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SERVICE
Build It volunteers tackle Habitat home
The University is partnering with three local organizations to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Richmond's Highland Park neighborhood.

Students, faculty, and staff are building the house from the ground up in just eight weeks with a dedication planned for April 19. They are partnering with Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and Boaz and Ruth—an agency that engages people released from prison in community revitalization projects.

The collaboration is part of Build It, a sustained community-service initiative coordinated by the University's Bonner Center for Civic Engagement. To complement the house-building project, the Bonner Center is providing educational programs on affordable housing, access to credit, and related community issues.

Build It is "a powerful opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to work together with our community partner agencies and our Richmond neighbors," says President Edward Ayers.

For the past two years, Build It volunteers have worked in Highland Park, tutoring students in two schools, reading to children in pediatricians' waiting rooms, serving meals, and coaching youth athletic teams.

Their sustained efforts "develop long-term reciprocal community partnerships that create experiential learning opportunities for students while helping to fulfill unmet needs in the community," says Cassie Price, community initiatives and program coordinator for the Bonner Center.

The University has a long history of raising money for and building Habitat for Humanity homes. In 2003 and 2005, students, faculty, and staff built homes in one week.

CAMPUS
Ayers inauguration slated for April 11
The University will inaugurate President Edward Ayers on April 11 in the Robins Center. The entire University community—including all alumni—are invited, and the event will be webcast live.

Ayers became Richmond's ninth president on July 1, 2007, and has spent the past nine months meeting with and listening to all of the University's constituencies while developing a vision of Richmond's future. He will begin to outline that vision in his inaugural address.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, who became president of Harvard University on the same day that Ayers became president of Richmond.

Both Faust and Ayers are...
prominent historians of the American South. They will kick off the inaugural events on April 10 with a symposium titled "New Perspectives on the American Civil War."

For more information about the inauguration, visit inauguration.richmond.edu.

**New residence hall opens on the lake**

Lakeview Residence Hall opened in January overlooking Westhampton Lake adjacent to Marsh, Wood, and Thomas halls.

Lakeview is the first new residence hall to be built on campus in more than 25 years, the first phase of a campus-wide upgrade of student housing. During the next five or six years, Freeman, Jeter, North Court, Thomas, and Robins halls will be renovated.

Lakeview is a four-story building that can accommodate 141 students in three-person and four-person suites and some single rooms. Special features on the first floor include a multipurpose room, kitchen, group-study room, and computer room.

The University followed strict design and construction guidelines to make the building environmentally friendly, and has registered Lakeview for (LEED) certification. LEED stands for leadership in energy and environmental design, the national standard for designing, erecting, and operating green buildings.

**RESEARCH**

**Wright collects artifacts from black inventors**

When James Wright assigned a research project to his students 35 years ago, he had no idea it would lead to a life-long passion.

"The assignment was to find and research a black scientist," says Wright, director of MS!: Richmond, the University's summer program for rising ninth-graders in Richmond Public Schools. "It just seemed to me..."
that if you wanted more kids involved in the subjects of math and science, you needed to present them with images of themselves in those disciplines," he explains.

He began learning about African-American inventors and years later began collecting their artifacts. "A lot of the time, I could not get the original invention—rather, I have second, third, or even fourth generation versions of the original piece," he says.

Part of Wright's collection will be displayed at the Black History Museum in Richmond through July. He also has shown his collection at The Science Museum of Virginia and Shippensburg (Pa.) University.

His research has led him to rare treasures, such as Temple's Toggle, a harpoon modification made by Richmond native Lewis Temple in 1845, and ubiquitous toys, such as the Super Soaker, a high-powered squirt gun invented by Lonnie Johnson.

"There are just so many opportunities for that 'a-ha' moment during this exhibit," Wright says. He continues to experience those moments himself as his collection grows.

Choosing the best (wo)man for the job

When Hillary Clinton showed emotion during a campaign stop in New Hampshire, she was caught in a "double bind" that women leaders often encounter, says Dr. Crystal Hoyt, assistant professor of leadership studies.

"This double bind results from the need for women to demonstrate masculine, leader-like characteristics to be perceived as effective," she says, "but they can't be too masculine or people won't like them."

A new study by Hoyt finds that during times of war or terrorist threats, people of both genders are more likely to support leaders with masculine traits. It also notes that female leaders who don't display feminine attributes are not particularly well-received.

The study, "Choosing the Best (Wo)Man for the Job: The Effects of Mortality Salience, Sex, and Gender Stereotypes on Leader Evaluations," was written by Hoyt and two former students, Stefanie Simon, '07, and Lindsey Reid, '06. It will be published later this year in Leadership Quarterly.

KUDOS

BusinessWeek ranks MBA program 14th

BusinessWeek magazine has ranked the Robins School of Business M.B.A. program 14th in the country on its new list of "The Best Part-Time MBA Programs."

"This ranking confirms that a challenging curriculum can make a difference in the lives and careers of the region's most ambitious professionals," says Dr. Richard Coughlan, associate dean for graduate and executive programs at the Robins School.
M.B.A. programs are promoting instant gratification through rapid completion of the degree, our students have found real value in the opportunities we provide for rich conversation and deep thinking throughout an extended period of study.”

To generate the rankings, BusinessWeek identified finalists from among more than 300 programs and surveyed students who were preparing to graduate. It also considered the impact their M.B.A.s had on their salaries, the importance of the degree in achieving their goals, and a variety of measures of academic quality.

“We share these accolades with the business community of central Virginia,” says Dr. Jorge Haddock, dean of the Robins School. “We’re proud of the relationships we’ve built with the area’s best employers, who have strengthened the Robins School in so many ways.”

**Books**

**Strategic Leadership**
Chancellor Richard Morrill, president of UR from 1988–98, has written a book about strategy and leadership in higher education.

The book is “a must-read for presidents, aspiring presidents, senior institutional leaders, board members, and for students of higher education,” says Dr. Thomas Longin, executive editor of Planning for Higher Education.

“For some time now, strategy has been seen as one of the major disciplines of management,” says Morrill, who served as president of Centre College and Salem College before coming to Richmond. “I make the claim that it also can be practiced as a systematic process ... hence the term ‘strategic leadership.’”

**More faculty books**


Managing for Stakeholders: Survival, Reputation, and Success (2007). Dr. Andrew Wicks, and Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, professor of management. Ten concrete principles and seven practical techniques for managing stakeholder relationships.


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**Robins grant completes campus stadium funding**

The Robins Foundation has awarded a $5 million grant to help expand the University’s existing on-campus stadium into a multisport venue for football, lacrosse, soccer, and track. First Market Stadium currently hosts Richmond’s lacrosse, soccer, and track programs.

With the Robins Foundation grant, donations and pledges for the stadium exceed $25 million, enough to complete the project in 2010.

“I am deeply grateful for the Robins family’s extraordinary leadership and support, which has touched every area of the University,” says President Edward Ayers. “In this instance, it will foster continued excellence in intercollegiate athletics.”

The expanded stadium will hold a maximum of 8,700 spectators, approximately the same seating capacity as the Robins Center, home of Richmond’s men’s and women’s basketball teams. The University is working with the city of Richmond to secure a special-use permit to proceed with construction of the stadium. University officials expect it to be completed in time for the football team’s 2010 home opener.

In addition to more seating, stadium improvements will include upgraded landscaping, a new scoreboard, a state-of-the-art lighting system, and a sound system that will reduce the “splash” of sound outside the stadium.

“The Robins family is synonymous with the University of Richmond and Spider athletics,” says Jim Miller, director of intercollegiate athletics. “This grant from the Robins Foundation completes our fundraising efforts for the on-campus stadium and will have a significant positive impact on the University of Richmond. The on-campus stadium will not only enhance our athletic programs, but also provide a venue for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the local community to gather to celebrate their association with the University. We are grateful to the Robins Foundation for investing in Spider athletics.”

The Robins Foundation also awarded $3 million to fund the new Westhampton Center. (See story on page 17.)
Dr. Stephen Tallman (editor), professor of management. Emerging scholars provide fresh perspectives on international business strategies.

*New Deal Theater: The Vernacular Tradition in American Political Theater* (2007). Dr. Ilka Saal, assistant professor of English. How American political theater appealed to a broader audience by employing the everyday language of ordinary people.

*The Values of Presidential Leadership* (2007). Dr. Terry Price, associate professor of leadership studies, and Dr. Thomas Wren, associate professor of leadership studies. (editors). Presidential scholars from communication, history, law, philosophy, political science, and psychology explore the broader phenomenon of leadership.

**CULTURE**

**Lora Robins Gallery shows delectable art**

Contemporary artist Sue Johnson illuminates the intersection of food, marketing, and mass production in “Eating Wonderland” on display at the Lora Robins Gallery of Design From Nature through June 15.

The exhibit features paintings, collages, and ceramic castings of dinnerware and popular foodstuffs. It also includes “Incredible Edibles,” ceramic castings of nostalgic objects and figures related to eating, such as the Pillsbury Doughboy and Sprout, the young companion of the Jolly Green Giant.

“Eating Wonderland” was curated by Elizabeth Schlatter, deputy director and curator of exhibitions for University Museums, with assistance from the artist.

**Grammy nominators tap UR ensemble**

“Strange Imaginary Animals,” a CD by ensemble-in-residence eighth blackbird, has generated Grammy Award nominations for best chamber music performance, classical contemporary composition, and classical producer of the year.

The sextet earned one of five nominations for best chamber music performance for the entire CD. Composer Jennifer Higdon received the classical contemporary composition nomination for “Zaka,” one of the CD’s six tracks. And Judith Sherman was nominated for classical producer of the year for “Strange Imaginary Animals” and four other CDs.

The group takes its name from the eighth stanza of Wallace Stevens’ poem “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird.” The group organized in 1996 while its members were students at Oberlin Conservatory. They became UR’s ensemble-in-residence in 2005.

**Afro-funk fusion hits Camp Concert Hall**

Five-time Grammy nominee Angélique Kidjo will bring her “rhythmic Afro-funk fusion” to Camp Concert Hall on March 28.

Born in the West African nation of Benin, Kidjo start-
ed singing professionally at age six. She moved to Paris to escape political turmoil and is currently based in New York. Her latest release, "Djin Djin," was nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of best contemporary world album.

For more information about Kidjo's upcoming performance and other Modlin Center events, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

**UR’s Aquaman**

Dr. Christopher Stevenson, associate professor of chemistry, set three world records in the 40–44 age group at the Virginia Masters swim meet in December. He set backstroke records for 50, 100, and 200 meters.

Stevenson started swimming when he was 6 and competing when he was 8. He attended the University of North Carolina on a swimming scholarship. During his junior and senior years, he won all-American honors, and he was named the most outstanding swimmer in the Atlantic Coast Conference in his senior year.

While in college, Stevenson competed for Greece at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. "My mom is Greek, and I lived in Greece for three years," he explains. "I could compete because of my Greek heritage." He placed 12th in the 100-meter butterfly.

Stevenson joined the Florida Masters Swim Team while attending graduate school at the University of Florida. He became a member of the Virginia Masters Swim Team after joining Richmond's faculty in 1993. Masters swimming is organized by U.S. Masters Swimming, a nonprofit organization with more than 42,000 members.

"Chris's swimming has been impressive," says Matt Barany, Richmond's swimming coach. "His fitness level is incredible, yet the thing that the current Richmond swimmers and I respect about Chris's swimming is that he recognizes his strengths and continues to work on them. Even the best swimmers can fear working hard underwater because there isn't air down there. Chris is like a dolphin when he is underwater."

Brian Bortell, who bikes and swims with Stevenson, agrees with Barany's underwater analysis. "Chris has an amazing ability to swim underwater by just kicking. In fact, he can kick 50 yards faster than most competitive swimmers can swim it." "Chris is a pool rat," Bortell adds. "He can't get enough of it. He's more comfortable in the water than he is on dry land."

**Faculty**

**Hoyle named Virginia’s Professor of the Year**

Joe Hoyle, associate professor of accounting in the Robins School of Business, has been selected the Virginia winner in the U.S. Professors of the Year competition, sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Hoyle was selected for the honor from more than 300 top professors in the country, nominated by their colleges and universities. Winners were chosen from 40 states and the District of Columbia.

**Donors**

**Honor Roll update**

The winter issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine mistakenly omitted the names of 31 contributors in its “Honor Roll of Donors.”

The list of donors from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, should have included the following alumni:


The honor roll should have including the following parents of current students—Dr. and Mrs. Michael A. Englert and Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Hosking—and the following parents of alumni: Ms. Rebecca S. Breed, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander J. Capps Sr., Dr. Larry S. Cohen and Dr. Jayne Cohen, Mr. Marty P. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hawk, and Mrs. Alvin Lee Sheffield.

The list also should have included the following friends of the University: Ms. Roberta Cha, Ms. Janis Panpocket, Dr. and Mrs. Christian H. Sachs, Ms. Joan Todd, and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Vittone II.

Finally, the honor roll should have included Dr. Richard A. Mateer, the former dean of Richmond College.

“We apologize for these omissions,” says Molly Dean Bittner, the University’s assistant vice president for advancement. "Each donor is important to us, and we want to take every opportunity to thank them for their gifts."
Sophomore Collin McConaghy stops the Villanova quarterback.

**FOOTBALL**

**Checkmarks abound on Spiders’ to-do list**


The football team filled its 2007 season with one great accomplishment after another. Senior tailback Tim Hightower rewrote the UR rushing record books, but Richmond’s youth movement was perhaps the team’s biggest story.

The quarterback, Eric Wilcox, was a sophomore, and his favorite target, Kevin Grayson, was a freshman, as was electrifying kickoff return specialist Justin Rogers. The team’s top three tacklers were freshman Eric McBride and sophomores Collin McConaghy and Seth Williams.

Although the Spiders won 11 games, a midseason loss might have produced the season’s crucial moment. After winning three straight, including a victory over No. 11 New Hampshire, the Spiders struggled against last-place Towson. Richmond took the lead late in the game, but Towson drove the length of the field in 29 seconds to score the game-winning touchdown as time expired.

After the game, coach Dave Clawson told the team what he had been telling them all along: “Treat each week like a one-game season.” His players responded by beating Stony Brook, Rhode Island, James Madison, and Villanova. Then they traveled to Delaware to face the No. 6 team in Division I-AA.

The amazing game featured 10 lead changes, six ties, and 118 combined points in five overtimes. The Spiders won, 62-56, and advanced to the NCAA playoffs.

In the first two rounds, the Spiders beat Eastern Kentucky at home and Wofford on the road. Then they traveled to Boone, N.C., to face Appalachian State, the defending national champion that had beaten Michigan in “The Big House” to kickoff the 2007 season.

Appalachian State sprinted to a 28-7 lead, but Richmond tied the game 35-35 in the second half. But the Mountaineers ended the Spiders’ season by scoring the game’s final 20 points. Appalachian State advanced to the championship game and won its third-consecutive national title.

The young Spiders are regrouping under a new head coach and adding one more goal to their 2008 list—a national championship.

**UR hires London to coach football**

Mike London, R’83, has been hired to succeed Dave Clawson as head football coach. Clawson left UR to become offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee.

London is the first alumnus to lead the Spider football program since the late Ed Merrick, R’40, coached the team from 1951-65. Richmond will be London’s
first head-coaching position, following successful stints as an assistant coach at Richmond, William and Mary, Boston College, and Virginia. He also was an assistant coach for one year with the NFL Houston Texans. He spent six of the past seven seasons molding one of the nation's top defenses at Virginia. “The University of Richmond is a special place,” London says. “I chose Richmond as a player, started my collegiate coaching career here, and am honored to be ... its head coach.”

In his first remarks as Richmond’s head coach, London addressed his players. “I am a graduate of this school,” he said. “I’ve bled on the practice fields and the football field. I know what it takes to be a student-athlete at this university. It’s important to know your education is paramount to any success you might have later in life. This is my university. When you graduate, it’ll be your university, too. There’s something special about that.”

**HONOREES**

**UR Hall of Fame inducts Burdette**

The UR Athletics Hall of Fame has inducted the late Lew Burdette, R’49, six decades after he left the University to pursue a professional baseball career. Burdette won 203 games in 18 major league seasons. In 1957, he pitched the Milwaukee Braves past the New York Yankees in the World Series, holding the Yankees scoreless for 24 consecutive innings.

Other Hall of Fame inductees include:

- Curtis Blair, R’92, who led the men’s basketball team to a 73-69 triumph over Syracuse in the NCAA tournament. Blair scored 1,630 points in his career.
- Bill Jordan, R’53, who was a driving force behind Richmond’s track and field and cross-country programs for 40 years.
- Matt Joyce, ’94, a defensive lineman who never missed a game in his UR career. He also played 11 years in the NFL.
- Jaclyn Raveia Schmitt, ’01, who was named first team all-American following her senior season on the women’s soccer team.

The year’s “team of distinction” is the 2000 women’s soccer team. Coached by Peter Albright, the team defeated West Virginia, 5-1, in the NCAA tournament.

**Petillon plays in Sweden**

Amber Petillon, ’06, knows how to adjust. She began her college basketball career at Rutgers, then transferred to Richmond for her final two seasons. Now she plays professionally in Sweden.

“The European game in general is a bit different,” she says. “The biggest difference for me was the physical play allowed here in Sweden. ... I have adjusted and know now just how much I can bump someone in the paint.”

Last season, the 6-4 center made the Swedish all-star team after averaging 20 points and 11.5 rebounds a game for the Visby Ladies. This season, the New Jersey native plays for Stockholm, a Euro Cup team that competes internationally.

Petillon has made some adjustments off the court, as well. “I don’t have all the same luxuries I am used to having in the States, but on the flip side there are perks here in Sweden that aren’t in the States,” she says. “I do like all the mom-and-pop stores, but I’m not going to lie—sometimes I really want a venti white mocha with an extra shot.”

The UR graduate also misses her family, but she notes the Internet and Skype make it easier to stay in contact with her parents in New Jersey. She also has traveled to Denmark, France, Spain, Italy, Mallorca, and Portugal.

“Playing in Sweden, I miss warm weather, because I only get the cold winter months, but I’ve learned to bundle up,” she says. “The least thing I miss would be driving everywhere in the States. I enjoy walking around a lot more and using the good public transportation.”

Other former Spiders playing for women’s professional teams in Europe include Anna Grabias, a native of Poland who began this season with EKA AEL Limassol in Cyprus, and Mirna Maric, who began the 2007-08 season with a team in her native Croatia.

—David S. Driver
A TALES OF
The coordinate college system helps Richmond men and Westhampton women achieve their full potential.

By Karl Rhodes
Richmond College graduated its first men in 1849. Fifty years later, it graduated its first woman—Lulie Gaines Winston, R1899. "She stands first in all her classes," the yearbook admitted. "It makes the rest of us feel a little bad to say this, but the truth must [come] out."

Dr. Frederic Boatwright, R1888, president of Richmond College at the time, was a strong advocate of women's education. He initially favored coeducation over coordinate education, but he encountered opposition to the college's new policy of admitting women.

Meanwhile, the Virginia Baptists proposed building a separate college "for the highest education of women." They asked John D. Rockefeller's General Education Board for seed money, but Boatwright already had approached Rockefeller's organization for money to expand Richmond College. So F.T. Gates, president of the General Education Board, invited both groups to New York to consider a compromise.

"If you are to have two institutions, one for men and one for women, located in the same city and depending for financial support on the same constituency, the situation would not appeal to us," Gates stated. "If instead of two boards of management, you will commit both of these enterprises to one board ... the situation would greatly interest us."

Gates' words were recorded by R.H. Pitt, R1876, champion of a separate women's college. During the 100th anniversary celebration of the University of Richmond, Pitt and Boatwright agreed that their meeting with Gates was one of the most important events in the University's history. The coordinate college system was born.

**MAY KELLER**

The General Education Board agreed to contribute $150,000 if the Virginia Baptists would match it with $350,000. Even though Boatwright originally favored coeducation, he worked diligently to raise the money to open a coordinate college for women.

It took seven years to scrape together the funds. In the meantime, Boatwright found a site for both colleges in the Westhampton area west of Richmond. Then he looked for a dean.

"Boatwright was instructed to find a woman who held a doctorate and was a Baptist," wrote Pauline Turnbull in her biography of Dr. May Keller. That left only two qualified candidates south of the Mason-Dixon Line, and Keller was the obvious choice.

She was an English professor at Goucher College and the immediate past president of the Southern Association of College Women. Keller had earned a Ph.D. in Germanic philology from the University of Heidelberg, where she completed her doctoral dissertation in "Anglo-Saxon Weapons." She stood just four feet, 10 inches tall, but she was armed with keen intellect, high expectations, and indomitable spirit.

On Sept. 17, 1914, Westhampton College welcomed her first student, and Dr. Boatwright's dream became Miss Keller's responsibility," wrote Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, W'54 and G'73, in A Gem of a College. "Miss Keller knew exactly what she wanted. She established exceptionally high standards that forced students to "stretch mentally and physically to achieve their maximum potential."

Keller was equally demanding of Boatwright and the University's Board of Trustees. She advocated equal pay for female professors, and she decried disparities between the colleges, such as the lack of a library and gymnasium on the Westhamp-

"I do not consider the criticism of the trustees just in any particular, but recognize the fact that they have never considered women as having a right to express an opinion of their own."
to express an opinion of their own," she shot back. One day later, the board raised her salary.

During her 32-year tenure as dean, Keller created a college that instilled a progressive spirit in its students. She viewed women's education as the foundation that would empower women to compete on an equal footing with men.

Current Dean Juliene Landphair tries to infuse a little bit of May Keller into all Westhampton College students. The history of the college is vital, she says. "Recognizing the progressive nature of the Westhampton experience since 1914 helps us shape what we want for our students today."

MAY DAY
As a teenager, Jackie Kilby Brooks, W'55, was determined not to follow in her mother's footsteps. Her mother, Eva Ellis Kilby, graduated from Westhampton College in 1921, so Brooks would have to attend college elsewhere—perhaps Duke, she fantasized.

"But my mother was a very smart woman," Brooks recalls. "She brought me to Westhampton College in 1951 to see the May Day celebration, and after that, I changed my mind."

Brooks was mesmerized by the traditions she witnessed—the May Pole Dance, the May Court, and the Daisy Chain. "The whole Westhampton campus was dedicated to this event, and everyone was involved," she says.

During her four years at Westhampton, Brooks enjoyed the camaraderie that developed among her classmates. "We were a cohesive group, a small class, the last of the Depression babies," she recalls. Together with their big sisters from the Class of 1953, they competed against the sophomores and seniors in everything from athletic events to song contests.

"We had no solo voices in our class," she notes, "and I think that's why we did so well in the song contests. Our voices blended together." They won the event three years in a row.

Proclamation Night was another tradition that impressed Brooks. She does not recall writing a letter to herself—as current Westhampton students do—but she clearly remembers signing the honor pledge. "I felt very proud to be in a system where you had to not only look out for yourself but for everyone else as well."

Westhampton's tradition of self-government was especially important to Brooks. "It taught me to take responsibility then and as an adult," she says. "It helped me become aware of who I am and accept who I am." (See Vantage Point by Ellen Bradley, W'91, on page 48.)

As for the coordinate college system, Brooks says it was the best of both worlds. "Westhampton was like going to a women's college with the benefit of having the men across the lake."

WILL POWER
Brooks majored in math—taking many courses on the "men's side" of the lake. Her first job was with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a precursor to NASA, working with first-generation IBM computers.

IBM hired her in 1956, and she
Westhampton Lake has divided the colleges—and united the colleges—since 1914.

embarked upon a 31-year career with Big Blue, advancing steadily from consulting to managing to strategic planning. “I was among the first women to hold some of those positions,” she says. “The training I received at Westhampton College gave me the ability to hold my own in a male-dominated world.”

Even without May Keller in charge, courses at Westhampton College were more demanding than classes at Richmond College. So when the colleges completed their academic merger in 1978, Brooks was disappointed. But she viewed the change as a tough business decision.

“I try to see why things are done, and finances are usually the bottom point in most decisions,” she says. “I suppose they had to do that.”

Soon after the merger, Brooks helped Westhampton College secure funding from IBM to start a program called WILL (Women Involved in Living and Learning). Westhampton established the program to preserve single-sex academic opportunities for women and to help students build self-confidence.

“WILL students tend to graduate, as one alumna said, with the perspective of a 40-year-old woman,” Landphair notes. “That means that you are more sure of yourself, you are more confident, you understand that you have strong relationships, but you realize you have to pay attention to yourself a little bit.”

The program currently serves about 100 women and has been replicated by Duke and other universities nationwide. It includes coursework for a minor in women, gender, and sexuality studies plus co-curricular activities that delve into issues related to women, gender, and diversity. Promoting inclusive diversity is an overarching priority for Westhampton College and Richmond College.

GENDER MATTERS

Today the coordinate college system helps each student realize his or her highest potential in an environment that is attentive to gender differences.

The colleges maintain separate dean’s offices, student governments, traditions, gender-based programming, and residence life offices.

“You get a lot of personal attention from the different deans’ offices,” says Drew Howell, ’10, a Richmond College senator. “The people in the deans’ offices really know you.”

The same is true of the resident assistants, says Howell, who is an RA in Dennis Hall. Resident assistants in each college are attuned to gender-related issues. “Men have more policy problems, such as discipline or alcohol,” he says. “Women have more emotional problems, such
as eating disorders." Each college’s professional staff also is specially trained to recognize and respond to gender-related problems.

“The argument you hear increasingly is: ‘Women don’t need this stuff anymore. They are doing better than the guys. They make better grades,’” Landphair says. “The reality is gender still matters for things like self-confidence. Gender still matters in terms of relationship violence and sexual assault. Gender still matters in terms of women going into traditional and nontraditional fields.”

Westhampton responds to evolving developmental needs, Landphair notes, and it “continues to promote students’ intellectual and leadership skills in ways conceptualized by Dean Keller decades ago.”

Bridget Needham, ’08, says Westhampton College has had a profound impact on her life. “It is empowering to be in an organization composed entirely of women,” she says. “We talk a lot about being strong women and standing up for what we really feel is important.”

As president of the Westhampton College Government Association, Needham has benefitted from the extra leadership opportunities of separate student governments. For other students, the most empowering aspects of the coordinate college system might be a gender-related program, a strong role model in the dean’s office, a single-sex discussion group, or all of the above.

Student development varies by student, but common themes emerge. “Men and women mature differently,” says Joe Boehman, dean of Richmond College. “First-year women tend to come in more focused on what they want to do in life. Most men aren’t there yet, but they catch up quickly—usually by their junior or senior year. ... What I try to do is connect them with their passion and then connect that passion to a career path or at least an avocation.”

Boehman also challenges Richmond College students to consider the developmental aspects of what it means to be a man.

“That’s a tougher sell to the men,” he laughs. “They think we’re going to run around in the woods lighting fires and sharpening sticks.”

The RC Xtreme program offers rugged, outdoor experiences to first-year men, but students also may choose a more academic approach.

Howell, for example, helped organize a program called “Men in the Media: Examining Masculinity.” He and 30 fellow residents of Dennis Hall studied how movies such as the The Matrix and television shows such as Lost use various stereotypes to portray men.
LAKE EFFECT
Five years ago, the University began housing men and women on both sides of the lake, and alumni expressed concern that Westhampton College and Richmond College were losing their identities.

The University was responding to consistent complaints—mostly from female students—that the men's residence halls were closer to the library, the Robins Center, and the majority of classrooms and professors' offices. Their complaints were remarkably similar to those filed by May Keller in the 1920s, but the 21st century solution was not to replicate facilities on both sides of the lake. Instead, the University gave male and female students more housing options on either side.

"Until then, many students blamed the coordinate college system for limiting social opportunities with the opposite sex," Landphair says. "Now they are more willing to embrace the coordinate college system—not as two residential colleges—but as a way to connect and enhance their curricular and cocurricular experiences."

Single-sex residence halls remain prevalent, but the University now offers coed housing options. That pleases students and prospective students, but it concerns many alumni.

"As a student, I probably wouldn't have cared one way or the other," says John Moreau, R'64 and G'71. "But now, as a father and grandfather, it worries me."

Sharing similar concerns, the University requires first-year students to live in single-sex dorms, and it promotes single-sex housing for older students as well.

"There is a benefit to having your own space, where you can be you," says Boehman in defense of all-male residence halls. "If you need coed housing to meet women, then you seriously need to work on your game."

Boehman, however, reminds students and alumni that the coordinate college system is not about bricks and mortar. It's about helping students mature into strong men and strong women.

"The coordinate college system is changing and adapting to meet the challenges of 21st century college students," he says. "We are not losing the coordinate college system even though we now have men and women living on the same side of the lake."

RC TRADITIONS
Students and alumni may disagree about housing arrangements, but they share a deep appreciation for the coordinate college system.

"It is part of the University that people don't know about coming in, but it's a big part of our identity," Howell says. "It's more than just a tradition."

The unique traditions of each college, however, are vital to passing on the coordinate college system to each new generation.

"One of the University's most enduring traditions is Richmond College itself," Boehman says. "Our alumni express this tradition as fellowship among a handful of lifelong friends or a connection with a faculty member or an administrator."

For Moreau, the best Richmond College tradition has been the strength of its deans over the
years. Former Dean Clarence Gray introduced Moreau to his current wife, and the deans who followed him—Dr. Richard Mateer, Dr. Steve Bisese, and Dr. Joe Boehman—are "so special," he says. "They are caring people and strong male role models."

New traditions include Richmond College's Living and Learning programs. These programs give freshmen the opportunity to live with fellow first-year men who share common interests such as leadership (Spinning Your Web), outdoor adventure (RC Xtreme), international culture (Explore UR World), and the arts (RC ArtStart).

Men are inducted into Richmond College during a ceremony called Investiture. The Richmond College Student Government Association president carries the University's mace in a procession that leads to the chapel, where freshmen sign the honor pledge and listen to speeches by representatives of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

**WC TRADITIONS**

Women are inducted into Westhampton College during Proclamation Night. They sign the honor pledge and write letters to themselves about their expectations for the next three years. They return at the beginning of their senior year to read those letters and to initiate the incoming class.

"Students feel varying degrees of affinity for Westhampton College, but it really sinks in for seniors at Proclamation Night," Needham says. "We have our class picture taken about an hour before the ceremony, and you get a sense that we are all part of the Westhampton community."

Another important tradition is Ring Dance, a rite of passage for Westhampton juniors, who are escorted down the grand staircase of the Jefferson Hotel to form a giant W on the rotunda floor.

Each Westhampton class puts its stamp on the college's traditions, but some Westhampton traditions—such as "ratting" first-year students—are gone for good. (Ratting was generally good-natured hazing perpetrated by sophomores.) "And I haven't heard anything recently about panty raids at Westhampton College," laughs Moreau. "We had a lot of fun with that—until they brought in the police dogs."

Other Westhampton traditions—such as the daisy chain—have been incorporated into Ring Dance and Proclamation Night.

"I know that May Day has really changed," says Brooks of the tradition that first attracted her to Westhampton College. The spring celebration is now called Bellisfest. (Bellis is the Latin word for daisy.) And instead of the May Court—which was one-part beauty contest—students elect a Leadership Court.

That is good news to Moreau. "What a wonderful way to keep the tradition," he says, "by doing something better with it."

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**Westhampton Center**

The Robins Foundation recently awarded a $3 million grant to help construct a new building adjacent to the existing Westhampton College Deanery that will serve as the foundation for the Westhampton Center project.

The project includes the existing Deanery, the new building, and a range of new programs and resources specially designed to meet the needs of women students. The gift will allow the University to move forward with the new building, while it continues to raise funds to support the new services.

"For nearly 40 years, the Robins family has stepped forward with remarkable generosity at pivotal moments in the University's history," says President Edward L. Ayers. "I am deeply grateful for the Robins family's extraordinary leadership and support, which will foster the continued vitality of Westhampton College."

The total cost of constructing the Westhampton Center and offering new programs is $10 million. With the Robins Foundation grant, the total raised for the project now exceeds $4.5 million in gifts from nearly 150 donors, including both Westhampton alumnae and students. The new building is scheduled for completion in 2010.
Jamal, a third-grader at Glen Lea Elementary School, loved coming to the Youth Life Learning Center, an after-school program for children from Delmont Plaza, a subsidized apartment complex on Richmond’s north side.

He clearly benefitted from the tutoring and mentoring program, but his attendance was sporadic, and when he did show up, he often fell asleep.

The learning center’s founder, Heather Brown Goodlett, ’94, had quit her job as a reading specialist at Glen Lea so she could work more closely with children like Jamal. His family life was so chaotic that no one woke him each morning or sent him to bed at an appropriate time. After missing school, he sometimes tried to sneak into the after-school program, but only students who went to school that day could attend.

So the learning center bought Jamal an alarm clock, showed him how to use it, and told him he would have to be responsible for going to bed earlier. From that day on, he started making it to school—and to the Youth Life Learning Center.

Goodlett is one among thousands of K-12 teachers UR has trained over the years. Richmond graduates good teachers, but more importantly the University produces passionate educators who strive to make a big difference in children’s lives.
UR’s Department of Education was on the chopping block 10 years ago, but the University’s faculty and alumni rallied to save it. They sent a clear message “that part of the undergraduate mission should be to prepare teachers,” recalls Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt, who chairs the department.

The results have been overwhelmingly positive. K-12 teachers educated at Richmond are in high demand, and several have won prestigious local and national teaching awards in recent years.

In addition to the traditional undergraduate approach, the University’s School of Continuing Studies launched a teacher licensure program in 2000 for people with undergraduate degrees who want to become K-12 teachers. In the past five years, 256 students have graduated from the licensure program, and 125 students have graduated from the traditional program.

One of the strengths of the undergraduate program is that nearly 70 percent of its students study abroad for a full semester or a whole summer, Stohr-Hunt says. “The students are much more grounded and have a better sense of their place in their world. ... I think that helps a lot when they are teaching.”

The program also prepares students for the diversity they will encounter in the real world and how it will affect their teaching.

THE K-12 CALLING
At Richmond, Goodlett majored in speech communication and specialized in early childhood education. She always wanted to be a teacher, but she was not sure where exactly that desire would lead. Like many of Richmond’s alumni teachers, she views K-12 education as more of a calling than a career.

Goodlett opened the Youth Life Learning Center in 2003, and her nonprofit organization plans to open a second center this year in Richmond’s north side. The mission is to develop leaders by making long-term investments in at-risk children in kindergarten through ninth grade.

The learning center works closely with Glen Lea Elementary School. Unlike many after-school programs, it hires certified teachers or sends them to school to get certified. The center currently has 28 students and two full-time teachers.

About 50 mentors volunteer at the center during any given month. Some are educators, while others are college students or business people. The center requires mentors to commit for at least one year.

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is critical to its success, she emphasizes. "If you want to see a quick fix, this is not the program to be in. It takes years to undo some of the [negative] thought processes, but it’s worth it when I see our ninth-graders who have come through all that.”

BORN TO TEACH?
Kenny Graves, ’09, is majoring in English with minors in secondary education and Spanish. He has wanted to be a teacher as long as he can remember.

“My mom still has pictures of me in our basement at a chalkboard,” Graves says. “I have teachers on both sides of my family, so my parents were not surprised when I developed a passion for it.”

UR’s education department was one of the most important factors that attracted Graves to Richmond. Faculty members are always available and willing to help students become the best teachers they can be, he says.
“Instead of facilitating a mere teacher-student relationship, the faculty works with students to become colleagues in the field of teaching. I feel very prepared to enter the classroom, not only as an instructor, but also as a role model.”

The Upper Marlboro, Md., native initially planned to become an elementary school teacher, but as he grew older, he says, “the secondary level really intrigued me.” After graduation, Graves plans to head straight to the classroom to gain experience. His ultimate goal, however, is to become a college professor and prepare other teachers to reach in K-12 classrooms.

Erin McCracken, ’05, also hopes to teach in a university education department or psychology department someday. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in risk and prevention in education sciences at the University of Virginia. The research-based program concentrates on “at-risk children and policies that affect them,” says McCracken, who is focusing her research on mass instruction and teacher quality.

A native of Paxton, Mass., McCracken majored in psychology with minors in education and studio art at UR. She also taught at a free alternative school for students from low-income families in Ecuador during her undergraduate experience. After graduating from Richmond, McCracken declined a Fulbright grant to teach in Malaysia and accepted a position with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, where she taught elementary and middle school English for two and a half years.

Growing up in a small New England town, she was unaware of some of the issues facing at-risk students. Her experience teaching around the world made her realize there are similar problems everywhere, particularly when it comes to poverty and motivation.

McCracken did not know she wanted to be a teacher until she took an introduction to education class at Richmond.

“The teacher education program is very strong, and almost everyone who graduates is in high demand,” she says. “Even though the program is really small, it is very rigorous.”

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Time is a great teacher, and teachers with more life experiences have better answers to the inevitable K-12 question of “Why do we have to learn this?”

Life experiences abound among students in Richmond’s teacher licensure program. It has attracted everyone from a classical guitarist to a seaweed farmer.

“Our preparation centers on teaching how to teach, or pedagogical skills,” says Dr. Catherine Fisher, director of the program. “Our students already have the passion to teach because they have made this decision after having experiences in...
life that help them understand the need to contribute to society."

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree, but many have master's degrees, and three or four have doctorates. They need 33 credit hours for elementary school certification or 30 credit hours for secondary school certification. Most people in the program are in their late 20s to mid-40s.

"As a classroom teacher ... I can make a difference in how kids view the world and humanity."

Richmond native Ben Allred completed the program in 2004. He always wanted to be a teacher, but in this 20s and 30s, he worried that teaching would not pay well enough. So he spent seven years as a fundraiser for non-profit organizations and three years as a trust accountant.

Finally, he was ready to pursue his dream of teaching. He took night classes in UR’s licensure program for two and a half years while being a stay-at-home dad to his two daughters. The program was rigorous, but Allred says professors were sensitive to the fact that most of the participants were not traditional students.

"I was 40 at the time and was apprehensive," he recalls. "Could I still handle the rigors of schoolwork?"

Allred also was concerned about competing against experienced educators for a job.

His first interview was at Pocahontas Middle School in Henrico County, Va. He says Richmond’s reputation for developing outstanding teachers made the difference.

"When I sat down with the principal, I explained what the UR licensure program was all about, how rigorous it was, and gave him examples of my work," Allred says. "That’s what pushed me over the top."

Allred is now in his fourth year teaching seventh-grade social studies at the school. When he tells people he teaches middle school, their first response is often, "Oh ... I’m sorry."

Middle school kids drive most adults crazy, Allred concede. But "they’re intelligent and energetic, and there’s never a dull moment. ... These kids are watching CNN, C-SPAN, the History Channel, and Discovery Channel," he says. "It’s like carrying on a conversation with little adults—who don’t behave particularly well."

Allred won the school’s first-year teacher award. "I’ve never enjoyed a job as much as this one," he says. "I work harder at this than any other job I’ve had before, but I’m doing what I love."

LEAD TEACHER

Other Richmond alumni teachers have completed licensure programs elsewhere. Christopher Poulos, ’97, a graduate of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, earned his teaching credentials from Connecticut’s Alternate Route to Certification Program.

Last year, he was selected from a field of 48,000 teachers as Connecticut Teacher of the Year.

Poulos teaches Spanish at Joel Barlow High School in Redding, Conn. He encourages students to immerse themselves in Spanish language and culture by volunteering for organizations where Spanish is spoken. During the summer, he takes student groups to Costa Rica to work on community service projects. His first year on the job, Poulos also completed a master’s degree in Spanish from Columbia University.

At Richmond, Poulos minored in Spanish and business, and he put a lot of thought into what he wanted to do in the real world. "I could go to work in Washington as a bureaucrat, I could get a job at a bank ... or I could do something different," he reasoned.

His liberal arts education pointed him toward community service, so he joined the Peace Corps and worked for two years in Guanajato, Honduras, where he did everything from helping children..."
Christopher Poulos, '97, (bottom right) and his students expanded a library in Costa Rica.

with science projects to training farmers. The rural village had about 400 residents, 40 houses, and no electricity.

“They made $800 a year for a family, and when I walked by their houses, they’d invite me in,” Poulos recalls. “They were poor people, but very sincere and genuine.”

Today, Poulos brings that experience into the classroom. “As a classroom teacher, you have that ability to promote that culture in the classroom,” he says. “I can make a difference in how kids view the world and humanity.”

RISKS AND REWARDS
In February 2008, Goodlett stepped down as executive director of the Youth Life Learning Center to spend more time with her growing family.

She plans to remain active on the board and as a volunteer, and she expects to be at Delmont Plaza more often, now that she will not be as busy with administration and fundraising.

Over the years, many Delmont residents have become like family to her. They attended her wedding two years ago to Raymond Goodlett, a campus minister with Every Nation Campus Ministries at UR. Shaphana was the guest book attendant, and Miguel—a boy everyone once wrote off as “too difficult”—handed out programs.

Things have improved somewhat at Delmont Plaza. Its new managers have spruced up the apartments, but it’s still a dangerous place for a child, or a teacher for that matter.

“We just had a bullet come through a window at the learning center during the holiday season,” Goodlett says. “Thankfully we were out for the holidays.”

Teaching is tough enough in affluent school districts. In disadvantaged neighborhoods, the risks are greater, but so are the rewards.

“If I had known how difficult the past five years would be, I don’t know if I would have signed up for it,” Goodlett admits. “But I’m glad I did, because in the past five years, I’ve seen so many positive things happen in people’s lives [including] my own.”

And what about Jamal, the little boy who had to set his own alarm clock? He moved to Tennessee and is succeeding in the seventh grade.

“He’s athletic and he’s thriving,” Goodlett says. “His teachers say he’s brilliant.”

Editor’s notes: Heather Goodlett asked the magazine to omit Jamal’s real name in this story. Pamela Babcock is a freelance writer based in the New York City area. Send comments about this story to krhodes@richmond.edu.

Leadership in Education

The University’s Center for Leadership in Education, a partnership between the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the School of Continuing Studies, has formed two programs to enhance K-12 leadership in the Richmond area.

Fifty assistant principals from local public schools are enrolled in the center’s Next Generation Leadership Academy, which opened in 2004. Sessions feature University faculty members and other experts speaking on group dynamics and leadership, ethics and leadership, communication and leadership, and equity and race in schools.

The National Association of Counties recently recognized the academy with an award for crossing jurisdictional boundaries. The academy’s current class comes from schools in Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico counties, and the city of Richmond.

More recently, the Center for Leadership in Education formed a partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University called Edulead to provide additional leadership-development opportunities to public school systems in the Richmond area. In December 2007, Edulead received a $273,486 contract to help develop leaders for the Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program.
pivotal point in the life of Sean Casey, '95, came at age 13, when he and a friend were caught shoplifting baseball cards. His father handed him a dictionary and ordered him to look up "greed," "selfish," and "thief."

Casey still recalls the lecture: "It's because of people like you—who steal—that people don't have jobs. Taxes go up. Companies go out of business. ... Your actions affect so many other people."

The experience changed Casey. He began to realize that one person's actions really could make a difference. Resolved to do better, he grew up to become widely known as the nicest guy in baseball. The veteran firstbaseman is an outstanding role model. He gives generous amounts of time and money to people in need. He even bear-hugs sportswriters.

"I think the world of the guy," says Hal McCoy, a sportswriter for the Dayton Daily News who covered Casey during his days with the Cincinnati Reds. Even after Casey was traded to Pittsburgh and then to Detroit, he would seek out McCoy whenever he was in town with one of his new teams. He always gave McCoy a big hug. "I have never heard him say a bad word about anybody," says McCoy. "The world is his friend."

McCoy has written that Casey is "the nicest guy in baseball—ever." His assessment comes from firsthand experience, but it has become the consensus throughout the game. Other sportswriters and sportscasters concur, and his fellow players share the sentiment. In May 2007, he was voted the "friendliest player in baseball" by a wide margin in a Sports Illustrated poll of 464 players. He received 46 percent of the votes. The first runner-up got 7 percent.

Casey also is known as "the mayor" because of his chattiness at first base when runners stop there. What does he talk about? "I have so many different conversations about so many different things, it's just unbelievable," Casey says. "How's the family? How are you swinging?"

GROWING HEART

When the Detroit Tigers chose not to re-sign Casey after the 2007 season, he responded by publicly thanking the club for bringing him to Detroit and giving him the opportunity to play in the 2006 World Series.

In an era of prima donna professional athletes, Casey operates in a higher realm of decency. In Lawrence, Mass., for example, he helped create and finance Cor Unum Meal Center, a $1.5 million facility that serves 600 meals every day to impoverished people. The meal
Sean Casey (left) makes baseball more fun for everyone.
center, which opened in 2006, is the brainchild of Rev. Paul O’Brien, a longtime friend.

O’Brien and Casey met through Jamie Cappetta, ’97, a college teammate who knew O’Brien while growing up in Concord, Mass. Casey and O’Brien got to know each other better during the summer Casey played in the Cape Cod League for college players.

“We keep very up-to-date,” O’Brien says. “So he knew from the time I started in Lawrence that, among all of the social issues we’ve got here, hunger was an obvious one.”

When O’Brien proposed a meal center, Casey wrote one of the first checks. Much of the rest of the money came from Labels Are for Jars, a project that combines the sale of thought-provoking T-shirts packaged in jars later used to collect donations to feed the hungry. Casey is active in that organization, too.

Last season, during a Tigers road trip to Boston, Casey spent a morning at the meal center serving breakfast and greeting diners.

“It is so cool,” Casey says. “It’s literally like a nice restaurant. People who don’t have food can go there and feel at home and be served.”

Enthusiasm and generosity seem to come naturally to Casey. He credits his Christian faith and the idea that when much is given, much is expected. “When you give back to people,” he says, “that’s when your heart really grows.”

**A SPECIAL PERSON**

Casey was a good baseball player in high school, but by his senior year, his hopes of playing big-time college baseball were fading. He wrote letters to 30 Division I coaches, asking for a chance. Only Richmond responded. Mark McQueen, now Richmond’s head baseball coach, drove six hours to Pittsburgh to scout Casey, who responded with four doubles and eight RBI.

As good as Casey’s hitting was, meeting him after the game was even better, McQueen recalls. “He was genuinely grateful for the effort we had made to come watch him.”

Casey came to Richmond on a $1,000 scholarship. He hit .405 during his college career, driving in 158 runs in 158 games. In 1995, he led the Spiders to the NCAA East Regional and the program’s first win in the NCAA tournament. He earned second team all-American honors that year and won the NCAA batting title with an average of .461.

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“Getting Sean to come to Richmond was one of the best things that ever happened for our baseball program and our University,” McQueen says. “He’s truly a special person.”

The admiration is mutual. “Looking back, Richmond was such a steppingstone for me, not just for my career but for my life,” Casey says. He majored in speech communications, which has come in handy during media interviews and speaking engagements.

Casey was three semesters shy of graduating when the Cleveland Indians selected him in the second round of the Major League Baseball draft. To complete his degree requirements, he returned to UR during three different off-seasons, including the spring following his first season in the big leagues. He graduated in 1998.

“I owe a lot to the University of Richmond,” he says. “I don’t ever take for granted how privileged and honored I was to have graduated from there.”

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

Casey has lived his dream of playing major league baseball. He is a career .300 hitter. He has played in three all-star games and one World Series (batting above .500 and hitting two home runs in Detroit’s loss to St. Louis). And in 1999, he won the Hutch Award for honor, courage, and dedication to baseball.

After 11 seasons, he knows he is nearing the end of his career. He figures he has another year, maybe two. He recently signed a one-year contract with the Boston Red Sox.

“I still love the game. I just don’t love the travel,” he admits.

Casey and his wife, Mandi, have three young children. He wants to coach his kids when they start playing sports and generally be home as they grow up.

After he is done playing, he says he might try to stay in baseball as an instructor or a broadcaster. He has even considered venturing into politics. Would the mayor really run for public office?

“Maybe,” he says, but “I wouldn’t count on it.”

Either way, his friend the priest, Paul O’Brien, has a hunch about his old buddy: “Sean’s commitment to young people is real ... as is his commitment to the economically poor. People should stay tuned. Sean Casey may turn out to be a much more interesting person once he retires from baseball.”

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Casey mans the kitchen at Cor Unum Meal Center sporting his "Labels Are for Jars" T-shirt.
BOOKS

The Middle Place

There was standing room only in the Brown-Alley Room when Kelly Corrigan, W'89, brought her national book tour to the Richmond campus. One week off the press, her first book, *The Middle Place*, had debuted at No. 23 on The New York Times Best Sellers list.

The memoir hit stores in January under Hyperion's Voice label. Barnes and Noble is featuring the book in its Discover Great New Writers Program, and the January issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine* called it "funny, scary and irresistibly exuberant" in a full-page plug. *The Middle Place* also was recommended by Elle, Good Housekeeping, and Glamour magazines.

Corrigan was diagnosed with stage-three breast cancer in 2004, an experience that altered her perception of what it means to be a daughter and a mother at the same time. Feeling more like a child than an adult, she instinctively called home to her parents. The plot thickened when her father was diagnosed with his second recurrence of cancer.

*Richmond Alumni Magazine* published portions of Corrigan's story in the spring 2006 issue in a feature called "The Circus of Cancer." (See magazine. richmond.edu/spring2006.)

Other alumni books


*Field Guide to Office Technology*. Ed Sobey, R'69. Trivia and background on everything from water coolers to laser printers.

*Deadrise and Cross-planked*. My Chowning, R'72. A history of wooden deadrise boat building and its role in Chesapeake Bay culture.


*The Landings at Susla Bay, 1915*. Michael Mortlock, G'94. An in-depth analysis of British failure in the Gallipoli Campaign during World War I.


CONNECT

Update your e-mail

The University is continuing its efforts to obtain current e-mail addresses of alumni.

To receive the latest news and special messages from President Edward Ayers, update your alumni profile on UROnline.net, a password-protected Web site that connects alumni to the University and each other.
NOTABLES

Spider sailor bound for summer Olympics

Sarah Mergenthaler, '01, of New York and Amanda Clark will represent the United States in 470-class sailing at the summer Olympics in Beijing after winning the U.S. Olympic Trials in Long Beach, Calif.

The trials were a tight competition through the first 12 races, but Mergenthaler and Clark turned it up a notch in their final three races to win the women's division by 14 points. They also finished three points ahead of the top men's team.

The trials were the first to combine men's and women's 470-class teams in the same races. Mergenthaler and Clark finished first overall in four of 15 races and placed first among the women's teams in nine of them.

Qualifying for the Olympics was their first goal. Now they are focused on winning a medal. During the next three months, they plan to train and compete in Spain, Italy, France, and Germany, followed by one month of preparation in China leading up to the Olympic Games Aug. 8–21. They post progress reports at teamgosail.org.

While at Richmond, Mergenthaler played soccer and was a two-time conference champion in the javelin. She also won the Fannie Crenshaw Scholarship for excellence in the classroom and in athletics. She graduated with a double major in business administration and sport management.

Times-Dispatch honors Howard's achievements

The Richmond Times-Dispatch recently recognized A.E. Dick Howard, R'54 and H'84, among its "Virginians of Achievement in the 20th Century."

Howard was executive director of the commission that wrote Virginia's current constitution and directed the referendum campaign to ratify it. He is the White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia and one of five Rhodes Scholars who are graduates of Richmond.

"A legendary professor in Charlottesville, Howard has also spent much time advising emerging democracies around the globe about how to write their own constitutions," wrote Brent Tarter in the Times-Dispatch.

“These countries include Brazil, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Albania, Malawi, and South Africa. The structure of democracy was invented by Orange County’s James Madison, and it is fitting that neighboring Albemarle’s Howard continues the tradition.”

Connect with classmates

Reunion Weekend

Apri 11–13

If your class year ends in 3 or 8, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in April. This year’s reunion will coincide with the inauguration of President Edward Ayers on April 11 in the Robins Center. To register for your reunion, go to UROnline.net or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8. For more information about Reunion Weekend go to UROnline.net.

Homecoming 2008

Oct. 24–26

This year’s homecoming will feature classroom lectures, departmental open houses, football against Georgetown, a pre-game picnic, zero-year reunion for the Class of 2008 and a young grad reunion for classes 1999–2008. For more information, visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office at homecomingweekend@richmond.edu or (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

Regional chapter events

Year-Round

For information about alumni chapter events in your area, visit UROnline.net and click on “Regional Alumni Chapters,” or call Sarah Shear in the alumni office at (804) 289-8473.

UROnline.net

Any time

This password-protected Web site connects alumni to the University and each other. UROnline.net carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows members to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events, career networking features, and permanent e-mail forwarding.
Douglas Lees. R'72, won a 2007 Media Eclipse Award with this photo.

Lees wins top prize for steeplechase photo
Douglas Lees, R'72, of Warrenton, Va., won the 2007 Media Eclipse Award for Photography with a picture of jockey Will Haynes and his horse, Navesink View.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association presents Media Eclipse Awards each year to recognize outstanding media coverage of thoroughbred racing. Lees previously won the association's top photography award in 1978.

"I'm just blown away to win again," Lees says. "The most important thing about this photo is that both the horse and the rider were all right after the spill."

The photograph was first published in the Fauquier Times-Democrat.

Patsy Garrett Kokinacis, W'41, played Mary Gruber in Benji movies.

‘Cat chow lady’ wins founders award
Patsy Garrett Kokinacis, W'41, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., received the 2007 Founders Award from the California Desert Chorale in Palm Desert, Calif.

Known professionally as Patsy Garrett, Kokinacis has enjoyed a long and prolific career as a comedic actress. For many years, she danced the cha-cha-cha with various cats in Purina's classic cat chow commercials. People still ask her if she is "the cat chow lady."

In addition to acting in commercials, Kokinacis has appeared in dozens of movies and television shows. She starred as Mary Gruber in the first two Benji movies and played Mrs. Fowler, the nosy neighbor in Nanny and the Professor.

She was nominated for an Emmy Award for a guest-star appearance on Sanford and Son, and she appeared briefly in many other TV shows in the 1960s and 1970s, including My Three Sons, Ben Casey, Maude, Columbo, The Waltons, All in the Family, and Room 222.

Loving receives medal for Vietnam mission
John Loving, R'67 and GB’71, of Raleigh, N.C., has received a Silver Star for gallantry in action during a covert military operation near the Vietnam-Cambodia border in 1969.

Loving accompanied a group of South Vietnamese soldiers with orders to attack a Viet Cong outpost in Cambodia. They were greeted at the border by heavy gunfire and mortar attacks, and the South Vietnamese troops ran for cover while Loving and another American, Mack Rice, helped evacuate four injured soldiers.

"Loving got three medals from the South Vietnamese, including one for the operation in Cambodia, but for years heard nothing about
the Silver Star," according to a recent story in the Raleigh News & Observer. The subject came up a few years ago when Loving interviewed Rice for a book. (Rice had received a Bronze Star.) Loving inquired about his medal, and received it in January after getting support from members of Congress and a statement from a lieutenant colonel who was familiar with the mission.

**Schuler lands role on CBS soap opera**

Actress Chauntce Schuler, '03, is back in the spotlight as Bonnie McKechnie, convicted killer turned helpful lawyer, in *As the World Turns.* Schuler and Joshua Walker, '03, were the runners-up in the wedding competition on NBC's *Today* show in 2006. After a quiet wedding in UR's Perkinson Recital Hall, Schuler returned to playing the lead role of Nala in Disney's touring production of *The Lion King.* Previously, she had starred in an international tour of *The Producers.* Now she is a regular on a CBS soap opera that has aired since 1956.

"Some people look down on soap operas, but they have a great tradition on television," she told *The Free Lance-Star* in her hometown of Fredericksburg. "These stories following families through time are a tradition dating back to Shakespeare."

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CLASS OF ’38

CLASS OF ’40
Jack R. Noffsinger, R, delivered the 50th anniversary sermon at Knollwood Baptist Church in Westmoreland, N.C., on Sept. 9, 2007. He served as the church’s pastor for more than 30 years before retiring in 1988. Jack is a former professor of New Testament and religious activities director at Richmond College. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Winston-Salem.

CLASS OF ’41
Martha Beam de Vos founded a 1946 Alumni Bulletin with a class notes section titled “The War Is Over and the Boys Are Home.” It contained news of weddings, new jobs, and homecomings with husbands.

CLASS OF ’42
Winnifred House Gill and her husband, Dan, traveled extensively and spent many years in Washington, D.C., where he worked for the government. Now that he is limited by health problems, Winnifred keeps busy taking care of their house and property.

CLASS OF ’43
When I last called Molly Warner Stephenson, she had gone to a Christmas Bazaar, and her husband, Jim, brought me up to date on their activities. That afternoon Molly planned to attend an AAUW meeting. Since my own membership in AAUW spans more than 55 years, I was pleased to hear that. They still play duplicate and rubber bridge at a several-assisted-living facilities.

CLASS OF ’44
I. Ray Baker, R, is retired and lives in Poquoson, Va., with his wife, Norma. He volunteers twice a week at a local elementary school and plays piano at several assisted-living facilities.

Jean Grant Andrews, W, lives in a retirement community in Seminole, Fla. Her son, Richard Grant, is an attorney, and his wife, Mary, is head of a girls’ school in Pittsburgh. Jean has two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Frances Wiley Harris, W, lives in Rumson, N.J. Her daughter, Beverly, recently moved in with her.

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Making up the difference
Paul Atwell, R'51

Sixty years ago, Paul Atwell’s high school football coach told Richmond recruiters that Atwell weighed 180 pounds and was still growing. He tried to gain weight during the summer, but he stayed at 175, so he made up the difference with two thick sweaters and weights in his pockets.

Atwell played four seasons at center and served as president of his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, but when graduation rolled around, he was a few credits short of a business degree. He intended to make up that difference, too, but he got married and was called up from the Army Reserves.

After his military service in Hawaii, Atwell went into the furniture business.

Eventually, he became president of two furniture companies in his native North Carolina. His second wife, Rebecca, had a keen eye for color, style, and dimension, and proved invaluable as they traveled extensively throughout Europe and Southeast Asia developing new products for their import firm.

“We saw a lot of dusty factories, along with historic and exotic places,” he recalls. “It’s been a good life and a happy life, and much of that is attributable to the city of Richmond and the University of Richmond.”

Soon after he retired in 2005, Atwell received a letter from the University saying it was offering honorary bachelor’s degrees to students whose educations were interrupted by military service during the Korean War or Vietnam War. He accepted that honorary degree last year and asked what it would take to finish his academic degree.

After reviewing his records, the University allowed him to make up the difference by taking two courses at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro near his home. He enjoyed the experience so much that he is now auditing three more courses, and he plans to walk across the stage with Richmond’s Class of 2008 at commencement in May.

—Betty Van Iersel

to lose track of any of our classmates.

This letter is being sent from Boston, where I am visiting Fleet and her family. I also expect to see Tom while I’m here. The weather is quite a change from the sunny South!

Please send me a note.

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Richard N. Baylor, Jr. is co-founder and medical director of the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic in Kilnamock, Va. The clinic delivers health care services worth more than $5 million each year.

J. Ralph Noonkester, R, served as president of William Carey University for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1989. He and his wife were honored by the university last fall with the naming of the Ralph and Naomi Noonkester School of Arts and Letters. They live in Hattiesburg, Miss.

John P. Oliver, R, is a retired minister and a former chairman of the school board in Warren County, Va. Last spring he was invited to speak at the last baccalaureate service to be held at Warren County High School. John and his wife, Margaret, live in Richmond.

CLASS OF ’46

I have talked with several of our classmates in the past few days. One of them was Peggy Clark Bowdler, who says she and her husband, William G. Bowdler, R'48, are “chugging along” in Sharps, Va. Peggy’s mother and father lived there while she was at Westhampton. You may remember that Peggy’s husband was an ambassador in the Diplomatic Corps. Their travels have included Guatemala, El Salvador, South Africa, and Cuba. Some time ago, they donated their collection of Guatemalan Indian Costumes to VCU and recently had the pleasure of seeing them on exhibit.

Anne Skinner Nottingham and her husband have moved into a beautiful condo at Harbor’s Edge, a retirement community on the Elizabeth River in downtown Norfolk.

Nancy Todd Lewis remains active in her town of Gatesville, N.C. She has organized a bingo club, a group of widows who meet once a month. She also goes regularly to exercise class.
Jean Love Roberson and her husband, Chuck, are active in the lumber company that Biggy, Nancy's husband, started years ago. The church that son Todd and his wife started several years ago in a truck storage building is flourishing.

Dottie Davis Whitenberger lives in Northern Virginia. She had two bad falls last autumn, which necessitated surgery on her elbow and face. She has trained her left hand to perform most tasks. She can walk now, which is a great achievement. Dottie has three grandchildren, two of them in college.

I called Faye Clarke Randle in Tulsa, Okla. I was sad to learn that her husband, Jack, was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease in February 2007. Before Jack's illness, Faye spent time researching genealogy and playing bridge, and she was active in their church. Now she is Jack's full-time caregiver. They have nursing help several times a week, and their children come often. Faye said they would appreciate our prayers.

In November, Calley Goode Jackson, Frances Anne Beale Goode, and I met in Williamsburg at the lovely Kingsmill home of Frances Carter Bleight Elliott for a delightful lunch. Calley is working from her home so does not travel to and from MCV as often. She still has a lecture schedule. Frances Anne volunteers as a teacher's aide once a week.

At Oyster Festival time, I visited Jean White Roberson and her husband, Andy, in Urbanna. We rode in the parade in Andy's 1910 Stanley Steamer. We were a real hit.

I hope you are enjoying a happy, healthy new year.

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There is much happy anticipation of our 60-year reunion. We are looking forward to the inauguration of President Ayers and of having a sense of the future of our University!

Ann Clark Little is “doing something new, interesting, and useful at 80.” After completing a course to teach English as a Second Language, she is working with three people from the housekeeping staff of Wyndemere, where she and her husband, Randel Q. Little, live. Two are from Mexico and one is from India. They are of intermediate fluency but understand the need to improve their communication skills.

Frances Orrell Lineberry expresses how we all feel about that original Westhampton logo. After getting a new car this year, she was happy she could replace the old sticker with one just like it. She plans to attend our reunion in April.

Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles spent a week in Hot Springs, Ark., in November with a friend. Besides Francisco for the wedding of Chuck's grandson, Maggie's husband, the Rev. Charles Schwartz, performed the wedding. Other trips included a week at Nags Head with her daughters and their families and a summer trip to central and upstate New York, where they used to live. In October they attended the 55-year reunion of Chuck's (and Jack Brizendine's) class at Yale Divinity School.

Josephine Hoover Pittman enjoyed five days in Charleston, S.C., with daughter Vicki. She is delighted that her daughter, Anne, and son-in-law Brian are returning to the States, where Anne has a job teaching in Hayeysville, N.C.

Judith Barnett Seelhorst traveled 900 miles in one weekend to attend grandchildren's events. With only one family living close, they still manage to attend basketball games, band appearances, and concerts. Their daughter Linda granddaughter had a role in the

Did you know?
The Paul and Anne-Marie Quelly Family Foundation has contributed $6 million to help expand the Robins School building and establish new programs. Read more about their gift on page 3.

CLASS OF '50
In August, Lee Reeves Children had a wonderful visit in London with her son, Earl, his wife, Kate, and 3-year-old daughter, Lucia. Lee notes that little Lucia "even charmed the vicar at Westminster Abbey."

Marjorie Parson Owen enjoyed a 10-day bus tour of New England, but the fall foliage was disappointing, she said. She vows to keep traveling as long as she is able and continues to attend as many games as possible at our University.

Margaret Alexander Anderson joined Doris Balderson Burbank, G'77, and Dave at a reception for the University of Richmond's new president, Dr. Edward Ayers, at the Jepson Alumni Center. Other class members who attended were Lee Reeves Childress and Marianne Bugg Lambert.

Barbara Coleman Augustine and Jim, Libby Givens Pierce and Bucky, and Doris Balderson Burbank and Dave enjoyed a great dinner at the home of Jean Tinsley Martin, and her husband, Roy.

Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy took a trip to California in October. They went to San Diego and attended a Navy League convention in Desert Palms. They also drove to Garden Grove to visit the Crystal Cathedral.

Please send me your news. It's true we are scattered all around the country, but in this way we can keep in touch.

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James R. "Jimmy" Sease, R, was the subject of a recent article in the Harrisonburg (Va.) Daily News Record, which described his sixth trip across the country, a 4,400-mile roundtrip from Virginia to Arizona on a Harley-Davidson. He also has sailed down the East Coast and to the Bahamas by himself. He and his wife, Alice Julias, live in Harrisonburg, where he is a retired surgeon.

CLASS OF '51
Mary Lee Moore May and Ed had a fall getaway at the Homestead.

Jean Love Hanson and Chuck headed south to Atlanta last November to visit friends. On the return trip, they visited Charlotte
As you may have seen in the fall 2007 issue of the alumni magazine, Claire Haxby Callowensbaum, G73, has updated her chronicle of Westminster College titled A Gem of a College. I ordered the book and find it is appropriately titled. Claire gets no money from the book; all proceeds go to scholarships.

After Thanksgiving, Jane Gill Tombs and Averett S. Tombs, R, were planning a trip to Asheville, N.C., to visit Jane’s brother. They hoped to make a stop in Winston-Salem, N.C., for lunch with Sue Perry Downing. Averett remains active as a spinner and has won award in local and state competitions.

Edith Burnett Grimes and Whitey enjoy living in Raleigh, N.C., near their grandchildren.

Ola Hill Krueger-Rouzie’s daughter, Cathy Krueger Weber, W’80, earned a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. A former Weldon resident, she wanted to move to a warmer climate and moved to a warmer environment.

Billie Bryan Mackey attended the Forbes family reunion in Atlantic Beach, N.C., in November and had a great time. Billie’s house in Belhaven, N.C., has been raised about two feet to meet FEMA requirements, and she hopes to start renovations soon.

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Elizabeth Williams Roberson, W, is retired but continues to teach psychology as an adjunct professor at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. She also does consulting and volunteer work. She has seven grandchildren in college, and her oldest granddaughter recently completed law school.

CLASS OF ’54
It is with sadness that I inform you that on Oct. 29, 2007, the husband of Jane Betts Schmitt, Dr. Irvin H. “Buz” Schmitt Jr., passed away. A graduate of the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia, he had practiced dentistry in Richmond for more than 50 years. Buz and Jane, who were married 51 years, have two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

Sara Cowherd, daughter of Sara Sherman Cowherd and her husband, Russ, was featured in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Sara and her partner, Wendy Henley, own FM Solutions, which helps companies make their workspaces more efficient.

In September, I flew to Athens, Greece, and boarded the Star Flyer for a seven-day cruise to the Greek Islands. It was a marvelous trip, but often demanding, and I was glad my knees functioned well after surgery.

WRICHMOND 35
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I hope all of you are looking forward to this spring and plan to celebrate our graduation from Westonhampton College 50 years ago. A special thanks goes to the committee that has planned all the reunion activities.

Mary Jean Simpson Garrett and Harry W. Garrett, R, and L.61, spent 10 days touring New England in the fall. They enjoyed the fall colors, the mountains, the farms, the small towns, and going out on a lobster boat. They went to a town meeting in New Hampshire and met Grover Cleveland's grandson.

My youngest son, William Walker Yarbrough, married Melissa Anne Doscher in November at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Sarah Ashburn Holder, Gene L. Holder, R'59, and Dottie Goodman Lewis and David joined us for the festivities.

Hope to see all of you in April at our reunion!

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Luther L. Dickens, R, is chairman and CEO of Radva Corp., which produces protective packaging and foam products. His sons, Donald and Stephen, are also active in the business. His daughter, Heidi, is a computer technician with Fairfax County Schools. His twin granddaughters attended Governor's School at the University of Richmond last summer. Luther and his wife, Helen, live in Radford, Va.

James E. Hoffman, R, recently made a solo trip to Argentina and Chile, where he was able to use the Spanish he learned as a student at Richmond College. He lives in Fair Haven, N.J.

F. Lincoln Marx, R, is enjoying retirement. He and his wife, Janet, live in Sarasota, Fla.

Harvey J. Michelman, R and L.61, is an attorney in Dover, N.J. Annette Masters Scheel, W, and her husband, Eugene, live in Waterford, Va. They enjoyed a ski vacation in Austria last year with two of their six grandchildren.

Robert L. “Bob” Seward III, B, and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Richmond. Their first grandchild was born last May.

Carole Bric Williams, W, drove her RV last winter from northern California through Arizona into Mexico. She lives in Stockton, Calif.

CLASS OF '59
It is with great sadness that I report the deaths of both Gary Moore Coleman and Sandra Dew Perry on Sept. 13, 2007. Gary’s obituary appeared in The News Journal in Wilmington, Del., and Sandra’s obituary was in The Virginian-Pilot. I am also sad to report the death of Emily Tucker Moore on Nov. 3, 2007.

Sylvia “Sibby” Haddock Young and Thomas R. Evans, B’61, along with two other couples, enjoyed visiting Pinehurst, N.C. While the husbands golfed, the wives explored the “pottery highway” and the shops and cafes in Southern Pines.

Shirley Satterfield Fynn reminded me of the fun we had the first year of college when we lived across the hall from each other in Suburban Apartments. Shirley and her husband, Leslie T. Fynn, R’61, were in Virginia last fall to attend Shirley’s 50th reunion at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville. Last spring, on their third Elderhostel trip to the West, they went to the beautiful southern Utah Canyonlands. They were joined in Las Vegas for three days by her former South Court roommate, Jeanie Chou Lee, W60, and her husband, Tun, who drove from their home near Los Angeles. They returned from a 10-day Eastern Caribbean cruise in time to enjoy Thanksgiving with their three sons and their families, including three grandchildren.

Sibby and Paige A. Young, R, enjoyed having 31 folks for Thanksgiving dinner. A correction to my letter in the winter issue: The Religious Herald had a beautiful article about Paige, and Fred Anderson dedicated his Book of Records to her.

Patricia “Patsy” MacDonald Allen and Dick spent several weeks in Honolulu at the AMAs interim House of Delegates meeting, where Dick was presented the AMA 2007 Distinguished Service Award. This was the first time an Oregon physician had received this award, which is the AMAs highest honor for a physician. Currently Dick is leading efforts in re-entry education for physicians who have left the work force and want to return to their practices. Patsy and Dick had a fun ski week at Winter Park, Colo., and last summer were busy with all their race-related events, trips to Victoria, a visit to the fabulous Butchart Gardens, and their annual trip to the Sun River cabin with grandchildren.

Mary Gates Breeden and her husband spent thanksgiving in Glen Allen, Va., with their daughter, her husband, and two children. We discovered that her daughter lives about five minutes from me.

Anita Knipping Scott felt fortunate to attend Gary’s funeral in Wilmington, Del. Anita and Fred are involved with their four grandchildren, who live nearby in McLean, Va. Anita enjoyed being in a senior tap group for five years, but gave it up this year due to travel plans and other commitments.

Jehane Flint Taylor spent a short holiday in November in Buenos Aires visiting her brother and friends from her youth.

Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum and Ellis M. Dunkum, B’59, had a nice trip to Maui. Ellis had his final meeting on the NASBA Board of Directors. Elizabeth’s best news is that she has recuperated from a broken ankle, after a long summer in a boot cast and on a walker. Last June, Eleanor Dickson Campbell went with her daughter, Mary Scott, on her granddaughter Lindsay’s seventh-grade trip to Greece and Crete. Eleanor’s luggage went to Russia, so she had very few clothes for the entire trip! In November she visited her sister in Provence, along with daughters Sally and Mary Scott. They celebrated Eleanor’s “certain age” birthday at a café in Paris.

With two of my best high school friends, I went in September to an Elderhostel in New York and visited six historic mansions on the Hudson River. We enjoyed lunch at the Culinary Institute of America and lectures about the architecture and music of the Gilded Age.

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CLASS OF '60
Robert K. “Bob” Hansberger, R, is retired from Union Camp Corp. He and his wife, Judith, moved to Atlanta a few years ago to be closer to their children.

CLASS OF '61
Dona Spencer Link, W, and her husband, Walter, enjoyed a trip to the western United States last spring, where they visited Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, the Tetons, and the Badlands. Their oldest grandson, Caleb Routhier, is a first-year student at the University of Richmond.

RaoL L. Weinstein, R, is retired and traveling the world as a gentleman ballroom dance host. He lives in Lakeland, Fla.

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If you are like me, the first page you turn to in each new issue of the alumni magazine is the one with news from the Class of 1963. There has not been any news lately because no one has sent me any. Please take the time to stay in touch.

We will definitely be in touch with each other this weekend of April 11–13, which is our 45th reunion. Please plan to attend the events on Friday and Saturday nights. It will be fun to catch up.

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Paul A. Lewis, B, teaches marketing and special topics courses at Ashland University. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Akron, Ohio.

Glen A. Tyler, R and L.67, and his wife, Myree, were named honorary
Rachel Norman Graves, W., and her husband, James, live in Virginia. Last summer she enjoyed a visit from
Mary Ellen Kyle Philen, W., who was in town for the Graves Mountain Festival of Music.

CLASS OF ’67
Margaret Criddlin Moore, W., teaches music at an elementary school in Charlottesville, Va. Her husband,
Donald, is a staff chaplain at the University of Virginia Medical Center. They have five children and two
grandchildren.

Keith L. Tinkham, R., is a licensed agent with United American Insurance Co. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

David W. Tull, B., retired from the U.S. Customs Service in 1998 but was rehired last year in the special services
Division. He and his wife, Helen, live in Suffolk, Va.

CLASS OF ’68
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Sally Felvey Guynn, W., was named executive director of the
National Conservation Leadership Institute, which offers professional development for emerging leaders in
conservation organizations. She and her husband, Dwight, live in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

Ronald A. Snell, R. and his wife, Margaret, have relocated to Seattle to be near family. He is a project man-
agement consultant.

CLASS OF ’69
Diane Moss Andrews, W., sold her retail business in Farmville, Va., to spend more time with her husband,
Andy, who has multiple sclerosis.

Katherine Shapiro Wootton, W., and her husband, Bill, live in Tucson, Ariz. Last winter they spent a
month in Australia and New Zealand. They also made a trip to Richmond last year. While they visited
with Margie Romm Cohen, W’68, Marilyn Liptsz Flax, W., and Cathy Whitlock Englishman, W.

Judith White Wyatt, W., lives in the Shenandoah Valley but spends a few months in Richmond each
year, working as a legislative aide to Delegate Steve Landes. She and her husband, Charles, have two children
and two grandchildren.

John Zsemai Jr., B. and his wife, Cindy, live in Clayton, Calif., where he is manager of internal controls for
the California Newspaper Partnership. Their older daughter, Amy, graduated from Drake University, and younger
daughter Sara is a student at Northern Arizona University.

CLASS OF ’70
At our reunion in 2005, a few of us talked about having a commemoration celebration of our 60th birthdays.
We decided to gather this spring in Richmond.

Sally Andrews Gudas has been gathering a list of classmates. The planning committee, consisting of
Ann Marie Pearson Wood, Sharon Morrissett Caldwell, Donna Boone, JoAnn Russell Nicholson, Susan
Cosby Frazier, and me, has met several times to make sure this will be a weekend to remember.

We decided to make this a “girls only” event beginning on Saturday afternoon, April 5, and ending after a
brunch on Sunday, April 6. If you need further information, please send me an e-mail. See you in April!

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James C. Dunning, R. retired in 2005 after 35 years of government service. Last year he and his wife, Kathy,
relocated to Tucson, Ariz., where James is vice chair of the Southern Arizona Clay Artists.

CLASS OF ’71
Hello to everyone! I first want to ask for some new e-mail addresses. Yvonne has had e-mails returned from
a number of classmates. We would appreciate if the following people would send us their new e-mail addresses:
Margaret S. Douglas, Vickie Marks Bowman, Judy G. Strazer, Jane P. Alphin, Bev English Dalton, Cheryl
Carlson Wood, Mary Galloway Boelte, Becky Mills Rechlin, Jane Houston Westbrook, Gena D.
Shadwell, Ann G. Hodges, Dorothy S. Boland, Maryann Makowski Robertson, Anita Walbeck Edmunds,
and Anne M. Allport. I also have wrong telephone numbers for Shirley A. Bartley, Beryl Beamer Rankin,
Ollie Weaver Hugdins, Rosalie Ryan Johanson, and Sharon R. Gulliksen. If anyone else in our class has changed
her phone number, address, or e-mail address during the past year, please let Yvonne or me know. And now for
some news.

Linda Noell Harris lives in Midlothian and has retired after 36 years of teaching. She works part time as
the advanced placement English instructor at Monacan High School. She and her husband, Robert H.
“Bob” Harris, GR’86, like to go boating, and they are raising oysters. Their daughter, Lauren, is a junior at
Virginia Tech.

Janice Spangler McCormick lives in Elliot City, Md., and rides horses twice a week at a nearby barn. She and
her husband took a trip to Scotland last year. She and Rosalie Ryan Johanson had lunch together recently.

Margaret D. Williams works at the Culpeper County Library. Last summer she attended the American
Library Association meeting in Washington, D.C. Margaret and I have fond memories of our month-
long trip to Europe in 1972. Patricia
Burton Temples and Gale Burrow
also were part of this tour group. Margaret read in the Richmond Times-Dispatch that Meg Gilman King, G'73, and her husband adopted four children from Uzbekistan and Vietnam; three of them infants. They now have 20 children, ranging in age from 1 to 21. To read the article, titled "Twenty is Enough," visit www.inrich.com and type "King family" in the search box.

Anne Leigh Hawkes is retiring from Charleston Southern University, where she teaches English and oversees a program for conditionally admitted students. She plans to write a novel and children’s books. Last fall, Rick and I were in Charleston on vacation, so Anne and I met for a visit. We enjoyed talking about our freshman year at Westhampton. We remembered wearing Sunday dresses and hats to a tea with the Richmond College boys during orientation week. We also recalled rat week!

Mary Lee Watson Brazell lives in Davidson, N.C., and works as a college counselor at a local high school. She has three grandchildren. Last July, Mary Lee and her husband took a cruise to Alaska.

Linda Niemann Evans works in the University’s communications office. Since her husband passed away in 2005, she is adjusting to new challenges, making new friends, and polishing her golf game. She has traveled recently to Idaho, Yellowstone National Park, and Florida. Please send news!

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Robert N. Friedman, R., is a photographer and teacher in Broward County, Fla. He was one of five artists to receive a 2007 South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship. His work was included in an exhibition last fall at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Miami.

Bruce F. Herndon, R., and his wife, Terri, have relocated from the Outer Banks to the Florida Keys, where he is a senior broker associate with Preferred Properties Coastal Realty.

Helping the Celtics win
Kevin Eastman, R'78 and G'89

Some basketball teams nurture young talent and hope to win a championship a few years down the road—not the Boston Celtics. They recently traded some of their promising young players for three veteran stars: Ray Allen, Kevin “Big Ticket” Garnett, and Paul Pierce.

“We have three all-star players, and we have some other veterans coming off the bench. So we have the opportunity to go deep into postseason play,” says assistant coach Kevin Eastman, R'78 and G'89. “It’s very difficult to win with young players at this level.”

As a young player at Richmond, Eastman scored 1,162 points but was better known for the smart, scrappy way he played the game. (The Spiders occasionally give the Kevin Eastman Award to a player who demonstrates exemplary hustle and leadership.) He also majored in sociology and met his future wife, Wendy Haynes Eastman, B'76, while at Richmond.

Kevin was an assistant coach at VCU and UR (under Dick Tarrant) before becoming the head coach at Belmont Abby. He then served as an assistant at Tulsa before becoming head coach at UNC-Wilmington and then Washington State. More recently, he was Nike Inc.’s national director of player development, and now he is entering his fourth year as a Celtics assistant coach.

“The game is different” in the NBA, Eastman says. “You’ve got the best of the best up here. So as a coach, it’s 24 hours of pure basketball.” He focuses his work on player improvement, player development, game strategy, practices, and games.

He also deals with bigger egos, and “you have to know what motivates them,” Eastman says. “What you have at our level is adults coaching adults. The things that keep us up late at night keep them up, too.”

But the Celtics “have guys with level heads,” Eastman says. “They’re a little bit past the ego gratification. They’ve earned the big contract. They’ve scored all the points. They’ve gotten the recognition, and now it’s about winning championships.”

At press time, the Celtics had the best record in the NBA.

—Richard Foster
attended the unveiling of Jim Erb’s portrait in the Modlin Center for the Arts. There was a great turnout of alumnae and Symphony Chorus members. She saw Sally Andrews Gudas, W’70, Carolyn Hall Tinsley, W’75, Nancy Jones Trumble, W’73, Barbara Baker, W’73, Bill Roper, R., and many others. The portrait was done by Jim’s granddaughter, Emily, who is the daughter of Martin and Hope Armstrong Erb, W’74 and G’80.

One of Tricia Mason Prillaman’s twins, Emily, was planning to marry Arthur Athens on Dec. 29 in Cannon Memorial Chapel. They will live in Germany for the next two years, where Arthur is stationed with the military. Emily graduated early from JMU, just a few weeks before the wedding. Her sister, Erin, will graduate from William and Mary in May. Emily and her husband, Paul, placed first in one of seven events at a bridge tournament in Virginia Beach.

My simultaneous thanks to Judy Samuelson Shapleigh and apologies to Barbara Crews Speece: I momentarily misplaced Barbara’s e-mail address but quickly found it myself (as did some other eagle-eyes out there). There’s really nothing like having the deputy chief of the news desk at U.S. News & World Report as my copy editor.

All is well with my family. Please remember to write and attach pictures. Reunion Reminder
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Green Fletcher Duncan, W, traveled to Austria twice last year as part of her job with DSM Pharmaceuticals. She and her husband, Gregory L. Duncan, R’75, live in Greenville, N.C.

Carolee Dykes Hall, W and G’76, has retired from teaching in Henrico County Public Schools and is an adjunct instructor at the University’s School of Continuing Studies, where she works with student teachers. She also serves as secretary of the board of directors for the University of Richmond Alumni Association. Her husband, Frederick H. Hall, B’71, retired from Wachovia Bank’s Wealth Management Division and has taken a position as vice president for new business development with E.C. Robins International. Their daughter, Kristen Baldwin Hall, ’02, was married last fall to Alexander Martin.

John N. Hardin, R., is an adjudications officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He and his wife, Maria, live in Lewisville, Texas. Their oldest daughter, Hillary, was married last spring. She is studying physical therapy and kinesiology at Texas Woman’s University.

Rachel Pierce Newell, W, is an elementary school teacher in Loudoun County, Va. Her oldest daughter, Margaret, earned a master’s degree in public policy from Georgetown University last May, and her younger daughter, Mary, was married in June. Barbara Crews Speece, W, retired from Halifax County Public Schools last year and works as a consultant. Linda Christopher Swartz, W, and her husband, Ned, live in Richmond. Their daughter, Laura, was married last year.

And Traditions and does tea parties for children and women’s groups on weekends. Donna’s husband, Bill, is a vice president with Sun Trust Mortgage. Their son, Brent, transferred from Virginia Tech to Shenandoah University, where he is majoring in acting and theater. Greg is a junior at James River High School.

Jeanie Nicholson Veith’s husband, Jon, travels frequently to provide computer-based training to the Army. Older son Joe is a pilot for one of Germany’s commuter airlines. Younger son Jereme is pursuing a Ph.D. at Boston College. Jeanie’s job with the Air Force travel agency keeps her busy and seeing the world.

Linda Wilkins Muirhead and her husband, George, took a mission trip to Haiti in January to do construction work at a medical clinic and a Christian school. Their son, Paul, was preparing for ACL surgery in December, while Ken completed England, last summer. They visited Windsor Castle and Parliament and attended the British Open Polo Championships.

CLASS OF ’75
Jean Panko Morgan, W, and her husband, Frank, have relocated from Richmond to South Carolina, where he was named superintendent of the Kershaw County School District.

Mary Kirchman Wharton, W, was named a top agent in the Virginia/West Virginia Division of Long & Foster Real Estate. She and her husband, Stephen B. Wharton, C’74, live in Fairfax Station, Va., and have two sons. Ed is a captain in the Army and has completed two tours of duty in Iraq. Will works for Capital One.

CLASS OF ’76
Margaret “Peggy” Lum Watson, W, is an administrative coordinator for CTE Resource Center in Richmond. She enjoys semi-annual get-togethers with Westhampton classmates.


CLASS OF ’77
Leo M. Donahoe, R, is national sales manager for WFKR, a radio station in Fairfax, Va. He and his wife, Margaret McGovern, live in Arlington with their son, Owen, 1.

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For plans for our reunion are underway. Our last meeting included Nancy Martin Jett, Martha Poston Turner, Nancy Beaumont Emerson, Donna Brotherton Deekens, and Dick Stone, R. Betty Rodman Harris joined us by phone from Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Robert G. Epstein, B, is first vice president for investments and a wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch in Dallas. He serves on the national board of the Republican Jewish Coalition and is a captain in the Civil Air Patrol. He and his wife, Roble, have five children.

Vincent H. Witcher III, R, visited his daughter, Michele Witcher Hattan, W’90, and her husband, Denis, at their home in Surrey, England, last summer. They visited Windsor Castle and Parliament and attended the British Open Polo Championships.

CLASS OF ’79
Demetri Kornegey, D, is a deputy commander for the fifth district of the Montgomery County (Md.) Police
Department. He was honored in 2007 as the Religious Leader of the Year by the Gamma Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was recognized for mentoring young adults.

Anne Johnson Archambeaut, W, left her teaching position with the Lynchburg Public Schools four years ago to begin a fa\u2026

CLASS OF '81
Karri O'Donnell, W, is employed by USAA Insurance as a special investigations manager. Her husband, Eric Benson, is a business development officer for American Express. They live in Davis, Calif., with their children, Kelly, 17, Ryan, 16, and Katelyn Margaret, 2.

William S. "Bill" Patterson III, B, and his wife, Suzanne Seiler Patterson, W'82, enjoyed a trip to Alaska last year. They live near Atlanta, where Bill is vice president of sales for SunGard Insurance Systems. They have two sons, Robert, a student at Clemson University, and Brendan, a student at Georgia Tech.

CLASS OF '82
Charles T. Albert Jr., R, is an account executive with RJP + Associates in Hunt Valley, Md. Last year he and his daughter, Kelsey, performed in a community theater production of Cats.

Elaine Dziemian-Skoudy, B, enjoyed a reunion in Atlanta last spring with Westminster classmates Cathy Shelgrove-Magoon, Laura Cowell Matussek, and Ellen Gentile Schreiber.

Renee Trump Hensley, W, teaches third grade at a private school in St. Petersburg, Fla. She and her husband, Richard, enjoyed a trip to a dude ranch in Texas last summer.

Sara Farrar Sargent, W, is director of global processes and systems for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. She lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with her husband, Malcom, and their children, Austin, 17, and Savannah, 15.

James W. Scriba, R, is a systems engineer with Coyote Point Systems. He is a member of the National Ski Patrol at Homewood Mountain Resort and is a dog handler for the California Rescue Dog Association. He and his wife, Deborah Ford-Scriba, W'81, live in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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William K. Elbin, R, is director of communications for The PGA of America. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Jupiter, Fla., with their children, Megan, 12, and Ryan, 7.

Melanie Liddle Healey, B, was named one of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Business by Fortune magazine and was included in The Wall Street Journal's list of 50 Women to Watch. She is group president for Global Health and Feminine Care at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Eric H. Hughes, B, is a captain in the Naval Reserve and recently completed a six-month tour of duty in Fallujah, Iraq. He lives in Cumberland, Md., with his wife, Greer Ractz Hughes, W'84, and their children, Lydia, 16, Caroline, 15, and Garrett, 11. Eric is a plant manager at Hydral/Schroeder Industries. He and Greer also own a Liberty Tax Service franchise.

Donald R. Isenburg, B, is managing director and CFO, Global Technology, for JP Morgan Chase in New York. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Long Valley, N.J., with their three sons.

Debra Giffin Schluter, W, is associate director for business development at ICON Clinical Research. She and her husband, Joseph, live in Fair Haven, N.J.

CLASS OF '84
Rick Moore, B, and his wife, Michele, had a daughter, Megan, on Aug. 22, 2007. She joins sisters Madeleine, 14, and Erin, 12. They live in Cockeysville, Md., where Rick is an attorney practicing immigration and estate law.

Mark A. O'Brien, B, is vice president of sales and marketing for Gemino Healthcare Finance. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Lynne, and their children, Kristen, Matthew, and Grace.

Bret Stansbury, R, is vice president and regional medical liaison head of U.S. Medical Affairs for Sanofi-Aventis pharmaceuticals. He lives in central New Jersey with his wife, Stacy, and their sons, Austin, 11, and Kyle, 6.

CLASS OF '85
Neil J. Goetzman, R, was named one of Virginia's Top Wealth Advisors by Virginia Business magazine. He is a first vice president with Merrill Lynch and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Lauri DeEnno Hogge, B and L'90, is a judge on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in Norfolk, Va. She and her husband, Raymond L. Hogge, L'88, have three children, Katie, 13, Lee, 10, and Christopher, 4.

CLASS OF '86
Kiera G. Hyminnen, B, was named head of marketing for the National Geographic Channel in Washington. Carolyn Cavallaro Lindell, W, lives in Powell, Ohio, with her husband, Michael, and their children, Michael, 13, Trevor, 10, and Gabriella, 7.

William H. "Charlie" Lindsey, R, is a plastic surgeon with the Northern Virginia Center for Facial Plastic Surgery. He has published three papers on facial reconstruction and teaches a course on neck surgery. He is a black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

Gregory T. Lynam, R, is a plastic surgeon with Richmond Surgical Arts. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children.

Farah M. Sarfarz, W, earned a nursing degree from George Mason University and works in the military health system. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

CLASS OF '87
Harris Komishane, R, is a senior vice president with Fidelity Investments in Boston. He and his wife, Lauren, have four children.

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Christopher A. Ashley, B, traveled to Kenya last year on a Christian mission trip. He and his wife, Betsy, live in Sterling, Va.


Christopher B. McKenna, R, GB'93 and L'93, has formed the McKenna Law Group, which represents hotel owners and other businesses in the hospitality industry. He lives in Frederick, Md.

Deborah Inlow Reed, W, is co-owner of the Florida Center for Advocacy, Research and Education, which helps companies provide opportunities for people with disabilities to obtain career-oriented jobs. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

CLASS OF '89
Deborah Plaskow Brennan, B, enjoyed a trip to Miami last year with Jennifer Freimark DeSalvo, B, Jennifer Casey Hines, W, and Pamela Wilkes Lacy, W.

Kelly Corrigan, B, is a writer and newspaper columnist. Her memoir, The Middle Place, was published in January. She and her husband, Edward Lichly, live in Piedmont, Calif., with their two daughters.

Jennifer Freimark DeSalvo, B, is a fitness instructor at Vitality Fitness in Hawthorne, N.J.

Timothy L. Gardner, R, and Julia Breaks Gardner, B'90, and their two children have moved to Johnson City, Tenn., where Tim has joined a dermatology practice.

Cynthia M. Kennedy, G, earned a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland and is an associate professor of history at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. She is the author of Braided Relations, Entwined Lives: The Women of Charleston's Urban Slave Society.

Susan Bugg Paulin, W, and her husband, Rob, had a daughter, Lindsay Elaine, on April 18, 2007. They live in Richmond.

J. Jason Poulis, R, is president of JJP Sales in Huntington Station, N.Y. He and his wife, Marina, have two children, Madeleine Sophia, 3, and Jacqueline Zina, 1.

Robert A. Shapiro, B, and his wife, Jodi, had a son, Jeremy Ross, on Sept. 7, 2007. He joins brother Darren, 2. Rob is a senior manager in the Financial Operations and Policy Group at Lockheed Martin in Bethesda, Md.
CLASS OF '90
Michele Witcher Hattan, W, and her husband, Denis, live in Surrey, England. She enjoyed a horseback safari in South Africa last fall.

John M. Vick, B, and his wife, Stephanie Dutterer Vick, B'92, had a son, Connor Stephen, on May 1, 2007. He joins sister Amy, 3. They live in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF '91
Kathryn A. Good, W, had a daughter, Alexandra Claire, on April 24, 2007. Kathryn lives in Providence, R.I., where she is director of international students and programs at Brown University.

Joli Hurst Reavis, W, and David Wood were married on July 15, 2007. They live in Floyd, Va.

Sarah Hardison Reisner, W, is an attorney with Manier & Herod in Nashville, Tenn. She and her husband, Frederic, have two sons, Frederick, 4, and Henry, 1.

Molly Brooks Sapienza, B, is senior manager for corporate sponsorships with RBC Centura Bank in Raleigh, N.C. She was recently named to Business Leader magazine's Movers & Shakers list, which recognizes up-and-coming professionals in the Raleigh area.

Louise Kay Childs Woodside, W, and her husband, Nevin, have two daughters, Lowrie, 4, and Sara, 1. They live in Pittsburgh.

CLASS OF '92
Collette Martin Drake, W, and her husband, David, had a son, William "Liam" David, on Aug. 15, 2007. They live in Durham, N.C.

Amy Leete Leone, W, and her husband, Christopher, had a son, Jack Vincent, on May 14, 2007. He joins brothers Andrew, 5, and Ben, 3. They live in Great Falls, Va.

Hayley Dancer O'Brien, W, and her husband, Daniel, had a son, John Patrick, on Jan. 11, 2007. He joins sisters Caitlin Grace, 5, and Meghan Elizabeth, 3. They live in Westfield, N.J.


Patrick H.F. Roberts, R, is head of the middle school at the Episcopal School of Acadiana. He and his wife, Laura, live in Lafayette, La.

Melanie Leftwich Stokes, W, is public and media relations manager for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. She lives in Powhatan, Va.

Leslie Credit VanSant, W, is president of Great Meadow, a 250-acre field events center and steeplechase course in Fauquier County, Va. She and her husband, Wayne, have a daughter, Beatrice, 2.

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Pamela Erickson Sakalosky and Mark F. Sakalosky, R'91, had a son, Kyle Andrew, on Feb. 2, 2007. He joins Madison, 5, and Erick, 3. They live in Tampa, Fla.

CLASS OF '94
Wesley Bowman Brady and her husband, Jeff, had a son, Harris "Bo" Bowman, on Nov. 7, 2007. He joins brother Sam and sister Savannah. They live in Dallas.

Melissa A. Lesher oversees human resources communications for Accenture in New York.

James W. "Dusty" Rhodes is vice president for business development for Smartbox Portable Self Storage in Richmond.


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Kristen Netzel Benes and her husband, Carter, had a daughter, Ellie Addison, on Sept. 16, 2006. They live in Cave Creek, Ariz., where Kristen is an orthodontist.

Erika "E.J." Olson Campos is vice president for strategic planning, marketing, and communications at St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe, N.M. She and her husband, Glenn, have two children, Ellie, 7, and Gavin, 5.

Tracy Taylor Hague and her husband, Travis, had a daughter, Emily Lynn, on Aug. 2, 2007. They live in Chesterfield, Va.

Mia Mutascio Herock and Wendi C. Massaro, former cross-country teammates, returned to Richmond last fall to run a half marathon at the McDonald's X-Country Festival at Maymont Park. Mia lives in De Pere, Wis., and Wendi lives in Stamford, Conn.

Christine Natale Peterson and Randall H. Peterson, R'92, had a son, Nathaniel "Nate" Huber, on Aug. 27, 2007. He joins sisters Riley, 5, and Alex, 3. They live in Simsbury, Conn.

Cheryl S. Schott and her husband, Alex Zielkowski, had a daughter, Alex Claire, on Nov. 10, 2006. She joins sister Lena, 2. They live in Howell, Mich.

CLASS OF '95
Don't miss the profile of Sean Casey, '95, on page 24. He is "the nicest guy in baseball—ever."

Suneeela "Suni" Ara and Ajit J. Vaidya were married on Sept. 30, 2006, in Philadelphia. Included in the wedding party was Rosemary Broderick Spencer. They live in Washington, where Suni is senior vice president of sales for Distributive Networks, a mobile technology company, and Ajit is a patent attorney and partner in the firm of Cernak Kenedy & Vaidya.

Christine M. Burns is a doctoral student in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Arizona.

David Colavita and his wife, Renee, had a daughter, Ari Grace, on April 12, 2007. She joins sister Allegria Rose, 5. They live in Madison, N.J.

Dara McNev Georgoff and Raymond F. Georgoff had a daughter, Bryer Leigh, on Oct. 17, 2006. She joins sisters Hannah, 7, and Ellie, 3. They live in Wichita, Kan.

Jennifer Minarzick Guy is an associate with McGuireWoods. She and her husband, Adam, live in Alexandria, Va., with their son, Caden Mason, 2.

Jennifer Gomez Jacobelli and Steven T. Jacobelli had a son, Noah Steven, on Sept. 7, 2006. He joins brother Luke Thomas. The family lives in Atlanta, where Steve is director of foreign exchange trading for SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

Patricia "Trish" Flatley Lagrant and her husband, Jim, had a son, Alexander James, in April 2007. He joins sisters Sophie, 4, and Genevieve, 1. They live in Ware, Mass.

Erin M. Neary and Erdal Dere were married on May 19, 2007, in New York. Erin is a senior manager at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

Jennifer Reid and his wife, Kara, had a son, Benjamin Todd, on Dec. 27, 2006. He joins brother Carter, 7. They live in Alexandria, Va.

Owen Thomas Rodgers and Jerilyn "Lyn" Cvetnicin Rodger, '98, had a daughter, Meghan Katherine, March 26, 2007. She joins brother Graham, 4, and sister Elizabeth, 2. They live in Apex, N.C.

CLASS OF '96
Kelly L. Beeland and Bradley Canel were married on June 3, 2007, in Falls Church, Va. They live in Alexandria, where Kelly is a senior manager for Accenture.

Jennifer J. Berbach and Jerry N. Hefner Jr. were married on Oct. 7, 2006, in Estes Park, Colo. Included in the wedding party were Diana Cichewicz McKinney, Kerry Law Kaufman, '98, and Jeffrey A. Kaufman, '98. The couple lives in Sandy Hook, Va., where Jen is marketing director for Fellowship Travel.

Rebecca Charles Bowman and her husband, David, had a son, Henry Russell, on March 26, 2007. He joins Conner Stuart, 10, and Mac, 8. They live in Powhatan, Va.


James R. Vercollone and his wife, Alexis, had a daughter, Daniela, on Feb. 22, 2007. They live in Arlington, Va., where her husband, Brady, had a daughter, Elia, on April 2, 2007. They live in Richmond.

Erin C. Welsh is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Baltimore.

CLASS OF '97

Kevin L. Baron and his wife, Dawn, had a son, Sidney Martin, on July 6, 2007. He joins brother Freddie, 2. They live in Annandale, Va., where Kevin is a correspondent for the Baton Globe.

Erin McDermott Colonna and Michael V. Colonna had a son, James Joseph, on July 25, 2007. He joins brother Michael, 4, and sister Aidan, 2. They live in Exton, Pa., where Mike is a sales executive for Vanguard.

Heather Kistler Crane and her husband, Brad, had a daughter, Ella Claire, on Aug. 28, 2007. She joins sister Sophie, 2. They live in Richmond, where Heather is a high school English teacher.

Terri Meadows Holland and her husband, Thomas, had a son, Jacob Thomas, on Aug. 15, 2007. They live in Tarzana, Calif.

Rita S. Kovach and her husband, Zoltan Lajko, had a son, Mark Alexander, on Sept. 4, 2007. He joins brother Erik, 3. They live in Doha, Qatar, where Rita works for Georgetown University.

Amy Millard Radley and her husband, Daniel, had a son, Declan Michael, on July 19, 2007. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Jason T. Shull is senior database administrator in the Nashville, Tenn., office of Willis North America.

Nicole Thompson Streater and Rahmaan R. Streater, '98, had a daughter, Allaire Landyn, on Sept. 29, 2007. They live in South Orange, N.J.

Katherine E. Townshend and Robert W. Stockton were married on Aug. 4, 2007, in Waitsfield, Vt. Katherine is chief market technician for MKM Partners, a securities trading and research firm in Greenwich, Conn. Robert is a partner and managing director of Taylor Investment Advisors.

Brian J. Westfield is an associate in the business and finance practice group of the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia.

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Rhoda B. Brophy is a personal trainer at Verve Gym in New York.

Cabell E. Childress and his wife, Molly, had a son, Lawson Franklin, on Nov. 18, 2006. They live in Richmond.

Beth C. Feldpush and Rajiv Verma were married in August 2006. They live in Washington, where Beth is a senior associate director at the American Hospital Association.

Leigh Micucci Jablonski and her husband, Jeff, had a daughter, Hannah Kealy, on April 2, 2007. Leigh is an occupational therapist at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, N.J.

Bevery Connolly Keegan lives in North Wales, Pa., with her husband, Brian, and their daughter, Molly Claire, 2. Beverly is currently in remission from cancer and doing well.

Meredith McCasne is a professional modern dancer and Feldenkrais practitioner in New York.

Joseph J. Schneider is a 13-year cancer survivor and recently completed a seven-day, 477-mile bike ride across Iowa as part of Team Livestrong. He raised nearly $15,000, making him one of the top five fundraisers for the event. He lives in Chicago.

Heather A. Scott lives in EcoVillage at Ithaca, a co-housing community in upstate New York. She teaches biology at Ithaca High School. She recently ran into Darby K. Wallace, who lives nearby.

Michelle O'Donnoghue Walrath and Michael E. Walrath, '97, live in Port Washington, N.Y., with their three children.

Helping Tsunami survivors

Christie Getman, '97

Richmond's international education program inspired her wanderlust, and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies solidified her commitment to international service. A decade later, Christie Getman, '97, continues to explore the world, helping people who need it most.

She manages several recovery and development programs for the American Red Cross in Sri Lanka and the Maldives, a challenge she accepted nine months after a tsunami devastated Indonesia, Thailand, and Sri Lanka in December 2004. "I cannot fathom what it must have been like to have been here when it happened," she says. Even now, "the scope of the disaster is so hard to understand."

During her sophomore year at UR, the Lansdale, Pa., native studied abroad in Martinique, an experience that "opened the door" to the rest of the world.

After graduation, Getman worked for the Virginia Senate and then the Christian Children's Fund in Senegal. She returned to the United States to earn a master's degree in anthropology from George Washington University before heading to West Africa with Winrock International, a nonprofit organization that does sustainable economic development projects. She again returned to the United States to work in Winrock's Washington office before joining the American Red Cross in Sri Lanka.

Political strife makes Sri Lanka a dangerous place. Bombs have exploded twice within blocks of the American Red Cross office in Colombo. Americans are not the targets, but she acknowledges the possibility of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Her life otherwise is "remarkably normal," but she misses celebrating milestones with family and friends. Even so, Getman expects to stay in Sri Lanka until at least September and plans to continue working in international development.

More than 10 years after graduating, she attributes much of her success to her undergraduate education. "I owe a lot to my education," she says. "My whole world opened up at Richmond."

—Melanie Mayhew, '05
CLASS OF '09
Andrew R. Armstrong is principal of Rolfe Middle School in Henrico County, Va. He and his wife, Danielle Butt Armstrong, '00, live in Richmond with their two children.

Beth Counselman Carpenter and her husband, Will, had a son, Brady Garrett, on July 26, 2007. He joins brothers Matthew and Colin. They live in Ridgefield, Conn., where Beth is a psychotherapist in private practice.

Christy Yarnell Hogan is an academic counselor for women's basketball at Vanderbilt University. She and her husband, Rex, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their daughter, McKenna Jaymes, 2.

Ursula K. Hunt and her husband, Marc C. Meuleuer, live in Bridgewater, N.J. Ursula earned a doctoral degree and is a physical therapist. Marc graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

Sarah Maureen Kinney and Matthew Roberts Gaventa were married on June 8, 2007, in Greenwood, S.C. Included in the wedding party were Mary Fisher Davila, '98, and Marianne E. Kinney, '93.

Joshua Martin and his wife, Lacey, had twins, James Scott and Claire Elizabeth, on Aug. 18, 2007. They live in Charlottesville, Va., where Josh is assistant principal of Madison County High School.

Megan Graham Watson and her husband, Scott, had a son, James Ian, on April 20, 2007. They live in Fort Mill, S.C., where Megan is an associate pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church. James is the grandson of Louis B. Graham, R'71.

Lindsay Woodworth has relocated from Texas to the Washington, D.C., area, where she is director of corporate development for Proteus, a mobile marketing products company.

CLASS OF '00
Nancy K. Annett and Doug Peters were married on Sept. 29, 2007, in Dickerson, Md. Included in the wedding party were Kim Kuukuluu Doyle, Kristin E. Lake, and Scott A. Annett, '03.

Nancy earned a master's degree in professional communication from Clemson University, and Doug passed level three of the chartered financial analyst exam. The couple lives in Vienna, Va.

Jeremy A. Blackman earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a vice president at Hesper Capital Management in Austin.

Cheryl Sara Bray and Jeffrey Richard Porter were married on Sept. 30, 2006, in Middleburg, Va. Included in the wedding party were Susannah Nearing Baylex, Alecia Fox Dalessio, Patricia E. Mancuso, and Kiri Cronk Mendoza. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where Sara is a consultant with Accenture.

Susanne Moenssens Etherington and her husband, Sandy, had a daughter, Grace, in October 2006. They live in Richmond.

Christy Thorp Guilfoyle and her husband, Matt, had a son, Jack Henry, on May 9, 2007. They live in Lorton, Va.

Joan E. "Joni" Lindstrand and Iasso Yagi were married on April 21, 2007, in San Francisco. She is a communications consultant with T. Rowe Price Group.

Justin K. Lindquist is a neurology resident at the University of Florida and a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

Elizabeth G. "Betsy" Mayne and Thomas Burke were married on Sept. 2, 2006, in Wilmingon, Del. She is a sales representative with Pfizer and operates a bridal, maternity, and baby clothing Web site.

Michael K. Navarro has returned from a year in Spain, where he helped open and operated Laan Café Restaurant, a restaurant in Madrid.

Stefanie R. Shapiro is pursuing a master's degree in public health from Harvard University.

CLASS OF '01
Peter Ernest Baltusis and his wife, Leanne, had a daughter, Hannah Gabrielle, on June 27, 2007. Peter earned master's degrees in history and theology and is pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto.

Patricia Chu and Soeren Petersen were married on Oct. 20, 2007, in Buenos Aires.

Maria de Mar Paz and her husband, Gonzalo Dominguez, had a daughter, Laura Patricia, on Feb. 27, 2007. They live in Reston, Va.

Nicole L. DeFlumere and Matthew D'Virgilio were married on Aug. 11, 2007. Included in the wedding party were Erica R. Galinski and Elizabeth T. Parker.

Nicole earned a B.A. from Boston University and works for Bank of America. Matt is an independent financial advisor. They live in Woburn, Mass.

Maureen Jett Gladden and her husband, Jason, had a son, William Noble, on May 12, 2007. They live in Beavard, Va.

Haidee Elizabeth Henderson and Matthew William Cline were married on June 23, 2007, in Charlottesville, Va. Included in the wedding party were Robert C. Crockfill, Kate Hickok Stark, Brooke Berryhill Spears, '00, Carrie M. Kenady, '99, and Jennifer E. Cline, '04.

Haidee earned an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia and is a senior management consultant at SNL Financial. Matt practices dentistry at Clarke, Farmer, States & Cline. The couple lives in Charlottesville.

Hilary B. MacDonald lives in Atlanta, where she works for a marketing firm. She frequently sees Meghan A. Sturgis, Amy L. Stepec, Katie B. Ribbenboro, Lauren Travis Walsh, and Whitney Famun, '02.

Lauren M. McGovern earned a master's degree in diplomacy and international relations from Seton Hall University. She lives in New York, where she works in the emerging markets division of Credit Suisse.

Sarah J. Mergenthaler is a member of the U.S. Sailing Team and will compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Jonathan Z. Petro is an associate attorney with Carlucco, Leon, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks in Toms River, N.J.

Stacy L. Ponichtera and William Keith Clark were married on July 7, 2007. Included in the wedding party were Christina L. Mizzelle and Kristin E. Johnson.

The couple lives in Eugene, Ore.

Victoria Schneider and Christopher Lesakshi were married on Aug. 18, 2007, in Austin, Texas. Included in the wedding party were Kathleen E. Roth, Jennifer Bradley McCullam, '00, and the Hummles. They live in Chicago.

Lynda Cavin McDonald, Caroline Savage Scott, Erika Schmierer Winters, and Kelly E. Skura, '02. The couple lives in Austin.

Mansi J. Shah is a criminal defense attorney with Scherrler & Onorato in Washington. She and her husband, Keyur, live in Silver Spring, Md.

CLASS OF '02
Eri Collins Abouzaid earned a doctorate in physics from the University of Chicago and is employed by State Street Bank in Boston. Her husband, Mohammed Abouzaid, earned a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Chicago and is completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jennifer L. Griffin and Daniel C. Maclen were married on May 27, 2007. Included in the wedding party was Laura Osterman Burke.

The couple lives in East Falmouth, Mass., where Jennifer works at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and Daniel owns a residential remodeling company.

Drew M. Grifo and Anne L. Huntington were married on July 28, 2007, in Winnetka, Ill. Included in the wedding party were Brett J. Grifo, Brett M. Hopkins, W. McKnight Brown, Alison M. Trauner, and Holly Jewett Hopkins.

The couple lives in Wayne, Pa.

Joshua Martin Ulen and Christina Marie Romanelli were married on Oct. 13, 2007, in Kennebunkport, Maine. Included in the wedding party was T. Keith Reynolds, '03, and Andrew W. Cormier, '00. The couple lives in Eagleville, Pa.

Kristen E. Loehr earned a master's degree in development management and policy from Georgetown University and is employed by Google. She lives in Atlanta.

LaTonya J. Reed earned a law degree from the University of Maryland and is an associate in the workers' compensation practice at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller in Richmond.

Elisabeth M. Regan and Ryan Donovan were married on Sept. 8, 2007, in Westhampton Beach, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were Renee C. Aldrich and Bethany Davis Lauber, '03.

Robyn L. Romer and Jason "Jack" Tommasino, '01, were married on July 21, 2007, in Washington.

Included in the wedding party were
Securing Virginia’s Capitol

Kimberly Lettner, G’06

Judging by the display on her office wall, Kim Lettner’s rise through the ranks of law enforcement started in elementary school. Her safety patrol badges progress from patrolman to sergeant to lieutenant.

“We actually had two levels of lieutenant,” she says with a grin. “I was a two-bar lieutenant.”

After graduating from Bridgewater State College in 1983, she worked briefly in sports medicine as an assistant trainer. “When I was growing up I wanted to be a police officer, but at the time, women weren’t police officers,” she explains.

Lettner became an exception to that rule when she entered the Virginia State Police Academy in 1985, beginning a career that spanned 22 years and many parts of Virginia. The Spotsylvania native motorcycled through the boredom with exhilaration.

“In law enforcement, you look at your day on the road as 90 percent boredom and 10 percent sheer terror,” she says. But riding a motorcycle replaced the boredom with exhilaration.

In 2005, Lettner was promoted to captain while she was working on her master’s degree in human resource management at Richmond’s School of Continuing Studies. The following year, she heard that the chief of the Virginia Capitol Police was retiring and decided to apply for the job.

“I thought long and hard about it because I love the State Police,” she recalls. “The State Police had given me so many opportunities, but this was an additional opportunity for me.”

In her first year as chief, she has been responsible for providing security for high-profile events ranging from the visit of England’s Queen Elizabeth II to the court appearance of Michael Vick.

Lettner also gained recognition as the first female chief of the Capitol Police. “The state of Virginia has only three female police chiefs,” she observes. “All three are firsts in the state. You recognize those kinds of things, but you hope you are beinggiven serious consideration because of your leadership ability and not because of gender.”

—Joan Tupponce
ALUMNI

1932 / Mary Lucile Saunders, W., of Culpeper, Va., formerly of Richmond, Aug. 2, 2007. She served as a Southern Baptist missionary in China in 1939. During World War II, she was confined by Japanese forces and later put in protective custody by Chinese forces. After the war, she took missionary assignments to Japan and the Philippines. Upon retirement, she remained active, especially with youth missions. She was a member of Second Baptist Church in Richmond.
1933 / Ashby E. Hunter, R., of Richmond, Feb. 22, 2005. He worked at Cottrell Electronics Corp. and volunteered with The Shepherd's Center, an organization that helps senior citizens maintain their independence.
1934 / George H. Anderson, R., of Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 15, 2007. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of captain. He was supervisor of traffic management for Mapco. He held many offices in the Oil Capital Optimist Club and was active in other civic associations. He was a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church.
1934 / G. Durant Nuckolls, R., of Richmond, Aug. 20, 2007. He worked as a salesman for General Medical Surgical Supply and Guy Smith Hardware. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.
1936 / Marie Harwell Anderson, W., of Danville, Va., Sept. 1, 1907. She was active in the Garden Club, Danville Museum of Fine Arts, and Danville Golf Club. She was a member of First Baptist Church.
1939 / Walter A. Bowry Jr., R., of Richmond, Sept. 26, 2007. He served as a communications officer in the Navy during World War II. After the war, he was instrumental in establishing WTVR Channel 6 in Richmond, the first television station in the South. He volunteered for 25 years at St. Mary's Hospital and was a lifelong member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.
1940 / Claire Francis Enright, W., of Mechanicville, Va., March 7, 2007. She was a member of Northminster Baptist Church.
1940 / William V. Farley, R., of Highland Springs, Va., Sept. 18, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II. He worked at Western Electric. He was a lifelong Boy Scout and lifetime member of New Bridge Baptist Church.
1940 / William E. Grigg Jr., R., of Richmond, Oct. 12, 2007. He served as a pilot and instructor in World War II. He worked as a federal bank appraiser, volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital, and was a member of River Road Presbyterian Church.
1940 / Katherine Lyle Jordan, W., of Richmond, Sept. 12, 2007. She worked for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and later for Southern Brick Contractors. She was a member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church, Ginter Park Woman's Club, and Women in Construction. She lived for some years in Berkeley, Calif.
1940 / Morton Townsend, R., of Lancaster, Va., Oct. 1, 2007. He served as a chaplain in World War II and continued his service in the Virginia National Guard and as chaplain with the rank of lieutenant colonel for the Officer Candidate School. He was an Episcopal priest serving Virginia churches in Poolesville, Amelia, Lancaster, King George, and Hanover counties. He founded the Church of the Creator in Mechanicsville, Va., and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Lancaster.
1941 / William M. Raney Sr., R., of Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 7, 2007. He was minister at a number of Methodist churches in Virginia. At Scott Memorial Methodist Church in Oceana, he established one of the first drive-in churches, encouraging vacationers who lacked "church clothes" to worship in their swimsuits. His later churches included Christ Church and Skipwith United Methodist in Richmond.
1942 / Frances Hood Deyeler, W., of Richmond, July 26, 2006.
1942 / William N. Hefflin, R., of Lake Wylie, N.C., Oct. 24, 2007. He was a Marine aviator in the South Pacific during World War II, retiring as a major. He worked as a manager in the grocery industry. He volunteered with the rescue squad and was a member of the Lions Club.
1942 / Alvin H. Miller, R., of Irvington, Va., formerly of Urbanna, Va., Aug. 8, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II and later worked for Urban Lumber Co., becoming owner and president. He was a member of Christ Church, Episcopal, Middlesex County. He chaired the Christchurch School's Board of Governors, and served as a trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.
1944 / Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper, W., of Richmond, Oct. 4, 2007. She and her husband served for 30 years as Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. In retirement, she remained active in the Baptist church.
1945 / Carrie Trader Drinkard, W., of Bristol, Va., June 8, 2006.
1946 / Norine Campbell Gregory, W., of Havensville, Va., Oct. 2, 2007. She was a life member of the Jamestown Society and the APVA, Scottstown Branch. She wrote Some Ancient Landowners in St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County, Va., which was published in 2001. She was a member of Fork Episcopal Church.
1948 / Alexander Hughes Ware Jr., R., of Richmond, Sept. 24, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was president of Citizens Home Insurance, retiring in 1982, and was a founder and board member of Investors Savings and Loan and Westwood Racquet Clubs.
1949 / Italo N. Ferramond, R., of Richmond, Sept. 8, 2007. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, piloting transport planes that evacuated the wounded, dropped paratroopers, and flew over enemy territory. He also flew over Hiroshima immediately after the atomic bomb was dropped. He was a New York Life insurance agent with 57 years of service and a member of St. Bridge's Catholic Church.
1949 / George A. Froom, R., of Richmond, formerly of Winchester, Va., Oct. 19, 2006. He was regional president of First American Bank of Virginia and was active in many civic and professional groups.
1949 / Martha Moseley Hall, W., of South Hill, Va., Sept. 29, 2007. She owned and operated Martha's Dress Shop from 1959 to 2000. She chaired the South Hill Performing Arts Council and served as the first female president of the South Hill Chamber of Commerce. She was a member and longtime organist at South Hill Presbyterian Church.
1950 / Arnold R. Flesher, R., of Richmond, Jan. 29, 2007. He was the first dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education, which he joined as a faculty member in 1965. He later served as associate vice president for academic affairs at VCU.
1950 / Richard A. Ford, R., of Richmond, Feb. 19, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II, participating in the D-Day invasion. He worked as bureau chief in the City of Richmond Department of Recreation and Parks, where he became a familiar figure by making his regular "rounds" of the city's parks.
1950 / Claiborne D. Gregory, R., of Hanover County, Va., Dec. 20, 2006. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1956, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for one year and was director of the Virginia Petroleum Industries. He was a member of Fork Episcopal Church.
1950 / John T. Smith, R., of Warsaw, Va., June 27, 2005. He was minister of education and pastor of several Baptist congregations. He also was president of Richmond-Westmoreland County Habitat for
Siciliano, '08, abridged from a story which will help pay educational expenses for the senior managers of the men's and women's basketball teams.


He suffered from nephrotic syndrome, a disease that limited his height to five feet, but he was a giant when it came to Spiders basketball. As manager of the men's team, Woolley's responsibilities included arranging road trips, managing practice, and doing laundry, but his role on the team was far greater than the sum of those parts.

"He would keep us in line in the locker room," said former player Patrick O'Malley, '05, (above right). "He had this kind of authority even though he was the smallest guy." Basketball was his passion. "You never got between Dan and basketball," his mother said.

The athletic department has established the Dan Woolley Educational Fund, which will help pay educational expenses for the senior managers of the men's and women's basketball teams.

Abridged from a story by Ernie Siciliano, '08, that appeared in The Collegian on Nov. 8. To read the full story, go to the "Bonus Content" section of magazine.richmond.edu.

Humanity and served on the Warsaw Planning Commission for six years.

1951 / Lawrence G. Alexander, B, of Flowery Branch, Ga., Aug. 27, 2007. In World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps. On D-Day, his squadron participated in Operation Overlord, dropping paratroopers into occupied France and returning the same day pulling gliders. He later worked as a pilot for Eastern Airlines. He was an elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Ga.

1951 / Forrest N. Parker, B, of Cape Coral, Fla., Jan. 27, 2005. He worked for Blue Cross of Virginia.

1953 / Jacquelyn Gustin Boch, W, of Pawleys Island, S.C., formerly of Roanoke, Va., Oct. 10, 2007. She taught Latin in Roanoke's public schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Roanoke.

1953 / Cloby B. Harts, B, of Sandston, Va., Nov. 6, 2006. He served in the Army during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart. He was a member of Sandston Baptist Church.

1953 / Philip L. Oglesby, R and G'S6, of Falls Church, Va., Aug. 21, 2007. He was a research physicist for the National Bureau of Standards.

1955 / James S. "Nuttty Buddy" Alexander, R, of Knoxville, Tenn., July 22, 2007. He was president and chairman of Kay's Ice Cream. He was past president of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee and Southern Dress Associations. He served on the board of the Webb School of Knoxville and was a member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church.


1956 / Virginia Jones Miller, W, of Newport News, Va., Aug. 7, 2007. She was active in the Junior League of Hampton Roads and the Virginia Living Museum. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.


1958 / George M. Mills, R, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., formerly of Richmond, Aug. 8, 2007. He served in the Coast Guard and Air Force. He was vice president and paper broker of Mills International Paper.

1959 / Sherwood C. Butler Jr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 18, 2007. He was the pastor of several churches, then became a counselor with the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. He was a member of Woodland Heights Baptist Church.


1959 / Sandra Dew Perry, W, of Virginia Beach, Va., Sept. 13, 2007. She served as head librarian of the Janaf branch of Norfolk Public Library.


1960 / John T. "Timmy" Moss Jr., B, of Richmond, July 4, 2006. He was an Army veteran and worked as an independent CPA.

1962 / Melvin J. Rideout, R, of Richmond, June 18, 2007. He was a standout in both baseball and football at Richmond and was drafted by the Baltimore Colts. He served for many years as a coach and official in the Richmond area.

1963 / Claudia L. Dodson, W, of Richmond, Aug. 18, 2007. She joined the Virginia High School League in 1971, the fourth woman in the country to be hired as a state association administrator. She spearheaded the development and expansion of girls sports in Virginia high schools. She taught health, physical education, and driver's education at Meadowbrook High School while coaching several sports. She was inducted into the High School Hall of Fame in 2004.

1963 / David R. Rutherford, B, of Fredericksburg, Va., Sept. 20, 2007. He was an insurance adjuster for 40 years.

1967 / Douglas W. Davis, R, of Richmond, Oct. 7, 2007. He served as a captain in the Air Force, stationed in Berlin. He became a lawyer and partner at Hunton & Williams, working on its litigation team. He was involved in the implementation and defense of the 1998 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1967 / Bruce E. Welch, B and L73, of Roanoke, Va., Sept. 2, 2007. He practiced law most recently in Roanoke. He served as president of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin County United Fund and as a trustee of the Voice of the Blue Ridge. He was a member and dean of Cape Spring Baptist Church.


1973 / Margaret Wilson Jefferson, G, of Richmond, Aug. 26, 2007. She taught in Chesterfield County Public Schools and was a member of Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church.

1975 / Luther S. Reams, G, of Richmond, Sept. 16, 2007. He served during World War II in the Army Coast Artillery and later in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 navigator in Italy. He rose to the rank of captain. He was employed by Dun & Bradstreet as an electrical engineer, and he was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

1977 / Margie Ann Brown Snyder, GB, of Richmond, Aug. 30, 2007. She worked as a financial officer in Richmond banks, including Sovran and Bank of America. She also was managing director of the James River Certified Development Corp.

1978 / Carey M. LeSieutre, W, of Salvo, N.C., Aug. 30, 2007. She worked as a nurse in New York, Hawaii, and Delaware before moving to Salvo, N.C. She earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She was a dedicated nurse practitioner.


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Charles M. Browder, of Richmond, died July 13, 2007. He joined the University in 1957 as a bookkeeper in the treasurer's office. In 1984, he moved to the Robins Center as a ticket manager and retired in 1996. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific in the Army Air Corps. He also was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.
A ring, a legacy, and a future

By Ellen Bradley, W'91

I first noticed Mrs. Thompson's ring when I was about 10 years old. Gay Frith Thompson, W'64, was my mother's best friend, and she wore her Westhampton College ring with enormous pride.

Her husband was pastor of Colonial Avenue Baptist Church in Roanoke, where my family attended, so I saw that ring almost every Sunday. I had never seen anything like it—a fairytale tower surrounded by a big curvy W.

By the time I applied to college, I knew the W stood for Westhampton, the women's college at the University of Richmond. I knew that Mrs. Thompson loved Westhampton College, but I was more interested in attending Washington & Lee, which was smaller and closer to home—closer to my comfort zone.

W&L accepted my application but offered little financial aid. In contrast, UR offered a Virginia Baptist Scholarship—a full ride for four years. Mrs. Thompson had encouraged me to apply for the scholarship, and her husband had written a letter of recommendation. My parents were thrilled, and I knew that if I chose another school, they would have to borrow money for tuition. Reluctantly, I enrolled at UR.

I was homesick from day one. I missed my family terribly. Most weekends I went home to Roanoke or to Williamsburg to visit my high school boyfriend, who was a student at William and Mary.

A few weeks into my first semester, I took part in the annual tradition of Proclamation Night. As I wrote a letter to myself—to be opened during my senior year—I thought about Mrs. Thompson's ring. Although I began to feel connected to a community of special women, I lacked confidence. The University seemed so much bigger than my hometown high school, and I was intimidated by classmates who were more confident, articulate, and outspoken.

I was miserable until halfway through my sophomore year, and then something changed deep inside me. I stopped going home every weekend, and I began to take advantage of the myriad academic and social opportunities on campus. My confidence began to grow.

I found wonderful role models in Dr. Patricia Harwood, Westhampton's dean at the time, and Dr. Stephanie Micas, who was director of the WILL program (Women Involved in Living and Learning). Those women were feminists who embodied the values of the college and displayed a strong commitment to women's education. With their encouragement, I became a leader in student government.

My homesickness evaporated, and my confidence soared. At Ring Dance, I felt like a new person as my father escorted me down the grand staircase of The Jefferson Hotel. Mrs. Thompson was there to see me take my place in the giant W on the rotunda floor.

She was there!

But of course she was there—not just for me, but for all that Westhampton College had meant to her over the years.

Another of my mother's closest friends, Jane Bowles Hurt, W'56, also made the trip to Richmond to be a part of that special tradition. They knew then what I know now—that love and appreciation for Westhampton College grow stronger with time.

I am glad that when the time came for me to leave my comfort zone, I found myself in a supportive learning environment tailored to the needs of young women. I am forever grateful that Westhampton instilled in me a deep appreciation for women's education and the sacrifices that remarkable women like Dr. May Keller have made over the years. And I am most gratified that the opportunities available to Westhampton students remain as valuable and relevant today as they were during my time on campus.

Mrs. Thompson and I eventually compared our Westhampton rings. A generation had passed since she received her ring, but the design was nearly identical. I don't wear my ring every day anymore, but when I put it on, I give thanks for May Keller, Pat Harwood, and Stephanie Micas—and for Mrs. Thompson, whose pride in her ring led me to discover Westhampton College for myself.

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—Donald B. Fries Jr. ’07
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Justin Rogers, '10, scores on a kickoff return.