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University hosts congressional hearings

The Commission on Child Online Protection, a congressionally appointed panel authorized by the Child Online Protection Act of 1998, held public hearings July 20-21 on the Richmond campus.

The commission heard testimony from the executives of numerous Internet companies about technologies available to protect children from harmful sites on the World Wide Web. The CEOs of client-side filtering programs Net Nanny, BrowseSafe and Cyber Patrol joined representatives of server-side filtering (AOL, FamilyClick and others) and content providers (PlanetOut, Flying Crocodile, CrossWalk.com). Other sessions dealt with consumer and legal issues of Internet content and filtering.

On the second day, the 16 commissioners heard from four children ages 9 to 15 from Richmond and Virginia Beach, who answered questions about their usage of the World Wide Web and their receipt of unwanted pornographic e-mail.

Attending as observers were 34 students in the summer Governor’s School for the Humanities held on campus during July. The students, who were taking a class called “On the Stump: Politics and Persuasion,” attended the Friday hearings and offered their views afterward to news media.

National and local media covered the hearings extensively, including the Associated Press, Internet trade publications, newspapers, and television and radio stations.

The COPA hearings came to the University as a result of a suggestion by James E. Derderian, R’85, chief of staff for the Committee on Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives, which is chaired by Congressman Tom Bliley of Virginia’s 7th district.

“We thought it would be a good location for the hearing,” says Dr. Daniel J. Palazzolo, special assistant to President William E. Cooper. “It’s close to Washington, a beautiful campus and in Rep. Bliley’s congressional district.

“The commission considered our request and then sent Kristin Litterst of Dittus Communications, which handles advance work for the commission, to visit. She was struck by the campus and the facilities. That was a big plus.”

The commission is preparing a report for Congress on effective Internet filtering methods and will make recommendations for future legislation in that area.
Alumnus leads Quest at Berlin high school

Chad Felt, R'85, an English teacher at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin, immediately thought of "my inquisitive JFK students" when he read about the Richmond Quest in the Summer 1999 University of Richmond Magazine. His 10th-grade class took on the job of running a Quest competition, forming committees to handle publicity, fund raising and an awards ceremony.

"The contest ran much like the one at Richmond, just on a smaller scale," he says. By the Jan. 29, 2000, deadline, there were 49 questions submitted and a total of about $1,500 in prize money, including a Quest grant awarded the school by President William E. Cooper.

Felt's team narrowed the entries to the top 10 questions, then sent them to Richmond's Quest 2000 director, Dr. James Hall, for his steering committee to choose a winner.

"All of the 10 questions that were sent to us were good," says Hall. "The best combined real theoretical interest with practical applications."

At the May 15 awards ceremony in Berlin, Dr. Cooper was on hand to announce the winning question and present the prize check to Patrick Fletcher, a 10th-grader from the United States. Fletcher's question was, "Does knowledge result in progress, and conversely, does progress result in knowledge?"

"Despite the hottest day of the year in Berlin, Dr. Cooper drew a standing-room-only crowd," Felt says. "His presence helped our JFKS community to more fully understand the Quest concept and appreciate its far-reaching applications to our school."

The winning question is being studied in JFKS classrooms this fall.

Richmond again named to 100 Most Wired list

The University of Richmond is one of America's most wired campuses.

That's the verdict of the annual Yahoo! Internet Life survey of all 3,631 two- and four-year colleges and universities.

The editors of Yahoo! Internet Life noted that Richmond's students can register and get course schedules and grades from the Web. They also liked Richmond's high-speed Ethernet connection and the networking of all residence halls and classrooms.

Web registration is new, says Ellen Waite-Franzen, vice president for information services, and helped account for Richmond's jump from No. 152 last year in the survey to No. 67 this year.

But a wired campus is not just a convenience. The University is committed to integrating technology into the classroom, Waite-Franzen says, and a new expert on campus will help faculty and students do just that.

Dr. Patricia A. Schoknecht will create and direct a Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology.

Schoknecht most recently was associate professor of animal science at Rutgers and winner of multiple federal grants to fund teaching technology projects. She is nationally known for innovative use of multimedia, including an "electric cow," a module showing bovine nutrient metabolism.

She is co-principal investigator of a $2.6 million grant from the Kellogg Foundation to enhance the quality and accessibility of education in animal sciences. Schoknecht came to Richmond because she was impressed with the University's "vision for the future."

"We have a unique opportunity here to expand technology," she says.
New cellist joins Shanghai

Nicholas Tzavaras arrived at the University of Richmond in mid-August to fill a big empty seat: the one vacated by James Wilson in the Shanghai Quartet. The Shanghai has been the University’s resident chamber ensemble since 1989. Wilson had been the group’s cellist since 1990. Living out of a suitcase during a decade of international concert touring finally got to Wilson, leading him to resign from the quartet and the faculty position that goes with it.

One of four cellists who auditioned with the remaining Shanghai members, violinists Weigang Li and Yiwen Jiang and violist Honggang Li, Tzavaras demonstrated “the perfect sound that we were looking for,” Weigang Li says.

After two weeks of intensive rehearsals, Tzavaras played his first Shanghai concert over Labor Day weekend at a Connecticut festival. He made his Richmond debut Sept. 20 in quartets by Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert at the George M. Modlin Center for the Arts.

The Shanghai is Tzavaras’ first permanent affiliation with a chamber ensemble, but the 25-year-old cellist has made music in small groups since early childhood.

He is the eldest son of Roberta Guaspari, the music teacher whose violin classes for children in East Harlem, one of New York’s most blighted neighborhoods, inspired Music of the Heart, the film starring Meryl Streep. Guaspari’s story is also told on film—more factually, her son suggests—in the documentary Small Wonders.

Tzavaras began violin lessons with his mother at the age of 2 and took up the cello at 7. He drifted away from music in high school and initially planned to major in mathematics at Tufts University. After his freshman year, however, he turned back to music study at New England Conservatory.

Last year he doubled as a doctoral candidate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and teacher at a New York City public school as part of the Opus 118 Music Center, which grew out of his mother’s pioneering work with inner-city children.

“Bringing music to kids who may not otherwise get the chance to be exposed to it,” the young cellist says, “is something I’m deeply committed to.”

He hopes to pursue that commitment in Richmond once he settles into working with the Shanghai and his new students at the University.

Clarke Bustard, R’71

Robins sculpture honored

The National Sculpture Society has awarded its prestigious Henry Hering Medal to the University for the sculpture of E. Claiborne Robins in Stern Quadrangle. The award recognizes both the statue of the University’s greatest benefactor and the architecture of the quadrangle.

The award is presented, according to NSS, “as the occasion warrants for outstanding collaboration between architect, owner and sculptor in the distinguished use of sculpture in an architectural project.”

NSS gave individual medals to the University; the sculptor, Stanley Bleifeld; and the architects, Higgins Associates Inc., at a dinner in May in New York City. John Hoogakker, director of University facilities and a member of the Robins statue committee, accepted the award for the University.

Bleifeld, perhaps best known for the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., made the original model in his studio in Connecticut and then sculpted the final statue in Italy. The University’s first life-sized figurative sculpture, it was unveiled on April 16, 1999, during the Investiture of President William E. Cooper.

The Stern Quadrangle, dedicated when the Jepson School of Leadership Studies was inaugurated in 1992, was the realization of a plan first set forth by renowned architect Ralph Adams Cram in 1912. Cram’s plan for the University campus envisioned an academic quadrangle, but only Ryland Hall was originally built there. Now the quadrangle has been completed with Jepson Hall opposite Ryland, and the open area is designed to create the effect of an English garden with plantings, walks and seating.

The NSS, founded in 1893 by Daniel Chester French, Richard Morris Hunt, Stanford White and others, is America’s oldest organization of professional sculptors.
New trustees elected
Six new members elected to the Board of Trustees began serving their four-year terms July 1. They are:

Waldo M. Abbot, B’71, senior managing director of Royal Bank of Canada in New York City. He joined Royal in 1998 after 25 years with Chemical Bank, during which time he had assignments in Brussels and Tokyo and later became head of the bank’s global media and telecommunications group. He has served on the Board of Associates.

Richard E. Connors, GB’87, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for the MONY Group, New York City. He joined MONY in 1988 after 15 years with Metropolitan Life and was part of the senior management team that recently took MONY public. He and his wife are parents of Matthew, AR’03, and Courtney, AW’04, and are members of the Society of Families.

Dr. Judith Owen Hopkins, W’74, a physician-oncologist with Piedmont Hematology/Oncology Associates in Winston-Salem, N.C. Earlier, she was on the faculty at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. She is married to Dr. Marbry B. Hopkins III, R’74, a pathologist.

Virginia Ann Kamsky, founder of Kamsky Associates Inc. in New York, an investment firm that specializes in the People’s Republic of China. She also is chair of Zhonghua Investment management partners of Beijing, Hong Kong and New York, which identifies Chinese companies for investment.

Charles W. Sweet, president of the executive search group at A.T. Kearney Inc. in Chicago. He joined A.T. Kearney in 1972 and has been a major force in increasing the company’s competitiveness in the executive search market. Sweet and his wife are parents of Rebecca, AW’03, and are members of the Society of Families.

George W. Welldie Jr., B’74, managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York. He worked for the Federal Reserve Bank before joining Goldman, Sachs in investment banking. For five years he headed the fixed income division for Goldman, Sachs in Tokyo and was Tokyo branch manager before returning to New York.

Forum speakers tackle issues of nation’s cities
Author Jonathan Kozol, respected in education and poverty workers’ circles for his observations on education, illiteracy and homelessness, opened the Jepson Leadership Forum season in September.

“Views and Voices on the City” is the focus of the 2000-2001 season. The series also will bring to the University former Atlanta mayor and now U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young; environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr.; Mayor Jerry Brown and City Manager Robert Bobb of Oakland, Calif.; executive director of the Girl Scouts USA Marsha Johnson Evans, H’99; and other provocative speakers.

Also appearing is law professor Lani Guinier in an event hosted by the Women Involved in Learning and Leadership program, which provides learning and leadership opportunities for students.

“You may fear the city or you may adore it, but it is certain that the communities we are building or allowing to deteriorate today are the communities our children will live in or be forced to live with tomorrow,” says Sue Robinson Sain, Jepson Forum coordinator. “Vital community centers create a better quality of life for all citizens.”
New class ring offers single design for all

Students and alumni need look no farther than arm's length to find a most personal and constant reminder of their alma mater: the school ring.

There's a new official University of Richmond ring, a single design available to all graduates and enrolled students who meet academic qualifications. At the same time, the traditional Westhampton ring continues to be available for Westhampton students and alumn(e).

"Over the years, a wide variety of ordinary customized class rings have been available on campus from several vendors," says Alice Lynch, W'85, executive director of alumni affairs.

"Since individuals could design their own rings, they didn't look alike and there was no guarantee that the purchaser was even a student. The University had allowed its ring tradition to be diluted, unlike the Westhampton ring, which has always been distinctive."

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The committee had "a lot of conversation about the design and what we would feature on the ring," says Richmond College Dean Richard Mateer. "In the end, the students decided not to personalize it in any way. They wanted simplicity, and they were right.

"We know of no other university ring that's a shield shape, so it's easily recognizable from several feet away. I like it."

The new ring was offered for the first time to qualified juniors and seniors last year, and those who purchased it received it at a presentation ceremony last winter.

Colleges and universities with a single-ring tradition find their rings in high demand, according to Ron Brostrum, president of Milestone Traditions, vendor of the new ring. "If everyone wears something different, it can't be a symbol," he says. "Rings were never about jewelry, they were always about symbolism."

"We decided to reclaim the University's ring tradition," says Lynch. "We still have the Westhampton ring and we still have the Ring Dance, even though rings have not been presented at the dance for a long time."

Lynch says all alumni will be offered an opportunity to purchase the new ring in the near future. For more information, call Brenda Fogg at (804) 289-8841.

Faculty honors announced

2000 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARDS

Dr. Jane M. Berry
Associate professor of psychology

W. Hamilton Bryson
Professor of law

Dr. James A. Davis
Associate professor of mathematics and computer science

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Dr. Michael F. Vineyard

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Mitchell-Jacob Billikopf
Professor in History
Dr. Ernest C. Bolt Jr.

The Lewis T. Booker
Professorship of Religion and Ethics
Dr. G. Scott Davis

Dr. Frank E. Eakin

Corrections

The Summer 2000 issue of the University of Richmond Magazine contained several errors.

A photo that appeared with the Commencement article on p. 4 incorrectly identified the family members shown with Courtney Lappas, AW'00, as her parents, Dr. Nicholas and Marcia Lappas. Instead, they are her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reginald Belden Jr.

An article about mathematics research on p. 5 incorrectly identified a student doing summer research as James Bigelow, AR'00. The student's name is Jamie Bigelow, AW'00.

The magazine regrets these errors.
New alumni staff appointments

Brenda L. Fogg, B'87
Associate director of alumni affairs
Fogg works with major on-campus events, including Homecoming, Reunion Weekend and Arts Around the Lake, as well as several other alumni organizations. Previously, she served with the Medical College of Virginia alumni association and the American Heart Association. Fogg received the Charles T. Norman Award as a graduating senior, and was first in her business school class in 1987.

Paul O. Hagenmueller, R'67
Associate director of alumni affairs
Hagenmueller works with the Reunion Alumni College and other alumni continuing education programs, the School of Continuing Studies alumni, the Lake Society and other projects. He has previously worked in environmental planning, strategic planning, and illustration and graphic design, and had served the alumni office on a part-time basis. Hagenmueller also holds a master's degree in forestry from Duke University and has received training in mind/body wellness programs.

Linda G. Acors
Administrative assistant
Acors edits and manages Class Connections for the University of Richmond Magazine and oversees the alumni affairs Web site. She joined the alumni staff after more than six years in the University's human resource services office. Earlier, she worked as a legal secretary with Midkiff & Hiner in Richmond, and as a secretarial aide with Henrico County schools.

Kenyan official returns to visit his alma mater

Francis Kollum, undersecretary of the treasury for the Republic of Kenya, was not prepared for the changes he saw in his alma mater when he visited recently.

Kollum, R'77, the first of several world-class runners from Kenya who competed in the University's track program in the 1970s, took a tour of campus and met with Chancellor E. Bruce Heilman and former track coach Fred Hardy.

He had been back to campus once before, in 1986, when he flew from California to Washington, D.C., just so he could come to Richmond for a surprise birthday party for Hardy. He got to see only newly renovated Sarah Brunet Hall on that visit.

“"This is another world,” Kollum said, referring to his recent tour. “The Jepson School of Leadership Studies, the Jepson Alumni Center, the apartments: None of these were here when I was here. I am more than impressed.”

Kollum, Coach Hardy and Chancellor Heilman

Hardy, now retired, made a number of visits to Kenya in the 1970s in search of the “superb athletes” he knew were there. His first scholarship offer was to Kollum in 1974, who did not disappoint, going on to earn NCAA All-American honors in 1976 for his performance on the two-mile relay team. He also ran other middle- and long-distance races.

Kollum double-majored in political science and economics. “I owe the University something,” Kollum said. “I was far away from home, and the University community and Virginians were very kind to me. It was a life-changing experience. I am very, very grateful.”

He is most grateful for Coach Hardy. “He is still my mentor, and I still seek his advice,” Kollum said.

After graduation, Kollum worked for the A.H. Robins Co. in California, then in Nairobi, Kenya, for several years. Since 1980, he has been in government service. He often returns to the United States for summer study.

Kollum said the friendships he made as a student helped him as much as his academic and athletic achievements to broaden his human understanding and prepare him for his life’s mission: serving his country’s people. He learned that Kenyans and Americans share similar goals: “We are all striving for better education as security for the future.”

Richmond again ranked No. 1

U.S. News & World Report released its annual “America’s Best Colleges” issue Sept. 1, and the University of Richmond ranked No. 1 in its category for the seventh consecutive year. Richmond placed first by a wide margin over James Madison University and Rollins College among “Regional Colleges and Universities—South.”

The magazine arbitrarily names the categories, which group colleges and universities by the number of advanced degree and research programs they operate—not the scope of undergraduate coursework or the proportion of students from other states and countries. Richmond’s President William E. Cooper has been a vocal critic of both the rankings and the names given to the categories.

“We are pleased to once again be ranked number one in our category, even as we continue to build our national and international profile,” Dr. Cooper says.

Richmond also ranked second on the magazine’s list of best values—“great colleges at great prices”—among regional colleges and universities in the South.

Kenyan official returns to visit his alma mater
Two drafted in baseball

For the first time, the Richmond baseball team had two players taken in the first five rounds of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Junior outfielder Nic Jackson was selected in the third round by the Chicago Cubs, the 76th player taken. Senior pitcher Mike Smith was chosen in the fifth round by the Toronto Blue Jays, the 148th player selected.

Smith was an All-Colonial Athletic Association selection last spring, when he went 10-6 with a 3.90 ERA. He led the Spiders with 129.1 innings pitched and recorded 143 strikeouts, a Richmond and CAA record. For his career, Smith had a 31-12 record, the second-highest win total in school history and the fourth-highest in CAA history. Smith registered 337 career strikeouts, a Richmond and CAA record.

Jackson started 25 times last season in center field for the Spiders, missing 29 games following finger surgery early in the year. He batted .261 with six home runs and 23 RBIs.

Two other Spiders signed free agent contracts this spring. Senior first baseman G.R. Schalick signed with the Baltimore Orioles. Senior catcher Josh Lambreg signed with the Chillicothe Paints of the independent Frontier League.

Men's basketball players at the Papal Palace in Avignon, France

Golf team reaches NCAA regionals

Under head coach Nat Withers, the University of Richmond men's golf team advanced to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship East Regional Finals in the spring. This achievement came one year after the Spiders earned a berth in the NCAA championship finals for the first time in program history.

Though Richmond missed the cut at the East Regional, it marked another season of success for the program. Altogether, the Spiders posted 11 top-10 finishes in the 12 events they participated in during the 1999-2000 season. The stretch included a victory at the James Madison University Invitational in October, where Richmond shot a final round score of seven-under-par 277 to rally from 10 shots back.

Individually, senior Ken Macdonald totaled a team-best scoring average of 72.9. The three-time all-CAA and all-state selection notched seven top-10 finishes for the season. Honored as the University of Richmond Spider Club 1999-2000 "Male Athlete of the Year," Macdonald concluded his career as the program's all-time leader in scoring average (72.6).

Phil Stanton

Spiders compete in Europe

Richmond's men's and women's basketball teams will always remember the summer of 2000. Each team traveled to Europe in August for touring and basketball. Coach Bob Foley's women's basketball team journeyed through England and France. In England, the Spiders visited such historic sights as Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London; in France, they visited Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and Mediterranean beaches.

On the court, Richmond won four of five games, with senior forward Lizz Greene pacing the Spiders with 18.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Senior guard Candice Edwards added 16.5 points per contest.

Coach John Beilein's men's basketball team toured France, experiencing life in large and small cities. The Spiders started in Nice, then spent three days in Fos-sur-Mer, a small town in southern France, before stopping in the nearby cities of Avignon and Marseille.

On the court, the Spiders went 3-0 to win the first Turnoi International de Basket in Fos-sur-Mer, a tournament involving teams from France, Spain, Italy and the United States. The Spiders then ventured to Lyon and won two games against local teams. The trip concluded with a jam-packed 24-hour visit to Paris.

Senior forward Kinte Smith performed consistently for the Spiders, averaging 17.8 points and 6.2 assists in the five contests.

Sophomore guard Reggie Brown tallied 19.8 points per game and 17 assists and just eight turnovers. Sophomore center Eric Zway averaged 10.2 points and 7.4 rebounds in the five games. Senior forward Greg Stevenson appeared only in the final two games, averaging 18.5 points and 9.0 rebounds.

Phil Stanton and Andrew Blair

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**DR. SAMUEL A. BANKS**

Dr. Samuel A. Banks, sixth president of the University of Richmond, died Sept. 12. He was 72.

Dr. Banks served as president from December 1986 to August 1987. During his relatively brief tenure, Robert S. Jeppson Jr., B'64, GB'75, HF'87 and a trustee, and his wife, Alice, gave $20 million to establish the Jeppson School of Leadership Studies, the first school of its kind at an American college or university. Dr. Banks requested early retirement because of health problems.

Before coming to the University, Dr. Banks was president of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. A native of Florida, he held a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Duke University, a master of divinity degree from Emory University and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Chicago.

**ROBERT H. BELL**

Robert H. Bell, retired assistant professor of chemistry, died Aug. 29. He was 71.

Mr. Bell began his 36-year teaching career at the University of Richmond in 1961 as an instructor of chemistry. He was named assistant professor of chemistry in 1984 and retired in 1997.

Mr. Bell received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1949 from Virginia Polytechnic and State University. After teaching in Isle of Wight County schools for two years, he served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1956. He also attended the MCV Graduate School of Pharmacy, and had been a registered pharmacist in Virginia since 1956.

While at the University, he directed undergraduate research projects analyzing the water of Westhampton Lake. He also served as a book reviewer for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Reference Books Annual, Libraries Unlimited Inc.

Mr. Bell was a member of the Virginia Pharmacists Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society and the Dendron Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Williams Bell; a son, Robert H. Bell Jr., of Austin, Texas; a daughter, Lou Ann Bell Bradley, of Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Ann Bell Edwards, of Greer, S.C.

**LOUIS S. BOOTH**

Louis S. Booth, R.30, a generous supporter of the arts at Richmond, died on March 23. He was 91.

Mr. Booth, who grew up in Danville, Va., earned a bachelor of arts degree from Richmond and then continued to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a bachelor of architecture degree. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Africa and Italy during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star.

He was a former vice president of Lockwood Greene Engineers-Architects in Spartanburg, S.C. His other activities included serving on the Spartanburg Planning Commission, Spartanburg Historical Association, the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History, and the Engineering Advisory Board at Clemson University. He also was a member of the University's Board of Associates for several years until leaving that position in 1990. He had been a resident of Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg, Va., since 1986.

Booth was a longtime supporter of the arts at Richmond. The Louis S. Booth Arts Fund is used to support one major exhibit and one major performing arts event each season. The fund also supports the development and presentation of academic programming to maximize the arts experience for students at Richmond.

**WILLIAM R. MARSHALL JR.**

William R. Marshall Jr., L'65, an adjunct professor of business law in the School of Continuing Studies for more than 35 years, died Aug. 7. He was 59.

A native of Cincinnati, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Marshall came to Richmond to attend the University of Richmond School of Law. He had been affiliated with the law firm of Taylor Hazen Kaufman and Pinchbeck, PLC, since 1989. He specialized in business law and over the years argued a number of cases before the Virginia Supreme Court.

As a gifted teacher and longtime adjunct faculty member of the School of Continuing Studies, Mr. Marshall taught business law, elder law and family law. He developed several new courses and was named the Distinguished Faculty Member in 1979.

He was one of two adjunct faculty members to serve on the University's long-range planning committee for University College (now the School of Continuing Studies). In 1994, he also served on the search committee for the school's new dean.

Mr. Marshall is survived by two daughters, Dr. Beth Marshall of Richmond, and Leslie Ann Marshall of Charlotte, N.C.; and a grandson.

Memorial gifts may be made to the William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award for excellence in paralegal studies at the School of Continuing Studies.

**DR. F. BYERS MILLER**

Dr. F. Byers Miller, the first dean of what is now the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, died on June 10 at his home in Tempe, Ariz. He was 87 years old.

Dr. Miller was a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and Ohio State University, where he earned master of business administration and doctor of philosophy degrees. He came to Richmond in 1941 as an associate professor of applied economics. A year later, he left to join the Office of Price Administration. He also was a consultant for the U.S. Department of Commerce before serving in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II.

After the war, Dr. Miller returned to the University, where he succeeded George M. Modlin as dean of the Evening School of Business Administration when Modlin became Richmond's president. In 1948, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of a separate business school for Richmond and named Dr. Miller its first dean. The school was formally established in the fall of 1949 and opened with 151 full-time students and eight faculty members.

Dr. Miller left Richmond in 1956 for a career in private industry. He served as chief executive officer of the Bank Administration Institute in Chicago until retiring in 1976. He also was an adjunct professor at Arizona State University's business college, and chaired the board of directors of the Arizona State Compensation Insurance Fund under then-Gov. Bruce Babbitt.

**DR. CHARLES H. WHEELER III**

As this issue went to press, the University received word of the death of Dr. Wheeler, former vice president for business and financial affairs, on Sept. 16. Further details will follow in an upcoming issue of the magazine.
Enriched student experience is the focus of Richmond's new strategic plan

On the surface, it was an unlikely mix of participants from widely differing fields of interest.

There was a student just back from a semester in Paris, and a business and commerce major from Honduras. Also part of the group were a 31-year veteran professor of political science and his colleagues from biology, law, art, chemistry, modern languages, history, physics, marketing, and math and computer science.

There were deans, a librarian, an admission official, trustees and alumni. More than 200 energized people from throughout the University community—students, staff members and alumni—offered additional insights and innovative ideas.

What did these individuals from different parts of the globe and on different academic and career paths have in common? Each was a member of one of three strategic planning task forces, or a participant in one of several other planning groups, that provided ideas and analysis leading to a 10-year plan for the University.

And each exhibited keen interest in the University by offering ideas, articulating rich traditions, identifying the University's strengths and envisioning a dynamic future built on the principles of innovation, collaboration and excellence.

By Edwin Slipek Jr.
"For 14 years the University has been involved in intense institutional introspection—planning is continuous," says Dr. John Outland, professor of political science who played a leadership role on the planning committee. "But this process was definitely more democratic than any other during my time here." Outland, who has taught at Richmond since 1969, was co-chair of the programs task force, one of three subcommittees; the others examined the University's people and its resources.

"The most gratifying parts came in open meetings that involved students, alumni, the entire University staff—gardeners, housekeepers, professional staff, secretaries, electricians," says Dr. Julie Hayes, chair of modern languages and literatures, who served as co-chair of the people task force. "They offered both support and ideas." Outland says many of these ideas were well thought out and others were, frankly, off-the-wall. But all were sincere. "What we looked for was distinctiveness: Was it a new or even a unique idea? Was it appropriate to what we are as an institution? And finally, did it have university-wide impact?"

The strategic planning task forces took seriously their charge to take stock of the University of Richmond at the present and look toward its future.

"For all Richmond's success, we yearn for more," President William E. Cooper told a large Cannon Memorial Chapel audience in his April 1999 Investiture address that set the stage for the committee's work. "We must grow and stretch. Before coming here, I was convinced by this board [of trustees] that Richmond has an appetite for greatness, poised to take its place among the brightest stars in the constellation of America's institutions of higher learning."

In his speech, President Cooper also challenged Richmond to tackle "bold initiatives in the way Mr. Robins and Mr. Jepson envisioned, beyond what others could see."

Dr. Cooper's Investiture speech set the broad outlines of the strategic plan by urging the University to think of ways to create distinctive linkages among the schools, develop coherent learning experiences, enhance faculty-student interaction, and improve tactics for recruiting the best and brightest people to the University.

After 17 months of a planning effort that began in January 1999, the strategic plan was adopted by the Board of Trustees last May. This road map charts how the University can propel itself into the top tier of American universities.

Fundamentally, the plan seeks to take advantage of Richmond's relatively small size and institutional complexity. It calls for the University to build "a third prototype of higher education," one that combines the virtues of a small liberal arts college with the choices typically available at much larger universities.

"Being not quite of either type, Richmond must look to make a special contribution in its own fashion," Dr. Cooper says. As the plan states, "Our approach will be to combine small size and complexity."

Given this approach, the strategic plan stresses that Richmond has tremendous opportunities to combine liberal arts with pre-professional education, teaching and research, extensive choices among academic specialties, curricular and co-curricular programs, and high levels of student-faculty interaction.

Our small size is something I would like to see maintained," says Kevin Scotto, AR'00, from Wallingford, Pa., who served as a student representative on the people task force. "It's important for students to have mentoring experiences with faculty. Students can get a lot more done in close academic relationships. It's our most important strength."

Size was one of Richmond's qualities that convinced Anabella Bueso, AW'00, a member of the people task force, to leave Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and enroll at the University. "There aren't 200 people in a class, but 20," says the former finance and economics major. "All my professors knew me on a first-name basis. The one-on-one interaction is terrific."

Small size and informality can reap dividends by creating stronger learning partnerships and more meaningful student-mentor collaboration. And this, the plan stresses, will enable Richmond to achieve great distinction.
Complexity at Richmond means not only academic variety, but also co-curricular opportunities. "One of our great strengths is offering a coherent experience—one not totally focused on academics, but offering a wide range of other activities including the arts and athletics," says Dr. Daniel J. Palazzolo, associate professor of political science and the coordinator of the strategic planning process.

Although the University has become increasingly selective in admission, and has earned a reputation throughout the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast for offering a distinctive educational experience, high school students with the highest academic standing still often make a university with a more prominent national reputation their first choice.

Therefore, joining the ranks of top universities with national reputation is key to Richmond’s future institutional growth.

“I’d like to see the school become more competitive academically,” says Bueso.

How can Richmond establish itself as an increasingly innovative institution of national repute and become first choice for outstanding students?

Specifically, the strategic plan calls for recruiting, developing and retaining talented and dedicated students with solid character who will respond to interactive learning, integrated study and discovery. As a means of recruiting the best and brightest students, the plan calls for increasing merit scholarships and financial aid.

“We’ve always had good students,” says Hayes, “but I can sense that the students are getting better and better in that they are more academically prepared. We’re really interested in growing that population. We need to build a critical mass of students who can do extraordinary things. We’ve always had students like that, but sometimes they felt kind of lonely.”

Hayes names Matt DiCintio, AR’00—now working on his Ph.D. in French at the University of North Carolina—as a student who exemplifies the “stretch” the University must look for in prospective students. DiCintio’s Morning Might Pass was the first student-penned play in University history to receive a main-stage production. DiCintio received research support for his project from the W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles, among others.

“The play asked big questions about art and what it means to be a writer,” Hayes says. “It belongs to the tradition of what the French call théâtre d’idées—the theatre of ideas. It was quite a moment.”

But to ask and respond to critical questions, the plan also calls for greater diversity among the student body. The University must prepare students to learn, live and lead in a world defined by cross-cultural diversity.

“Our commitment to international studies is unparalleled for a school our size,” maintains Scotto. But he would like to see the University do even better. “Not only should we increase the number of students from other countries, but we should increase the number of countries represented. It gives all our students the impetus to reach out to other people.”

Bueso agrees. “I was pleased to see an increase in the number of foreign students during my four years,” she says, something from which the entire community benefited.

“A diverse student body enriches the experience for everyone,” says Palazzolo. “Moreover, demographic trends and global forces predict that American society will become increasingly more culturally diverse over the next 25 years. An educated person in the 21st century must have a global outlook.”

Increased financial aid for international students, increased incentives for Richmond students to study abroad, a languages-across-the-curriculum program, and
Physical Facility Needs

- Additions and renovations to Gottwald Science Center
- Additions and renovations to Boatwright Library
- Additional classroom and office space
- Additions and renovations to the Robins Center
- Space to support the schools of business and continuing studies
- Student residence areas
- Richmond Residence facility to support retreats and conferences

Sources of Funding

- Capital campaign, to be announced
- $1,400 tuition increase beginning in Fall 2001
- Revenue from expanded graduate and continuing education programs

steps to internationalize the business school are key aspects of the plan.

As Dr. Cooper often says, “We must bring the world to Richmond, and Richmond to the world.”

The plan also sets as a priority the recruitment, development and retention of “teacher-scholars” who provide a greater variety of programs that facilitate higher levels of student-faculty interaction.

“We want to attract and nourish students and faculty who are forever curious,” Dr. Cooper says. And as in recruiting students, the plan says Richmond must attract faculty seeking a superlative teaching and research environment. The University, it says, must be more flexible in combining teaching and research opportunities.

For Scotto, who was spending a semester in France when he was invited to join the planning committee, the planning process exposed him to university concerns to which he, admittedly, had given little thought. In addition to the importance of expanding student diversity, he became aware of the importance of allowing faculty more time for research. “How to free up faculty to pursue their strengths is key to building our university,” he says.

But the individual student will continue to be the center of the learning experience, the strategic plan maintains. “We’ve always felt a kinship with the students,” says Outland. “We asked, how do you free up faculty time to make these relationships even stronger? And one of the specific things we can do, for instance, is to reduce the teaching load.”

The plan proposes adding 45 new faculty positions, thereby reducing both the teaching load and the student-faculty ratio. Adding faculty and encouraging learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom — in the form of independent research, service learning and internships — are key tactics that build upon the University’s strengths and adapt to changes in higher education.

Additionally, as the Internet makes information more easily accessible to nearly everyone, small, residential colleges need to offer more than traditional classes, where knowledge is transmitted from an expert to a student. Students must have opportunities to discover new insights and questions, not merely to consume knowledge. This will require more faculty who can provide
more individualized attention to students, and who can complement classroom lessons with experiences outside the classroom.

"Changes in information technology are transforming the way universities deliver education," Palazzolo points out. "Many large universities will develop the infrastructure to serve mass populations over long distances.

"At Richmond, learning is both 'high tech' and 'high touch.' We think the highest quality learning experiences and the most enduring lessons come from close human interaction between students and faculty. In order to deliver the highest quality experience, we need to invest in our people and our technology."

From a programmatic standpoint, the plan calls for enriched learning opportunities by enhancing major academic programs, developing linkages between curricula and increasing opportunities for creativity, discovery and student-faculty interaction. Major programs include initiatives in the sciences and business, an endowment for the arts, a master's degree program in leadership studies and an endowment for the Richmond Quest.

The Richmond Quest is a recently established program that challenges the University community to engage in broad and meaningful discussion and debate centered around a central, complex topic.

"I believe Richmond is the right size to study daunting questions of this sort on a university-wide level," says Dr. Cooper. "In ventures like this, we can play a role not easily achieved by either larger research universities or smaller colleges."

The plan also calls for enhancing legal education, developing student-faculty research programs, establishing a center for post-doctoral and senior fellows, beginning an environmental studies program, and creating a Richmond Research Institute that facilitates interdisciplinary research projects.

One important key to existing and new academic programs will be providing students the tools to excel in

**Students**
- Recruit up to 55 percent of either men or women, while maintaining coordinate college system
- Endow 60 merit scholarships, add to need-based aid and increase the amount of CIGNA scholarship awards
- Require a challenging capstone experience of every senior

**Faculty**
- Add 45 new faculty positions over the next 10 years to reduce classroom teaching load, bringing student-faculty ratio from 10.7:1 down to 9:1
- Establish 10 to 20 endowed chairs as funding permits

**Staff**
- Add approximately 42 staff positions to support changes in the way the University conducts recruiting, teaching and research
- Adopt an innovative leave program for staff to pursue professional enrichment

**PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS**
- Science initiative to promote science literacy for all students
- Endowment for the arts to develop a campus-wide arts culture
- Business school objectives to make the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business a top choice for undergraduate business education by 2010
- Completion of the law school's campaign, including initiatives to advance the University of Richmond School of Law to ranking among the top 50 law schools nationally
- Interdisciplinary master's degree program in leadership studies to enhance the Jepson School of Leadership Studies
- Richmond Quest program institutionalized to create synergies among schools and departments
technology and information-centered environments. "The University has always been great with technology, but increased emphasis will help all students in the future," says Douglas Schaefer, JR'00, who served on the programs task force and now studies law at the University of Buffalo.

In addition to major efforts to attract talented students, faculty and staff, to invest in technology and to enhance programs, the plan calls for providing essential spaces in "inspirational" settings for the University's academic work and co-curricular life. The University has long recognized the treasures it has in its pine-shaded campus, central lake and handsome inventory of Collegiate Gothic architecture.

This past summer the University began to develop a new campus physical master plan that will provide tactical steps for implementing the strategic plan. A centerpiece of the plan is an addition to the Boatwright Library that will transform it into an "academic commons," in which "the book and the Internet, the classroom and the group study room, and texts and technology become one," according to the plan.

Other priorities include expanding the Gottwald Science Center and renovating and enlarging the Robins Center. The plan also calls for greatly improved facilities for the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business and the School of Continuing Studies. Residence halls will be upgraded, classroom and office space expanded, and a "Richmond Residence" established to accommodate those attending conferences on campus.

By the time the strategic plan is completed, "it's going to be a different university from what our alumni experienced," says Susan Gunn Quisenberry, W'65, a member of the Board of Trustees and a Richmond-based information technology consultant who served on the resources task force. "It's going to be more geographically diverse, both nationally and internationally. But all this is going to enhance the diploma."

The implementation of such an ambitious strategic plan requires "focus and work," says Dr. Cooper. While significant funding is needed to achieve the plan's objective, Cooper is confident the University can meet the challenge.

To do so, in the coming months he will be presenting the plan in special events to alumni and friends of the University, in Richmond and numerous major metropolitan areas along the East Coast from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia, southward to Atlanta. "These places are crucial to our future as we expand our reach nationally and internationally," Dr. Cooper says.

"A great university never rests because learning never rests."

Ultimately, Dr. Cooper always returns to the fundamental building blocks of a university: "If you look at our past — led by the great philanthropy of Mr. Robins and Mr. Jepson and the thousands of contributions from our alumni — our present, and our future, it's the quality people who make the University. Everything else flows from that source."

Quality people: students from around the world who are stretched to think about big questions that span across disciplines; faculty seeking a vigorous academic environment and unlimited possibilities for teaching, research and service; creative and dedicated staff; informed, involved and supportive alumni. Working together, these people are the key to building synergy at the University of Richmond and enriching the student experience of tomorrow.

"People, not computers, will continue to be the prime movers of civilization," said Dr. Cooper at his Investiture, "so long as we remain the askers of incisive questions, the finders of great problems, the generators of creativity."

That can happen here. And in the process, the University of Richmond will create a théâtre d'idées, as the French say, a theatre of ideas.

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If you wish to read the University's strategic plan and share your comments, please go to the Web site www.richmond.edu/planning.
"We need to build a critical mass of students who can do extraordinary things."

As Dr. Julie Hayes, associate professor of French, says, students are critical to the long-term success of Richmond. They are the foundation upon which the University will build a third prototype of American higher education: one that combines the high level of faculty-student interaction of a small liberal arts college with the array of choices available at a much larger institution.

Richmond is competing for students with some of the most prestigious schools in the nation, and that competition is likely to grow even fiercer in the years ahead. The strategic plan includes a number of measures to ensure that the best and brightest will choose Richmond.

For example, the plan calls for increasing the number of merit-based scholarships. These scholarships offer significant financial support as well as academic privileges to ensure students reach their highest potential. A student's financial situation is not a factor in these scholarships.

The plan also calls for increased levels of other types of financial aid to ensure that Richmond builds a diverse community of students who are not only academically strong but also curious, creative and focused.

Presently, Richmond offers several merit scholarship opportunities, including the Oldham, Ethyl, University and CIGNA scholars programs. The following is a look at four freshmen who have each received one of these honors to study and live at Richmond. Young adults like these, who bring a variety of talents, interests and life experience to the campus community, will be the core of that critical mass of extraordinary scholars.
Coming to Richmond is a move north for Elizabeth Victor, who has lived in the same house in Uptown New Orleans her entire life. She lives with her mother, father and two older sisters. "With a doctor and lawyer for parents, the question was never if I were going to college," says Victor, "but where."

Victor says she always has had an interest in creative writing and literature, and was interested in pursuing a liberal arts education. "A family friend mentioned the University of Richmond to Ed Kenney's high school teachers. He's academically talented, with top grades and hands-on research experience. But perhaps most important, he seems to have a good perspective on life," says Kenney. "Ed's musical talent, playing both the flute and saxophone, and an interest in creative writing and literature, was interested in pursuing a liberal arts education. A family friend mentioned the University of Richmond to me."

Kenney was one of four freshmen to receive an Ethyl Science scholarship to come to Richmond. Established in 1991, the program is targeted to students who will prepare for graduate work and eventual careers as scientists, researchers and educators in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics or physics. There are currently 14 Ethyl Science Scholars.

Fifteen freshman are CIGNA Scholars, and there are 60 CIGNA Scholars enrolled at Richmond. Victor turned down the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary and a University of Georgia offer to attend Richmond. She intends to major in English and help in middle school teaching while minor in education. Victor is happy and proud to be at Richmond—though she admits, "I'm ready to take me for a visit and was immediately impressed. Even though it was raining, everything was still gorgeous," she recalls.

Victor has been active in her church, community service and student leadership positions. "I enjoy the privilege of making decisions, speaking on behalf of my peers and, of course, being the first to know everything," she says. "I think elementary school kids know so much that it's easy to amuse them. High school and college students, on the other hand, can't amuse them at all."

"I would also like to pursue a master's degree. But the end goal is simply to be happy in whatever I end up doing," says Victor. "I intend to major in mathematics. I'm interested in leadership studies as a possible minor."

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The scholarship offers full tuition, fees, room and board for eight semesters of undergraduate study, as well as a $2,500 stipend for undergraduate research. It was a major reason why Kenney turned down Notre Dame, Villanova and Furman, among others.

Kenney grew up in Killington, Vt., with his father, an industrial arts teacher; his mother, a speech pathologist in the public school system; and his younger sister. Naturally, he’s a skier.

“It’s been my life during the winter for as long as I can remember,” Kenney says. “I started when I was 2. I grew up racing and continued with that in high school, but I’m also a ski instructor during the winter.”

“Golf is my summer gig,” he adds. “I work at a golf course and play quite a bit. I played on the golf team in school; I really love the sport.”

Kenney hopes his schedule at Richmond will enable him to continue his musical interests.

Meantime, he’s looking forward to the undergraduate research experience he will gain at Richmond. He is interested in working with coding theory or cryptology.

When Kenney was a junior in high school, he was involved in a research project sponsored by a grant from the University of Vermont. It studied the statistical significance of the “January thaw.”

“The January thaw is popular folklore that says every January, winter is happily—or rudely, depending on whether you ski—interrupted by a stretch of warm weather that melts everything.” Kenney’s research indicated that indeed, scientific evidence supported the popular wisdom. “It was a great project,” Kenney says, “and a real eye-opener to what in-the-field research is all about.”

Herrin displayed initiative and creativity while excelling at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas. She worked as a graphic artist for her father, who owns a nutrition and supplement store.

She also founded a service to edit papers for her schoolmates, and was a companion of sorts for an elderly woman in her neighborhood. “I was her friend as well as her employee,” Herrin says. “I took care of her exotic birds and dogs, and ran errands. The job was so much fun that I did not consider it to be work.”

Herrin also spent much of her time on service projects. She accompanied her church on six mission trips including three to Mexico, where she helped to build houses. Those trips were “by far the best,” she says, because building the houses “was the most strenuous physical labor I have ever experienced.”

Herrin chose Richmond over Amherst, Brown and Wesleyan. “The Oldham scholarship was the deciding factor” in choosing Richmond, Herrin says, “but for reasons other than just money.” She says Dr. Leonard Goldberg,
vice president of student affairs, and other faculty members she met “made me feel especially valued, wanted and respected. I didn’t get the same feelings from other schools I considered.”

Herrin is excited about the possibilities for her future, and confident that she will be able to meet life’s challenges. She looks no farther for role models than her own parents. Her father is a small-business owner and her stepmother is an entrepreneur. Her mother entered law school after spending several years in the real estate, retail and paralegal fields. She has graduated and is now an associate at a Dallas law firm.

“They are prime examples of determination,” says Herrin, who also has an older sister. “I get my work ethic from all of them.”

The South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Math requires research as part of the secondary school experience. So Adam Weaver, who graduated from the school before moving with his family to Pennsylvania, worked in the chemical engineering department at the University of South Carolina.

USC must have been impressed: It offered him a four-year, full-tuition scholarship. But Weaver turned it down and is coming to Richmond as a University Scholar. This program offers one-half the cost of tuition for eight semesters of undergraduate study. The 126 University Scholars are exempt from most specific course requirements and the need to declare a major. Special opportunities include supervised independent study and research for credit, and a competitive program of funding for undergraduate research.

“I plan to major in physics and chemistry,” says Weaver, “and someday do research and teach.”

Weaver, one of 40 University Scholars in the Class of 2004, is bringing stellar credentials to the University. Aside from his research experience, he played the saxophone and was co-leader of the school’s pep band; played on the school’s soccer team and was a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Club; and was a chess club officer and president of the school math team.

Math is a particularly strong talent. Weaver was a member of South Carolina’s all-state math team and placed first out of more than 200 others in a statewide math competition.

“The first time I visited the University of Richmond was in the summer, and [the beauty of the campus] kept it on my list of possibilities,” Weaver says. “The next time I spent a few days on the Scholars Weekend, going to classes and talking to professors. “The third time was the Admitted Students Open House, and there were teachers, admissions people and students who recognized me and remembered my name,” Weaver adds. “That’s when I knew I had to come to Richmond.”

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Cultivating the Inquiring Mind
New faculty members join a cadre of teacher-scholars

As the University community prepares to make great strides forward, faculty members are charged with leading the way. These men and women will inspire students to move from passive learning into active participation in intellectual development, and to take on ever greater challenges. Their efforts will ensure graduates who leave their mark on the University and beyond, and they will help Richmond become a premier institution of choice.

In today’s academic environment, numerous colleges and universities are competing for an elite corps of professors who will motivate, inspire and encourage students on the road to discovery. The strategic plan includes a number of proposals to help recruit and retain these stellar faculty members. Among them are enhanced options for sabbaticals; increased opportunities for faculty-student collaborative research; and the creation of several endowed chairs.

Most significant, the University will add about 45 new faculty positions during the next decade to reduce class loads and bring the student-faculty ratio down to 9:1.

Here are just a few of the talented teacher-scholars who have joined the Richmond faculty this fall.

By Laura S. Jeffrey
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Tanja Softić
Associate professor of art

Tanja Softić, Richmond’s first full-time faculty member in printmaking, says her goal is to develop a comprehensive print program within the department of art and art history. Based on what she already knows about the University, its students, and the Richmond area in general, she says she is confident the goal is achievable.

“The University is really on the move,” she says. “Things here are done the right way; there’s a strong will to do that. And I’m very impressed with the students; I enjoy the interaction.”

“The art scene in the Richmond area is very active,” Softić adds. “It’s a vibrant part of the community.”

Softić immigrated to the United States 11 years ago from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She comes to Richmond from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where she spent almost eight years on the faculty. Her most recent position was associate professor of art and department chair.

“I am interested in building bridges among the disciplines of individual art,” says Softić, whose areas of expertise include not only printmaking, but also drawing and painting. Softić’s personal artistic pursuits also are varied. Her work has been included in group exhibitions all over the world, including Poland, Germany, New Zealand, Finland, Northern Ireland and South Africa.

Softić’s work is in public collections at the Academy of Fine Arts of the University of Sarajevo; Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney; Atlanta College of Art and Design; and the New York Public Library, among other places.

Softić has had 20 solo exhibitions and has four planned for the upcoming academic year, including one in October in the Marsh Art Gallery. “I’m particularly excited about that one,” Softić says. “It will be an introduction of me as an artist to the University and the Greater Richmond area.”

Dr. Samuel E. Perry Jr., R'67 and G'74
Director of the teacher licensure program, and assistant professor of education

In his 33 years in public education, Sam Perry has risen through the ranks as a teacher, principal and administrator, culminating when he was named superintendent of schools for Amelia County, Va., in 1997. He is tapping into all the skills honed in those positions for his new job: directing the teacher licensure program in the University’s School of Continuing Studies.

“The job is a perfect fit,” says Perry, whose responsibilities include recruiting working men and women who are interested in teaching, helping to ensure they get the best training possible and upon licensure by the state, placing them in school systems. Perry also will teach some courses.

“There just are not enough teachers,” Perry says, citing an often-quoted statistic about schools needing 200,000 teachers a year for the next 10 years. “I’m so excited about helping to provide for this tremendous need. My goal is to make sure that Richmond produces the finest teachers of any
environment for Perry, who earned a bachelor's degree here in 1967, and a master's degree in educational administration in 1974. (He earned a doctorate in educational administration from Virginia Tech in 1994.) He also has been an active supporter and alumnus in the Fredericksburg alumni chapter.

Perry says attorneys, computer programmers, newspaper carriers, engineers, nannies, accountants—and even an adjunct professor with a Ph.D.—have expressed interest in becoming licensed teachers through the University. Twelve students are enrolled for the fall, and more than 20 applications are on file. Informational seminars and advertisements are generating even more interest; Perry says his office has received more than 150 requests for additional information.

Candidates for Richmond's licensure program must have an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.7, passing scores on academic assessment tests, and three years of post-baccalaureate experience (homemaking qualifies). But perhaps most important, they must sit down with Perry himself and explain why they want to be teachers.

"I'm looking for capable, competent, caring and dedicated individuals," Perry says. "I also want to make sure they understand the commitment involved with going to school, and also with becoming a teacher."

"The bottom line," Perry adds, "is that we want good people who want to teach kids."

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HISTORY

Dr. Woody Holton
Assistant professor of history

Woody Holton is the son of a former Virginia governor and once considered pursuing a political career himself. But years as a political activist convinced him that he needed more than that to feel fulfilled. "I enjoyed the 'noisy side,' which was spiriting the troops and socializing," he says. "But there was not much opportunity for the 'quiet side,' reflective time or intellectual stimulation. Teaching provides the best of both worlds."

Teaching at Richmond marks a homecoming for Holton. He lived in Virginia's capital city from 1970 to 1974 when his father, Linwood Holton, was governor of Virginia. "My family used to go to Spider football games," he recalls. Holton's sister Anne is a judge in the city, and Anne's husband, Tim Kaine, is mayor.

Holton earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Virginia, and then spent several years as a political activist. He was the Midwest regional director for Public Research Interest Groups, then founded and directed Clean Up Congress. In this position, he recruited and trained hundreds of paid activists and volunteers to get pro-environment candidates elected to the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Holton worked with Clean Up Congress from 1990 to 1996, and earned a
Ph.D. in history from Duke University in 1990. He also was an adjunct professor of history at George Mason University, and a visiting assistant professor at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

In 1996, he joined the history department of Bloomsburg University in northeastern Pennsylvania. Since then, he has written several papers and scholarly articles and is the author of *Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves, and the Making of the American Revolution* (see Bookmarks, p. 31.) His book has received the Merle Curti Social History Award for 2000, presented by the Organization of American Historians.

Holton says he is impressed with the caliber of students and faculty at Richmond. "As I was deciding whether to come to Richmond or to another well-known school where I also had an offer, I spent a lot of time studying the history department Web page," he says. "Joan Bak's class on Latin American history asked the sort of question one might expect in a literature or philosophy class as well as more traditional history questions.

"I expect that at Richmond, I will be intellectually challenged by both the students and my colleagues on the faculty," Holton adds. "I value that challenge immensely. It's the reason I decided to come to Richmond."

"I am especially interested in helping to recruit and retain African-American and Native American students," Holton adds. "As our student body becomes more diverse, we not only offer opportunities to a greater cross section of Americans, but create a richer education experience for all of our students."

**MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

**Dr. R. Duane Ireland**

Professor of management systems and holder of the W. David Robbins Chair of Business Policy

Duane Ireland moved to Amarillo, Texas, as a young teen; received his undergraduate, master and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech University; and spent 17 years on the faculty of Baylor University. But leaving a tenured position in the Lone Star State and coming to Richmond was not as difficult as it might seem.

"The University of Richmond has a culture that reinforces and values an individual's commitment to being a scholar—that is, to being a learned person," he says. "I find such a culture to be highly desirable and quite unique."

"Once I was convinced that this is Richmond's culture, deciding to accept an opportunity to be a part of this community was an easy decision."

Ireland comes to the University as a tenured professor of management systems and holder of the W. David Robbins Chair of Business Policy. At Baylor, he was director of the Entrepreneurship Studies Program in the Hankamer School of Business.

He also occupied the Curtis Hankamer Chair of Entrepreneurship, and served as an associate dean for research.
E. Hoskisson), is a best seller.

Ireland is looking forward to living and traveling on the East Coast, continuing with his running program, and perhaps even competing in a half-marathon. Professionally, he is eager to continue with his research, and to share the results with his students.

"The University has excellent students—individuals who are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence," he says. "I want to contribute to the educational growth and development of these students."

He adds, "The explosion of knowledge in the strategic management discipline is quite stunning. I want to spend more time investigating some of the intriguing areas in my field that have evolved.

"Without the continuous availability of new knowledge—knowledge that is generated through research—what we are able to disseminate to our students in the classroom quickly becomes outdated."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever
Assistant professor of political science

Avis Jones-DeWeever seriously considered becoming a lawyer, and even applied to the University of Richmond School of Law. "Although I gained admission, I decided to go to graduate school instead," she recalls. "Perhaps I was destined to come here in some capacity."

The legal profession's loss is academia's gain. Jones-DeWeever, a native Virginian, comes to Richmond as an assistant professor of political science. She will teach public policy; research methods; and race, class and gender in American politics. Her husband, Dr. Guy Earl W. DeWeever, will be on the faculty as a one-year post-doctoral fellow in political science.

Jones-DeWeever received a bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia State University in 1990, a master's degree in political science from the University of Akron in 1992, and a doctoral degree in government and politics last spring from the University of Maryland, College Park.

She has worked as a teaching assistant in the University of Maryland's department of government and politics; and as an adjunct professor in the department of history, politics and international relations at Bowie State University.

Jones-DeWeever says she wants to continue to "actively pursue my research agenda" while at Richmond. In previous projects, she has performed statistical analyses to study the impact of welfare reform for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; written position papers and fact sheets for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Institute for Policy Research and Education; and studied issues affecting students and schools for the Maryland House of Delegates.

She also has received several honors, including a Ford Foundation grant to fund dissertation research on affirmative action in several university campuses. Other research interests include affirmative action; urban politics; and the influences of race, class and gender on public opinion and political behavior.

Like many of her colleagues, Jones-DeWeever is eager to involve her Richmond students in her research experiences. "I had an opportunity to teach a class during the interview process," she says. "I was truly impressed with the candor and expressiveness of the students."

"My personal teaching style incorporates interactive learning," she adds. "I love to get the classroom engaged. The students here seem to enjoy that, and such attitudes make my job much easier."

Jones-DeWeever also supports increasing the diversity on campus, both in the student body as well as the faculty. "Having a good mix of people," she says, "creates the best learning environment for everyone."

Laura S. Jeffrey is the editorial assistant for the University of Richmond Magazine.
In May, the University of Richmond announced it would leave the Colonial Athletic Association to join the Atlantic 10 Conference as a full member, effective July 1, 2001. In late summer, several Richmond athletic administrators sat down with Brian Eckert, director of media and public relations, to talk about the implications of the move. Present were Jim Miller, director of athletics; Ruth Goehring, associate athletic director; and Phil Stanton, sports information director.

Q. Why is it a good move?

**Miller:** The University’s strategic plan, recently approved by the Board of Trustees, calls for Richmond to enhance its national image. We look at conference affiliation as an important component of the perception and image of both the department of athletics and the University.

By moving to the Atlantic 10, we’re able to join a league whose teams are not only geographically more national, but also of a national reputation for strong athletic competition.

Q. How does athletics contribute to a university’s national reputation?

**Miller:** The television exposure received from playing in the Atlantic 10 will probably be 10 times what we get from playing in the Colonial. We’re going to be involved in a conference that is televised nationally on a regular basis, particularly its men’s basketball.

Richmond is now going to be regularly covered in the news media of Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C. We are going to be competing regularly against programs that are well-known, established universities in those markets. We saw after the announcement was made that we got tremendous and very positive coverage in papers up and down the East Coast, as well as USA Today.

**Stanton:** That coverage will be year-round, too. Men’s basketball will be the bulk of it, but I think with women’s basketball, with fall sports, with spring sports, we’ll receive coverage in all of those markets, which will be positive publicity for the University all year long.

**Miller:** One of our primary strategic goals calls for us to focus on becoming a top-100 athletic program in America as measured by the Sears Cup, which awards points to teams that do well in NCAA tournaments.

We believe with the financial strength of our women’s programs and non-revenue sports, we are going to be very competitive and have a chance to regularly be involved in NCAA tournaments. We’re excited about the possibility of having five to seven teams annually winning conference championships. That will enhance our university’s reputation as well.
Q. Will this change be good for Richmond's current student-athletes?

Goehringer: If I were a student-athlete attending Richmond right now, I would be absolutely thrilled at the prospects of getting into an NCAA championship, which is the goal of almost every one of our programs. Our university will be an impact player in the A-10 almost immediately, particularly our women's teams.

Q. What about ticket sales? It's unlikely that large numbers of visitors' fans are going to travel to Richmond from Philadelphia, New York or Boston to see a game here. Is that going to affect us?

Miller: There are not large numbers of people who travel to away games anywhere nowadays.

There are three reasons why I think our attendance is going to increase after we join the A-10. First, we will be on television — a lot. I think our fans will see us play great teams, teams that have been in the NCAA tournaments the last several years — for example, Temple, Xavier, UMass, Dayton — on a regular basis.

Second, we will be bringing more powerful teams to this area to play — bigger name teams, especially in basketball, where our ticket sales are really driven. Our expectation is that by moving up into the Atlantic 10, we should be able to attract other major basketball programs to play us in the Robins Center.

Third, when we are not playing a national power in our non-conference schedule, we will be playing our traditional in-state rivals: James Madison, VCU, Old Dominion, William & Mary. They'll be replacing other teams on our non-conference schedule that aren't so attractive to our fan base. Our ticket sales will be positively affected by our move to the A-10.

Q. Stories about corruption in intercollegiate athletics are not unusual any more. Does membership in a premier athletic conference mean that the University of Richmond will automatically face those problems?

Miller: I don't think that membership in a more national conference necessarily means that you are facing those issues. That's not to say that any school — any school — can't find itself in a situation where there are violations of NCAA rules. There are many situations that you can't control which may result in a violation.

It comes down to two things: One is the type of people you hire — the type of men and women who coach your teams — and the other is your reaction to those issues. I think most major problems deal more with how a university responds to problems. Do they cover them up? Do they try to deflect the issues?

I know that at this university, we are blessed with having a coaching staff that is committed to winning, committed to graduating student-athletes, committed to providing a great experience for student-athletes while they are here, and they are also committed to doing things the right way.

If there is a problem, we will respond to it appropriately.
Goehring: This is an athletic program of high integrity, but then this is an entire university of high integrity. There is no reason to envision an increase in violations in the future because of a change in conference affiliation. Although the name of our league will change, our commitment to compliance with NCAA rules will certainly not waver.

Q. Moving to the Atlantic 10 could be seen as a decision made to benefit men's basketball. Is that the case?

Miller: Men's basketball is clearly the driving force behind the decision. If it were not in the best interest of men's basketball, we would not be going.

However, if you poll the rest of our coaches — women's basketball, for instance — they are ecstatic about competing in the A-10.

There are some negative issues. There are some sports in which we are moving from a very highly ranked conference to a lower ranked one. But, we believe our coaches will provide great leadership for these programs, and we think that they are going to go into that league and be one of the very top teams, get back into NCAA play and be a power in the A-10.

Atlantic 10 Conference profile with Richmond
Nine of the 12 Atlantic 10 member institutions are private and seven have enrollments of 6,500 or less.

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So, it was important for men's basketball; it does drive the television exposure; it does drive the revenue production; and it was an important, positive step in men's basketball. But it is a positive for other sports, as well.

Q. The University recently completed the task of bringing its athletic program into compliance with Title IX, the law under which men and women receive equitable opportunity to participate and earn scholarships. Will the move to the A-10 affect that?

Miller: It will have no impact on our Title IX compliance. We are in compliance with Title IX, and in fact we are a leader among Division I intercollegiate athletic programs in Title IX compliance. Our student body is approximately 50-50 between males and females. Our participation ratio among our student-athletes is approximately 50-50. Our scholarship division more than meets Title IX requirements.
Goebring: Because we are so gender-equitable, our women—in comparison to what A-10 women have in terms of resources and scholarships—are in a very good position, competitively speaking. We should be in very good shape going into the new conference.

Miller: For us to be a top-100 program in America, which we are now committed to being—a significantly higher performance than Richmond has ever had—we will rely on our women's programs to lead us there. Their success in winning conference championships and being in NCAA play will earn the Sears Cup points that are the measure of quality of the overall athletic program.

The men's programs have been successful in the past and will continue to be.

Q. Richmond is going to be recruiting at a new, higher level. How will Atlantic 10 membership change the character of University of Richmond student-athletes?

Miller: I don't think it will have any negative impact on the academic quality of the students we recruit.

When we first started looking at the Atlantic 10, we conducted a very extensive study comparing all of the institutions in the A-10 and the CAA—athletically, academically, every way we could.

We were surprised to learn the academic profile of the A-10 schools is a much closer fit to Richmond than that of the CAA schools. Of the CAA schools, we are now the only private school; there are nine in the Atlantic 10.

When you compare the academic parameters—entering grade-point averages, entering SAT scores, graduation rates—the A-10 outperforms the CAA in all of those areas as a group. Now, there are fine academic institutions in the CAA, but the A-10 with its preponderance of small private schools having selective admissions more closely resembles the academic profile of our university.

Q. Richmond teams, in some cases, will have to travel farther to play away games. How will that affect class and study time?

Miller: It should have minimal or no effect for a couple of reasons. One, the A-10 schedules in such a way as to minimize missed classes. The best example is baseball, where instead of playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday conference games, you play a doubleheader on Saturday and a single game on Sunday.

Many of the sports only invite top-four programs to tournaments, so you won't be going away several days to a tournament after you've finished eighth or ninth during the regular season.

Actually, we think there could be less missed class time at Richmond after we join the A-10.

Goebring: Also, there aren't requirements in some sports that all A-10 schools play each other. And when you do—let's say a trip to Duquesne—you partner with another school also playing Duquesne and schedule a game with that other school, and play them at Duquesne. That saves a much longer, additional trip.

Stanton: In some sports, intercollegiate teams end up making their long trips for non-conference games. Now, we'll be able to get those short trips for non-conference games with VCU, James Madison and Old Dominion, so our non-conference travel should be much reduced. It will balance out.
Q. The Atlantic 10 invited Richmond to join after commencement last May, when much of the university community was away for the summer. Have you been able to gauge alumni, faculty and student reaction?

Miller: As far as the student body, no — but there were several very unofficial polls during the CAA men’s basketball tournament in March, when the issue was alive the first time around. I probably asked two dozen students there, with painted faces and dressed up crazy in support of our team, and to a person they supported a change to the A-10. Admittedly, they’re strong basketball fans, but the student-athletes on our teams are also excited, as are the coaches, and many alumni.

We have heard from some alumni who would rather see us in the CAA — that’s understandable, because we’ve been there for a long time and had a successful run — but my e-mails, letters and phone calls are 10-to-1 in favor of the move.

Even the people who are unsure about it, when they see the facts and know that the A-10 and Richmond match very well, become much more positive when they see the statistics behind the decision.

Q. Some people think Richmond is spreading its wings in the wrong direction, leaving its traditional rivals and warmer climate in the South for unfamiliar opponents, colder weather and expensive big cities of the North.

Goehring: You certainly can’t argue about the colder weather!

However, we’ve explored the many other variables in depth and are excited about the opportunities we believe await. In reality, of course, only time will tell.

Miller: You won’t find a single coach or administrator who won’t tell you that, from a competitive standpoint, it’s always better to be the southernmost school in a conference. When you are recruiting for all the outdoor sports, you have a recruiting advantage over everyone else.

We are leaving the cozy, comfortable environment of the CAA, that is a fact, although we will maintain rivalries with those schools. All our sports will continue to compete on a regular basis with James Madison, William and Mary, Old Dominion, VCU. We’ll maintain those relationships and still continue to play them annually.

But, if we’re going to succeed at the national level and see how good we can be, we need to jump out of the foxhole and go up the hill. And, that’s what we’ve done. Will we take some nicks and scrapes and bumps and bruises? Yes. We’re not going to jump out and dominate the A-10. But we have started up the hill, to try to be as good as we can be.

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### How Richmond fits the Atlantic 10 academic profile

Atlantic 10 member institutions have performed on par with the Colonial Athletic Association in terms of academic qualifications and graduation rates for students and student-athletes.

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Exploring Realities: Stories of Young Women Making Decisions and Finding Meaning
MAURA WOLF, W'90
Stone Circles, 2000
Young women and the decisions they make about careers, relationships, spirituality and other issues are the focus of this book, which features stories Wolf gleaned from conversations with women across the country. (In some cases, names were changed to protect privacy.)

"I used no scientific process," the author writes in the introduction. "I followed a mysterious path that led me from one woman to the next, never knowing where it would lead me. Interviews were taped on buses, trains, mountaintop and city streets."

Wolf asked each woman three questions: What are the three most significant decisions she made since leaving school? What did she learn from those decisions? And who and what were the people, places and things that influenced the decision-making process. The author includes questions and exercises designed to help readers explore their own life choices.

Wolf, who was profiled in the Winter 2000 University of Richmond Magazine, majored in history and women's studies at Richmond and devoted much of her time to community service. She cofounded the Volunteer Action Council, and helped write a proposal to establish the Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League on campus. Wolf lives in Boston and works with City Year Inc., a national program that seeks to persuade young adults to give time to service.

Eye of the Storm
EDITED BY NELSON D. LANKFORD, R'70, and Charles E. Bryan Jr.
Free Press, 2000
In 1994, four tattered scrapbooks containing more than 500 watercolors were found in a Connecticut bank vault, along with a 5,000-page illustrated memoir. These documents were the life's work of Pvt. Robert Knox Sneden, a Union cartographer during the Civil War. Sneden enlisted in the Union army after the fall of Fort Sumter. As a soldier and mapmaker, he witnessed many of the most famous battles of the war. His diary and paintings, reproduced in this book, bring to life the daily struggle of the common soldier, and are considered some of the most important Civil War documents ever produced. A traveling exhibit of the artwork is scheduled for the New York Historical Society, Atlanta Historical Society, Chicago Historical Society and Huntington Library in Louisiana.

Lankford is editor of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the quarterly journal of the Virginia Historical Society. He has written and edited several other books, including The Last American Aristocrat: The Biography of David K.E. Bruce and An Irishman in Dixie.

Healing an Angry Heart: Finding Solace in a Hostile World
CARDWELL C. NUCKOLS, R'71, and Bill Chickering
Health Communications Inc., 1998
"Never delude yourself into thinking that you can just make your history and your anger disappear." With these words, Cardwell C. Nuckols and his co-author guide readers through the challenges and pain of reconciling with anger. The book chronicles the struggles of real people whose hearts are in conflict over lost jobs, the deaths of loved ones and other adversities. The authors show that by striving to channel the energy of anger into positive actions, those in conflict can begin to find peace.

Nuckols, who lives in Apopka, Fla., holds advanced degrees from Governors State University in University Park, Ill. He is a partner and board member of American Enterprises Solutions Inc., and has written more than 30 journal articles, 14 books and pamphlets, and other publications. He has received national recognition for outstanding contributions to the alcohol and drug addiction fields. His co-author is a communications consultant who has published several books and articles in the fields of business and management, theology, and addiction and recovery.
future president took copious notes and wrote many letters, and compiled so much material that upon his return to America, he wrote a 44-page encyclopedia of his agricultural, economic, architectural and cultural observations. His journey is re-created in this book, which includes photographs of the same images Jefferson viewed; period engravings, portraits and maps; and excerpts from Jefferson's notes and letters. The New York Times called this book "a simple and easy introduction to this dazzling interlude in Jefferson's life."

Moore is a photographer and author; he and his wife took the same trip as Jefferson several times before completing their tome. Lucia C. Stanton, Shannon senior research historian at the Monticello Foundation and a participant in the Richmond Quest symposium on the relationship between Jefferson and Hemings, contributed the book's introduction.

**FACULTY BOOKS**

**Conceiving Spirits: Birth Rituals and Contested Identities Among Lauje of Indonesia**

Dr. Jennifer W. Nourse, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Smithsonian Institution Press, 1999

Until recently, Inner and Outer Indonesia were considered two geographically and culturally distinct areas. Here, Nourse brings the two Indonases together in one study as she focuses on a variety of communities inhabited by one ethnic or linguistic group called the Lauje. She explores their ideas about birth spirits, identity and religion, and considers how these ideas create a complex and diverse mix of local and global ideas.

Nourse focuses on broad social patterns as well as individuality, dissonance and disagreement. Conceiving Spirits is part of the Smithsonian Series in Ethnographic Inquiry. Nourse writes in her book's introduction that many of her key ideas were developed during her 1997 sabbatical from Richmond.

**Learning Literature in an Era of Change**

Edited by Dr. Dona Hickey, Associate Professor of English, and Donna Reiss

Stylus Publishing, 2000

In response to challenges and changes in higher education, new and seasoned professors of literature confront the questions of cultural, print and computer literacy. Specifically, how do they apply their thinking about new literacies to their literature classes? This book presents a range of strategies developed by teachers of literature who have heard the call from students, employers and academic administrators for more relevant learning experiences in an ever-changing world.

Integrating critical theory and classroom experience, the contributors demonstrate how they foster learning, collaboration and cooperation, and creative thinking. These practicing teachers offer an exciting range of new models where professors are partners in learning, and where education is not delivered but discovered and disseminated.

Hickey teaches literature and composition at Richmond, and is the author of Developing a Written Voice and Figures of Thought for College Writers. Her co-author is an associate professor of English and humanities, and coordinator of online learning at Tidewater Community College.

**Old Taoist: The Life, Art, and Poetry of Kodojin**

Dr. Stephen L. Addiss, Professor of Art

Columbia University Press, 2000

In early modern Japan, Chinese and Japanese arts flourished side by side. Japanese artists delved deeply into Chinese painting, calligraphy, literature and religion, often measuring their own achievements against those of their Chinese counterparts while cultivating native Japanese poetic and calligraphic forms.

Kodojin (1865-1944) the "Old Taoist," was the last of these great poet-painters in Japan. He composed a number of poems and ink paintings while living quietly and modestly. His reliance on the values of a literati lifestyle met many challenges as Japan transformed itself into an industrial and militarized nation, but he never wavered in his behavior or his art.

This book brings together 150 of Kodojin's Chinese poems, more than 100 of his haiku and tanka, and many examples of his calligraphy and ink paintings. Addiss details the importance of the poet-painter tradition, outlines the life of Kodojin, and offers a critical appraisal of his work.

Addiss, the Tucker-Boatwright Professor of Humanities at Richmond, is the author of several other books including The Art of Zen: Paintings and Calligraphy by Japanese Monks 1600-1925 and How to Look at Japanese Art.

**The University of Richmond, 1971-1999: A Survey of Its History in an Era of Transition**

W. Harrison Daniel

The Print Shop, University of Richmond, 2000

The closing three decades of the 20th century were ones of almost constant change at Richmond. Taking up where Reuben Alley's History of the University of Richmond (University Press of Virginia, 1977) ends, this account traces the University's history from 1971 until the inauguration of the institution's eighth president, Dr. William E. Cooper, in April 1999.

Chapters include administrative changes, diversity in curriculum and community, gender issues, and the library and campus communications. "Through the benefit of hindsight...it can be acknowledged that the magnificent gift to the university in 1969 by the E. Claiborne Robins family signaled the end of a long episode in the history of the University of Richmond," the author writes. "This gift ushered in a time of change, development, growth, and optimism which has continued unabated as the institution prepares, with vigor and confidence, to enter the new millennium."

Mary Tyler Prichard, W, of Black Mountain, N.C., continues to tutor a second-grader in her church's literacy program and she is teaching a 54-year-old woman to read. In addition, she volunteers in the Read-Me-A-Story program at the local correctional center.

W.W. "Bill" Wright, R, has been retired for eight years and is enjoying good health while living at Cedarfield in Richmond. His son, W. Witt Wright Jr., died of cancer Dec. 27, 1999. The Watt Wright House in Harrisonburg, Va., a home for the developmentally disabled, was named in his honor.


Rev. George R.M. Rumney, R, a retired colonel in the Air Force and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, has two children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He lives in Danville, Va.

R. Franklin Hough Jr., R, of Salem, Va., has been retired for 14 years. He celebrated his 80th birthday last November and last June he and his wife celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild, Amelia Lits Isley, as well as 50 years of marriage. On his anniversary, he made a hole-in-one.

We attended the Boatwright Society banquet on Friday night, the Alumni Picnic at noon Saturday and a very nice dinner with the Richmond College alumni and the class of 1940 (don't ask us why we didn't know any of them, and vice versa). The highlight of the weekend, as always, was the Sunday brunch at the home of Liz Parker Cone and Howard. Their gracious hospitality has become the customary and much-anticipated culmination of our reunions. Thanks, Liz and Howard.

There were notes — some happy and some not — from several classmates who were unable to attend. Libby Kibler Keihn wrote that she and Fred had been in and out of the hospital last year. Nancy Leslie Chambers is confined to a wheelchair as the result of a reaction to a prescription drug. Ruth Hiller Johnson is recovering at home from major surgery in the early spring. We wish a quick and complete recovery to all of you.

Ann Twombly Leland Cross was unable to attend the reunion because her husband, Ernie, was retiring from his administrative position at Calgate. Ann says they are building a home on Cape Cod at North Truro and hope to move in by September.

Virginia Cunningham Rose wrote that she was in Richmond reunion weekend, but was with John attending the MCV 50th reunion. She said she thought about us.

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of four classmates since our 50th reunion: Alice Rawings Johnson, Conway Bibb Van Slyke, Lydia Crabtree Love and Christy Lou Miller Russell.

Also said to report are the deaths of three spouses: Mary Campbell Paulson's husband, Jack; Betty Clement Adair's husband, Eddie; and Martha Clifton Jones' husband, Bert. Our thoughts and sympathies are with all of them.

Liz Parker Cone and Howard took a not-so-wonderful riverboat trip in France, fraught with mishaps and inconveniences, not the least of which was a case of food poisoning for Liz. Gladys Kauffman Metz has just returned from a garden tour of England with her daughter.

Certainly one of our most traveled classmates is Audrey Grubin Fixell, who, with her husband, Les, makes at least three trips a year to foreign countries. Audrey and Les attended the reunion — her first ever — and she assures us she won't miss another.

Nat Heller Barnicle and John travel around the country quite a bit, conducting bridge tournaments. Nat showed us pictures of some of her beautiful quilts. What talent! Nat was able to contact Leah Levin Abraham, who said she and her husband keep busy and well. Their oldest grandchild graduated summa cum laude from Longwood College this year.

Linton and I moved here from Texas last April. It's so good to be back in "God's country" after 37 years in Texas. Thankfully, we were here in January when Linton's 105-year-old mother passed away. What an inspiration she was.

Ann Clark Howe has written a book for teachers, Case Studies in Elementary Science Education, and she keeps busy as a consultant and presenter at symposiums addressing the teaching of science and math. This year Ann has traveled to Crete and France. She says that Chuck doesn't enjoy foreign travel, so she goes with friends and other family members.

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Mary Lou Coghill Miller, W., and Charlie moved to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, Va., in October 1998. Despite her severe fibromyalgia, she and her husband continue to spend time each spring in Duck, N.C., and take trips down the Intracoastal Waterway. She enjoys a close relationship with her granddaughter Hillary, whose mother was Mary Lou’s late daughter, Lydia.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

Mimi Daffron Horgan
4640 Stuart Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226

I had a wonderful newy letter from Howie Bingham Kiser in January. She stays busy with her church and has been helping Luke get ready for his 25th reunion at Princeton University. They enjoy their home, but were in Idaho for a few days in January.

Howie, Lisa and David had a great trip out West in July. They went as far as Yellowstone National Park. Howe was trying to persuade her sister, Bonnie, to come to New Jersey to live so that she could be closer to family. David, who will be a high school senior next year, is looking at colleges in Virginia and North Carolina.

In mid-April Jack and I had a great surprise visit from Betty O’Brien Yeats and Joe. They were in town for the 50th-anniversary celebration of some Army friends. They looked and seemed very well. Their sons, Will and James, are married and live close by. Daughter Kacey is now in Anderson, S.C. Betty and Joe were on their way back from a visit with her.

Gin Ellet, our constant traveler, enjoyed a barge trip through Holland in April. Helen Cole Richardson and Straughan also enjoyed a European vacation this spring. Their trip included cruising on the Rhine and Danube rivers.

In April I had lunch with Marylou Massie Cumby at the Virginia Museum. The occasion was a visit from Alma McWherter from Decatur, Ga. She was with us for the first two years at Westminster and then transferred to the University of Georgia. Betty Tinsley Andrews, Bev Patton Browne, Gin Ellet and Dee Davenport (she was also with us two years) joined the party.

I am sorry to report the death of Dr. Julia Dickinson Phillips of Dallas, Ore. She was a retired health officer with the Oregon State Board of Health. She earned her medical degree from MCV in Richmond.

Jean Moody Vincent met her husband, Stuart, at Ida and Woodfin’s wedding 50 years ago, so this was an anniversary of sorts for them.

Marilyn Alexander Kubo’s husband, Ed, had open-heart surgery but is doing very nicely now. We all hope his recovery is a quick and speedy one.

I have just returned from my hip replacement and have resumed my usual activities.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

Mildred Lee “Mimi” Anderson Gill
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Richmond, VA 23229

Fiftieth wedding anniversaries are the big thing again in this letter and I am certain there are many others celebrating who have not contacted me.

Walter V. Powell, ’54, spent a semester on a faculty exchange at Shanghai University.

Mick and Jane Dens McManigal took their entire family (four children, spouses, and all 10 grandchildren) to Maui, Hawaii, where they occupied individual cluster cottages so each family had both their privacy and the companionship of the rest — most of the time. A good arrangement! Ben and Lou Winn McConochie spent their 50th at the scene of the crime, where they actually spent their honeymoon 50 years ago at the High Hampton Inn at Cashiers in the beautiful North Carolina Smokey Mountains. Their three children and two grandchildren joined them for a week.

Tom and Flo Gray Tullidge took their children and grandchildren to Tides Inn to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Before that, however, they went to Tommy’s 50th reunion at the West Point Military Academy. Their oldest grandson graduated from Furman and his sister from Collegiate School.

Woodfin and Ida Eanes Patrick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a lovely party in Hampton, Va., given by their children. Quite a few Westminster gals attended.

Elizabeth Wilburn Hooker and Mimi Anderson Gill stopped in Williamsburg, Va., to meet Audrey Bradford Sauer, and after the party they returned to Richmond.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

Gina Herrink Coppock
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Congratulations to Frances Allen Schools’ son, David. Collegiate School has established the Schools Family Scholarship Fund to benefit a musically talented Collegiate student and to honor both David and Frances. Frances traveled to Athens, Ga., last March and then went on to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a visit with Nancy Taylor Johnson and Betty Musney Spatz and Bob. Paul Abernethy Kelton’s 99-year-old mother-in-law died in February. She had been living in Davidson, N.C., near Paula and John.

Howard Haynie, R., recently retired from Unioys Corp., where he was a marketing director. He lives in Reston, Va.

Walter V. Powell, ’54, spent the spring semester on a faculty exchange at Shanghai University.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

Edith “Edie” Jackson Jones
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Barbara Bull Tull has made quite a name for herself on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She is involved in the proposed Pocomoke River Discovery Center, a marine science/heritage museum which will be built on the riverfront in Pocomoke City. Md. Barbara is chairperson of the Pocomoke Marketing Partnership, which is coordinating fund raising and promotional activities. This project has gotten enthusiastic support from the governor’s office and the Maryland university system. You make us proud, Barbara!

Two of our classmates have had serious health problems: Lucy “Polly” Newman Smith and Nancy Lay are now in their respective homes after hospitalization and surgery. I understand Polly is making good progress and Nancy says she’s feeling wonderful. Barbara Cronin Lovell was with Nancy after she came home from the hospital and served as “chief cook and bottle-washer.” There has been a large “hot line” among us as we’ve shared information about Nancy and Polly. We have known each other for 50 years and we’re still a close-knit class. Some of the news I’ve picked up from our hot line concerns trips. Nancy Graham Harrell and Walter have been to France; Susie Kegan Nustle and her sister are planning a trip to Spain and France; and Jo Sue Leonard Simpson and Rem hope to travel to the Baltics and to Antarctica. Winston and I have done a little domestic traveling — Georgia, Florida and Charlottesville, Va.

Margaret Hull Flippin, W., of Ft. Myers, Fla., enjoys playing golf and is president of the Women’s 9-Hole Golf Association in her community. She also directs the Seven Lakes Chorus.
From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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It is hard to believe it has been 45 years since we graduated from Westhampton College. On April 28-29, 30 of us returned to reminisce about old times and just enjoy being together again.

The weekend started on Friday night with a lunch at the Sine Irish Pub in Shockoe Slip, followed by a narrated boat ride on the canal. Friday evening we gathered for a reception in the Rosenthal Living Room at the beautiful new Jepson Alumni Center, and then a catered dinner in the Rosenbaum Conference Room. The tables were decorated with beautiful arrangements of flowers provided by Betty Leigh Stembridge Leggett, Jody Weaver Wampler brought her keyboard and with Joy Winstead as our song leader, we sang many of our favorite college songs including “The Odds Born in Us,” our winning original proclamation song written by Ann Allen, Marty Glenn Taylor and others.

Marty Glenn Taylor and Alice McCartney Haggerty, our fund raisers, discussed plans for donations during the next five years. We hope we will have a significant amount for a gift to Westhampton College in 2005. When you make your contributions, be sure to mark your check “Westhampton College Class of ’55 — 50th Reunion Account.”

Our class photo was taken Friday night. If anyone did not get an order form, a picture may be ordered by sending $11 to: Photography By Burroughs, Inc., 1906 Sweetwater Lane, Richmond, VA 23229.

Class officers elected to serve the next five years are: Jean Crittenden Kauffman, president, and Joy Winstead, secretary. Joy’s address is 122 Holly Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188, or you can e-mail her at winstead@wdmkamer.com.

Saturday morning found some of us back in class. At noon all reunion classes enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Jepson Alumni Center followed by a trolley tour of the campus. Saturday evening a dinner was held at the lovely home of George and Joyce Tiley for the class of ’55 from Richmond College, the business school, and Westhampton College. We thank the Tiley’s for inviting us. Sunday morning found us once again enjoying brunch at the home of Burrell Williams Stultz. This has become an anticipated event which Burrell graciously hosts. Our thanks go to him.


Miriam Thurston Butt reports that she lives in Columbia, Mo., where she was a nurse, taught nursing and later worked in pharmaceutical research until she retired in 1993. Miriam has five children and four grandchildren. She enjoys playing in a community orchestra and in chamber music groups. Her husband retired from a career in academic medicine in 1995. They spend five months a year in Nova Scotia. They enjoy gardening, sailing and spending time with their family and friends.

My news since the reunion is the birth of our 13th grandchild, Laura Grace Wormald, born to Kenneth (our youngest son who also attended the University of Richmond) and his wife, Rachel, on May 11.

We are sorry to hear that in the last five years we have lost two classmates: Dot Sink Smithers and Helen Thompson Olstad. From the faculty we know of the deaths of Dr. Chalidley, Miss Bell and Miss Rudd.

We held the 50th Reunion, count.

Eugene H. Farley Jr., BBA, recently retired as president of the Washington, D.C., and Virginia Credit Union Leagues. He was recognized in conjunction with the national Governmental Affairs Conference, sponsored by the Credit Union National Association. A new award, the Eugene Farley League Leadership Award, was established to honor his 40-year credit union career. He also received the Herb Wegner Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Credit Union Foundation.

Helen Siner Wood, W, of Richmond, and her husband, Rudy, are held field coordinators for the Virginia — AATA Baptist Partnership which began in January. They lived in Vienna, Austria, from May through September to facilitate travel and voluntary ministry of teams coming from Virginia to assist Austrian churches in various endeavors.

Lisa Simmonds Smart wrote that she and her husband, Bob, are enjoying a group called Senior University, which offers three series of classes a year covering a wide variety of subjects. She reported taking Great Books and a series on Russia with this group. She also said she has begun to send her book, “Teach Your Child Without His Noticing,” to agents and publishers so she has to settle herself for possible rejections. We surely wish her good fortune with getting it published. She loves to go to Dallas once or twice a month to enjoy her grandson.

On March 25, several of us enjoyed the Richmond Club annual association meeting and lunch in the Jepson Alumni Center. Those attending included Anne Pope Kitchen, Mary Lou Lamb and her daughter, Beth Lamb Berger, W ’86; Janet Knobel Jones, Helen Melton Lukhardt; and Edna Wagarst Warrick. We enjoyed hearing the new dean of the E.C. Claiborne Robins School of Business, Dr. Karen L. Newman, speak. We wished that more of the members of our class had been able to attend.

There are so many programs for the current Westhamptonites to study abroad these days and isn’t wonderful that one of “our” grandchildren has had the opportunity to participate? Helen and Janet Knobel Jones continue to enjoy conducting tours of the Jepson Alumni Center on various occasions.

My trip through the Panama Canal with stops in Aruba, the San Blas Islands, Costa Rica and Guatemala followed by land travel in Mexico during November was really special. The canal was not as I had pictured it to be; it was much more spectacular. The devastation of earthquakes and volcanoes was evident in much of our sightseeing.

Eugene H. Farley Jr., BBA, received the Herb Wegner Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Credit Union Foundation.

We learned that Elizabeth Nichols, granddaughter of Helen Lukhardt and Dee, is attending the School of Art at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she is majoring in painting. Elizabeth is the younger sister of Rebecca, who is a senior at Westhampton. Their late mother, Lindsay Lukhardt Nichols, was a 1976 graduate of Westhampton.
Charles Saunders, B, of Hopewell, Va., retired as public school administrator after 30 years of service in Prince George, Va. He now works part-time as a supervisor of student teachers at Longwood College. In February 1996 he retired as colonel in the Army Reserves with 36 years of service.

Franklin Wolf, R, is president of Eveready Corp. He was elected president of the Central Virginia chapter of Air Conditioning Contractors of America.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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As part of our 40th reunion celebration, 26 of our classmates enjoyed a delicious buffet in the Deaneary on Friday evening, watched over by Miss Lutz’s fantastic presents. We all owe Laurett Burnett Lonnes a big thank you for a superb job of planning and organizing both the Friday and Saturday night festivities. Emelyn St. Clair key, her right-hand woman, even organized door prizes. Laurett did such a great job that we asked her to do it again in 2005. She graciously consented. I agreed to take on the secretary's job, replacing Lynn Mapp Wiggins. Thank you, Lynn, for a job well done.

From the Cohan we submitted, it looks like most of us are becoming computer literate, enjoying grandchildren and traveling all over the world. Here are a few of your answers from the questionnaire for the benefit of those who didn’t see the finished result. Betty Brown Ceech and her husband, Frank, collect antique perfume bottles, some over 2,000 years old, and have been editing a full-color magazine for an association of antique collectors.

Mary Cooley Malone and her husband, Dick, have been enjoying RV travel and have just returned from a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Florida.

Meurial Webb McLean has retired, but is still devoting volunteer time to help students, particularly through Literacy Volunteers of America.

Loretta Hudgins Johnson is the manager of the housewares department at Hudson Bell Crabtree Mall in Raleigh, N.C.

Sue Ludington Jones is still working full time for Moser Funeral Home in Warrenton, Va., and has been busy chairing the 150th anniversary celebration at Warrenton Baptist Church where her husband, Sam, retired as senior pastor in September 1999.

Mary Lou Walden Wagner and her husband, Scott, are still enjoying membership in a wine group, which went to Italy for its 20th anniversary and is going to Oregon in August for its 25th.

The 10 of us in Richmond in the Town Investment Group enjoyed meeting, socializing, learning and making money each month. Yes, we are actually doing quite well, thanks particularly to the guidance of Becky Grissom Van Ausdall.

The Causes were joined by sons Robert and Andy for a trip to Whidbey Island, Wash., to visit their son Kurt and his family for Christmas. The Causes moved to Williamsburg, Va., in January and have welcomed Barbara’s family into their home. Bob will commute to Richmond as he continues to work for Salomon Smith Barney.

Jessica Scarborough Burmester and her husband, Raymond, continue their advocacy work on behalf of people with mental disabilities. Raymond is serving on the Governor’s Commission on Community Services and In-Patient Care. and Jessica is first vice chairman of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards. These duties mean that Jessica and Raymond travel frequently to Richmond and other parts of Virginia. Being retired means that they also can be world travelers. Last March they enjoyed a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Sallie Magruder Rauls recently got together with Sally Spiller Settle, Nancy Tingle Taylor and Kitty Thoburn Neale. She reports that their main topic of conversation is grandchildren. When they all up add all the little ones, there are eight.

For the last 12 years, Betty Hillman Kidwell and her husband, Gerald, R’60, of Springfield, Va., have spent most of each summer at their Ocean City, Md., condo. Joining them every year for a short visit are Glen Tyler, R’63, and his wife, Myre, from Onancock, Va., and Michael “Mike” Witt, R’61, and his wife from Arlington Heights, Ill. Betty has two daughters and five grandchildren.

Robert E. Howe, R, of the International Association of Machinists’ Center for Administering Rehabilitation and Employment Services, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Carolyn Anthony Powers, W, of Richmond, still works at Courtside West. She stays busy as a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Maxwell G. Cise, G, with Cherry, Beltak & Holland, has been elected president of Gateway Homes of Greater Richmond Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides transitional living opportunities for adults with chronic mental illness.

John Moore, R and G’71, is a grandfather to James Barnabas Barnes’ Moreau, son of Scott and Vicky Lee Moore.

Elaine Robertson Snyder, W, lives in Newington, Conn. Hersoon, David, who lives in nearby Groton, Conn., is retiring from 20 years of submarine service. Her daughter, Amy Snyder Hale, B’93, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Ph.D. in physics and will live in Los Angeles with her husband, David. Amy will be doing research at Mount Wilson Observatory. Snyder has two grandchildren, Gwendolyn, 6, and Nathaniel, 4.

Louis Oliver Wilson, W, and her husband, Christopher, are moving after 35 years in Canada to their family home in Norfolk, Va., so that they can be near their two sons and two granddaughters. Chris will continue consulting in health administration and Louis plans to job hunt.

Robert H. Colgin, R, recently retired as director of the Navy Mid-Atlantic Region Materials Test Laboratory. He had worked in the Navy 35 years. He and his wife, Peggy, the director of a private school at their church, have two grown children, Robert and Michael.

Sanders T. “Bud” Schoolar III, B, and a member of the Board of Associates, was elected to the board of trustees of the Westminster-Canterbury Foundation.


Robert Miskimon, R, of Vashon Island, Wash., is a medical writer for CBS News/Medscape. He had his second novel, What Death Can Teach, published by PublishingOnline.com of Seattle.

C. Anthony Ruffa, R and G’74, of Tokyo, is the first foreign teacher to be promoted to the rank of professor at Jumonji Women’s University, where he teaches English and Spanish. He also teaches global issues and American culture on the adjunct faculty at Shikaura Institute of Technology in Saitama, Japan, and publishes English testing materials for the TOEFL and TOEIC, for Arintake Publishing in Tokyo.
Ralph "Bill" Axelle Jr., has been elected to the board of directors of the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, Va.

Don Jordan, R., was promoted to branch manager at C&F Mortgage. He is a vice president and loan officer at the Richmond south office.

Robert S. "Bobby" Ukerop, B and a member of the Board of Trustees, is a member of the Salvation Army’s Leadership Council.

Frank Buhman, R., has left Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary to become coordinator of communications and networking for the Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Camp Hill, Pa. The Synod is an intermediate governing body of the Presbyterian Church covering some 1,350 churches and more than 300,000 members in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He continues to live in Carroll Valley, Pa.

Charles Felsing, B, is a member of the Salvation Army’s Leadership Council.

Linda Niemann Evans, W, is a cofounder of the Solution Group LLC, a full-service public relations agency in Glen Allen, Va. She had been the director of public relations for Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va.

R. Matthew Hall, R., was promoted to senior vice president of BB&T. He joined the bank in 1997.

Richard P. Snedler, Jr., B, recently moved to Chicago to accept a new position. He is vice president and controller of True North Communications Inc.

W. Thomas Hudson, L, of Richmond, has been appointed to the Virginia Coal and Energy Commission board.

William E. Martin Jr., B, was profiled in the “Decision Makers” column of the Metro Business section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He has joined the Bank of Hanover as president and CEO.

Dr. A. Dennis Watson, B, received the U.S. Dept. of Transportation Surface Transportation Board’s Meritorious Service and Team awards for his work with the media on the recent CSX-Norfolk Southern-Conrail railroad merger. It was the nation’s largest such merger to date. He is the Surface Transportation Board’s director of media affairs.

DeLane Williams Porter, W, has been appointed to the board of directors of Virginia’s Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

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Richard Cullen, L, a partner with McGuireWoods LLP has been appointed to direct the firm’s government investigations practice.

Grant S. Grayson, L, and Bruce E. Arkema, L’79, have been elected to the board of directors at Cantor, Arkema & Edmonds.

John C. "Jack" Gould, L, has become associated with Marks & Harrison. He had served as the Hopewell, Va., commonwealth’s attorney for 15 years.

Dr. W. Stanley Jennings Jr., G, of Richmond, has joined the board of directors of Gateway Homes.

Beth L. Kaufman, L, was elected to the executive committee class of 2004 for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. She is a partner with Schoeman Updike & Kaufman.

Bruce M. Marshall, L, an attorney with Durette, Irvin & Bradshaw, was elected vice president of the firm’s board of directors.

Colleen McVally, B, with the Virginia Health Quality Center, has earned the Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality credential from the National Association for Healthcare Quality.

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Susan Hazelwood Buffleington, L, is vice president of operations for Porter Realty Co. in Richmond.

Stephen D. Busch, L, of Richmond, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Delta Waterfowl Foundation, an international conservation organization. He is an attorney at McGuireWoods LLP.


Earl H. McIlhenny Jr., L, of Richmond, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Commonwealth Competition Council.

Julia D. Yoe, L, has retired as assistant attorney general in the office of the attorney general in Suffolk, Va.

Lavinia James Vaughn, G and L’83, was recently elected a shareholder in the Tampa, Fla., firm of Carlson Fields, where she practices real estate and commercial transactions.
Leading the Lake Society

When John L. Stultz, B'58, arrived at the University of Richmond, he didn’t know anything about his future alma mater except that it was “some school with a lake.” After serving in Korea and working for a few years, the 24-year-old Norfolk native enrolled at Richmond because it was “the first school to accept” him.

Petersburg native Burrell Williams Stultz, W'55, selected Westhampton because of its proximity to home. The niece of two former University students, Burrell applied to many colleges but eventually selected Westhampton.

In the fall of 1954, John and Burrell were set up on a blind date. Although they had met previously, John did not make the immediate connection. They were married in 1956 during John’s sophomore year. Burrell, who graduated with an elementary education major and math and sociology minors, began teaching third grade, while John continued studying toward a bachelor’s degree in business. During his senior year, he served as president of Kappa Alpha fraternity, while his young bride was honored as the KA Rose.

Although Burrell and John had wonderful memories of their college years, neither became involved in alumni activities immediately after graduation, despite remaining in Richmond. Dividing their time between their young daughter, work, local volunteer activities and travel, they had little time for much else.

However, as their daughter grew older and Burrell phased out of her local volunteer commitments so she could return to teaching, the Stultzes began volunteering for and attending more alumni events.

Today, the Stultzes are co-chairpersons of the Lake Society, a group that provides hands-on volunteer assistance for a variety of University activities. The group’s members—couples where at least one individual is a Richmond graduate—can be found volunteering at Arts Around the Lake, serving as ushers for plays and concerts, registering alumni for Homecoming events, or hosting international students during their time at the University. John and Burrell say they like the group because it allows them to spend their volunteer time together.

The Stultzes also find time to share their energy with Richmond on an individual basis. Burrell serves on the committee that developed the criteria for the new executive director of alumni, and currently gives tours of the Jepson Alumni Center through her participation as a chatelaine. John is serving on the alumni advisory board, which is studying how to increase involvement with the University by the school’s 36,000 alumni.

“We do just about anything [the alumni office] asks us to do,” says John, who retired as the vice president of marketing for a small insurance company in 1993. When he’s not busy with University activities, John, an avid fisherman, also donates his time to his church as a volunteer landscaper and bus driver.

Not yet ready to retire, Burrell teaches science part time at the Collegiate School in Richmond. In addition to being involved with professional teaching organizations and the University, she says she “loves sports and loves to dance;” taking all types of classes, including shag and line dancing.

University of Richmond volunteer efforts are not the only activities the Stultzes share, however. Burrell and John are active with an outreach program through their church, and they love to travel and explore bed and breakfasts. They especially enjoy vacationing in Georgia, where their daughter lives with her husband and two children.

The University has been and continues to be an important part of the Stultzes’ lives. A member of her class reunion committee, Burrell has remained close to her classmates, getting together with many of them every few months. Whenever possible, Burrell takes courses at Richmond to renew her teaching certification and has conducted workshops with Dr. Mavis Brown, associate professor of education. And each weekday, she drives through campus on her way home from teaching.

John, who developed lasting friendships with many of his fraternity brothers, also is a frequent visitor to the Richmond campus, whether he’s taking out-of-town guests on a tour or driving his church’s elderly parishioners through for another visit. And in true Spider fashion, the Stultzes participated in a catalog photo shoot for the University Bookstore a few years ago, modeling sweatshirts in the heat of August.

As for the future of the University, John says he hopes to see the school continue to grow academically while still maintaining its small size.

“I really do think if I hadn’t had such a good experience [at Richmond],” says Burrell, “I wouldn’t be so involved in alumni activities.”
Karen M. Adams, L., is president-elect of the Henrico County Bar Association. She is with the Henrico County attorney’s office. Melanie Massey Anderson, B., of Nashville, Tenn., recently was promoted to director at SunTrust Equitable Securities Corp, where she is an institutional fixed income broker. She and her husband, Joe, have two children, Erin and Abigail. Her husband is a pilot for American Airlines.

Joseph D. Gillet, B., of Santa Monica, Calif., founded saduddle.com, a broadband network for the equestrian world. Terre Everett Hoo, W., and her husband, Charles, live in Mechanicsville, Va., with their children: Erin, 11; Lindsey, 9; and twins Austin and Savannah, 5. She is an independent kitchen consultant for the Pamped Chef. Patricia A.L. Nunley, L., has been promoted to assistant general counsel at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Martha Williams Prideaux, B., has been elected secretary of the board of directors of the Southport Association, an organization of businesses in the Southport Business Park in Midlothian, Va. She is with Holiday Barn Pet Resorts.

Richard D. Rasor Jr., R., of Larchmont, N.Y., has joined CBS Sportsline Internet advertising sales in Manhattan after several years with St. and Wening magazines. He and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, Drew, 3, and Ryan, 2.

Jill Somers Avenos, W., of Richmond, works part time in human resources at the Collegiate School. She has three children: Bobby, 5; John Ryan, 3; and Lydia, 2.

Terry Granger-Duby, W’85, is a special agent with the FBI.

J. Thomas Bradley Jr., B., of Essex Falls, N.J., recently was named president of TD Waterhouse Group’s institutional services business and executive vice president of the company. He and his wife, Susan, have four children.

Erica Orloff Diaz, W., of Boca Raton, Fla., is president of WorldMaster Inc. She recently signed a book deal with St. Martins Press for a book on popular culture. She also has four children’s books coming out in the next year that are based on a new children’s television program. Thomas M. DiBiagi, L., is a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Dyer Ellis & Joseph. He practices in the areas of white-collar defense and commercial litigation.

Terry Granger-Duby, W’85, of Vienna, Va., is a special agent with the FBI. She and her husband, a senior software engineer, have a daughter, Casey, 1. Bradley L. Johnson, R., of Clinton, Tenn., is co-owner and managing member of Open Access Mortgage Co., LLC. His company does conventional and nonconventional first and second mortgages as well as development and commercial lending.

Carolyn Lavecchia, L., of Richmond, with Williamson & Lavecchia, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the advisory council of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children.

Richard Tyler McGrath, L., has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore to the board of the Miller School of Albemarle. He is an attorney with Kane, Jeffries, Gayle and McGrath.

Megan Thomson Armstrong, W., and her husband have relocated from California to Watchung, N.J., for her husband’s new job with Johnson & Johnson as a senior environmental engineer. She is at home with their children: Lexi, 5; Taylor, 3; and William, 1.

Ann Mathis Ballinger, W., of Richmond, is a teacher at Tappahannock Elementary School. Shields Ferber, R., of Bernardsville, N.J., opened his sixth microbrewery in New Jersey. His company, Brewing in Flavorful Vistas, will be listed on the NASDAQ under the symbol BHFF. He hopes to open a chain of microbreweries in his home state of Florida.

James C. Cosby, L., has joined Cantor Arkema & Edmonds as a partner and director. He will practice in the area of commercial litigation and arbitration, representing clients in securities and financial services, real estate development, and construction and technology industries. He is an adjunct assistant professor of law at Richmond, and previously was an associate and partner with Maloney, Huennekens, Parks, Gecker & Parsons.

Dawn Bonham DeBoer, L., has been elected a partner at the Richmond law firm of Mays & Valentine. She is a member of the firm’s business and commercial litigation practice group.

Dr. Mary Durgin Iacocca, W., of Chapel Hill, N.C., is a physician in the department of pathology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.


Karen Lebo, L., of Richmond, is a member of the board of directors of the advisory council of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. She works in the attorney general’s office.

Joseph V. Murray Jr., C of Richmond, was promoted to director of finance for the Capital Region Airport Commission. He joined the commission in 1985 and was promoted to comptroller in 1997.

Mary Anne McConnelly, B., joined the firm of Solot, Behot and Fiorenzo in Hackensack, N.J. A former certified public accountant, she has six years of practice in civil litigation matters.


Paul Sweeney, B., of Summit, N.J., is a managing director in the equity research department of Credit Suisse First Boston. He and his wife, Karen, have three children: twins Julia and Kieran, 4; and Jordan, 1.

Dana B. Sykes, L., of Richmond, has been named senior counsel at Hamiton Beach/Proctor Salle, where she will be responsible for corporate and commercial issues.

Mary Colleen Broderick Hurley, W., of Ridgewood, N.J., is manager of international human resources for Grey Global Communications in New York City. She and her husband, Michael, have two sons, Jack, 4, and ‘Brody,” 1.
Richmond area to the campus to exhibit their art. Since 1994, Vogler has been an alumna volunteer with Arts Around the Lake, one of the biggest annual events on campus.

"I don't paint anymore—that's something I'll have to do when I get older," jokes Vogler about her busy life as a part-time training coordinator for US Airways and mother of two daughters. "I am one of those frustrated, non-working artists. ... Arts Around the Lake satisfies a lot of that."

Vogler first began volunteering on the Arts Around the Lake committee when a friend asked her to help. "I had been to [Arts Around the Lake] many times but it was just because someone reached out to me that I got involved," she says. "I was working part-time and looking for a volunteer opportunity. I have been working with it ever since."

Today, Vogler is co-chairwoman of the event with artist Joanne Gill Worth, W’68, leading a 12-person committee through the nearly year-long process of planning for the event. Vogler estimates that her committee puts in about 450 hours, while she herself spends dozens of hours each year gearing up for Arts Around the Lake.

"The primary reason I like it is because it draws so many people from the community to campus for something other than athletics," Vogler explains of her interest in Arts Around the Lake, adding that last year, the event brought nearly 20,000 people to the University. "I like that it reaches out to the community, that it's for the arts and it supports a scholarship fund."

This Oct. 8, Arts Around the Lake celebrated its 21st year, drawing nearly 100 artists from the Richmond area to the campus to exhibit their art. The show is juried by the Arts Around the Lake committee, meaning that artists who want to display work in the show must be voted in on the merits of their work.

Admission to the show, which is always held the Sunday of Family Weekend, is free, although artists must pay to rent space at the show. Funds collected—from the artists, from food vendor fees and from sales of promotional items—are contributed to the Richmond Club of the Westhampton College Alumni Association for a scholarship. Last year, the event raised $4,000—the most ever—for the scholarship fund.

Vogler says Arts Around the Lake is a natural alumni activity for her to get involved with not only because it connects her with her art—one of her favorite things—but because it also draws upon the events-planning experience she gained while she was chairwoman of the University Student Union at Richmond.

As the first female head of this organization, Vogler planned campus activities such as concerts in the Robins Center using money from the student activities fund. She credits this experience with giving her self-confidence and with helping her to meet her husband, James Vogler, R’77.

While she was a student at the University, Vogler also was a teaching assistant in the art department; worked in the student activities office; took photos for the yearbook; was an orientation counselor; and swam on the swim team her freshman year. But despite her campus involvement, and the fact that she chose to remain in Richmond following graduation (she is originally from Daytona Beach, Fla.) she was reluctant to get involved in alumni activities.

"When I graduated we didn't have a Young Grad program like they do now," she explains. "When I finished school, I felt like you didn't come back to campus until you were a grown-up. ... But I have always had an affection for UR and I think my involvement has gotten me more in touch with what is going on there now. It's been a kind of circle. I've rediscovered my feelings for the school by being involved on campus as an alumna."

Since she started working with Arts Around the Lake, Vogler also has helped to plan her class reunion and is currently an officer in the Westhampton College Richmond Club. "I don't feel that I can make a significant financial contribution to the University, so I like giving my time," she says.

But Arts Around the Lake will always hold a special place in her heart. "It's really a fun opportunity just to work with other women," she says. "I get to see some friends [from college] because I've reached out to others to get involved. That has been the best part about getting back on campus."
Arthur V. Shaheen, L, has been re-elected by the lawyers of Henrico County to serve an additional three-year term on the Virginia State Bar Council. He is the principal with Shaheen & Shaheen, where he focuses on personal injury litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, and family law.

G. Bryan Slater, R, of Richmond, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Commonwealth Competition Council.

Dr. Robin Hampton Smith, W, is science department chair at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Michael T. Houghton, R, works in a private practice at Alive Family Physicians in Mechanicsville, Va. He and his wife, Laura, live in Richmond with their children Timothy, 3, and Charlotte Fay, 1.

Dr. Kelly Kirkpatrick, W'88, is director of research and technology initiatives in Columbia University's Center for Strategic Initiatives.

David Caudill, L, is president of the Goochland County Bar Association in Virginia. He is an attorney in private practice.

Timothy W. Houck, R, is senior validation engineer at Genzyme Corp. His wife, Raelene Roberge Houck, B'91, is technical recruiter for Eliassen Group. They live in Bedford, Mass., with their daughter, Cordelia Ann.

Lee Hendricks Turpin, W, of Chatham, Va., has her own law practice in Danville, Va., where she specializes in family and criminal law. She and her husband, Dennis, have a son, Grayson.

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Diane Kraynak, W, is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at MCV Hospitals in Richmond. She is finishing her master's degree in nursing at VCU/MCV and plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Eric Link, R, and M'97, is working for PenguinRadio, an Internet start-up company. He previously worked for the House Committee on Commerce.

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Sharing in Alumni Career Network

During her sophomore year at the University of Richmond, Tracy Zimmerman Gillespie, W'82, discovered her calling. After visiting the University's Career Development Center, she uncovered her future career: museum education. “It combined my love of history, kids and teaching,” says Gillespie, “and meant that I wouldn’t have to be in the classroom everyday.”

Today Gillespie, who has worked in the museum industry for 16 years, shares her passion for history and teaching with Richmond students as a member of the Alumni Career Network. She is available to talk with students who have an interest in her field and has offered to supervise an intern at Morven Park in Loudoun County, Va., where she currently serves as curator. Earlier this year, as a member of a panel discussion on campus, Gillespie offered insights to current history majors about careers in the field. “History is something that can teach you how to think, how to read, and how to write,” says Gillespie. Raised in Loudoun County about 90 miles northwest of Richmond, Gillespie learned about the University of Richmond at her high school’s college night. Although she had never heard of the school, she says she was impressed with Richmond’s photos and presentation and made an appointment to visit. Like many University graduates, Gillespie says, “There was no competition once I saw Richmond.”

As a college student, Gillespie participated in many activities sponsored by the University Student Union, tutored elementary students in reading and completed an internship at the Valentine Museum in Richmond during her senior year. Knowing that she wanted to attend graduate school, Gillespie also studied hard, graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation, Gillespie enrolled at the College of William and Mary, where she received her master’s degree in education with an emphasis in museum education. A graduate internship at the Loudoun Museum in Loudoun County led to her first job as museum education specialist/administrative assistant.

Her position was a first for the museum, which had never had an educator on staff. Using museum artifacts, photos and historical records, Gillespie developed a variety of educational programs during her 10 years as educator, including scavenger hunts, hands-on simulated archaeology digs and walking tours.

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Named executive director of the museum in 1994, Gillespie oversaw the day-to-day management of the museum and its programs, including strategic planning, fund raising and development, community outreach and educational programs. She also supervised nine part-time employees and a large volunteer staff.

After 16 years at the Loudoun Museum, Gillespie has left to explore new opportunities at Morven Park in Leesburg, the former home of Virginia Governor Westmoreland Davis (1859-1942). In her new role as curator, she will assist in the long-range development of a museum for the estate’s equestrian heritage. She also will help to oversee all of the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation’s collections, including its carriage collection, and be involved in the restoration of the former governor’s home.

First as a museum director and now as a historic site curator in a historic but rapidly-growing area, Gillespie stays involved in local activities to preserve some of Loudoun County’s history. One of the fastest growing counties in the nation, Loudoun is home to nearly 200,000 residents. And the area formerly inhabited by dairy farmers is now home to such mega-corporations as America Online.

Her passion for preservation is evident in every aspect of her life. She lives with her husband, Rich, a high school social studies teacher, in a 200-year-old German farmhouse in a less-developed area of Loudoun County. She is active in the American and Virginia museum communities, serving as a frequent speaker for many of the associations’ programs. Even her vacation time is spent exploring the past, whether it’s her husband’s Celtic heritage during a trip to Great Britain, the area where he spent his childhood in Maine, or her own family’s roots in Ohio.

Even with her new job responsibilities, Gillespie plans to continue devoting some of her spare time to Richmond. “I loved my four years at UR,” Tracy recalls. “I was always happy with my decision to go there.”

Gillespie says she “continues to be impressed with the University” and the ability of its leadership to be forward thinking and change with the times. “Richmond has only gotten better,” says Gillespie, who always tries to talk up the University to her husband’s students. And although she was the first student from her high school to attend Richmond, Gillespie says she hopes she’s not the last.
Amy Terdiman Lovett, AW ’94, has been named editor of the Williams Alumni Review, the magazine of Williams College.

Krystine Dalker Kraueli, W and I ’97, moved to Singapore and works as an associate in the law firm of White & Case. Her areas of practice include capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and debt restructuring in Southeast Asia.

Jane C. Levens, W, is a neonatal nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Christopher Walker, R, and Brenda Quinones Walker, W, led a team of teen-agers on a mission trip to Merida, Venezuela, this summer. Chris is an associate pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va., and Brenda works at CarMax.

Elliott M. Buckner, BR, recently completed his final year of law school at the College of William and Mary. He and two classmates won first place in the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition in April in Chicago. They beat more than 100 teams to secure the trophy.

Elizabeth Gassman Cheron, W, is living in Versailles, France, with her husband, Paul, and their son.

Dana Hasten, BW, is in Paris for several years on an international assignment with Ernst & Young. She works in the audit department, primarily with French subsidiaries of companies in the United States or United Kingdom.

John T. Pendleton, L, has joined the law firm of Greenman & Hollis in Nashua, N.H.

Alexandre F. Skipper, L, of Richmond, is president-elect of the board of governors of the Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers. He works with the State Corporation Commission.

Margie Smithler, L, has been elected to the board of directors of the Legal Information Network for Cancer. Other board members include T. Randolph Sullivan, L, Lisa Gray Swaby-Rowe, AW, is director of diversity education and programs at the University of Baltimore’s division of student affairs and enrollment management.

Thomas K. Warren, BR, is working as a manager for Pricewaterhouse Cooper.

Sheila Rappazzo Yorkin, AW, is a corporate communication analyst with Salt Lake City Corp.

Joceline G. Asmuth, AW, lives in Marietta, Ga., and works as a senior recruiter for Sprint.

Richard K. Cassem II, AR, is serving in the U.S. Army. He is chief of training for First Brigade, First Infantry Division, at Fort Riley, Kan.

V incenterra Taylor Chiles, L, opened her own law practice in Richmond. The general practice firm emphasizes employment law, criminal defense, personal injury and collections.

E. Sean Devlin, AR, was promoted to supervisor of facilities and services at the Walt Disney Co. in Burbank, Calif.

Amy Terdiman Lovett, AW, has been named editor of the Williams Alumni Review, the alumni magazine of Williams College. She and her husband, Ken, a reporter for the New York Post’s Albany bureau, live in Peterburgh, N.Y.

Elizabeth Russon, AW, is working in sales for Hershey Chocolate USA. She recently moved to the Boston area.

Marion Early Sparog, AW, is the assistant administrative manager of Reynolds Aluminum Supply Co. in Charlotte, N.C.

Alan “Chad” Thompson, BR, has been promoted to senior account executive with the Martin Agency and transferred to the firm’s New York City office.

Courtney Virdi, BW, is divisional vice president, client relationship manager, for EaineWebber in Weehawken, N.J.

Jennifer Ashby, AW, is working in the Richmond area as a sales engineer for Hill Phoenix Corp. She and her fiancé are restoring a historic home in the Fan district.

Sharmaine Bradham, L, lives in Philadelphia and is the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Swarthmore College.


John F. Carroll IV, L, has joined Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex Inc. as counsel, with responsibilities for intellectual property, including patents, copyright and trade-secret law.

Shelley Francis, AW, moved to Chapel Hill, N.C., last August to begin studies in the UNC School of Public Health’s doctoral program in maternal and child health.

Ryan Knowlton, AR, has graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He and his wife, Mise, moved to Columbia, S.C., where he began a residency in emergency medicine at Richland Memorial Hospital.

Jefferson J. Jones, AR, was licensed as a Texas attorney in November 1999, and now is a JAG officer in the U.S. Navy. In August, he began working as a prosecutor in the trial services office in Yokosuka, Japan.

Stephanie P. Karr, L, an attorney with the Richmond firm of Harman, Clatour, Corrigan & Wellman, has been elected to the board of directors of the READ Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping adults develop basic reading and communications skills.

Sheri Licciardone, AW and L’99, is an associate in the Richmond law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Eric Longfield, AR, lives in Old Town Alexandria, Va., and is a consultant with Deloitte & Touche.

Jennifer Minarczik, JW, of Falls Church, Va., works for GTE in the government/congressional affairs department in Washington, D.C. She has enrolled as a part-time student at George Mason School of Law.

Jennifer O’Laughlin, BW, was promoted to supervisor at Goldman & Co.

Heather Restino, BW, is manager of joint ventures at Sony Music in New York City.

Jeffrey S. Shapiro, L, has joined McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe as an associate in the labor and employment department.

David J. Walton, L, has joined Cozen & O’Connor in Philadelphia as an associate. He counsels employers and litigates claims involving employment discrimination, restrictive covenants and trade secrets.

Crystal Wright, AW, received a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. In August, she became an assistant professor of psychology at Maryville College.

Abigail T. Baker, L, is a member of the advisory council for the Legal Information Network for Cancer. Roman Bulawaski, AR, works for GE Financial Services in Richmond, Va. He also coaches a high school boys’ varsity volleyball team in the fall, and helps coach the junior nationals team in the spring and summer.

Tracy L. Hamilton, L, of Richmond, has joined Hall & Hall as an associate.

Allison L. Held, L, of Richmond, has been elected vice president of the board of directors of the Legal Information Network for Cancer.

Jill Kassellberg, AW, has joined Carter Blythe Thomas Public Relations and Marketing Counsel as an associate.

Michelle C. Lam, C and L’99, has joined Shabean & Shabean as an associate practicing in the areas of civil litigation and family law.

Amanda J. Abate, AW, has joined the Richmond Kickers as director of sales and marketing. She had been a development associate at the Children’s Museum of Richmond. Todd D. Anderson, L, has joined Sands Anderson Marks & Miller as an associate in the health care practice group.

Kevin Baron, AR, works as a policy specialist with the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange in Washington, D.C.

Julie Bodine, BW, is a Web producer for Fodors.com in New York City.

Catherine Pilcher Bradshaw, AW, completed a master’s degree in counseling psychology in May 1999 at the University of Georgia. She is working on a Ph.D. in developmental psychology at Cornell University, where she studies the development of aggressive and violent behavior in children and adolescents.
Serving the Atlanta alumni chapter

They say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, but in the case of Wesley R. Hendley, '82, the squeaky wheel got put to work. After Hendley wrote a letter to Dr. E. Bruce Heilman in 1989 “suggesting” improvements to the University of Richmond's alumni events in the Atlanta area, he was invited to join Richmond's Atlanta alumni chapter.

“They basically said it was time for me to put my money where my mouth was,” Wes recalls with a chuckle, “[time] for me to get involved.”

Hendley, and his wife, Terri Allen Hendley, W'85, have done just that. Not only did they begin to attend events for Richmond alumni living in Atlanta—events they previously didn’t know existed—but for the past six or so years, the couple has co-chaired the University's Atlanta alumni chapter.

“I have much more appreciation for Richmond now,” Wes says. “It keeps me in touch with the school and up-to-date with what the school is doing. It’s let me be a part of the school’s phenomenal growth.”

Wes and Terri met while students at the University of Richmond when introduced by Terri’s older sister, Debbie Allen Talley, W’81. They were married in 1986 at Cannon Memorial Chapel.

Wes, who grew up in Aiken, S.C., says he chose to attend Richmond because he wanted “to get as far away from home as I could.” He took a campus tour and fell in love with the school’s beautiful campus.

Terri, a political science and sociology major, is responsible for the traditions of the University of Richmond because her older sister attended the school. Her younger sister, Robin Allen Floyd, W’88, then followed in her footsteps.

The couple settled in Atlanta, where Terri is the litigation paralegal coordinator supervising six litigation paralegals at the law firm of Long Aldridge & Norman LLP, and Wes, a political science and economics major, is responsible for sales in the Southeast region for All American Poly, an industrial packaging company. The couple has two children, Robby and Katherine, ages 10 and 7.

Much of their spare time is spent planning and attending Richmond alumni events. The Atlanta alumni chapter serves one of Richmond’s largest alumni groups in the country, with more than 700 members. Typically, the Hendleys plan five or six events every year to reach out to more people.

Wes says one of the most successful events the chapter holds each year is the new student cookout, hosted by Roland Anderton, R'48, and Peggy Kyle Anderton, W'43. This event offers an opportunity for rising Richmond freshmen and their parents to meet with current students and older alumni. “Usually all the new parents leave feeling a little more secure with their decision to send their kids to Richmond,” she says.

“You will see rising freshman talking with juniors and seniors, or talking with a grad from the ’70s,” Wes adds. “And they all have something in common. The school still has the same ideals and has pretty much stayed true to itself.”

Wes says he has gained a greater appreciation for the traditions of the University of Richmond through his alumni activities. “I used to think it was stoic or too conservative,” he says. “Now I have a new appreciation for it.”

Recently he attended the induction of the new president of Agnes Scott College in Atlanta as a representative of the University. “I walked into the ceremony along with [representatives] from Yale and Harvard,” he says. “It was me and 125 other college dignitaries, and almost to a person, when they found out I was from Richmond, they wanted to talk about [the school]. It was a real eye opener.”

Terri's appreciation for the University has also grown through her alumni activities. Not only has her involvement with the group helped her to make many new friends in Atlanta, but it has also kept her in close contact with old college friends.

“It has definitely strengthened my ties to the University of Richmond,” she says. “I don’t know that I would go back there if I weren’t involved like this. I think it allows us to see the school differently.”

BY JESSICA RONEY HADDA, AW'93
Mike Gifford, BR, started his own company, MG Food Enterprises Inc. In his spare time, he plays on a division champion outdoor soccer team with Brian Ubauba, BR’98; Scott Castiglia, BR’97; Erica Lanzo, AW’98; and Steve Schreiber, AR’98.

Heidi Gottschalk, JW, works for Campbell Mithun Esty, an advertising agency in Minneapolis. Her accounts include Sesame Street and the North Carolina Children’s Museum. She lives with Susan Parker, AW, who is completing her Ph.D. in child development at the University of Minnesota.

J.T. Henry, JW, works at Bell Atlantic in Arlington, Va., as an IT college recruiter.

Laura Hollister, BW, is a financial analyst with Avenue A, an Internet company in Seattle.

Michael Horvath, JW, is counsel for the Liberty Mutual Group in Boston. He concentrates on international mergers and acquisitions.

Charles Jefferson, AR, is living in Dallas, where he opened a new office for his company, APEX Systems.

Traci Margolis, BW, is working with Andersen Consulting in Denver.

Stefanie Mathews, JW, completed her master’s degree in art management at Carnegie Mellon University and is working in fund raising for Pittsburgh Public Theater.

Shannon Maynard, AW, lives in Washington, D.C., and is director of outreach at Youth Service America, a nonprofit organization that encourages young people to volunteer in their communities. Her current project is ServiceVote 2000, a national campaign to address the disconnect between volunteering and voting among 18- to 24-year-olds.

Danile Mercatante, AW, is a Ph.D. student studying pharmacology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Polly O’Neil, AW, is beginning a graduate program in health management and policy at the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health. She took time off this summer to visit Thailand before starting school.

Tim Rupert, AR, of Alexandria, Va., is enrolled at Johns Hopkins University’s Paul Nitze School for Advanced International Studies. He is in a master’s degree program with concentrations in international economics and Japanese studies.

Chyrrea Schree, JW, has been promoted to counsel for E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. in Wilmington, Del. She will continue to practice patent law, and has assumed the position of future chair for DuPont’s minority counsel conference. She has been with the company since 1998.

Robert W. Shinn, AR, has been elected to the board of directors of Theatre IV.

Karen Shoffner, JW, is a community collaborations and initiatives specialist for the United Way of Greater Greensboro, N.C.

Jason Shull, BR, is a programmer/analyst at Focus Healthcare Management Inc. in Franklin, Tenn.

Derek Smith, AR, works in the sports information office at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Laura Sneade, BW, is an account executive for Geico.com, formerly of Earle Palmer Brown Interactive, in Philadelphia. She works on the Novartis Animal Health account.

Laura Connerat Stewart, AW, is working as an editor with Naylor Publications Inc. in Gainesville, Fla.

Timothy David Stewart, AR, is a student in dental school at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

James B. Strzelecki, BR, of Atlanta, Ga., is a senior accountant with E-link Communications Inc.

Sarah Weinzierl, JW, of Gainesville, Fla., is in law school and is hoping to pursue a career in civil rights law. Earlier, she had worked at a juvenile detention program for girls in Tampa.

Kimberly P. Woodward, AW, has moved back to Richmond from Raleigh, N.C., and works as a benefit analyst for Marsh USA Inc.

Benjamin R. Bates, AR, received a master’s degree in speech communication at the University of Georgia, and will begin work on a Ph.D. in the fall. He has been recognized by the Southern States Communication Association for his work on gender studies and popular culture, and has been invited to give presentations to the Eastern Communication Association and the Rhetoric Society of America.

Braden Boucek, AR, is a student in law school at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He was a summer associate with Stern, Weaver, Miller, Althofed & Sitterson in Miami, and in the fall will clerk for a Florida Supreme Court justice. He reports that he has been recognized on America’s Intriguing Young Bachelors List (1999 edition).

Amanda Brunning, JW, of Basking Ridge, N.J., is a technical recruiter at Myncreater.com in New York City.

Andrienne Capps, BW, and AW, has joined Gateway Homes of Richmond as director of development and public relations. She previously was director of development information for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Richmond.

John Carleton, JR, is a marketing manager for Webby Systems Inc. in Chicago. He telecommutes from Kingston, Jamaica, where his wife is a consular officer with the U.S. State Department.

Janet D. Collins, LR, has started her own law firm in Richmond, Janet D. Collins, PLC.

Sarah Graham, AW, is a communications manager of the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.

Pamela M. Herrington, LR, has joined the Richmond law firm of Butler, Williams, Pantale & Skilling.

Douglas F. Lamb, LR, has joined the Richmond law firm of Mars & Valentine as an associate, with a concentration in public finance.

Thomas N. Lappus, AR, has been promoted to editor of the Henrico County Leader, a weekly newspaper, and The Four West End Press, a monthly magazine, in Glen Allen, Va. The two publications are subsidiaries of Good News Publications Inc.

Joseph W. Manzioli, AR, of Keene, N.H., is county program director of the Cheshire County YMCA.

Perry W. Miles IV, LR, has joined McGuireWoods LLP as an associate and will serve with the products liability group.

Holly Reddington, AW, of Reston, Va., is a technical recruiter with Pemco Systems Inc.

Shelby S. Seris, BW, was promoted from internal auditor to agency financial analyst at Hill, Bogal and Hamilton Co. in Glen Allen, Va.

Michelle Walls, AW, is a student at Harvard Law School. She spent her summer working for Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington, D.C.

David P. Buckley, LR, has joined McGuireWoods LLP as an associate in the firm’s real estate and environmental group.

Robyn S.T. Carlson, LR, has joined McGuireWoods LLP as an associate. She will serve with the tax and employee benefits group.

Robin R. Cooke, LR, has joined McGuire, Woods & Battle & Boothe as an attorney in the intellectual property group. She previously was with Studio Ubertazzi in Milan, Italy.

Marlena Jenkins, BW, is a consultant in the scientific finance and economic division of Arthur Andersen in Washington, D.C.

Karen Kudin, BW, is a strategic markets analyst for the MNY Group, a financial services company in New York City.

Debra Rose Lewis, BW, of Fairfax, Va., is an analyst with Andersen Consulting.

Suzanne Jane McBride, AW, is a sports team-landsports/ aerobics instructor at Club Med on Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Emily Elizabeth Moore, AW, of Richmond, is a client service specialist with Henninger Richmond.

Errin Poole Pate, LR, is an assistant account executive at the public relations firm Gitmire Dewey Rogerson in Chicago.

Lindsay Woodworth Hall, BW, is marketing manager for Handango, an Internet company in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dana W. Tramman, LR, is a staff attorney for the Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities, focusing on the protection and advocacy of individuals with mental illness.

Stefanie Sandler, AW, is e-commerce consultant at Xpedior Inc. in Alexandria, Va.
1994/Courtney Vilardi, BW, and Rick Morris, Oct. 23, 1999. Included in the wedding party was Cort Moore, BW'94. The couple lives in Hoboken, N.J.
1995/Eric R. Longfield, AR, and Christine Prestage, October 1999. In the wedding party was Andria Bilott, BW'94, and her husband, Benjamin Sabloff, AR'95. The couple lives in Old Town Alexandria, Va.
1996/Greg Geika, JR, and Wendy A. Hassler, Oct. 9, 1999, in West Chester, Pa. Included in the wedding party were James Sherrill, BR'96, and Mike Drew, AR'96. The couple lives in Raleigh, N.C.
1996/Mary Beth Laing, BW, and Christopher Romani, March 11, 2000, in Dallas. Included in the wedding party were Lee Wallace, BW'96, and Jennifer Dick, AW'96. Sally Ramsden and Stacey Travis, both BW'96, were readers. The couple lives in McLean, Va.
1996/Suzanne Truex, AW, and Justin McAllister, AR, Sept. 18, 1999, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Catherine Panter, AW'96; Richard Singleton, AR'96; and best man Will McCammon, BR'96. The couple lives in Charleston, S.C.
1997/Phillip Craumer, AR, and Anna Johnson, JW, Aug. 14, 1999, in Gallatin, Tenn. Included in the wedding party were bridesmaid Katie Moore, BW'97, and reader Michael Geiser, AR'98. The couple lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Helping with Alumni Recruitment Committee

"The minute I drove into campus," says Megan Donnell, AW'95, "I knew it was the right place for me."

A native of Hanover, Mass., Donnell knew she wanted to attend a small university that wasn't too close to home. Although she had never heard of the University of Richmond, she applied at the suggestion of her high school adviser, whose son was enrolled at Richmond. Once accepted, Donnell visited the campus and was hooked.

During her years at Richmond, Donnell was active with a variety of activities including her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega; band; Mortar Board; and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity for which she served as president her junior year. She also worked in the law school admissions office and spent a summer in Chile as an exchange student.

Following graduation, the Latin American studies and Spanish double major decided to return to Chile. She lived there for almost two years teaching English to workers in Chilean companies. One of her largest clients was Hyatt Hotels, where she taught everyone from the housekeeping staff to the front desk personnel how to speak English.

While adjusting to life in Chile, Donnell spent three months living with Jenney Peery Bramson, AW'95. When a member of the University's admission office called Bramson about representing Richmond at a college fair in Santiago, Donnell tagged along.

Enjoying the opportunity to educate prospective students about her alma mater, Donnell, who speaks fluent Spanish, volunteered to represent the University at other college fairs and in 1995 became a member of Richmond's Alumni Recruitment Committee. She continued attending fairs in Chile and Mexico until returning to the United States in early 1997.

Back in Massachusetts, Donnell's dual language skills landed her a job in the emerging market bond and loan syndications department of BankBoston. Her fluency in Spanish allowed her to translate documents and correspond with foreign government officials and clients in Argentina, Chile, and Brazil. She also began taking Portuguese classes to assist in her interactions with some of her Brazilian clients. But with no financial background, Donnell learned everything else, including finance and computer skills, on the job.

Two years later, tired of 60-hour work weeks and daily hour-long commutes, Donnell briefly worked as import/export manager for Crown Automotive Sales Co., processing documents for air and ocean export shipments worldwide. Today she works as a project administrator for MIS, an ADP company, where she provides customer service to 401(k) plan trustees and 401(k) company contacts. Although she no longer uses her language skills on the job, she does rely on them at home.

In 1996, while still living in Chile, Donnell married her husband, Luis "Patricio" Morales Ruz, a native of Chile. They met, says Donnell, "on a public bus twice when I was teaching English in Santiago. The first time he stared at me the whole bus ride but only asked me the time as I got off. The second time he followed me and asked me out. We were married less than a year later."

In December 1999, their son, Michael, was born. Because Patricio speaks limited English, Donnell speaks Spanish at home and plans to raise her son in a bilingual household. She also has an 11-year-old stepson in Chile.

In addition to working full-time, taking graduate classes toward an MBA in global management, and spending time with her family, Donnell continues to volunteer for Richmond. Today she represents the University at fairs in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Once she even flew to Mexico for a college fair when no one from the admission office could go. "I loved going to the fair there—it was huge!" she says. "I actually have never met anyone in admission, yet they still asked me to go. I've always had fun doing college fairs."

"At the fairs, you have to look at each student individually, she says, especially when talking to international students. Because test scores determine the type of university a student can attend in Latin America, international students are often significantly concerned about admission criteria when looking at Richmond.

Donnell believes that "a lot of Americans need to be exposed to other cultures," and says she is impressed with Richmond's increasing number of international students and more diverse student body.

She also says she would like to see her son attend Richmond, although she acknowledges that he has to make his own choices. However, if those choices were to include becoming a Spider, Donnell says she wouldn't argue.
1933/Dr. Marion Elmo Clark, W, of Richmond, Va., Jan. 13, 2000. A professor emeritus of mathematics at King College in Bristol, Tenn., she held a master of science degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in education from the University of Virginia. After teaching in Virginia public schools, she taught at Virginia Intermont College for 19 years before joining the faculty at King College. She retired in 1979 and returned to Richmond.

1933/Martha Frances Rawlings Ware, W, of Culpeper, Va., Nov. 23, 1999. She received her master’s degree in social science from James Madison University in 1966.

1935/Gertrude D. Lewis, W, of Culpeper, Va., March 31, 2001. She was a retired educator who had worked 35 years in Virginia public schools, both as a classroom teacher and guidance counselor and later as high school guidance counselor supervisor for the Virginia Department of Education. She received her master’s degree in education from the University of Virginia, taught school at Culpeper High School and established the guidance department there. In 1961 she became the state education department’s high school guidance counselor supervisor for the Shenandoah Valley, serving until her retirement in 1978. The Virginia General Assembly in 1996 passed a resolution recognizing her for her contribution to education in the state. Active in her church, she was the author of *Historical Highlights of New Salem Baptist Church*.

1938/Betsy Muse Douglass, W, of Richmond, Feb. 19, 2000. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

1940/The Rev. Warren E. Taylor, R, of Smithfield, Va., July 7, 1994. He received a master of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary. He served Baptist churches in West Virginia and North Carolina before becoming pastor of the Smithfield Baptist Church, where he served 27 years.

1940/Arnold F. Watts, R, of Chevy Chase, Md., Jan. 9, 2000. He was founder and president of Pat Arnold’s Tails in Washington, D.C., from 1954 to 1980, then he was a real estate broker in Florida until retirement. During World War II he served in the military six years and attained rank of lieutenant colonel.

1943/Dr. C. Sidney King, R, of Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 10, 2000. He was a physician specializing in internal medicine.

1943/Ernest W. Mooney Jr., R and G’47, of Yorktown, Va., April 27, 2000. He was a longtime teacher and school administrator. He taught English and journalism in Virginia high schools, founding the student newspaper at John Marshall High School in Richmond. He then served in the Richmond Public Schools administration from 1960 to 1968 and in the York County school administration until his retirement in 1981. Mr. Mooney was a Humanities Fellow of the John Hay Whitney Foundation, and also a member of the Richmond Astronomical Club. During World War II, he served in the Army in Africa and Europe and received a Purple Heart with clusters.

1946/Ann Ware Fry, W, of Falls Church, Va., June 9, 2000. She had been a trainer with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, working with the program in English as a second language.

1948/Patricia Fuller Gatlin, W, of Belleville, Ill., Dec. 22, 1999. She had retired as supervisor of library services for Union Electric Co. in St. Louis, Mo.

1949/R. Turner Blake, R, of Richmond, Feb. 18, 2000. He had been a vice president with First Virginia Banksshares.

1952/Lewis S. Pendleton Jr., I, of Kernersville, N.C., April 20, 1999. An attorney, he practiced law with a number of Richmond law firms from 1951 to 1989. A survivor of throat cancer, he was active in the New Voice Club, helping throat cancer survivors learn to speak again. He had a second career as an artist, and he also was an avid fisherman and pilot. During World War II, he served in Europe and won a Bronze Star.

1955/James R. Sipe, R, of Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 25, 2000. He was an attorney with his law firm, Litten & Sipe. He served as commonwealth’s attorney from 1960 to 1968 and as a substitute judge of the Rockingham District Court in the early 1970s. He also was one of the original developers of the Massanutten resort.

1959/Carrol Andrews Roberson, W, of Richmond, Dec. 15, 1999. She was a former teacher with Chesterfield County, Va., schools and a former choir director at Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church.

1961/Virginia Dix “Dixie” Hargrave Whitehead, W, of Chatham, Va., April 23, 2000. She was director of studies and chairman of the mathematics department at the Chatham Hall Girls School.


1968/Philip J. Bottoms, R, of Salisbury, N.C., April 4, 2000. He had practiced law in Salisbury since 1984. In addition to his law degree from Wake Forest University, Mr. Bottoms also held a master’s degree in counseling from Wake Forest and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Salisbury, where he served as church moderator for 10 years. He helped begin the Men’s Prayer Breakfast and worked for the rights of developmentally disabled individuals.


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Speculative Stock Markets in Economic Theory

Before reading this essay, allow me to caution you about one thing: Your efforts are unlikely to make you rich. However, if your interest is protecting wealth in turbulent markets, read on. In fact, I remind readers of Will Rogers’ humorous admonishment not to gamble: “take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it till it goes up, then sell it. If it don’t go up, don’t buy it.”

In case you may have missed the debate as the value of your retirement funds soared, analysts are making noises that today’s stock market is overvalued. Some have even taken swipes at the academic theories known as efficient markets and rational expectations. These theories would have us believe that investors incorporate all available economic information into an individual economic model to form expectations of future equity prices. One wonders if that completely rules out stock purchases based on hunches, hot tips, and Uncle Lazio’s “sure things.”

Proponents of the efficient market hypothesis argue that the stock market moves swiftly from one set of rational prices to another rational set. For example, the 22 percent one-day drop in the Dow in October 1987 was simply rational markets working at incredible speed.

Another explanation of the new bull market contends that the current market is in the midst of a speculative buying panic driven by excessive media coverage of financial news, the baby-boom effect, the belief that institutions and regulations exist to protect investments, and the view that stocks are the only profitable investment opportunity.

The purpose of our book entitled Economists and the Stock Market: Speculative Theories of Stock Market Fluctuations is to establish the nature and existence of speculative markets. In the book, the views of John Maynard Keynes and John Kenneth Galbraith on stock market speculation are shown to anticipate virtually all modern explanations of speculative bubbles.

Keynes and Galbraith clearly anticipated current behavioral finance theories. Themes in their work explain speculative bubbles as a result of a national mood that favors financial euphoria. Characteristics of this herd mentality include an inordinate desire to get rich quickly with a minimum of physical effort; a pervasive sense of confidence and optimism in the belief that ordinary people are intended to become rich; and the belief that investors possess a special genius for knowing exactly when to leave the market.

Keynes made the issue of stock speculation a fundamental concern in his economic analysis because it affected stock prices, wealth, and therefore consumption and investment. He defined “speculation” as the activity of forecasting the psychology of the market.

Conversely, “enterprise” was the activity of forecasting the prospective yield over the life of investments. He warned investors not to ignore the prospect for future changes by assuming the present is a guide to the future and by conforming to the behavior of the majority. He described investor motivation as wanting to beat the gun, outwit the crowd, and ultimately “pass the bad, depreciating half-crown on to the other fellow.”

On a more comforting note, Keynes was able to see the other side of the speculative coin. He noted that society should not conclude that all equity values are determined by irrational psychology, because frequently the state of long-term expectations is steady and other factors (public policies) may exert a compensating influence on volatile markets.

Galbraith’s work on the behavioral influences on stock market speculation includes a January 1987 article in the Atlantic Monthly in which he described the parallels between the 1920s and 1980s. He presented historical evidence to prove that speculative binges always end with disastrous crashes. According to Galbraith, speculative stock market behavior is characterized by a pervasive mood of financial euphoria which becomes central to the culture. Rumors of higher profits, expectations of lower inflation, and the salaried optimism of brokers provide justifications for rising stock prices in a “world of speculative make-believe.”

There are no evil spin-masters using mass hypnosis to cause large numbers of people to lose their financial sanity. When the speculative mood prevails, people need only an excuse to believe. Finally, the willingness to trust the good intentions of government officials evolves and an element of faith reinforces speculative euphoria.

Keynes and Galbraith anticipated the current remedies for speculation being employed or considered by the SEC and the Fed. They suggested that public officials should wisely acknowledge the dangers of a sudden collapse and be willing to use all the instruments at their discretion—legislation, interest rates, margin requirements, and jawboning—to dissuade speculation. Alan Greenspan’s now-famous “irrational exuberance” description of the market validates the view that warnings from high authorities can, at least temporarily, break the speculative spell.

However, their best advice to investors is to work harder at forming long-term expectations and withstand the social pressure to ride the speculative bubble inflated by the unrealistic financial euphoria of the masses.
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