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Stevenson will spend two weeks visiting three German cities, including Berlin and Frankfurt. She will meet with government and education officials on college campuses and at cultural events to learn about German culture and higher education.

"I am thrilled to have been selected, and I’m very proud to be able to represent the University of Richmond," Stevenson says. "Being able to visit Germany and learn about the governmental and educational practices there will help broaden my experience and perspective in student development, which will ultimately bring more opportunities to Richmond students."

Administered by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright Program is the government’s flagship program for international exchange.

Eisen will teach law at university in China

Joel Eisen, professor of law, will teach next spring at China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing through the Fulbright Program.

One of China’s most prestigious law schools, CUPL is an important center for exchange programs in law.

"China is at an early stage of developing its environmental protection and energy laws, and there is much that the U.S. and China can learn from each other," Eisen says. "I look forward to working with law students, Chinese scholars, and governmental officials to discuss how both nations can address their compelling environmental issues."

Eisen will teach courses in energy and global warming law. He also will join other Fulbright professors in China to produce a book about American law for Chinese law students and other scholars.

Dining Services strikes gold in national contest

Dining Services swept top honors in the annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Award competition sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS).

The University received the gold award for residence hall dining among medium-size schools and the grand prize for residence hall dining among schools of all sizes.

Dining Services staff members underwent comprehensive judging based on several categories, ranging from marketing to nutrition. Richmond scored above the 90th percentile in every category.

To compete for the award, colleges must be a member of NACUFS, an organization whose schools fully administer their own food programs.

“We’re competing against
some of the best,” notes Dee Hardy, director of food and auxiliary services.

Burhans receives humanitarian award
Chaplain Emeritus David Burhans received the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award in October.

Recipients are chosen for promoting social welfare and justice and demonstrating a commitment to respecting individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. Burhans served the University for 30 years as chaplain and is currently a special assistant to the Office of Advancement.

“Many people have dreamed and planned and partnered with me to identify and address issues and needs that can give hope to people who face injustice, conflict, and rejection daily,” Burhans says. “I’m just one of large numbers of people who try to see, listen, and respond.”

Campus safety award honors Chief Dillard
The Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators has created an award for campus safety excellence in honor of Robert C. Dillard, the University’s police chief. The award recognizes Dillard’s long service to the association and his work to promote professionalism in campus safety throughout Virginia.

Dillard has been chief of Richmond’s campus police since 1970. Under his direction, the department has earned accreditation from both the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. More recently, the commission honored the campus force as a flagship police department.

Moeser recognized as a Richmond History Maker
Dr. John Moeser, senior fellow in the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, has been named a Richmond History Maker by the Valentine Richmond History Center.

The award recognizes citizens who make significant contributions to the greater Richmond area. Moeser was honored for his persistent efforts to foster regional cooperation.

“For over 30 years, John has been serving as an expert on regional government,” his nominator wrote. “This includes the relationship government bodies have with each other and with other community entities, the state constitution that regulates them, and the history of efforts of regional cooperation. He is always optimistic about the region’s ability to grow and become a better place for its citizens to work, play, and live.”

Bridge between cultures
The University broke ground Oct. 3 for a building to house its international education programs. Plans for the $18 million, 40,000-square-foot project announced in August 2007 have been expanded to $20.4 million and 57,000 square feet.

The Carole Weinstein International Center—situated between Jeppson and Sarah Brunet halls—will house the Office of International Education, which orchestrates the University’s study abroad and international exchange programs. The building also will provide space for several departments and interdisciplinary programs that emphasize global issues.

The center is named in honor of former Trustee Carole Weinstein, W’75, G’77, and H’04, a strong advocate of international education who donated $9 million to help fund the project.

“International education is so much more than sending our students abroad or welcoming students from other countries to our campus,” Weinstein says. “It’s about building a bridge between cultures—understanding each other’s leadership models, legal systems, business styles, customs, and values. We are already living in a world that is irrevocably interconnected. What we need now is to enhance it and to make it a positive force.”

The center’s high-tech classrooms will allow faculty members and students to collaborate in real time with professors and students at partner universities around the world. The building also will house faculty offices and meeting space.

Weinstein notes that the design of the building complements Richmond’s Collegiate Gothic architecture while serving as a metaphor for global interconnectedness. “The building is designed around an axis which links all our students as they cross from one side of the campus to the other,” she says. “It also links them across the curriculum.”

The center will be built using the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. It is scheduled to open in fall 2010.

—Brian Eckert
**RESEARCH**

**Hills win NSF grant to study sponges**

The National Science Foundation has awarded Dr. April Hill and Dr. Malcolm Hill a five-year, $289,729 grant to lead collaborative research with colleagues at four other universities into evolutionary relationships among sponges worldwide.

"Assembling the Tree of Life: The Porifera Tree of Life Project" will provide summer support for the husband-wife team and several undergraduate student researchers each year. The Hills also will host a conference and workshop at Richmond during the third year of the grant.

There are thousands of different species of sponges. They produce a diversity of potential new medicines, hold important clues to the evolution of all animals, and perform vital ecological roles in their habitats.

Little is known about the evolutionary relationships among the various species or the position of porifera in animal lineage. The grant will fund the collection of molecular genetic data taken from 8,000 specimens.

**Lindgren gains grant to study alcohol abuse**

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Dr. Kristen Lindgren, assistant professor of psychology, a five-year, $885,739 grant to study alcohol abuse.

Lindgren’s project, “Retraining Automatic Biases Related to Problem Drinking in College Students,” will include an initial award of $192,796 for two years of mentored support. She will investigate behavioral approaches related to the cause and prevention of alcohol abuse. The remaining $692,943 will fund three years of independent study on the viability of retraining automatic processes in reducing alcohol consumption and problems.

The grant is part of the NIH Pathway to Independence Program, an initiative to promote new ideas in medical research by giving promising post-doc-toral scientists both mentored and independent research support. Lindgren’s mentors are professors at the universities of Washington and Virginia.

**Parish wins NSF grant to study cancer drugs**

Dr. Carol Parish, associate professor of chemistry, has won a three-year, $267,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for her work on anti-cancer drugs.

Parish’s project, "A Theoretical Investigation of Multireference Diradical Systems," will explore the electronic structure associated with anti-cancer enediyne warhead drugs.

Enediynes activate only in the presence of cancer cells, thus avoiding the harmful side effects of many chemotherapeutic treatments. Parish will study the drugs using computational chemistry methods facilitated by supercomputer clusters on campus.
CAMPUS
Westhampton Center now under construction
On Oct. 23, the University laid the cornerstone for Westhampton Center, an expanded hub for Westhampton College. The project includes the college’s existing Deanery, a new building connected to the Deanery, and a range of new programs and resources designed to meet the needs of female students.

The total cost of building the center and offering new programs is $10 million. The University has raised about half that amount, including a $3 million grant from the Robins Foundation and gifts from more than 200 Westhampton alumnae and students.

The new building is scheduled for completion in 2010.

Career center expands into student commons
The Career Development Center (CDC) has moved to the third floor of Tyler Haynes Commons. The new space includes modern offices, an enhanced library and resource center, more interview rooms, a conference room, and a videoconferencing system.

“This space will give the CDC a more visible presence on campus and make it easier for students and alumni to take advantage of the resources available to them,” says CDC Director Leslie Stevenson. “It also gives us a new way to greet and serve employers who come to campus to recruit our students.”

The CDC is now fully staffed after filling four vacant positions and creating two new ones. A new team structure allows staff members to both advise students and recruit organizations that offer internships and jobs.

In addition to helping students, the CDC provides career services to alumni and invites them to participate in recruiting efforts, internship programs, and career events. For more information, visit cdc.richmond.edu.

The Collegian starts online publication
The Collegian has expanded its weekly news operation to include a continuously updated online publication that features breaking news, sports scores, photo galleries, video clips, and blogs.

During the summer, Editor-in-Chief Megan Wilson, ’09, appointed Dan Petty, ’09, to the new position of online editor. Petty worked with Online Managing Editor Kimberly Leonard, ’09, and community reporter David Larner, ’09, to develop thecollegianur.com.

Alumni and other readers can receive daily updates from The Collegian by entering their e-mail addresses into the “feed” feature near the bottom of the home page.

Saving Cole Hafer
Cole Hafer romped and played in his Halloween costume on Richmond’s Trick or Treat Street, just like the other kids. But there is one big difference: Three-year-old Cole needs a life-saving liver transplant.

As an infant, Cole was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a rare condition that can lead to liver failure if not treated. The transplant recommended by his doctors costs more than $500,000, so with help from the Children’s Organ Transplant Association, students and area residents have pledged to raise $40,000.

“The students have really adopted Cole,” says Alison Keller, associate director of student activities. In October, a number of student organizations staged Trick or Treat Street, an annual event that brings costumed children to campus for Halloween activities. Among other things, the kids enjoyed face painting, a haunted house, and a pumpkin patch. Co-chaired by Jordan Bookman, ’09, (pictured above with Cole) and Chris Lucas, ’09, Trick or Treat Street raised more than $4,000 for the Cole Hafer Campaign.

“Students were excited from the moment they got there to help out and host the activities,” Bookman says. “We had everyone there from Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse to Superman and Superwoman. We couldn’t have expected anything greater.”

Other organizations on campus also have helped raise money. Last year, the Richmond chapter of Pi Beta Phi contributed approximately $1,500 from its annual Pi Phi Lip Sync competition to the Cole Hafer Campaign. The athletic department donated football tickets and a parking pass to a silent auction benefitting Cole. The department also gave him a football and basketball that his mother, Lynn Hafer, W’87, says he enjoys immensely.

Hafer attended the University for one year and has fond memories of UR. She says that her family is especially grateful for everything the University is doing for her son. For more information about the Cole Hafer Campaign, visit cotaforcoleh.com.

—Maggie Dunlap, ’09
CULTURE
Modlin showcases DRUMLine Live!

DRUMLine Live! brings the exuberant marching band tradition of America’s top historically black colleges and universities to Richmond’s Landmark Theater Feb. 24.

Based on the 2002 movie by the same name, DRUMLine Live! mixes high-energy selections from Earth, Wind, and Fire and Tower of Power with contemporary hip-hop and R&B. The choreography showcases the athleticism of dancers, steppers, and the percussionists who form the drumlines.

Other spring semester highlights at the Modlin Center include: MOMIX, multimedia dance theatre, Jan. 13–15, and saxophonist Paquito d’Rivera with the New York Voices on Feb. 18. For more information about Modlin Center performances, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

BOOKS
With God on All Sides
Dealing with conflicts among people of different religions has become increasingly challenging for elected officials, corporate executives, school administrators, and other leaders. In his new book, With God on All Sides: Leadership in a Devout and Diverse America, Dr. Doug Hicks gives examples of how some leaders have transformed public controversies over religion into models of inclusivity and cooperation.

Hicks is executive director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement and associate professor of leadership studies and religion in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

More faculty books

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**Melodrama From the Early Republic to the Present.**
Dr. Ilka Saal, associate professor of English, and Dr. Ralph J. Poole (editors). Essays that explore the role of American melodrama in promoting social change during the past two centuries.

**Grant**

Federal grant funds Middle Eastern minor
Richmond will receive a two-year grant of $157,436 from the U.S. Department of Education to develop an interdisciplinary minor in Middle Eastern studies.

Dr. Kathrin Bower, who chairs the Department of Modern Literatures and Cultures, says the grant will support course development, faculty seminars, guest scholars, and more language courses.

"Students enrolled in Arabic language classes have expressed interest in continuing beyond the intermediate level, so courses in advanced Arabic will be added, along with a series of self-directed study courses in Persian/Farsi, Modern Hebrew, and Turkish," Bower says.

The expanded language offerings will complement new and existing courses on the history, culture, and politics of the Middle East and North African regions. The minor also will include study-abroad opportunities in Jordan.

**Community**

**Digital Scholarship Lab partners with Google**
The University's Digital Scholarship Lab has partnered with Google to put voting data from U.S. presidential elections into an interactive format at google.com/2008election.

The data comes from "Voting America: United States Politics, 1840–2008," a project of the Digital Scholarship Lab. Google has loaded the presidential election results onto the Google Earth platform to create interactive maps that show the evolution of various voting patterns in the United States.

The Voting America maps detail how people voted in every county and city in the United States. The maps also overlay voting records with demographic data—including information on race, age, gender, and income—for every county and city.

"These maps allow you to dive deeply into how Americans have voted over the past several decades," says Andrew Torget, director of the Digital Scholarship Lab. "When you examine the maps, you discover amazing patterns that Electoral College maps tend to miss. The complex patterns make you question whether the country is as deeply divided into red and blue regions as we often think."

**UR group wins Grammy**

Richmond's ensemble-in-residence has won the 2008 Grammy Award for best chamber music performance.

Chamber music might sound traditional, but the UR ensemble defies convention at every turn. It eschews upper-case letters in its name—eighth blackbird—and in the titles of its CDs. It performs without a conductor, and above all else, it plays innovative new music to widespread critical acclaim.

The sextet won the Grammy for "Strange imaginary animals," a CD that also earned Judith Sherman a Grammy as producer of the year, classical. A cut from the CD, "Zaka" by Jennifer Higdon, was nominated for best classical contemporary composition.

"We were very happy with this disc from day one. It's probably our favorite, especially in terms of mastering and sound fidelity," says the group's cellist, Nicholas Photinos. "We were overjoyed even to be nominated for a Grammy, but to have won the award is almost unbelievable."

Other members of the group include: Matt Albert (violin and viola), Matthew Duvall (percussion), Michael J. Maccelferi (clarinets), Tim Munro (flutes), and Linda Kaplan (piano).

Their Grammy-winning CD is the fourth disc that eighth blackbird has made under the Cedille label. The CD was one of the most acclaimed contemporary classical works of 2007.

In addition to performing and teaching at UR, eighth blackbird serves as ensemble-in-residence at the University of Chicago. Founded in 1996 at Oberlin Conservatory, the sextet has performed in South Korea, Mexico, Canada, the Netherlands, and throughout the United States, including gigs at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Metropolitan Museum, the Kennedy Center, and the Library of Congress.

The ensemble returns to Camp Concert Hall on March 25 to collaborate with Glenn Kotche, drummer for the Chicago-based band Wilco. For more information, visit eighthblackbird.com.

—Brian Eckert
GOLF

Beginner's luck?
Brad Miller, '12, started his collegiate golf career by winning the Frank Landry Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. He carded a 3-under-par 69 in the final round to finish the 54-hole tournament six strokes under par at 210.

"It was really exciting," Miller says. "The first day we played 36 holes, and I was worried a little about my stamina, but I stayed as focused as I could and made a couple putts."

The Timonium, Md., native won the tournament by three strokes and tied the school record for lowest three-round total to par. Three strokes may sound like a comfortable margin, but Miller was tied for first place going into the final round.

"I've always liked being under pressure, so to have the chance to have pressure on me was a great experience," he says. "Hopefully, I can do it more because it was a lot of fun."

Golf coach Adam Decker hopes so, too. "Obviously I'm thrilled for Brad," he says. "What a way to start your college career!"

The Spiders finished fifth in the tournament's 14-team field. After his victory, Miller was named both the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week.

FOOTBALL

Spiders bounce back, make run at playoffs

The football team bounced back from a heartbreaking loss to James Madison University to win four straight games and compete for a spot in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

The Spiders came tantalizingly close to beating JMU, a team that was ranked first in the Championship Subdivision in October. Richmond led 31-23 late in the fourth quarter before JMU scored two quick touchdowns, including a 69-yard punt return with only one second on the clock.

Richmond recovered quickly from the JMU loss by beating the University of Massachusetts 30-15. UMass was ranked 10th in the nation at the time.

The pivotal play of the
game happened in the third quarter with the Spiders ahead 16-12. Junior lineman Nick Battle blocked a UMass punt that set up a 13-yard touchdown run by senior tailback Josh Vaughan two plays later.

Vaughan led the offense by rushing for a career-high 156 yards and two touchdowns. Junior quarterback Eric Ward scored one touchdown on the ground and another one through the air to senior tight end Joe Monteverde. Ward played his sixth consecutive game without throwing an interception.

On defense, Richmond’s linebackers combined for 34 tackles. Two of those linebackers, sophomores Jordan Shoop and Patrick Weldon, were filling in for injured players.

Following the UMass game, the Spiders rose to No. 7 in the national rankings with consecutive wins over Georgetown (48-0), Hofstra (34-14), and Delaware (31-14). At press time, Richmond was preparing to face William and Mary.

Alumni
New complex honors Spider sports legend
In April, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame dedicated the Chuck Boone Sports Complex, named in honor of Chuck Boone, R’60, Richmond’s athletic director from 1977–2000.

Made possible by a donation from Mary Ellen and E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B’68 and H’86, the sports complex is a turf-covered play area within the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum in Portsmouth, Va. Visitors can compete in games of skill related to football, soccer, and baseball.

Javelin correction
The magazine made a mistake in the summer issue when it reported that Sarah Mergenthaler, ’01, broke a school record for throwing the javelin that had stood for 20 years. Actually, she broke the javelin record set by Ina Nicosia, ’94, in 1992. Nicosia’s record had stood for nine years—not 20.

UR kicks off stadium at homecoming event
The City of Richmond has approved the University’s plans to expand First Market Stadium on campus. In July, city council granted a special-use permit that will allow the University to develop and operate a stadium for up to 8,700 spectators.

The project calls for the expansion of First Market Stadium into a state-of-the-art facility for UR’s football, soccer, lacrosse, and track and field teams. The stadium also will host community events, such as the Virginia Special Olympics.

During homecoming weekend, Spidey kicked a soccer ball to signal the beginning of the next phase of the project. He was joined in the kick-off celebration by football player Will Healy, ’09, and lacrosse player Mandy Friend, ’09. Friend and football player Justin Forte, ’09, (pictured above with Spidey) spoke at the event.

Construction on the stadium expansion is expected to begin early in the spring semester with completion scheduled in time for the 2010 football season.

“Our new facility will provide outstanding opportunities to bring together students, parents, staff, faculty, alumni, neighbors, and members of the broader community for sports events and other activities,” says President Edward Ayers.

“I am grateful to our many donors who make this project possible, and also for the strong community support that has helped us reach this milestone.”

For 18 months, the University worked with representatives of nearby neighborhood associations to ensure that the stadium design and operation address key concerns such as traffic, parking, lighting, and sound. The four neighborhood associations closest to the University ultimately wrote letters of support for the stadium project.
FRONT ROW SEATS TO HISTORY
It was perhaps the most historic election in American history.


Against the backdrop of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a devastating financial crisis at home, the 2008 election broke records. Obama garnered more votes than any presidential candidate in American history, while McCain won more votes than Ronald Reagan did in 1984.

While most voters followed the election in the media, two Richmond alumni enjoyed front row seats as journalists. Joe Williams, R'84, (right) covered the Obama Campaign for The Boston Globe, while Wes Allison, R'91, covered the McCain Campaign for the St. Petersburg Times. In the following perspective pieces, they bring us along on the campaign trail.
DEALING WITH RACE
Obama’s and mine

By Joe Williams, R’84

It was a bitter cold January morn­ing when I arrived in Atlanta for my rendezvous with history. I was running late.

I had come to the Big Peach to connect with the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama, the first African-American with a realistic shot at the White House. He would be speaking at Ebeneezer Baptist Church—Dr. Martin Luther King’s spiritual home—on the eve of the national King holiday.

Hailing a cab at the airport, I told the driver to step on it, and we raced down the interstate to the heart of the city. I checked my watch and tried to stay calm. As we neared the church, I realized the story I was about to cover was much larger than the one I had anticipated.

Throngs of black people filled the sidewalks, bundled against the freezing cold, surging past gridlocked traffic. Police officers and Secret Service agents occupied nearly every corner. I shoved some cash at my cab driver, jumped from the car at a stoplight, and joined the flow of humanity, flashing my press credentials to get through roadblocks and past crowds gathered around large-screen televisions on the church lawn.

Elbowing my way into the church, I could sense the energy from the congregation. As I took my seat with the press corps in the balcony, I fought to balance complex emotions—“Am I really here? Is this really about to happen?”—against my responsibility to objectively cover a big political event. It wasn’t easy.

Obama made a rousing speech, a plea for personal responsibility among African-Americans, delivered in the forceful cadence of a Baptist minister. It stirred powerful memories of childhood Sundays, squirming restlessly in a church pew beside my parents. His closing, built on the Biblical story of the Israelites at Jericho, brought the faithful to their feet, shouting and cheering. I stayed in my seat like the other reporters, but I really wanted to stand up and cheer, too.

In the end, I did my job like a professional, filing an objective front page story. Yet I couldn’t resist swiping a program from the church and discreetly snapping a few photos with my own digital camera.

EMOTIONAL TIGHTROPE
That’s what it was like for me, an African-American journalist with a front row seat for Obama’s attempt to smash a seemingly unbreakable barrier: a black man becoming president of the United States. I also had embarked on perhaps the biggest challenge of my 24-year newspaper career, walking an emotional tightrope between my heritage and my profession—with my identity in the balance.

My parents graduated from a segregated high school in rural Maryland, but I grew up in integrated military housing and in mostly-white, suburban neighborhoods. Yet my parents, like most parents, knew that complete racial equality did not exist. They gave me the same advice that most black children hear: Know your bittersweet history, be proud of who you are, but know that bigots will test that pride, and racists will try to hurt you.

At my predominantly white high school in Tennessee, I earned academic honors, was voted captain of the football team, and ran for class president. Poor eyesight and suspect math skills—not my skin color—ended my dreams of becoming a fighter pilot.

Since I graduated from Richmond, my race and my profession have collided on occasion. I didn’t expect the country would elect a black president in my lifetime. But there wasn’t much time to feel the pride I had as an African-American in Obama’s achievement. Striving for objectivity and dealing with the logistics of covering a presidential campaign kept my emotions in check.

Although Obama sought to present himself as a transcendent candidate, race was never far from the surface. Staring out the window of the press bus, en route to a rally in South Carolina, I saw a barbecue
Joe Williams, R’84, pauses for a photographer while covering the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

restaurant flying a giant Confederate flag. No one else seemed to notice.

A few months later, away from the campaign, I interviewed a civil rights leader by phone from my hotel room in Charlotte, N.C. When I asked if he thought white North Carolinians would vote for Obama, he paused for a few uncomfortable moments.

“Can I ask you a question?” he said. “Are you black?”

He seemed to talk more freely after I answered his question.

It was that way in my personal life, too. At my gym in Washington, a young black man who had seen me on cable TV never failed to ask me for news from “the front.” I noticed that our conversations lapsed into a kind of subconscious, cultural shorthand—one black man to another—in case any white people might overhear.

“So, how’s it looking?” he asked. “Should I be worried? Is our man going to make it?”

Sometimes, I didn’t know what to say. I wasn’t sure who should answer—the objective journalist or the black man hoping to see history.

WHAT THIS MEANS

I am grateful for the experience of covering the Obama Campaign, despite its complications. Readers praised some of my stories and dismissed others, and I’m pretty sure the negative feedback was politically partisan and not evidence of biased reporting. I never let my personal feelings blur my journalistic focus.

At the Democratic National Convention in Denver, I was finishing a deadline story about African-American politics when I realized I needed to interview Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, Obama’s good friend and political soul mate. Unable to contact him by phone from the press tent outside the arena, I spotted him on a TV monitor during the roll call of states.

Grabbing my press credentials, I dashed into the arena. With moves that would have made my UR football coaches proud, I dodged and darted through the crowd to Patrick.

I breathlessly introduced myself and began blurtling out questions.

The governor gave a terse answer: “Not now.”

I was stunned, the deadline clock ticking in my head. Patrick gestured to the packed arena floor, where the roll call of states was nearly complete. Obama was moments away from becoming the first black man to win a major party’s presidential nomination. The crowd of delegates was raucous in anticipation. We were about to witness history. Patrick would answer my questions—after he savored the moment.

Reading my expression, the governor looked at me, incredulous: “Do you know what this means?”

He had no idea.

Joe Williams, R’84, covered the Obama Campaign for The Boston Globe.
WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, John McCain?

By Wes Allison, R'91

For the past five days I had been in "the bubble," the entourage of scribes, photographers, and handlers traveling with Sen. John McCain. It was midnight, 13 days before the election that made history. We flew into Daytona Beach for a bus tour of central Florida, and everyone was whipped. As we checked into our hotel, I thought, "Man, I don't know how the 72-year-old senator does it, day after day."

I needed six solid hours of sleep, but I had been promised a rare interview with McCain in the morning, and I wanted to make the most of it. So I took my laptop outside near the beach and began to type in the dark: "What I want to know from McCain."

A common knock on political reporters is that we like tearing down leaders, but that's not true, at least not among the writers I know. We are cynical and critical, but we want heroes, too.

That's what was always attractive about McCain. His political career grew from a narrative that began when his A4 Skyhawk was shot down over Vietnam. With both arms and one leg broken, he was sent to the infamous Hanoi Hilton. And when the North Vietnamese realized that his father was in charge of the Pacific Fleet, they offered to send him home. He could have avoided certain torture and possible death. But other Americans had been there longer, and they deserved to leave first. McCain elected to stay.

STRAIGHT TALK

By summer 2007, McCain was making his second run at the Republican nomination, and it was not going well. His support of immigration reform was killing him among conservative Republicans. In New Hampshire, site of the first GOP primary, his numbers had tumbled to about 10 percent.

So McCain took the first of several big gambles in his campaign. He skipped the Iowa caucus to focus on New Hampshire. As I chased his Straight Talk Express over the snowy byways last January, I saw the senator at his best, holding more than 100 town hall meetings from Salem to Portsmouth. He was full of vinegar, fielding all questions, even when he knew the crowd would disagree with his answers. He pledged to break the partisan gridlock in Washington. He promised to always tell the truth to the American people.

The night of the New Hampshire primary, McCain and his supporters celebrated at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua. "When the pundits declared us finished, I told them I'm going to New Hampshire where the voters don't let you make their decision for them," he told the crowd. "I reasoned with you, I listened to you, I answered you. Sometimes, I argued with you. ... And you did me the great honor of listening."

Given President Bush's dismal ratings, I figured McCain was the Republicans' best hope. Although he usually supported Bush, through the years he had crafted himself as a maverick, and he appealed to independent voters. As the Republican National Convention loomed in September, the big question was whether the GOP's conservative base would turn out for him. That's when McCain took the biggest gamble of his campaign by choosing Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate. She instantly galvanized the right. National polls found that moderates liked her, too. Then she started talking, and her popularity plummeted.

Meanwhile, McCain was struggling to find his voice on the careening economy, and Sen. Barack Obama and the Democrats pressed their central claim against McCain: Considering his support of more tax cuts for corporations and wealthy individuals, he might as well be Bush.

The more McCain tried to refute that claim, the more he seemed like Bush—more guarded, more ideologically rigid, less accessible. He also borrowed Bush's attack strategy. For the last two months of the race, the main message from McCain was that Obama was untested and probably dangerous, a socialist who wanted to...
“spread the wealth” and send Joe the Plumber down the drain.

Even as independents broke toward Obama, McCain and his advisers believed their only chance of winning was to keep punching. No longer was McCain running as an American hero. He was running as the anti-Obama.

THE LAST QUESTION
As the Straight Talk Express left Daytona Beach, McCain’s handlers nixed my one-on-one interview, but agreed to let five reporters spend 30 minutes on the bus with him.

McCain greeted us warmly and we sat down in leather chairs arranged in a U-shape with the senator at the top. We took turns asking questions—what he thought of the polls, how he planned to win Florida, the flap over Palin’s wardrobe.

I asked about his shift in tone over the past 10 months, how he used to pitch himself as an independent-minded veteran who avoided personal attacks.

“You should read my speeches,” McCain replied. “I always say I’ve been fighting for America my whole life.”

True, I said, but gone are the days when you pledged to work with Democrats. Gone are the days when you sold your moderate positions. Gone are the days when your top strength was being a maverick.

“I’m always talkative about that, and I’ve talked about my service,” he snapped. “One of the things I do say … is I’m not George Bush, and if Senator Obama wants to run against George Bush, he should have run four years ago.”

I wanted to tell him he had a bus full of reporters wondering where the real John McCain went, and that many of us missed him. Instead I asked, somewhat clumsily, “So how would you be different than Bush?”

He rolled his eyes. “Bipartisanship, climate change, energy, taxes. … There’s a long list … treatment of prisoners, the way the war was conducted by Rumsfeld. … I have a long record of working across the aisle, and Obama does not. He has never taken on his party leadership. … Whenever there’s a tough issue, he goes home to the liberal left.”

The interview shifted to immigration, then his plan to buy up shaky mortgages. I felt the bus stop. A press aide was saying for the fifth time that we had to go, and we were hustled down the narrow corridor to the door, my last question unanswered: “As you look back at this campaign, do you have any regrets?”

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Getting Real

Dr. Dean Croushour's real-time data is changing the way economists analyze monetary policy and develop forecasting models.

By Karl Rhodes

When the U.S. economy started bleeding last year, the Federal Reserve quickly infused money and credit. Since then, the central bank has aggressively expanded the money supply and extended hundreds of billions of dollars of new credit to banks and other depository institutions.

In recent years—particularly in election years—critics have accused the Federal Reserve of bolstering the economy for political purposes. But what really drives the Fed's decisions is data—numbers that suggest whether the economy needs more money and credit, or less money and credit. But there's a devil in the data. Much of it comes from raw estimates that will be revised substantially in subsequent
months and years. No one knows how much each estimate might go up or down, but Dr. Dean Croushore, associate professor of economics, is addressing the problem with his real-time data research. By tracking real-time data—economic numbers that were available on any given day in history—researchers can see how much each number typically gets revised, giving Federal Reserve policymakers some idea of the data’s reliability, Croushore explains. He cites flawed inflation data that likely contributed to the recent housing boom and bust that continues to shake the economy.

“If you look at the minutes of the Federal Reserve’s Open Market Committee meetings in 2002 and 2003, they were very worried about the possibility of deflation,” he notes. “The personal consumption expenditures price index was falling sharply—down to about 1 percent—and they were afraid it would keep declining and become negative. So they eased monetary policy quite a bit.”

As the Federal Reserve boosted the money supply and made credit more available, short-term interest rates fell to about 1 percent, and real interest rates (nominal rates minus expected inflation) became negative. But then the Fed got a big surprise. The personal consumption expenditures price index—the inflation measure they counted on most—was revised significantly upward. It turned out that inflation was not falling toward zero; it was rising toward 2 percent.

“So the Fed probably made a mistake in that period,” Croushore concludes. The result was “zero percent financing on autos, cheap money flowing through banks, and they were making all those housing loans. ... I think that was part of the reason why we had the big housing boom, which is now the big housing bust. ... If you don’t know enough about those data—especially if you put too much weight on certain data—you might make a big monetary policy mistake.”

GETTING REAL

Croushore started compiling real-time data while working at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in the early 1990s. He was evaluating inflation forecasts, and he needed to focus on data that was available to forecasters at the time they made their predictions.

The concept of real-time data had been around since the 1950s, but there was no central repository for it. Economists would dig up the real-time numbers they needed for a specific project and discard them when they finished the job.

But when Croushore completed his inflation-forecasting project, he decided to maintain his real-time data and build it into a database that all economists could use. He enlisted the help of his research assistant, Tom Stark, and student interns.

“We thought it would be easy,” Croushore recalls. “We would just type a bunch of numbers into a computer. Then we realized that it was not so easy because government agencies keep changing the way they report data. ... It actually involved quite a bit of detective work. We had to figure out what people knew when.”

Building the basic data sets took several years of painstaking work. Finally, Croushore and Stark made the numbers available to other economists in 1999, and they published their first paper on real-time data in 2001. More papers and presentations followed, and the need for real-time data became broadly accepted.

Croushore left the bank in 2003 to become an associate professor at Richmond, but he continues to conduct research at the Philadelphia Fed. In August the bank named him interim director of its new Real-Time Data Research Center, which maintains 43 real-time data sets—including all raw numbers and all revisions since 1965. In addition to maintaining the data, the center will promote real-time data research in collaboration with academic economists.

The Philadelphia Fed is happy
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with its ongoing association with Croushore, says Loretta Mester, the bank’s senior vice president and director of research. “Dean has been one of our visiting scholars ever since he left,” she says. “And we want to keep him.”

And the Robins School is happy to share him, says Dean Jorge Haddock. “Dean’s continued involvement with the Federal Reserve provides him with scholarship, leadership, and networking opportunities that are of great benefit to him, as well as the faculty and students.”

FORTUNE TELLING
In addition to analyzing monetary policy decisions, real-time data is improving the quality of economic forecasting.

Economists test their forecasting models by examining historical data over time to determine the marginal forecasting power of each variable in their models. Years ago, this process was routinely based on the best available data—revised many times over the years. But then economists realized that when testing forecasting models, revised numbers are inferior because they are never available to forecasters in real time.

“You have to use the real-time data that a forecaster would have had at each point in time,” Croushore insists. “You can’t peek ahead to see what really happened in the future, which is what the old trick used to be.”

It may seem like a fine point to the uninitiated, but data revisions can be massive. In May 1977, for example, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that real output grew 5.2 percent, but by 1980 the bureau had revised that number up to 9.6 percent. Subsequent revisions brought the estimate back down to 5 percent by early 2000.

Before the Philadelphia Fed unveiled its real-time database, most forecasters tested their models with revised data because digging up the real-time numbers was too time-consuming. Now, says Mester, “If you are not using real-time data in your research, you need to explain why.”

In the past five years, real-time data has become the new standard for researchers in macroeconomics and forecasting, Croushore says. “The whole world has now copied us. There are real-time databases springing up in every European country and in places like Japan, New Zealand, and Australia.”

BERNANKE WATCHING
Financial experts analyze every blink and twitch of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. But when it comes to Bernanke watching, Croushore enjoys a huge advantage.

He has known the chairman for nearly 20 years.

Bernanke was a visiting scholar at the Philadelphia Fed when Croushore began working there in 1989. Croushore helped produce supplements to Bernanke’s macroeconomics textbook, and when Bernanke was named chairman of the Fed, Croushore became a co-author of the book’s sixth edition with Dr. Andy Abel of the University of Pennsylvania.

Because he was familiar with Bernanke’s extensive scholarship on credit crunches, Croushore was not surprised that the Federal Reserve moved aggressively when the initial shocks of the housing bust rippled through the economy. Some pundits have criticized the Fed for rewarding big financial institutions for making bad decisions, but Croushore says Bernanke had to move fast to stave off a financial collapse.

“When you have a credit crisis, it filters from the big banks to the small banks,” Croushore explains. “If you don’t ease monetary policy and provide these credit mechanisms to get more money to the big banks, you really end up cutting funds to the small banks, and the small banks are the lifeblood of small business. If small businesses and medium-size businesses start dying, that hurts job creation and puts you into a severe recession.”
Lee Kirby West '00 displays pottery from Arts Around the Lake.
Pay It Forward

Alumni-funded scholarships connect the University’s past to its present and build a strong foundation for its future.

By Chip Jones

When Lee Kirby West, ’00, was 12 years old, her mother, Spring Crafts Kirby, ’73, got her involved in Arts Around the Lake, an annual art show sponsored by the Richmond Chapter of the UR Alumni Association.

“I basically knew all the ladies on the board and even worked in the alumni office,” West says with a laugh. “They used to joke with me that I had done all of my alumni work before I was a student.”

The proceeds from Arts Around the Lake help fund a scholarship for a daughter or granddaughter of a UR alumna. West later received the scholarship as a Richmond student, a special honor, she says, “because I really love the school.”

More recently, West has brought the scholarship tradition full circle by chairing Arts Around the Lake, which attracted 12,000 people to campus in September to admire—and purchase—the works of 100 local artists. The artists pay fees to exhibit their works around Westhampton Lake, and the fees help fund the scholarship.

Arts Around the Lake is a colorful reminder of the University’s rich gallery of giving and receiving, and West’s story is just one of many that link today’s students with conscientious alumni who care deeply about the University.

“It is truly inspiring to see some of the relationships that blossom between alumni donors and scholarship recipients,” says Laurel M. Hayward, director of donor relations and stewardship. “One of the most gratifying aspects of my job is helping to facilitate the meeting of the two groups at Richmond’s annual scholarship donor recognition luncheon.”

Witnessing students personally thanking the alumni who helped them achieve their educational dreams “is beyond rewarding,” Hayward says. “Genuine friendships are formed and many of these relationships last well beyond graduation.”

SECOND CHANCES

William Sandridge, ’43, did not excel in high school, but Dr. Raymond Pinchbeck, the former dean of Richmond College, recognized his potential and decided to give him a chance.
Sandridge did not disappoint the dean, ultimately graduating with honors and earning a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Virginia. He later taught economics at other universities, including 21 years at Roanoke College.

In 1986, a few years before he died, Sandridge began talking with his wife, Kathryn, about giving something back to his alma mater. Together they created the Kathryn B. Sandridge Scholarship as an expression of gratitude, "because he had been given a second chance at Richmond," Sandridge says. The scholarship goes to a "Virginia girl," she adds, "because my husband wanted to do that for me."

Today, Sandridge cherishes pictures of the scholarship recipients that span two decades. The current scholarship winner, Selma Edrenic, '09, "has been just delightful," Sandridge says. "When I was sick, she came to see me and brought a potted plant. She has been so solicitous, and calls to see how I'm doing."

Edrenic, a native of Bosnia, moved to Richmond with her family in 1998 and learned to speak English. The annual scholarship of $10,000 has made it "much easier for me and for my family," says Edrenic, who has formed a close friendship with her benefactor. "She's a very sweet lady, and I just bonded with her," Edrenic says. "I'm updating her constantly on my internship, on my school, on my academics."

Edrenic will graduate in May with a double major in international studies and German studies. Then she plans to work as a transmission analyst for Dominion Resources in Richmond. As an intern there this fall, she handled some complex duties with the company's gas pipelines.

Edrenic says getting to know Sandridge has helped expand her view of the world. "You don't have to necessarily be friends with someone from your own age group," she says. "There's so much you can learn from an older person—morals, life lessons, their life story. I consider her like a grandparent, someone I can always talk to."

ADOPTED GRANDMAS
After visiting the campus—and loving it—Lauren Milam did not think she could afford to attend Richmond, but an alumnae-sponsored scholarship made the difference. She received the George M. Modlin Scholarship in the Arts, sponsored by the Westhampton College Class of 1955.

"Five years before our 50th reunion, we started talking about it and promoting it within our class," seeking contributions and gift annuities, says Burrell Williams Stultz, W'55. "We ended up raising over $300,000 for the scholarship."

Stultz praised University officials for finding a worthy first recipient in Milam, '10, an accomplished dancer from Lexington, Ky. The Westhampton Class of 1955 immediately took her under wing, inviting her to lunch last April.

"It turned out it was her birthday, and we had a little birthday celebration," Stultz recalls. "She was just really responsive ... and the fact that she is so appreciative set our hearts aglow."

Milam also treasures her special bond with the Westhampton Class of 1955. "What's different with my scholarship is I have established a relationship with these women," she

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French connection

A funny thing happened to Murray Withrow, '06, on his way to Paris: He met a retired UR French teacher who helped him get there.

That was Jacqueline Francis, a part-time French instructor from 1959–89. Upon retirement, she established a scholarship to help students study her native tongue in France. When Withrow, a French major, met his benefactor two years ago, it was Francophilia at first sight.

He marveled at her life story. During World War II, she met a dashing young American, Capt. Everette Francis, who was on the staff of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in Paris. She showed Captain Francis the City of Lights, and he was so enchanted with his lovely guide that he returned to Paris to ask for her hand in marriage.

Now Jackie has become an important part of Withrow’s life. She attended his recent wedding, and she continues to give him language tips as he prepares to work as a foreign missionary. “When we meet now, it’s solely in French,” he says. “I’m always asking her vocabulary words. Maybe it gives her a taste of home.”

“I can’t drive anymore,” Jackie says, “so he comes here to Westminster Canterbury and has lunch with me. Murray Withrow is the apple of my eye.”
Wyndham Anderson, R'61, (right) and Don Falls, B'61, (center) visit Michael Harlow, '04, at Endorphin Fitness, a company that specializes in high-performance training.

"Don and Wyndham take a lot of time to figure out who to give [the scholarship] to, and they really make an effort to keep up with you."

says. "I jokingly refer to them as my adopted grandmas. They give me a sense of accountability."

Milam, who has danced since middle school, is a political science major with a minor in dance. "It gives me an outlet," she says of her performing career. "But I'm thinking about law school or graduate school in public policy. ... I'm really into women's issues, all sorts of things, including social justice."

She enjoys seeing Stultz and other Westhampton alumnae on campus. "It's a reminder to me that I'm kind of like their legacy," Milam says. "They worked really hard to put together this scholarship, so I feel like I need to make the most of what they put together."

COMBINED EFFORTS
In 1986, after a 25-year reunion dinner for graduates of Richmond College and the Robins School of Business, alumni Don Falls, B'61, and Wyndham Anderson, R'61, stood up and asked essentially the same question: "Shouldn't we do something in return?"

On the spot, Clarence Gray, the former dean of Richmond College, and former Provost Robert Smart rose to the occasion, pledging their efforts to establish a class scholarship. Falls and Anderson soon real-
ized that their schools would have to pool their resources to attract enough donations for a successful campaign. “Both classes were relatively small at that point, and we’d done so much together,” Falls says.

Nine years later, the two classes from 1961 had raised enough money to award a scholarship to a rising senior who had attended both the Robins School and Richmond College.

Falls and Anderson get together for lunch to pore over the resumes of students nominated by the business school. Often their top choices match right away. “Frankly, in the last three to four years, any one of the nominees we’ve been given would be outstanding,” Falls says. They like to pick someone from Virginia, and whenever possible, someone from the Richmond area.

Such was the case with Michael Harlow, a 2004 business school graduate who, like Falls, attended nearby Douglas S. Freeman High School. “A lot of scholarships come out of nowhere,” Harlow observes, “but this one meant a lot to me because a lot of thought went into it. Don and Wyndham take a lot of time to figure out who to give it to, and they really make an effort to keep up with you.”

Harlow also credits them for helping him find his career path, which led him to start Endorphin Fitness in Richmond. The young entrepreneur is one of a number of scholarship recipients who have “staggeringly well,” Anderson says, “and have been generous to the University.”

ENDURING LEGACY
As commencement approached in 1993, student leaders came together to discuss giving something back to the University. One idea was to establish a memorial scholarship to honor a popular and gifted young woman, Renée Elmore, a classmate who had died in a car accident during their first year at Richmond.

The students approached Renée’s parents, Ron and Janet Elmore, and they loved the idea, recalls Carla DeLuca, ’93, one of the student leaders. “They said, ‘If the Class of ’93 chooses to give this as a gift, we’ll donate $10,000.’”

After the scholarship fund was established, the Elmore family and friends have continued to donate generously to the fund. The scholarship goes to a rising sophomore who reflects the well-rounded nature of Renée Elmore, who was voted “best all-round senior” in high school and quickly became popular during her first year at Richmond.

“We’ve structured a scholarship to pay tribute to Renée—who she was as a student, as a person, and as a friend. We’re not looking for students who have a 4.0 and may have lettered in every varsity sport in high school,” DeLuca explains. “What we’re looking for is someone who made an impact on the University during the first semester of their freshman year, and overall represents Renée’s spirit. … She was smart, funny, and did well in her classes.”

Janet Elmore serves on the selection committee and stays in contact with recipients and their parents, inviting them to visit her in Florida and greeting them on campus at the scholarship donor recognition luncheon.

“I’m always amazed when I read all of the applications to see what a fantastic enrollment Richmond has,” she says. “It really reaffirms what good youth are coming up.”

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Boatwright scholars
Each year the University awards 28 class-sponsored scholarships—ranging from $1,590 to $20,900 per year. Many of those scholarships began as 50-year reunion class gifts, but some 50-year reunion classes elect to support the Frederic W. Boatwright Society Scholars Program.

Members of the Class of 1949, guided by the late Gordon Cousins, R’49, established the program at their 50-year reunion to honor Dr. Frederic Boatwright, who served as the University’s president from 1894–46.

The Class of 1949 wanted to ensure that merit-based scholarships would be available to students from Virginia who are direct descendants of Richmond alumni. The class also wanted to create a permanent gift initiative for future 50-year reunion classes.

For information about other UR scholarships, visit financialaid.richmond.edu. Richmond is among only 1 percent of American colleges and universities that guarantee both a need-blind admission process and a commitment to meeting 100 percent of the demonstrated financial need of every American student admitted to its traditional undergraduate program.
In this edition, we feature a story about an undercover FBI agent who infiltrated a crime family. The article, titled "Making Jack Falcone," recounts the experiences of Joaquin "Jack" Garcia, R'75, and his three-year undercover investigation of the Gambino crime family. Garcia, who used the alias "DePalma" and taught himself to think and act like a wiseguy, was introduced to the world of shakedowns, beatings, and envelopes of cash by one of his trusted crew members, a federal agent. Through his experiences, Garcia gained invaluable insights into the workings of the Gambino family and its top leaders in jail.

The article highlights the challenges and ethical dilemmas faced by Garcia during his undercover work. It describes how he had to adapt to the lifestyle of the mob, learn how to eat, talk, and think like a wiseguy. Garcia's memoirs, published in a book, provide a unique perspective on life inside the Gambino family.

For more information on Garcia's story, visit his website, www.makingjackfalcone.com. The book "Making Jack Falcone" offers a fascinating account of Garcia's experiences and the lessons he learned from infiltrating the Gambino crime family.
tually adapted to her new role. She brought her passion for etiquette into the family's gym—introducing the family's powerlifting girls to the social graces.

Although Deekens had never watched *Wife Swap*, she found the show's premise intriguing. "It never hurts anybody to step into somebody else's shoes," she says.

**UR's toughest alum**

Michaela Clemence, '06, advanced to the season finale of *America's Toughest Jobs* on NBC this fall. She left the show after breaking two vertebrae trying to remove a ribbon from a bull.

The television series began with 13 contestants, eliminating one player in each episode based on job performance.

Clemence impressed the judges while fishing for crabs, driving trucks, panning for gold, drilling for oil, cutting down trees, distracting rodeo bulls, rescuing mountain climbers and performing bridge maintenance 40 stories above the water.

In the real world beyond reality television, Clemence works as a corporate recruiter in Boston.

**URAA Association taps Ivey as new president-elect**

The University of Richmond Alumni Association has tapped Tracey Holgren Ivey, B'82, as its new president-elect. She takes the place of Jasmann Coleman, '98, who accepted a position in athletic fundraising at UR.

Ivey lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and is director of consultant relations for Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley, an investment advisory firm based in Richmond. She has served on the URAA Executive Committee as treasurer for two years and most recently as a member-at-large.

"Tracey has provided strategic insight and tremendous financial acumen during her time on the committee," says URAA President Tripp Perrin, '95. "I am confident the alumni association will accomplish great things under her leadership."

**TRAVEL**

**Bruce on the loose, goes coast to coast**

Chancellor Bruce Heilman, 82, greeted alumni from coast to coast when he rode his motorcycle from Richmond to San Diego in October. Heilman reversed his route from 1946, when he hitchhiked home in his Marine Corps uniform after World War II.

This time, Heilman met with alumni groups in several cities along the way.

"This was a journey of nostalgia," he says, "but it also was an opportunity to spread the news of the University of Richmond from coast to coast."

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**Connect with classmates**

**Reunion Weekend 2009**

*March 27–29, 2009*

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.

**Homecoming 2009**

*Nov. 6–8, 2009*

This year's homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2009, and a young grad reunion for classes 2000–09.

**Regional Events**

*Year-Round*

For information about alumni chapter 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**

For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumnioffice@richmond.edu.
Keon Piper, '09, and Rachel Chikowski, '09, were crowned homecoming king and queen at halftime of the football game. Richmond trounced Georgetown 48-0 before an enthusiastic crowd that defied the rainy weather to cheer the Spiders to victory.
Tony DeRosa, '09, (left) and Patrick Scanlan, '09, pump up the crowd.

Howard Lee, '07, visits with his mentor, Jean Proffitt, C'83, at the School of Continuing Studies breakfast.

Pryor Green, '06, (left) and Kelly Frantz, '06, enjoy the pre-game picnic.

Gilbert Rosenthal, R'47 and R'99, reminisces with classmates at the reunion of Navy V-12 officer training recruits.

Nick Pazinko, R'57, (left) and Jerry Landis, R'59, wear special shirts to honor Pat Lambert, R'60, who died last year.

Claire DeSoye Newtown, '96, and Bill Newton, '95, get ready for the game with their children, Nick, (left) Maggie, and Jeff.

Alumni ham it up for a photograph at the young grad reunion.

Kimberly Bowers, '05, (left) and Adrienne Adger, '05, reconnect at the Black Student Alliance and Black Alumni Network event.

Fred Williams celebrates a tackle by his nephew, Seth Williams, '09.

Jean Alcott, B'77, (left) and Jen Riggle Dodge, B'91 and GB'00, (right) chat with students at the student and alumni networking reception.
CLASS OF ’41
With reluctance I am now the “hub” of our Class of ’41, but with the urging of Mayne O’Flaherty Stone and Toni Wirth Whittem, there was no choice! This means I am dependent on you for news about you and your classmates. We thank Mayne and Martha Beam de Vos for their several years of reporting.

In the past three years, we have awarded the Class of ’41 Scholarship to four amazing young women: Laura Elizabeth Caldwell, ’06, Nicole Joanne Buell, ’07, Lindsay Rumer, ’06, and Carolyn Virginia Stenzel, ’08, who spent last summer in Italy and then student taught in Richmond. Recently, senior Leona Ying-Lei Chan was awarded our scholarship. Leona is a gifted young woman and the daughter of immigrant parents from Hong Kong. Leona, a rhetoric and communication studies major, completed an internship in England for Teach First, a nonprofit organization started by Brett Wigdortz, ’95. Leona hopes to serve in the Peace Corps and then attend law school. She wrote to express her gratitude for the scholarship: “It means so much to me and my family. I appreciate the kindness of the Class of ’41, and in the future I will always remember and cherish this organization.”

Anna Marie Rue Stringfellow has moved to assisted living in her retirement community in Culpeper. Many of her friends in independent living visit her every Wednesday.

Bradford Darling, husband of Margaret Forrer Darling, died Dec. 21, 2007. I have a picture of Margaret with her daughter, Bryan, and a nephew and nieces. She looks good!

Bettie Woodson Weaver is still in her big home. She talks of having wild turkeys all over the place, wonderful hummingbirds, and butterflies.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig is still in California. She suffered a broken hip when visiting son Jim and Ester in Salt Lake City. When Margaret returned to Santa Barbara, she moved into a retirement center. Her husband, Larry, died Sept. 20, 2007, and her daughter, Gerry Ann, also passed away. Jim and Ester moved to Santa Barbara in November. Margaret is looking forward to seeing the new Westhampton Center at our 70th reunion in 2011. I have sad news of the deaths of two classmates. Mary Owens Bass died Nov. 14, 2007. I have no more information. Does anyone know the address of her son, Kenneth? Betty Riley Johnson died Aug. 8, 2007. There are 32 of us left. I am still painting, having fun with clay, and going to Sandbridge. I have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One is here and the others are in Michigan and South Carolina. Those who have met Dr. Edward L. Ayers, our new president, are very excited and impressed.

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CLASS OF ’42
When I called during the summer, Margaret “Peggy” Vicars Early and her husband, Joe, were doing well and had enjoyed recent visits from their two daughters. Peggy still meets with her bridge club every two weeks. She stays in touch with LaVerne Priddy Muse and James “Jimmy” Franklin Radd. Jimmy, I found out, broke his hip in a fall. I sincerely hope she has been recovering well.

Ann Pavey Garrett continues to get the benefits of water therapy. She reported that Lucy Burke Allen Meyer had a slight stroke. Best wishes for her rapid and full recovery.

Ann also told me of the death of Helen Scott Jenkins, sister of Clarine Cunningham Bergren. Our sincere sympathy to Clarine. Westhampton Class Secretary "Lillian Jung
35 Midland Ave.
Central Valley, NY 10917
clj18@frontiernet.net"

CLASS OF ’44
Reunion Reminder
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.

Molly Warner Stephenson and Jim pulled out all the stops for their 50th wedding celebration in June. Their children and grandchildren from the West Coast, all their nieces and nephews, and many friends were there. Those who had attended their wedding 50 years ago included Ed Granley, widower of Norma Sanders Granley, and me. In the spring Molly received the Unsung Hero Award from a local coalition for the homeless, recognizing her 20 years of volunteer service as weather watcher for the Cold Night Shelter program. Due to the redevelopment of their retirement complex, Molly and Jim moved in October to a ground-floor apartment in Largo. Molly boasts the addition of another great-grandchild.

When I attended the International Torch Club Convention in Lancaster, Pa., in June, I had the pleasure of staying with Lucy Barnett Lacy. She is looking forward to our class reunion.

The good news from Betsy Rice is that she is back in her own room at Westminster Canterbury after shattering her heel. She says she doesn’t walk very well but is able to drive again. She also confirmed that Demie Browne Blair has moved into nursing care at Westminster.

Sympathy is extended to Ann Borden Seagrue in Charlottesville. News of her death was confirmed by her sister. I had hoped to see Ann and her husband, Warren A. Stansbury, R, at one of the summer concerts at Fort Monroe but rainy weather interfered. Ann says Warren still plays a good game of tennis.

A phone conversation with Mary Borden Felger in Charlottesville brought news of her two daughters, who live in Roanoke, Va., and Florida, and her four grandchildren. Mary is active in her garden club and church and has traveled with her husband to Russia. She hopes to join us in March for our reunion.

Margaret Lide Stanback, who was with us our first two years and left to study voice in Rochester, N.Y., lives in Larchmont, N.Y., and spends summers at their family cottage in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. She has five children: a son in Atlanta, a daughter in Greensboro, and two sons and a daughter in New York. For years Margaret worked as a reading specialist.

Mildred “Millie” Cox Goode feels like she is living in a resort since she doesn’t have to cook, etc. She and Aylett W. “Skee” Goode, R’42, enjoy golf and traveling. We discovered that we were both at Harvard in June when our grandchildren received degrees. Her granddaughter is an architect in the Boston area.

Do plan to be with us at our 65th reunion. It may well be our last chance to visit and share memo-
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CLASS OF '46

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Pamela Burnside Gray is pleased to report that she is a great-grandmother. Her oldest grandson, who is a doctor, gave birth to Mason John Minkler in Lynchburg. Pamela had lunch with Margaret Elliott Owby in Richmond, which is not far from her home at Jordan's Point.

Barbara Deane Kocum is enjoying retirement after teaching school for 36 years. Her daughter gradu-
Judith has invited all classmates to hear from classmates.

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Marian Thomson Stevens was happy to get in touch with Allen Rucker Hall, whose name she found on our classmate list. Marian had a good visit with her daughter, who lives in Oregon.

Margaret Sabine Brizendine and her husband, Chuck, enjoy life in Hernando, Fla. She said they had a good time at our class reunion.

Carol Buxbaum Warnich and her husband have moved from their home to the Westin Town Center Residences in Virginia Beach.

Virginia Smith Kynett was sorry to miss our reunion but has many memories of years gone by. She enjoys nine-hole golf games.

Elizabeth Koltsukian Cowles returned to Tulsa, Okla., after a trip to San Diego to find a massive ice storm covering the city. One grandson’s wedding and another grandson’s graduation have kept her busy.

Seth Darrow Jewell had a visit from Connie Newton Pepiot. Seth lives on Island Creek, near Oklahoma, Md., with her family nearby. She left the real estate business two years ago.

Ann Clark Little and Randal Q. Little, R, live in a retirement community in Wheaton, Ill. They are proud of their daughters, Pat Little Rowland, W’77 and GB’81, who serves on our University’s Board of Trustees.

Jane Belk Moncure writes that this year has been a great challenge following the death of her husband. She has managed to adjust with the help of family, friends, her church, and her volunteer work with hospice care.

Faye Hines Kilpatrick attended a Fourth of July citizenship ceremony in Charlottesville, where President Bush spoke. This summer she and her 15-year-old grandson went to Oxford to study revolutions of America, France, and Britain. Her daughter, Kathleen, is director of the Virginia Department of Historical Resources. Faye enjoys her service on the advisory board of the University of Virginia’s School of Continuing Education and Professional Studies.

My husband, Rolen C. Bailey, R’49, and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary by going back to Roanoke, where we lived for 34 years. We also enjoyed a week at Massanutten Resort with our son, John, and grandchildren. Also this summer, I served as photographer for Vacation Bible School and for the activity pages of our church directory.

News for the summer issue is due February 1. Please send it to Faye or me.

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CLASS OF ’49

Reunion Reminder 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.

Exercise seems to keep our classmates in good spirits. Ann E. Morano is doing well with bowling and walking, and Ruby Patterson Weber takes water aerobics classes. Ruby traveled to Alaska last September and enjoys her 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I joined a walking group at Cedarfield.

Other classmates were celebrating important milestones. Audrey Bradford Saup marked her 80th birthday in August with a surprise party given by her three children at Ford’s Colony in Williamsburg. Audrey was surprised by more than 160 guests from many parts of the world. Her children came from North Carolina, Texas, and California. Elizabeth “Beth” Wilburn Hooker celebrated her 80th with a party in June, including dinner at the Commonwealth Club. One grandson came all the way from California, I celebrated my 80th with family at the new home of my daughter in Midlothian.

Trips have also testified to the stamina of our classmates. Betty Ann Allen Dillen, G’49, traveled with her elder daughter and granddaughter to France, spending time in the Loire Valley. She and I visited Abingdon for the Barter Theatre and Highland Festival in July.

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Hazel Jennings Beninghove visited the Kennedy Center to see The Lion King. She was packing for an October move to Springdale, a retirement community in Chesterfield.

Lynn Gilmer Guilford is convalescing from surgery in August. Ann Wilson Bryant and her family are doing well, although her husband had pneumonia this summer. Dorothy “Dot” Richwine Korb is recovering from a broken hip after a fall last February.

Marilyn Alexander Kubu and her husband are leading a quiet life following his hospital stay. They have been devoted gardeners, raising boxwoods, roses, and 150 hostas, but they now do less in the garden.

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CLASS OF ’50

On August 14, members of our class who live in the Richmond area had a luncheon meeting at the Heilmann Dining Center on campus. Many thanks to Janice Brandenburg Halloran for making the reservation. Class members in attendance, in addition to Janice and me, were Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara White Balderson, Joy Hull Bolte, Doris Balderson Burbank, Louise “Baby Six” Cheatham Chandler, Lee Reeves Childress, Barbara Beattie Fanney, Ida Smith Hall, Mary Howard Holloway, Rosa Lou Soles Johnston, Maryanne Bugg Lambert, Elizabeth “Libby” Givens Pierce, and Gatewood Holland Stoneman.

As suggested at our last luncheon, Gatewood, our class treasurer, Margaret, past president, and Doris, president, are now on the Class of 1950 bank account. Only memorials and operating monies will come out of that account unless such withdrawals are approved by those listed above and with the knowledge of class members. When memorials are sent to the University for a member of our class, her name is noted and the money is deposited into the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund. We also decided that we would meet for lunch twice a year, once in August at the Heilmann Dining Center and again in six months at a location to be selected.

For news from classmates, Barbara White Balderson is glad that her two grandsons live near their mother, Barbara’s eldest daughter, Lyndelle Bernard, who teaches nursing at a community college in Maryland.

Joy Hull Bolte still enjoys life at The Virginian retirement community. She and her Westhampton roommate, Mary Howard Holloway, relish their visits when Mary comes to Richmond.

Barbara Beattie Fanney says she is recovering well from surgery and is “learning to cope” without Skip.

From Janice Brandenburg Halloran, we learn that the oldest grandson of Peggy King Nelson has married recently. Janice also had visits in August from both of her daughters: Amy came with her husband, two children, and two dogs from Albuquerque, N.M., and Susie and her husband came from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with their 17-year-old son.

Rosa Lou Soles Johnston stays busy as a volunteer at her local health clinic and as a docent at Old Christ Church. She took time off this spring to enjoy a trip to Greece. She has nine fabulous grandchildren.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert shares...
news that Mary Sue Mock Milton and her husband have moved into The Pines, a retirement community in Davidson, N.C.

Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy had yet another fun family vacation, this time at Corolla on the Outer Banks. A first great-grandchild has brought joy to Marjorie Parson Owen. Spencer Boyd Owen’s dad is Eric W. Owen, ’01. Marjorie and her family had a reunion at Virginia Beach in July.

I received a note from Nancy Chapin Phillips, who heard from Charlotte Westervelt BiPham. We extend our sympathy to Nancy following the death of her beloved husband, Alex, after a brief illness in April.

Elizabeth “Libby” Givens Pierce proudly announces that her second son, John, began his new position as comptroller of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Gatewood Holland Stoneman stays busy with her usual activities, including farming and keeping up with her six grandchildren, one of whom just graduated from Virginia Tech. Two others are now in college.

I am pleased to report that I have been elected to the board of directors of the Hathaway Association. My husband, William “Les” Lester Duty, R’59, and I continue to enjoy living here.

Finally, I ask that you send your news for the summer issue of the alumni magazine. I need this by Feb. 15, so please keep in touch!

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CLASS OF ‘51

Frances Allen Schools vacationed in Ireland last May, and in July she was in Portsmouth for her son’s concert. She also visited Elizabeth McRae Dudley and Roy. Frances’ son’s band broke the record at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Denver for the most consecutive sold-out shows.

Gwen Priddy Donohue is proud of her great-nephew, Reid Priddy, who returned from Beijing with an Olympic gold medal in men’s indoor volleyball.

Sue Pitts Hodder traveled to California in May to visit her daughter, Elizabeth, and her two grandchildren. In July she attended a family gathering at Nags Head. Sue has recently moved to Lakewood Manor.

Pat Smith Kelley enjoyed a family vacation at Emerald Isle. Bob and I were in Denver visiting our children and grandson in June. We had snow on the first day of our visit.

Many thanks to Frances Arrighi Tonacci for her help in gathering some of our class news.

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Barbara McGeehe Cooke, W, lost her husband, Samuel L. Cooke Jr., R’52 and G’54, on Aug. 2, 2008. They had been married 54 years. (See obituary on page 46.)

CLASS OF ‘52


Sue Easley Candler traveled to Rhode Island in June to see Addie Ecks Comegys. They took a literary tour of Boston, enjoyed boiled lobster, saw the WaterFire display in Providence, and talked about their Westhampton days.

Addie wrote again in August to report that she had broken her hip but would soon be returning home. Addie is our archivist and submitted many of your artifacts to the college. She received the following note from Dean Juliette Landphair: “Much, much thanks for your box of ‘gifts’ from the Westhampton College Class of 1952. We look forward to displaying some of these when the new Center opens in 2010!”

Harriet Willingham Johnson was excited by the spring issue of the alumni magazine: “First of all, the cover had a black Westhampton student, and I thought back to those days 55 years ago when we could not invite black college students … to join us for a YM-YW discussion over tea and coffee,” she writes. “I thought the article about traditions that are still a part of Westhampton and Richmond College, and those that have been dropped, was beautifully written. And of course I was interested in the article on students in education and the strong emphasis on overseas experience along with service learning. … The pictures were excellent and the articles were thoughtful. In short, I was proud of my college.” Harriet and Walter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a family trip to a historic resort near Lake Superior.

McMurray Rishell and Rish are enjoying the home they built in a golf community near Gettysburg, Pa. They live five miles from their oldest child. Marilyn wrote, “We are just back from a week in San Antonio, where my brother is in hospice. We have our kids, grands, and great-grands coming to celebrate our 55th. … Each day is a marvel.”

Ellen Bradley, W’91, editor of Class Connections, noticed that Peggy Whiteman Hohmann was on our contact list for the last issue of the magazine. She wrote to let me know that Peggy passed away on March 19, 2002. Peggy’s obituary appeared in the Fall 2002 issue of the alumni magazine noting that she was a retired public school teacher and guidance counselor in the Richmond, Norfolk and Portsmouth schools. She also was a member of Saint Michael’s Episcopal Church. Peggy’s husband, Cornelius Hohmann, R’51, passed away in 2007.

Eleanor Lee Persons Hays and Robert W. “Bob” Hays, R’49, flew to Ohio for a national tennis tournament. They were able to greet grandson Steven at the airport as he returned from working in Peru. They went to Waco to see granddaughter Amber receive her master’s degree in social work and they enjoyed seeing great-grandson Zachary.

Kathleen Cooke O’Brien and Sarah Barlow Wright made an annual trip to the Shenandoah National Park. Sarah has added Hawaii and Alaska to the places she has visited. Kathleen is on the board of directors of her local library. Her brother, Samuel L. Cooke Jr., R and G’54, passed away in August after a long illness. (See obituary on page 46.)

Marianne Shumate Jensen and Arnold usually leave Charlotteville to spend part of the summer at their home in Wisconsin. She is serving a second term on the board of the State Lutheran Women.

My cards to Claire Carlton and Lelia Adams Gannon using the addresses we were given at the 55th reunion were returned. Any suggestions? Contact Eleanor Lee Persons Hays if you have the answers.

Frances McEver Russell hopes to come to Richmond for our next reunion. She and Buddy spent most of the summer at their lake house entertaining children and grandchildren. They planned to return to Jekyll Island for the winter months.

Bertha Cosby King attended her 60th Thomas Jefferson High School reunion. Also present were Isabel Sanford Rankin and her husband, Hugh, and Alice Subley Mandanis and her sister, Lillian D. Beyer, W’61.

Jill Lobach Graybeal’s daughter, Sally Graybeal Minnigh, W’83, passed away last spring. Sally was marketing and special events coordinator for Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Jill says that she and her husband, J. Pat Graybeal, R, were grateful to everyone, especially Mary Ann Coates Edel, for their sympathy and support. Jill says that she and Pat enjoy living on Hilton Head Island with its pristine beaches and many activities. They recently returned from three days in Prague and a cruise to Budapest. Last fall, they followed the trail of Lewis and Clark by riverboat on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

I had a wonderful trip to Brazil with 14 people traveling to Sao Paulo and then to the Pantanal. We are planning five different destinations for next year!

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CLASS OF ‘53

We are saddened to learn from Mildred L. Gambill that Betty Jean Guthric Edwards died on June 26 in Richmond after a number of years in a nursing home. Betty had moved to Richmond from Falls Church after the death of her husband.

Patti Thompson Stoy is pleased to report that she and Dut were not the oldest fans at the UR alumni gathering at a Durham Bulls game in July.

The Stoy’s ongoing travels include a cruise to Alaska aboard the Statendam and a visit with a grandchild in Washington this summer.

Jane Wilson Rolston is among those who enjoyed the class reunion. She also was the guest of a cultural foundation in Portugal when Holmes lectured there in June. Many of her
days are spent with her grandchildren—Rolston and Ellie. Joan Perlin Ruby has been traveling as usual. She plans to move from her home of 30 years into a condo. Meanwhile, she has attended weddings, parties, and the ACC basketball tournament.

Barbara Anne Watkins Beale is still an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer but declares herself "very pleased that someone else took over as local coordinator." She is also doing her church Web site.

As surrogate parents for the children of their daughter, Deb, who died of cancer three years ago, Betty Montgomery Marsh and Cecil E. Marsh, R., have visited a number of colleges with Eric, who is a senior. Celia is in middle school. Cecil has been diagnosed with a treatable form of lung cancer. They are cautiously optimistic and haven't let it stop them from enjoying two family trips this summer. "Family" includes everybody—their two sons and both their families, as well as Eric and Celia.

Several members of the class have not been well. Jane Wilson Rolston tells us that Bettie Kersey Gordon, who has been ill for a number of months, finally received a diagnosis of her problem and is responding to treatment. And Barbara reports that Kay Beale Coates has been in the hospital for surgery but was expecting to return home at the time we went to press.

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It seems like recently all I have had is sad news to report. Mary Jane Miller, our class sponsor, passed away July 5, 2008, at the age of 89 in Ocean City, N.J. Miss Miller was at the University of Richmond from 1942 to 1971, first as a physical education instructor, then as an associate professor. She was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. She was a friend and mentor to many and a stalwart supporter of the Class of 1954. We shall miss her and extend to her family our deepest sympathy.

Barbara Jones Walker and husband Tom enjoyed a trip to Lancaster, Pa., to see The Creation at the Millennium Theater. They also went to the Rocky Hock Theater near Edenton, N.C., where they saw Under His Wings, the story of Ruth and Boaz. During the summer they enjoyed visits from their three children and their families.

Ann Hanbury Callis enjoyed having her daughter and family from Costa Rica with her throughout the summer.

Cos Washburn Barnes, Sara Sherman Cowherd, and Nancy Graham Harrell visited Barbara Cronin Lovell in August and had their usual good time.

In September Nancy Baumgardner Werner and George Vinson's Medical Center in Oregon. In retirement Hope left Los Angeles for the Pacific Northwest. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her three children and two grandchildren. "Gardening, quilting, and reading up a storm" is the report from Norma Howard Horne. Norma retired from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. She claims to be partially bionic with a new left hip and knee. Norma has a son in California and one in New Mexico, while her daughter and 8-year-old grandson live in Las Vegas.

Margaret Gore Swanson and her husband travel from Greensboro, N.C., to Westlake, Ohio, to visit their son and his family. They especially enjoy the activities of their grand­daughters, ages 12 and 9.

Congratulations to proud great-grandparents Peggy Hall Flippin and Edward A. "Ed" Flippin, R’56, on the birth of their first great-grandchild, a boy, on Aug. 4, 2008.

Nancy Johnson White had a busy summer attending triathlons with her husband, Clifford Eugene White, L’62. He is now the youngest in the 75–79 age group, so he figures he might be ranked nationally. Nancy is serving on the minister search committee at her church. Her six grandsons, ages 4 to 24, also keep her occupied.

A summer sojourn to Radford, Va., for visits with her siblings was a perfect holiday for Ann King Lucas, Alice McCarty Haggerty and Joy Winstead attended an Elderhostel in Lewisburg, W.Va. They enjoyed the mountain scenery, the New River Gorge, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, and the bunket at the Greenbrier Hotel. The bunker was bought in the 1950s for the members of Congress in case of nuclear attack.

The birth of another grandson was the exciting news from Emily Menefee Johnston. The Johnstons were planning to attend the reunion of Bill’s 290th Bomber Group in San Antonio in September.

Carolyn Neale Lindsey did not ride a motorcycle to Florida as stated in our summer newsletter. She and her husband, James E. Lindsey, R’54, are required to have motorcycle licenses to drive a fun little car they own.

In this slow real estate market Ann Pettit Getts sold her home. She was busy at the time of this writing sorting through 25 years of accumulated possessions.

Burrell Williams Stultz and John L. Stultz, B’58, made their traditional summer trip to Wyoming, which this year included a bit of Idaho. They visited a majestic lodge at an elevation of 10,000 feet and came down to 7,000 feet to meet their daughter and younger granddaughter at a ranch near Jackson, where they enjoyed trail rides and meals prepared by a master chef. They returned home to spend a week on the Outer Banks with Burrell’s sister and family. Burrell teaches part-time at Collegeville and serves on the alumni board at UR.

Some members from our class met for lunch in June at the Boar’s Head Inn in Charlottesville. Sue Smith Van Wickler made the arrangements. The group enjoyed spectacular views of the mountains and great food and company. Those enjoying the day were Nancy Johnson White, Jackie Kilby Brooks, Emily Menefee Johnston, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Jean Ruddle Migneault, Barbara Turner Willis,

Did you know?
Richmond’s ensemble-in-residence, eighth blackbird, won a 2008 Grammy Award. Read more about the sextet on page 7.
Joy Winstead, Carlene Shuler Saxton and her husband, and Sue Smith Van Wickler and her husband.

On June 30, 2008, Jo Hull Mitchell, W'53, met your secretary in Saluda, Va., to attend the memorial service for Louise Eubank Gray, W'28, who was named a distinguished alumnna in 1981. Dot Gwaltney, a member of our freshman class, was related to Mrs. Gray, and she joined with the many who celebrated 100 years of life for this special lady.

In July my husband and I, along with our 11-year-old granddaughter, Jani Orrell, traveled to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. We enjoyed time in Chincoteague and visited Polly Bundick Dize and members of her family. Virginia Beauchamp Murden visited with the Dizes in August.

Remember to earmark your UR donations to the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts. Westhampton Class Secretary Barbara "Bobbie" Reynolds Wyker P.O. Box 640 Urbanna, VA 23175 overlook1885@verizon.net

CLASS OF '56

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

Beverly Drake Herring and her husband have moved to Westminster Canterbury in Winchester, Va., where they enjoy the beautiful courtyard without having to maintain it. They have two grandsons getting married soon and plan to attend the weddings.

Mary Mullin Mowery wants to move to Houston but has not been able to sell her house in Las Vegas. Recent travels have included Colorado, Italy, Virginia (for her grandson's high school graduation), and Alaska on a Glacier Bay cruise. We hope her check-up in August went well after her previous ovarian cancer.

Dottie Stiff Price and Madison R. Price, R'55, sold their home of 35 years in Newport News and are moving to Cross Ridge in Richmond to be closer to their daughter. They traveled to Pennsylvania for a meeting of the W.P. Chrysler Club. Their car, a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda, won a second place award. They stayed at historic Summit Inn near Farmington and saw Frank Lloyd Wright's home, Fallingwater.

Susan Quinn Wagner wrote that she was looking forward to a two-week trip to Tanzania in October. She visited Carol Brooks Jennings, who is in a wheelchair now. We are all thinking of you, Carol.

Joyce Still Gibson called to announce two new grandchildren. The twins, a boy and a girl, were born to her son Kenneth and his wife, Beth. This should keep everyone in the family busy.

Jan Hogge Atkins was in Richmond in July visiting her sister, Bette Morron, on her way to a vacation with family members in Duck, N.C. Jan, Bette, Shirley Garrett Masson, W'55, Alice McCary Haggerty, W'55, and I had a delightful lunch at Brio's. Jan and Ferrel enjoy visiting Estes Park, Colo., where he volunteers in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Jeanette Brannin wrote that she had just returned from a round-trip cruise on the Queen Mary 2 from New York to Southampton, England. She planned to go to Milwaukee in September to celebrate her 75th birthday with her friend, Ruth.

Thelma Flynn Helm enjoyed a visit from her son, his wife, and their three children, who live in West Africa. The family had a great trip to Kentucky where they visited a lot of horse-related sites and Mammoth Cave. Thelma visits her mother in Lakewood Manor Retirement Home in Richmond and would enjoy seeing some of her classmates.

Ellice Simmonds Smart enjoyed a trip to Detroit to watch both of her grandchildren win two medals each at the national Tackwondo Olympics. On Aug. 16, I attended a lovely 50th wedding anniversary party in Fredericksburg for Wayne and Helen Crittenden Culbertson. It was given by their children and grandchildren, all of whom were there except daughter Jennifer, who is a Navy doctor serving in Afghanistan. Lois Madison Reany attended the party also.

Marilyn Sorce Klump and her husband attended their third Intergenerational Elderhostel with grandchildren Ryan and Scott in Rexburg, Idaho, where they enjoyed learning about the geology and biology of Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks.

Edna Wagstaff Warncke went to Maine in June and spent much of July in her Lake Gaston home where she enjoyed a visit from Diane Brown Higgins and her husband, Charlie. Edna, her sister, and friend planned to visit the Christmas markets along the Rhine in early December.

Betty Wyatt Grant and her husband, Jim Grant, R'57, traveled to the north rim of the Grand Canyon to celebrate 51 years of marriage. I was sorry to learn that Ann Carol Yeaman Malcolm fell on July 25 and fractured her hip. She got a new hip the next day and is recovering nicely. Her family was due to arrive the last part of August for a 50th anniversary celebration.

Helen Siner Wood wrote that her husband, Rudy, passed away Aug. 7 after fighting cancer for a year. The previous Saturday they had celebrated 50 years of marriage with a special dinner planned by their children. On Sunday they had attended a family reunion. We will keep the family in our prayers.

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CLASS OF '57

Nancy Day Haga was honored in July as a community hero by the Richmond Braves and the Richmond Employment Guide. For 26 years, Nancy has served as a member of the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad. She is known for her extensive follow-up with accident and trauma victims, often visiting recovering patients in the hospital or at home. In addition, she has worked for 10 years with Habitat for Humanity. She was a swimming instructor at Longwood College for 25 years and is certified as an arthritic swim instructor. Nancy was presented with a Community Heroes plaque at a pre-game ceremony at the Diamond on July 26. People in the Farmville community, where she lives with her husband, Ralph, are proud of their hero. They chartered a bus to the game and the awards ceremony.

Nancy also mentioned that she was saddened by the death on July 5 of Mary Jane Miller, who was our varsity hockey coach and a substitute for the physical education department at Westhampton College. Miss Miller taught for 22 years at Westhampton, retiring in 1971. (See obituary on page 47.)

Barbara Goodman Hardinge lives in Farmville and is a Eucharistic Minister. She enjoys visiting the ill and homebound, especially those in nursing homes. One of her hobbies is visiting antique shows and flea markets.

Joyce Garrett Tidie and George F. Tidie, B'55 and L'63, spent a week this summer with children and grandchildren at Hilton Head.

Pat Harper Winston and Robert L. Winston, R'58, moved from their home in Richmond to Shannondale Retirement Community in Knoxville, Tenn. Pat continues to volunteer as a chaplain, and Robert is a chaplain in a local hospital and at another retirement community.


In August Lee Feld Griffiths began hosting a 17-year-old exchange student from Germany. She says she feels a bit rusty with her parenting skills.

Katharine "Kitty" Clark Kersey is a professor of early childhood education at Old Dominion University. She loves her work and can't see any reason to retire. Next spring she and her husband, Wilbur Kersey, R'56, will celebrate his 50-year tenure at Court Street Baptist Church. He also loves his work and sees no reason to retire.

The same goes for Lucille "Lucy" Burnett Garmon. In August she started her 41st year teaching at the University of West Georgia. Counting previous experience at East Carolina and Auburn, this will be her 45th year of teaching, and she hopes to make it at least 50. She also serves as treasurer of the local League of Women Voters and enjoys traveling with her husband, Gerald "Jerry" Garmon, R'56, who really did retire.

Catherine "Cathy" Blair Armbrister has a new career teaching French and Spanish at Bluefield College. College students are quite different, she says, from the high school students she taught for 32 years. Cathy also interprets occasionally at court and for the police department.

In June, I took part in an invasive
plant survey with the New York-New Jersey trail conference. One of the trails may have harbored ticks that transmit Lyme disease, for I came down with symptoms a couple of weeks after my last hike for the survey in Harriman State Park. Three weeks of antibiotics brought things back to normal, and I'm ready to go again.

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CLASS OF '58
We extend our deepest sympathy to Margaret Weeks after my last hike for the survey in Harriman State Park. Three weeks of antibiotics brought things back to normal, and I'm ready to go again.

Andrew Johnson's home.

Art Center and a mentor to students.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner.

They highly recommended the trip.

At our 50-year reunion, Jean and Gail Carper Russell, former suite-mates, reconnected after 40 years and have met for lunch since the reunion. Gail has a son and daughter, both married and living in Richmond. Jean also keeps in touch with Libby Jarrett Burgess, Jean Anderson Farmer, Nancy Prickett Yarbrough, and Mary Alice Revere Woerner.

Margaret Williams Ketner and Bruce traveled in their RV to Bermuda. She and her husband, Arnold "Fritz" Frederick, R'S6, spend summers at their beach house in Sandbridge, as they have for 31 years. Jean and Fritz traveled to the Italian Riviera in May with Alumni Holidays International. They highly recommend the trip.

Did you know?
The University broke ground in October for the Carole Weinstein International Center. Read more about the center on page 3.

Carolyn recently had lunch with Peggy M. Ware, who volunteered at the Rolls-Royce National Meet in Williamsburg. Peggy has enjoyed many travels during the past year, including trips to Japan, China, Thailand, the former Yugoslavian countries, France, and Italy.

Jo Anne Garrett West had a wonderful time playing the organ for her church in Chapel Hill. She substituted for two months. Then she and Bill went to Greece and visited the ancient ruins on Santorini. They also spent a week at Pachia Ammos, Crete, where Bill was an associate on the Azoria archeological dig.

This year Rebecca "Becky" Branch Faulconer began her 18th year of teaching art education at Asbury College. In May she completed 25 years as a docent at the University of Kentucky Art Museum. Her husband, Harold, is retired. They have six grandchildren, ages 2 to 16.

for the Mediterranean Society.

The biggest news from Elizabeth "Libby" Jarrett Burger is that she and Wilbur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August by spending a week at their son's condo at Wintergreen. Prior to the trip, they enjoyed playing golf at the Twin Falls Resort State Park in West Virginia with a group of friends. They also took their 6-year-old granddaughter to Natural Bridge to visit the Virginia Safari Park.

Carol Brie Williams is building a second home in Mexico, eight miles from San Felipe and 684 miles from her home in Stockton, Calif. She is looking forward to playing a lot of golf there.

Carolyn Moss Hartz was featured in an article on the front page of the Real Estate section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She was recognized for 22 years of service with Long and Foster, the last 21 years as a Distinguished Achiever.

Last summer Carolyn Smith Yarbrough enjoyed traveling with her granddaughter. She picked her up from camp in North Carolina, then spent a few days in Greenville, S.C., with her daughter and family so the cousins could visit. Then she flew to Seattle to take her granddaughter home and enjoy a visit with her son and his family.

Sarah Ashburn Holder was the director for a summer music and arts camp at her church. There were 54 children who sang, danced, and created art projects. Sarah sings in the choir at her church and in a small ladies' ensemble that performs on special occasions and at retirement and nursing facilities.

Dawn "Tomi" Irvine Freese and her husband, Jack, spent three weeks in Virginia, where she enjoyed our 50th reunion events. She says it was good to see old and dear friends and the beautiful campus. They returned to Virginia in June for six weeks and enjoyed gardening, relaxing, and walking the hilly country roads. They spent time sorting things from the house where her late parents lived for many years. Their son, Scott, lives in Tallahassee and son Mark and his wife live in the area.

Thank you all for your lively responses to my requests for news. If you haven't sent any news lately, please do!

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My apologies to Nancy Kipp's "Kippy" Hughey for not including her news in a prior issue because I had misplaced her letter. In 2007 she and Ray took their annual trip to Florida, stopping in South Carolina to visit friends. They celebrated their anniversary in July by spending several days in Havre de Grace, Md., and Lancaster, Pa., where they attended a play at the Millennium Theater and enjoyed the Amish countryside. In October 2007, they visited son Mike and his family, who live in Indianapolis. Granddaughter Marie is an avid reader and takes gymnastics, ballet, hip-hop dance, and piano lessons. Granddaughter Rebecca loves crafts, while Rachel, the youngest, loves gymnastics. Last summer, their daughter-in-law, Gloria, and the girls spent three months in the Philippines for the ordination of Gloria's brother as a priest. They were joined in August by Mike and all enjoyed sightseeing. For Thanksgiving 2007 they managed to have the whole family together at the home of daughter Jo and her husband, Wayne. Jo and Wayne continue to perform as musicians both together and separately. They released a new CD last year, and Jo is working on an album of original harp music. Jo had a job last summer teaching harp for a week on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland.

Martha Jordan Chukinas had a great summer, spending lots of time
with her children and grandchildren on the Outer Banks. Her two oldest grandsons, who are excellent tennis players, spent a week with her in Danville. She had a wonderful trip to Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park.

Mary Ann Williams Haske spent the summer visiting family, including baby Owen, born in Shanghai on April 11. His dad, David E. Haske, R'85, and wife Jenn traveled with Owen and Mary Ann to New York to visit her daughter Susan D. Haske, W'81. They had a lovely visit with Sue and her friend Neil. While there, daughter Margaret flew in from Kenya and they spent a delightful day in New York City. Also this summer son Jim and wife Liz came from Damascus for a visit, as well as son Tom and his wife, Chantal, and their son, Ethan, 5, who live in Laos. All of their children and their families, along with some cousins, spent a week at Nags Head.

Eileen Cordell Harris reports that her fourth grandchild, Charles Edwin Harris Jr., was born April 15 to son Chuck and his wife, Nicole. Big sister Rachel, 3, accepts gracefully the competition for her parents’ attention.

Jackie Connell Atkinson and husband Charles are enjoying life in a retirement community in Durham. They especially like being near their kids and grandchildren. They have wonderful memories of the Disney Cruise they took in April with all 14 of their family.

Margaret Rutherford Compton and her husband have a new grand­daughter, Margaret Elaine Kass, born Aug. 3. They drove to Bethesda, Md., and another boat carried family members, who live in Laos. All of her children and their families, along with some cousins, spent a week at Nags Head.

Mary Trev Bibblecomb Lindquist and husband Jerry are both enjoying retirement. He plays tennis, softball, and golf. She is a Spanish tutor and spends a lot of time with her youngest granddaughter, Halley, whom her daughter, Carey, and her husband adopted in 2006. Carey was diagnosed in February with multiple sclerosis. Mary Trev tries to help as much as she can with Carey’s four children. Mary Trev’s son, Jeff, and his family live in Albany, Ga., and retirement affords Mary Trev and Jerry the time to visit them several times a year. In June Mary Trev went to Charleston, S.C., for her niece’s wedding and spent a day with Carolyn Smith Yarborough, W’58. Carolyn’s sister is married to Mary Trev’s cousin, so they have known each other since high school.

In August Barbara Dulin Polis had an enjoyable visit with her twin sister, Peggy Dulin Crews, who is doing well. While Merrill, Peggy’s husband, was busy with his work, Barbara and a friend helped Peggy babysit her two grandchildren, ages 2 and 5.

My daughter, Carol Moran Pfeffer, is executive director of the Sandbox, a non-profit organization for children aging baby to age 5. She is teaching a pre-licensing course for contractors and working on a Spanish tutoring program for a local company.

Sandra Nunn Wallace reports that her younger son, Matt, married Christy Austin in Columbia, S.C., on May 3. Bill and I attended their lovely wedding. Sandra’s older son, Dee, and his wife, Andi, and their son, Drew, live in Philadelphia.

Sylvia Brown Pond and Richard L. “Dick” Pond, R’61, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska. They spend a lot of time crusing the Chesapeake Bay and enjoying their five grandchildren.

Bess Burrus Brooks and her husband, John E. Brooks, R’56, spent 16 days this summer touring various national parks. John had back surgery but is healing nicely.

Nancy Vaughan Downey drives 50 miles a day to keep her 2-year-old grandson. They play, go to the library, and spend time at the museum. She also enjoys visiting her son, who lives in Charleston, S.C. She teaches a class for teachers in Chesterfield County several times a year.

Barbara Harrell Holdren plays bridge every Monday with Nancy James Bulh and Em St. Clair Key. They’ve been doing this for 10 years. Barbara enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren who live in the area. She also enjoys volunteering in a nearby elementary school, doing counted cross-stitch, working out, and belonging to a woman’s club.

Barbara and her husband traveled to Prague and enjoyed a river cruise on the Danube last summer. They also traveled to Hawaii in December and attended the Olympics in China—the seventh time she has been to the summer games!

Jane Thompson “Thompson” Kemper and her husband closed their nursery business in 2006 but are still growing plants to sell at the local farmers’ market. In February they took a fantastic trip to Costa Rica, which concluded with a passage through the Panama Canal.

Diane Light Riffer, Katharine “Kitty” Borum FitzHugh, Robin Cramme Perks, Elizabeth “Libby” Wampler Jarrett, and Thoms gathered for a few days at the river in June with Judy Acree Hansen at her childhood home in Sharps.

Diane Light Riffer traveled to Ireland in June and spent a week in July with her family in Duck, N.C. Diane is the proud grandmother of Josh, 18 months, and Zara, 2. Last year Diane moved to Heritage Hunt in Gainesville, Va.

Libby Wampler Jarrett participated in a dolphin swim in May with her sister, Margaret.

Judy Acree Hansen celebrated the birth of her first grandchild, Lillian Mary, who was born to her son, Carter, and his wife, Nicole, in Richmond. Judy and Dick visited Paris in May and saw Judy Trunzo. They rented an apartment from friends and explored attractions they had not seen on previous trips.

Judy Trunzo lives in Languedoc, a village in southern France. She loves it there and recently enjoyed 10 days in Sicily.

Lucy Hardy Johnson and Dan spent a month in France this summer. They took a river cruise and stayed one week in Paris. The joy of their lives is their granddaughter, Virginia, 18 months, who lives near Atlanta.

Toni Cousins Ewell lives on the river in Delaville, where she fishes and kayaks. In 2007 she began teaching a pre-licensing course for contractors. Toni loves spending time with her granddaughter, Emma, 9. They went camping together on a pony­penning trip to Chimotocate.

Pamela Koch Fay-Williams, G’78, is in her sixth year of retirement, although she and her husband, Gary, operate a small college counseling business from their home in Columbus, Ohio. They travel frequently and enjoyed a week at Topsal Island, N.C., over the summer with several family members. They were eagerly anticipating an Alaskan cruise.

Sherry Ratcliffe Crawford celebrated the marriage of her daughter, Marie Catlin Crawford, to Christopher Thomas Gates in June.

Bill and I enjoyed a trip to France in May. We spent a few nights in Paris and then took a riverboat cruise down the Seine. We were thrilled to welcome our sixth grandchild, Avery June, in August. She is the daughter of Rob and Margaret Acree.
of our son, Tim, and his wife, Laura.

News for the summer issue of the magazine is due Feb. 15.

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CLASS OF '63

Due to a computer glitch, my class notes for the fall issue of the magazine arrived past the deadline. I am including that news below, plus news I received more recently.

Forty-two members of our class attended our 45th reunion in April. Ann Hurd Wilson graciously opened her home for the Friday night gathering. We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and catching up on all the news. Saturday night we enjoyed dinner together on campus. Many activities were available during the weekend, from the installation of Dr. Edward Ayers as our new president to many interesting lectures, concerts, and tours of the campus. The school provided a wonderful weekend.

Jeanie Harrison Fisher has moved to a new home in Denver, N.C. Please contact me if you would like her new address.

I heard from Jean Morris Foster, who enjoyed a trip to Italy with her husband, T.D., their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. The highlight of the trip was a private tour of the Vatican and hearing the Pope's address on Sunday. Jean's sixth grandchild, Caroline Grace, was born to Jean's youngest daughter while the Fosters were away.

Beth Holland Maxwell enjoyed a cruise on the Danube and later spent time at Sunset Beach with her three children and their families.

Ann Hurd Wilson and her husband, Jim, celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Jane Doss Wilson, to Jason Lee Hiser in June. Jane and Jason are both veterinarians in Richmond.

My dear mother died at the age of 100 on May 18, 2008.

Keep the news coming. I love hearing from all of you.

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William P. Knight, R, retired two years ago from SRA International. He lives in Oak Hill, Va., and is a volunteer and docent at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. He is a lifetime member of the Civil Air Patrol/USAF Auxiliary and teaches first aid for the Red Cross.

CLASS OF '65

Nancy Saunders Pierce and her husband, Willard R. "Will" Pierce, B'66, continue to enjoy life in Blackstone, Va. Nancy is director of Nottoway County Public Libraries. Will recently retired as director of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital in Burkeville. They have two daughters and 14-year-old, twin granddaughters.

Mary Ellen Kyle Philen has worked for Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., for 22 years, currently in the college's career center. Her daughter graduated from Meredith and her son from Virginia Tech. Kyle is participating in the Senior Games in North Carolina this year in basketball and softball.

Brenda Matlock Curtis of Irvine, Calif., bought her company last year and continues to work full-time as a consultant for school districts. She volunteers with the Assistance League of Irvine, attends cultural events, and helps her daughter with two grandsons.

Leslie McNeal Barden and Luther K. Barden, R, spent seven weeks this summer traveling from their home in Bethesda, Md., to a dude ranch in Alberta, Canada.

Congratulations to Dianne Minter Vann on her retirement from the Henry County school system, where she was director of testing. Dianne and R. Brent Vann, R'63, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Millie Bradshaw Hotchkins and her husband, Edward, hosted his class reunion at their home in Franklin, Va., in June, and Susan Darden Schneider was there. Millie retired from teaching but enjoys volunteering with the junior master gardeners' summer workshops.

After visiting with Millie at Barbara's house in Midlothian, Va., Barbara C. Vaughan, Janet Renshaw Yates, and I enjoyed a delightful lunch in Tappahannock, Va., with Linda Webb Talaferro, Jackie Harper Burrell, and Betty Lee Currell Gaskins. There wasn't nearly enough time to catch up on all the news before we traveled to the home of Linda Armstrong Farrar in Centreville, Md., and then on to Bethany Beach, Del., where we were joined by Harryt Hubbard Wallace-Boulster for our annual mini-reunion week.

Bettie Lee Currell Gaskins and Frederick A. Gaskins, R'63, live in Urbanna, Va., where they have owned and operated The Rappahannock Record and The Southside Sentinel newspapers for more than 40 years. All three of their children work at the papers in some capacity. Bettie Lee stays busy with her job, playing the organ for Urbanna Baptist Church and helping take care of three grandchildren.

Linda Webb Talaferro continues to teach math and physical sciences at Aylett Country Day School. She has also taken on some administrative duties there.

Jackie Harper Burrell and Betty Lee Currell Gaskins met Lee Whitley Martin for lunch in Richmond recently. They reported that Lee is making an amazing recovery from a stroke.

All the classmates who sent news send a big hello to all of you "silent sisters." Stay well and keep in touch.

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CLASS OF '66

Horton H. Hobbs, R, was elected president of the Ohio Academy of Science. He lives in Springfield, Ohio, and has been a biology professor at Wittenberg College for more than 30 years.

Kay Land Lutz, W, and her husband, Glen, live in Richmond. Glen is interim pastor of Scottsburg Baptist Church and is Virginia coordinator for the National Day of Prayer. They lost their daughter, Julie, to cancer in 2007.

CLASS OF '68

Fred E. Antonelli, R, has been retired for six years. He and his wife, Elaine, split their time between homes in Sequim, Wash., and Palm Desert, Calif. He enjoys golf and volunteer work.

Robert T. "Bob" Stinchcum, R, is employed by Exide Technologies in Alpharetta, Ga., where he was promoted to senior director of benefits and compensation for North America.

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CLASS OF '70

Celebrations continue for our class of folks turning 60! Many have planned trips and parties, but a wonderful memory for over one-third of us will always be the party we threw for ourselves in Richmond in April. As I mentioned in my last article, information sheets were completed by many of our class—even those who were not able to attend. I will continue where I left off and will gratefully accept any news to update the files.

Penny Chappell Westbrook and husband Dan live in a suburb of Dallas. They have two sons. Christian graduated from Rice University and has moved to San Francisco from New York, where he and a friend had a small computer business. Adam graduated from the University of Southern California and lives in Los Angeles, where he is an actor, writer, and composer.

Kathleen "K.C." Clinedinst Swallow and Stephen T. Swallow, R'69, live in West Newbury, Mass., a short commute from Steve's dental practice in Maine. They have two children. Lindsey lives in South Boston and works in the hotel industry. Clint is married and lives in Seattle, where he tunes skis in the winter and bicycles in the summer. K.C. taught at Wellesley College for three years before starting a business. Then she joined a research group at MIT and later returned to teaching at Merrimack College. She won a Fulbright Senior Specialist appoint-
Rising major general
Gina Sgro Farrisee, W'78

As one of only 17 active-duty, female generals in the Army, Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrisee oversees recruiting, retention, promotions, and personnel readiness from her office at the Pentagon.

The Richmond native majored in sociology at UR. Her father, Robert L. Sgro, R'56, inspired her to join the ROTC. He was an outstanding football player at Richmond and an Army Reserve officer later in life.

"The Army has been the most positive experience," Farrisee says. "I think it's amazing what it can do for you as a person. From the beginning, I've been constantly challenged."

Farrisee’s diligence during 30 years of service has earned her more than a dozen awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal—the highest peacetime honor. In September, she added another distinction to her résumé: She was selected for promotion to major general.

“I love what I do,” she says. “It has been very rewarding.”

Farrisee lives in Burke, Va., with her husband, retired Army Col. David G. Farrisee, whom she met when the UR and Virginia Commonwealth University ROTC programs were combined. The couple has lived in eight places—some twice—since graduation.

Gina Farrisee earned a master’s degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. She has held a variety of positions in the Army, including five commands, and has been a role model for other women in the military.

Farrisee attributes some of her success to the solid academic foundation UR provided. "The University of Richmond is such a great school," she says. "Because of its small size, I got special attention from the professors, and they pulled out the best of me. That helped me have the confidence to do well in the military."

—Melanie Mayhew, '05
tiful scenery and had a close encounter with a black bear.

Linda Yeatts Brown works part time as a psychologist with Virginia Beach Public Schools. She and her husband, Max, and his younger daughter traveled to Montana to visit his older daughter, who had an internship at the University of Montana. They visited Glacier National Park.

Judy Strauser retired from teaching chemistry at George Washington High School in Danville. She works two days a week at W.D. Rowe Monument in Hardy, Va.

Gena Shadwell lives in Richmond and teaches second grade. She spent the summer on the Outer Banks with her five grown children. Her 30-year-old daughter, who also has five children, has started nursing school. Her youngest daughter is a sophomore at Old Dominion University.

Carole Waite Kinder and her husband live in Land O'Lakes, Fla., and made a trip to northern Italy in April. Carole found Cinque Terre to be especially beautiful.

Brenda Carrier Martin teaches at Lakeside Elementary School in Richmond. Brenda's husband, Teddy, retired in 2004 and works part time with the Henrico County Extension Office. Son Chris is finishing his engineering Ph.D. at Virginia Tech. In October Brenda and her extended family, including her 92-year-old mother, made a trip to Walt Disney World.

Diane Davis Ryan lives in Winchester. She and her husband, Charles C. Ryan, R'69, are retired. They enjoy traveling, golfing, and visiting their daughter and her family in Atlanta. Their son, Chip, earned a master's degree in landscape architecture from Auburn University and works for a firm that designs amusement parks and museums.

April Frames Gaskins is a teller supervisor at Northern Neck State Bank in Heathsville, Va., near Tappahannock. She and husband Leonard live on a quiet cove.

Yvonne Olson and husband Charlie Hall took a river cruise on the Danube, visiting cities in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and the Czech Republic.

Yvonne and Charlie live in Hardy, Va.

CLASS OF '72

Judy Johnson Mawyer reported that in May Rachel Pierce Newell, Nancy Clevinger Carpenteen, L'80, and Marilib Henry Tomb visited the Kennedy Center for the 50th anniversary concert of the Richmond Symphony and Chorus. Jim Erb sang with the chorus. Judy's son, Todd, traveled to South Africa with a church mission group.

Nancy MacCaffrey Church's third grandchild, Henry Stuart, was born in August. She loves being a grandmother. She says it is hard to believe it was 40 years ago when we started our freshman year at Westhampton. I remember being in NC 501 with Suzanne Delesses. We kept our windows open because there was no air conditioning, and we couldn't sleep for the partying every night from the junior class orientation counselors.

Kathy Kirk and Marilib enjoyed getting together at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va., in August. Rachel Pierce Newell took her mom to Scotland last summer for 10 days. That was her mother's wish after Rachel's dad died last year. Rachel's husband, Wayne, was scheduled to go with them but had emergency surgery instead. He is now fully recovered.

Ann Greene Turner reports that son Baker graduated in May from the University of Virginia and works for a defense contractor in Washington. Her husband, Ralph W. "Wertie" Turner, R'68, had a three-month sabbatical this fall. Last year Ann passed her Series 65 exam and was promoted to vice president with A.N. Cullerson & Co., an investment firm.

Mary Lou "Ludi" Stoops Webber invited some classmates to her place at the bay for the weekend. Those in attendance were Margaret League St. Clair, Kathy McDorman Goyne, Becky Smith Monger, Cathy Woolcott Edwards, Blair Hall Martin, and Ann Stewart Bisk.

Margaret got together with Liz Northern Via for lunch (at Phil's, for old times' sake). Liz started out with our class but graduated from James Madison University. She lives in Tappahannock, Va., with her husband, David R. Via, R'71. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

Isabelle Thomas LeSane is back in the loop! Many thanks to Rachel for getting Isabelle's e-mail address to me. Isabelle is a musician for the Richmond Ballet and at a Methodist church. She taught German and Russian for nine years in Richmond public schools before leaving in 2006. She has been married to Johnny LeSane for 34 years, and they have two children, Jonathan and Courtney, and three grandchildren, Dalvin, Jon, Asia, and Laneil. She also has a stepdaughter, Lolita, who has three children. She lost her stepson to cancer in 1993, and he was the father of two children. Isabelle says that her blended family has remained close. When a friend found out that Isabelle was among the first African-American women to graduate from Westhampton, she asked if Isabelle would take a group of students from Ginter Park Elementary School on a campus tour. Isabelle said Karla Paul Peters, W'90, led the tour and the kids really enjoyed it.

Tricia Mason Prillaman wrote that her son, Brett, is returning to Iraq for his second tour. Emily and her husband, Arthur, are enjoying Germany and traveling when they can. Arthur left for Iraq in November. Tricia and her husband, Walter E. "Walt" Prillaman, R'73, moved daughter Erin to Boston, where she works with autistic children at the New England Center for Children. Anna is in Richmond working at a sports performance academy and coaching at St. Catherine's and Azlee High School. Tricia teaches math at Midlothian High School, and Walt travels a lot for work.

Janet Uley Wimmer retired after teaching art for 30 years. She now teaches painting classes in her home studio, which allows her to keep her 18-month-old granddaughter during the day. Janet and Rob are still in Roanoke, Va. Contact me for Janet's e-mail address if you want to take a class with her. You can view her work online at http://roanokeartists.com.

My daughter, Rian C. Mollen, '00, and fiancé Kevin have moved to Richmond from New York. Abby moved from Chicago to start her new job in Washington. My husband, Allen J. Mollen, R'69, and I are thrilled to have our daughters (and soon-to-be son-in-law) so close!

As always, I love hearing from every one of you.

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CLASS OF '73

Meg Graham Kemper and her husband, Michael, were planning a trip to Italy for October. Meg continues to do well with her cancer treatment. Daughter Susan spent part of the summer trekking around Mount Blanc and seeing the Alps. She lives in Durham, N.C., and works for Teach for America. Son Will spent the summer in Uganda with Duke's Engineers Without Borders.

Rosanna Painter Myers is a grandmother. Luke Sadler Winters was born to daughter Caroline in July.

Cole Crissman Harris, son of Scott Harris and granddaughter of Betty Rodman Harris, was born in August. Betty also wrote that Temple Adaia Glenn and her husband have moved to Culpeper to care for Temple's mother.

Donna Strother Deekens works part time for the American Cancer Society. This summer she did a "Tea for the Cure" in the Richmond area. Donna is also still involved in her tea party business (www.classiceaparties.com). Son Brent is studying acting at Shenandoah University. Son Greg is a senior in high school.

Kelly Hardy and her husband, Jack Cergol, had Jack's nephew as a summer houseguest while he completed an internship with a senator from Ohio.

Kelly reported that it was "quite an experience for a childless couple."

Barb Baker and Carol Baker took a trip to Provence and the French Riviera in June. They planned to spend a long weekend in New York with Maryann Ryckz Casterline and Bill Casterline, R, along with Maryann's sister, Maureen Radford, and her husband, Mike Radford, G'78. The Radfords' son, Brian, is the kicker for the Spiders, and the group planned to cheer the team on against Hofstra. Carol is a certified master gardener with Henrico County.

Gayle Goodson Butler and family had a great week at the beach in North Carolina, where her mother was able to join them. Gayle encouraged me.
to join Facebook, which I had already done. I have enjoyed reading her entries as well as those of other classmates. Check it out!

Sam and I made our annual visit to Pawley’s Island, S.C. We had a week with the children and a week to recuperate. We are looking forward to a fall trip to Maine for a wedding. Hannah will be in kindergarten this year—we can’t believe she is five!

Please continue to send me your news. I can’t write this without your help!

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In November, Beth Neal Jordan visited daughter Elise, who is studying in Perugia, Italy. Daughter Laura E. Jordan, ‘07, will return to Kigali, Rwanda, at the end of the year. She has a two-year commitment to teach at the missionary school run by Youth With A Mission. Son Paul is applying to college.

Peggi Heath Johnson and Jeff took son Jordan to college at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ann V. Gordon retired from the U.S. Department of State after 14 years as a foreign service officer. She lives in Northern Virginia and enjoys volunteer activities and spending time with family. She also wants to visit classmates, she says, “if they will have me.”

Julia Habel Thompson continues to teach high school honors and AP English. Her daughter is a third-year student at the University of Virginia studying neuroscience and Russian, and her husband works for the federal government. Julia spent the summer lecturing about American culture and western English literature at Novosibirsk State University in Siberia. This was her fourth trip to Russia.

Beth Woody writes that Jean Dagenhart Smith invited Grace Robinson den Hartog, Betsy Ray Cobb, and Beth to her Smith Mountain Lake home in July. It was a short visit, but they had fun catching up.

Susan Lindler Stephenson and Thomas E. “Ned” Stephenson, R’76, enjoy traveling and have done several “home exchanges,” most recently in Germany. Daughter Claire is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Denver.

Judy Owen Hopkins will join Ann V. Gordon on the reunion giving committee. They will be encouraging us to attend our reunion and raise money for our reunion gift.

I am serving as president of the Richmond YWCA Board of Directors and helping Comfort Zone Camp on the development committee. My daughter, Rebecca L. Chandler, ‘07, is enjoying life in Seattle.

I am also serving on the planning committee for our reunion, along with Betsy Ray Cobb, Carolyn Ridgway Cook, Grace Robinson den Hartog, Judy Owen Hopkins, Janet Ferrell, Ann V. Gordon, Mary Ann Liggan Riter, and Jean Dagenhart Smith.

Make plans to join us in Richmond for this memorable event.

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Stuart C. Bogema, R, is CEO and lab director for Advanced Toxicology Network and president of Forensic Testing Inc. in Memphis, Tenn. He and his wife, Connie, have four sons, David, Riley, Cody, and Harrison.

CLASS OF ‘76
Steven K. VonCanon, B, is director of purchasing and general services for the Virginia Department of Health and a certified Virginia contracting officer. Son Stuart is a junior at Christopher Newport University, and son Jason is a senior at Clover Hill High School.

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Demetri C. Kornegay, R, was featured in the NAACP magazine The Crus for developing a mentoring program for young men. He is the author of Man Up! No Excuses. Do the Work, and Dear Rhonda: Life Lessons from a Father to his Daughter. Demetri is a police lieutenant, high school football coach, and a deacon in his church. He lives in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Don’t miss “Front Row Seat to History” with Joe Williams, R’84, page 10.

CLASS OF ’84

CLASS OF ’85

Facebook has proven to be a great way to connect with classmates. Since most of the news collected for this issue was gathered through Facebook, I encourage you to sign up and search for classmates.

Terri Allen Hendley started a new job as professional development manager for the law firm of McKenna Long & Aldridge in Atlanta.

Debbie Henry Hart continues to run Professional Title Services from home. Husband Chuck works for LandAmerica Financial Group, headquartered in Richmond. Son Eric is in high school and daughter Jessica is in middle school.

Anne Asman Daley expanded her family in 2005 with the addition of Naia Pear, born June 18, 2004, in Guangxi, China. Naia joined sister Lily Mae, 6, who was also born in China.

Tracy Gibson Boone does contract work as an environmental chemist when she is not juggling the schedules of her three children. Tracy started out in lab research and moved into the environmental sector working with one of the first hazmat teams.

John C. Kelly, R, reports that, although he is not performing often these days, he did record a CD several years ago. He lives in Charlottesville, Va., with his wife and two children. He is a writer and is frequently published in the University of Virginia’s Arts & Sciences magazine.

Erica Orloff is publishing a three-book hardcover children’s fantasy series in the spring called The Magickeepers, under a pen name, Erica Kirov. She has four children, including a toddler and one in college. Her oldest, Alexa, is a classical violinist at the Crane School of Music.

Kelly Corrigan, W’89, is working on a follow-up to The Middle Place, her New York Times bestseller, as well as several pieces for O, The Oprah Magazine. She is also collaborating with two friends on a screenplay. She lives in California.

Kelly praised Melissa A. “Missy” Bigelow Carr, W’89, who operates Thyme Out, a meal assembly company with two locations in the Washington area. Missy graduated from the prestigious L’Academie D’Cuisine in Gaithersburg, Md. Her business has been featured in The New York Times and The Washington Post. She lives with her husband, Rob, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, and their three young children in Silver Spring, Md.

Victor J. Weiss, R, is a vascular surgeon in Jackson, Miss., but will likely move to Wisconsin in the near future to be closer to his in-laws. He and his wife have a 3-year-old son and 12-week-old twins.

Bonnie McGeethan Arrix and John A. Arrix, B, live in Stamford, Conn., with their four children. Caroline, 16, Jack, 14, Emilie, 12, and Matthew, 7.

Charles F. “Chip” Benjamin, R, is an associate broker with Long &

Lisa Eye Taylor is an associate pastor at The Presbyterian Church of Danville in Danville, Ky.

Nancy Errichetti lives in Menlo Park, Calif., where she is director of development at The Phillips Brooks School.

Jodi A. Hillmar is branch manager for Dynamic Capital Mortgage in Severna Park, Md. She enjoys power boating and sailing in her free time.

Theodore R. "Ted" Shultz, B., is shown surfing on his Facebook page, where he shares details of life with his wife and son in Great Britain, where he works for Microsoft.

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CLASS OF ’86
Christopher Toola, R, is a broker with Resort Realty in Nags Head, N.C., where he sells beach homes and land on the Outer Banks.

CLASS OF ’88

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Elizabeth “Beth” Morrow Wray, B, and her family have relocated to Issaquah, Wash.

CLASS OF ’90
Beth Agesta Donaldson, W, and her husband, John “J.D.” Donaldson, B, had a son, Eric Allen, on June 27, 2008. He joins sisters Kira, 9, and Kasey, 8. They live in Potomac, Md. Paul D. Rakow, R, is employed by Laura Davidson Public Relations, a luxury resort public relations firm. He and his wife, Jennifer McKinley, live in Kingston, N.Y., with their son, Ian, 3.

Ernest A. “Ernie” Wright, R, has established a scholarship fund in memory of his mother, Melva Dulaney Wright. The first recipient of the scholarship, which is administered through the Foundation for Roanoke Valley, is a first-year student at the University of Richmond. Ernie lives in Richmond with his wife, Cynthia “Cindy” Meigs Wright, W’92, and their two sons.

CLASS OF ’91
Don’t miss “Front Row Seat to History” with Wes Allison, R’91, on page 10.


Richard A. Carrano, B, was named chief financial officer of the year by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. He is president and CFO of Purchasing Power, a provider of voluntary employee benefits.

Cristina Ilukowicz Klemm, B, and her husband, Bob, had a daughter, Catherine Jane, on May 10, 2008. She joins brothers Christopher, 8, Brendan, 3, and T.J., 2. The family relocated from Ridgewood, N.J., to Tokyo, Japan, this fall.

Ben R. "Rick" Mayes, R, is associate professor of public policy at the University of Richmond. In June he was presented with the Delta Gamma Foundation Faculty Award, which is given biannually to an outstanding faculty member.

Carrie Hallberg O’Malley, B, is a partner with Hirschler Flescher. She practices commercial real estate and finance law in the firm’s Fredericksburg, Va., office. Carrie was named one of the state’s “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business magazine and was recognized as a “Super Lawyers Rising Star” by Law & Politics. She is president of the Fredericksburg chapter of the UR Alumni Association.

CLASS OF ’92
Matthew R. "Matt" Aprahamian, B, and Susan Purcer Aprahamian, ’93, live in Richmond with their children, Jack, 10, Charlie, 8, and Sophie, 5. Matt is a principal with Monument Consulting. Susan has partnered with Michelle Carey Jenkins, ’93, to create You’ve Got Supper, a Web site that provides recipes and customized grocery lists for family dinners.

Lori K. Cochran, B, has been named a partner in Goodman & Company, a regional accounting and business advisory firm. She lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Christopher B. Hopkins, R, has joined Butzel Long, an international law firm based in Detroit. His practice is focused on civil litigation and appeals, and he is also a mediator and arbitrator. He lives in Palm Beach, Fla.

Kim Houghton Levinson, B, and her husband, Marc, had a son, Kyle Owen, on June 20, 2008. He joins sister Emily, 3. The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

CLASS OF ’93
Heather Phillips Lusk and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Annabel Katherine, on July 25, 2008. She joins sister Mara, 3. They live in Indianapolis.

Daniella Croce McDonald and her husband, David, had a daughter, Rachel Charlotte, on July 3, 2008. Daniella is manager of recruiting for MicroStrategy, a business intelligence software firm in McLean, Va., and David works for Travelers Insurance.

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Lynn Rosseth Dyer and her husband, Douglas, had a son, Kyle Roberts, on May 12, 2008. They live in McLean, Va., where Lynn is vice president of the Foodservice Packaging Institute.

Marion McCauley Earnhardt and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a son, Ryals Turner, on May 16, 2008. He joins sister Kyle, 4, and brother Caleb, 2. Marion works part time as a physician assistant in Atlanta.

Jane Bendle Lucero is a litigation attorney in Denver. She and her husband, David, have two children, Ava, 3, and Aidan, 1. Living nearby is Jennifer Hummer Fisher, Jane’s four-year roommate. Jane and Jen attend the wedding of April France Vadinis in Lake Tahoe, Calif., on May 19, 2008, along with Kim Hillegass McGeorge.

Cori Moore Walsh and her husband, Kevin, have three children, Matthew, 6, Ryan, 4, and Clare Marin, 1. The family lives in Howell, N.J. Westhampton Class Secretary Alisia Mancuso Poole 3704 Milshire Place Richmond, VA 23233 alissampoole@verizon.net

Keena J. Dautlick is an environmental engineer with W.L. Gore & Associates in Delaware. She and her husband, Dave, have two daughters, Koryn, 3, and Adrienne, 1.

Amy Kahler and Bill Stuart were married on June 7, 2008, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Meredith Sanderlin Thrower, Amy Terdiman Lovett, Laura Yeatts Thompson, and Kate Bacon Schneider, ’95. Amy is clinical manager of therapy services and a physical therapist at Sheltering Arms Spine and Sport Center in Richmond. Bill is an associate professor at Longwood University. They live in Richmond with Amy’s son, Colin, 6.
Economics, and Finance in the Luter College of Business and Leadership. He and his wife, Sunny, live in Yorktown, Va.

CLASS OF ’96

Julie DeAgazio Kinney and her husband, Michael, had a son, Cooper Richard, on Jan. 15, 2008. He joins brother Cole, 4, and sister Alexandra, 2.

Frederick V. “Trip” Lily is an account manager with Pacific Investment Management Company in Newport Beach, Calif.

Caroline Terrence Lomot and her husband, Chris, live in Baldwin Harbor, N.Y., with their sons, Benjamin Michael, 3, and William Matthew, 1. She is director of marketing for Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm.

James F. “Jim” Maloney and his wife, Nancy, live in Wilton, Conn., with their daughters, Devon, 3, and Ashley, 1.

Christine Jimenez Myers and her husband, Timothy, had a son, Rider Treidoro, on Feb. 20, 2008. He joins brother Jacob, 3. Christine is a tax manager with Deloitte Private Client Advisors in Cleveland.

Sean W. Ryan was elected chair of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army Richmond Area Command.

Amy M. Skorupa is a medical oncologist and hematologist with Cancer Specialties of Tidewater in Virginia Beach, Va.

Melissa Charlene Toy and John Craig Kulluk were married on Feb. 2, 2008, in Newport Beach, Calif. They live near Park City, Utah, where Melissa is a senior account manager for Resort Destination Marketing.

CLASS OF ’97

Kayren Shoffner Cathcart and her husband, Gibson, recently earned ministerial licenses. They live in Charlotte, N.C., with their two children.

Elizabeth Harper Emmett and her husband, Robert, had a son, John-William, on June 4, 2008. They live in New Orleans, where Elizabeth practices employment law.

Christie Newman Otis and her husband, Jeff, had a son, Evan James, on July 1, 2008. He joins brother Alexander, 2. They live in Avondale Estates, Ga.

Greening the Olympics

Chris Scott, GB’83

The Summer Olympics in Beijing provided the ultimate test for Chris Scott, GB’83.

Scott runs Richmond-based GreenTech, the company that installed huge swaths of natural turf inside Beijing’s National Stadium, better known as the Bird’s Nest. The company did the same job at the 2004 Olympics in Sydney, and it took 300 truckloads and 62 hours. Feathering the Bird’s Nest was a project of similar scale, but the Chinese government gave GreenTech only 24 hours to install the turf following the opening ceremony. Scott had to work closely with the Chinese Army and Navy to achieve the Herculean task.

After earning his M.B.A. from Richmond, Scott started managing investments for a group of about 30 professional athletes, including former Boston Red Sox leftfielder Mike Greenwell and former Tampa Bay Buccaneers lineman Greg Roberts.

He got into the turf business after seeing how it worked at a U.S. Open golf tournament in the early 1990s. Soon after that, Scott started working with farmers who were developing a new method for growing sod. He bought their business and started GreenTech in partnership with some of his pro-athlete clients.

In addition to Olympic stadiums, the company has installed natural turf at Giants Stadium, Wimbledon’s Center Court, and Virginia Tech’s Lane Stadium. But Scott sees even greater growth potential for installing “green roofs” on urban buildings. GreenTech has put green roofs on a parking deck in Chicago and a film studio in Manhattan. Green roofs provide many environmental advantages, such as keeping air temperatures cooler and aiding with storm water control, Scott says. And some city governments provide tax credits to property owners who install them.

Green roofs are a big market for GreenTech, says Scott, “a lot bigger than athletic fields. Green building and sustainable design are becoming the wave of the future.”

—Richard Foster

CLASS OF ’98

Michael P. Geiser and Bridget Byrnes were married on July 12, 2008, in West Chester, Pa. Included in the wedding party were R. Clayton Alsopch, ’99, and Michael R. Thames, ’99. The couple lives in New York.

Gregory S. Hayken and his wife, Andrea, had a son, Jackson Wyatt, on April 1, 2008. They live in Arlington, Va., where Greg is legal counsel for BAE Systems.

Jessica P. Horan and Robin Payne were married on June 21, 2008, in Weston, Mass. Included in the wedding party were Katherine L. Moore, Sarah R. Riddle, and Rebecca Stern. The couple lives in New York.

Todd McDermott and Ashleigh Gregg McDermott had a son, Sean Edward, on June 26, 2008. They live in Richmond, where Todd is employed by Capital One and Ashleigh is employed by Ernst & Young.

Kandace Peterson McGuire completed a general surgery residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She has begun a one-year fellowship in breast surgical oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Fla.

Sarah Ballard Molway and her husband, Craig, had a son, Owen Pierce, on March 30, 2008. His great-grandmother is Helen Caulfield Hoffman, W’35. Sarah is a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Jonathan C. Rivers earned a Ph.D. in international health and development from the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University. He is a technical officer with the World Health Organization, where he works with the Vulnerability and Risk Analysis and Mapping Unit at the Mediterranean Centre for Health Risk Reduction in Tunis, Tunisia.

Daniel F. Ryan and Julie Cors Ryan had a son, Aidan Daniel, on May 13, 2008. He joins brother Connor, 2. The family lives in Alexandria, Va., where Dan is a principal with Infinitive, a management consulting firm, and Julie is a senior manager with Accenture.

Jamie Benedict Strong and her husband, David, had a daughter, Lillian Rose, on May 8, 2008. They live in Silver Spring, Md.
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Heather Aleshire-Albowicz and her husband, Marc, had a son, Wyatt Vincent, on June 9, 2008. They live in Big Pool, Md., with their three sons.

Margaret Day Gates Baker and her husband, Jonathan, had a daughter, Austill Jane, on April 16, 2008. She joins sister Macy. The family lives in Huntsville, Ala.

Brian P. Dolan earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He works for Johnson & Johnson as an assistant product director for Listerine. He lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Mandy Haltrich and Benjamin Allenworth were married on Oct. 7, 2007, in Philadelphia. Included in the wedding party were Mark Haltrich, '95, and Nancie Lochard. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va., where Ben is senior legal counsel for the Managed Funds Association and Mandy is pursuing a master's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling from George Washington University.

Cori Egniew Jorgensen was elected regional director of chapters for Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Tracie Bergman Larino and her husband, Daniel, had a daughter, Katherine Lila, on April 13, 2008. She joins brother James, 3. They live in Neshanic Station, N.J.

Erin Gallagher Morrey and Jason H. Morrey adopted a 15-month-old son, Melkmu, from Ethiopia in March 2008. He joins brother Patrick, 4. The family lives in Atlanta, where Erin is an assistant professor of biology at Georgia Perimeter College and Jason is an attorney and sole proprietor of Morrey Legal Group.

Matthew K. Snider left his position as a commercial real estate mortgage broker to become a personal fitness and health trainer at Frog's Fitness in Solana Beach, Calif.

CLASS OF '00

Don't miss “Pay It Forward,” featuring Lee Kirby West, '00, page 20.

Kathleen Marston Connors and Jason Piekochiak were married on May 19, 2007, at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Included in the wedding party was Tara Nicole Stanley Zinna, '97. The couple lives in Jacksonville, Fla., where Katie is an assistant attorney general and Jason is employed by a subsidiary of GE Aviation.

David R. Elmquist and Mary Allyson Megee were married on May 10, 2008, in Ridgefield, Conn. Included in the wedding party were John DiFazio, Mark Walter, Bennett Miller, Derik Swanson, and Ryan Gable, '99. The couple lives in New York.

Katherine “Katie” Greenwood and Richard Ronayne were married on May 31, 2008, on Kent Island, Md. Included in the wedding party were Courtney Kinkel Silberman and Melissa Kosiorack Eager. The couple lives near Baltimore, where Katie works for Johns Hopkins Health System.

Christopher B. Hudgins is vice president of government relations for the International Sleep Products Association. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Washington, D.C.

Margaret D. Sacks earned a master's degree in public policy from George Washington University. She is employed by Powell Tate Public Affairs and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Stefanie R. Shapiro earned a master's degree in public health from Harvard University. She also holds a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She lives in Boston, where she is employed by Public Consulting Group.

Kari Irene Starr and David Wilson Beck III were married on May 17, 2008, in Houston. Included in the wedding party were: Dolie A. Jones, Allison Elder Dickey, Cristin F. Witcher, '01, Carrie M. Kenady, '99, and Joseph C. “Ford” Gunter, '99. The couple lives in Houston, where Kari is a tax manager with Margolis, Phipps and Wright.

Colin E. Weise and his wife, Crystal, had a son, Jackson Carver, on April 22, 2008. They live in Morgantown, Pa.

Brutta Anderson and Samuel M. “Mac” Janney were married on May 31, 2008, on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Included in the wedding party were: Mary Lacy Pica, Casey O'Connor Bounds, James W. Bounds, Timothy J. Libby, '00, Michael R. Santos, Philip H. Janney, '04, Matthew B. Davis, '00, and Ryan F. Tolhurst, '02. The couple lives in Richmond, where Britta is an equine veterinarian and Mac is a medical sales representative for DePuy Spine.

Jill Jackson Bennett and husband Chris had a son, Henry Mathieu, on July 10, 2008. They live in Virginia, Va., where Jill teaches elementary school.

Jon-Eric Groves Burgess and Jennifer Ann Johnson were married on June 28, 2008, in Delaware. Included in the wedding party were: Matthew J. Avitable, '99, and Robert B. Asplund, '05. The couple lives in Cedar Grove, N.J., where Jon-Eric teaches high school chemistry and physics.

Ginger M. Doyel is the author of “Over the Bridge: A History of Eastport at Annapolis, which was published in September.” She lives in Annapolis, Md.

Jennifer Henderson Quesenberry and her husband, David, had a daughter, Olivia Faith, on May 9, 2008. She joins sister Isabella Grace, 2. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Chandra Mitchell Lane was named an “emerging leader” by the Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers. She is an academic and career advisor at James Madison University, where she received the Provost's Award for Excellence in Advising. She and her husband, Mark G. Lane, live in Staunton, Va.

Catherine Mary Scott and Michael John Martin, '98, were married on June 14, 2008, in Bedford, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were: Leslie Wilson Bazin, Kelley Wolfe Boyer, Carrie L. Pogany Masini, Meredith McGuire Rodday, Sarah Thomas Stockdon, and Sean F. Winter, '98. The couple lives in West Orange, N.J.

CLASS OF '02

Adam W. Hayes and Haley McCoy were married on May 30, 2008, in Geneva, N.Y. Included in the wedding party was Kevin M. Saupp. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Justin R. Fields earned a Ph.D. in counselor education from Ohio State University. He and his wife, Noelle LeCrone Fields, live in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a school counselor.

Christina Kabala Toth and her husband, John M. Toth, '01, had a daughter, Taylor Marie, on March 5, 2008. They live in Houston, where Christina is a senior account manager for Mallinckrodt Baker.

CLASS OF '03

Evan S. Baum was promoted to assistant dean for undergraduate programs for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at George Mason University. He and his wife, Beth, live in Fairfax, Va.

Garrett L. Butler-Hall and Anne Marcie Lipper were married on April 19, 2008, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were: Sarah “Sally” Duermon Boyle, Christina M. Petry, Douglas N. Boyle, and John L. Rotonii. In May Marcie earned a DVM from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The couple lives in Monroe, Wash., where Marcie is an intern in equine medicine and surgery at Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital.

Jennifer Kozel and Kevin A. Romero-DeLancer were married on April 6, 2008, at Walt Disney World. Included in the wedding party was Justin D. Fox, '02.

Catherine Caldwell Parker earned a medical degree from the School of Medicine at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. She was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and received the Faculty Award for Excellence in Surgery.

Tanya L. Phillips and Louis W. “Skip” Molnar III were married in Ridgefield, Conn.
June 14, 2008, in Nassau, Bahamas. Included in the wedding party were Matthew J. Bruning, Jennifer A. Case, Nicole Grozinski, and Patricia E. North. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

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Deborah Ann Hendryx earned a medical degree from the University of Texas Health Center at San Antonio. She is completing a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Christie McDiffett and Robert Wood were married on Sept. 2, 2007, in Sonoma, Calif. They live in Boulder, Colo., where Christie is a content manager for Crispin Bogusky, an advertising firm.

Bradford J. “Brad” Pinkos graduated from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a dentist in Boston.

John F. Rakus and Jessica Martinich were married on June 22, 2008, in Geneva, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were Donald S. “Donnie” Berkholz, Leigh Anne Collier, and Laura E. Grant. The ceremony was performed by Roger M. Collier, R’72. The couple lives in Champaign, Ill.


CLASS OF '05
Melissa Minetola, G’07, and Stanton Leddy were married on March 29, 2008, in Luzerne, Pa. The couple lives in Richmond, where Melissa is an associate editor for Douglas Murphy Communications and a freelance writer, and Stanton is a merchandise analyst for Circuit City Stores.

Loren C. Smith and Ryan C. Locke, ’07, were married on May 31, 2008, in St. Louis. Included in the wedding party was Elizabeth

Vampires and polar bears
Sara Zeigler, ’97

Being attacked by a polar bear is pretty far down on the list of worries for most people, but not for Sara Zeigler.

An employee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Zeigler’s work has taken her to Barrow, Alaska, where polar bears are a real threat. Barrow was also the setting for the 2007 horror film 30 Days of Night, in which vampires invaded the tiny community.

“I saw no polar bears and no vampires,” Zeigler laughs. But she did see the temperature plunge to 68 degrees below zero during the town’s month-plus period of darkness. She also traveled to remote Alaskan towns, like a Yupik fishing village on the Bering Sea, to help establish early detection programs for breast cancer and cervical cancer.

Zeigler started out at the CDC working on projects concerning public health practice and bioterrorism preparedness, and in March the agency promoted her to policy and partnership lead for its biosurveillance coordination unit. The unit works with federal, state, and local agencies to prevent and mitigate national public health threats.

“The scope of biosurveillance is very broad,” she says. It deals with “how laboratories communicate with each other, how information is shared and used for decision-making, and how we manage response to events.”

Zeigler graduated from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies in 1997. After college, she volunteered for AmeriCorps for six months, then took a job as director of service learning at Pace Academy, a prep school in Atlanta. She earned a master’s degree in public administration from Syracuse University in 2002.

Her CDC work, she says, requires a “wonderful blend” of the leadership skills she learned at Richmond, and the management expertise she gained from her master’s degree.

—Richard Foster

M. Niesz, ’06, Loren earned a law degree from the College of William & Mary and is employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Ryan is a second-year law student at the University of Georgia.

CLASS OF '06
Alexandra Daddario and David T. Edwards II, ’04, were married on April 5, 2008, in Southbury, Conn. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where Alexandra is a paralegal for the U.S. Department of Justice and David is a financial planner for Northwestern Mutual.

Chad B. Doerrmann lives in Mickleton, N.J., and is CEO of Monarch Bags, which makes wheelchair bags. He was named a semi-finalist in the 2008 Silicon Valley Boomer Venture Business Plan Competition hosted by Santa Clara University.

Araceli Gil was named director of basketball operations for women’s basketball at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Kyle C. Harder is an associate with Capital Resource Partners in Boston.

Margaret Susan Morris and Kenneth Scott Henderson were married on Sept. 1, 2007, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Carolyn Elizabeth Boyle, ’05, and Lindsay Jill Froelich, ’04. The ceremony was performed by Robert G. “Robb” Moore, ’94. The couple lives in Keller, Texas, where Scott is an engineer and Margaret is a stay-at-home mom to Garrett Scott, who was born June 30, 2008.

CLASS OF '07
Yates C. Moon is a health education volunteer in the Peace Corps. She will serve a two-year term in Mauritania, where she will assess the community’s development needs.

CLASS OF '08
Julie M. Schorr is a collegiate development consultant for Delta Gamma Fraternity. She lives in Kingwood, Texas.
ALUMNI

1928 / Louise Eubank Gray, W, of Saluda, Va., June 24, 2008. A lifelong resident of the Middle Peninsula, she taught and was a counselor in the school systems of King and Queen and Middlesex counties. She was author or co-author of numerous books on local history. A collection of her “Reflections” columns for the Newport News Daily Press was published in book form in 1994. She was a member of Saluda Baptist Church.

1932 / Juanita Bush Glover, W, of Arlanza, Ga., Aug. 1, 2008. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

1936 / Jacob Brown, R, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., July 12, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II. He rose to chairman of Brown Distributing the beer company founded by his father. He served on the boards of the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Center and Temple Beth-El. In 1979 he received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Jewish Community Federation.

1936 / Herbert H. Hash, R, of Culpeper, Va., May 20, 2008. He played professional baseball for the Boston Red Sox and later taught in Culpeper schools and coached local teams. He was a deacon of New Salem Baptist Church.

1936 / Eugene W. “Bud” McCaul, R and I 341, of Mechanicsville, Va., May 27, 2008. He served in Naval Intelligence during World War II and later as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Division of the Fifth Naval District. He practiced law for 68 years, principally with McCaul, Grigsby, Peanall, Manning & Davis. He was a member of several professional associations and Immanuel Episcopal Church in Old Church.

1939 / Robert E. Leitch, R, of Richmond, July 6, 2008. In World War II, he served as a Navy rescue pilot. Beginning as a district manager for Brown Distributing the beer company founded by his father, he served as a Navy rescue pilot. Beginning as a district manager for Brown Distributing the beer company founded by his father, he served as a Navy rescue pilot.

1940 / Gus D. Mandlelis, R, of Richmond, June 23, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War, rising to the rank of commander. He became a certified public accountant, retiring as a partner with Ernst and Young. His community involvement led to his receiving the Brotherhood Citation from the Richmond Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was a member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

1941 / Robert T. Brogan, R, of Knoxville, Tenn., May 24, 2008. He was a pilot and flight instructor and, in World War II, served in the Air Transport Command of the Army Air Corps. He later became an advertising account executive in New York City. He sang in two choirs and was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral.

1941 / Elmer P. Embrey Jr., R, of Fredericksburg, Va., June 20, 2008. In World War II, he was a staff communications officer in the Army Air Corps. He worked with RF&P Railroad. He was a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

1942 / Harrol A. Brauer Jr., R, of Hampton, Va., June 6, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II, reaching the rank of lieutenant. He worked in radio as an announcer and sales manager, becoming vice president of sales for WVEC-TV. He was a founder of WHRQ Public Television. He served on the Hampton school board and as rector of Christopher Newport University. He was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church.

1942 / Robert A. Gray III, R, of Delaville, Va., July 17, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II. He worked as a CPA, founding the accounting firm of Gray Stosh Wals & Co. He was active in civic affairs in Richmond and in Delaville, particularly the Lions Club, and was a member of River Road Church, Baptist, and Zoar Baptist Church.

1943 / Marguerite Shell Ritchie, W, of Irvington, Va., July 8, 2008. She taught school in Henrico County and Richmond and was active in community organizations.

1944 / Darrell L. Hazelhurst, R, of Houston, June 24, 2008. During World War II, he served in the Naval Air Corps as division leader of Fighting Squadron 49 aboard the aircraft carrier USS San Jacinto. He received numerous medals and citations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He founded and served as president of Hazelhurst Aviation. He was active in many civic and volunteer organizations. He also was a member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

1944 / Noel Hinchman Savage, W, of Richmond, July 21, 2008. She worked for the Social Security Administration.

1945 / David J. Greenburg, R, of Richmond, June 2, 2008. He served in the Navy Reserve. He practiced internal medicine and served as Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia.

1947 / Dr. Kermit McKenzie, R, of Atlanta, March 18, 2008. He joined the Army in 1943 and won two purple hearts fighting in World War II. He taught Russian and Soviet history at Emory University from 1960–95.


1948 / Virginia Herndon Pugh, W, of Danville, Va., June 6, 2008. She taught in Danville public schools and was a member of West Main Baptist Church.

1948 / Charles A. Somma Jr., R, of Richmond, Aug. 1, 2008. He was in the JAG Corps at the Pentagon in the early 1950s. He later practiced law.

1949 / Neil R. Cline, R, of Petersburg, Va., June 16, 2008. He held Lutheran pastorates in Luray, Portsmouth, Petersburg and, most recently, Prince George, Va. He was active in Rotary.


1949 / Robert M. Jones Sr., R, of Roanoke, Va., June 21, 2008. During World War II, he served as an Air Force aerial gunner on a B-24 in the South Pacific, flying in 35 missions and receiving two air medals. He was vice president of sales for General Medical Corp., then co-founded Sterile Concepts. He was a member of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

1949 / James J. Sweeney, R, of Moraga, Calif., May 25, 2008. He was a managing director of Towers Perrin Forster and Crosby Management Consultants. He served two terms on the Moraga Town Council, served as mayor of Moraga twice, and was Moraga Citizen of the Year in 1996. He was involved in many philanthropic and service activities.

1950 / Frank C. Hawkins Jr., R, of Elkton, N.C., May 24, 2008. He held a variety of positions as an administrator, translator, legal secretary, and certified nurse assistant. He enjoyed music and sailing.

1950 / Letitia Earl Pfanz, W, of Rockville, Md., July 14, 2008. She was a volunteer at the National Lutheran Home and a member of Crusader Lutheran Church. She also was active in patriotic organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Dames of America.

1951 / Julius H. Fanney Jr., R, of Williamsburg, Va., May 19, 2008. In World War II, he flew 52 missions as a navigator in the Pacific Theater and received numerous medals. He worked in industrial hygiene with IBM, retiring as program manager for product health and safety. He was active in the Presbyterian Church.

1952 / Sheridan S. Church, R, of Richmond, Nov. 14, 2007. He was a public affairs officer with the Defense General Supply Center and a member of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church.

1952 / Samuel L. Cooke Jr., R and G 54, of Louisville, Ky., Aug. 2, 2008. He was a professor of chemistry and computer science at the University of Louisville, where he wrote and updated the textbook Insight Not Numbers. He received the Outstanding University Teacher Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science and was a past president of the American Chemical Society. He was a scoutmaster and a deacon, elder, and trustee in the Presbyterian Church.

1953 / Louise Hudgins McNally, W, of Laurel, Md., June 14, 2007. She taught piano and organ. She was a member of Laurel Presbyterian Church.

1954 / Thomas E. Johnson Sr., R, of Chesapeake, Va., June 1, 2008. He was owner of Johnson-Atwell Opticians. He was active with the Moose, Elks and Lions clubs and was a volunteer firefighter and a police officer and larceny detective with the Portsmouth Police Auxiliary.

1954 / Robert B. Wrenn Sr., B.
Jackson J. Taylor, R'42, of Richmond, died July 31, 2008. He taught physics at Richmond from 1948–86, chairing the physics department for 21 years.

Taylor was a popular professor who was active in URI athletic and alumni activities for many years. He was named a Distinguished Educator in 1976.

He lived with his family on Boatwright Drive from 1962 to 1977. His first wife, Mary Ellen Trimmer Taylor, died in 1968. All three of their daughters graduated from Westhampton College: Ellen Taylor, W'75, Frances Taylor Anton, W'78, and Nancy Taylor Bodge, W'80. His second wife, Dr. Elizabeth Beaman Taylor, taught math at Richmond for 34 years.

During World War II, Jackson Taylor served in the Navy, receiving two battle stars from the Okinawa campaign. He was a past president of the Virginia Academy of Science and the Chesapeake Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Taylor once said that his most vivid Richmond College memory was "dropping a touchdown pass" in a freshmen football game against William and Mary.

1957 / Norman A. Templon Jr., R, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Fancy Gap, Va., June 15, 2008. He was a general practitioner of medicine. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and Fancy Gap United Methodist Church.


1960 / William M. Harlow, R, of Richmond, June 21, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II. He retired from DuPont. He was inducted into the Richmond Metro Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1975. He also was a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church.

1961 / George B. Morewitz, R, of Newport News, Va., June 9, 2008. After serving in the Coast Guard, he co-owned Greenspon Furniture and held other positions in furniture sales. He was a member of Rodef Shalom Temple.


1966 / Keith B. Carpenter, C and G74, of Midlothian, Va., July 23, 2008. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He worked as an accountant and was co-owner of the Sea Foam Motel on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

1966 / John S. DeMurlay, G, of Middletown, N.J., July 30, 2008. He served in Naval Aviation in World War II and served 29 years with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a member of several sailing clubs.


1983 / Jon R. Hansen, R, of Arlington, Va., June 23, 2008. After a career as a firefighter, he worked as a Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service telecommunications expert. He was one of the people who set up radio contact for the first responders to the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

2000 / Joyce Hackney Charity of Richmond, July 1, 2008. She worked for the City of Richmond, most recently at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. She served in leadership positions on the boards of the University's Alumni Association, Young Women's Christian Association, the Presbytery of the James, and others. She was an elder at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and an affiliated member at Woodsville Presbyterian Church.

FACTOR

Dr. Robert Freundt, of Richmond, died Aug. 1, 2008. He became an adjunct faculty member in the School of Continuing Studies in 1991 and was named adjunct professor emeritus after he retired last year. He served as a professor in the liberal arts program and as a consultant on special projects from 1991 to 2007.

Mary Jane Miller, of Ocean City, N.J., died July 5, 2008. She served Westhampton College from 1949–71 as a physical education instructor and associate professor of physical education. Miller coached Westhampton's field hockey teams from 1949–71 and its lacrosse team from 1961–71. She was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. Miller was a graduate of the College of William and Mary, where she was an outstanding field hockey and lacrosse player.

STAFF

Anne H. Cresap of Charlottesville, Va., died on July 18, 2008. She worked as a catalogue librarian in the Richmond Law Library for many years. She retired from the University in 1990.

Ardie Lee Kelly, of Richmond, died Aug. 9, 2008. He served as Richmond's librarian from 1967–74. Under his leadership, the University expanded Boatwright Memorial Library by 70,000 square feet and from 130,000 to 500,000 volumes.

C. Porter Vaughan Jr., R'40 and H'87, of Richmond, died July 30, 2008. He was a trustee emeritus of the University and chairman of C. Porter Vaughan Realtors. Vaughan was an outstanding pitcher on Richmond's baseball teams of the late 1930s. He set career and single-season records for allowing the fewest hits and recording the most strikeouts per nine innings.

He was drafted by the Philadelphia Athletics, but his brief Major League Baseball career was interrupted by World War II. He joined the Air Force and rose to the rank of captain.

After the war and another short stint in professional baseball, Vaughan began a long, successful career in real estate sales. He started C. Porter Vaughan Realtors in 1967 and developed dozens of subdivisions in Richmond.

He served on Richmond's Board of Trustees from 1970–74 and again from 1984–91. He won the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in 1982 and the Trustees' Distinguished Service Award in 1986. He was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976.
Moments after I opened the invitation to my college roommate’s wedding in Richmond, I was on the phone.

“Mrs. Harlow, we’re coming down next month. We want to see you, and we want you to meet Zoe.”

Nearly 15 years and 500 miles separated me from the time I spent with Ada Moss Harlow, W’42, and her husband, Bill, R’60, while I was a student at UR. Our friendship, born of an unfortunate twist of fate, had only deepened with time and distance.

It all began when my dad lost his job during winter break of my freshman year. Though the University was closed for the holidays, Financial Aid Director Jim Nolan flew into action as soon as he got my parents’ desperate call, assembling a combination of grants and loans that allowed me to return to school to start the spring semester— and continue through graduation.

Though I knew I had officially become an “aided” student, my parents kept most of the nitty-gritty financial details from me. So I was surprised to receive a phone call from the alumni office during the spring of my junior year, informing me that two of my benefactors wanted to meet me.

I remember standing in front of North Court, my stomach full of butterflies, waiting for the Harlows to fetch me for lunch, worrying we would have nothing to say to each other. They were lifelong Richmonders. I was a Yankee from upstate New York. They were very active in their Methodist church. I was a high-holiday Jew. They were old enough to be my grandparents—Mrs. Harlow had retired from teaching two years before I was born. The only thing I could think of to say to them was that my great-grandmother happened to be named Ada, too.

But as we passed through the Westhampton Gate, Mrs. Harlow began regaling me with stories about dorm life in North Court in the early 1940s. Back then, Westhampton College required women to come to breakfast fully dressed with their makeup and hair done. "But they never got up early enough to do that," she said conspiratorially in her soft, Southern drawl. "So they would wear their pajamas under their skirts with the pants rolled up."

She and Mr. Harlow were witty, warm, engaging and genuinely interested in what I had to say. And I was fascinated to hear about their lives. Over lunch at the Old Country Buffet, I knew that, in their company, I had found a home away from home.

For the rest of my time at UR, the Harlows were a constant and comforting presence. We’d get together a few times each semester and chat on the phone and by mail. Although they never had children, they treated me like family.

I was surprised and deeply touched when the Harlows attended my graduation. I introduced them to my family, and there were hugs and tears of joy all around. When they presented me with a bouquet of roses and a gold necklace with a butterfly charm, I remember saying, “This is too much.” I decided then that if I had a daughter someday, I would give the necklace to her and tell her the story of “Mommy’s Richmond grandparents.”

By the time that wedding invitation arrived, carrying with it the promise of introducing the Harlows to my 11-month-old daughter, Zoe, Mr. Harlow was in a nursing home, receiving care for a broken hip. The ordeal had taken its toll on both of them, but when we met in January 2007, they were as lively and witty as ever. They enveloped Zoe and my husband, Ken, in the same warm embrace that I had enjoyed all those years.

Sadly, William Maupin Harlow passed away five short months later. When Mrs. Harlow called that night to tell me, I was heartbroken. I wrote to her, explaining how much they both meant to me. Mrs. Harlow wrote back, admonishing me, “Amy, I insist that you call me Ada.”

I recently asked Ada why she and Bill had started their scholarship. She told me how they met and were married during World War II. Ada taught Spanish and French in Richmond Public Schools for 28 years, and Bill worked at DuPont for 42 years. As they approached their 50th wedding anniversary, Ada told Bill she wanted to do “something nice” to celebrate. He suggested throwing a party. Thinking of UR, she told him, “No, I want to do something that will last.”

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“This class trip will impact my entire life.”

—Shannon Birk, ’09
Mission Viejo, California
Double-major in French and Spanish

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Inspired by a reading on global health issues in one of Dr. Rick Mayes’ classes, Shannon and several fellow students asked their professor to create an entire class on the subject. A grant from the University for curriculum development, made possible by your unrestricted gifts, enabled Mayes to do just that.

“Global Health & Human Rights” began the next semester. It meets on Friday nights—at the students’ request—and culminates in a spring break trip to Peru in which students volunteer and study real-life healthcare challenges in both urban Lima and a remote village high in the Andes. The grant covers all travel expenses and enables the class to bring along medical professionals and supplies to conduct clinics for people who would not otherwise have such care.

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SPIDER SPIRIT
Homecoming is a family affair for Jen Riggle Dodge, B'91 and GB'00, Rick Dodge, GB'99, and their daughters, Emily (left) and Katie.