov. 27

Portsmouth, Oct. 24

Richmond

Sept. 19

Sept. 25

Oct. 4

Events and dates are subject to change.

For the latest information, go to www.uronline.net.

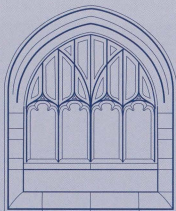
Connect with classmates

Homecoming

Nov. 2–4, 2007

The University-wide celebration will offer something for every one: admission information sessions, Alumni College classes, departmental open houses, football against Villanova, a pre-game picnic, zero-year reunion of the Class of 2007 and a young grad reunion (for classes 1998–2007).

REUNION

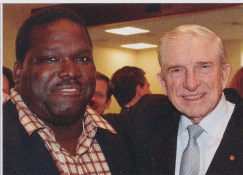


More than 1,600 alumni, friends and family members celebrated Reunion Weekend on campus in April. The Class of 1987 attracted the most members, while the Class of 1957 attracted the highest percentage of its members. The Class of 1982 set a 25-year reunion gift record by raising more than \$1 million, the largest contribution of any reunion class this year.

Next year, Richmond will welcome alumni from class years ending in 3 and 8 to Reunion Weekend, which will include the inauguration of University President Edward Ayers. Save the dates of April 11–13, 2008. If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to alumni@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8026.

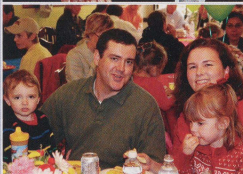
WEEKEND 2007

Kevin Canada, B'82, (left) chats with Chancellor Bruce Heilman.



From the left, Kim Hicks Ramsey, W'88, Lynn Galvin Thompson, B'87, and Kathleen Doherty Robinson, W'87.

Alex Brand, B'92, picnics with his wife Allyson, daughter Lilly and son Tyler.



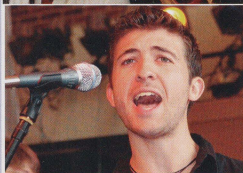
Mildred Louthan Shepherd, W'37, celebrates her 70-year class reunion.

From the left, Ashley Crenshaw, '07, gets acquainted with Shannon Kelley, W'87, and Lisa Taylor, W'87.



Michele Petko-Schottleutner, W'77, hugs a Westhampton friend.

Bryan Defino, '07, sings with the student group Choeur du Roi.



James Briggs, R'57, (left) and James Cox, R'57, join the Boatwright Society.

Aimee Raveling Cheek, W'57, graces her 50-year reunion with a smile.



Marc Cram, B'92, brings his daughter, Couper, to the alumni picnic.



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to alumni@richmond.edu, fax it to (804) 287-1221 or mail it to: Class Connections, Alumni Relations Office, Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, VA 23173

Deadlines

Winter IssueAugust 15
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The magazine uses W, B, C or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year is used. We continue to use abbreviations for alumni with law, graduate or honorary degrees regardless of their year of graduation.

Key

- B Robins School of Business
- C School of Continuing Studies
- G Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- GC Graduate School of Continuing Studies
- GB Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of Business
- H Honorary Degree
- L School of Law
- R Richmond College
- W Westhampton College

CLASS OF '38

Reunion Reminder
April 11-13, 2008

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CLASS OF '41

Martha Beam deVos has retired as our class secretary. She sent a Christmas letter with a change of address. She is still living in Southern Pines, N.C., but in a different place where everything is done for her. She is very happy and has made many friends.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birthplace in Virginia. She will travel to Virginia from Santa Barbara, Calif., with her granddaughter, Spring.

Bettie Whiting Weaver is a member of the Midlothian, Va., chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. An essay that she wrote earned first place in the state and the district. Bettie has an elementary school named after her in Chesterfield County, Va. Bettie's letter reminded me of the time I served as a personal page at a national convention for Children of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. I met Eleanor Roosevelt, whom I remember as warm, friendly and tall.

Antoinette "Toni" Wirh Whittet wrote that her family gained two more grandchildren through weddings last summer. Parker and Kim were married in May 2006 at Annapolis Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy, and Margaret and Jeffery were married the next month in Boston. Parker is a navy officer, and Margaret will receive her M.B.A. this summer from the University of North Carolina. Toni said that 16 relatives attended her family reunion during Thanksgiving week at Wrightsville Beach. The group stayed in a large villa, enjoyed delicious food and had a wonderful time together. Later in the holiday season, Toni enjoyed nine days with family and friends, including **Dagmar Jacobsen Crosby, W'42**, at Delray Beach Gardens and Palm Beach Gardens in Florida. Afterward, she had a happy time traveling back to Richmond with her three daughters and grandchildren.

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CLASS OF '42

It was fun talking to some of our classmates again. Current news focuses mostly on family interests. **LaVerne Priddy Muse** and her husband, Cal, had an especially fine family reunion at Christmas in Richmond. They both still enjoy football and basketball and go to games when they can. **LaVerne** recently talked to **Margaret "Peggy" Vicars Early**, who was recuperating from a bad fall. She and her husband, Joe, still spend winters in Marco Island.

Helene Winfield Shapiro's grandchildren are her pride and joy. One granddaughter is married and living in Sacramento, Calif. Another is a social worker in Tucson, Ariz. Two grandchildren are students at Virginia colleges.

Anne Smith Palazzo and her husband, Ed, are proud of their three children. Their daughter is a doctor in Virginia. A granddaughter in the Michigan family attends the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Another son and his wife are architects. She is currently running for mayor of their small town of Cambridge, N.Y. **Anne and Ann Pavey Garrett** see each other regularly at meetings of a professional women's club.

Lucy Burke Allen Meyer told me that her granddaughter, Susan, who spent two years as a student in Alaska, took her spring semester in Cape Town, South Africa.

Jean Beeks Marston recently moved from her apartment to assisted living at Richmond's Westminster Canterbury.

We were sorry to hear of the death in January of **Ethel Lovence Bass**. We extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Milton, and their family. Ethel's master's degree was in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University, and she had recently founded a support group for visually impaired residents at the Cedarfield retirement community.

I hope you will help me in communicating news of our classmates.
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CLASS OF '43

Reunion Reminder
April 11-13, 2008

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CLASS OF '44

I am sorry to report the loss of another of our classmates. **Molly Warner Stephenson** sent me *The New York Times* obituary of Bettie "Betsy" **Muller Goldsmith Tisye**, which she had received from **Dolly Lederer Maass**. Betsy died in January in Chicago after being in an Alzheimer's unit near her son, John, for 12 years.

A Christmas note from **Santa Maxwell Edwards'** son, who lives with his mother in Waldwick, N.J., reports she too suffers from Alzheimer's. He wrote, "She still enjoys hearing from old friends, even if she is not sure who they are. Sometimes a story from the past or a picture helps." Santa has four grandchildren, two in college and two younger ones who live on Long Island.

On a more cheerful note, **Harriet "Heppy" Patterson Ellis** and her daughter, Kitty, took a river cruise through Holland and Brussels. She also spends time with her daughter in Canada and continues to enjoy her seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

When I was last in Richmond, I went out to Cedarfield and visited **Billy Jane Crosby Baker**. We were joined by **Elizabeth "Betsy" Rice** from Westminster Canterbury and had a delightful lunch, all the while reminiscing about old times and exchanging news.

Dorothy "Dor" Ihnken has moved to Chippendale Retirement Center in Richmond.

Demie Browne Blair represents St. Stephen's Church on the Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond.

In one breath **Katherine "Kay" Hanley Wery** insists she has "mild cognitive impairment." In another breath, she tells me she is reading John Locke's political writings. Just wish I were as astute! I am sure Miss Woodfin would approve. Kay enjoys being known as "Mama Kay" to Clay's many nieces and nephews.

Anne Green Sheaffer and a friend escaped Iowa's cold weather by spending much of the winter in Florida.

Anne is enjoying traveling and staying in touch with her children.

A call to **Mimi Hill Erb** revealed that she and Dave are homebound due to his failing health. Mimi's son, Bruce, has done much research on avian flu and is leaving Cairo to take command of medical personnel on the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort. Her son, Douglas, recently visited from Taiwan, where he lives and teaches.

My Christmas correspondence to **Ruth Van Ness Brust** in Colorado was returned as "not deliverable; unable to forward." Does anybody know any more than that?

On the "sick-and-wounded" list, **Gene Shepard Kreever** was hospitalized with breathing difficulties. When I visited her, she was full of enthusiasm and the old Westhampton spirit, just like always.

I fell while power walking and cracked my kneecap, but expect to be dancing soon! Please let me hear from you!

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CLASS OF '46



Don't miss "Campus Weddings" on page 16, featuring Ralph Shotwell, R'46, and Virginia Lambeth Shotwell, W'47.

Marie Peachee Wicker reports that 2006 was relatively uneventful for her. She spent Easter at Ocean Isle at the Islander Inn with her family and later had a trip to Cheraw, S.C., to visit with daughter Beth and family a second time.

Mary Frances Bethel Wood and I keep in touch by e-mail. Her cousin, **Patricia Ryan Madson, W'64**, and



A pair of willing hands

Betty Ann Allen Dillon, W'48 and G'49

The bond between Betty Ann Dillon and her alma mater has been strong for nearly 60 years. She has served on the Board of Trustees (1978-82) and the Board of Associates. She has been a leader in the Westhampton College Alumni Association, Women's Resource Center, Lake Society, Chapel Guild and Friends of Boatwright Library. She is currently a member of the Richmond Council (a University advisory group) and the University of Richmond Alumni Association. She also works with the advancement division on various projects.

"One of the strengths I've been able to bring is bridging different points of view," says Dillon, a retired psychologist. "I often provide institutional memory."

Her first full-time job was at State-Planters Bank & Trust, where she persuaded the bank's leaders to begin recruiting promising women for their management training program. She later worked as a psychologist in prisons and juvenile detention centers and in employee relations with Virginia state government. Eventually, she developed her own human resources consulting practice.

Dillon married Bill Doub, R'49 and G'51, just a few days after they graduated. One of their two daughters, Donna Doub Lane, earned her degree from Westhampton College in 1988, and their granddaughter graduated in May from the Robins School. Doub died in 1977, and Dillon married Matt Dillon in 1985. He died in 2005.

Betty Ann Dillon has received distinguished alumna awards from the University and Westhampton College, and in 1983 she won the Trustees Distinguished Service Award.

In the broader community, she has volunteered with educational boards, church committees, Girl Scouts and the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg. She also represented the Virginia Psychological Association for many years before the General Assembly. She currently is president of the Shepherd's Center, an interdenominational organization that works to keep seniors independent as long as possible.

"I'm a pair of willing hands, as long as I believe the project is worthwhile," Dillon says. "My hands have rarely been empty."

her husband came for a visit in late summer. Patricia is a retired professor of drama from Stanford University in California. Both she and Mary Frances share a lively interest in genealogy, so they had lots to share. Mary Frances is still quilting. I believe I mentioned in my last letter that she recently completed a quilt of Poplar Forest, which was charming. She sent me a picture via e-mail.

Jean White Robeson and Andy were in Waynesboro, Va., for New Year's at the home of their daughter, Taffy, and her husband, Mike. Becky, their granddaughter, and her son, Michael, are living in Waynesboro near Becky's parents while Becky's husband is in Korea. Since Waynesboro is only two hours from Blacksburg, I'm sure Jean will be frequently traveling that distance. Jean was quite sick over the holidays but was improved when I talked with her after the new year.

Virginia "Jinks" Booth Grabb sent her usual cheery letter this Christmas. Besides continuing in her position as principal at Isador Cohen Elementary School, she leads a traveling life, including a trip to Alexandria, Va., to see her 94-year-old sister, Aunt Francis, where they had an outstanding dinner for 15 family members. Jinks and her long-term good friend, Ernie, went to New York City in August, where they visited her oldest son, Chris, and his wife, who live on the 25th floor of Trump Tower overlooking the East River and the United Nations building. As Jinks describes it: "Wow." One piece of sad news is that Rich, her youngest son, 53 years old, married with two grown children, was in a tragic motorcycle accident and is paralyzed from the waist down. He did not receive a head injury. Jinks asks that we add Rich and all her family to our Prayer list for 2007.

I am happy to tell you that my husband, Allen, is in remission after his long treatment for esophageal cancer in 2006. We are very blessed.

Please remember to get in touch with me by e-mail, phone, regular mail, carrier pigeon or any other method that appeals to you. Then I can share your news or comments with other class members. My wish for all of you is peace, joy and love.

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CLASS OF '48

Reunion Reminder April 11-13, 2008

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Doris Moore Shea moved in January to The Chesapeake, a Baptist retirement community in Newport News. When people ask how she likes it, the answer is, "What's not to like? It is similar to cruising. You just don't ever rock." She is one of six Westhampton girls there: **Frances Sutton Oliver, W'50, Anne Higgins Borger, W'47, Mary Campbell Paulson, W'45, Ida Eanes Patrick, W'49, Eleanor Wright Woodward, W'51,** and **Doris.**

Virginia Smith Kynett and **Gerald P. Kynett, B'50,** returned in February from a trip through the Panama Canal on the Crystal Symphony, sailing from Costa Rica and ending in Miami. Booked through an alumni tour on AHI Travel, there were three couples from UR. What a wonderful 80th birthday gift! Since then, they have been on a four-day cruise on their own boat with the yacht club to Sarasota.

Judith Barnett Seelhorst reported that her family came for New Year's weekend. She "fed 20, but eight of them stayed in the house on the hill (I hesitate to call it a guest house)." Art has had two surgeries (skin and shoulder) so she has been nursing and driving. Good friends kept the driveways cleared of snow.

Josephine Hoover Pittman is feeling much better after a bout with pneumonia. While missing Bob, she did well with the holidays, as Anne flew home and the daughters were all there. They were so excited that she planned a visit to Virginia in April.

Margaret Sabine Brizendine Schwartz wrote that she and Chuck were able to visit all of her children and grandchildren during Christmas. Also, it was a treat to have Chuck's son visit them in Florida for a golf weekend in December.

Alice C. Goodman had a rough January with physical problems, but was glad to be okay when writing. Among her pleasures are visits from **Mary Cross Marshall** and the paintings she brings from the Bon Air Artists Association. Alice is good at keeping in touch!

Patricia Parlow Broman moved in February but not far to another part of Shell Point Village. While the apartment is smaller, she has a view of the Caloosahatchee River. She is delighted "to see boats, porpoise, osprey and the sunrise!" Still she will be going to Maine for the summer.

Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles had a lovely 80th birthday on Dec. 10, when all of her children came from New Jersey, California and Texas to host a party at her home for friends and family, including two grandchildren from California. A severe 10-day ice storm was weathered with no power outages or damage. Boo was very proud that her daughter, Mary, was named the Excel Teacher of the Year at her school in San Antonio,

Richard A. Claybrook, B'50, live in Harrisonburg, Va., where they enjoy being homebodies. Their son is deputy commonwealth's attorney for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, and their daughter is a paralegal with a local accounting firm. Their twin grandsons are 16 and National Honor Society members in high school. Libby still volunteers at a local hospital.

Jean Harper Hamlett and her husband, **Carson E. Hamlett, I'59,** lunched with **Frankie Robison King** and her husband, **George T. King, R,** before Christmas. They also visited Florida in February. Jean had learned that **Betty Evans Hopkins** and Jim had moved into a condominium at Brandermill Woods.

Ann Wilson Bryant called me in

Christmas letters brought much news, and all communication and contact from you is always welcome. We are not getting any younger, although it is hard to tell from all your activities and trips.

Joanne Waring Karppi and **Bill** vacationed in a waterfront condo in Delaware with their immediate family. Thanksgiving was also very special with their son, Steve, at his hunting cabin in Winchester, Va. Joanne is still busy with DAR, community Bible study, Chevy Chase Women's Club and tai chi.

Bernadine "Bernie" Arey Clarke and **John R. Clarke, R'49,** are so good about keeping up, especially at Christmas time. They sent wonderful pictures of their girls and their families. Bernie and John took many trips and enjoyed several family gatherings and celebrations. Their travels included a visit to Glacier National Park, a cruise through Puget Sound into Canada, a trip to Virginia (where we got to visit with them), and Bernie's 60th high school reunion in Harrisonburg, Va. They still found time to continue their folk dancing.

Elizabeth "Libby" Gives Pierce and **Bucky** had two nice December trips. They went to Phoenix to see her sister and to Florida to visit friends in Lake Worth. They have moved to a new retirement complex called Dogwood Terrace in Richmond. Contact Marianne or me if you would like their new address.

A note from **Marjorie Parson Owen** included news about several classmates. **Ellen Largent Perlman** and **Al** have been traveling in Europe and South America. A London Elderhostel was also on their schedule. In South America, they visited Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Ellen teaches English to staff and residents who are Haitian or Hispanic in her home area. Marjorie also heard from **Claire Noren Griffin**, who keeps very busy and likes it that way. Marjorie stays in the thick of things with her family, church and community. She also took a trip to Canada and saw Niagara Falls in the fall.

Louise "Ludie" Hickerson Wiley went to Tanzania for three weeks in October, and **Joyce Gustason Crawford** spent six weeks in Utah and Idaho during April and May.

Kathleen "Kay" Malloy Loudenmilk's son, **Jeffrey**, was recalled for active duty in Iraq. We certainly wish him a speedy trip home.

Did you know?

The April issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine ranks Richmond as the 22nd best value among private universities in the United States. To learn more about Richmond's ranking, see the story on page 4.

where she teaches special education for second-, fifth- and sixth-graders at Lackland Air Force Base.

Sadly, I report the death of two of our classmates. **Anne Gill Manning** died in December 2006, and **Rosemary Lawson Strickman** died in 2004. Please contact me if you would like addresses for their families.

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CLASS OF '49

I need to hear from more of our classmates. It was nice, however, to hear from several at Christmas. **Marilyn Alexander Kubu** sent me a Christmas card and reported that she is much improved since my last phone call. She was conquering her decorating events and was looking forward to a kinder new year.

I also heard from **Libby McNeal Claybrook**. She and her husband,

January, and we talked about her son's illness and other sad news.

Hazel Jennings Beninghove's husband, **Walter**, died on Dec. 22, 2006, after a brave struggle. **Walter** served for 35 years as a senior utility engineer with the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Richmond. Shortly after **Walter's** death, **Hazel's** son-in-law died after a fall. We extend our sympathy to **Hazel** and her daughter, **Jan Debaugh**, and their family.

My news is also sad. **Matt** died on Feb. 13, 2007, of pneumonia after his fight with dementia. We observed our 56th wedding anniversary on January 27.

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CLASS OF '50

Editor's Note: This Class of 1950 letter is from Class President **Doris Balderson Burbank, G'77,** who filled in for *Class Secretary* **Marianne Beck Dudy.**

Barbara White Balderson moved into an assisted-living apartment at Lakewood in Richmond. Contact Marianne or me if you would like her new address.

Banny and I have not gone on our annual trip to Bermuda yet. We had to add on to our porch, and that took longer than we expected.

Keep up the good work, and let us hear from you often.

Westhampton Class Secretary

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CLASS OF '51

Jan Love Hanson and Chuck had a wonderful trip to Savannah in February for a visit with their daughter.

Marylyn Cooper McGraw and her husband, **Walter J. "Wally" McGraw, R'50**, were in Charlotte, N.C., at Christmas visiting their daughter, Martha, and her family.

Another Christmas traveler was **Lea Thompson Osburn**, who was in Mobile visiting her daughter. Later, Lea was in Huntersville, N.C., attending a ceremony honoring her grandson, Kellen, who was appointed to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Jan Lawson Willis spent her Christmas vacation on the beach in sunny Jamaica with her son and his family.

Anne Jackson Morledge reported that her husband, Alan, recently suffered a severe heart attack. He is recovering nicely.

Jo Ann Asbury Hopkins was in Seattle to attend a seminar presented by her son, Ralph, on digital travel topography. The seminar was sponsored by the National Geographic Society, for which Ralph does some special assignments from time to time.

Thanks to all of you who contributed news for this issue. I hope to hear from other classmates for the next issue.

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CLASS OF '52

A wonderful holiday card arrived from **Charlotte Babb Edmonds** picturing a dog—a golden Lab—beside a bucket of golf balls and golf club. Charlotte wrote, "I won't be going to reunion. I'll be going to Raleigh in April for a dance recital and in May for a graduation. I am moving in March (selling my house to Susan and Nick, renting two doors away while I build a small house next door). Lots to be done. Love to all."

Louise "Lou" Tull Mashburn writes, "We went to Longwood Gardens for an orchid show and symposium and to Williamsburg for a Memorial Orchid symposium. Both were excellent."

Desiree "Diz" Stuart-Alexander and friends enjoyed their Christmas on the coast near Hearst Castle—sea otters playing in the rolling waves, spectacular sunsets over the ocean, beautiful weather and lovely rolling California hillsides to explore. She also enjoyed a trip to Solvang, Calif., a small town located in a valley about 150 miles south of San Francisco. The town was originally settled by Scandinavians, and now it attracts tourists who want to learn more about Danish history and culture. Thanks to her recent grand jury duty, Diz says that she knows more about how local and county governments work than she ever expected to know. The 12 months of duty ended June 30, and the last six were the busiest. Diz says the experience was educational and valuable.

Jan Crows Derry sent a photograph taken at the Berlin Wall. She enjoyed attending a reunion in Berlin last July with all classes from 1946–2006 of military brats.

Barbara Cawthorne Clarke and Herb took a tour of Italy and enjoyed the beauty and history of that interesting country.

Alice Subley Mandanis writes, "Dear Harriett and Westhampton classmates: Having missed the 50th, I am now equally embarrassed to miss the 55th. However, I have an important duty to perform that very week-end: I am taking my daughter and two grandsons to New York that weekend to see the opera *Titandrot* at the Metropolitan. (Yes, I am an opera junkie, and the 11-year-old grandson is ripe for indoctrination.) Then we will proceed to *Mary Poppins* and

Tarzan. So you see, I just can't come to Richmond even though I would love to catch up with many of you. I am still teaching literature at Marymount University, having retired some years ago from administration and hugely enjoying the switch back to teaching. I lost my husband to cancer 16 years ago. Both my son and daughter and their families live near me in the Washington area. My sister, **Lilli Beyer, W'61**, still lives in Richmond—having just built a grand new home in Midlothian. (We used to go there for farm fresh eggs and chickens when I was a child. Now it has a posh mall and equally posh McMansions on golf courses.) Thankfully, life is good for me as I write this, and I hope the same for all of you. Have a great reunion!"

Sarah Barlow Wright writes of her wonderful adventures with her grandchildren—from the *Wizard of Oz*, to the Dorothy doll music box that plays "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Her grandson played an instrument in the school holiday performance. It sounds as if Sarah has many adventures with them, including feeding triplet calves milk at a local dairy farm and riding in a horse-drawn carriage in historic Williamsburg. She also traveled to Hawaii, spending three nights on four different islands. She would like to go back to Kauai, the Garden Isle. She keeps busy with yard and house, writing the annual history of her church, taking minutes of the county historical society, helping edit an update of the county's history, judging high school forensics, serving on a board of directors and scholarship committee and doing a home tour. Sarah, it sounds as if you are quite busy! I especially liked Sarah's description of a trip with **Kathleen O'Bier** and Shirley to the Shenandoah National Park last spring, exploring a mile of the Appalachian Trail south of Big Meadows with an enthusiastic and knowledgeable park ranger, meeting rugged hikers who were doing the whole trail from Georgia to Maine. They found jack-in-the-pulpits, lady-slippers and no gnats.

Eleanor Bradford Tunell writes that 2006 was a fairly normal year for them with golf, gym workouts, church, symphony, theater, bridge and community service. She and Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary. In the summer, they spent a most special time at the Outer Banks with 24 fam-

ily members. (We remember Audrey.) They had a unique experience, both getting shingles after getting the shots, and as Bob said, "the first time we ever paid to get a disease."

"Our thoughts go out to **Janet Storm Penningley**, who lost her husband in 2006.

Nola Texley Breckenridge writes that she will be unable to get to reunion. They have two granddaughters graduating from college in May (one from James Madison University and the other from Virginia Tech), and they will not be able to make two trips back east. Nola writes, "I will miss seeing everyone. My best wishes for a wonderful reunion."

Addie Eicks Coomes visited **Sue Addie Candler** in Baton Rouge.

Sue adds environmental areas, Cameron's friends, church, Mardi Gras, Cameron (where the hurricane came ashore) and more. Addie flew a day early, due to the big snowstorm scheduled on her regular flight day. She was delighted to beat it! Sue has been moderator of the Presbyterian Women for the Presbytery of South Louisiana and was scheduled to finish her term in April.

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Janet Wilson Rolston writes that she and Holmes finished their year at Yale last May and returned to Colorado. Besides attending Holmes' classes and the community seminars that he conducted in New Haven, she found the Yale Center for British Art, two blocks from their flat, a favorite place to visit. Back in Fort Collins, having just survived the winter's third snow—five feet deep, with temperatures hovering near zero—they perhaps enjoyed warmer weather when they arrived for the migration of animals in Tanzania in March.

Bettie Kersey Gordon, whose husband died in June 2005, came to visit the Rolstons for eight days in September. Bettie is still working, and, at the time of Jane's writing, she and



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her daughter were planning a weekend together in New York.

The numerous family members of **Betsy O'Bannon Culp** and **Ralph** gathered at the home of Jeffrey and Julie in Flower Mound, Texas, to celebrate Thanksgiving. This was but one event on their crowded 2006 calendar. Last year marked Betsy and Ralph's 50th wedding anniversary, for which their children and families regaled them with "clever and generous gifts to honor the occasion." And they were especially pleased to be with Betsy's brother when his family surprised him with a special birthday party in Boston.

Carla Waal Johns recently wrote that they had had a good holiday, with visits from several out-of-town family members. She reports that everyone at their house is well—and proved it by sending a darling birthday snapshot of her mother, flashing a big smile and a placard with "100" in tall silver numerals.

Barbara Anne Watkins Beale, G74, who is gearing up for her 15th year as a volunteer tax aide for AARP, brings us up to date with her Christmas letter. I'm wondering if she holds a class record: She has four great-grandchildren (two born within two days of each other in February 2006), all of them grandchildren of her son Rick. In August, her daughter Becky married Lynnwood Broaduss, and they live on his farm about eight miles from Barbara. Her son Frank's daughter, Anna, is a youth pastor intern at a large church in Minnesota. Last June 18 members of her family went to Parris Island for the graduation of her grandson, Andrew, who joined the Marines last March. Andrew expected to be deployed to Iraq in the spring.

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CLASS OF '54

During the Christmas holidays, I heard from **Billie Bryan Mackey**, who writes that she is slowly recovering from her Johns Hopkins hospital stay during the winter of 2005. She still tires easily but is making progress. She also wrote that she is in the throes of settling the most complicated of the three estates she has settled over

the past 17 years—that of her cousin, June Forsceue Wool. She is still tracking down heirs, and it has been a long and arduous process. She is planning on turning over the information she has gathered to an "info seeker" so he can find as many of the living relatives as possible to finish this project. A highlight for Billie in 2006 was attending the Forsceue reunion at Atlantic Beach, N.C., in November. The weather was beautiful and Billie had a good time visiting with relatives.

Ann Hanbury Callis continues to work diligently on the 2007 celebration at Virginia Beach, Va. The Lincoln Cathedral's Magna Carta was expected to arrive in March at the Virginia Contemporary Art Museum at the beach, and everyone was excited.

Did you know?
Three Richmond students have won
Goldwater scholarships, the premier
undergraduate scholarship in
mathematics, science and engineering.
To learn more about these students,
see the story on page 2.

I knew what the Magna Carta was, but did not know about the Lincoln Cathedral's Magna Carta. Ann's e-mail prompted me to do a little online research, and this is what I found:

"The bishops of Lincoln were among the magnates of medieval England, and when the Magna Carta was drawn up in 1215, one of the witnesses was Hugh of Wells, Bishop of Lincoln, who returned with his copy to the city. In fact, copies of the Magna Carta were sent to every county in England. Lincoln's copy would have been read in the county court and then housed in the Cathedral with other charters for safekeeping until it was later moved to Lincoln Castle, where it remains on display today. Only four original documents from 1215 still exist, and one of these survivors is owned by Lincoln Cathedral."

Jane Gill Tombes and **Averett S. Tombes, R**, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this June.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, I will be totally recovered from

double knee-replacement surgery, which I underwent on Feb. 19, 2007. Severe arthritis in both knees prompted my decision. I hope when I return to my computer, I will be inundated with news!

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Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey, W, and **John B. Dorsey, R'55**, live in Irvington, Va., and were featured in an article in the Summer/Fall 2006 issue of *BaySplash* magazine. They were preparing to embark on a leisurely coast-to-coast road trip along historic Route 66 in their sky blue Volvo

"Hidden Treasure" was the title of a feature on Onancock, Va., in the December 2006 issue of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*. In one of the pictures accompanying the article, **Polly Bundick Dize** and her husband, life-long Onancock residents, were silhouetted against the window at a restaurant on Onancock Creek.

In February, **Myra Embrey Wormald** and her husband were headed to Destin, Fla., to celebrate her birthday, as well as their daughter's and a grandson's birthdays while there. Their plans were to return to Florida in March for a conference in Naples sponsored by Leading the Way before traveling on to Key West. Myra was also busy making plans for a July trip to Alaska with three 11-year-old grandsons.

Peggy Hall Flippen has visits from **Ann Pettit Getts** and **Janet Pace Burbage** and her husband scheduled. Peggy had hip replacement in July and both knees replaced in January. She expects to soon be playing golf!

Jackie Kilby Brooks has enjoyed reconnecting with Richmond friends and having northern Virginia friends visit in her new home at Lakewood Manor.

Alice McCarty Haggerty became interested in the Lewis and Clark Expedition through her volunteer work at the Virginia State Library. There is a foundation to preserve the story of the expedition and its route to the west. Alice and **Sue Smith VanWickler** and her husband are members of the Home Front Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. In August this foundation will meet in Charlottesville. Alice and Sue are co-chairs of the hospitality committee. This annual meeting will revolve around the theme of "Reporting to Jefferson" and will feature field trips and nationally known speakers. When Alice visits, she enjoys the guest room at the complex in Charlottesville where the VanWickers are now residing.

More back surgery and rehabilitation occupied February for **Shirlee Garrett Maxson**. We hope she has a pain-free recovery.

We congratulate **Emily Menefee Johnston** and her husband on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Johnstons visited Pearl Harbor and then sailed on the *Pride of Hawaii* to all the major islands. Emily reports that it was "a

convertible, which John refers to as "an old person's Corvette."

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Presidents' Day, Feb. 19, 2007, found your secretary happily lunching with nine other classmates in Richmond. This was a great opportunity to gather information for the summer issue of the alumni magazine. Those who contributed were **Jacquelyn "Jackie" Kilby Brooks**, **Alice McCarty Haggerty**, **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Grace Phillips Webb**, **Sue Smith VanWickler**, **Barbara Turner Willis**, **Jody Weaver Yuhase**, **Burrell Williams Stultz** and **Joy Winstead**.

We were sorry to hear about the loss of a classmate, **Judith Anne Black Taliaferro**, on Dec. 14, 2006. Anne, a quiet and gentle lady, joined the Class of 1955 in our junior year as a transfer from Bluefield College. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond, and she had retired as elementary supervisor for Henrico County Public Schools.

wonderful experience that was immensely enjoyed."

Virginia "Sunshine" Murden continued her yearly tradition of entertaining **Polly Bundick Dize** and me with a Christmas celebration day in Portsmouth. We have joyfully anticipated this special day for 29 years!

Carolyn Neale Lindsey is another classmate whose activities involve grandchildren. Carolyn, who took "puny" gym at Westhampton, finds it hard to believe how athletic her grandchildren are! From a grand-daughter and is a kicker for her high school football team to soccer, they are involved in sports. These grandparents left Richmond at the end of February for a month in Florida. They will take four teenage grandchildren on a cruise in July. The fifth grandchild, an attorney, is attending the London School of Economics for a year.

In February, **Nancy Johnson White** traveled to Florida for a visit with **Ruth Owen Batt**. **Arenz Kizza Bromell** also visited, and they had a great weekend of shopping, laughing and eating! Then Nancy and Ruth went to an Elderhostel program in Winter Park, Fla. Among other things, they saw a fantastic performance by Cirque de Soleil at Disney Village.

It was reported that **Jane Soyars Glover** is working part time at Saks in the Stony Point Fashion Park in Richmond. Jane is hoping to see some of us as shoppers.

During the school year, I volunteered each Friday in my fourth-grade granddaughter's class. I also attended some classes offered through the Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning. "Old" teachers continue to appreciate the classroom scene.

"I am still enjoying being a bride!" was the February report from **Jody Weaver Yuhase**. Jody was planning to play with the Bruce Woodson Band for the 50th reunion of our "little sister" class at their April Reunion Weekend.

Burrell Williams Stultz is a member of the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board. It's good to have a Westhampton representative who is also a member of our class. Burrell and her husband, **John L. Stultz, B'58**, took a winter trip to New York City, where they enjoyed Rockefeller Center, Sardi's and *Phantom of the Opera*. March was

expected to be a busy month with a trip to Sea Island and a scheduled move to a new residence!

Polly Bundick Dize did the "New York thing" in December with her three youngest grand-children and their mothers. They reported also having a great time—ice skating at Rockefeller Center, sightseeing and attending a production of Tarzan and the Christmas show were some of their activities. Previously Polly had made the same trip with her four older grandchildren.

Joy Winstead has had some interesting trips traveling with UR alumni. In February the highlights of her trip to Peru were seeing Machu Picchu (the lost city of the Incas in the Andean cloud forest), traveling by train through the mountains and visiting a laboratory to observe research on 500-year-old mummies uncovered in a cemetery near Lima. National Geographic is filming a TV special on the archaeologist heading the cemetery excavation.

Janice Boyer Baldrige wrote to say that she had the great pleasure recently of meeting **Gene Newton West, W'34**, who lives in the same North Carolina retirement community as Janice and her husband, **Robert L. Baldrige, R.** Janice stays busy with volunteer work and Bob enjoys acting in the community theater. As this news is being written, the University is sending invitations to members of the Class of 1955 for the Noche Flamenca dance performance at the Modlin Center on March 21. Lauren Milam, the recipient of our class scholarship, plans to be present. This will be a great opportunity for us to become acquainted with Lauren.

As of Feb. 26, 2007, our class had committed a total of \$337,380 to the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts. This is a small increase since our last report. Please remember this scholarship when you donate to your alma mater.

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George Tidey, B'55 and L'63, was named 2006 Alumnus of the Year by the The Hun School of Princeton, a college prep school in New Jersey.

Tidey received the award for out-

standing achievement in the legal field, service to the global community and lifelong commitment to The Hun School. Tidey is a member of The Hun School Board of Trustees and a retired Henrico County judge.

CLASS OF '68

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Paul S. Schueller, R. and his wife, Paula, recently moved into their newly renovated home on a small lake in White Plains, N.Y.

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Don't miss "Campus Weddings" on page 16, featuring **Peggy Yarbrough Boulden, W'59**, and **Ed Boulden, R'64**.

Last summer **Bonnie Lewis Haynie, Beverly Eubank Evans, Mary Trewe Biddlecomb Lindquist, Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum, Ruth Adkins Hill, Doris Huffman Moore, W'56**, and **Nancy "Jenks" Jenkins Marrow, W'60**, traveled to Bowling Green, Va., and enjoyed having tea with **Mary Frances Coleman** and **Susan Payne Moundalexis**.

Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum and **Ellis M. Dunkum, B and GB'69**, traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., in January for his NASBA board meeting. They went up to Sedona and saw the red rocks with snow. Elizabeth visited with a childhood friend while there. Elizabeth and Ellis hosted two UR international students, **Augustina Zygate** from Lithuania and **Dina**

Zhurba from Ukraine. Because **Augustina** was on the basketball team, **Elizabeth** and **Ellis** attended the women's home games. **Dina**, who was at UR for a year three years ago, is now back working on a master's degree in English and linguistics. **Elizabeth** and **Ellis** enjoyed having her back.

Jehane Flint Taylor received wonderful news that her cancer is in complete remission. She has been battling breast and ovarian cancer for the past 16 years. She and husband **Sam** planned to celebrate the good news with a trip to London. **Vince** and **Athena** in April.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and **William K. Phillips, R'58**, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise in June from Copenhagen all around the Scandinavian countries and up to St. Petersburg, Russia. In August, they plan to spend a week with their children and nine grandchildren at Pipestem State Park in West Virginia.

Jean "Jennie" Rice Hodder has moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. She enjoys being close to her daughter and three of her grandsons and sees them frequently. She and husband **Bob** had lived in Chapel Hill when they were first married and attended graduate school there. Her other daughter lives in San Francisco, and she tries to fly out at least twice yearly to visit with her and her family. They were all together at Christmas and plan to have a summer reunion in New Hampshire. **Jennie** barely had time to unpack a few boxes in Chapel Hill before flying to Greece, where she spent two weeks touring with her sister-in-law, her husband and some friends.

Jolien "Jo" Edwards Mierke and husband **Ed** are leading a grief support group at their church. She continues to be busy with all the same activities.

Peggy Dulin Crews is walking and talking well and is slowly getting her writing back. Husband **Merrill** has been a wonderful caretaker. Even though her vision is better, she still has trouble focusing. **She** and **Merrill** have a new granddaughter, **Caroline Dulin Crews**, born Nov. 14, 2006, to **Shawn** and **Evans Crews**. She has been nicknamed "Callie." Her sister, **Artie**, celebrated her fourth birthday on Jan. 14, 2007.

Peggy and **Barbara Dulin Polis**



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planned to celebrate their birthdays together in Naples, Fla., at Peggy's son's home the weekend of March 17. All their children and grandchildren were to be with them for the celebration. It's wonderful that Peggy is well enough after her stroke to make the two-hour trip from Miami to Naples.

Betty Beryl "B.B." Harvey Strum is still at Radford University as an adjunct and also working at Barnes and Noble. She loves doing both. She attended a conference at the end of March in Atlantic City and will make her annual trip to Seattle to visit a friend of 35 years from her youth at camp. They traveled to Europe together the fall after their college graduation. Their daughters also went to camp together and are friends. Last year she went to Maui to see the whales. B.B. is excited about having a new kitchen, since she really didn't have one before in the wonderful old cabin where she lived. She thanks friends and Tim Dankum, son of Elizabeth Ramos Dankum, for her wonderful kitchen. Her daughter, Betsy, is coaching beginning lacrosse at Trinity. Betsy's daughters, Katie, 12, and Maggie, 7, are playing indoor field hockey, and Katie is taking synchronized swimming lessons at the Jewish Community Center in Richmond. B.B. is looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Katharine Schools Covington and husband Bill were in Key West, Fla., the first week of February for their son's wedding. Unfortunately, early rain and high winds kept the wedding ceremony off the beach, but pictures were taken on the beach before and after the ceremony. In spite of the weather, everyone at this family wedding had a good time celebrating with the couple and getting to know each other. Two weeks later, Katharine and Bill went on a small-group Mayan archaeology trip to the Yucatan. The trip was led by a professional archaeologist, and they visited 11 sites during the week. They were able to visit a Mayan family in their thatched-roof home to see how they live with electricity and water but no sanitary facilities. The cooking room was attached to the back of the house, with a hearth on the floor serving as a stove for cooking tortillas. In their tiny backyard, the family also had pigs and turkeys, which they use for food and to sell.

In February, **Beverly Eubank Evans** and husband Tommy spent a month with other couples at Hilton Head, S.C. The men played golf, while the women enjoyed house tours and lunches in the local restaurants. Tommy and Beverly found bike riding a great exercise.

Last April, **Cary Hancock Gilmer's** daughter, Melanie, had successful neurosurgery for a benign pituitary tumor, and in October she had her gallbladder removed. Melanie is teaching fifth grade language arts and, with another teacher, has started a business that tests and tutors dyslexic students. Melanie's son, Justin, who attends college in Jacksonville, Fla., is in the Marine Reserve. His unit was activated in December for training in preparation for deployment to Iraq. Last summer, Melanie's daughter, Eliza, a senior in high school, served on World Changers in Athens, Greece. Cary and husband Don stay busy with church activities, and Don works two days a week for Habitat for Humanity. Their travels last year included a trip to Orlando and a family beach trip in August. They enjoyed spending Thanksgiving and a few days after Christmas with daughter Carylee's family in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., and they attended Don's 50th high school reunion. Carylee, who teaches preschool, and her family are involved in church and sports activities. Carylee's husband, Doug, has a financial planning business.

I was fortunate to have my daughter, Carol, and her husband, Bob, with me for Thanksgiving. I was able once again to spend Christmas with them in their Hilton Head, S.C., home. In February, I flew to Hawaii with friends and spent two nights in Honolulu before getting on the new Norwegian Cruise Line ship, *The Pride of Hawaii*, to cruise the islands of Hawaii. I found Hawaii beautiful and the people very friendly. At the end of July and the first of August, I plan to spend a week at Nags Head with friends from Richmond and will visit with friends from other states who have been coming to the same motel since the 1960s. Now their children and grandchildren come with them, and we have fun catching up on all the news from the previous year. I'm still line dancing, performing at nursing and retirement homes as well as for senior citizens' groups

and singing in my church choir. **Mary Ann Williams Haske** met a high school friend and me at the Tuckahoe Woman's Club in February. We enjoyed being together for the program and lunch.

Elizabeth Ramos Dankum reminds us that we are working toward our 50th reunion gift to Westhampton College. Every gift earmarked for the Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund will add up for a nice contribution. Please remember to send a gift each year.

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CLASS OF '60

Charles R. Saunders, B. lives in Hopewell, Va., and is retired from his job as a principal with Prince George County Schools. He works part-time as an adjunct professor at Longwood University. Last fall he was named to the Hopewell City Public Schools Wall of Fame in the outstanding athlete category. He was recognized for excelling in three sports while a student at Hopewell High School.

CLASS OF '63

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We extend our deepest sympathy to **Cecelia Ann Stiff Mahan** and her family on the loss of her father, Cecil Stiff, in November 2006.

Jean Morris Foster enjoyed a Hawaiian vacation with her husband, Talmadge, and their daughter, Catherine, in the fall.

Gail Marcus Genderson has retired from the Virginia Treatment Center for Children, where she taught some 26 years. She and her husband, **Samuel Genderson, R'62**, have moved to a retirement community in Richmond.

Jim and I enjoyed a trip to Venice and the lake region of Italy in November with our son, daughter and her husband.

Would love hearing from you all. Keep the news coming!

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CLASS OF '65

Greetings, classmates! You've all been so quiet lately. As a result, I don't have much news to report for this issue. Let me hear what you've been up to.

Last November, **Dianne Minter Vann** and daughter **Elizabeth L. "Beth" Vann, '93**, spent 11 days in Spain traveling and volunteering in an English immersion program for Spanish professionals. Although semi-retired, Dianne continues her work as director of testing and accountability for Henry County Public Schools and as a math professor at Patrick Henry Community College. Beth is executive director of Decatur Cooperative Ministry, a nonprofit organization that provides shelter and transitional housing for families in Atlanta.

Additions to the Grandchildren Club include a grandson for **Janet Renshaw Yates**, born in July 2006, and a grandson for **Millie Bradshaw Hotchkiss**, born in January 2007.

Leslie McNeal Barden and **Luther K. Barden, R.** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year by taking a land trip and cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. They visited Pearl Harbor, a coffee plantation and Volcanoes National Park, among other places, and enjoyed snorkeling and relaxing on the beach at Waikiki.

Condolences go to **Brenda Matlock Curtis** on the loss of her father in October 2006.

Linda Armstrong Farrar and **Bob** enjoyed a fabulous three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand last summer. In February, they led a congenial group on a 16-day cruise around the Horn of South America. **Barbara C. Vaughan, Janet Renshaw Yates** and I were fortunate to be a part of this amazing adventure. We visited Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santiago and several other ports. We saw penguins! We saw glaciers! It was truly the trip of a lifetime.

Jo Ellen Ripley Moore writes that her husband, Michael, will be the pastor of a new church, Church of the Trinity. Her son, Jim, will serve as a deacon. The Moores live in Fort Wayne, Ind. Jo Ellen is starting a prayer chain for our class, and I can

put you in touch with her if you would like to participate.

When Linda, Barbara, Janet and I made our yearly trip to Bethany Beach last September, we arranged a dinner get-together with **Carolyn Jackson Elmore** in Salisbury, Md. It was such fun to catch up with Carolyn. She spent the fall working on her husband Page's successful re-election campaign for the Maryland House of Delegates. *Westhampton Class Secretary*
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Norris Aldridge, R. is retiring from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., after 38 years as head track and field coach and 31 years as an assistant football coach. He guided nine track teams to Old Dominion Athletic Conference titles. He was named ODAC Coach of the Year 10 times, and he received the Walt Cromack Award for contributions to track and field in Virginia. With an all-time record of 236-145, Aldridge accumulated more wins than any other track coach in the university's history.

CLASS OF '67

James M. Close, R. was honored by the American Public Works Association as one of the Top Ten Public Works Professionals for 2006. He has been public works director for Harrisburg, Pa., for 23 years. He lives in Harrisburg with his wife, Karen, and their daughter, Jama, and son, James.

Albert Wayne Coley Sr., R. retired last fall from the Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, where he was assistant director for partnerships in the developmental disabilities ministry for nearly four years. Prior to that, he served 23 years with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. In December, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution honoring him for his contributions to the county's young people and those with special needs.

K. Richard Sinclair, R. was appointed trustee of CAMC Teays Valley Hospital in Hurricane, W.Va. He also serves as chairman of the board for the Charleston Area Medical Center, the largest hospital in West Virginia.



Stars and Stripes forever

Carter Beard, R'87

Ask Carter Beard which ancestor founded his family's company, and he puzzles over how many "greats" to insert before "grandfather." Finally, he gives up and says, "My great-grandfather's grandfather founded the company."

Beard and his cousin, Randy, are the sixth generation to run Annin & Co., the world's largest and oldest flag manufacturer. The company's roots go back to 1820, when Alexander Annin opened a flag-making and ship-supply shop in New York City.

Some of the most famous U.S. flags have been made by the company, including the flag that draped President Abraham Lincoln's coffin, the flag that Marines raised on Iwo Jima, the flag that astronauts planted on the moon, and the flag that firefighters hoisted amid the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Beard recently purchased a U.S. flag that the company made in 1870. He paid \$850 for it on eBay. "That's the oldest flag I've ever seen with the Annin name on it," Beard says.

Today, the Roseland, N.J.-based company employs more than 600 people at factories in New Jersey, Ohio and Virginia. They make more than 15 million U.S. flags a year in addition to other types of flags.

As vice president in charge of operations, Beard was part of the team that oversaw Annin's merger with its largest competitor in 1998. The deal gave the company nearly enough capacity to handle the surge in demand for American flags that followed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Annin's factories operated around the clock for many months.

"At times I can feel the weight on my shoulders," Beard admits, referring to the responsibility of manufacturing a symbol of national pride that has sustained a company and a family for six generations. "But most of the time, it's a lot of fun."

One special memory is George H.W. Bush's campaign stop at Annin's New Jersey plant in 1988, but Beard quickly notes that the company tries to be apolitical. "The flag isn't a political thing," he says. "So we try to be the same way."

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Terry Lee Crum, R. has been named director of the Analytic & Forensic Technology practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services in New York.

Charles "Chick" Curtis, R. lives in Riverside, Calif., where he is a professional artist. He retired last year from a 34-year career as a high school counselor and now serves as president of the Plain Air Painters Club of Riverside, a group that he founded in 2005. He is also a board member of the Riverside Community Arts Association and serves as a docent for the Riverside Art Museum. Chick has sold more than 200 paintings in the past nine years and has exhibited his work in shows in California and Virginia.

Ronald G. Hughes, R. is program director for the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at North Carolina State University. He and his wife, Jane Ann, live in Raleigh, N.C., where she is principal of an elementary school. They have two daughters, Julie, who works for the Greater New York Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Jaime, who recently left her job with a pharmaceutical firm to begin a graduate program in public health.

Kenneth M. Murray, R. has retired from a 32-year teaching career and lives in Chesapeake, Va. He enjoys spending time with friends at his beach homes in Corolla, N.C., and Coco Beach, Fla.

CLASS OF '70

I have heard from a few of you and therefore have some news to write about this time. I hope to have even more next time, but that is up to you!

JoAnn Russell Nicholson has retired from teaching after 31 years and is staying busy. She has moved her mom to Richmond and spends time with her as well as doing some substitute teaching. Her daughter, Catherine, graduated from Lehigh University and works in Richmond, but, as is normal, she and husband Bill do not see as much of her as they would like.



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Ann Marie Pearson Wood has announced plans to retire this year after 34 years with Anthem as regional vice president in charge of underwriting. She and her husband, **Reginald V. "Reggie" Wood, R'69**, have bought a house in Roanoke, Va. They plan to sell their house in Richmond's Fan District and their duplex in Roanoke and combine all their belongings in their new home on the mountain. When they are not traveling, enjoying time-shares or redecorating their new home, their favorite thing to do is play golf.

Mary W. Pearson and her husband, Charles Davidson, still enjoy their home in Middletown, N.J. Mary found time to visit with **Dale S. Allen** in Key West last year and had a grand time taking in the sites, bar- and restaurant-hopping and shopping. Mary also made the big decision to retire last year and at this writing is hoping to find a position in a non-profit about which she can feel passionate. In the meantime, she has completed many projects around the house and has volunteered for the Big Sister program.

Jo Burnett Cooper writes of her busy life in California. Her son, Max, wants to follow in his dad's footsteps and has applied to law school. Daughter Charlotte lives in San Francisco and has followed Jo into the design and marketing field. Jo and Steve managed to travel abroad in 2006, together as well as separately, with trips to Italy, a golfing trip to Scotland and a joint trip to southern France.

Bobbie Cahoon Somerville wrote me about her weekend spent in Memphis last fall with her fellow Westhampton Wild Women: **Angela Lilly Miller, Grace Yeatts Copeland, W'69**, and **Betty M. Stagg**. They enjoyed all the sites (Graceland, Renaissance Ribis, etc.) and especially each other's company.

Kevin and I are very busy with our blended family. We enjoy visiting Virginia wineries, sunsets and traveling. We have a trip planned for California in June to visit some of their wineries—will write about that next time!

I do not know what the rest of you are doing, so please write and let me know. This age is amazing, as we care for ailing parents, grieve over lost parents, enjoy grandchildren, plan retirement and just manage to survive. I

really think that we should engage our friends, the Wild Women of Westhampton, to plan our big 6-0 celebration for 2008—girls! Let's get together and commiserate!
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John G. Kines, R. was elected to life membership in the International City/County Management Association. A former county administrator for Prince George County, Va., he is a commissioner and past chairman of the Virginia Commission on Local Government. He served more than 30 years in local government management.

CLASS OF '71

Naina Harper White still teaches kindergarten in Bedford, Va., which is not far from her home in Thaxton. She and her husband, Rick, have five children who range in age from 17 to 26. Naina sees her mother, who lives in Florida, as often as she is able to travel there for a visit.

Brenda Carrier Martin continues to do substitute teaching at Lakeside Elementary School in Richmond. She and her husband, Teddy, have one child, Chris, 24, who is working in Germany. Brenda and Teddy are looking forward to visiting him during the spring and taking some time for sight-seeing while there. Brenda also enjoys directing two hand-bell choirs at her church.

Vickie Bowman Jones still teaches Latin at George Washington High School in Danville, Va. In addition, she teaches one math course at Danville Community College so she can keep on top of that subject, too. Vickie and husband Robert Q. plan to host a group trip to Italy and Greece this summer. This is their 25th summer serving as tour hosts. Their son, who was married in 2006, is pursuing an M.B.A. and will graduate in May. Recently they met **Richard L. Hubbard, C'75**, and **Catie Holmes Hubbard** for a weekend in Williamsburg. Last fall they went to a U.Va. football game, and the person sitting in front of them was none other than **Judy Lancaster Hilliard**.

Carol Barker-Hindley, who lives in Beaverton, Ore., is taking hula les-

sons. She is doing this for fun and because she and her husband, Craig, are planning a trip to Hawaii in April. Carol is a substitute teacher in language arts (and sometimes social studies) at the school where she used to work full time. Craig, who is a lawyer, is semi-retired, and he and Carol are in the process of moving his law practice into their home.

Judy G. Strauser still teaches chemistry at George Washington High School in Danville, so she probably sees **Vickie Bowman Jones** everyday! Judy plans to retire from teaching this year. She and a friend are now in the process of "flipping" a house. (If you don't know the meaning of this expression, as I didn't, it means to fix it up and sell it. Good luck with this project, Judy!)

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CLASS OF '72

Gwen Fletcher Duncan was sent by DSM Pharmaceuticals to Linz, Austria, in January to conduct a week of training. While on the trip, she spent a day in Salzburg visiting Mozart's birthplace and his residence. She also took the train to Vienna and spent a day touring that fascinating old city. Because she will provide more training at the same site in April, she plans to have her husband, **Gregory L. Duncan, R'75**, accompany her in hopes of seeing more of Austria and possibly Prague.

Libby Lynch Heskett is enjoying retirement from St. Christopher's School, where she was director of resources for the lower school for 19 years. She and her husband, **R. Kenneth Heskett, B.** traveled to Italy and France last fall and are planning a trip to England in May to visit their daughter, Kendall, and her husband. All three children are married, but Libby only has one grandson so far!

Anne Zaver Korby had dinner with **Tricia Mason Prillaman** in Richmond. She was in Charlottesville taking care of her mom. Anne is doing great and loves the simple life of retirement.

Judy Johnson Sawyer saw **Nancy Boykin Kern** and **Gerald E. "Gerry" Robinson, R.** at a symphony concert in February. Dr. Jim Erb was being honored as he retires from directing the Richmond Symphony Chorus after 35 years. Judy has been a member of the chorus since college. Nancy was in town visiting her parents and sister, and Jerry was here for the Virginia Baptist all-state choir weekend. Also in the chorus are **Barbara L. Baker, W'73**, **M. Stephen Cates, R. Jon A. Teates, R'74**, and accompanist **Michael Simpson, R'74**.

Marilyn Henry Tomb keeps up with **Janet Uley Wimmer**, who lives in Roanoke, Va. **Rozanne D. Oliver** has kept in touch with **Sharon Custer Boggess** and **Margaret Wright Waddill**. We look forward to seeing all of them at our reunion.

News is scarce! Hope to hear from you soon.

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Sterling C. Proffitt, R. was elected chairman of the Virginia Board of Corrections. He lives in Keswick, Va.

CLASS OF '73

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Thanks to all of you who sent me your Christmas letters and e-mails. It sure makes this job easier!

Betty Rodman Harris wrote that she and Scott are living vicariously through their children. Son Scott married Becky in November 2005 and graduated from Wake Forest Law School in May 2006. He is practicing law in Raleigh, N.C., while she is teaching kindergarten. Son John lives in Los Angeles. He had worked on several TV shows until September 2006, and then he went to China for three months, where he taught English. Betty's husband, Scott senior, is a branch manager for Wachovia Securities in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.,

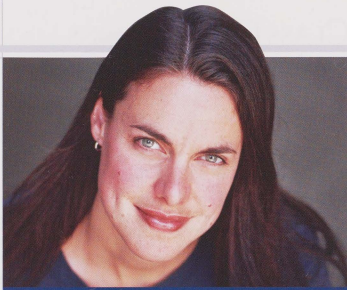
while Betty continues to sell real estate.

For the first time in all my years of writing these notes, I got a letter from **Diane Dejeus Schneck**. Diane and her husband, **William A. "Bill" Schneck, B.** live in north central Pennsylvania (Muncie), where he owns the local Chevrolet dealership. Diane taught school for a while in the 1990s and now works part time in the business. Their children are grown and married—all three in a 12-month period. Kristen went to UR for two years before transferring to Penn State. Then she went to law school in Pittsburgh, where she and her husband now live. Megan went to Cornell for undergrad and then to Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a veterinarian in Boston. Michael graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology with a degree in engineering. He and his wife used to live near Annapolis, Md., but were moving to the Muncie area when Diane wrote. The Schnecks enjoy a country lifestyle with horses, cats and dogs. Diane stays busy with tennis, volunteer work and travel (mostly to visit her children).

Another person whom I haven't heard from in a while is **Shelley Smith Miller**. Shelley is a supervisory human resources specialist for FEMA as part of the Department of Homeland Security. Her older son, Chris, graduated from Emory and Henry in 2005 and is enrolled in the M.B.A. program at the University of Tennessee. Hope will graduate from Randolph-Macon College this spring, and Josh is a freshman at Hampden-Sydney. Shelley and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary last year.

Linda Wilkins Muirhead and her family have stayed busy with mission trips, camping and kayaking trips and a trip back east. Kevin is at Oxford University for a semester abroad, and Paul is a student at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

Sandy Snidow Howard and Mike have had a summer home in Osterville on Cape Cod. They enjoy having family and friends visit. Son John graduated from the California Institute of Technology in 2006 with a degree in mechanical engineering and business. After traveling to Thailand, Cambodia and India, he started a job in Seattle and lives on a houseboat on Lake Union. Daughter Molly worked for the U.S. House



Forgiveness, a novel idea

Holly Payne, '94

Her road to forgiveness is paved with prose and broken bones.

In the 13 years since Holly Payne graduated from Richmond, serendipitous events—some frightening, all enlightening—have molded her into a successful writer.

The author of *The Virgin's Knot* and *The Sound of Blue* is finishing her third novel, a narrative set in Payne's hometown of Lancaster, Pa. The book traces an Amish boy's struggle to forgive the hit-and-run driver who killed his five sisters. Payne was almost finished with the novel when she heard about the shootings of five Amish girls at their Lancaster County schoolhouse. As she watched the Amish community forgive the girls' killer, Payne realized that writing her novel would be a journey of forgiveness for her, too.

A few weeks after graduating from Richmond, Payne was struck by a drunk driver as she stepped out of her car. Lying on the ground with a broken femur, hip, pelvis and rotator cuff, she looked to the sky and decided she would spend her life writing. She later founded Skywriter Ranch, a writing retreat in Crested Butte, Colo., and the Skywriter Series, workshops she teaches in San Francisco. (See <http://skywriter.holly-payne.com>.) Years later, as she finished her third novel, she decided to dedicate it to the drunk driver.

"I want to give him peace," Payne says. "Forgiveness is a gift."

A few months after the accident, she moved to Hungary to teach English, where she recovered with the help of crutches and a cane. Before she left Eastern Europe, however, she contracted spinal meningitis. She also found the inspiration for her first novel, *The Virgin's Knot*, which was published in eight countries and won numerous awards.

Payne returned to the United States in 1996 and is an adjunct professor at California College of the Arts. She plans to travel to Bulgaria this summer to research a fourth book, which she has set in a monastery.

"I want to illuminate the endangered people and places of the world," Payne said. "There's so much wisdom in them. Storytelling preserves what we need to know to survive."

Committee on Science in Washington last summer. She will graduate from Yale in the spring with a degree in environmental engineering. She plans to work for a year in Washington before returning to Yale to get a master's degree in her field.

I always love getting the Christmas missive from Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick. I think that Rick should consider a new career writing columns for a newspaper. The Burdicks took a trip in the fall to visit their youngest daughter, Maddeline, who spent the semester in Spain (away from Duke, where she is majoring in Spanish and biology). Their oldest daughter, Emily, and her husband were able to join them for part of the trip. Amanda, who missed the trip, continues to work at the White House. Sharon and Rick recently had dinner with **Kelly Hardy** and her husband, Jack Cergol, to visit and catch up.

Jane Woodard Meyer is retiring after 30 years of teaching. Retirement was also in the plans for **Carol G. Baker**, who worked 25 years in the information-technology department of Media General. Carol said she had no big plans and was open to suggestions.

Marcie Weinberg wrote to say that her daughter, Rachel, has applied for basketball camp at UR this summer. Marcie is looking forward to spending some time on campus.

Martha Poston Turner, G'81, and I had lunch before Christmas. Martha is subbing in Goochland County and running an English as a Second Language program at her church. Daughter Grace is a lobbyist for a law firm in Richmond, Retz works for his dad and Maribeth is a student at Sweet Briar.

After a long wait, we finally got into our house just before Christmas. We are very happy with everything and love visitors. The best part is that we are just minutes from our granddaughter, Hannah.

Please send me your e-mail and snail-mail addresses if they change. Some of my notices came back this time. I would really like to keep in touch.

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Charles K. Payne, R and G75, teaches physics, computer science and earth science at Northern High School in Durham, N.C., where he also serves as cross country and track coach. In January, he participated in a trip for educators to Yellowstone National Park sponsored by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. The goal of the trip was to develop educational links between North Carolina and Yellowstone with an emphasis on environmental education.

CLASS OF '75



Don't miss "Campus Weddings" on page 16, featuring **Teresa Payne West, W'75**, and **Reed West, R'76**.

CLASS OF '77

Patricia "Pat" Gorey Whitmer, W, and her husband, Lynn, have adopted a four-year-old girl, Jubilee, from China. They live in Hollywood, Md.

CLASS OF '78

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Daniel S. Keenan, R, has written a novel, *Lucia: When You Are*, which was published in January. He is retired from the Marine Corps and is a former commercial airline pilot. He has a master's degree in education from Kutztown University and is interested in World War II aviation history and Civil War history. He lives in Sneads Ferry, N.C.

CLASS OF '80

Robert Kuntz Jr., R, was promoted to senior vice president and director of infrastructure at LandAmerica Financial Group in Richmond.

CLASS OF '82

Scott G. Jenkins, B, works in applications development for Sprint Nextel in Reston, Va.

Kent K. Reynolds, R, has joined the Private Bank at Bank of America as a senior vice president and private client manager. He lives in St. Louis.

CLASS OF '83

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Shari T. Wilson, W, was appointed by Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley as the state's secretary of the environment. She was previously director of policy management at the Maryland Department of the Environment.

CLASS OF '84

Bradley J. "Brad" Reynolds, R, is an equity compensation analyst for PricewaterhouseCoopers. He lives in the foothills of the Sierra Mountains in California with his wife, Denise, and their sons, Timothy Philip, 5, and Ryan Mitchell, 1. In his leisure time, Brad likes to work with wood and train for triathlons.

CLASS OF '86

Lola L. Franco, W, and her husband, Kevin Seaman, had a daughter, Lucy Audrey, on Jan. 24, 2007. She joins brothers Patrick, 10, and Wesley, 3, and sister Emilie, 6. The family lives in New York.

CLASS OF '88

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Jennifer Deeb Davis, W, and her husband, Steve, had a son, Jonathan

Henry, on Nov. 17, 2006. He joins sister Katherine, 3. They live in Atlanta.

Jessica Martin Lane, W, lives in Charleston, W.Va., with her husband, Jim, and daughters Amanda, 10, and Mary Keeton, 8. Jennifer works part time as an attorney for the state of West Virginia regulating public utilities. She serves as vice president of her neighborhood community association and was recently appointed by the mayor of Charleston to serve on the city's Wayfinding Commission.

CLASS OF '89

Bernard A. Niemeier, B, was named president and publisher of *Virginia Business* magazine earlier this year. He was previously vice president for planning and research for the Publishing Division of Media General. He lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Julie Ferrigno Weigel, W, and her husband, Michael, live near Charleston, S.C., with their children, Emily, 10, Matthew, 8, John, 5, and Hannah Rose, 1.

CLASS OF '90

Chris A. Karkenny, B, has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Apria Healthcare in Lake Forest, Calif.

Jordan M. Lewis, R, and **Jennifer Nachajski Lewis, B**, and their two daughters have moved to Paris, France, where Jennifer is vice president of communications at Lafarge, a global construction materials company.

CLASS OF '91

Kristen K. Gedeon, B, hosted a mini-reunion with **L. Ellen Bradley, W**, **Sharon Matson Particelli, W**, and **Michelle Muller Singewald, W**, at her home in Alexandria, Va.

J. Parker Gilbert, R, is a partner in the law firm of Cushing, Morris, Armbruster & Montgomery in Atlanta. He has two daughters, Kiely, 5, and Maggie, 3, and is active in several local historical societies. He spends his spare time working on his house, which was built in 1840.

Jenna A. Harrell, B, had a daughter, Sophie Alexandra, on Nov. 27, 2006. She lives in Richmond.

Brian J. McCormick Jr., R, is a partner with the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in

Philadelphia. Last fall he was named one of Pennsylvania's "Lawyers on the Fast Track" by American Lawyer Media. The list included 43 lawyers under the age of 40 who were recognized as future leaders of the state's legal community. Brian and his wife, **Meredith Long, W'92**, live in Erdenheim, Pa., with their three children.

Cynthia "Cindy" DeAgazio Neighbor, W, and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Sarah Jane, on Sept. 17, 2006. They live in Westerville, Ohio.

Stephanie Duncan Norton, W, and **William L. "Bill" Norton, R'92**, had a daughter, Sarah Grace, on Nov. 7, 2006. She joins sister Audrey, 7, and brother Will, 4. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

CLASS OF '92



Don't miss "Campus Weddings" on page 16, featuring **Rob Boyle, R'92**, and **Amy Smithwick Boyle, W'92**.

Peter A. DiLorenzo, R, is an assistant professor of health and exercise science at Camden County College in New Jersey.

Amy Boldon Harper, W, and her husband, A.J., had a son, Anthony Joseph Harper Jr., on Dec. 11, 2006. They live in Wallingford, Pa., where Amy is a physical therapist. She became a board-certified geriatric clinical specialist last year.

Patricia Kevin Mottley, W, and her husband, Kevin, live in Richmond with their children, Andrew, 7, Sarah Ann, 5, and Catherine Powell, 1.

John R. Peters, R, and **Ellen Blumeyer Peters, W**, live among their family fruit orchards in central Pennsylvania with their children,

Elizabeth, 8, and John, 4. Ellen is a portfolio architect with Electronic Data Systems.

Kris Shook Pfeifer, W. and **Jeffrey S. Pfeifer, R.** live in Madison, N.J., with their sons, Dylan, 5, and Ryan Jeffrey, 1.

Scott D. Sergio, R. was named a partner in the Washington office of the law firm of Nixon Peabody.

CLASS OF '93

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Bernadette Coogan Hess and her husband, John, had a son, Brody John, on Nov. 2, 2006. He joins Caroline, 4, Rory, 3, and Whitney, 1. They live in Wilton, Conn.

Elizabeth L. "Beth" Vann and her mother, **Dianne Minter Vann, W'65**, spent 11 days in Spain last November as volunteers in an English immersion program for Spanish professionals. Beth is executive director of Decatur Cooperative Ministry, a nonprofit organization that provides shelter and transitional housing for families in Atlanta.

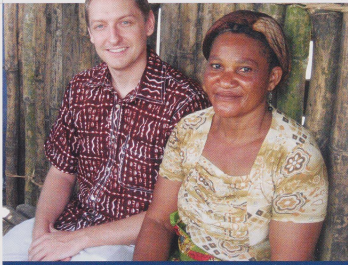
CLASS OF '94

It's a girl for **Heather Brown Goodlett** and her husband, Raymond, Keira Lynn was born on Feb. 8, 2007. Heather is founder and executive director of the Youth Life Foundation of Richmond.

Congratulations to **Melanie Morgan Stoudt** and her husband, Kevin, on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Ryan, on Sept. 14, 2006. She joins sister Morgan, 2. Melanie works for Lifeline Counseling, and Kevin helps manage UR's endowment fund for Spider Management Co. in Richmond.

My husband, **William S. Poole, R'91**, and I welcomed our daughter, Kelly Kathryn, on Feb. 19, 2007. She joins brother Ryan, 3.
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Microfinance in the Congo

Nate Hulley, '01

In the poorest nations of Africa, it is possible to change a life with pocket change, and Nate Hulley can give examples.

Hulley is managing director of Hope Congo, an arm of Hope International, a Christian nonprofit that works to alleviate poverty by providing small loans and training. Based in the capital city of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Hulley has acquired about 5,000 microfinance clients since 2004. The average client borrows \$125, Hulley says, but far less money can make big differences to citizens of the DRC, which is recovering from a decade of civil war.

Hulley tells the story of one woman who borrowed \$12. "She sells pepper and spices at a stall in the market. With \$12 she added more stock to her stall and increased her sales and profits. With the profits, she renovated an addition to her mud house and began renting the room. With the rental income, she was able to send her son back to finish high school," Hulley says. "She hopes to build another mud house with future loans so she can rent that house and send her son to college."

The World Bank ranks the DRC among the world's most difficult places to do business, but Hope Congo's loan repayment rate is nearly 100 percent.

"Building trust is important in a country where so much corruption exists," Hulley says. "People have been through ridiculously difficult things even at young ages. We hope that our work produces holistic life change [for] our clients. ... So many clients tell us, 'Before, my family ate once a day. Now we eat twice a day.'"

Hulley learned about micro-enterprise development at Richmond while taking an economics class taught by Dr. Jonathan Wight, associate professor of economics and international studies. Now Hulley applies micro-enterprise theory on a daily basis.

Hope Congo, Hulley says, "allows me a great opportunity to combine things that I'm passionate about, using my business degree in a way that helps me live out my faith and positively impact the poor."

ment at the High School of Art & Design in New York. He and his wife, Victoria, have two sons, William Joseph, 4, and Thomas George, 1.

Pamela Comerford Burton and her husband, George, had a son, Brennan Peter, on Nov. 30, 2006. He joins sister Brooke, 6, and brothers Brady, 3, and Boone, 1. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

James D. Durick and his wife, Heather, had a son, Nicolas Alexander, on Jan. 16, 2007. He joins brother Zachary, 2. They live in Manassas, Va.

William Glenn Merten and his wife, Allison, had a daughter, Paige Elizabeth, on Dec. 18, 2006.

Emily Reed Rash and her husband, Hodges, had a son, Garrett Halligan, on Aug. 26, 2006. He joins brother Thomas, 3. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Troy Jermaine Stewart and his wife, Demetra, had a son, Dylan Michael, on Jan. 10, 2007. They live in Washington, where Troy is a database administrator for the federal government and a high school football coach.

CLASS OF '95

Meredith Brady and **Hans J. Paine, '96**, had a son, Lucas Patrick, on July 7, 2006. Meredith is a Spanish teacher at La Jolla Country Day School, and Hans owns Do It Tennis, an online tennis retailer. They live in San Diego, Calif.

Julie Cook Flynn and her husband, Brian, live in Omaha, Neb., with their children, Connor, 5, Elizabeth, 3, and Eamon Michael, 1.

Edward J. Kaleta and Jennifer Dauby were married on Aug. 12, 2006, in Chicago. They live in Washington, where Ed is director of government relations for Humana Corp.

Lauren Chris Leahy and her husband, Stephen, had a daughter, Alexandra Grace, on Aug. 20, 2006. They live near Boston, where Lauren works as chief financial officer of Eastern Dentists Insurance Co.

Clifford W. "Tripp" Perrin and his wife, Dawn, had a daughter, Isabel Grace, on Feb. 6, 2007. They live in Richmond.

Elizabeth A. Voneiff and William Brooks Paternotte were married on Sept. 23, 2006, in St. Hubert's, N.Y. **Catherine Devine Phillips** was

included in the wedding party. Elizabeth is a veterinarian at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The couple lives in Glyndon, Md.

CLASS OF '96

Sheila Dawson Caputo and Paul J. Caputo, '95, had a daughter, Maya, on Jan. 11, 2007. She joins brother Joel, 3. The proud grandparents are former University of Richmond Spanish professor **Al C. Dawson, R'61**, and his wife, Laila. Sheila and Paul live in Fort Collins, Colo., where Paul is the art and publications director for the National Association for Interpretation.

Blair Elise Flynn and **Nathan Pettillo** were married on Nov. 11, 2006. Included in the wedding party was **Erin Weber Emmott**. Blair is an associate in the Securities and Corporate Governance Group of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Duriechee Lynch Friend is director of brand strategy and communications at Owens & Minor in Richmond, She and her husband, Lewis, have two sons, Jhalen, 8, and Milan, 5.

Rory P. O'Brien and Kelly Spickard O'Brien, '97, had a son, Jack Cameron, on Nov. 25, 2006. He joins brother Owen Patrick.

Scott S. Ward is general counsel of the Republican State Leadership Committee and was recently named general counsel and secretary of the District of Columbia Republican Party.

Dudley H. "Will" Willis and Heather Scarritt were married in June 2006 in Farmington, Conn. They live in Hong Kong, where Will works for real estate developer Jones Lang LaSalle.

CLASS OF '97

Alison Lages Carlton lives in Richmond with her husband, Joshua, and their daughter, Madelyn Lee Harr, 1. Alison is an account executive with Marriott International, and she and her husband recently opened the second location of Mojo's Restaurant in Richmond's West End.

Kayren Shoffner Cathcart recently published an inspirational book, *Court Etiquette: Approaching the King's Throne*. She is the founder of Precision Editing and Literary Services, and she works in community

relations for Wachovia Corp. in Charlotte, N.C. Kayren and her husband, Gibson, have two children, Zachary Joel, 4, and Deborah Michelle, 2.

Kim Jordan Cheeseman and her husband, Kevin, had a son, Kevin Cheeseman Jr., on Aug. 23, 2006. They live in Richmond.

Melissa Genter Clear and **Michael T. Clear, '98**, had a daughter, Madison Ivy, on Dec. 23, 2006. Melissa teaches third grade in Darien, Conn., and Michael is a trusts and estates associate at the law firm of Wiggan and Dana in New Haven, Conn.

Autumn J. Fehr and her husband, Jeff Stutzman, had a daughter, Olivia, on Dec. 17, 2006. They live in

Did you know?

The University offers several theme-housing options that allow students to live in residence halls with students who share similar interests. To learn more about this Living and Learning program, see the story on page 10.

Middlethian, Va.

Stephen A. Oberg and his wife, Julie, had a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, on Nov. 26, 2006. They live in Annapolis, Md., where Steve is a trial attorney.

Philip R. Paturzo and **Kellyanne Kurz Paterzo** live in Simsbury, Conn., with their three children. Phil is labor relations counsel for Oris Elevator Co.

Christopher J. Poulos was named Connecticut's Teacher of the Year for 2006. He teaches Spanish at Joel Barlow High School in Redding,

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Margaret "Marnie" Gillis and **Corbin B. DeBoer, '97**, were married in June 2006 in Wallingford, Pa. Included in the wedding party were **Kelly Bower Joffe**, **Shantan "Rita"**

Karapurkar Williams and **Charles M. "Charlie" Johnston, '97**. The couple lives in Washington.

Maia Carter Hallward and her husband, Stoph, had a son, Graham Deichler, on Dec. 15, 2006. They live in Acworth, Ga., where Maia is an assistant professor of political science at Kennesaw State University.

Shelby Serls Holman is a business analyst with Markel Corp. in Richmond. She and her husband, Travis, have two sons, Daniel, 3, and Joshua, 1.

Erica C. Lanzo and **Christopher J. Hunt, '99**, were married on July 15, 2006. Included in the wedding party were **Katherine "K.C." Bryan White, '01**, **Holly L. Fewkes, '99**, and **Gregory L. Desautels, '99**. The

couple lives in San Diego, where Chris is a marketing manager for Upper Deck and Erica is a math and science teacher at The Bishop's School.

Kelly Daucher Peters and her husband, Ryan, adopted two boys from Haiti last year, Kenson Daucher, 5, and Evans Collister, 2. They join sisters Kiernan, 4, and Shea, 2. The family lives in Bend, Ore.

J. Scott Pfeiffer and **Jennifer King** were married on Aug. 26, 2006, in Monterey, Calif. They live in Chico, Calif., where Scott is a senior manager with Deloitte Consulting.

Julie Cors Ryan and **Daniel F. Ryan** had a son, Connor William, on June 28, 2006. They live in Alexandria, Va., where Dan is a principal at Infinitive, a management consulting firm, and Julie is a senior manager at Accenture.

Carrig Greenlee Stevens and **Todd M. Stevens, '97**, had a daughter, Madison Anna, on Nov. 2, 2006. She joins brother Will, 4, and sister Emma, 2. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

CLASS OF '99

Kevin P. Farrell and his wife, Meredith, had a daughter, Caitlin Leigh, on Nov. 29, 2006. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

Nancy Jo Ukrop Kantner and her husband, Chris, had a son, Noah Christian, on Dec. 13, 2006. They live in Middlethian, Va.

Samuel J. Kaufman has formed the Middlethian, Va., law firm of Owen & Owens with **W. Joseph Owen, B'72**, and **Mary Burke Owens, L'86**. Samuel was recently elected chairman of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, and he serves on the board of directors for the University of Richmond Alumni Association.

Jennifer Lynn Koach is executive director of the Orange County Historical Museum in Hillsborough, N.C. She was featured in the December 2006 issue of *Our State* magazine, and earlier this year she was appointed to the Chapel Hill Historic District Commission.

Anne Mosunic Loois and her husband, Kraig, had a son, Mark John, on Nov. 30, 2006. They live in Annapolis, Md., where Anne is a psychotherapist in private practice.

Scott A. McLaughlin and his wife, Javine, had a son, Kian Michael, on Dec. 8, 2006. They live near Denver.

Janie D. Olvis has worked for Wachovia Bank for eight years. He earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania earlier this year and plans to attend law school.

Scott T. Ridgely and his wife, Vicki, had a son, Carter Tomkins, on Dec. 14, 2006. They live in Greensburg, Pa.

Matthew T. Vocci has joined the law firm of Ober/Kaler as an associate in its Baltimore office.

CLASS OF '00

Monisha Banerjee and **Christopher J. Dabek** were married on June 2, 2006, in Newport, R.I. Included in the wedding party were **Kathleen Chiatepa Cain**, **Laura J. Cavallo**, **Chapman M. Albertson**, **Anne Boxberger Flaherty**, **Heather L. Frick**, **Darby L. Erbaugh**, **Paul Nicholas "Nick" Munchel**, **Mark G. Schofield, '01**, and **Aman Banerjee, '05**. **Kirsten Cavallo Kalemka** was a reader at the ceremony. The couple lives in White Plains, N.Y., where

Monisha is a manager at PepsiCo and Chris is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at New York University.

Joshua E. Bush lives in Richmond, where he is director of business development for Park Avenue Travel. Last year he was one of 45 travel agents selected by Virgin Galactic to become Accredited Space Agents. Once they complete the accreditation process, these agents will be permitted to reserve seats aboard Virgin Galactic's suborbital space flights, which are scheduled to begin in late 2008.

Corrine M. Matier and Josh Ellovich were married on April 8, 2006. Included in the wedding party were Sarah Curway Meadows, Morgan P. Gallagher and Kelly M. Duggan. The couple lives in Norwalk, Conn.

Matthew A. Midgett and Jennifer Mary Purcell were married on Oct. 14, 2006. The couple lives in Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Matthew is a yacht broker with Gold Coast Yacht Sales in Palm Beach.

Angelo O. Villagomez lives in Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, where he works for the Marianas Resource Conservation and Development Council. He is a co-founder of Beautify CNMI, a coalition of citizens, private groups and government entities that works to enhance the natural beauty of the Northern Mariana Islands and foster community pride among residents and visitors.

Robert L. Windon earned a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in May 2006 and passed the Illinois State Bar. He is an assistant state's attorney in the criminal division of the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Allison Dolan Windon, and their son, Clayton.

CLASS OF '01

Ginger M. Doyl with *The Annapolitan Club: A Tradition of Hospitality Since 1897*, which was published last year. She lives in Annapolis, Md.

Emily D. Hansen earned a master's degree in accounting from Wake Forest University. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., where she works for Ernst & Young.

Mandy Muller and Christopher J. Doerr, L. were married on Sept. 16,

2006. They live in Arlington, Va. **Christopher J. McCrea, GB**, is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He is currently stationed at Air Combat Command Headquarters at Langley Air Force Base. As a force provision officer, he is responsible for coordinating sourcing solutions for Joint Forces Command for all additional Air Force assets needed by commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan.

J. Andrew Soares has moved to San Francisco, where he is an associate with Ridgecrest Capital Partners, an investment banking firm. His work is focused on mergers and acquisitions in the wireless and digital media industry.

CLASS OF '02

Stephanie J. Allen earned a master's degree in computer science from Villanova University and is employed in the information technology department of Northrop Grumman. Her husband, **Brian J. Foster**, is a resident in orthopedic surgery at Loyola University Medical Center. They live in Oak Park, Ill.

Stacy Bromley and Richard P. Cheatham Jr. were married on Sept. 30, 2006, in West Chester, Pa. They live in McLean, Va., where Stacy works in association management.

C. Amber Henry graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia last year and began a four-year surgical pathology residency program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Laura Osterman and Sean Burke were married on Sept. 2, 2006, in Seattle. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer L. Griffin, C. Amber Henry and Melissa Mondello. The couple lives in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Abby Hammer Rendish and her husband, Marc, had a daughter, Maryn Virginia, on Feb. 5, 2007. They live in Chelmsford, Mass.

Kristen A. Samuhel and Timothy J. Clary were married on April 29, 2006. Included in the wedding party were Eileen M. Jaccsens, '00, Kathleen E. Dougan, Alesha D. Irvin, '03, Anne E. Rieser, '04, Jeffrey C. Wilburn and Robert C. Trout. The couple lives in Greensboro, N.C., where Kristen is a physician at Moses Cone Hospital and Tim is a financial specialist at Wachovia.

Nicole Sedule-Ross and Benjamin Hartman were married on Aug. 12,

2006, in Dover, Del. They live in Townsend, Del.

CLASS OF '03

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Don't miss "Campus Weddings" on page 16, featuring Elise Ryder Myers, '03, and Jeff Myers, '03.

Heather L. Eysaman and Marc Jennette were married on Dec. 16, 2006, in Lake Placid, N.Y. The couple lives near Rochester, N.Y., and both are teachers.

Giselle C. Johnson and Toby J. Booker, '00, were married on May 13, 2006, in Drexel Hill, Pa. Included in the wedding party were Jamie K. Gaymon, '99, Tiffany L. Harvey, '02, Tiana N. Mayes and Regina N. Coles.

Scott T. Olmstead and Erin A. Brandt work for Tropical Birding, an international nature tourism company based in Quito, Ecuador. Last year they spent two months as volunteer naturalist guides at Cristalino Jungle Lodge in the Brazilian Amazon.

Marybeth Redheffer earned a master's degree from Middlebury College and was selected by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to conduct a comparative study on the storage of nuclear waste in Spain and the United States. After earning another master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, she is working in Madrid.

CLASS OF '04

Erin Elisabeth Stevens Bills and her husband, Brett, live in Richmond, where Erin is a cash analyst with Markel.

Alison A. Frattare and Joshua P. Bartlett were married on Aug. 11, 2006. Included in the wedding party was Angela L. Peters. The couple lives in Denver, Colo.

Research by four Richmond alumni has been cited in *CUR Quarterly*, the journal of the Council on Undergraduate Research. The journal recognized David "D.J." Tognarelli, Phillip G. Wortley, Leslie M. Moatz, '05, and Rebecca Pompano, '05, for their work on crown-ether-metal sandwiches as linking mechanisms in assembled nanoparticle films. They conducted their research as undergraduates with Dr. Mike Leopold, assistant professor of chemistry.

CLASS OF '05

Joseph C. Argabrite earned a master's degree in public administration and a certificate in nonprofit management from the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Ben Lansing won first place for non-daily editorial cartoons in the 2007 Virginia Press Association contest.

CLASS OF '07

The Class of 2007 set a new record for senior gift participation—71 percent of its members contributed. Previously, the record was held by the Class of 2006, whose senior gift included contributions from 64 percent of its members. The new record of 71 percent was still increasing at press time.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1928 / John W. Kinkeloe Jr., R. of Richmond, Nov. 29, 2006. He retired in 1971 as pastor emeritus of Branch's Baptist Church in Richmond. He served as president of the Virginia Baptist Pastors' Conference during the late 1960s.

1929 / Pearl Powell Prillaman, W. of Bassett, Va., Feb. 21, 2006. She taught in the Henry County school system for more than 30 years. She was a member of Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church.

1932 / Marion Singletary Fischer, W. of Hendersonville, N.C., Jan. 4, 2007. Her professional career included working for the U.S. Geological Survey and the Koinonia Foundation and operating a ballroom dancing school in Washington, D.C. She retired to the Hendersonville area, where she had spent summers throughout her childhood.

1933 / Erasmus D. Booker, R. of Farnham, Va., Jan. 11, 2007. His career as an educator spanned nearly four decades, culminating in his service as principal of Warsaw Elementary School. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Jamestown Society and the Richmond County Ruritan Club. He was a former senior warden and vestryman of North Farnham Episcopal Church.

1933 / Marguerite Neale Moger, W. of Lexington, Va., Jan. 25, 2007. She taught elementary school in Manassas and later worked as an employee and volunteer in area libraries. She participated in many birdwatching and historical groups. She was a member of Lexington Presbyterian Church.

1935 / Robert S. Montgomery Jr., B. of St. Simons Island, Ga., Jan. 20, 2007. He served as a lieutenant commander in the Navy in World War II. He retired from General Electric Co. He was a member of St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

1936 / David A. Dutrow Jr., R. of Newport News, Va., Dec. 22, 2006. He had a lifelong career at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. and its successors. He participated in Masters Swimming and was a national masters champion and a national record holder. He sang in church choirs and a vocal quartet. He was a member of Wythe Presbyterian Church.

1937 / Mary O'Grady Carter, W. of Richmond, Jan. 14, 2007. She taught in elementary schools in Richmond, retiring from St. Bridger's School. She was a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Mechanicsville.

1938 / Frances J. Flick, W. of Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 18, 2006. She worked as a librarian, most recently at the University of Arizona. She loved reading and was a member of P.E.O. International, the American Association of University Women and Grace United Methodist Church.

1938 / Bernard Levin, R. of Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 13, 2002. He retired as a real estate broker and had served as president of the Portsmouth Real Estate Board. He was a 59-year member of the Portsmouth Host Lions Club, where he received many honors including the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from Lions International. He was a member of Temple Sinai.

1938 / Ambrose A. Rucker, R. of Bedford, Va., Jan. 21, 2007. A Navy veteran, he returned to his hometown and served as its commonwealth's attorney and later as judge of the United District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. He was a member, deacon and trustee of Bedford Baptist Church.

1938 / George R.M. Rumney, R. of Danville, Va., August 30, 2006. He served as an Air Force chaplain in World War II and the Korean War, retiring with the rank of colonel. He was pastor of several churches in Virginia and North Carolina, and he was active in the American Legion, serving as national chaplain in 1981-82. He was a member of Rivermont Baptist Church.

1939 / Jessie McElroy Junkin McCall, W. of Black Mountain, N.C., Nov. 8, 2006. While serving as missionaries in the Philippines, she and her first husband were captured and held as prisoners of war from 1941-45. Their eldest son was born in a prison camp. They returned as missionaries to China, leaving with the advent of communism, and later in Taiwan. After her first husband's death, she and her second husband went to Taiwan as missionaries, retiring in 1993.

1940 / Charles E. Wortham, R. of Hanover, Va., Jan. 12, 2007. In World War II, he served on a Navy destroyer, then received flight training and

served in the Pacific. He was honored by the Navy and Marine Corps and the British government. He co-founded Plywood and Plastics Co. and was an employee and later president of Stork Diaper Service, a company co-founded by his mother. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hanover.

1941 / Virginia L. Ball Bray, W. of Gloucester Point, Va., Feb. 23, 2006. She taught elementary school in Charlotte, N.C. She retired to Gloucester, where she was active in the local garden club and women's club. She was a member of Abingdon Episcopal Church.

1942 / Edhel Levine Bass, W. of Richmond, Jan. 3, 2007. She was an adjunct faculty member in rehabilitation counseling at Virginia Commonwealth University. She also served as the volunteer coordinator at St. John's Alcohol Treatment Center.

1942 / Dr. Courtney C. Bowen, R. of Richlands, Va., Dec. 13, 2006. He practiced medicine in the Richlands area for 37 years. He served as administrator of a MASH unit for the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Richlands.

1943 / Dr. Rupert S. Hughes Jr., R. of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Dec. 12, 2006. He served as a Navy medical officer in World War II. He was a family practice physician for 25 years in New Jersey and another 20 years in Florida. In 1990, he retired to Hilton Head Plantation, where he enjoyed playing golf. He served on the board of directors of Volunteers in Medicine.

1944 / Herbert E. Feinberg, R. of Fort Lee, N.J., Oct. 31, 2005. In World War II, he served in the Navy and participated in the liberation of the Philippines. He was a member of Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood.

1947 / John Atkinson Jr., R. of Hershey, Pa., Dec. 24, 2006. He worked as a research chemist at Glaxo Smith Kline and was a member and national officer of Kappa Psi Professional Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

1947 / Pauline Jones Cousins, W. of Roseboro, N.C., Oct. 3, 2006. She was a member of Roseboro United Methodist Church.

1948 / Wallace B. Gordon, R. of Richmond, Jan. 15, 2007. He retired from DuPont after 38 years.

1948 / Anne Gill Manning, W. of Virginia Beach, Dec. 27, 2006. She taught at the high school level in Norfolk public schools for 39 years. She was a member of Roster Memorial Presbyterian Church.

1948 / Linwood H. Metzger, R. and G. of Virginia Beach, Jan. 17, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked in Richmond public schools for more than 30 years, mostly at Binford Middle School, as a coach, teacher and principal.

1948 / William J. Waymack Jr., B. of Richmond, Nov. 15, 2006. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired from Flight Research Inc. after more than 40 years. He also served as a deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

1949 / Marilyn Michener Anthony, W. of Tariffville, Conn., June 29, 2004.

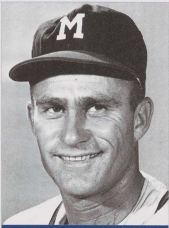
1951 / Herbert Hunt, B. of Denver, N.C., Nov. 5, 2006. He served in the Navy during World War II and retired from *The Charlotte Observer* after 15 years. He volunteered for 17 years with the Catholic Social Service and was the first non-Catholic recognized as its Volunteer of the Year. Much of his volunteer work focused on helping immigrants to the United States. He was a member of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.

1951 / Henry Donald Robinson, R. of Carrollton, Ga., died Dec. 20, 2006. He served as a paratrooper in the Army and worked as a public accountant and auditor for several firms, including Robertshaw-Fulton Controls in Richmond and VC Chemical in Atlanta. He later served as assistant controller for the Georgia State Department of Education.

1952 / Joyce Bell Cody, W. of Lancaster, Penn., Nov. 15, 2006. She taught in elementary schools in Ohio, Virginia and Pennsylvania. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lancaster.

1952 / Seaborn L. Lyon Jr., R. of Culpeper, Va., March 22, 2003.

1953 / John Henry White III, B. of Richmond, Nov. 9, 2006. He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II and worked for DuPont until his retirement. He played the alto saxophone in the ACCA Shriners Million Dollar Band for about 40 years. He was a member of Westover Hills United Methodist Church.



Lew Burdette, R'49, died Feb. 6, 2007, in Winter Garden, Fla.

The Associated Press named him "sportsman of the year" after he pitched the Milwaukee Braves past the New York Yankees in the 1957 World Series. Burdette won three games in the series, holding the Bronx Bombers scoreless for 24 consecutive innings.

"In the years that I've managed the Yankees, no pitcher has so successfully and completely confused my hitters," said Casey Stengel.

Burdette followed an unlikely road to the big leagues, where he posted 203 wins against 144 losses. Growing up in Nitro, W.Va., he strengthened his arm by throwing rocks. His high school did not have a baseball team, and he failed to make the local American Legion club. Finally, he landed a spot on an industrial team, and the Rev. Alfred Montgomery, R'38, helped him get a scholarship to Richmond.

He pitched only one year for the Spiders and was named all-Virginia Big Six. He signed with the Yankees in 1947.

The Yankees traded him to the Braves in 1950, and his career soared.

1955 / Judith Anne Black Taliaferro, W. of Richmond, Dec. 14, 2006. She retired as elementary supervisor for Henrico County Public Schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

1956 / Dennis W. Pendleton, R. of Roanoke, Va., May 28, 2005. He served as reference librarian in the Roanoke City Library for more than 30 years. After retiring, he tutored students who were studying to earn their GEDs.

1956 / Hammett W. Riner Jr., R. of Ronda, N.C., Nov. 12, 2006. He served in the Army during World War II. He later served as a minister in churches in Virginia and North Carolina, retiring from First Baptist Church of Dobson, N.C.

1956 / Leon C. Tucker, R. of Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 5, 2006. He served three years in the Air Force in Athens, Greece. He worked for several textile companies, most recently Anson Apparel II. He served on the board of the Exchange Bank and was ordained as a deacon and elder at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

1957 / Dorothy "Dotsie" Palouse Keith, W. of Furlong, Pa., Dec. 24, 2006. She raised and showed dogs for nearly six decades, including a Dalmatian who won a blue ribbon at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. She championed legislation to protect dogs and crack down on unscrupulous dog breeders in Pennsylvania. "No one in the history of the commonwealth has affected the lives of Pennsylvania dogs like Dotsie Keith," according to a tribute in *The Daily Item*. She also was active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Republican politics.

1958 / C. Anne Davis, W. of Waco, Texas, Nov. 9, 2006. She was founding dean of the Carver School of Social Work in Kentucky. In 1998, she moved to Waco, where she was director of operations for the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children. She was a member of Seventh and James Baptist Church.

1961 / James R. Fitzpatrick, R. of Midlothian, Va., Nov. 8, 2006. He worked for Invenys Controls Co. for 35 years, retiring in 2000. He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church.

1962 / Daniel H. Crawley III, R. of Punta Gorda, Fla., Dec. 17, 2005. He was a dentist.

1963 / Robert S. Galardi, B. of Winton, Penn., Dec. 25, 2006. An Army veteran, he served as vice president for finance and administration at Holy Family University, which awarded him an honorary doctorate. He was a member of Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church.

1967 / Robert L. Weston, B. of Orangeburg, S.C., April 17, 2006. He was a Coast Guard veteran and a certified public accountant.

1968 / Robert G. Waddell, G. of Bowling Green, Va., Sept. 6, 2006. He won a Silver Star while serving in the Army in World War II, he also served in Korea. He taught high school for more than 25 years and was a member of St. Mary's of the Annunciation Church in Ladysmith.

1970 / Curtis E. Sheely, GB. of Richmond, Dec. 3, 2006. He started out as an engineer but later entered the bakery business. His food cart at MCV Hospitals and his Christie's Café and Bakery in Carytown became Richmond landmarks. He also ran a catering business.

1971 / Frances Wingfield Richardson, G. of Richmond, Jan. 13, 2007. She worked as an occupational therapist and as a docent at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. She developed a garden over 45 years, earning the designation of "Virginia master gardener."

1971 / Bruce D. Ropiciecki, R. of Port Republic, N.J., Jan. 24, 2007. He attained the rank of major in the Army National Guard and worked for Cardinal Health in Swedesboro, N.J.

1980 / Steven J. Mandell, R. of Baltimore, Md., Nov. 22, 2006. He joined DLA Piper in 1989 and was a corporate partner in the Baltimore office. He was active in the legal community and as a volunteer, preparing tax returns for low-income people.

1982 / Carolyn K. Place, G. of Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 6, 2007. She lived for many years in Germany and participated in various German-American clubs. She opened the Villeroy & Boch store in Williamsburg.

1985 / John S. Meagher, R. of Middletown, Va., Jan. 21, 2007. He worked for Safeguard Business Systems, after serving for eight years as a Virginia state trooper. He was a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

1990 / Richard S. Will, R. of Bryn Mawr, Pa., Feb. 2, 2005.

2000 / Barry V. Gibbons, L. of Yorktown, Va., Dec. 24, 2006. He worked for NASA for 25 years and attended Crossroads Community Church.

2005 / Brenda Lawrence Howell, C. of Richmond, Nov. 12, 2006. She was an elder at Overbrook Presbyterian Church and served in mission and civic roles, including Henrico Christmas Mother. She sang in a women's group called Heart Strings.

2009 / Michael Robertson, R. of Demarest, N.J., Jan. 21, 2007. He died after falling from his dorm room window at Boston University, where he had transferred.

FACULTY

Dr. Clarence R. Jung died Feb. 9, 2007. He joined the University's economics department in 1966 and retired in 1992 as professor of economics emeritus. He continued to teach in the Robins School of Business and the School of Continuing Studies through 2003.

"He was a Boy Scout all his life," his wife, Barbara Jung, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "He was such a person who wanted to make people feel good." One way he accomplished that was playing piano with other members of the faculty in a band called Doctors of Jazz.

Jung graduated from DePauw University in 1947 and earned his Ph.D. in economics from Ohio State University in 1953, according to the *Times-Dispatch*.

"Clarence contributed greatly to the University," says Dr. Robert Schmidt, professor of economics. "He was beloved and respected by generations of students as well as faculty members throughout the University."

Dr. Ramsey G. Kleff died March 28, 2007. He taught political science at the University in the 1980s before joining the faculty of Virginia Union University, where he chaired the Department of Political Science and Public Administration and directed the Office of Civic Engagement.

Fluent in Hebrew, Arabic and English, Kleff was an expert on the Middle East and international terrorism, according to his obituary in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.



VANTAGE POINT

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS: LEADING AN 'ORGANIZED ANARCHY'

By Dr. Richard Morrill

As Dr. William Cooper prepares to pass the mantle of presidential leadership to Dr. Edward Ayers, this is an opportune time to reflect upon the position of university president.

There are differing views about presidential leadership in higher education, but much of the literature underlines the position's peculiar lack of authority. Some years ago, an important study by the Association of Governing Boards suggested that the college presidency "operates from one of the most anemic power bases in any of the major institutions in American society." The classic work in the field calls presidential leadership "an illusion" and the university an "organized anarchy." Presidents, for example, do not hire nor can they fire the faculty. They also operate within two systems of decision-making, one for academic concerns and one for administrative matters.

In most colleges, every major decision is made collaboratively and is subject to elaborate protocols of shared governance. Presidents have to answer for decisions over which they have little control, so responsibility often is divorced from authority. Off-campus constituencies—including local residents, public officials, donors and alumni—often feel a sense of ownership, and they demand to be involved.

Some observers say that these factors turn many presidents into "jugglers-in-chief" instead of leaders. I recall one Richmond Board of Trustees meeting with several contentious issues on the agenda and a group of students demonstrating around the lake for co-educational housing. One of the CEOs on the board whispered a comment that I

heard often, "I don't think I could do your job."

The same studies that describe the presidency often suggest ways to exercise presidential leadership. Given the metaphor of "organized anarchy," it is not surprising to hear the recommendation that presidents should be deft administrative tacticians. They should know how to play the peculiarities of shared governance to their own ends by delaying and deflecting the issues and by co-opting and distracting the opposition.

"The history of our University shows something of the power of strategic leadership."

Others suggest that knowing and celebrating the culture and history of a university is the first lesson for effective leadership. Still others emphasize the president's development of multiple skills, sensitivities and expertise in the political, administrative, collegial and interpretive domains.

I believe that one of the most important challenges of presidential leadership is to integrate its different dimensions into a coherent whole. It becomes a process of sense-making and sense-giving that is rooted in the narrative of a university's identity. When a university's vision for the future grows from its defining experiences and values, it can be

translated into strategic leadership, and a whole series of connections follow. Budgets and plans become unified. Goals and actions are fused. Resources are created and matched with needs, as legacy and change are interwoven.

The history of our University shows something of the power of strategic leadership, since Richmond has creatively balanced legacy and change from its earliest days. Yet through all its transformations—from seminary to college, from college to university, from regional to national—its story is coherent and moving. Its exquisite campus provides a unifying sense of place, and its educational purpose to transform minds and lives has never wavered.

The University connects diverse educational opportunities with exceptional skill. It combines the intimacy of a college with the resources of a university. The University's narrative shows collaborative leadership distributed widely in the pride, initiative, talent and engagement of our alumni, students, faculty and staff. Richmond does all this by keeping one of its defining values at the heart of its story—a sense of possibility that gives it the will to confront its weaknesses and the energy to accomplish great things. This sense of possibility has animated the life of the University and the aspirations of each of its presidents from the beginning, and I have total confidence that it always will.

Chancellor Richard Morrill served as the University's seventh president from 1988–98 and as distinguished university professor of ethics and democratic values from 1998–2004. His book, Strategic Leadership, is scheduled for publication later this year.



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"Because I came to Richmond on an Ethyl Scholarship, I was encouraged to contact faculty mentors and get involved in research right away, as a freshman. That helped me realize that I wanted to go to graduate school and spend my life in science. The independent research experience I gained at Richmond—as well as the fact that I had been published and knew what kinds of projects I envisioned doing in the future—enabled me to earn the Marshall Scholarship for two years of post-graduate study in the U.K. Thanks for making it possible."

Katē Weber '07



SPIDER SPIRIT

Abby Kingston, '07, (left) and Morgan Ruszczyk, '07, celebrate at commencement.



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