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CAMPUS
First-year applications jump nearly 20 percent
First-year applications to attend the University in the fall have increased nearly 20 percent from last year, which also was a record-breaking year. The admission office considered 7,966 applications this spring.

Many factors, including a change in recruiting strategy, contribute to the increase, says Sabena Moretz, associate director of admission. She also credits the convenience of applying online, use of a common application, rankings in Newsweek and BusinessWeek magazines, and a great football season.

Another reason for the increase is a change in standardized testing requirements. “Applicants used to be required to take three SAT-II exams in addition to the SAT,” she notes. “Now they can submit the SAT alone, so it reduces the number of tests they need to take.”

Moretz also says high schools are turning out a high number of graduates this year and that more international students are applying to U.S. colleges.

Finally, many selective institutions have stopped early-decision programs, forcing many students who would have filed only one college application to submit several.

Douglass promoted to Law School dean
Richmond has promoted John Douglass to dean of the School of Law. He had been acting dean for the past year.

Douglass joined the Richmond law faculty in 1996 and won the University’s Distinguished Educator Award in 1999.

He teaches criminal law, evidence, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy.

As dean, his agenda will include the further development of the law school’s academic centers and institutes—the National Center for Family Law, the Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. Center for Environmental Studies, the Intellectual Property Institute, and the Institute for Actual Innocence.

“The University of Richmond Law School has a rich tradition that combines the best in professional education, community engagement, and scholarly excellence,” Douglass notes. “We are at a moment of remarkable opportunity to build on that tradition while we challenge ourselves to pursue new and creative ways to prepare our students.”

Richmond taps Tessier as VP for enrollment
Richmond has hired Nanci Tessier as vice president for enrollment management, a newly created position.

Tessier will coordinate the University’s admission and financial aid efforts to build on Richmond’s momentum in enrolling high-achieving undergraduates from a wide array of backgrounds.

“As a university with an outstanding national reputation, Richmond is poised for even greater success in the coming years,” Tessier says. “Access, affordability, and an increased understanding of the value of a Richmond education will be central to our goals.”

Tessier was vice president for college marketing and enrollment management at Saint Anselm College. Previously, she was director of admissions at Smith College.
“Nanci brings outstanding experience and talent to lead our enrollment-management efforts,” says President Edward Ayers. “Her broad experience promises to make her exceptionally effective in this new role at the University.”

Gutenberger named VP for advancement
Richmond has named Thomas Gutenberger, B’87, as vice president for advancement. He will be responsible for managing Richmond’s alumni relations, communications, and fundraising as well as its foundation, corporate, and government relations.

Previously, he was vice president for college relations at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where he led a $200 million fundraising campaign and built an integrated external relations program.

“The University of Richmond is a very special place to me, and it has been my dream to be able to work at Richmond ever since I began working in higher education,” Gutenberger says. “I am looking forward to working with President Ayers, the wonderful team in advancement and across the University, and particularly the alumni and friends of UR.”

STUDENTS
Junior receives Goldwater Scholarship
Miles Johnson, ’09, has won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the premier undergraduate scholarship in mathematics, science, and engineering.

Johnson is among 321 undergraduates selected nationwide from a field of more than 1,000 students nominated for the awards by university faculty members. The scholarships provide up to $7,500 per year.

With Dr. Wade Downey, assistant professor of chemistry, Johnson is studying the aldol reaction, a powerful method of bonding carbon atoms that pharmaceutical companies use to develop new drugs.

Johnson was part of the University’s first class of Howard Hughes Medical Institute students who live on campus and conduct research during the summer before they matriculate. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and conduct research in organic and medicinal chemistry.

Allred named provost
Dr. Stephen Allred has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs. The University launched a national search for a new chief academic officer last summer and chose Allred from among dozens of strong candidates.

He comes to Richmond from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, where he was executive associate provost and professor of public law and government. He became a member of UNC’s academic leadership team in 2001, when he was appointed associate provost for academic initiatives.

In recent years, Allred oversaw the processes for faculty appointment, promotion, and tenure. He directed programs for targeted faculty, spousal hiring, and faculty retention while coordinating senior academic searches and reviews. He also worked closely with deans and other key stakeholders to develop UNC’s academic plan.

“We are excited indeed that Steve Allred is joining the University,” says President Edward Ayers. “A prize-winning teacher, author, and public servant as well as a seasoned academic leader, Steve will help us sustain the momentum UR clearly enjoys. Experienced in building diversity and connections to the community, Steve brings crucial skills to the work of our leadership team.”

Allred earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from UNC. After nine years in labor relations work for the Environmental Protection Agency, Defense Mapping Agency, and Office of Personnel Management, he earned his law degree at The Catholic University of America. He also holds a doctor of education degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

“The University of Richmond is an outstanding institution with a well-deserved national reputation,” Allred says. “I am honored to have been asked to join the faculty, staff, and students in what will clearly be a great adventure.”
**Research**

NIH grant will support brain degeneration study

Dr. John Warrick, assistant professor of biology, has been awarded a grant by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to study proteins in brain cells of flies that contribute to brain degeneration. The institute is an agency of the National Institutes of Health.

The three-year, $182,159 grant will provide summer support for Warrick and up to two undergraduate students, equipment, and supplies.

Warrick's research on flies has implications for human brain diseases with no known cures or therapies, such as Machado-Joseph disease, an inherited disease prevalent among families of Portuguese/Azorean descent. He compares proteins in diseased brain cells with non-diseased brain cells to target potential therapies and cures.

“This research is important because it tries to understand the biological basis for why inherited diseases like Huntington's disease and Machado-Joseph disease cause brain degeneration,” Warrick says.

**Mentors**

Multicultural office hosts Helping Hands program

In March, the Office of Multicultural Affairs invited 40 black alumni to campus to mentor 40 African-American students in a one-day event called Helping Hands.

Alumni and students participated in a panel discussion about real-life issues, and they ate lunch at “career-themed tables,” says Dr. Tina Cade, the University’s director of multicultural affairs. Then they got better acquainted during one-on-one discussions.

Many of the 40 alumni were returning to campus for the first time since they graduated, but they quickly bonded with students, Cade recalls.

“This was a wonderful opportunity to give back to the University,” says Reginald Skinner, '97, who graduated from Harvard Law School and is a commercial litigator at Hunton & Williams in Richmond. “I benefited hugely from this type of mentoring when I was a student.”

Skinner has continued to mentor prelaw students Daniel Harawa, '09, and Jasmine Fryer, '08.

**Rankings**

*Kiplinger's* hails UR as best-value college

The April 2008 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* ranked Richmond 22nd among the 50 "Best Values in Private Universities" for the second year in a row.

The magazine rates private colleges and universities based on outstanding academics, overall costs, and the amount of financial aid awarded to students. Richmond was the only school in Virginia to make...
Our extensive aid to students makes our personalized education far more affordable than people may realize," says President Edward Ayers. "We are delighted to be on this list and to open our doors to students of need."

The magazine's rankings are based on overall academic quality, which accounts for two-thirds of the measurement, and affordability, which accounts for one-third.

More than two-thirds of UR undergraduates receive some type of financial aid. For the 2007-08 academic year, the University awarded $42.2 million in financial aid, and its average financial aid grant was more than $20,000.

BusinessWeek ranks Robins School 20th

The Robins School of Business continues to climb the BusinessWeek rankings of the best undergraduate business programs in the United States.

In late February, the Robins School hit No. 20 on the list, up from 23rd in 2007 and 25th in 2006, the first year BusinessWeek compiled the list.

Dean Jorge Haddock says that high-quality faculty and students, strong corporate support, and alumni backing have enhanced the Robins School's national reputation.

"We moved from No. 31 to No. 20 in student satisfaction, received grades of A-plus for teaching quality and A for facilities," Haddock notes. "Our students told BusinessWeek that they cherish their small classes and close relationships with professors. And the median starting salary of our graduates has increased from $47,000 to $51,750."

Haddock says the survey also highlights opportunities for improvement, such as attracting more corporate recruiters.

Math-science ‘supercourse’

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has given the University $1.4 million to develop a math-science "supercourse" for highly motivated, first-year science students.

The two-semester course will replace standard introductory classes in biology, chemistry, physics, math, and computer science. It also will help top students develop computational skills that are used commonly in scientific research.

“We’ve found that students who don’t have at least a rudimentary background in computer science are at a real disadvantage in biology, chemistry, and physics,” says Dr. Kathy Hoke, associate professor of mathematics and associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. “The ties that bind the disciplines tend to be computational.”

A committee of faculty and staff met weekly last spring and summer to begin developing the course and a grant proposal to fund it. The University plans to enroll students in the new course in fall 2009.

Richmond’s new approach is a bold step in the teaching of introductory science, one taken at only a few institutions in the country, says Betsy Curtler, assistant vice president for foundation, corporate and government relations. "An integrated introductory science course will provide an undergraduate experience like none other."

In addition to funding the new “supercourse,” the Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant will provide an outreach component for middle school math teachers in the Richmond area. Working with volunteers on the University’s faculty, they will create a middle school course that incorporates data from scientific experiments into math classes.

The grant will allow the University to hire a new faculty member in epidemiology and develop five new interdisciplinary science courses. It also will expand research opportunities for sophomores, first-year students, and under-represented minority students during the summer before they enter Richmond.
the project with $65,000 raised or contributed by the Center for Civic Engagement, the Chaplaincy, the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and Trustee Gilbert Rosenthal, R’47 and H’99, and his wife, Fannie. The University also provided hundreds of volunteers.

Trustee Janice Moore, L’81, drove from Washington to Richmond three times to work on the project. “Working shoulder to shoulder with UR students, faculty, staff, and alums had a special appeal for me,” she says. “I’ve been delighted to learn that we all have at least one bent nail in that house.”

In addition to the Habitat home, Build It stays engaged with Highland Park year-round.

To learn more about the program, visit buildit.richmond.edu.

**Faculty**

**Holton receives coveted Guggenheim fellowship**

Dr. Woody Holton, associate professor of history, has been awarded a fellowship from the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

The fellowship will support Holton’s work on a biography of Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams. Holton will take a one-year sabbatical during the 2008–09 academic year to complete *Abigail Adams, Entrepreneur*.

In this year’s Guggenheim competition, Holton was honored alongside Pulitzer Prize winners Jonathan Weiner and Margo Jefferson, fiction writers Lan Samantha Chang and Thad Ziolkowski, poets Michael Paul Burkard and Rae Armantrout, filmmakers Anne Makepeace and Rodney Evans, and other scholars, writers, and artists.

Holton’s 2008 book *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution* was a finalist for the National Book Award and the George Washington Book Prize.

Holton joined the Richmond faculty in 2000. He previously taught at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. Before entering academia, he founded a grassroots environmental organization called Clean Up Congress.

**McGoldrick receives SCHEV faculty award**

Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick, professor of economics, has won an Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.
The award is the commonwealth's highest honor for faculty members at Virginia colleges and universities. Its $5,000 stipend rewards outstanding achievement in teaching, research, knowledge integration, and service to the professor's institution and the public.

In addition to her research on labor market information, McGoldrick develops and assesses new methods of economics education. "Dr. McGoldrick's teachings enabled me to look beyond the seemingly plain economic data and statistics and visualize the individual people and decisions that are enveloped within the numbers," says former student Jerry Holly, '03.

Three professors retire from long UR careers

"You don't need to know when" Dr. Robert Terry graduated from Randolph-Macon College, according to his Web site. He earned his Ph.D. in romance languages from Duke "four years after the earlier degree."

Terry will retire this summer after teaching French at Richmond for 39 years. He held the William Judson Gaines Chair in Modern Foreign Languages from 2002-05. And in 2004, he received the Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, Postsecondary, from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Two other faculty members are retiring this summer with 30 or more years of service to Richmond.

Dr. Alan Loxtorman, professor of English, joined the faculty in 1970. He taught classes in literary criticism, Renaissance poetry, and science fiction.

Dr. Joan Bak, professor of history, joined the faculty in 1978. She won the University's Distinguished Educator Award in 1983 and 1988. She focuses on Latin America and Brazil in her teaching and research.

History

Mitchell clarification

The summer 2006 issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine stated that Dr. Samuel Chiles Mitchell was a professor at Richmond College from the 1890s to the 1940s—implying incorrectly that his tenure was continuous.

From 1908 to 1920, Mitchell served as the president of three institutions of higher learning: the University of South Carolina, the Medical College of Virginia, and the University of Delaware, in that order.

"Dr. Mitchell was a matchless teacher," wrote Dr. Woodford Hackley, in Faces on the Wall. "His personality simply radiated enthusiasm for learning."

Fed chairman speaks at UR

As the U.S. economy struggled with a financial crisis, Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve System's Board of Governors, delivered a policy speech on the UR campus.

At an event hosted by the World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond, Bernanke summarized recommendations of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets.

To a considerable extent, the financial crisis was caused by sloppy practices throughout the originate-to-distribute system of lending money, he said. Originate-to-distribute refers to a company making a loan and selling it to financial intermediaries who create packages of loans that they sell to investors.

Underwriting practices became increasingly compromised as this system promoted quantity over quality. Subprime mortgages, for example, were extended to unqualified borrowers. As long as housing prices increased, those borrowers were able to refinance, but when home prices fell, many of them defaulted. Similar problems surfaced in other credit markets because people charged with assessing and disclosing credit risks were rewarded for not doing their jobs.

"The originate-to-distribute model broke down at a number of key points, including the stages of underwriting, credit rating, and investor due diligence," Bernanke explained.

He expressed confidence, however, that the model can be fixed by adhering to higher standards for assessing and disclosing credit risks at each step in the process. Greater market discipline will raise standards, and greater regulatory discipline will complement those efforts, Bernanke said.

Regulators, for example, must require disclosures that "improve the ability of consumers to shop and of investors to evaluate risks." They must provide "protections to less-sophisticated market participants" and require "that financial institutions meet high standards in their management of risk."

—Karl Rhodes
Leland Melvin, R’86, had waited nine years for this call. He answered his cell phone and greeted fellow astronaut Stephen Frick.

In a crisp military tone, Frick said, “Leland, I would like to congratulate you on being selected as a member of the STS-122 crew.”

STS-122 was NASA notation for the upcoming mission of Space Shuttle Atlantis. Frick would command the orbiter, and Melvin would wield the robotic arm. It would be his first foray into space.

Melvin snapped his cell phone shut and exploded with excitement. He ran through the house jumping, shouting, and pumping his fists. Within 15 minutes, he was savoring his good fortune as he sped along NASA Parkway toward Johnson Space Center.

When he joined the Astronaut Corps in 1998, Melvin felt called to space exploration, but NASA assigned him to other tasks. And the opportunity to fly in space seemed to be slipping away when the Columbia catastrophe grounded the shuttles for more than two years.

Columbia cost Melvin seven good friends, none better than Dave Brown. He would never forget what Brown’s father said to him, tears overflowing, on the night after the accident.

“Leland … my son is not coming back, and there is nothing we can do to bring him back, but the great-
est tragedy would be to stop this program and not carry on the legacy of the Columbia crew.”

Inspired by those words, Melvin rededicated himself to the Astronaut Corps. “As a civilization,” he resolved, “we need to carry on this torch of exploration.”

T-MINUS-FOREVER
Melvin wanted to take everyone with him on Atlantis, especially the thousands of children he met as co-manager of NASA’s Educator Astronaut Program.

Over the years he had visited hundreds of schools to encourage children to study hard, aim high, and eat their green beans. As best he could, he told them what it was like to fly in space—always with the disclaimer that he himself had never done it. That detail didn’t seem to matter to the kids, but it bothered Melvin. How could he pass the torch of exploration without carrying it first?

It pleased him now to think about those children. It also pleased him that his mission was generating excitement on the University of Richmond campus. (See Vantage Point, page 48.)

He welcomed many former professors, classmates, and teammates to a launch party at Kennedy Space Center. The University gave him several UR items to carry into space—including a T-shirt signed by everyone in the chemistry department and a football autographed by players on the 2007 team.

On launch day—Dec. 6—Melvin visited the University’s Web site and saw a giant banner hanging from the library tower that said, “UR salutes our first Spider in space.”

Melvin felt honored. He was ready, but Atlantis was not. Launch Control informed the crew that two fuel sensors were malfunctioning. NASA postponed liftoff until Dec. 8, but the problem with the sensors persisted. The mission was rescheduled for Jan. 10 … then Jan. 24 … then Feb. 7.

The delays were discouraging, but Melvin understood that another accident could be fatal—not only to him but to the entire shuttle program.

ATLANTIS SAYS GO
On Feb. 7, the shuttle was cleared for launch, but the weather was threatening. NASA officials gave liftoff only a 40 percent chance, but they decided to proceed with a countdown.

The astronauts half-expected another false start as they suited up. They rode to the launch site and performed a walk-around. They looked up at a magnificent machine stoked with 2 million pounds of solid propellant and 800,000 gallons of liquid fuel. Atlantis seemed almost alive—creaking, moving, breathing, telling them it was ready to go.

They took the elevator to the 195-foot level, and Melvin called his sister’s cell phone. Cathy Melvin Clarke was on a bus with their parents—Deems and Grace
Melvin—and other family members and friends. Cathy held her cell phone up to a microphone so everyone could hear.

"I love you guys," Leland said. "Hope we get off today. We're hoping for a good launch."

No one said goodbye. They dared not consider that possibility. "Okay!" shouted the crowd on the bus. They clapped and cheered and sang the chorus to "I believe I can fly." Then Leland's lifelong friend, Phil Scott, led them in prayer.

The astronauts boarded Atlantis and fastened their seat belts. As they flipped switches and reviewed procedures, they wondered if this would be another dress rehearsal or the real thing. Launch Control answered the question at T-minus-15 minutes.

"The weather looks great. We're going."

They cinched their straps tighter and tried to stay loose. The atmosphere in the orbiter reminded Melvin of being in the locker room with his Spider teammates before a big game. Some of the astronauts cracked jokes. They were anxious but having a good time. Hans Schlegel reminded them that he had been on a mission that was scrubbed after the main engines were lit.

Not this time. At T-minus-six seconds, the main engines roared to life, and Melvin felt some vibration. The vehicle rocked forward slightly, and as it returned to vertical, the solid rocket boosters ignited. Liftoff!

Exhilaration—fueled by adrenaline—gripped Melvin's body, mind, and soul. The flight-deck camera captured a big smile on his face as 1.2 million pounds of thrust catapulted him off the planet.

**LOOK UP**

Rex Walheim nudged Melvin and said, "Look up." Melvin used the mirror on his sleeve to peer through the overhead window, where he saw the East Coast of Florida dropping rapidly below.

One minute into the flight, the engines throttled down to keep the solid rocket boosters from ripping away from the orbiter as they broke through the sound barrier. A few seconds later, the engines went full blast.

The acceleration seemed infinite as the shuttle surged from 2,000 miles per hour to 10,000 miles per hour. Melvin felt as though he were in a human slingshot that had been pulled back and released. Centrifuge training had prepared him for the G-forces, but not the acceleration. There was no earthly equivalent.

Two minutes into the flight, the shuttle jettisoned its solid rocket boosters, and the ride became smoother. The astronauts still were experiencing nearly three Gs, but they were getting used to it.

"Coming up on two-engine TAL," Melvin said, indicating that the orbiter had gained enough momentum to make a trans-Atlantic landing in Europe or Africa if one of its three engines failed.

Eight and a half minutes into the flight, the shuttle's engines shut down, and the G-forces quickly dropped from three to zero. Melvin felt as though he were tumbling forward. He unfastened his straps, disconnected his hoses, and removed his helmet.

Schlegel popped up from the middeck and floated the video camera over to Melvin, who maneuvered into the overhead window. He filmed the orange fuel tank falling away from the orbiter, but his eyes focused on the blue Earth below.

"Wow!" he realized. "I'm in space!"

**SPACE LEGS**

Melvin relished his duties as mission photographer. Creating a visual record of the journey dovetailed with his plans to share the experience with as many people as possible.

**Quite a Catch**

With a UR football scout watching, Melvin dropped a pass that would have been a touchdown in the homecoming football game at Heritage High School in Lynchburg.

As the scout was leaving the stadium, he heard the crowd roar. He turned around and saw Melvin celebrating the game-winning touchdown in the end zone. The team had run the same play again, and this time he scored.

Melvin did not drop many passes during his UR career. He caught more passes (198) for more yards (2,699) than anyone in the University's history. He was an honorable mention All-American in 1984 and 1985 and a second team academic All-American in 1985.

Melvin played briefly for the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys, but hamstring injuries ended his NFL hopes. By then, he was working on a master's degree in materials science at the University of Virginia. He landed a research job at NASA's Langley Research Center in 1989 and was accepted into the Astronaut Corps in 1998.
Melvin operated the space station's robotic arm to help Walheim (right) and Love install the Columbus lab.

His first full view of the planet, spinning 100 miles below, exceeded spectacular. The hues of blue and green were more vibrant than anything Melvin had ever seen, but gawking was not on his checklist. He struggled to remove his pressure suit—not so easy without gravity.

Melvin remembered to take anti-nausea medicine, but he failed to drink enough water with it. The barf bag attached to his sleeve came in handy when the medicine came back up. He sealed the pouch, put it in the wet trash, and kept working.

He was clumsy at first because everything was different in zero gravity. Tools and other items—especially food—floated away if he turned his back on them for a few seconds. Gradually, he acquired his space legs.

After a few hours of steady work, Melvin looked out the window again. He marveled at the gleaming aurora highlighting the curvature of the Earth over Australia. He was amazed by what he could see—thunderstorms, icecaps, mountain ranges—and he was struck by what he could not see—wars, borders, impediments to progress. He beheld one big blue planet.

"We're all part of it, and we're all responsible for it," he thought. "I wish everyone could fly in space. It would change humankind for the better."

Frick interrupted Melvin's musings by telling the crew to get some sleep. It was a welcome reminder for the first Spider in space. The nervous excitement, the intensity of the launch, and his brief bout with "space adaptation syndrome" had drained him. He floated into his sleeping bag, attached it to the wall, and fell asleep.

**ONE FALSE MOVE**

After Atlantis docked with the International Space Station, Melvin focused on his most important task—using the station's robotic arm to install the Columbus lab.

Wielding the robotic arm was similar to playing a video game, with infinitely higher stakes. One false move could kill Walheim or Stan Love, the astronauts who would make the first spacewalk to attach a grapple fixture to Columbus.

Melvin respected the risks but never feared doing his job because they had practiced the procedures so many times. Operating the real robotic arm in space was nearly identical to using the simulator on Earth, but the hand controllers were stiffer, more accurate. As he moved Love around on the end of the arm, everything had to be precise, including their oral communication.


"Three, two, one, stop motion," Love said.

"Motion stopped," Melvin confirmed.

Everything went smoothly, and Melvin felt some relief when Columbus was secure, but he did not let his guard down, because in space even a small glitch can turn tragic.

Sure enough, on the final spacewalk, Love's footplate on the robotic arm started rotating, shifting him to the wrong position. Realizing that something was askew, they called timeout and devised a solution. Walheim climbed up the arm and helped Love regain the proper orientation by locking the footplate.

It was a minor problem, and their training kept it from becoming a major problem.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS**

Living and working on the International Space Station with nine other astronauts was a transcendent experience for Melvin.

Everyone seemed to fit perfectly into their roles, and there was a strong sense of teamwork. He had experienced the same thing on the UR football team and in the Astronaut Corps on Earth, but in space the bonds seemed even stronger.

"We're all so different," Melvin thought, "male, female, black,
white, Russian, German, French, Asian-American. And we’re all working together for the collective good of our civilization.” They hailed from all parts of the world they orbited, but for nine days, they were the closest of neighbors, a global community, a family.

Melvin made a point of sleeping in the space station on their last night together. It made him feel even more connected to his new friends and the lofty goals they shared. The following day, they said their goodbyes and triple-checked to make sure everything and everybody was on the proper side of the hatch before closing it. Part of their mission was to deliver Leo Eyhants to the space station and take Dan Tani back to Earth.

This moment was particularly emotional for Tani, whose mother had died in a car accident during his four-month stay on the station. The Atlantis delays had cost him one last reunion with the woman he so admired. Before he floated through the hatch, he videotaped a tribute to her.

**GRAVITY**

The Atlantis crew shoved off from the space station and prepared to re-enter Earth’s atmosphere.

They began drinking lots of fluids to bolster their capillaries and prevent blood from rushing away from their brains as they returned to gravity. They set up a recumbent seat for Tani because he had been in zero gravity for 120 days. They secured the cabin, donned pressure suits, and strapped themselves into their seats.

Frick turned Atlantis around and initiated a two-minute burn with the orbital maneuvering engines to slow the shuttle down and allow gravity to bring them home.

Melvin felt some slight buffeting as the orbiter flew lower and slower. Through the windows, he saw bright orange and red plasma moving over the shuttle as atmospheric friction generated searing heat. Inside the cabin, the temperature remained 72 degrees. Outside, it approached 3,000.

The orbiter was slowing down, but it seemed to accelerate as it dropped closer to the Pacific Ocean. The astronauts focused on their checklists as the scenery flashed by. In a matter of minutes, they crossed the Yucatan Peninsula, spanned the Gulf of Mexico, and glided lower over Florida.

Melvin was not ready for the journey to end, but he kept thinking about Tani, who was lying in the recumbent seat on the mid-deck. Melvin aimed his video camera in that direction, and Tani smiled and waved.

“It’s important to get him home so he can honor his mother and reunite with his family,” Melvin thought as they landed at Kennedy Space Center.

The first Spider in space felt the full grip of gravity again, but his appreciation for life on Earth remained forever elevated.

To see video coverage of Melvin’s space flight, visit magazine.richmond.edu. Send comments about this story to krhodes@richmond.edu.

**Coming Home**

Melvin maintains close ties to the University. He stays in touch with former professors and other long-time friends on campus. He also serves on the Richmond Council, an advisory group that brainstorms about the University’s future.

Melvin came back to campus in April to present various UR items that flew with him in space—a flag, cap, and pennant, (shown above) a T-shirt signed by everyone in the chemistry department, and a football autographed by players on the 2007 team.

He also participated in the inauguration of President Edward Ayers and received a distinguished service award from the University of Richmond Alumni Association. Then he hosted a community-wide event in the Robins Center called “Reaching for the Stars II.” More than 2,000 people—including many local schoolchildren—listened to him speak about his adventures aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis and the International Space Station.

Melvin returned to campus again on May 11 to deliver the keynote address at the University’s main commencement ceremony.
Chasing the Olympic Dream

Sarah Mergenthaler, '01, sails for gold in the Beijing Olympics.

By Pamela Babcock

Sarah Mergenthaler, '01, has a thing about goals. She lives to achieve them. In high school, she was the first girl in New Jersey to kick a field goal in a varsity football game. At Richmond, she threw the javelin farther than any woman in school history.

But six years ago, Mergenthaler aimed high and missed.

She had quit a finance job in New York City to immerse herself in 470-class sailing. She made it to the U.S. Olympic Trials with teammate Amanda Clark, but they finished second by only three points.
Sarah Mergenthaler, '01, (right) and Amanda Clark experience the thrill of victory in the U.S. Olympic Trials. The moment was "pure joy," Mergenthaler says. "It was almost an out-of-body experience."
“In sailing, that’s the equivalent of a basket at the buzzer,” Mergenthaler explains. They were disappointed, but they immediately knew what they had to do. As they sailed to shore, they looked at each other with dead-serious expressions and said, “2008.” It was not a question. It was a commitment.

**SOCCER STYLE**
Mergenthaler began sailing at age 7, but growing up in Colts Neck, N.J., she was less involved in the sport than her three siblings.

“She was more of a social sailor,” recalls her father, Bill Mergenthaler. Soccer was her game.

Mergenthaler was an all-state soccer player at Marlboro High School, where she lettered in four other varsity sports—cross-country, track, basketball, and football. Her football career started with trash talk in the weight room.

“Soccer people can’t kick footballs,” the football players insisted.

“I think we can,” she shot back.

So they headed out to the football field, and Mergenthaler kicked the ball through the uprights from 15 yards, then 20 yards, then 25 yards, then 30 yards.

She earned a spot on the football team and made headlines across the country. In *The New York Times*, head coach Larry Zdilla said, “Sarah is as good a kicker as I’ve had in 24 years of coaching.”

Richmond women’s soccer coach Peter Albright recruited Mergenthaler, and she immediately fell in love with the UR campus.

The academics challenged her, but she completed a double major in sport management and business administration. She also won the Fannie Crenshaw Scholarship for excellence in the classroom and in sports.

Mergenthaler approached academics like she did athletics, recalls Dr. Donald Pate, former chair of Richmond’s health and sport science department. “Sarah hated to lose.” She was a two-time conference champion in the javelin, shattering the 20-year school record in 2001. Mergenthaler played on UR’s nationally ranked soccer team, but she was not the star. She had to work hard just to earn playing time.

“What I took from all the areas of life at Richmond—学术, social, and athletics—is that sometimes you are really rewarded for just putting your head down and working hard,” she says.

**OLYMPIC DREAM**
Mergenthaler’s Olympic dream began with a phone call from her father in 2002. Amanda Clark, an acquaintance from her “social sailing” days, was looking for a 470-class partner to make a run at the 2004 Olympics.

“Do you know anyone who might be interested?” Bill Mergenthaler asked.

Sarah knew he was not referring to her. She had never been on a 470 boat, a two-person dinghy that is 470 centimeters (about 15 feet) long. She had never operated a trapeze and harness, the equipment sailors use to hang precariously over the edge of a 470.

“He never thought I would think of doing anything like that,” Sarah recalls. In fact, she never considered it, so she was a bit surprised to hear herself say, “Wow! I’d really like to.”

Mergenthaler called Clark and they talked about going to the Olympics. Mergenthaler was hooked. Now all she had to do was master the 470, an intimidating boat that demands strength, finesse, and experience.

“I had my first sail in a 470 and just fell in love with it,” Mergenthaler recalls. “It was hard. I had blisters on my hands and was sore in places where I had never been sore before. You know, I played college soccer and I lift weights and stay in shape ... but this was a different kind of physical application.”

After their loss in the 2004 Olympic Trials, Mergenthaler and Clark trained and sailed together until they and their boat were one.

At the 2008 trials, they competed in 15 grueling races over nine days and won the women’s fleet by a comfortable 14 points. In a photograph taken after the final race, Mergenthaler holds her fist high in the air.

“I think about that picture and it gives me goose bumps,” she says. “It was pure joy. We were so happy. It was almost an out-of-body experience.”

Back on shore, Mergenthaler started sending text messages to family members and friends, including former UR teammate Courtney Ficken, ’01.

“Tears of joy streamed down my face when it was confirmed,” Ficken recalls. “It was an overwhelming experience as a best friend.”

Coach Albright was pleased but not surprised. “She had some physical gifts and was a good player, but wasn’t an exceptional soccer player,” he says. “But she had an exceptional mind and will, and she would never, ever consider backing down. ... She just will not allow herself to be second in anything.”

**FULL-TIME JOB**
Sailing is a full-time job for Mergenthaler, who spends only a few weeks each year at the New York condo she
In April, Mergenthaler and Clark finished second in the women’s division of the 470 International Spring Cup in Sanary-sur-Mer, France.

Mergenthaler shares a house with her husband, Brian Chin. "He is super-understanding," Mergenthaler says. "Understanding is an understatement, I can’t even pick the word."

The couple had dated on and off since high school, and they tied the knot last summer in the boatyard behind her parents’ house. Mergenthaler was able to fit the ceremony into her schedule, but it was tough. "I didn’t want it anywhere near the Olympic Trials," she recalls, "and I didn’t want it anywhere near the Olympics."

To prepare for the Olympics (Aug. 8–24) Mergenthaler and Clark are competing in regattas around the world. They have four boats, a coach in Australia, a trainer, a nutritionist, and a sports psychologist. Their $350,000 annual budget comes from the U.S. Olympic Committee, the U.S. National Sailing Team, corporate sponsors, yacht clubs, and coaching fees. Mergenthaler handles logistics, including travel plans and shipping boats.

"I’m more type A and she’s more type B," Mergenthaler says. Clark is very quiet and introverted on race day mornings, while Mergenthaler pumps herself up by jumping and shouting. "I would slam myself against the locker if we had one," she says.

They complement each other’s strengths and weaknesses, Bill Mergenthaler observes. One of Sarah’s strengths is the ability to remain positive no matter what happens in a race. "It comes from many years of competing. It is the ability to always deal with what you have in front of you right now."

**ULTIMATE GOAL**

Dead ahead lies their ultimate goal, an Olympic gold medal. They are ranked fifth in the world, and they believe they can win.

Mergenthaler always performed best in the big meets or games, recalls Pate, her former UR advisor. "If she doesn’t do extremely well in [the Olympics], that will surprise me."

But 470 sailing is unpredictable. Fickle winds and erratic currents can determine the winner of any given race, and the Olympic regatta (with 11 races) will be held in a tough venue, a coastal city 430 miles east of Beijing. The prevailing winds there are very light—under 7 knots—and the currents are strong.

"It’s going to be a very difficult regatta to be consistent in," Mergenthaler explains. "We’ve had races there and rounded the top mark in first place and the next mark in second-to-last because we guessed wrong on the current."

Mergenthaler says if they win a medal, she will wear it for two months straight. And if they don’t?

"I’m not even thinking about what happens on Aug. 25 after the closing ceremony," Mergenthaler says. "Because if we’re not completely focused, we’re not giving it everything we’ve got."

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The Inauguration of Edward L. Ayers

On April 11, 2008, the University inaugurated Dr. Edward L. Ayers as its ninth president in the Robins Center before nearly 4,000 alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, students, parents, and other friends of the University.

Rector George W. Wellde Jr., B'74, presented the "charge to the president," and Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust officially introduced Richmond's new leader.

Faust lauded President Ayers as the ideal choice to lead the University at this juncture in its history. "If Ed Ayers did not exist," she said, "The University of Richmond would have wanted to invent him."

After receiving the University Mace from Chancellor E. Bruce Heilman and the Presidential Chain of Office from Chancellor Richard L. Morrill, President Ayers expressed his appreciation to the entire University community. Then he delivered the following inaugural address.
At such an event—where we don archaic robes and regalia, where we invite delegates from institutions across the nation and across the ocean, from one founded in 1167 to others founded in 1972, where we invoke the great leaders who have made it possible for us to be here today, and where we reunite with friends who have been associated with our University for many years—it's hard not to think about our place in the flow of time. (Especially if you happen to be a historian charged with giving a big speech.)

More often it is easy to forget about history, to forget about the past, swept up as we are in today and tomorrow. But our history holds the seeds of what we can be, of what we can do, of what we can dream. So let's remind ourselves of how we got here today.

What eventually became the University of Richmond began as a small Baptist academy in the middle of Virginia in 1830, in a schoolhouse on a private farmstead called "Dunlora." And I have here in my hands nails from Dunlora, 1830, the only few remainders of that long-ago dream. After Dunlora, the Baptists moved to a farm, closer to here, where the students worked in fields and shops between classes in languages, mathematics, science, geography, and history as well as theology.

Restless and ambitious, the founders chartered themselves in 1840 as Richmond College and moved closer to the city. The leaders of the school worked throughout the 1840s and 1850s to build up the College, raising money from Baptists across the state, creating seven academic departments, and purchasing their first laboratory equipment. By 1860, Richmond College enrolled over a hundred students and occupied a handsome building about a mile from the State Capitol.

It was at this time that the young men of Richmond College, like many young white men across the Commonwealth and the South, proclaimed themselves eager to fight to establish a separate nation. The trustees pledged the College's resources, laboriously gained over the preceding 30 years, to the Confederacy. A fifth of the graduates
of Richmond College died fighting for the Confederacy over the next four years, and the College lost everything—its buildings occupied by Federal troops, its endowment rendered worthless, its books and apparatus scattered, its once-booming city in ashes. But in 1873, ten thousand Virginia Baptists came to a canvas tabernacle on the College’s campus. And there they pledged more than a hundred thousand dollars to revitalize Richmond College—significant sacrifice, and significant confidence, amidst the poverty and uncertainty of the post-war era. The University began anew.

About this time, the College decided it could do without a president for the next quarter century. (I’m sure that was a bad idea, though the record doesn’t seem to be quite as clear on the terrible consequences of that decision as it might have. I continue to do further research.) In fact, the place seems to have flourished as the New South era began and many of the features of a modern college emerged. It was in 1893, watching some spindly baseball players, that a sports writer dubbed the Richmond team the “Spiders.” (I would say, using my finely honed research skills, that I discovered that the College’s earlier nickname had been “The Mules.” And I think we might just pause briefly to ponder the possibilities and implications of that road not taken. It’s not really funny—the mules.) Fortunately, in 1895, the trustees came to their senses and recreated the presidency. They appointed Professor Frederic Boatwright, only 26 years old, to the post.

Now Boatwright led a campaign to join Richmond College with a new Baptist college for women, Westhampton, and to build a brand new campus to house them both. In 1914, the flourishing institution moved to rolling hills by a beautiful lake that served as a very convenient division between the sexes. President Boatwright hired Professor May Keller as the first female dean of a college in the South. A holder of a doctorate from Heidelberg, where she wrote a dissertation on Anglo-Saxon weaponry—it’s true!—Keller would be a formidable intellect and force of nature for decades to come.

President Boatwright, talking with well-earned pride when the new campus opened, declared that henceforth “all things new will date back to the class of 1915.” The University of Richmond, tried

Civil War perspectives

Three new perspectives on the American Civil War from three prominent historians kicked off the inaugural weekend.

Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, president of Harvard University, underscored the enormous loss of life—an estimated 620,000 soldiers—as “the most widely shared of the war’s experiences.” People dealt with everything from practical questions of how to dispose of bodies to spiritual questions of how God could allow this to happen, she said.

Gary Gallagher, the John L. Nau III professor in the history of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia, analyzed Hollywood’s portrayal of the conflict. Hollywood’s perspective, he said, has evolved from “lost-cause” movies, such as The Birth of a Nation and Gone With the Wind, to “emancipation-cause” films, such as Cold Mountain and Glory.

Ayers, a historian of the American South, acknowledged the “profound confusion” that followed the war. Freed slaves struggled to find family members who had been sold down the river, while white Southerners dealt with “almost intolerable” defeat and despair. But against this backdrop of chaos and suffering, Ayers highlighted stories of solace and hope.

“History is both warning and encouragement,” he said. We need both.

To view the entire symposium, go to inauguration.richmond.edu.
through poverty, war, and then poverty again, was reborn in the shape of an up-to-date and progressive institution. But they brought bricks with them from the old college so students could walk on the same beloved paths as they had trod before—and those bricks still rest outside Ryland Hall. But in the new school young women as well as young men could study the modern courses emerging in American higher education: political science, economics, education, sociology, and business administration.

And in 1920, the two colleges and a newly strengthened law school fused into the University of Richmond. Women became members of the Board of Trustees and were admitted to the law school—as President Boatwright declared, “thus carrying forward another principle of democracy.”

Ninety years after its founding, the University of Richmond took the shape that we recognize today. The fundamental organization and the landscape have endured. Living memory stretches back that far as well, as I have learned in my travels meeting alumni throughout Virginia and across the nation the last nine months. I have met one alumnus, a great-grandnephew of our founding president, who recalls playing as a boy on the brand new campus in the 19-teens. I have met men and women who attended Richmond or Westhampton during the Great Depression and others who were among the 1,300 students and alumni who served in World War II. I have met many who remember President Modlin with fondness, many who were here when the School of Business began in 1949, and many who attended University College—the predecessor to our School of Continuing Studies—soon after it opened in 1962. There are many here today who were present in 1969 when the transformative gift of $50 million from the Robins family was announced to a jubilant audience—another moment when the University, in many respects, began anew.

We all know, too, of the remarkable work of my predecessors—Bruce Heilman, Richard Morrill, and Bill Cooper—because the evidence of their skill and dedication is all around us. I view their accomplishments with pride. They have set the bar high.

Of course, Richmond presidents are fortunate to have extraordinary partners in their work. I think of Robert Jepson, who established our pioneering School of Leadership Studies 15 years ago; of Carole and Marcus Weinstein, who most recently have made possible a new Center for International Education; and again of the Robins Family, whose most recent gifts, under the leadership of Claiborne Robins Jr. and Ann Carol Marchant, are all...

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students above all else. The staff is remarkable, both for their talent and for their commitment. We attract some of the best students from across the United States and from 70 other countries, and then send them back into the world, where they do wonderful things.

There, in 10 minutes or so, is the outline of the history of the University of Richmond that we know best. That history is marked by constant change and continual progress. That history is compelling and it is ours.

But it is not the only history we inhabit, and as we seek to shape our own time here, there is still more we should remember, and celebrate, and embody. If we go back to the frame building occupied by the struggling Baptists of 1830, we see a common purpose that stretches across 10 generations to ourselves. If we look at the edges of the story, into the shadows, we see things we cannot see in the broad light of the middle. If we listen carefully, we can hear the quieter stories that tell us something important about the enduring spirit of this place.

The first president of Richmond College, Robert Ryland, announced that this would be “a Baptist College in no narrow, bigoted sense. Pupils of every creed and of no creed have been, and will be, received on the same terms, and treated with equal justice and consideration.” Ryland and other Virginia Baptists understood the importance of such broad-mindedness all too well. For much of Virginia history, they had been viewed as a dangerous and disruptive minority, prosecuted harshly for practicing their faith.

Ryland himself, although a slaveholder, served for more than 25 years as minister to the First African Church in Richmond, with 2,000 members, most of them held in slavery. When asked why he would take on such work when others doubted the wisdom of ministering to those held in bondage, Ryland recalled that “I esteemed it a holy privilege to preach the gospel to the poor; and while the negroes were in bondage and forbidden by law to have colored ministers, and even to assemble by themselves for worship, I felt that it would be an awful crime for any white preacher to decline such an opportunity.” African-Americans in Richmond used their church to create strong, vibrant, and independent leaders of their own. And after emancipation Ryland, stepping down as president, opened a school for freedpeople in Richmond when other white people were openly hostile to any such effort.

Ryland was true to his word in
other ways. When other schools around the nation, many more famous than ours, maintained quotas or excluded Jews altogether from attending their institutions, from its early days Richmond College welcomed Jewish students. When Frederic Boatwright became president, his friend and neighbor Rabbi Edward N. Calish led the closing prayer. Our honor system was rejuvenated in the 1930s under the leadership of local student Edwin Cohen, who then went on to a distinguished career in public service.

And meanwhile, the University welcomed people from abroad. In 1909 Ah-Fong Yeung, who had come from China at age 15, graduated from Richmond and went to Columbia for his law degree before returning to China to teach. (Seventy-five years later his grandson would come to the University of Richmond from the People’s Republic of China.) Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, dozens of students from China studied at Richmond. By the 1950s, young women from Brazil and Norway proclaimed themselves very happy at Westhampton, and in 1960 Abdullah Mina, from Lebanon, wrote powerful columns for The Collegian that predicted much of the world history that would follow. “No matter how many differences there are among the peoples of the world,” he told his fellow students, “their basic needs and aspirations are the same—freedom, well-being, and peace.”

But, closer to home, the fundamental unity and equality of people had long been denied. Although the Baptists had identified themselves early in their history as enemies of slavery, they, like virtually all white Southerners, had accommodated themselves of the institution by the time Richmond College was founded. For a hundred years after emancipation, for five generations, the city, state, and region where we live demanded racial exclusion. Black people had occupied the land on which we gather today, first as enslaved people and then as free people making their own way in a hard place. When the beautiful new buildings of Ralph Adams Cram began to go up in 1911, workers walked over from Zion Town, less than a mile to our west, where they had established their own settlement after freedom.

But African-Americans could not be students here, just as they could not be students at the historically white public universities of Virginia. Black Virginians never accepted the injustice they confronted and worked throughout the 1920s and 1930s to win simple justice. The coming of World War II finally opened a new opportunity, and here in Richmond as elsewhere African-Americans pressed white Americans to live up to the claims they made about the nation’s purpose. And some University of Richmond students supported them in the early days of struggle.

In 1943, a Collegian editorial asked about segregation on the buses of the city: “Is there any good reason why the Negro should not sit with the whites? After all, Negroes are
Americans too—as American as you or I. Their sons, brothers, and husbands are fighting and dying alongside of their white brethren on the fighting fronts. These Negro men are fighting for what they believe—that this country is a democracy in practice, as well as in ideals.”

The next year, in 1944, Russell Jones, according to The Collegian “a student at Virginia Union and one of the city’s outstanding young Negro leaders,” came to Westhampton College to help recruit for Richmond’s Inter-collegiate Council. That Council, supported by eight other colleges including Richmond and Westhampton, announced that it was open to everyone who wanted to “bring about better understanding between all races.” But after his talk Jones was not allowed to eat with the white students even though they invited him to do so. The students petitioned the rector and the president to remove any prohibition, but for another 20 years the University, like others across Virginia, public and private, steadfastly resisted integration.

But things then began to change, slowly. In 1964, the first black students enrolled in evening classes at the predecessor to our School of Continuing Studies, then only two years old. In 1968, the first African-American student to live in a dormitory here on campus, Barry Greene, enrolled and was welcomed. After that, the number of black students at the University slowly increased. And slowly, too, we have attracted Americans from other under-represented groups, from American families whose origins lie in China or India or Vietnam, in Mexico and Guatemala, in Bulgaria or the Ukraine.

But we all know there is more to be done to make the University of Richmond all it can be, and should be, and must be. Our past and our traditions serve as our guides as we continue this important work in making ourselves more self-aware, inclusive, and generous.

From the beginning, in various ways, this University has been about expanding opportunity. As early as 1836, half the students were what were then called “beneficiaries,” recipients of scholarships.

For the next 172 years, the University of Richmond would open doors for students of need. Whether they came to campus as day students, as Claiborne Robins did in 1927 or Marcus Weinstein did in 1946, or whether they came from distant farmsteads to live in the dormitories and work in the dining halls, or whether they came from the other side of the world, we have opened doors—though sometimes only after a great deal of knocking. Once here, students of all backgrounds have changed our University immeasurably for the better. In 1895, a critic of co-education warned in a college publication that the effects of admitting women would be “lasting, and exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate.” He was right! But wrong to worry. Now we need to open the doors of opportunity even wider.

We have an exciting opportunity before us to do so—even if that opportunity comes wrapped in the somewhat dull packaging of something called a “strategic plan.” Our faculty, staff, students, and alumni are now shaping that plan, refining and revising it, giving it flesh and blood. The plan has five principles, and those principles have crystallized out of hundreds, maybe thousands, of conversations and from eloquent responses to the question I asked all around the country and all around the campus over the last year: What do we want the University of Richmond to be known for as we move forward?

Help plan UR’s future

What does the University of Richmond want to be known for as we move forward?

President Ayers posed that question last summer to spark discussion that has produced a rough draft of a strategic plan.

The draft is available for your review and comment at strategicplan.richmond.edu. It is based on the following five principles that emerged from answers to Ayers’ initial question:

• Creating an academic enterprise that is connected, innovative, rigorous, and personal;

• Fostering an inclusive and diverse community, strengthened by the range of knowledge, opinion, belief, political perspective, and the unique backgrounds of its members;

• Making UR as affordable as possible, offering opportunities for students who can most benefit from and contribute to the educational environment;

• Engaging the larger Richmond community to shape students, both educationally and experientially, and to address the needs of the community; and

• Forging a distinctive and coherent student experience.

"It is important that the strategic plan lay out bold, meaningful goals that are worthy of our collective effort and the generations before who have given us this opportunity," Ayers says.
And the five principles emerge directly from our history. Accordingly, one of the areas on which we will focus intently in the next five years is diversity—on integrating students, faculty, and staff of different backgrounds, experiences, and ideas more fully into one community. In the global community for which we are preparing the young men and women who study here, the old boundaries between people are shifting. We are all interconnected and interdependent, and that needs to be part of the experience our students have here. But we are not merely reacting to external forces in promoting diversity. We are stewarding one of the best parts of our legacy—the commitment to opportunity and a tradition of welcome that has characterized this institution in many ways for generations. We have work to do to expand that tradition. And we will do it.

We will also focus on the second part of the strategic plan, on affordability, because that is one of our oldest traditions and one of our greatest needs for the future. We are one of only 1 percent of the schools in the United States that do not ask how much money you have before we admit you and then guarantee to meet 100 percent of the need that you demonstrate. Generations of young men and women who have come here on scholarships have led lives of remarkable achievement, and they have given back much to this place. It is astounding to think about the ability that would have been squandered if we had not been able to enroll them, and it is sobering to think about how different the University might be today without the support they have been able to give us. While it will be challenging to maintain and expand this tradition of affordability, we will do it.

We want to bring students of all backgrounds here, not just because we believe they have something to offer this community, but because we know we have something important to offer them. Two of our other key priorities will focus on integrating more fully what is already special about the Richmond experience.

Focusing on our core academic enterprise, we will integrate higher education in a way that is done nowhere else. We can do so because each of our schools is strong, a worthy ally of the rest. We will offer our students avenues to connect the arts and sciences with business. We will invite law professors to teach undergraduates and invite law and graduate students to take advantage of the rich offerings elsewhere in the University. We will encourage our students of traditional college age to study alongside those decades older. We will use our leadership school as a model and catalyst of engaged interdisciplinary work. Just as the founding Baptists created a liberal arts college rather than a seminary, understanding that broad learning was a necessary ingredient to live in the world, we can build from our unique configuration of schools a broader academic experience than is possible almost anywhere else. And we will do that.

We will also focus on offering an integrated and distinctive student experience inside and outside the classroom. Our traditions here are clear. This place has always been about human connection, about educating the entire person. Our size provides for a small and close community. The landscape we occupy and the buildings we enjoy are of a human scale, nurturing and sheltering. One student, a young Civil War veteran, noted in his diary in 1868, “How strong and dear are the ties that are formed at College.” That has not changed, and Westhampton College and Richmond College hold out unique opportunities for mentoring and fellowship, just as they have for nearly
a hundred years in our enduring coordinate system. Our remarkable network of international collaborations, decades in the making, brings us students from all over the world and grows every day. Our laboratories and research opportunities are accessible to undergraduates in a way that is rare anywhere else. The Office of the Chaplaincy provides a sense of personal care and support and spiritual sustenance that has always characterized the University of Richmond. Our athletic teams embody what is best about intercollegiate sports. There are ways to weave these elements together, to shape a coherent and cohesive whole that is more than the sum of its parts, to create a place of joyful learning. And we will do that.

Finally, we will focus on preparing our students for lives as engaged citizens—and the institution as a whole will become a more fully engaged citizen in the community where we live, a community that has shaped our identity in fundamental ways.

Much of what we have, we have because Richmonders have given it—through decades of hard work as well as through generous gifts. The University likewise has given much back over the last 178 years, educating tens of thousands of Virginians and creating many more Virginians from those who have come to us from elsewhere and then choose to stay and call the Commonwealth home. In the 19th century, our students volunteered their time in the city’s Alms House, in the Old Soldiers’ Home, and the State Penitentiary. Today, they are engaged in public health and the public schools, in community development, in pro bono legal work and much else that is often visible only to those whom they help. We will sustain and build upon that tradition of making this a University for Richmond as well as of Richmond.

Generations of Richmonders have bequeathed us a beautiful place, a landscape that provides the spaces for all that we do. Our generation’s responsibility is to steward this place in ways fitting with the care shown by those who have come before us and then to fulfill our responsibility to future generations. For us, that stewardship must include thinking about the larger environmental impact of the decisions we make and by educating responsible environmental citizens. And we will do that.

Achieving our aspirations in these five areas will be hard but thrilling work. It will require all of us associated with the University to contribute our energy, our ideas, our honesty, our good will, our imagination. But there is a tradition of that here, too.

It will be an exciting adventure and I look forward to pursuing it with all of you. Thank you for this opportunity—and for your faith in our shared future. Thank you.

To view the entire inauguration, visit inauguration.richmond.edu.
Summertime at the Reunion

From the left, Dr. Charles Graham, R'55, Nancy Prickett Yarbrough, W'58, Jean Hudgins Frederick, W'58, and Dr. Arnold Frederick, R'56, sip champagne at the President’s House.

Suzanne Wheatall Casey, W'88, and Joe Casey, B'86, dance the night away in the Robins Center.

Curt Womble, R'63, (left), John Girardi, R'66, (center), and Jack Cosby, R'63, represent Theta Chi at the alumni picnic.

Donna Kingery Hudgins, W'73, and daughter Caroline Hudgins, '08, will share the same reunion year forever.

From the left, Lenore Vassil, B'88, Renée Baldwin, W'88, Chuck Nees, B'88, and Susan Haws Clifford, W'88, party in The Cellar.

Marilyn Branch Mitchell, W'78, (left) and Ellyn Tabb Will, W'78, reminisce at the Reunion Celebration.

Daniel Ryan, '98, and Julie Cors Ryan, '98, enjoy the children’s activities in Millhiser Gym with their son, Connor.

From the left, Anjanette Delancey, Erin MacKinney, Regina Coles, and Radhika Maroo reunite at the Class of 2003 barbecue.

President Edward Ayers toasts the Class of 1958.

Laughter overwhelms Doris Moore Shea, W'48, at her class reception.
Frances Orrell Lineberry, W’48, and Berlin Lineberry Jr., R’49, cut a rug at the Boatwright Society dinner. They were joined by more than 2,000 alumni, friends, and family members celebrating Reunion Weekend in April.

The Class of 1998 attracted the most members, while the Class of 1958 welcomed the highest percentage of its members. The Class of 1968 set a reunion gift record by raising more than $4 million, the largest contribution of any reunion class this year.

Next year, UR will welcome alumni from class years ending in 4 and 9. Save the dates of March 27–29, 2009. If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.
URAA
Alumni association elects new president

On July 1, Tripp Perrin, '95, will become president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA).

Perrin has been a member of the URAA board since its inception in 2003. He serves on several other University boards and committees, including Richmond Council and the Annual Fund steering committee.

He is chief operating officer of Care Advantage, a regional home health care and medical staffing company based in Richmond.

Other members of the URAA executive committee for 2008-09 are: Patty Dann Loyde, B'92 and GB'97, immediate past president; Jasmann Coleman, '98, president-elect; Carla DeLuca, '93, vice president for communications; Sam Kaufman, '99, vice president for finance; Kelly Gribbin, '02, vice president for membership; Betty Ann Dillon, W'48 and G'49, vice president for programs; Ken Kraper, '05, vice president for university relations; Nancy Heilman Cale, W'75 and G'77, secretary; and Ryan FitzSimons, '01, treasurer.

New members elected to the URAA Board of Directors include Craig Flinn, R'87, and Brandt Portugal, '02.

Reunion
Alumni receive service awards

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


Healey is president of the feminine and health care group of Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. Last year, Fortune magazine listed her among the “50 Most Powerful Women in Business.”

Long retired from Douglas Southall Freeman High School in Richmond, where he was an assistant principal and coach. He is a member of the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame.

Melvin is a NASA astronaut in Houston. In February, he served as a mission specialist on Space Shuttle Atlantis. (See story on page 8.)

Weinstein is vice chair of Weinstein Properties in Richmond. Last year, she pledged $9 million toward construction of the Carole Weinstein International Center, a new building to accommodate the University's rapidly growing international programs.

Also during Reunion Weekend, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies presented its 10th Year Reunion Recognition Award to Maia Carter Hallward, '98; of
Acworth, Ga., an assistant professor of political science and international affairs at Kennesaw State University.

**NOTABLES**

**Alumni earn national K–12 teaching awards**

John Edmondson, R’78, has won an American Stars of Teaching Award. Each year, the U.S. Department of Education gives the prestigious prize to one K–12 teacher in every state. Edmondson won for New Hampshire, where he teaches sixth-grade language arts and social studies.

In a separate K–12 teacher recognition program, Kimberly Colbert, ’01, received a Milken Educator Award, which comes with a $25,000 check. Colbert chairs the science department at Thompson Middle School in Richmond.

**Crawford’s company among fastest-growing**

*Inc.* magazine has ranked TCMPi the eighth fastest-growing software company and the 73rd fastest-growing private company in the United States.

Chris Crawford, R’78, is founder and CEO of TCMPi, headquartered in Kingstown, R.I. The company runs The Corporate Marketplace, a Web site that links companies to manufacturers of motivational gifts and prizes.

**Alum’s Hokie cartoon nominated for Pulitzer**

Following the Virginia Tech tragedy, Ben Lansing, ’05, created a cartoon of mourning mascots from Virginia universities. “Today, we are all Hokies,” the caption said.

The image was nominated for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning by John Seigenthaler Sr., the founding editorial director of *USA Today*.

Lansing is a self-syndicated editorial cartoonist, so his cartoon originally appeared in several Virginia newspapers. It also appeared online and was forwarded to people all over the country.

**Connect with classmates**

**Homecoming 2008**

Oct. 24–26

This year’s homecoming will feature football against Georgetown, a pre-game picnic, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2008, and a young grad reunion for classes 1999–2008.

**Reunion Weekend 2009**

March 27–29

If your class year ends in 4 or 9, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in March. If you would like to help plan your reunion, visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office.

**Regional Events**

**Year-Round**

For information about events in your area, visit UROnline.net and click on “Regional Alumni Chapters,” or call the alumni office.

**UROnline.net**

**Anytime**

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.

**Contact Information**

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CLASS OF ’28
Louise Eubank Gray, W, celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. She lives at Riverside Convalescent Center in Saluda, Va. She enjoyed a long career as an English teacher and guidance counselor.

CLASS OF ’36
Margaret Bowers Gill, W, and Jesse E. Tegethoff were married on Jan. 13, 2007, in St. Giles Chapel in Asheville, N.C. They live at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville.

CLASS OF ’38
Elzie “Curly” Mitchell Sullivan, W, lives in Tucson, Ariz. She keeps in touch with former classmate Jean Bobbitt Grubbs, W.

CLASS OF ’39
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CLASS OF ’40
John I. Crews, R, retired as executive director of Camp Staunton Meadows, a children’s camp he founded nearly 30 years ago in Clover, Va. He has three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF ’42
I was sorry to read in the winter issue about the death on June 15, 2007, of another of our classmates, Jane Blake Longest. I understand from Ada Moss Harlow that Jane had been ill for some time. When I called, Ada and her husband, William M. Harlow, R’60, had just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Bill now lives at the Hermitage in Richmond, where Ada visits him every afternoon.

I was delighted that Emmy S. Fountain returned my call. Emmy is doing well and teaching piano in Virginia Beach. Also at Virginia Beach is James Elizabeth “Jimmy” Franklin Radd. She has lived in a retirement home for six years with her two children nearby. She still plays golf and occasionally sees Margaret “Peggy” Vicas Early and Mildred Tabb Trent. I learned that Hortense Winston Ruddick has moved to an assisted-living center in Virginia Beach. I also had a pleasant conversation with LaVerne Priddy Muse.

Judging by her enthusiasm, Dorothy Quinn Keeling is doing well. She plays piano and enjoys using this talent in her volunteer work. She keeps up with the birthdays of her 13 grandchildren and researches genealogy.

Much of my conversation with Mary Pegram Wilson Worthington stemmed from the recent passing of Allene Jones Patterson and Anne Frank Patterson. They and their husbands enjoyed many vacations together. Also part of that special friendship was Laura Jenkins Cornell. We laughed about the Mary learning to ice skate on Westhampton Lake. She raised five children and enjoys five grandchildren.

My request to the alumni office for a current address brought the sad news of the death of Bernice Hargrove Wood on Jan. 17, 2007. Her daughter, Ann Wood-Arendt, W’72, says Bernice fondly remembered her years at Westhampton.

CLASS OF ’43
Rose Ware Kofukian Wallace, W, and her husband, James, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last June with a trip to Portland, Maine, with their two sons and their families. They live at Sunnyside Retirement Community in Sarasota, Fla.

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If you have e-mail, please send me your address. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

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CLASS OF ’46
I had a nice phone conversation with Elaine Weil Weinberg in February. She had a total knee replacement and was recovering nicely. One of her first outings after surgery was to a reception in San Francisco, where Dr. Edward L. Ayers, new president of the University of Richmond, spoke beautifully about the changes on campus.

I also talked with Ding Lunneth Shortwell. Her husband, J. Ralph Shortwell, R, has had significant health issues but is experiencing
Secret code, public education

Matilda “Tillie” Tisinger Massey, W’33

After graduating from Westhampton College, Tillie Massey was eager to return home to Atlanta, join the work force, and make her mark. But it was 1933, the depths of the Great Depression. Since jobs were scarce and teaching was one of the few careers a woman could pursue, she wound up in a remote Georgia town in a makeshift school fashioned from an abandoned general store. For one year, she struggled to impart basic education to a part of the world where life was hard and rudimentary schooling was barely in evidence. Tillie quickly realized that she needed to learn the art of teaching.

After earning a master’s degree in elementary education from Columbia University, Tillie spotted an advertisement encouraging college-educated women to serve their country during World War II. She interviewed with the WAVES, was sworn in on the spot, and dispatched to officers’ training school. She was stationed in Charleston, S.C., where she spent the duration of the war working in the code room. To this day, the former lieutenant Massey refuses to divulge anything about secret codes used to alert battleships and submarines or methods of intercepting enemy signals.

After the war, Tillie returned to public education, becoming an elementary school principal in Atlanta, where she met Lt. Cmdr. Madison Massey. They dated for 16 years and were married more than 30 years before he died in 2000. Tillie Massey acquired her independent spirit early in life. Her mother died from childbirth complications. Her father, a young country doctor in Eufaula, Ala., was aided in raising her by his mother and an aunt, the widow of Azor Van Hoosie Jr., a former president of Brenau College.

Tillie's Westhampton years provide treasured memories of lifelong friendships and learning from inspirational professors such as Dr. Susan Lough and Dr. Maude Woodfin, W’16. This spring Tillie celebrates her graduation from Westhampton three quarters of a century ago.

—Sarah McComas
CLASS OF '48

As I write, our 60th reunion is approaching, but as you read this, it will be a memory! I will make a full report in the fall issue. Thanks to those who have been a part of planning: Jean Brunsey Biscoe, Faye Hines Kilpatrick, Mary Cross Marshall, and Doris Moore Shea.

Jane Belk Moncure enjoys reading about dear friends of Westhampton College days. This has been a difficult year for her with the death of her husband.

Judith Barnett Seelhorst was trudging through the snow in February to prepare for 22 guests on the farm. Her granddaughters are part of the Varsity Singers in Kidron, Ohio, and the group was giving a concert at Judy’s church in Kentucky. She also was expecting seven grandchildren and their parents for a weekend visit in April.

A hair-raising experience was reported by Frances Orell Lineberry in January! Grandson Andy, 18, was among a group of ministers and administrators on a mission trip with Gleaning for the World Ministries.

The group was kidnapped on their way from Guatemala City to Elza Verde. They were held at gunpoint, but after four hours, the kidnappers ran away.

Millicent Hutcherson Taylor and Simeon P. Taylor, R’47, continue to be delighted with life at Greenspring Village. Activities include the Players’ Group. Millicent participated in a variety show, and she and Sim helped to put on a re-enactment of the Lord’s Supper.

I enjoyed a lovely handmade Christmas card from Doris Vickers Lektorich. It included a wonderful picture.

Virginia Herndon Pugh returned home in January from rehab after her operation and treatments. We hope her mobility improves.

Frances Stuart Bailey had a fun trip with her daughter to New York in December. The 75th anniversary show of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes was wonderful.

News came in February of the death of Catherine “Kitty” Cross Alvis, sister of Mary Cross Marshall. Mary’s friends in our class knew Kitty well. We extend our sympathy to her family.

I had an overnight trip to Washington recently with the Augusta County Historical Society. We visited a number of places, including the National Archives. We were accompanied by the seventh archivist of the United States, Don Wilson, who is now vice chair of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton.

Life continues to be filled with joys and challenges for the “girls” of ’48! Westhampton Class Secretary

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CLASS OF '49

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March 27-29, 2009

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Some classmates have inquired about the omission of our news from the spring issue of the magazine. I mailed our class letter to the alumni office in early December, but it was never received. It must have been lost in the holiday mail.

I did receive Christmas notes from Mary Burnett Small, Barbara “Bobbie” Rhodes Barker, and Alice “Mitzi” Verra Williams. Sadly, Bobbie’s card included news of her husband Bill’s death on Oct. 20, 2007. Bill suffered a stroke in 1998 and more recently was diagnosed with cancer. Bobbie is doing well with the support of her family.

CLASS OF ’50

Marjorie Parson Owen had a marvelous time on a seven-day cruise to Hawaii with her senior circle. She also enjoys going to Richmond football and basketball games.

Marjorie notes that Julia Winn Pittman has moved from Beaufort, N.C., to Gethersburg, Md.

Ellen Largent Perlman and Al enjoyed a Russian river cruise in July from St. Petersburg to Moscow. In September they went to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, where they saw 10 plays in six days at the Shaw Festival.

Our class was well-represented at the December open house for Boatwright Society members held at the home of UR’s new president, Dr. Edward Ayers. Those attending from
our class were: Janice Brandenburg Halloran, Margaret Alexander Anderson, Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy, Libby Grivens Pierce and Bucky, Doris Balderson Burbank, G'77, and Banny, Maryanne Bugg Lambert and Pete, Gene Harte Joyner and Floyd, and Lee Reeves Childress.

The sad news came with two letters. The first was from Robin Harden Holloway, B'81, the daughter-in-law of Marianna “Mokey” Rounds Holloway. Robin wrote that Mokey died May 11, 2007, in Salisbury, Md. (Because this news was not received until late November, it was not reported in an earlier edition.) The second letter of sad tidings came from Frances “Franie” Chandler Long, who sent the obituary of Stella Dalton Wallner, who died on Dec. 14, 2007, in Hickory, N.C. Franie and Stella were roommates all four years at Westhampton. Our deepest sympathy goes to both families on the loss of their— and our— loved ones.

Please continue to send your news.

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James W. “Jim” Huxter, B. and his wife, Bobbie, live in Palm Bay, Fla., where they both play in the Melbourne Municipal Concert Band. They have taken several cruises including a New Year’s Eve cruise to the eastern Caribbean.

CLASS OF ’51
Pat Smith Kelley spent Thanksgiving in Nashville, Tenn., with her son, Page, and his family. In December she hosted a luncheon that included Bobbie Brown Yagel, Norma Streever Craig, Frances Arrighi Tonacci, Gwen Priddy Donohue, and Sue Pitts Hodder.

Bobbie and her husband, Myron M. Yagel, R’50 and G’55, were in Asheville for Christmas. They stayed at the Biltmore Hotel and enjoyed the spectacular display of Christmas lights.

Mary Lee Moore May and Ed traveled to North Carolina in February to visit Ed’s daughter. Also in February they celebrated Mary Lee’s birthday with a few days at the Inn at Little Washington.

Norma Streever Craig and Norma have enjoyed wine tastings at the Virginia Wine Exposition and the Richmond Wine Society.

Betsy Bethune Langhome had a wonderful visit with her son, Tom, who lives in Indiana. She enjoys life at Westminster Canterbury and especially likes learning how to shoot pool.

Jean Love Hanson and Chuck had a vacation with their daughter, Page, and friends in Savannah.

Bob and I spent a wonderful week at Christmas in Denver and Boulder, with our children and grandson and 20 inches of snow.

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Eleanor Wright Woodward, W. and her husband, Harry, live in Newport News, Va. They have 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF ’52
Eleanor Bradford Tunell, Lee Persons Hays, Sue Easley Candler, and Addie Eicks Comewis have volunteered to be point people for our class. Addie is our archivist and is collecting historical items for the new Westhampton Center. Eleanor will contact the following classmates: Barbara Crawthorne Clark, George McGee Coke, Sue Peters Hall, Mary Anne Coates Edel, Betty Edmonds Dunn, Charlotte Babb Edmonds, and Bettie Sneed Herard. Look for your group in the next newsletter.

We will continue to e-mail class members who have e-mail addresses and you all can e-mail information to us to submit to the alumni magazine. Those of you who do not have e-mail, please send letters with your information, with stamped, self-addressed envelopes, to make it easier for us to send you the same messages!

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Charles W. Gibson, R., is the intentional interim pastor of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. Since retiring in 1992, he has served 10 churches as intentional interim pastor and three churches as traditional interim pastor. He lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF ’53
Charles L. “Lew” Baird, R., and his wife, Jane, live in Richmond, where he is director of the Virginia Heart Institute.

Paul D. Webster, R., and his wife, Betty Jean, live in Augusta, Ga. He is a retired physician and was honored recently by the Medical Association of Georgia with its Hardman Award.

CLASS OF ’54
Reunion Reminder
March 27 – 29, 2009
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It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of our classmate, Nancy Stanley Deew, on Jan. 5, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Frederick Deew Jr., four children, three stepchildren, and six grandchildren. Nancy earned a master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and taught algebra and geometry for many years. She was active in the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the Boatwright Society, and Manakin Episcopal Church. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Jane Gill Tombs and Averett S. Tombs, R., hosted their entire clan for a daylong celebration the Saturday before Christmas. Four of their grandchildren are in college with another set to go next fall. Jane and Averett continue to participate in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University, and Averett competes in Senior Olympics events.

Sue Perry Downing and her husband, Thomas W. Downing Jr., R., live at Brookridge in Winston-Salem, N.C. Tom is in long-term care, leaving for DisneyWorld, where she will be enjoying the grandchildren.

Ann Hanbury Callis wrote me in February that she would soon be leaving for Disney World, where she planned to meet her daughter and her family, who live in Costa Rica. They planned to celebrate grandson Jackson’s birthday, along with visiting other relatives and friends.

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Allen A. Jackson, R., and his wife, Judy, live in Chappell Hill, Texas. They have 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

CLASS OF ’55
As you peruse these class notes, please remember that what you are reading was written in February.

Joy Winstead, Grace Phillips Webb, her husband, and I traveled by bus with the Richmond Chapter of the U.S. Navy League for a Christmas tour of the White House. This memorable trip included lunch at Union Station and a visit to the National Gallery.

In February 2007, Mariah Chisholm Hasker and her husband had a wonderful trip to Tanzania with a group of other retirees. In June, Mariah and family members from six states gathered in Richmond to honor the memory of a dear friend. It was a joy for her to see her Houston grandchildren playing with her Connecticut grandchildren.

Enclosed in a Christmas card from Myra Embrey Wormald was a picture of her large, handsome family. Myra may hold the record in our class for the most grandchildren.

The card from Cammie Freeman Naylor depicted the happy couple stepping out for a celebration. Cammie was walking with a “new knee.”

The sporting events of her grandchildren add to the busy schedule of Polly Bundick Dize. She saw Sallie Horner Black, W’54, at a recent basketball game. Peggy and Ann King Lucas lived near Sallie in North Court our freshman year.

Margaret Gore Swanson wrote that she would be willing to enjoy the reading of good news from classmates.

Ruth Gouldin Kelley tells us that two of her three sons will be living in Richmond. Her third son is a political cartoonist for The Times-Picayune in New Orleans.

Peggy Hall Flippin and Edward A. Flippin, R’56, were looking forward to being in Richmond in April for their granddaughter’s wedding. Visits were also planned with Ed’s sister in Michigan and with Peggy’s cousins in Allentown, Pa. Peggy and Ed are happy to have their daughter moving from Utah to Savannah, Ga., to be dean of the College of Health Professions at Armstrong Atlantic State University.
The winter publication from Lakewood Manor had an article on one of its new residents—our own Jackie Kelby Brooks! Jackie was happy with the results of her cataract surgery.

Alice McCarty Haggerty planned to attend the Kentucky Derby with her cousin in May.

Pat Minor Hoover is an active member of an art and craft co-op in Harrisonburg, Va., a gallery in Burboinville, Va., and the Artisan Center of Virginia in Waynesboro. Pat’s mother, Elizabeth Gill Minor, W’31 and G’33, lives in Pat’s weaving studio. Pat was looking forward to an April family reunion in New Jersey, when one of her granddaughters would be taking her first communion. Godparents are Pat’s daughter and son-in-law, who live on Puget Sound.

Gloria and her husband, George R. Aldhizer III, B’84, and his family, who live in Wake Forest, N.C., were also planning to be present for this special occasion.

Carolyn Neale Lindsey and her husband, James E. Lindsey, R’54, had an interesting fall attending their granddaughter’s football games. She was the kicker for her high school team and also the homecoming queen! You may have unknowingly seen another of Carolyn’s granddaughters in a Busch Gardens commercial during the spring. Carolyn and Jim were planning a trip to Florida on their new motorcycle.

Ruth Owen Batt was anticipating a February visit from Nancy Johnson White. They also planned to visit with Arnett Kizzia Bromell and John while Nancy was in Florida. Ruth and two of her sisters are planning a trip to the British Isles in August. Ruth’s adventurous daughter climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in January.

Janet Pace Burbage is a great-grandmother! Her great-grandson was born in December.

After a lengthy time of treatments, Grace Phillips Webb is feeling lively. Burrell Williams Stultz is enjoying other courses at the School of Continuing Studies. Burrell and John L. Stultz, B’58, traveled to Florida in January. They also attended the funeral for Louise English, mother of Margaret English Lester and Beverly English Dalton, W’71, in Altavista, Va., in January.

Jody Weaver Yuhase and Bill enjoyed a Christmas trip to Nashville, Tenn. They attended the Radio City Christmas show and the Grand Ole Opry. An April trip was planned to York, Pa., for the national model train show. By the time you read this news, Jody should be enjoying the newly remodeled kitchen at her cottage on the Rappahannock River. This work was instigated by her children: Lynn Wampler Maloney, B’83, and Z. Lee Wampler, R’83.

Virginia “Sunshine” Murden and I received letters from Martha Morgan-Wolfsy, the daughter of our deceased classmate, Mary Anne Logan Mongan. She is following in her mother’s footsteps as a librarian.

In January, a group from our class had lunch with Dr. Juliette Landphair, dean of Westhampton College, at the Jefferson Alumni Center. Dr. Landphair’s positive feelings for the students and our college were evident as she talked about Westhampton traditions and asked about our years on campus. She also explained plans for Westhampton Center, which will include the Deanery and a new building connected to it by a loggia. The center will provide space and resources for students and alumnae, and it will feature a collection of Westhampton memorabilia. Glass doors will open to the historic Gillette garden. The project is slated for completion in 2010—perhaps in time for our 55-class reunion.

At the Class of ’58 luncheon were: Ruth Gouldin Kelley, Shirley Garrett Masson, Nancy Johnson White, Jackie Kelby Brooks, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Emily Menefee Johnston, Betty Parrish Knott, G’65, Grace Phillips Webb, Jean Ruddie Mignears, Sue Smith Van Wicker, Barbara Turner Willis, Jody Weaver Yuhase, Burrell Williams Stultz, Joy Winstead, and me.

Nancy Denton, assistant director of planned giving, reported that the book value of our scholarship fund is $342,150. When you make your donation, please earmark your check for the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts.

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CLASS OF ’56

Those of us in the Richmond area enjoyed the holiday reception for the Boartwright Society given by President Edward Ayers and his wife, Abby. Our class was well-represented by Diane Brown Higgins, Sylvia Grigorowitch Dickerson, G’57, Doris Huffman Moore, Janet Knobel Jones, Helen Melton Lukhard, Ann Peery Oppenhimer, Helen Siner Wood, Joyce Still Gibson, Sara Thompson Flinn, Edna Wagstaff Warncke, G’65, and me.

We also regretted the loss of our own Jackie Kelby Brooks. Jackie was happy with the results of her cataract surgery.

CLASS OF ’57

I would like to thank Joyce Garrett Tidye, G’77, for helping gather some of the news from this time.

Catherine “Cathy” Blair Armbrister wrote from Bluefield, W.Va., that she and her husband, David M. Armbrister, R’56, had a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary party on Aug. 4, 2007. They knew none of the details in advance, but their family went out all with musicians, dancing, and a buffet dinner. Cathy and David planned to move to a new house this spring. They were excited but also a little sad to leave their home of 35 years.

Jane Cumby McAlexander and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. After retiring from teaching, Jane enjoys working two days a week at a retirement community. This spring she attended the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Betty Ann Ponton Gear spends lots of time in Florida with her grandchildren. It is a nice change, she notes, from the cold weather in Pennsylvania.

Rosalind Allen Barker had a wonderful visit in London with their son, Randal, and his family in September. There was also a Barker family reunion while they were in London. They plan a Christmas in Chapel Hill, N.C., with their son, Piers, and his family. Son Crispin was also with them.

Lovey Jane Long volunteers in Lancaster County, Va., at Historic Christ Church, a 1735 Georgian church about two miles from her home.

Lee Feild Griffiths has acquired a new golden retriever puppy named Nugget. He was not a star pupil at obedience school.

In February, Carolyn Naumann Robertson and her husband, Jim, spent five days in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Lee Feild Griffiths and I joined them there for a couple of days. Carolyn was saddened by the death of her brother, Gene.

In February, I attended an annual Biophysics Society meeting in Long Beach, Calif. The return trip afforded some time in Hawaii. The rooms were all looking out over the ocean. We visited the Polynesian Cultural Center, and I enjoyed seeing snow-capped mountains, rivers, and farmland.

For the next newsletter, please share news about your hobbies and volunteering work. We need to hear from everyone.

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Lucille Burnett Garmon, W and G’60, and her husband, Gerald M. Garmon, R’56, live in Carrollton, Ga., where she is a chemistry professor at the University of West Georgia.

Leo N. Lampros, B, and his wife, Barbara, live in Roanoke, Va. He is a retired orthodontist.

CLASS OF ’58

Dawn Irvine Fiscus, W, is doing well after two bouts of cancer in the past five years. She and her husband, Jack, live in West Palm Beach, Fla. Their interests include theater and music.

John S. Harvie, R, and his wife, Barbara, have moved to a golf villa in Middleton, Va. Their extensive travels have included Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, and Costa Rica.
The CPA senator

Walter Stosch, B'59 and GB'84

State Sen. Walter Stosch still remembers the conversation that jumpstarted his career in the Virginia General Assembly. It was with then-Gov. John Dalton in 1982.

"The governor said, 'We want you to run for House of Delegates,'" Stosch recalls. "To which I replied, 'Why would I want to do that?'"

Stosch initially declined the offer but soon reconsidered. He did not think he would win, and if he did, he had decided he would only serve one two-year term.

As he was preparing for the election, he applied to Richmond's new part-time M.B.A. program, thinking his application would be turned down. He was shocked when the school—and the voters—accepted him.

In the past 23 years, Stosch has moved from the House of Delegates to the Virginia Senate, where he served as majority leader from 1998 to 2007. He serves on the Senate Finance Committee and several other prestigious committees and commissions, partly because he is the only certified public accountant in the Virginia General Assembly.

"Early on, I was assigned to the House Finance Committee," he says. "It was an incentive for me as well as a tribute to my background."

Stosch earned his undergraduate degree in accounting from Richmond. He attended the University on the GI Bill.

In the legislature, he has focused on economic development and education. "I've done a lot with business because that's my background," he says. "I've done a lot with education because that's my passion."

Stosch is particularly proud that Forbes magazine has rated Virginia the best state for business two years in a row.

Virginia's pro-business reputation is no accident, Stosch says. It took "a deliberate, concerted effort to make that happen." However, he warns, "we cannot rest on our laurels."

—Joan Tupponce

and enjoyed bird watching, nature walks, and shellfing.

Margaret Rutherford Compton and her family enjoyed Christmas together in Michigan. Daughter Louise and her family live in Dearborn.

Elizabeth Goldman Solomon and family had a celebration for her mother, who turned 102 in January. Elizabeth is thrilled to announce her first grandchild, Sarah Hollis Solomon, who was born to son Andrew and his wife, Leslie, in Atlanta. Elizabeth spent eight days with Andrew and Leslie, helping with the new baby. Elizabeth works with the Shady Grove YMCA after-school tutoring program, and through her business, Academic Tutoring, she teaches in the Richmond area.

Filipino Lumawooda Solomon flew to Buenos Aires to visit her brother, Roderick. She had a wonderful time seeing old friends and visiting the school where she was headmistress for many years. In January, Jehane and her husband, Samuel H. Taylor, R'58, had a short holiday in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. They loved the colonial architecture, warm weather, exotic drinks, and different foods. The highlight was a day spent in the tropical rain forest of El Yunque. She is thankful her health is finally on an even keel.

Barbara Dulin Polis visited her twin, Peggy Dulin Crow, in Miami, where they attended the Sony Ericsson Open tennis matches. Barbara reports her family is doing well and her grandchildren, ages 12, 9, 6, and 3, are growing like weeds. She feels fortunate to have them in Bradenton, Fla. Peggy also enjoys her grandchildren.

Karen Diedrich Gardner took a trip to Texas to see daughter Kari and went to Florida on vacation. She and her husband, James L. Gardner, R'55, traveled to the southern part of St. Lucia, where Jim had been an orthopedist. While there, Karen worked in an eye clinic and did patient triage. She continues following her grandchildren in basketball, is involved in church work, and makes Father Christmas figures.

Janice Dowdy Briggs and husband Ed gained three grandchildren in nine months. Their daughters, Kristi, and her husband, Pete, adopted siblings, Samuel John, born April 19, 2007, and Isabel Marie, born April 13, 2006. Their youngest child, Peter, was born Nov. 21, 2007. Janice and Ed spent time in Key West, Fla., helping Kristi
and Peter with their three little ones. Patricia MacDonald Allen and her husband, Dick, had an incredible trip to Antarctica in January. As a past president of the University of Oregon Alumni Association, Dick was asked to host an alumni group on the trip, and it turned out to be one of their best trips ever. They spent several days in Buenos Aires and flew to the tip of Argentina, where they got on the ship. They were able to go ashore at Cape Horn. One of the highlights was an incredible display of breaching by a young humpback whale that was swimming with its mother.

Beverly Brown Peace is able to drive and be active in her church. She is short on stamina, however.

Mary Ann Williams Haskett attended Richmond Symphony concerts, Irish and Klezmer music programs, jazz concerts, and a Shanghai Quartet performance at the Cathedral this year. She is teaching piano to her granddaughter, Madison, and another child. She remains active in her posole group. Daughter Sue continues to work with middle school children and spent Christmas with her. Son Tom and his wife, Chantel, and their son, Ethan, spent about a month with Mary Ann last spring but are now in Vietnan, Laos. Son Dave and his wife, Jenn, spent July 4 with Mary Ann but are now in Shanghai. Daughter Margaret spent last summer with her, and son Jim and his wife, Liz, also visited last summer, but they are now in Damascus, Syria.

Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum, Ruth Adkins Hill, and Bonnie Lewis Haynie all enjoy singing in The Heartstrings. In October Elizabeth and her husband, Ellis M. Dunkum, B and GB’69, spent a week in Hawaii attending a convention. They enjoyed University of Richmond basketball games this year, where their two grandchildren were ball kids. Elizabeth remains active in the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League.

Our 50th reunion is March 27-29. If you have suggestions or ideas for reunion activities, please call Elizabeth or e-mail her at elizabethdunkum@comcast.net.

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James A. Imel, R, and his wife, Rochelle, live in Bakersfield, Calif. He has authored several books and has earned master's degrees in biblical languages, theology, and church history. Recently he entered a doctor of theology program at Summit Bible College, where he teaches part-time. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Bakersfield College and Taft College.

CLASS OF ’60
Eleazore D. “Dodie” Tyrrell, W, lives in Sacramento, Calif., where she is research manager for the Alzheimer’s Disease Program for the California Department of Public Health. Her recent travels have included Argentina, Uruguay, and Antarctica. Last year she enjoyed a visit with her former roommate, Gloria Greenfield Harris, W, who lives in La Jolla, Calif.

CLASS OF ’61
Ferne Grimmett Gibson, W, retired as director of fine arts for Floyd County Schools, but she remains active in local arts organizations. She and her husband, Robert, live in Rome, Ga., and have five grandchildren. She occasionally sees Suzanne DuPuy Black, W, who lives nearby.

CLASS OF ’62
Judith Acree Hansen, W, and her husband, Richard, live in Fredericksburg, Va. Last July they enjoyed a trip to Eastern Europe. In August Judith attended a mini-reunion at the home of Julie Perkins Crowns, W, in Glen Allen, Va. Other Westhampton classmates in attendance were Diane Light Riffer, Jane Thompson Kemper, Robin Gramme Perkins, Kitty Borum Fitzhugh, and Libby Wampler Jarrett. They were joined by telephones by Judith D. Trunzo, who called from her home in France.

John W. Hurley, R, retired as CFO of Chambers Properties in Princeton, N.J. He and his son enjoyed a trip to Tanzania, where they climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

CLASS OF ’63
Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are extended to Charlotte Hines Forrester, G’86, on the loss of her mother on Feb. 22, 2008.

Send news, gals, so that I will be able to include it in the next issue.

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Michael M. Foreman, R, is an adjunct instructor in political science at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. In January he was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is the author of Some Worthy Women, which contains biographical sketches of more than 100 local women who achieved prominence in a variety of fields.

G. Curtis Womble, R, is retired from Cheserfer County Schools and works as a private Spanish tutor and interpreter for a free clinic. She is active in her church and enjoys travel, including a recent Alaskan cruise. She and her husband, Terry H. Hoy, R’69, have two children and two grandchildren.

CLASS OF ’66
Martha Daughtry Glass, W, lives in Cary, N.C., and is manager of North Carolina’s Agriculture Office. She recently met Todd P. Haymore, R’91, Virginia’s commissioner of agriculture, at an agriculture summit in Abingdon, Va.

Patricia A. “Trisha” Grizzard, W, is a poet, writer, and musician in Mechanicsville, Md., where she lives on a 66-acre farm with three horses, four goats, a cat, and a dog.

Patricia Schultz Hoy, W and G’73, is retired from Chesterfield County Schools and works as a private Spanish tutor and an interpreter for a free clinic. She is active in her church and enjoys travel, including a recent Alaskan cruise. She and her husband, Terry H. Hoy, R’69, have two children and two grandchildren.

CLASS OF ’67
Thomas E. “Eddie” Blick, R, retired last year after teaching journalism at Louisiana Tech University for 17 years. He and his wife, Lynda, live in Ruston, La.

Barbara J. Southall, W and G’71, retired from Prince George High School and is an adjunct professor in computer science and math and coordinator for instructional technology at Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Va.

Judith Crowell von Seldeneck, W, and her husband, Roger, live in Harrisonburg, Va. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to Hawaii. They have two...
grandsons. Judy has worked part-time in Harrisonburg's voter registration office since 2006.

CLASS OF '68
Rodney C. Camden, R, and his wife, Berry, live in Lynchburg, Va, where he is a math teacher and track coach at E.C. Glass High School.

Charles W. "Chick" Curtis, R, retired in 2006 after 35 years as a high school counselor. He lives in Riverside, Calif, where he is a professional artist and serves on the board of directors of the Riverside Community Arts Association.

Barbara Johnson Linney, W, and her husband, George, live in Charlotte, N.C. They have three grandchildren.

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Donald W. Bell, R, is retired from the University of California. He and his wife, Joyce Lu, enjoy traveling, skiing, hiking, and golfing. They live in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Wayne W. Bradshaw, R, is CEO of Bradshaw & Bradshaw Brokerage in Redondo Beach, Calif. Last year he and his wife, Kelly, visited China and fulfilled a lifelong dream of walking on the Great Wall.

Dixie Lee Heckel, W, and her husband, Carl, live in Hazlet, N.J., where she is a software engineer. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

CLASS OF '70
By the time this is printed, our gala 60th birthday bash in April will be a wonderful memory. There was so much news going around that weekend that I will have to save it for later. For this class letter, I have written a few notes on the committee members who worked so hard to make the weekend such a special event.

Sally Andrews Gudas was the fearless leader. One phone call from Penni Chappell Westbrook and a note from me was the only impetus she needed. She wrote countless notes and headed up a committee

The family firm
Rodney M. Poole, B'69

Rodney Poole performs an amazing balancing act. He is one of the foremost adoption attorneys in the nation. He also serves as senior vice president and general counsel of The Wilton Companies, a firm that owns and develops apartments, office buildings, industrial properties, and shopping centers in central Virginia.

"My time is supposed to be split 50/50," he says. "I like to say that means 50 hours a week on each."

Adoption law is personal for Poole, the father of two adopted children, a biological daughter, and a stepson. He inherited his passion for helping adoptive families from his late father, Travis, an attorney and former foster child who was dedicated to placing children in permanent homes. Poole grew up knowing he wanted to follow his father's example. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, he joined the elder Poole in establishing Poole & Poole in Richmond.

Approximately 3,000 cases later, he is a leader in the field. Poole is a past president of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. He also served for nine years as liaison between the academy and the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC), helping to build relationships that make it easier to adopt children across state lines.

He is a recipient of the AAICPC's Mitchell Wendell Jurist Award in recognition of "extraordinary accomplishment on behalf of children," as well as the Angel in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

In 2002, Poole joined Henry L. Wilton and UR Trustee Rich Johnson, B'73, in the acquisition of The Wilton Companies. In five years, they have quadrupled the value of the company's real estate portfolio.

Poole's family, which includes wife Lauree and mother Helen, is actively involved with UR. Each year a deserving student benefits from an accounting scholarship the family has established in memory of Poole's two late brothers, Travis Jr., B'73, and Craig, B'73.

—Karlton Rogers

extraordinarily! She and her husband, Steve, live west of Ashland, Va., and are busy being older parents, among other things. Next year both children will be in college. Sally works in human resources at Randolph-Macon College, though she is planning to resume her career in social work. She still sings whenever possible. Sally also volunteers at St. James the Less Free Clinic in Ashland and participates in Ashland's biannual variety show.

Susan Cosby Frazier was our treasurer. She is enjoying part-time retirement, working a few days a week at MCV while her husband, Thomas M. Frazier, R'72, keeps the same schedule with Hanover County Public Schools. They had a great time at Disney World with their daughter, son-in-law, and their 4-year-old granddaughter, Faith. Susan says daughter Mary has moved to Akron, Ohio. She and Tom also love yard work and spend much time at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

Donna Boone compiled an awesome scrapbook from all who sent in news. She and her husband, Michael McDonald, moved about a year ago to a home they built in western Hanover County. Her daughter, Dana, who is a graduate of Virginia Tech, lives nearby in Ashland with her husband and three children, Andrew, 8, Tyler, 6, and Addison, 2. Donna's son, David, graduated from the University of Richmond last year and lives in Richmond. Donna has found her groove and finished a book, She Won't Play Small, which explores the impact of unconscious sexism for both men and women on their career goals and relationships.

Sharon Morrissett Caldwell keeps us laughing with her great sense of humor. She retired from Verizon in 2006 after 32 years. Now she spends winters working in the General Assembly for Senator Lucas of Southeast Virginia. She keeps busy substitute teaching and working part-time at Stein Mart, and she somehow still has time to rescue Doberman Pinschers. She and her husband of 14 years, Bob, have two of their own. They are planning a trip to Ireland, and in October she is going with two girlfriends to Hawaii to celebrate retirement. She has one son and a stepdaughter, both 28.

JoAnn Russell Nicholson and her husband, Bill, sailed in the British Virgin Islands in a 44-foot
Did you know?
During Reunion Weekend, the University inaugurated Dr. Edward L. Ayers as its ninth president. Read his inaugural address, beginning on page 18.
CLASS OF ’73
Agnes Mobley Wynn wrote that her son, Clint, was an extern at Poste Restaurant in Washington through March as part of his chef’s training with the Culinary Institute of America. Agnes is staying busy with her new singing group, Schola Cantorum (sound familiar?). They have finished their first successful season of concerts and have started work on the spring repertoire.

The family of Jeanne Nicholson Veith was together for Christmas in Germany, where Joseph is an airline pilot. Jerome is a teaching fellow at Boston College and well on his way to his Ph.D. Jeannie and Jon are enjoying life in Europe and plan to stay there for at least another couple of years before returning to their home near Tacoma, Wash. Jeannie says they love company and would enjoy seeing friends from college.

I enjoyed seeing Nancy Caldwell Emerson at our reunion planning meetings. Nancy’s catering business celebrates 25 years in June. Her husband, Benjamin W. Emerson, R’84, is one of three managing partners of his law firm and has been elected to the vestry of his church. Their son, Benjamin, is combining work at AIA Engineering and school at Georgia Tech, where he is in the honors program for aerospace engineering. Son Taylor is a sophomore at the College of Charleston.

Our family had a wonderful Christmas with everyone at some point during the holidays. My daughter, Lee Kirby West, ’00, and her husband, PJ, live just five minutes away, so we always have lots of time with them and especially Hannah. She is old enough now to appreciate the meaning of the season as well as Santa Claus. It’s hard to believe that she will be in kindergarten next year. Christopher came down from Springfield with his girlfriend. He works for Sam’s Company’s Northern Virginia office.

As I write this, I am looking forward to our 35th reunion and hope to see lots of our classmates.

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Betsy Ray Cobb and West spent two weeks in September touring and hiking in southwest Colorado and Utah. They visited five national parks.

Grace Robinson King, Donna M. Persing, Jean Degenhart Smith, Beth Woody, and their spouses had dinner together in Richmond in December.

Judy Owen Hopkins and Hop spent the first two weeks in January in Colorado skiing. They were in Orlando in February for a breast cancer meeting.

Ellen Early Lusk and Pat are basking in their new role as grandparents. Juliet was born on Feb. 7 to eldest daughter Meredith and husband Jason. The icing on the cake is that Meredith and her husband moved into the in-laws’ 200-year-old home, which the kids had restored. Daughter Erin is attending midwifery school in El Paso, Texas. Pat and Ellen are enjoying a little more time off for travel since the sale of their pharmacy two summers ago. He enjoys his work on the EPIC Pharmacy board of directors, and Ellen is president of the local chapter of the Garden Club of Virginia.

Sandra R. “Sandy” Sperry has lived in Phoenix for 25 years. She moved to Phoenix for graduate school and stayed to be part of her nieces’ lives. In 2001, she left her position with the Peoria Unified School District, and started a private practice in human relations training and consulting. Decreasing educational funding has hurt that endeavor, so Sandy decided to take early retirement last year. In addition to consulting, she works two days a week for her sister, who is a pediatric speech therapist. Sandy says she is enjoying a more relaxed approach to life. Her hobbies include photography, making cards, church activities, and reading anything not on the college recommended list.

Rosalyn C. “Rox” Reed retired last fall after more than 33 years of combined service at DuPont and Accenture. Rox is doing volunteer work and taking classes through the University of Delaware Lifelong Learning Program. She is an ESL tutor and a tax-preparation volunteer through AARP.

Clemmie Williams Lankford has finished a yearlong volunteer commitment as the show chair for the Richmond Academy of Medicine Alliance Foundation’s 46th Benefit Antiques & Fine Arts Show. Clemmie also volunteers at the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club, where she frequently sees Janet Y. Ferrell. Clemmie and her husband, Harvey V. Lankford, R’72, have two sons. Seth is a Duke graduate and a software engineer for Harrah’s in Las Vegas. Reid, a recent Dickinson College graduate, is awaiting word of a Fulbright grant. His personal favorite was the ubiquitous sight of cows wandering around the streets.

Sarah Hopkins Finley, L’82, is executive director of the Virginia Council on Economic Education, a nonprofit organization that promotes economic and financial literacy for students in grades K-12. Daughter Carie finished her junior year at William and Mary and spent the spring semester in Argentina.

Karen Gay Lukhard, G’83, teaches math three days a week at Richmond Montessori School. Her daughter, Johanna, is married and living in Texas, and her son, Clinton, is in Maryland.

Since 1996, Leslie Lilley Kellenberger has been running the local Susan Komen Race for the Cure to honor her mom. This year, she’ll be running as a grateful survivor herself and would like some of our classmates to run with her in Raleigh, N.C.

Pat Raasch Tutterow and Nelson celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in May. Pat teaches fourth grade at Powdersville Elementary near Clemson University. She recently received her National Board Certification in literacy and language arts. Their son, Josh, graduated from Furman University with a degree in information technology. Pat and Nelson are fortunate to have their daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie...
CLASS CONNECTIONS

and Bo, and their 4-year-old
granddaughter, Ryan, living nearby. 
Beth Neil Jordan, ’87, stays busy 
organizing family activities. Son Paul 
plays state-level soccer in his junior 
year of high school in Tacoma, Wash. 
Daughter Elise is at the University of 
Virginia. Oldest daughter Laura E. 
Jordan, ’07, lives in Rwanda, Africa. 
Hubbard Glenn continues his practice 
in neonatology at Tacoma General 
Hospital. Beth plays tennis and attends 
Bible study and book club meetings. 

My daughter, Rebecca "Becca" 
Chandler, ’07, lived in Ghana, 
West Africa, for eight months after 
graduation. She volunteered in an 
orphange and helped develop a 
business and tourism plan for a 
monkey sanctuary. My husband, 
Theodore "Ted" Chandler, L77, 
continues his role as chairman and 
CEO of LandAmerica Financial Corp. 
We travel for business and pleasure 
once or twice a month.

E-mail me anytime with news, 
especially if you are not included 
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CLASS OF ’75 
Michael L. Dunsky, R, completed 
44 weeks of Russian language training 
last year and moved to Moscow, where 
he is the science and technology 
officer responsible for nuclear energy 
issues at the U.S. Embassy. His wife, 
Martha, is the administrative office 
manager in the embassy’s human 
resources section. 
Sydney B. Sowell, W, and her 
husband, Michael Greenberg, live in 
Dunkirk, Md. Their son, Doug, 
graduated from James Madison 
University and is a financial analyst 
for Wells Fargo. Last summer, Sydney 
and her daughter, Rachel, went on 
a medical mission trip to Ecuador, 
where Sydney was the team dentist.

CLASS OF ’77 
Francis J. Monahan, R, retired 
in 2005 as a major in the City of 
Richmond Police Department. He is 
now law enforcement director for 
the Virginia Department of Alcoholic 
Beverage Control. He is married and 
has five children.

CLASS OF ’78 
Thomas S. Berry, R, is an actuary 
with ING Americas in West Chester, 
Pa. He and his wife, Lauren Bolt 
Berry, W’91, have a son, James 
Thomas, 1.

Chris J. Crawford, R, is founder 
and CEO of TCMPI, which was 
ranked the eighth fastest-growing 
software company and the 73rd 
fastest-growing private company in 
the United States by Inc. magazine.

Chris lives in Jamestown, R.I.

Keith M. Hargrave, R, owns and 
operates a charter bus business near 
Athens, Ga. He and his wife, Debbie, 
have three children.

Richard G. Johnstone, R, lives in 
Richmond with his wife, Blair, and 
their son, Ethan, a high school junior.

Daughter Katie is a sophomore at Sweet 
Briar College. Last year the family 
enjoyed a trip to Italy and Germany.

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Last year he was transferred to Carlisle 
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Michele LeMay Wilber, W, is 
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Va. She earned an M.B.A. from 
Marymount University and is pursuing 
adoctorate in organization and 
management from Capella University.

She lives in Northern Virginia with her 
husband and daughter.

CLASS OF ’83 
Bruce W. Campanella, R, is the 
author of Count it All Joy, a novel 
published earlier this year. He lives in 
Stephens City, Va.

William E. “Bill” Lyon, B, and 
Glenn B. Dulmage, B, traveled to 
Phoenix in February for the Super 
Bowl. Bill lives in New Hope, Pa., 
with his wife, Heather Magill Lyon, 
B, and their children, Victoria, 13, 
and Sean, 11. Glenn lives in Ho-Ho-
Kus, N.J., with his wife, Carole Tyler 
Dulmage, B’84, and their children, 
Ian, 16, Olivia, 14, and Calla, 10.

The two families enjoy vacationing 
together at the Dulmages’ Vermont 
farmhouse and the Lyon’s house on 
Long Beach Island.

CLASS OF ’84 
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husband and daughter.

CLASS OF ’86 
Don’t miss “First Spider 
in Space” featuring 
astronaut Leland Melvin, 
R’86, on page 8.

Chris M. Shanahan, R, and his wife, 
Lauren, live in Ocean City, Md., 
where he operates K-Coast Surf Shop.

Patrick A. Stasolla, R, and his wife, 
Samantha, had a son, Nicholas, on 
Feb. 11, 2008. He joins sister Sophia, 
1. They live in Long Valley, N.J.

CLASS OF ’87 
Wendy L. Wilson, B, is director of 
finance for Great American Financial 
Resources. She and her husband, Stan 
Mambert, live in Cincinnati with 
their daughter, Molly, 7.

CLASS OF ’88 
Todd S. Bright, B, is employed by 
Denham Capital Management, a 
global private equity firm in Houston. 
He and his wife, Teresa, have four 
children, Makenna, 8, Ryan, 6, and 
Baird, 3.

Michael D. Greene, R, is director of 
tennis at Indian Hills Country 
Club in Marietta, Ga. He and his 
wife, Tracy, have two sons, Samuel, 
10, and Christopher, 9.

Nancy Becker Gunzenhauser, 
W, and her husband, Christopher,
live in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2001 and ended her career with Targetbase five years later due to her illness. She has since become a certified yoga instructor and is enjoying her new lifestyle.

Michael L. Lampros, R. owns and operates Gunther’s Gourmet, a Richmond-based company that develops and sells all-natural marinades, vinaigrettes, and sauces.

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Chris E. Ervey, B. is senior vice president with Benfield, a reinsurance broker in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Carol, live in Costa Mesa, Calif., with their sons, Ethan, 5, and Benjamin, 3.

Walter E. Grote, B. is senior vice president of financial institutions for Travelers Insurance Co. He and his wife, Ann, live in Hartford, Conn., with their daughters, Maggie, 7, and Lauren, 5.

Julie Hammann Peterson, B. and her husband, James, had a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, on April 25, 2007. She joins sister Allison Turner, 10.

Jeff A. Walter, R and C’02, and his wife, Lesley, had a son, Dawson Quinn, on Jan. 3, 2007. He joins sister Rachel Corin, 5. They live in Sandy Hook, Va.

CLASS OF ’90
Damon W. DeArment, R, is an orthodontist in Winchester, Va. He and his wife, Nancy, have four daughters.

Susan E. Sommerfeld, W, and Mick Rusch were married on June 9, 2007, in Madison, Wis. Susan is a senior financial manager at Trek Bicycle Corp.

CLASS OF ’91
Alicia J. Carty, W, and her husband, Lance McQuade, had a son, Conor Lawrence, on Aug. 12, 2007. He joins sister Shannon Elizabeth, 4. They live in Centerport, N.Y.

Angela Bauer Snyder, W, earned a doctorate in health policy from Yale University. She is a senior research associate at the Georgia Health Policy Center at Georgia State University. She and her husband, Jim, have two daughters, Lindsey, 4, and Abby, 2.

Kristen Bokinsky Zankl, B. and her husband, Scott, own Excel Auto, a luxury automobile dealership. They live in Delray Beach, Fla., with their sons, Tyler, 5, and Trevor, 3.

CLASS OF ’92
Melissa L. Ganley, W, is an account manager for Conference and Logistics Consultants in Annapolis, Md.

Cynthia Palmer Macturk, B and G’80, and Christopher H. Macturk, R’91, had a son, Eli Graham, on Dec. 13, 2007. He joins brothers Spencer, 6, and Alexander, 3. They live in Richmond.

R. Wayne Ramos, R, and Virginia C. Marsh, W, had a son, William Callahan, on June 7, 2007. He joins sister Sofia. They live in Virginia Beach, where Wayne sells surgical instrumentation for ev3, and Virginia is a CPA and consultant.

CLASS OF ’93
Darrell S. Cockcroft is an attorney with Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons in Austin, Texas.

Todd D. Flora is manager of corporate citizenship and corporate affairs for IBM in Southern California. He and his wife, Erin Tarenbaum, live in Santa Monica, Calif., where he was appointed by the city council to the Bayside District Corp. board of directors.

Marnie Lee Clough Hawk earned a master’s degree in education from George Mason University. She is co-department chair for foreign languages at Loudoun County High School in Leesburg, Va. She lives in Hamilton, Va., with her husband, Andy, and sons Jake, 5, and Mark, 3.

Mark F. Leep, L and GB, was appointed vice chair of the Bon Secours Richmond Health System Review Board. He lives in Richmond.

Daniela Croce McDonald recently enjoyed a weekend in Florida with Meredith Marshall Alexander, Rebecca Stockton Banerji, Kelly Wright Foster, Elizabeth Bowers Kinsely, and Laura Herlong Rickenmann.


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Kevin M. Bradley and his wife, Kristi Graves, welcomed a daughter, Annabella Patricia, on Jan. 5, 2008. They joined sister Magee Margaret, 2. The family lives in Alexandria, Va., where Kevin is a senior scientist at HumRRO, a human resources research organization.

It’s a boy for James “Dusty” Rhodes and his wife, Kathy. Maxwell James arrived on Feb. 4, 2008, joining brother Sam, 3.

Chad White and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a son, Jacob Parker, on Dec. 27, 2007. They join sister Anna, 6, and brother Zachary, 2. The family lives in Atlanta, where Chad is a territory manager in the medical products division of W.L. Gore & Associates.

Westhampton Class Secretary
Alissa Mancuso Poole
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Laura Riddles Freeman and Jeremy H. Freeman, ’95, had a daughter, Rebecca Claire, on June 1, 2007. They join brothers Sam, 7, and Luke, 3. They live in Blacksburg, Va., where Jeremy is a physician.

Tonya Rolle Jones lives in The Woodlands, Texas, with her husband, Scott, and their children, Kimiya, 5, and Mehki, 1.

Mariella Marquez Purvis and David C. Purvis had a son, Benjamin Charles, on March 22, 2007. They join sister Isabella and brother Marcus. They live in Silver Spring, Md., where David is director of finance for Discovery Communications and Mariella is a physician assistant in a dermatology practice.


Jonathan A. Stevens is a partner in the New York office of Jones Day.

CLASS OF ’95
Susan Anders Brizick and her husband, Peter, had a son, Andrew James, on Nov. 7, 2006. They live in West Chester, Pa.

Susan Gabler Mealey and D. Scott Mealey had a son, Brett Jacob, on Feb. 25, 2007. He joins brother Justin, 3. The family lives in Towson, Md., where Scott is director of credentialing for Johns Hopkins Hospital.


Kurt M. Schulze is a professor of education at Cambridge College in Springfield, Mass. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in language, literacy, and culture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Last year he traveled to the Baltic, Finland, and Poland. He visited the International American Elementary School in Warsaw, where he worked several years ago along with Scott R. Glover, R’92, Bryan J. Palma, and Tara James Gibb.

Laura E. Strong was named president and COO of Quinnesence Biosciences in Madison, Wis. Her husband, Wiley B. Christie, is a systems engineer for Cisco Systems.

Brett H. Wigdortz is chief executive of Teach First, a British program that places exceptional college graduates as teachers in disadvantaged schools. Last year Brett was named Social Entrepreneur of the Year as part of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

CLASS OF ’96
Lynn Abrahamian Collins and James J. Collins, ’99, live in Falls Church,
Elva Angelique Van Devender made her debut as Eliza in *My Fair Lady* with the Willamette Stage Company, a professional theater company in Corvallis, Ore. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Virginia and is pursuing a doctorate in pharmacy at Oregon State University.

Erin Dugan Wheatlon and her husband, Jeff, had a son, Maxwell Cooper, on Sept. 8, 2007. She joins sister Lucy Annabelle, 2. Erin works part-time as an assistant commonwealth’s attorney in Gloucester, Va.

**CLASS OF ’98**

**Erica Gordon Campion and her husband, Paul, had a daughter, Virginia Arden, on Oct. 16, 2007. They live in Raleigh, N.C., where Erica is director of human resources for Misys Healthcare Systems.**

Nikki Allen Dyer is coordinator of student disability support services at Salisbury University. She and her husband, Willfred, live in Salisbury, Md.


Juan M. Gonzales Casares and Jessica Olivera, ’00, were married on Oct. 6, 2007, in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Included in the wedding party were Daniel C. Sanvicente, Santiago Gonzales Casares, ’00, Carolina D. Valencia, ’00, and Anabella Bueso Davis, ’00. Juan is the son of Claudia Ferman, associate professor of Spanish at the University of Richmond.

Cory O. Hippler graduated from the Rutgers University School of Law and is employed by Bradley R. Stevens & Young in Philadelphia.

Shelby Serls Holman and her husband, Travis, live in Richmond with their sons, Daniel, 3, and Joshua, 2.

Elizabeth Simmons Irvin and her husband, Stephen, live in Boulder, Colo., with their daughter, Eden Marianne Carolyn, 2.

Michael J. Mulbury is an anesthesiology resident at the University of Rochester. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Pittsford, N.Y., with their daughter, Lillian Mae, 1.

Geoff Sigler and his wife, Melissa, had a son, Thomas, on Nov. 13, 2007. They live in Alexandria, Va.

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Miche D. Baxley completed a general psychiatry residency at the University of South Carolina last year and began a geriatric psychiatry fellowship. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters.

Meghan Burke Cross and her husband, Alex, lived in Hanoi, Vietnam, for more than a year. They have relocated to San Diego, where Alex is a captain in the Marine Corps.

Jamie K. Gaymon is co-owner and managing partner of J&T Professional Solutions, a staffing, recruiting, and human resources consulting firm in Washington, D.C. He lives in Waldorf, Md.

Ellie McCarley Keiper and her husband, Zak, had a daughter, Caroline Alice, on Oct. 19, 2006. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Kerri Kimsey Knepley and her husband, Bryan, had a daughter, Natalie Jane, on May 18, 2007. She joins sister Anna, 1. They live near Baltimore.

Thomas J. Marlin graduated from the New York City Fire Academy and is stationed at Engine 26 in Manhattan.

Melanie Sneed McKloskey and her husband, Mike, had a daughter, Eleanor Paige, on Nov. 19, 2007. They live in Baltimore, where Melanie is employed by Constellation Energy.

Kelly Walraith Plummer and her husband, Kristopher, had twin daughters, Addison Virginia and Lilly Carolina, on June 3, 2007. They live in Sandy Hook, Conn.

Caroline O’Connor Smith and her husband, Brad, had a son, Colton Peter, on May 1, 2007. They live in New York.

Elizabeth Thayer Speicher and Andrew Paul Speicher, ’97, had a daughter, Anne Virginia, on April 12, 2007. She joins sister Hattie, 5. They live in Dallas.
CLASS OF '02
Lance M. DiFrancesco traveled last year to Kenya and Tanzania, where he successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. He lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Jessica H. Galehouse and John R. Lukens, '03, were married on Oct. 27, 2007, in Charlotteville, Va. Included in the wedding party were Meghan A. Bydlon, '06, Daniel P. Jones, '03, Marc S. Kalisen, '03, Faith C. Keck, '04, Kerrie A. Robinson, and James Michael Wattrous, '03. The couple lives in Charlotteville, where Jessica is a public relations associate at the CFA Institute and John is pursuing a doctorate in immunology at the University of Virginia.

Luke A. Johnson is working toward a doctorate in philosophy at the University of Georgia. He collaborated with Adam D. Mandell, '01, to record and produce Animal Spirits, scheduled for release this year.

Tracy E. Ransome relocated from New York to Los Angeles to continue her acting career. Last year she won a trip to Tahiti as part of a real estate investing competition.

Siobhan D. Strott and Johnny Lane were married on Sept. 22, 2007. Included in the wedding party was Elizabeth T. Parker, '01. The couple lives in La Jolla, Calif.

Go East, young woman
Andrea Mae Wilson '05

Santa Barbara, Calif., native Andrea Mae Wilson, moved east to the University of Richmond and just kept going. She studied international medicine, development, and environmental care in Guatemala, Samoa, and New Zealand. After graduation, she traveled in Bolivia and Peru before taking a teaching assignment in India.

"I thought I'd be teaching English, but it snowballed into anatomy, physiology, community health, and music," she laughs. She worked in an isolated area of Chhattisgarh, where she encountered abject poverty and warm hospitality.

In her previous travels in developing countries, Wilson had met many foreigners who wanted to help but lacked the necessary skills. "That's why I decided on graduate work in international public health," she says. "It fulfills basic needs and fits my background. It's also an exciting challenge."

Wilson chose Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health for her master's internship with Johns Hopkins. "I was drawn to Afghanistan's plight after decades of war," she explains. "Women's literacy rates are among the world's lowest. Twenty percent of children die before age five."

Returning to Afghanistan with her master's degree, she now serves as a regional manager for a project supported by Johns Hopkins and the Ministry of Public Health. "I have a lot to learn about working effectively within this complex culture," she says. "The warmth of the Afghans notwithstanding, security issues can be difficult."

"I find extraordinary fulfillment and intellectual stimulation within my work, travels, and attempts at new languages. It's simply what I've found to do that makes me become most alive."

Wilson plans to work in Afghanistan or Pakistan for another year. After that, a favorite quote from Frederick Buechner will continue to guide her: "Vocation happens when our deep gladness meets the world's deep need."

-Karen Telleen-Lawton

CLASS OF '03
Heather A. Fox and Michael Epstein were married on July 22, 2007, in Palm Beach, Fla. Heather is employed in human resources at The Breakers resort, and Michael is president and CEO of edimensions.com.

Dana Marchetti and Edward Misser were married on Nov. 10, 2007, in New Jersey. Included in the wedding party were Allison M. Wiese, Jennifer A. Case, and Amanda V. Koch, '04. Dana earned an M.B.A. from New York University and is a director at UBS, an investment banking and securities firm.

Christopher Wiggins appeared as an extra in a Coca-Cola television commercial featuring Sen. Bill Frist and CNN commentator James Carville. The commercial aired during the Super Bowl in February.

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Tracey A. Holmes and Geoffrey Gibbons were married on Sept. 1, 2007, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party was Lauren E. Corbett. The couple lives in London.

Adriane B. McVay lives in Stamford, Conn., and is employed by UBS, an investment banking and securities firm.

Benjamin B. Rogers and Candice Chandler were married on Feb. 3, 2007. They live in Arlington, Va.

CLASS OF '05
Brian M. Mazanec and Abigail Hobday Mazanec had a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, on Nov. 14, 2007. They live in Fairfield, Va., where Brian is a defense consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton. Abby is a CPA at Beers & Cutler.

CLASS OF '06
Rachael Garcia and Bryan Thompson were married on Oct. 7, 2006. Included in the wedding party were Amanda M. Smith and Carolyn E. Whitebread. The couple lives in Covington, Va.

Meredith M. "Meggie" Morris is pursuing a doctorate in art history at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University.

Kevin M. Panicker completed an AmeriCorps term with Boaz & Ruth, a faith-based organization in Richmond. He is now an intern with HOPE International, a nonprofit organization that works to alleviate poverty through microenterprise development. He is based in the Democratic Republic of Congo and has enjoyed the opportunity to work with Nathan D. Hulsey, '01, managing director for HOPE Congo.

Lesley E. Russell is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry at Rice University in Houston.
ALUMNI

1934 / Virginia Ellett Elam, W, of Crewe, Va., June 17, 2007. She worked as a teacher and social worker. She was a member of Ward's Chapel United Methodist Church.


1936 / Janet Randolph Turpin Ayers, W, of Richmond, Jan. 26, 2008. She worked at the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. She was a member of the Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She also served as vice president of Richmond's League of Women Voters.

1937 / Harold B. Botwick, R, of West Hartford, Conn., Dec. 12, 2007. He served in the Army in World War II, rising to the rank of captain. He worked in the automotive business for 70 years and was a member of Congregational Church of North Stamford.


1938 / Edna Loving Young, W and G'40, of Richmond, Oct. 13, 2006. She was a professor of biology at Danville Community College and for Virginia Tech's cooperative extension service. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Virginia Academy of Science, and Epiphany Episcopal Church.


1940 / Charlotte Dickinson Moore, W, of Washington, D.C., Nov. 30, 2007. She worked in the War Department in World War II. She later wrote and edited science reports for the National Institute of Mental Health. She was a choir member, deacon, and trustee of Westminster Congregational United Church of Christ.

1940 / Virginia McFarlin Tate, W, of Danville, Va., Dec. 19, 2007. She was an active volunteer with many interests. She was a member of Church of the Epiphany.

1941 / Mary Owen Bass, W, of Richmond, Nov. 14, 2007. She was a member of the Virginia Commission on public schools and was a past president of the American Association of University Women. She taught school and was a member of Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

1941 / John A. Dummyle, R, of Powderhat, Va., Jan. 17, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked in the civil service and was a member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

1941 / Betty Riley Johnson, W, of Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 8, 2007. She served with her husband as a missionary to Togo. She taught kindergarten and first grade and volunteered in area hospitals. She was a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

1943 / Mary Lillian Emerson McSweeney, W, of Richmond, July 28, 2007.

1943 / Edwin R. Turner Jr., R, of Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20, 2007. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He worked as a chemist for DuPont and coached numerous youth sports teams. He was a charter member of Brandywine Valley Baptist Church.

1944 / Martin Levin Abraham, W, of Hampton, Va., Nov. 21, 2007. She owned Levin's Dress Shop and later worked for Fashion Bug. She was a member of B'nai Israel Congregation and was a life member, past president, and secretary of Hadassah.

1945 / Bailey DeRoy Beale, R, of Richmond, Oct. 27, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star. He retired from Virginia Power Co. and became an enthusiastic ballroom dancer and genealogist. He was a charter member of Eastern Star and a Mason.

1945 / George G. Ritchie Jr., R, of Irvington, Va., Oct. 29, 2007. He joined the Army during World War II and later became a physician. He obtained a degree in psychiatry, helped found the David C. Wilson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., and headed the Department of Psychiatry at Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Ala. Ritchie was well-known for speaking and writing about a near-death experience at age 20 that changed his perspective of life on earth. "We are in the kindergarten of the universe," he said. "But we are eternal beings, and we are here for growth." He was active in Boy Scouts and was founder and president of the Universal Youth Corps. He was a charter member of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church in Richmond and most recently a member of Moratico Baptist Church in Kilmarnock, Va.

1945 / Lillian Belk Youell, W, of Virginia Beach, Dec. 22, 2007. She taught English in high schools in Richmond and Northern Virginia. She was active in the Officers Wives Organization (WON) and later president of the Retired Officers Wives Society in Virginia Beach. She was a member of Bayside Presbyterian Church and Daughters of the American Revolution.

1947 / Carolyn O. Marsh, W, of Raleigh, N.C., G'48, and I'90, of Richmond, Dec. 20, 2007. Led by her interest in human behavior, she began her career doing psychological testing of World War II veterans to help them readjust to civilian life. She worked for 20 years at Miller & Rhoads Department Stores, rising to supervisor of personnel. That experience led her to start her own business, Carolyn Marsh Personnel Management. In 1978, she became executive director of the Virginia Department of Employee Relations Counselors. After a brief retirement, she obtained her law degree at age 60 and practiced Social Security disability law in Richmond. She was a long-time member of the board of Richmond Goodwill Industries. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

1948 / Roy E. Yeates, R, of Winston-Salem, N.C., Jan. 2, 2008. He served in the Pacific during World War II, spending a year in occupied Japan. He was a research and development chemist for Reynolds Metals and for Archer Products. He was a member of two Presbyterian churches.

1949 / William C. Carter, R, of Staunton, Va., Nov. 30, 2007. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a longtime Patrick County business and civic leader, a member of the Stuart Rotary Club, and president, secretary, and assistant district governor of Rotary. He served on the board of the Patrick Country Historical Society and volunteered with the regional library board and Boy Scouts. He was a member of Stuart United Methodist Church.

1950 / Raymond W. Magette, R, of Raleigh, N.C., Nov. 13, 2007. He served in the Army during World War II. He founded the Magette Well and Pump Co. and was a member of Ahsokie United Methodist Church.

1950 / Hunter C. Perkins, R, of Mineral, Va., Jan. 16, 2008. He was a Navy pilot in World War II and a lieutenant commander with the Navy reserves. He later became a commercial pilot with United Airlines. He was a member of Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church.

1950 / Adolph W. Vach Jr., R, of Norfolk, Va., Nov. 27, 2007. During World War II, he served in an Army special boat regiment. He worked in the insurance business and in publishing and retained a lifelong interest in sports, especially football.


1951 / Bowman G. "Grady" Taylor, B, of Richmond, Nov. 21, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II and later worked for Creslar Bank. He was a past president of the Richmond Exchange Club, a member of the history and genealogy society, and treasurer of the Stock Club of Richmond.

1952 / Jacqueline Jardine Wall, W, of Farmville, Va., Dec. 10, 2007. During World War II, she served in the Women's Royal English Navy (WRENS) in Norfolk, Va. She later worked for the Daily Press newspaper publisher, published a cookbook, and taught art in several schools including Longwood College. She was also an exhibiting artist.

1953 / Robert C. Parsons, R, of Richmond, Jan. 18, 2008. He worked for the packaging division of Reynolds Metals in several technical and managerial positions. He was active in the Jaycees and the Optimist Club. He held two patents and was involved in several chemical societies. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and a fourth-generation member of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues.

1954 / Nancy Stanley DePew, W, of Midlothian, Va., Jan. 5, 2008. She was a member of Manakin Episcopal Church.

1954 / Andrew B. "Boots" Johnson Jr., R, of Suffolk, Va., Dec. 19, 2007. He was in the Navy during World War II and later worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He had a certificate in pastoral counseling and was affiliated with several Baptist churches in Virginia. He was a rescue squad volunteer and ham radio operator.


1955 / Gordon H. Rollings, R., of Ruthen Glen, Va., Jan. 6, 2008. He served in the Army and was a civil engineer for Henrico County.


1958 / Marion L. Hall, B., of McLean, Va., Dec. 11, 2007. He served in the Army in Japan during the Korean War. As a national authority on railroad freight cost analysis, he often appeared as an expert witness in legal proceedings involving the railroad industry. He was a member of McLean Baptist Church.


1959 / L. Page Ewell Jr., R., of Richmond, Nov. 3, 2007. He served three years in the Army. He started as a salesman at Richmond Window Corp., rose to vice president, then bought the company. In 1976, he was recognized by Qualified Remodeler magazine as one of the top 10 remodelers in the United States. He served two terms as president of the Richmond Home Improvement Council and numerous terms on the board of the Better Business Bureau.

1959 / Emily Tucker Moore, W., of Aylett, Va., Nov. 3, 2007. She taught English in West Virginia and in Chesterfield County, Va., then worked at The Compleat Gourmet. She was a member of the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Millers Tavern, Va.


1960 / Franklin M. Pinchbeck, R., of Chesterfield, Va., Nov. 28, 2007. He was a biochemist at A.H. Robins. He served as a referee and umpire with the Central Virginia Football Officials Association and was a member of the American Legion and the Loyal Order of Moose.

1961 / Robert D. Lynch, R., of Dunellon, Fla., Nov. 26, 2007. He served in the Air Force and worked as a mortgage loan officer. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

1961 / Mary Elizabeth Wingfield, B., of Richmond, Dec. 17, 2007. She worked at two prominent Richmond clothiers, Berry-Burd and Ardley's. She was a member of Boulevard United Methodist Church.

1963 / Philip J. Bagley III, R., of Richmond, Nov. 9, 2007. He served in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He later practiced law with Mays & Valentine (now Troutman Sanders), where he oversaw well-known retail developments, including Regency Square and Stony Point shopping centers in Richmond. He was a member of many professional organizations and civic boards, including Richmond Renaissance and the Virginia Football Officials Association and was a member of the Richmond City School Board. He was named manager of Primrose Assisted Living and an administrator at Primrose Assisted Living in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Mexico. She performed many roles in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and sang with the Town and Gown Chorale. She was a member of King's Grant Baptist Church.

1965 / Wilton Elizabeth Wheelton, W., of Reston, Va., Nov. 21, 2007. She was a systems analyst for the Department of Defense and a member of St. Steven's Episcopal Church.

1972 / Steven L. Nock, R., of Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 20, 2008. He was a professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, receiving the All University Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1992. He was the author of Marriage in Men's Lives, which won an award from the American Sociological Association in 1999. He was active in local civic and arts organizations, especially vocal groups.

1974 / Terry W. Sneed, C., of Mechanicsville, Va., Nov. 11, 2006. He worked as a systems engineer for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1974 / Larry D. Wallace, B., of Midlothian, Va., Dec. 21, 2007. He was founder and president of Sartox, a computer software company. He was on the board of directors for Central Virginia Bankshares.

1976 / George E. May, R., of Salem, Va., Nov. 14, 2007. He taught mathematics in Virginia high schools for more than 40 years. He served on the Roanoke City School Board and was involved with Martinsville Jaycees. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

1980 / John M. Rakes, B., of Roanoke, Va., March 26, 2007. He was a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance Co.

1986 / Edith Paulette Crouch, W., of Virginia Beach, Dec. 19, 2007. She served as a short-term missionary to the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Mexico. She was an active member of the University of Virginia Symphony Orchestra and was a member of the Roanoke County School Board. She was a member of the University of Virginia Bandhures.

1987 / Wilton Elizabeth Wheelton, W., of Reston, Va., Nov. 21, 2007. She was a systems analyst for the Department of Defense and a member of St. Steven's Episcopal Church.

1990 / Walker R. Cash Jr., GB, of Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 27, 2007. He was director of research and development for Rubax and later worked for R.T. Vanderbilt Inc. in Connecticut. He was a member of First Unitarian Church and numerous professional groups.

Faculty

Dr. Robert J. Filer, R'43, professor of psychology emeritus, died Nov. 24, 2007. He was a member of the Richmond faculty from 1953 to 1985, and he chaired the psychology department from 1960 to 1964. The University established the Robert J. Filer Award at his retirement to recognize the graduating master of arts student in the psychology department with the highest overall grade point average.

Filer co-founded Psychological Consultants Inc. in 1958 and retired as the company's chairman in 1995.

Dr. Wilton R. Tenney, retired professor of biology, died Jan. 15, 2008. He joined the University as an assistant professor in 1957 and worked his way up to full professor in 1970. He retired in 1991.

Staff

W. Michael Barbie Sr., of Richmond, died Dec. 27, 2007. He started working in the University print shop in 1969 and was named manager of printing and mail services in 1980. Before joining UR, he served in the Army's 212th MP Company.

Zaundra "Zizi" Gray-Stofel, of Richmond, died Nov. 30, 2007. She joined the University in September as the night manager of the coffee shop in Boatwright Memorial Library.

Gertrude S. "Gertie" Robinson, of Richmond, died Dec. 25, 2007. She served as the University's switchboard operator from 1977 until her retirement in 1985.

Harold G. Wiggins, of Richmond, died Jan. 10, 2008. He joined the University as a campus police officer in 1967 after a career in the Air Force. He retired from the University as a police sergeant in 1988.
When Leland Melvin, R’86, was scheduled to fly on the Space Shuttle Atlantis, NASA contacted the UR chemistry department—at his request—to see if we wanted to send something with him.

As we pondered what to send, the years fell away, and I remembered a young man, nervously approaching his seat in my chemistry class. He did not ask a question in class that first day, but he stayed behind to seek clarification on something.

Leland was the type of student I cherish most—one who learns to appreciate the beauty of chemistry. There is something wonderful about seeing the patterns that abound in nature, and there is something more wonderful about helping others see those patterns. His engagement with the subject grew quickly, and he rapidly progressed from appreciating science to wanting to conduct scientific research.

Leland represents a long line of UR student-athletes who have combined sports with undergraduate research. This could not happen without the cooperation of coaches and teammates who adjust practice schedules and such. I remember the jokes Leland’s teammates made when his uniform was cleaner than theirs because he missed part of practice to work in the lab. (They called him “Larry Lab.”) But I also remember the respect they gave him for the extra effort he was making. To a large degree, Leland’s success at UR was made possible by his coaches and teammates.

Leland’s research involved synthesis and characterization of amine-haloboranes. We were preparing those products in an investigation of the effects of steric crowding in molecules on the NMR spectra of those species. Leland worked with me to determine the structures of the products and how the spectra of those products changed as their atomic content changed.

During his senior year, Leland appeared in an issue of *Sports Illustrated* devoted to the best college football players. I still find it amusing and appropriate that the magazine showed Leland in lab coat and safety glasses, holding up a Dewar flask of liquid nitrogen, his head enveloped in vapor. When Leland was named academic all-American, he gave me the plaque to remind me of our time together. It is in my office today.

My favorite story concerning Leland and football involves my chemistry department colleague, Dr. Stu Clough, who was in the stands at a home game cheering wildly for Leland after an especially good catch. A woman turned around and asked, “Is he your son?”

“No,” Stu replied. “But I wish he were.”

When injuries cut his NFL career short, Leland earned a graduate degree from the University of Virginia’s Materials Science Department and landed a job at NASA, where he eventually entered the Astronaut Corps. Leland continues to work as a scientist in his role as an astronaut. I could not be more proud of him and of what he has accomplished. Leland also is a wonderful role model. Working with the NASA education office, he has traveled to schools around the country to tell young students how dreams can come true and how vital education is in that process.

For a number of years now, the chemistry department—often joined by our colleagues in physics—has hosted an annual workshop in which high school students work with us to synthesize and characterize an organic compound. At the end of the workshop, we give each student a T-shirt with the UR logo, the structure of the compound they made, and a list of its properties. Our faculty, staff, and students signed one of the T-shirts from this year’s workshop and sent it to NASA to fly in space with Leland.

Stu and I made the trip to Cape Canaveral to watch him blast into orbit. We wanted to be there when he realized his dream of space flight. I felt an overwhelming sense of joy watching one of my former students launch toward greater heights in science.

It seems strange sometimes to realize that this quiet young man, who played with my children at chemistry department picnics, has orbited the earth 202 times. But I am so pleased that he did. Leland is a worthy son of UR, and an excellent representative of the many student-athletes who call the University of Richmond alma mater.

Dr. Bill Myers, professor of chemistry, has taught at the University for 35 years. Send comments about this story to krhodes@richmond.edu.
Because I came to Richmond on an Ethyl Scholarship, I was encouraged to contact faculty mentors and get involved in research right away as a freshman. That helped me realize that I wanted to go to graduate school and spend my life in science. The independent research experience I gained at Richmond—as well as the fact that I had been published and knew what kinds of projects I envisioned doing in the future—enabled me to earn the Marshall Scholarship for two years of post-graduate study in the U.K. Thanks for making it all possible.

Katie Weber '07
Spider Spirit
Paul Schueller, R'58, celebrates his 50-year reunion at the President’s House.

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