Universal Language

The Arts at Richmond
Award in art

This work by David Staniunas, AR’01, was part of a presentation at the University’s Arts and Sciences Student Symposium in April 2000, for which Staniunas received the Outstanding Arts Award. A double major in studio art and English, Staniunas also has received student research grants for his work both semesters this year.

*Diderot (detail), 2000, mixed media, 30 x 42 inches
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$12.5 million grant will fund policy research on agricultural biotechnology

The Pew Charitable Trusts have announced a $12.5 million grant for policy research on the benefits, risks and regulation of agricultural biotechnology, to be administered by the University of Richmond. The Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology will encourage discussion of genetically modified foods and other products of agricultural bioengineering.

Biotechnology is a process of genetic modification in which scientists identify desired traits and incorporate genes carrying those traits into certain organisms. Arising out of advancements in biochemistry and molecular biology, it has applications to agriculture, human health, the marine environment, and protein engineering and structural biology.

The Pew Initiative will bring together people and organizations with a stake in genetically modified foods to discuss issues and develop ideas that could move society toward a consensus on ethics and regulation of biotechnology—beyond the current polarized debate.

"Many people have questioned the adequacy of the existing regulatory system to deal with the issues raised by this new technology," says Michael Rodemeyer, the former congressional counsel and assistant White House science adviser tapped to direct the Pew project. "The next generation of agricultural biotechnology products will pose even greater challenges for federal regulators and consumer confidence in the regulatory system.

"Given the large amount of public concern, it is important that serious and thoughtful exploration of ways to manage and govern agricultural biotechnology begin," he says.

According to University President William E. Cooper, "Pew chose Richmond because of our success in managing other ongoing Pew projects in policy studies and our ability to serve as a neutral broker on this topic.

"The Robert R. Merhige Jr. Center of Environmental Law at Richmond's School of Law will work closely with the project staff, as will faculty from our new environmental studies major, which begins with the spring 2001 semester," he says. Cooper also expects there to be opportunities for undergraduates to become involved in some aspects of the Pew Initiative's work.

Stephen P. Nash, associate professor of journalism, will serve as the University's liaison for the project.

The University has established a strong, ongoing relationship with the Pew Charitable Trusts. During the past eight years, Richmond has overseen the financial administration of other major Pew initiatives: the Pew Partnership for Civic Change and the Pew Center on the States. Rebecca W. Rimel, Pew's CEO and president, spoke at Dr. Cooper's Investiture as the University's eighth president.

The Pew Charitable Trusts support nonprofit activities in culture, education, the environment, health and human services, public policy, and religion. Based in Philadelphia, the Trusts make strategic investments to help organizations and citizens develop practical solutions to difficult problems. In 1998, with approximately $4.734 billion in assets, the Trusts granted more than $213 million to 298 nonprofit organizations.

By Brian Eckert
Plans unveiled for classroom, office space

On a campus where storage closets have been converted to offices and space is at a premium, where will the University find room for the 45 new faculty proposed by its strategic plan for the next decade?

Solutions are emerging from a new campus master plan for facilities over the next 10 to 25 years. In the design stage is the first building result from the master plan, to be called the Center for the Social Sciences.

The new classroom and office facility will be a 35,000-square-foot renovation and expansion of the existing political science building that will nearly triple its space. The Board of Trustees approved the concept and preliminary drawings at its March meeting.

"A number of possible building locations were considered," says Dr. Andrew F. Newcomb, associate dean for planning. "This location emerged as the clear top choice."

The Center for the Social Sciences will house the departments of political science; sociology and anthropology; journalism; and rhetoric and communication studies. The facility also will be home to the Speech Center and the University debate team. The center will have state-of-the-art seminar rooms and classrooms, group study rooms, and space designed to encourage faculty-student collaboration on research. According to John H. Hoogakker, director of University facilities, the $11 million project is the largest on campus since the Modlin Center for the Arts was completed in 1996. The new center is expected to open in fall 2003.

By Dorothy Wagener

Beard joins development staff as associate VP

Carl C. Beard has been named associate vice president for development at the University of Richmond. He will oversee all development functions, including budget and prospect management.

"Carl has those qualities you look for in a senior development officer: maturity, balance, the ability to build strong relationships with prospects and staff, and a thorough knowledge of the profession," says D. Chris Withers, vice president for development and university relations.

Beard brings development experience at diverse institutions. Most recently, he served as vice president for institutional advancement at Mars Hill College in North Carolina, where he built a small office into an advancement staff of 21. In four years, he led annual fund giving to double and the endowment to nearly double.

Earlier, he spent six years at Clemson University in South Carolina, where he was director of planned giving. He increased deferred giving inventory from $18 million to $66 million, and he also participated in two capital campaigns.

"Carl will manage our development program in a superb way and take it to an even higher level," says Withers.

Beard holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky.; a master's degree in church music and vocal performance from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; and has completed coursework for a doctorate at the University of South Carolina.

He began his career as a full-time church musician, serving churches in Virginia and South Carolina for 15 years. For four years he was a member of the music faculty at Furman University.

While at Furman, he founded a musical arts consortium in nearby Anderson, S.C., and led fund-raising efforts to expand its budget by more than tenfold in six years.

"I became absolutely fascinated with the potential of development for making an institution great," Beard says. Although Beard had recently been building his own development consulting business, "when the University called, I couldn't resist. I've always identified Richmond as one of the great private liberal arts institutions in the country, and I'm delighted to be associated with it. Higher education has always been very important to me."

By Dorothy Wagener
Young speaks on cities

"Something exciting happens in cities, and we don't fully appreciate it until after it has happened," former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young told a packed audience in Cannon Memorial Chapel in February. "I want to talk with you a little bit about hope for the city—hope in the city."

Young's address on "Building Wealth and Communities" was both the keynote address for Founder's Week at Richmond and the eighth program in the 2000-01 Jepson Leadership Forum series, "Views and Voices on the City."

The greatest challenges and opportunities for growth and wealth occur in cities, Young said. Because crises arise from the concentration of people, city dwellers develop solutions that become marketable to other cities. Citing author-economist Jane Jacobs, Young said that economies are built by dealing with the problems of cities.

Introducing Young was Whitney Sylvester, BW'03, daughter of David G. Sylvester, B'77, and Terry Heilman Sylvester, B'76. The Sylvesters endowed a fund to bring speakers of substance on moral and spiritual issues to the University.

The evening also included the unveiling of a sculpture created by more than 100 Richmond-area schoolchildren under the guidance of local artist Jeff Dowdy. The youth were expressing their vision of Richmond present and future through Project City, a collaboration between the University's Bonner Scholars and a local artists' civic group.

By Jean Hodges

Scholars study in the West

As the former communist bloc countries rebuild their economies, some of their best students are broadening their horizons by studying for a year at American colleges and universities, with support from the Soros Foundation Open Society Institute.

For the first time, institute scholars are studying at the University of Richmond. Alexey Kuznetsov, 20, of Russia, hopes to be a classical music composer and is studying music and Latin. Marta Kljaic, 22—the first Croatian citizen to enroll at Richmond—wants to work for an international organization supporting human rights. She is studying political science.

The two were among the top students from 20 universities in eastern and central European countries, the former Soviet Union and Mongolia, who can apply for the Open Society Institute's undergraduate exchange program. More than 1,300 applied for the 77 scholarships available this year. The winners are attending such schools as Brandeis, Duke, NYU, Rutgers and now Richmond.

Kljaic and Kuznetsov are pleased with Richmond's academic atmosphere. "The American system makes one work every day," Kuznetsov says. In the European system, attendance at lectures is optional, and students need only show up for a final exam and pass, says Kljaic.

Kljaic has seen other European countries besides her native Croatia, but North America is a new experience for her. She will serve a two-month internship at the New York headquarters of the United Nations before returning home.

Kuznetsov has never before been outside of Russia, and he sees his study in the United States as an opportunity to "break out of the cage."

Kljaic's and Kuznetsov's presence at Richmond benefits both them and the University, says Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education. The international students learn from a new environment, while educating the Richmond community about their own countries and cultures. After returning home, they spread the University's reputation in societies that are rapidly developing a population of potential Richmond students.

By Lisa Bailey, AW'02

To learn more about Project City, visit www.richmond.edu/city
Law students advance to national competition

Three students at the University of Richmond School of Law comprise the first team the law school has ever sent to the National Trial Competition, which was held in Dallas in March.

Second-year students Greg Hoffman, Dale Mullen and Molly August won their berth by advancing to the finals of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Regional Competition held in Richmond. They joined first-place Georgetown in competing with teams from across the United States.

Hoffman, Mullen and August were the only team of all second-year students in the regionals; all the other schools sent third-year students. A second Richmond Law team composed of Carlotta Visher, L'01; Terrese Walker, L'02; and Tabrica Cook, L'01, advanced to the semifinals before losing to Georgetown.

At the regional competition, the teams argued both sides of a grand larceny embezzlement case before a jury of Virginia judges and practicing attorneys.

"You never knew whether you had to argue the prosecution side or the defense side," Mullen says, adding that legal skills courses at Richmond "give you everything you need to be successful as a trial lawyer."

The team tackled a new case—a murder trial—at the nationals. They did not advance to the finals, but each team member received the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Medallion for Excellence in Trial Advocacy.

Catch Spider sports on the Web

The University of Richmond department of athletics and the FANSonly Network, the Web’s largest network of official college athletic sites, have launched a new athletic Web site for Richmond. The site will provide exclusive coverage of the University’s 19 varsity sports with feature stories, color head shots of student-athletes and coaches, and the latest news and statistics on Spider athletics.

www.RichmondSpiders.com

Wallace noted in USA Today

Biology and economics double major Dana J. Wallace, AW'01, has been named to the USA Today All-Academic Team for 2001.

The annual competition recognizes college students for their grades, activities, leadership, and use of intellectual skills outside the classroom. Students are named to first, second and third teams of 20 students each, plus a state-by-state list of honorable mentions.

Wallace was named a member of the second team, joining students from such universities as Harvard, Penn, Rutgers, Navy and Chicago. She carries a 3.91 grade-point average and is researching marijuana’s effects on immune system regulation.

Wallace’s accomplishments in biology earned her a United Negro College Fund/Merck Undergraduate Research fellowship. The award provides each of 25 students nationwide with a $25,000 scholarship and a $10,000 grant to their university’s biology department. Wallace also holds an Oldham Scholarship, Richmond’s most prestigious undergraduate scholarship, and a CIGNA Scholarship for highly qualified and motivated African-Americans.

Wallace is an accomplished harpist who won the University’s concerto competition in 1999. She also is president of the Mortar Board honor society on campus and is a certified emergency medical technician.
Ivins concludes Quest 2000

Molly Ivins, syndicated political columnist and best-selling author, was the featured speaker for the final program of Quest 2000, "Truth, Media, Spin and the 2000 Elections," in January. Students had an opportunity to discuss the topic with her at an afternoon discussion before her evening lecture. Among panelists who joined Ivins for the session were Jeffrey Dworkin, ombudsman for National Public Radio; Julia Cohen, executive director of Youth Vote 2000; Rafael Lorente, Washington correspondent for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel; and students Carlotta Visher, L'Ol, and Joe Zdrilich, AR'01, Collegian political columnist.

National award named for Dr. Haynes

In honor of the late Dr. W. Tyler Haynes, R'22 and H'72, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity has created the Haynes Award, an annual national honor given to the most outstanding alumni volunteer serving as a section chief for one of the fraternity's 36 geographical regions in the United States and Canada.

An emeritus professor of orthodontics at the Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Haynes was a longtime University of Richmond trustee and generous benefactor. Richmond's student commons was named the Tyler Haynes Commons in his honor in 1984, and a large meeting room in the building was named in honor of his wife, Alice, in 1991. The Tyler and Alice Haynes Professorship in American Studies, held by Dr. Jon Michael Spencer, was created in their memory with funds from their bequests.

Dr. Haynes joined the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity as an undergraduate in 1922, and served as section chief for Virginia and North Carolina for a decade. Serving as the Richmond chapter's primary adviser for three decades, he won the Phi Gamma Delta Couter Cup and Distinguished Fiji Award, and hosted his region's annual Tyler Haynes Steak Fry for many years.

Online giving option offered

More and more Americans now buy books, clothes, sporting goods and other items online, but sending a gift to one's alma mater with the click of a mouse is still a relatively new idea.

Yet on Dec. 1, 2000, the University joined a growing number of colleges and universities—Princeton, Bucknell, Colgate, Furman and Wesleyan, to mention a few—by offering online giving on its Web site home page.

So far, Richmond has exceeded all expectations: $21,000 its first month.

"Typically, there have been only four ways to approach prospective givers," says Chris Withers, vice president for development and university relations: "personal contact, phone, direct mail and special events." Online giving, he says, is "another way to ask, and it takes advantage of electronic options."

Withers says he initiated online giving at the urging of alumni, a number of whom are members of the University's President's Council of Emerging Leaders. "It's not necessarily a young thing," Withers adds; older alumni as well told him the University should offer online giving.

Building personal relationships is still the most important component in fund-raising, he believes. In fact, Withers would like to make the online site "more personal," perhaps with a welcoming statement that thanks individual donors by name.

Although January and February totals slacked off—December typically is the biggest giving month—Withers predicts online giving here and elsewhere will continue to grow. "As we become busier and busier, the more likely it is that we will send gifts with our Palm Pilots or via a computer in our cars."

The University's online site can be found at www.richmond.edu, on the lower right of the screen at "Giving to UR."

By Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64

Get Richmond news by e-mail

Subscribe to Richmond's electronic list for news bulletins from campus and receive several messages per month keeping you informed. To sign up, send an e-mail message to the address below that says: "Subscribe SpiderWeb [your e-mail address]." SpiderWeb is a joint project of the alumni affairs office, the media-public relations office and information services.

SpiderWeb@richmond.edu
Pruden is executive chef

M. Glenn Pruden, executive catering chef with University of Richmond dining services, has been certified by the American Culinary Federation as an executive chef. He is the first chef at the University to achieve the certification, which recognizes culinary education and professional expertise.

Pruden earned the distinction through a two-year process that included taking a written test; demonstrating knowledge of sanitation, nutrition and personnel supervision; and compiling employment experience. Recertification every five years requires continuing culinary education.

Pruden has been employed by the University for 22 years. Previously he worked for Hyatt hotels in Richmond and Cherry Hill, N.J., where he trained with European chefs.

Four receive summer Dow Jones internships

Four Richmond journalism majors are among 140 students nationwide selected to receive Dow Jones Newspaper Fund internships for this summer. After a two-week training course at one of six university-based regional Centers for Editing Excellence, each will be placed at a major daily newspaper for a paid internship in copy editing.

The students are Graham Eng-Wilmot, AR'02, who will intern with the Columbus, Ga., Ledger-Enquirer; Elliot Ritzema, AR'01, intern with USA Today in Arlington, Va.; and Michael C. Ward, AR'01, intern with the Long Island, N.Y., Newsday. Lauri Sheibley, AW'02, won an internship but declined it to pursue other plans.

"The Dow is one of the most prestigious internships a [journalism] student can win, and one of the most highly competitive," says Michael Spear, associate professor and coordinator of the journalism program.

"Our students are competing with journalism students from all over the country. In the past our students have won a Dow every year or so, but four this year was a quantum jump."

According to Linda Waller, deputy director of the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Inc., there were 455 applications this year. Journalism professors who direct the program's training courses made the final selections and matched applicants with participating newspapers according to the students' skills and interests.

The nonprofit Dow Jones Newspaper Fund was founded in 1958 by editors of The Wall Street Journal to improve the quality of journalism education.

By Dorothy Wagener
Spiders compete in NIT

The University of Richmond men's basketball team advanced to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. In their fifth trip to the NIT, the Spiders defeated West Virginia 79-56 in the first round, but fell to Dayton 71-56 in the second round.

Richmond compiled a 21-6 overall record during the regular season. The Spiders were Colonial Athletic Association regular season champions, but were not allowed to participate in the CAA tournament because of their move next year to the Atlantic 10. An at-large bid was their only option.

This year was Richmond's 11th postseason appearance. It was the Spiders' first NIT game since 1992, when Richmond lost in the first round to Florida.

Basketball mural adorns Robins Center arena

The Robins Center is sporting a new look this season. A mural commemorating the spirit of Spider basketball adorns the walls around the top of the Robins Center. Associate director of athletics David Walsh coordinated the project of taking photos and converting them into a mural. Hanging from the rafters are new banners recognizing past accomplishments. They include banners representing the retired numbers of John Newman, R'86 (#20), and Warren Mills, B'57 (#23). On Feb. 24, during halftime of the Richmond-George Mason game, a banner for former Coach Dick Tarrant was raised.

Soccer players drafted

Two Richmond senior soccer players are turning pro after being drafted in February. Senior back Jaclyn Raveia was drafted by the Carolina Courage in the second round of the Women's United Soccer Association's college draft. She is the first Richmond women's soccer player to be drafted professionally since the women's program began at the University in 1996.

The Carolina Courage is based in Raleigh, N.C. Men's senior back Craig Ziadie was selected by D.C. United in the third round of Major League Soccer SuperDraft. The first Richmond player to be chosen in the MLS draft, he was the 28th player selected overall.

Haveia and Ziadie participated in the sixth annual 2001 Umbro Select All-Star Classic, featuring the nation's premier graduating collegiate soccer players, in addition to top national and international pro players.

Football postseason honors

Richmond enjoyed one of its finest football seasons last fall. The Spiders were Atlantic 10 champions, recorded a school-record 10 victories, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Along with the team success, the Spiders received many post-season individual honors. Senior offensive lineman Eric Beatty was named to five I-AA All-America teams, and he was recognized as the Division I-A/I-AA Offensive Lineman of the Year in Virginia by the Richmond Touchdown Club. Junior defensive tackle Josh Spraker was twice named second team All-America. Senior linebacker Mac Janney was honorable mention All-America, and was honored by the Richmond Touchdown Club as the Defensive Back/Linebacker of the Year for Division I-A/I-AA in Virginia.

As well as being named Coach of the Year in the Atlantic 10, Jim Reid was tabbed Coach of the Year in Virginia by the Richmond Touchdown Club and the Virginia Sports Information Directors.

By Phil Stanton
Stevenson leads CAA in scoring, three-point shooting

Greg Stevenson spent his first two years of college at Penn State. Spider fans are trying to imagine what kind of numbers he would have put up if he had spent four years at Richmond.

For the second consecutive year, the 6-6 senior forward was named first team All-Colonial Athletic Association and was runner-up for CAA Player of the Year. Stevenson was selected CAA Player of the Week three times this season, the most of any player in the league. He also was named State Player of the Year by the Richmond Times-Dispatch for the second year.

Stevenson scored more than 500 points in each of his two seasons at Richmond. On Feb. 17 against VCU in the Robins Center, he became the Spiders' 33rd member of the 1,000-point club. He started and scored in double figures in every game at Richmond.

A complete player, Stevenson led the CAA in scoring as well as three-point shooting. He was fourth in rebounding, fifth in field goal percentage and steals, eighth in free throw percentage, and ninth in blocked shots and three-point field goals made. He was the only player in the CAA to be ranked in the top 10 in eight statistical categories.

Stevenson's finest moment may have come in his final home game in the Robins Center against the George Mason Patriots. Following an emotional pre-game ceremony for Richmond's five seniors (Stevenson, Rick Houston, Scott Kauffman, Tyler Phillips and Kinte Smith), Stevenson scored 34 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in Richmond's 77-57 win. He hit 13 of 19 shots from the floor, and was 3-3 on three-pointers and 5-6 from the free throw line. He also had two assists, one block and one steal.

By Phil Stanton

Dr. Henry Pearce Atkins

Dr. Henry Pearce "Pete" Atkins, who taught mathematics at Richmond for 27 years, died on Feb. 12, 2001. He was 86 years old.

A graduate of Cornell University, Brown University and the University of Rochester, he came to Richmond in 1958 from Rochester, where he had been assistant professor of mathematics and also had assumed administrative roles. During his career at Richmond, he taught nearly every math course offered by the department. His primary interests were geometry, problem solving, and applications in the physical sciences.

He also was the scholarship commissioner for the national fraternity Beta Theta Pi. In this position, he traveled to college campuses all over the United States, working to improve the academic component of fraternity life.

Dr. Atkins was a member of several professional societies, including the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Virginia Academy of Science.

Jeanne Begien Campbell

Jeanne Begien Campbell, who taught studio art at the University for almost 40 years, died on Jan. 26, 2001. She was 87 years old.

Mrs. Campbell studied art under Theresa Pollak, W'21, and Marion Junkin at the Richmond School of Art, now a department of Virginia Commonwealth University. She began teaching studio art at Westhampton College in 1944. When her daughter was born in 1951, her husband, VCU art professor Jewett Campbell, took over her classes so that she could take care of their daughter. Mrs. Campbell returned to teaching in 1957. She organized and supervised almost all of the exhibits held each year at the Marsh Gallery from the time it opened in 1968 until her retirement in 1983.

Mrs. Campbell's work was included in galleries in New York and Washington as well as in many private collections. She held several one-woman shows at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and a retrospective exhibition of her work was shown at the Marsh Gallery in 1983.

Dr. Talbot Rayl Selby

Dr. Talbot Rayl Selby, 73, professor emeritus of classical studies, died on Dec. 31, 2000. He was 73 years old.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he studied Latin at the Vatican and the University of Rome on a Fulbright Scholarship. He came to Richmond in 1962 as a professor of classical languages. He also served as chair of the department of ancient languages for 10 years, and chair of the department of classical studies for six years. He also helped establish the master of humanities program at the University. He retired in 1989.

Dr. Selby was a founding member of the Mediterranean Society of America. He had a great interest in Italy and led yearly University study tours there for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Classical Association of Virginia, the American Philological Association and the Vergilian Society, among others. He is survived by five children, including Barbara Selby Wells, W'80.
Ever heard of Sol Hurok? He was considered the last of the great impresarios. For much of the 20th century, he searched the world for extraordinary talents and performing groups. When audiences, whether in small-town auditoriums or internationally acclaimed concert halls, settled into their seats, they knew "Sol Hurok Presents..." would deliver an unforgettable experience.

By Edwin Slipek Jr. A Richmond-based free-lance writer
Hurok's entrepreneurial spirit is present at the University of Richmond's George M. Modlin Center for the Arts. Now in its fifth season, the facility has transformed cultural life on campus and in the greater Richmond community.

"The center has helped us attract top students in the arts and has broadened our circle of friends among the artistic community in Richmond and worldwide," says Dr. William E. Cooper, University president.

But even before the $25 million center opened in 1996, its director, Kathy Panoff, was working with faculty, students, staff and community arts organizations to meld the center into a premier collegiate arts venue: to bring all of the arts under one—albeit extended—roof.

"That first season I was asked by President [Richard L.] Morrill to put together a business plan and present five events with appeal to the broader community," recalls Panoff, a former high school music teacher. "But things really took off: We had 25 events, 15 of which were presented for the general public."

As Panoff speaks of the center's successes and challenges as well as the opportunities ahead, myriad activities are swirling just beyond her doors.

The Camp Concert Hall stage in the Booker Hall of Music is being readied for a performance by soprano Roberta Peters, one of the world's great divas.

In Perkinson Recital Hall, a dozen students are practicing a snappy, high-stepping Broadway dance routine to Jerry Herman music.

In the Marsh Art Gallery, freshmen members of a core curriculum class are experiencing the work of Lewis Wickes Hine, a Depression-era photographer.

The box office is dispensing tickets to the University Players' production of Waiting for Godot.

In adjacent classrooms and studios, art history, ceramics and painting classes are in session.

Opportunities for students
Katie Dixon, AW'03, with Shanghai Quartet violist Honggang Li
At the piano, Jennifer Bernard, AW'01, with Dr. Joanne Kong, director of accompaniment
"The way the program has unfolded reaches every expectation I've had," says University Chancellor Richard Morrill. As president from 1988 to 1998, Morrill crystallized the concept and shepherded the development of the comprehensive arts center.

According to Panoff, during the center's first season "the 'who we wanted to be'" became clear surprisingly fast. When performances of a Polish dance troupe, Mazowsze, sold out, she knew they were onto something. "We've learned that if we do anything with an ethnic theme, it does well."

The performing arts aren't always an easy sell. Panoff says that in most American communities, only 2 percent of the population buys tickets to dance, symphony and theatre offerings. She says the Modlin Center has successfully reached past this "boutique" audience out into the metropolitan Richmond community.

Says Morrill, "The way we've complemented, but not supplanted, programs being offered in Richmond has also been impressive. We've found our niche."

Few would argue that the Modlin Center also has etched itself a major groove on campus. When students were asked during recent research to name three defining aspects of the University, Panoff says 85 percent listed the Modlin Center as a distinguishing characteristic.

While Panoff says the number of students attending the center's programs has risen dramatically since the center opened, there is still room for growth. Faculty members, hard-pressed for time, are another constituent group the center is trying to encourage.

To make the Modlin Center an even livelier resource for programs, artistic explorations and interdisciplinary studies campus-wide, Panoff and the arts faculty have developed a vision for a major fine arts endowment that should accomplish three ambitious goals.

First, the endowment would underwrite the center's programs. This would ensure both cutting-edge events and programs with more familiar marquee pull (ticket prices usually cover less than half a production's cost).

Second, the endowment would provide merit-based scholarships for students who major in the fine and performing arts.

"What makes the case for these scholarships so compelling is the interdisciplinary component of the arts at this university," explains Panoff. "You don't have to be an arts major to participate in the arts here. Yet, to be truly competitive as a liberal arts university, we must attract talented arts students. These dedicated students will generate tremendous energy for the entire campus."

And finally, a significant portion of the endowment would establish chairs or professorships for outstanding visiting artists, individuals both at the top of their fields and at the top of their form.

"The sense of unity of the arts faculty behind this endowment..."
The Modlin Center for the Arts has affected students who are considering arts careers as well as those who had never explored or developed their artistic side—if they even thought they had one.

Katie Dixon is a violist and pianist with a solid commitment to music. But while in high school in Alton, Ill. (near St. Louis), and considering her college choices, she decided, “I didn’t want to go the conservatory route.”

Dixon learned about the University when her mother read about the Shanghai Quartet in a chamber music magazine. Mother and daughter thought the prominent chamber group’s presence at Richmond made a strong statement about the school’s commitment to the arts.

Dixon visited the campus twice, once to audition for the viola and again to interview for an Oldham scholarship. For her Camp Concert Hall audition, she played a Bach piece and an obscure viola concerto. “It really blew me away—I was struck by the acoustics,” she says of the facility. “It is a small hall, but the acoustics are great.”

Now at Richmond, Dixon’s career has taken some turns. After attending what she called a “high-powered” music camp last summer, she realized she didn’t want the pressure of breaking into the music field. Meanwhile, a course in logic in the philosophy department intrigued her. She changed her major from music to a double major in English and philosophy, with a minor in music. She’s also taken a photography course, and the photographs inspired her to write poetry.

But her music remains important. “The music faculty have been amazing,” she says. Dixon plays with two chamber groups at the University: a string quartet and a clarinet-piano-viola trio. She studies with...
Shanghai Quartet member Honggang Li and will perform in a Modlin Center concert in late April.

Ben Royer played baseball and soccer but was bitten by theatre with his high school's *My Fair Lady*. "I decided I liked it and thought, 'Why not give it a shot?'"

At Richmond, the theatre and psychology major from South Brunswick, N.J., has worked props, operated the soundboard, built sets and acted. Therefore, he knows the Modlin Center's capabilities. "We have flexibility that other theatres don't," he says. "We have a lot at our fingertips. And this means we can do more on the stage."

He cites the recent *How I Learned to Drive* production, when the stage flooring was reconfigured through a series of elevated lifts: "All the pieces can be moved. There are unlimited possibilities."

Unlike Dixon and Royer, Amy Hoffman, a junior from Cincinnati, brought little or no experience in the arts to college. "I had never had a studio arts class," admits the women's studies major and English minor. But during her first year at Richmond, she took a ceramics class. "Now I'm fairly decent at it," she says. She's being modest. Hoffman's work has been exhibited at the Marsh Art Gallery.

"The exhibition was a neat thing to put on my resume," she says. "And it's great to see the work in a professional setting."

"Now, I'm in the ceramics studio all the time. It was obviously designed by someone who works in the medium."

But the best part about the Modlin Center facility? "They don't complain about my getting clay dust everywhere."

One of the long-term goals of the Modlin Center is to establish an endowment that will bring visiting artists and scholars in long-term residencies, so that students may have the invaluable experience of working alongside professionals in their fields.

**Accent on Professionalism**

Visiting artists and scholars enrich the arts disciplines

The Modlin Center for the Arts is both old and new. Older sections include a totally reworked Modlin Fine Arts Center (now the Booker Hall of Music) and a partially reworked Keller Hall. These buildings sat perpendicular to each other near the southeast corner of Westhampton Green. What's new is a major, Gothic-inspired structure linking the two.

This clever expansion solution, by the Richmond architectural firm of Marcellus Wright Cox & Smith, made maximum use of the sloping site. It also stayed true to the spirit of the original campus master plan devised by Ralph Adams Cram, an architect who relentlessly promoted Gothic architecture as being highly conducive for learning. His firm also introduced the Gothic mode at both Princeton and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

With its versatile spaces for performances, exhibitions, studios and classrooms, the Modlin Center enhances Cram's compelling vision for a cloistered suburban campus apart from the fray of urban life, while bringing tremendous energy—via plays, concerts and exhibitions—to the campus.
If the past five years have been any indication, the center already is a factor in attracting guest artists to work at the University.

“It played a major part in my taking the job this year,” says David Bridgewater, a Virginia-based equity actor who has been teaching theatre arts during the 2000-2001 academic year.

“The theatres and facilities are first-rate, from the Jepson Theatre—which appears large, but is really very intimate—all the way down to the dressing rooms.”

Bridgewater brings a unique perspective. The veteran actor, who has appeared before Richmond audiences in shows at TheatreVirginia, Theatre IV and Barksdale Theatre, grew up in college theatre. His father Daleng lists Suzanne Farrell & Company, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and MOMIX among the leading dance troupes who have performed at the Modlin Center and met with her dancers.

Jim Hillgartner, like Bridgewater, is a professional actor on a one-year faculty appointment. He recently directed Samuel Beckett’s Waiting for Godot, which was produced in the Cousins Studio Theatre. Hillgartner says the hall fit the scale of the play perfectly. “Godot doesn’t lend itself to a big theatre; it can disappear in a big theatre.”

Walter Schoen, associate professor of theatre who has taught at the University for 10 years, says the Modlin Center theatres not only have flexibility, “but what keeps popping up with guest actors is the warmth and intimacy that they feel,” particularly in the Alice Jepson Theatre.

“We wouldn’t be able to attract guest artists, attract audiences or do the kind of thing we’re doing without the center,” says Schoen. “It’s a real Mecca, a real attractive place. Not just to look at, but to work in.”

Hillgartner believes his year at the University also has been enriched by being in the Modlin Center and around other artistic activity. “Many things pass in and out of there that intersect in interesting ways,” he says. “It enriches enormously what you are teaching. I’ve taught at other schools where departments are completely isolated, and students from one department never see those in another. That doesn’t happen here.

“And of course, this also means people from other areas discover the theatre department.”

Guest artists

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Soprano Roberta Peters with Christy Balluff, AW’04

Scene from Waiting for Godot, directed by Jim Hillgartner

MOMIX troupe member rehearsing with University Dancers
Mention the words interdisciplinary and the Modlin Center for the Arts in the same breath to Richard Waller, executive director of University museums, and you'll get an immediate reaction. For him, it's not an abstract concept that's discussed in faculty planning meetings; he'll tell you it's the norm at the center.

"The proof is in the pudding," he says. "We do interdisciplinary things all the time. It just happens."

Waller says there is a long history of joint ventures within departments as well as between departments at Richmond. "This is particularly true of the fine arts departments. We came from very close quarters and always had worked together.

"But when we were given the Modlin Center, it allowed us to do things on a level that never was possible before."

He mentions the springtime Baroque Festival of the Arts from March 28 to April 17. Presented in conjunction with the Marsh Art Gallery's exhibition of the prints of Stefano della Bella, the series celebrated the arts of the 17th-century European Baroque period. Included in the program were a lecture by art and art history department chairman Dr. Charles Johnson, concerts, master classes, workshops, printmaking demonstrations, and a two-day art and music conference.

"This is really a good example of how things can be interconnected," says Waller.

The festival engendered coursework. A special course explored art and music of the Baroque period.

Earlier this season another exhibition, "Lewis Wickes Hine: The Final Years," was the springboard for a freshman core course. All first-year students were encouraged to coordinate their studies with the exhibition of Depression-era photographs.

"The Modlin Center gives us seven times the amount of space we had before," says Waller, "and those spaces are state-of-the-art." The museums' newest resource will be a print study center named in recognition of the gift of Joel Harnett, R'45, and his wife, Lila, soon to open on the Modlin Center's second floor.

For faculty in departments outside of fine arts, the possibilities for interaction and joint programming are great.

"Not only are the facilities fabulous, but the staff has been essential to the success of Quest 2000," says Dr. James H. Hall, chairman of the philosophy department and the head of the campus-wide, biennial program that focuses on a multifaceted exploration of a profound question.

Hall says that two major Quest 2000 programs were held in the Modlin Center. The first was a one-day symposium on the topic of the relationship between Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson. The other was election year related: "Truth and Spin in Politics," a lecture by columnist Molly Ivins.

The project's most ambitious presentation was held in November when comedian and playwright Lily Tomlin presented "And That's the Truth: An Evening of Comedy with Lily Tomlin" to an audience of 4,000.

"The staff of the Modlin Center really staged that entire Lily Tomlin program," says Hall. "They have been extremely helpful. They are my right hand and my left hand. They have tremendous energy and vision."
In its first five seasons, the Modlin Center has become the locus of the performing arts in Central Virginia. I don't say that as a proud alumnus of the University of Richmond. I say it as a professional observer, writing about the arts for the region's principal newspaper.

Here's how I justify the statement:
If a major touring artist or ensemble in mainstream jazz or modern dance, folk or world music, off-Broadway theatre or standup comedy, early music or jazz-classical "crossover"—that is, an artist working in one of the fields that bring new vitality or extra depth to the performing arts today—performs in Richmond, the odds are the performance will be at the Modlin Center.

The center has put the town back on the "A" circuit of touring artists for the first time since the 1960s.

The Modlin Center is the home of the Shanghai Quartet, the leading chamber group based in Virginia; and Currents, Richmond's leading exponent of contemporary art-music.

The city's two largest performing arts entities, the Richmond Symphony and the Richmond Ballet, perform regularly at the center. So do a variety of other local and regional arts groups.

The symphony's musicians relish the opportunity to rehearse in the center's Camp Concert Hall because it has the best acoustics in town. "It's the one place where we know we can hear each other accurately," says one veteran orchestra member.

Many touring artists have seconded that sentiment. It's no accident that the hall has been the first stop on American tours by such groups as William Christie's Les Arts Florissants and the Ensemble Haydn-Berlin. Nor is it a coincidence that the audience of National Public Radio's Performance Today regularly hears selections recorded live in Camp Concert Hall.

The Modlin Center also stands as a physical and conceptual model for the performing arts center that Richmonders hope will anchor the city's downtown revival.

As they plan a new center-city complex of theatres and performance spaces, arts groups like the looks and sounds of the Modlin Center's mix of venues:
• The better acoustics of the "platform stage" design of Camp Concert Hall
• The twin stages—one for rehearsal, one for performance—of the Alice Jepson Theatre and Frederick Rehearsal Hall, and
• The inclusion of a versatile "black box" space in Cousins Studio Theatre.

The variety of attractions that have been brought to the Modlin Center and its flexible ticket-subscription plans, which induce patrons to add something new and different while selecting their favorites, increasingly are seen as the way to build audiences and stimulate interest at the "high end" of the performing arts.

Then there's the factor that real estate agents always stress: location, location, location.

The Modlin Center was the first, and is still the most important, major performing arts venue built outside the center of town. Its proximity to Richmond's fastest growing western and southern suburbs reduces the round-trip drive on an evening out by an hour or more, making it far more attractive to couples with a babysitter waiting at home or a job waiting in the morning.

For all those reasons and more, Richmond's Modlin Center for the Arts is viewed by more and more Richmonders, and by the performers who serve them, as the center for the arts.
On a mild February day, three University of Richmond students meet up with members of a protest group on the grounds of Virginia's Capitol. Holding candles and signs, they pray and then demonstrate against the planned construction of a reservoir that would destroy sacred burial sites and other lands of the Mattaponi Indian tribe.

The next morning, faculty members and students join local philanthropists on a bus bound for the Richmond Detention Center. The trip is a follow-up to "Mending Broken Promises: Justice for Children at Risk," an ambitious report researched and written largely by Richmond students. The report suggests how philanthropic resources can better meet the needs of troubled children and their families.

On the third day, five other students gather in a room 30 minutes before the official start of class. Munching on bagels brought in by their professor, they discuss upcoming visits to area nonprofit organizations. Their mission is to elicit information that will help them develop an Internet-based resource to help nonprofit organizations, legislators and fund-raisers make decisions about programs and policies.

Twenty years ago, universities began focusing on community service as a way to enhance a student's education. Community service evolved into service learning, in which students applied concepts they learned in the classroom through volunteer activities. Now, there has been another evolution—some might even say a revolution. It's called participatory action research, or the scholarship of engagement.

"The scholarship of engagement means connecting the rich resources of the university to our most
pressing social, civic and ethical problems, to our children, to our schools, to our teachers, and to our cities," wrote Ernest L. Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation, who is considered the father of the movement. “Campuses would be viewed by both students and professors not as isolated islands, but as staging grounds for action.”

Accountability, action, results

Participatory action research, or PAR, is a form of service learning. This is how it works: With close guidance and participation from faculty members, student teams collaborate with a community organization to address a specific problem. The students conduct research on the issue, gather information, and then present their findings to their community partner.

“The key words are accountability, action, and results,” says Dr. Richard Couto, holder of the George Matthews and Virginia Brinkley Modlin Chair in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. “Students are reporting their findings to the community organization, which hopes to use these findings to determine solutions to their problems.”

The organizations benefit from the students’ enthusiasm and knowledge; the students benefit from an enriched education in a “real-world” situation. “It has been a great experience,” says Lauren Zimmerman, JW’03, who became involved with the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi through her Leadership in Social Movements class with Dr. Douglas Hicks, assistant professor of leadership and religion. “I have grown to be very passionate about this cause.”

“With community service, I always feel as though I am being provided with the opportunity to give back to the community and help others in need, but I rarely feel that I have learned something that will continue to affect me long after my service is done,” says Alissa Hascup, JW’01, who has worked on various PAR projects.

“With PAR projects, both parties grow from the experience,” Hascup adds. “Not only are you providing some type of service for someone else, but you are learning from the service you are providing.”

“I view PAR as the form of service learning with the greatest possibility for integrating the classroom and the curriculum,” says Couto, who has written on the subject for scholarly journals. “I have seen its power for teaching students and for community development.”

Couto, the University’s leading advocate for incorporating PAR projects into class studies, has been nationally recognized for his efforts. In the spring of 2000, he received the Ernest A. Lyton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Research, a national award presented annually to a faculty member who successfully combines research and community-based teaching.

In 1993, Couto helped to establish Learning in Community Settings on the Richmond campus. Two years ago, LINCS received a grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation to establish a consortium on PAR. Now known as the Campus-Community Partnership of Metro Richmond, it integrates PAR not only into the curriculum of other disciplines within the University, but also at three other educational institutions.

Together, they represent the diversity of American higher education: Richmond, a private, liberal arts university; J. Sargeant Reynolds, a community college; Virginia Commonwealth University, a comprehensive, public, urban institution; and Virginia Union University, a historically African-American, liberal arts college. The program is housed in Richmond’s leadership school.

“We hope to become a national model of inter-university cooperation,” Couto says. “We are collaborating to make higher ed an improved part of the civic infrastructure.”

Couto and Nancy Stutts are co-directors of the Campus-Community Partnership. Stutts meets with community leaders and organizations to assess their needs and requests, then links them with faculty members and student teams that take on the projects.

“The goal of traditional academic research is to advance knowledge for the sake of knowledge,” Stutts says. “But the goal of PAR is to better the community. And while the role of the researcher in traditional science is ‘expert,’ the role of the researcher in PAR is ‘skilled collaborator.’

“Also, the measures for success in traditional academic research are peer acceptance and publication in a journal,” Stutts adds. “In PAR, the measure of success is usefulness to the community and enhanced student learning.”

“This model departs from other research methods because the problem under study and the decision to study it originate in the community affected by the

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—Dr. Richard Couto
strong commitment from all the participants."

In the 1999-2000 academic year, the Campus-Community Partnership sponsored six PAR projects, including ones with the Black History Museum, a state health-insurance program for low-income families, Youth Matters, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. This year, students have worked with community groups concerned with labor, death penalty, and gay and lesbian issues, among others.

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Stutts worked with Couto and students in Couto's Critical Thinking classes to produce "Mending Broken Promises" during the 1999-2000 academic year. The students interviewed more than 100 people, including 52 detained juveniles, for the project.

"One of the tenets of PAR is that those who have the problem or who are connected to the problem also have an idea of the solution," Couto says. He adds that PAR projects such as the juvenile justice report "give voice to the ignored and the unheard."

"This is not the only example of PAR, but it's probably the most ambitious," he says, noting that several students worked more than the required 20 hours. "After the report was out, the students were exhausted. But most said they would do it again. When it works, it's like hitting a grand slam. And it's very satisfying for faculty members to see their students take such an intellectual and emotional leap."

Five students in Hicks' Leadership in Social Movements course are working with the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi.

"A fundamental part of this course is for students to engage in and analyze a current group working for justice in the Richmond area," Hicks says. "Students interview leaders in a social movement organization, attend their events, and help with planning or running those events. They submit two analysis papers based on their fieldwork and research. With the Mattaponi project, the students are addressing critical issues of Native American land rights and environmental justice."

"My group not only has studied the history of the alliance of the Mattaponi, but we also have gone to a plethora of meetings and continue to assist them in any way they feel necessary," says Kelly Decker, JW'03. "We help to distribute informational materials, participate in phoning and faxing local officials, send out letters, and help with the ceremonies as well."

"The demonstration was arranged as a peaceful tactic to persuade the [Virginia] legislature to not allow the reservoir to be built," her teammate Zimmerman adds. "It was thought that the prayer service would make the issue much more personal, and that it would show everyone how a culture as unique and special as this one should be preserved."

Ben Wallerstein, JR'99, was one of the students who worked with Couto and Stutts on the juvenile justice project. Now a law student at Georgetown Law School, Wallerstein says his involvement with that and other PAR projects has proven invaluable. "Much of what I've learned through PAR has enabled me to view problems differently from many of my peers," he says. "I am able to more quickly apply theory to practice, law to facts.

"PAR also helped me to develop invaluable communication and interviewing skills. When working with people on the street or interviewing inmates, we needed to think on our feet, improvise and hone in on the more important information."

"Action research is tough, but I am convinced that it is crucial," Wallerstein adds. "A great deal of well-thought-out policy fails because leaders miscalculate what happens between planning and application. It is important for people to understand that there aren't easy answers—or villains—when dealing with complex problems. And the local knowledge of everyone involved is essential if we're going to develop real, sustainable solutions to problems such as juvenile justice. To me, that's really the essence of action research."

Involving other disciplines

Dr. Dafna Eylon, associate professor of management in the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, also recognizes the educational value of PAR projects. She and a team of her master of business administration students worked with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to investigate volunteer retention. The students did background research, collected data and analyzed it, and then offered recom-
mendations. Eylon says museum officials were very pleased with the results, and even presented the findings at several conferences. A follow-up project is investigating how to involve undergraduate students in museum activities.

"Over the years, I have had dozens of students involved with nonprofit groups," Eylon says. "Some of them have had significant impact on these organizations. And in most of the cases, the organizations have had a significant impact on the students. So it's definitely a win-win situation."

Dr. Catherine Hagwell, assistant professor of psychology, used the PAR methodology for her seminar class on aggression and antisocial behavior. She worked with Youth Matters, a nonprofit organization devoted to building healthy and safer communities for youth in the Metro Richmond area.

"Two groups of students worked on the issue of promoting reading achievement, which has a strong negative correlation with aggression and antisocial behavior and is a component of many intervention programs," Bagwell says. One group produced a guide that summarized tutoring and mentoring programs, with sections devoted to parents, teachers and others. The other group compiled a list of programs in the region designed to address literacy among children.

"Although the project was not completed without frustration, I think the difficulties the students faced provided an excellent learning opportunity for them," she says. "And it was a challenging yet quite worthwhile learning experience for me. I plan to incorporate similar projects into future seminar classes."

"More than a bungee jump"

Back in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, the five students working on the Internet project discuss the questions they should ask to elicit relevant information.

"It needs to be more than a bungee jump," Couto says, advising them against swooping in and then, just as quickly, leaving the scene. "You need to immerse yourself. Walk around, talk to people."

The students and their faculty advisers have high hopes for this project. They believe it will provide information that will drive informed decisions, and thus strengthen the community's ability to address its challenges. They also see it as a tool to teach computer and Internet literacy to underserved groups. "This site will be especially useful to nonprofit organizations, but it will serve all citizens," Stutts says.

Hopes are high, but time is low. The students have only a few weeks to make personal visits, gather the information, analyze it and put it into written form. If all goes as planned, the Web site will be up and running by September.

Couto says it will be a race to the finish. But part of the beauty of the project is that it is manageable in a short amount of time.

"Mending Broken Promises," he says, dealt with a topic that was too broad to be addressed in one semester. Students needed to research not only the court system—"a big, baggy mess," Couto says—but also child development and the differences attributed to class and race.

In an article for Journal of Public Service & Outreach, Couto says the best PAR projects are broad enough to stimulate students' imaginations with a sense of importance, but also limited so that they can be brought to a satisfying closure.

"PAR is as old as John Dewey's educational philosophy, 'Learn by doing,'" Couto says. And it's a potent learning tool for the new century. Or, as Boyer said:

"Increasingly, I'm convinced that ultimately, the scholarship of engagement means creating a special climate in which the academic and civic cultures communicate more continuously and more creatively with each other...enriching the quality of life for all of us."

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Nothing that happened to Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry before the Civil War could account for what happened to him after it.

In the 1850s and early 1860s, he was a slaveholder, an ardent secessionist, a Confederate congressman and army officer. After the war, he became one of the nation’s fiercest advocates of free public education for all Southerners—male and female, black and white.

Curry was well known, admired and honored in his time as an educational reformer. This was, however, just one of the many roles he filled in his busy life. He also was a lawyer, author, state legislator, U.S. congressman, college president, professor, Baptist minister and American diplomat.

Though a Southerner and Confederate leader in his youth, Richmond College professor and trustee J.L.M. Curry transcended his times to become an advocate for universal public education.
Curry also was a strong believer in and tireless promoter of Richmond College. For more than a decade, he served the school as a much-beloved professor. After resigning that post in 1881, he became a member of the Board of Trustees and did much in the 19th century to lay the foundation for the modern University of Richmond.

Throughout Curry's adult life, he supported educational initiatives. His position may have stemmed from his own classroom experience. Born in Lincoln County, Ga., in 1825, he enjoyed an excellent education for the period. He graduated in 1843 from Franklin College, which became the University of Georgia, and in 1845 from Harvard University, where he studied law.

After Harvard, he moved to Talladega County, Ala. There, he practiced law, married and had a family, became a planter and entered politics, serving in the Alabama legislature. In 1856, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served two terms. Congressman Curry embraced mainstream Southern political ideas of the late 1850s. He admired state's rights defender John Calhoun, believed in secession and generally aligned himself with pro-slavery forces.

Following Alabama's secession, he served in the Confederate Congress, but lost his seat in the 1863 election. He joined the army and served on the staffs of generals Joe Johnston and Joe Wheeler, and commanded the 5th Alabama Cavalry. His wife, Ann, became ill and died in the last months of the war.

After the war, Curry chose not to pursue either law or farming, his former occupations; instead, he embarked on a new career in education. During 1865, he became president of Howard College, a Baptist institution in Alabama. Richmond College offered him in 1866 its presidency, which he declined. He never explained why.

Two years later, Richmond College made Curry a second offer, inviting him to join the faculty. He accepted. During the next 13 years, Curry led a fulfilling, happy life at Richmond. He came to teach English literature and moral philosophy, but he did much more. Curry assisted in creation of the college's law school in 1870 and was one of its first three law professors. He also helped the college off-campus, raising funds and lobbying with the General Assembly for money.

By all accounts, he was popular with students. When asked why, he responded: "I am much attached to the students and they apparently to me. My rule is to treat them as gentlemen and to have them regard me not as a hard taskmaster but as a sympathizing friend."

Besides the college, Curry also was deeply involved in religious matters, having become an ordained minister in 1866. He was active in Baptist associations and churches. A spellbinding speaker, he frequently gave sermons to large audiences, not only in Virginia but also up and down the East Coast, and for a number of years he was vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Several churches asked him over the years to become their pastor, but Curry declined all these offers.

He also spent much time with his family. His second wife, Mary, came from a prominent Richmond family, and her connections paved the way for their entry into the city's society.

Mary's father was James B. Thomas Jr., Richmond College trustee for more than 40 years and a generous benefactor who established the first endowed professorship at the college.

Although deeply involved with Richmond College, Curry also was interested in public educational issues across the South. His fascination with this topic was an old one. As an Alabama legislator, he had fought for the first public school system in the state. As a Confederate congressman, he often promoted the value of education.

Curry and other forward-looking Southerners realized that the region's approach to education desperately needed overhauling. The problem was nothing new, although it arguably had gotten worse in the wake of the Civil War.

**Southern attitudes** formed in the Colonial era held that education was the responsibility of parents, not government, and public schools were inferior to private ones. Consequently, ante bellum Southern schools were mainly private. And public education was a low priority for Southern state and local governments.

Immediately after the Civil War, the situation seemed poised for change. Reconstruction governments favored public schools. Legislatures accordingly passed laws supporting their creation.
and support. However, the situation did not improve for three reasons. First, because of the war, the Southern economy was wrecked and poverty was widespread; raising school money through taxes was impossible. Second, Reconstruction reformers wanted education for blacks and whites, but Southern whites strongly opposed educating their former slaves. Third, corruption in state governments doomed reform measures.

By the 1880s, Southern education was no better than it had been in the early 1860s; in some ways, the situation was worse. The entire region lagged behind the nation in the quality and number of its primary and secondary schools. Illiteracy was high. Southern children had short school terms. School systems had little money. Teachers were poorly trained and poorly paid. Schools in rural areas and black urban neighborhoods were primitive.

George Peabody, a successful businessman from Massachusetts, wanted to change all that. In 1867, he established the Peabody Education Fund, the first major educational foundation in America. With its $2 million endowment, a huge sum in the 1860s, the Peabody Fund was dedicated to improving Southern elementary and secondary education. The fund promoted model schools and tried to improve existing ones. It was particularly interested in teacher training and pay issues.

Curry had met Peabody and admired the fund’s work. To achieve its mission, the fund employed a general agent, who oversaw disbursement of money and ranged through the South as a spokesman for public education. In 1881, the general agent position became available, and the fund offered Curry the job. It was a perfect fit: Curry brought to the task solid political experience, talents as a speaker and promoter, and a passionate commitment to public education.

Unfortunately, the general agent job required Curry to resign his Richmond College professorship. He did so in February 1881, but later that year was elected to the college’s Board of Trustees.

Curry served as a college trustee for two decades, often as chairman, working tirelessly to improve the school. Notably, he tried and failed to allow women to enter as students—the trustees voted down coeducation in 1889—but his efforts initiated a process that led to the creation of Westhampton College for women after his death. Curry was more successful in leading efforts to revamp Richmond College’s administration. He also was involved in the appointment in 1895 of Frederic W. Boatwright as the college’s first president since 1869, after a quarter century of administration by faculty.

While Curry missed daily contact with Richmond College, he eagerly threw himself into his new job with the Peabody Fund. He also devoted much time to thinking about the purpose of education. Curry came to believe that education benefited both the individual and society. It allowed men and women to support themselves economically and to execute their duties as citizens. It also could foster the economic growth that the South needed. Curry soon came to believe that everybody should enjoy these benefits. He realized that a system denying education to blacks and women was unfair and counterproductive.

Curry worked with the Peabody Fund until he died. (His only absence from it or Richmond College occurred from 1885 to 1888, when he served an uneventful tour as U.S. Minister to Spain.) During his years with the fund, Curry crisscrossed the South dozens of times, vigorously promoting public education. His public relations skills were immense, and he used them aggressively.

Curry knew how to lobby. He frequently addressed legislatures on education topics and met privately with politicians. He wrote articles and pamphlets. He gave speeches in small towns by the dozens and appeared before U.S. Senate and House education committees, seeking federal support for public schools. Everywhere he went, Curry impressed listeners with his passion, his facts and his considerable oratorical skills.

The toughest proposition
Curry had to sell to white Southerners was the need for educating blacks. His position often was unpopular due to white hostility. Curry would present his position firmly in a speech, only to have an audience respond with profound silence. However, as a former Confederate congressman and army officer, Curry had an unassailable public position in the post-war South that allowed him to speak and write candidly and aggressively on this issue.

"Intelligence is a necessary ingredient in the wealth of nations...[U]niversal suffrage necessitates universal education."

J.L.M. Curry, in an address to the Texas legislature, 1881.
And his efforts did move some people. Certainly, his controversial stand attracted positive attention and acclaim in black communities and in the North. In time, he became an ally of the eminent African-American educator Booker T. Washington.

“Dr. Curry is a native of the South, an ex-Confederate soldier, yet I do not believe there is any man in the country who is more deeply interested in the highest welfare of the Negro than Dr. Curry, or one who is more free from race prejudice. He enjoys the unique distinction of possessing to an equal degree the confidence of the black man and the Southern white man,” wrote Washington in his 1901 autobiography, *Up From Slavery*.

Curry’s reputation as a proponent of black education led him in 1890 to become a trustee of the John F. Slater Fund for the Education of Freedmen. The Slater fund, like the Peabody, was well endowed. It was dedicated to improving educational opportunities for blacks in the South. Curry characteristically threw himself into his new role, closely studying the needs of black schools, devising a sound strategy for the use of the fund’s money and then seeing that the plan was executed.

Curry was a man of boundless energy who worked hard until his death on Feb. 12, 1903, in Asheville, N.C. In accordance with his wishes, Curry’s body was brought to Richmond College for his funeral. He subsequently was buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

Admirers across the nation mourned Curry’s death, while educational institutions and editorial writers praised his achievements. *The New York Times* said he was “incisive in bringing home unwelcome truth to unwilling ears.”

“It is a splendid life closed,” the newspaper continued, “and Dr. Curry’s patriotic service, no longer a personal possession, is a legacy to the Nation.”

African-American communities throughout the South remembered Curry kindly. One black publication noted that “whenever opportunity would permit, he would preach in our churches or lecture to our teachers, not as a white man to a Negro, but as a man to a man.”

Formal recognition of Curry’s achievements rapidly followed his death. The State of Alabama placed a statue of him in the U.S. Capitol’s Statuary Hall, recognizing his achievements. The University of Virginia named its Curry School of Education for him when it was created in 1905.

Curry’s greatest legacy, however, is the extensive public school system that now exists throughout the modern South. His contribution to the creation of this system was immense. It is true that Curry’s vision of quality schools for all Southerners took the better part of the 20th century to achieve. However, that it was finally done is due in part to Curry’s crusading zeal and belief in the value education has for all people in a democracy.

And his tireless efforts on behalf of the young Richmond College left it poised for growth in the new century.
Student's work saves man after cobra bite

Linda Taylor will never forget the call she received at the Virginia Poison Control Center at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13. A dispatcher from the Sussex County Rescue Squad said a man had called to report he had been bitten by his pet cobra, and he needed the antivenin.

Taylor, a registered nurse and a University of Richmond emergency services management student, knew immediately how serious the call was. The man probably had only hours to live if she could not get him to the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in Richmond and procure the antivenin for the spectacled cobra, one of the 10 most poisonous snakes in the world.

She also knew there were only seven places in the world that would have the antivenin.

As a nurse for 22 years and volunteer with the Goochland County Fire and Rescue Squad, Taylor had seen all kinds of emergencies. But she never had to make so many complicated connections so quickly to save a life.

She and classmates enrolled in the University's School of Continuing Studies had studied and talked about planning for and managing emergencies. That day she would test her knowledge of "how to put all the pieces together."

All the pieces had to come together very quickly.

To transport the man, Tom Townsend, a 42-year-old nuclear power plant engineer and snake fancier, to Richmond, she knew a helicopter was the only answer. She arranged for a MedFlight and got clearance to land at the heliport near Richmond Coliseum.

The next step was to find the right antivenin, which is made by milking cobras and injecting their venom into horses. She called the Washington Zoo but found that their antivenin came from the African cobras housed there. It would not work to treat the bite of the spectacled cobra, a member of the deadly Naja Naja species native to India. But, Washington said, the Bronx and Miami zoos probably would have it.

Fortunately, the Bronx Zoo had a quantity, but there were no airline flights leaving New York for Richmond soon enough to deliver the antivenin to the hospital in time.

Zoo officials called the New York City Police to seek help and gave Taylor other numbers to call.

The New York police commissioner's office cut through red tape and worked furiously to save a person in Virginia, Taylor said. The police agreed to rush to the zoo to pick up two types of antivenin and helicopter it to Richmond.

Taylor got the landing coordinates and sent them to the NYPD. As a backup, she also arranged for another type of antivenin to be placed on a Continental Airlines flight from Miami to Richmond.

All the antivenin arrived by 7 p.m. Doctors made a quick choice and began treating Townsend.

Already in critical condition and on a ventilator, he made a dramatic turn for the better the next day and is expected to recover fully. And he has sent the 50 to 60 poisonous snakes he had kept in basement cages to zoos that would accept them.

Dr. Jim Cisek, medical director at the poison center, says the U.S. has seen only four cases of this type of cobra bite since 1985. Taylor did "a bang-up job," he says.

Taylor credits her emergency services studies at Richmond's School of Continuing Studies with helping her manage the crisis.

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makes you able to think fast, to be very creative. Each class made me totally able to handle emergency situations."

Such courses as emergency operations, public relations, disasters and their impacts, and professional communication all have prepared her for specific situations and together have given her a big picture, she says. "I have the best of both worlds. Everything I love I can incorporate into a larger scope."

Working at the poison center and studying for class are not enough for Taylor, who gives 36 hours a month as a paramedic to the Goochland squad. She also volunteers for Operation Smile, a program that provides surgical care for children in other countries. Serving as a recovery room nurse, she twice has been to the Middle East and once to Morocco and China. She also conducted the first CPR class in Palestine.

She realizes that although her experiences and classroom training helped pull off a near-miraculous lifesaving operation—"I can't imagine it working better," she says—Taylor might not have succeeded if communications, red tape, weather or any other factor had interfered. "It was a case of everyone pulling together," she says.

By Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64

The Last of the Jews?
Dr. MYRON BERMAN, L'93
University Press of America, 1998
A phenomenon in American Jewish history affected many of the first American Jewish families, especially those who settled in the pre-Revolutionary or Early National Period South. Within a generation or two, they faded rapidly from the American Jewish scene and assimilated into the majority Christian society. In this, his third book, Berman traces one of those families and the evolution of its demise as American Jews.

Berman, a former professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, was a practicing rabbi when he matriculated at the University of Richmond School of Law in 1989 at the age of 61. He now has his own general practice in Fairfax, Va., with an emphasis on domestic law.

Ten Remarkable Women of the Tudor Courts and Their Influence in Founding the New World, 1530-1630
ELIZABETH DARRACOTT WHEELER, W'38
The Edwin Mellen Press, 2000

Elizabeth Darracott Wheeler set out on an ambitious undertaking with her study of 10 Tudor women influential to varying degrees in the founding of the New World. Mary Queen of Scots and Lady Jane Grey are the most famous, but the others are no less interesting.

The story of Bess Raleigh, wife of Sir Walter Raleigh, is characteristic of the dangers and courage that accompanied court life in the 1500s. After Sir Walter's execution, Bess is forced to steal her husband's severed head and risk the wrath of the sheriff. Risk was not new to her, as she had incurred the long-term wrath of that other "Bess" when she married her queen's suitor, and invested her funds into her husband's remarkable geographic adventures.

Such are the twists and turns in these generally ill-fated stories. Elizabeth Darracott Wheeler, W'38, is the author of Sir John Dodderidge, and is the widow of Charles H. Wheeler III, longtime vice president for business and financial affairs at the University.
ATHLETICS

★ Robert E. Bayliss, R'66 and G'71, head men's tennis coach at Notre Dame University, has been recognized as one of the top collegiate tennis coaches in the nation. In 1999, the Big East Conference honored him as its coach of the year for the second consecutive year.

Bayliss has been at Notre Dame since 1987. His record includes nine consecutive appearances in the NCAA Championships and 13 players awarded All-America honors. Previously, he posted successful records at the U.S. Naval Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Bayliss is a member of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's board of directors. In 1991, he guided the U.S. team to a gold medal at the World University Games in Sheffield, England. His wife is the former Pat Brown, W'67.

CHEMISTRY

★ Nathalie H. "Dec" Perkins, W'63 and G'65, leads the American Society for Testing and Materials' Committee D19 on Water. The committee of almost 40 members promotes knowledge and develops standards related to the sampling and analysis of water, waterborne materials and wastes, among other activities.

Perkins, who most recently served as first vice chairman of D19, is business development manager for Bionetics Corp. in Newport News, Va. She previously held positions as project manager with Burns and Roe Services Corp., and as president and chief operating officer of Diversified Technology and Services of Virginia. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists and a member of the Association of Proposal Management Professionals.

D19 is one of 128 technical standards-writing committees of the ASTM, one of the largest voluntary standards organizations in the world for materials, products, systems and services.

GOVERNMENT

★ Dr. Claude Carrington "Cary" Gravatt Jr., R'62, has been appointed the U.S. government director of the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles. In this position, he directs the formulation and implementation of government policy and technical activities in support of the U.S. manufacturing sector. Gravatt also is director of manufacturing competitiveness in the Office of the Under Secretary for Technology.

Gravatt holds a doctoral degree in physical chemistry from Duke University, and did postdoctoral research in chemical physics at Cornell University. He has written or co-authored more than 55 publications, and holds two patents on optical systems for particle characterization. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and serves on the board of directors of the Waterford Foundation. He is married and has two daughters, including Ann E. Gravatt, W'92.

HIGHER EDUCATION

★ Dr. Jean A. Scott, W'68, has been named president of Marietta College, a private liberal arts school about 90 miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio. She came to Marietta from Bradford College in Massachusetts, which announced it would close in 2000 because of dwindling enrollment and increasing costs.

Scott holds master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. She previously served as interim president of the State University of New York at Potsdam, where she also was vice president for enrollment and student services. Earlier, she held administrative posts at the College of William and Mary, Case Western Reserve University and Duke University. She became the 17th president of Marietta last July.

★ Dr. Elie Maynard Adams, R'41, G'44 and H'92, has been named one of the outstanding scholars of the 20th century by International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England. Adams is Kenan Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, emeritus, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The E. Maynard Adams Distinguished Professorship was established at UNC in 1992, when Adams retired after 42 years. In 1998, the E. Maynard Adams Lecture on the Humanities and Human Values also was established at UNC in his honor.

Adams, who lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., has written more than 100 articles for professional journals as well as non-professional periodicals and is the author of more than 10 books, including Religion and Cultural Freedom (Temple University Press). He also holds a divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.

LAW

★ Ebb H. Williams III, R'61, L'64 and Board of Associates member, has received the Virginia State Bar's 14th annual Tradition of Excellence Award. The award is presented annually by the general practice section to an attorney who has dedicated time and effort to activities that assist the community while improving the standard and image of general practitioners.

In January he also was inducted as a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, a special honor conferred on selected Virginia legal professionals who are deemed outstanding in their profession and their community.

Williams has been a solo practitioner in Martinsville, Va., for almost 30 years. His practice areas include general civil law, criminal practice, trials in all state and federal courts, personal injury law, product liability, medical malpractice, corporation law, insurance law, and family and real estate law. He is married to the former Gayle Gowdey, W'61, and has two children, Kevin, R'84 and L'88, and Christa, W'92.
Reade W. Carr, R, celebrated his 95th birthday in October while taking a three-week tour of China.

Louise Gray, W, attended her 70th college reunion in 1998 and was honored as a grand marshal of the 2000 Urbanna Oyster Festival by the Urbanna Oyster Festival Foundation.

Thomas H. Austin, R, embarked on an around-the-world cruise Everything went well for about 45 days until he reached Tahiti. At that point, the cruise line ran out of funds, and the passengers were disembarked on the beach and told to make their own way home.

William P. Frazer, R, celebrated his 90th birthday and 62nd wedding anniversary last June. He enjoys reading as well as spending time with family and friends.

The Rev. Floyd Thomas Binnis, R, celebrated his 95th birthday in October. From 1945 to 1999, he has attended all but 21 of Richmond’s home football games.

Juanita Bush Glover, W, celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise champagne and cake party given by her son and daughter-in-law. She then flew to Norfolk, Va., for a weekend of celebrations with her daughter, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

James E. Henry, R, and his wife, Alma, are living in a retirement facility in Franklin, Va. Frances Smith Justice, W, is living in a retirement home in Media, Pa., where she writes and conducts a literature group.


Margaret Taylor Gallaway, W, has created a music scholarship at the University in memory of her mother, Margaret Downer. Frances Rowlett Perkins, W, has a new great-grandchild, Karaline Renee Wheatley. Lola Williams Pierce, W, celebrated her 80th birthday last August. She lives in a retirement facility in Chesterfield County, Va., with her brother and sister-in-law.

Susan Bonnet Chernside, W, attended three weddings during the summer, one of which was in Provence, France.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
Martha Riis Moore
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In September, Martha Riis Moore joined her children for a reunion at the Cavalier (on the hill) here. Martha has sold her house and is in a retirement home, which she likes very much. She and her daughter, Nancy, joined Jacqueline W. Warren for lunch. Jacqueline is still doing group therapy for adults molested as children. She also sees some clients at her home office. Jacqueline says she is “seriously considering retiring” in 2001.

Helen Roper Howell, W, has five great-grandchildren. Her husband died last February. Robert B. McNeil, R, celebrated his 80th birthday last November. He has been doing volunteer work at a hospital for the past 20 years. Paul G. Wiley Sr., R, has been retired for 18 years.

Dr. Elie Maynard Adams, R. See Alumni Notables, p. 28.
Virginia Lee Ball Bray, W, spends her time gardening and making flower arrangements for her garden club as well as participating in activities of other clubs and civic organizations.
Patsy Garrett Kokinacis, W, is vice president of Children's Playtime Production in California, where she has appeared in Pandora's Box and A Christmas Carol. She also has a new great-granddaughter.

Marion Yancey Petroff, W, and her husband, Chris, spent a long weekend in the Norfolk, Va., area attending a ship’s reunion. Naomi Lewis Policoff, W, has been busy with her artwork, holding an “open studio” in San Francisco with 13 other printmakers. Her work appeared in a show at the College of Marin in Kentfield, Calif., and she received an honorable mention for a print at the San Francisco Women Artists.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Classmates are happy to hear that Virginia Omohundro Purcell has made a satisfactory recovery, and that she and Harold again were planning to spend the winter in Florida.

Margaret Forrer Darling reports she is back to driving and is busyly involved in organizing and coordinating a caregivers transportation program in New Hampshire. She also reports her lake was freezing over in early November.

Anne Boehling Bowles celebrated a special birthday with two of her daughters in Charleston, S.C. She stays busy with Elderhostels, bridge and volunteer activities.

Molly, the daughter of Alice Hardaway Prince, wrote that her mother is living in a retirement home and is eager for news of classmates. Evelyn Cosby has undergone a number of surgeries but is very faithful with her exercise program and is looking forward to our upcoming class reunion. She was recently honored by her six younger siblings at her milestone birthday.

Dr. William M. Bruch, R, works part time for the Social Security disability office in Richmond, as well as a pediatrician. He and his wife, Sarah, have 10 grandchildren. Rosellen Hoffman Via, W, moved to Williamsburg Landing, a retirement community in Virginia. Jayne Muire Massie, W, spent time in Holden Beach with family. She is active with many organizations including the Caroline County Library Board, Hanover County Historical Commission, Hanover Branch Association, Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and the DAR.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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In June, I received a letter from Billy Graham saying that last Thanksgiving he and Mary Alderson Graham and her ‘grandparents, children and grandchildren had a great week together in Bermuda.’ They have a new condominium in Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) Florida. Meta Hill Erb and Dave went on the University trip to Greece. In spite of the 115-degree heat for two days, she says it was a good trip with congenial people.

Thomas H. Austin, R ’29, was on an around-the-world cruise, when the cruise line ran out of funds and left passengers on a Tahiti beach to find their own way home.

Jeanita Tiller Elmoquist of Richmond writes that she has enjoyed simplifying her life by being a great walker—four to eight miles most days. She walks to all her errands and to her volunteer job each Friday at the Shepherd’s Center, a national organization that helps older people remain in their own homes. She also works one day a week as a receptionist at her church, and works one day at Mary Munford School. Her other passion is traveling. In 1999, she did a Scandinavian Elderhostel and has visited Turkey, England and many other European countries.

A note from Dorothy “Dot” Monroe Hill and Molly Warner Stephenson about Norma Sanders Grunley said that Norma and Ed had traveled to Florida by train last year. They stayed three months in a condominium about a mile from Molly and Jim. Norma is confined to her wheelchair, but she and Molly did some shopping together for her grandchild’s birthday. Dot and Stancil took a trip to New York last April and saw three shows. Her favorite was The Lion King. Our Dot is taking a taxi class and finds it relaxing and enjoyable. She also is enrolled in a water aerobics class with 12 other ladies. Dot says that Anne McIlroy MacKenzie was recovering from foot surgery after having a grand trip to Italy.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Roddy Coles’ serum and Prince Edward Island, and I made my semiannual trip to Seattle to visit our daughter and her family in July. Linton does not like to travel, so I travel with friends.

My oldest sister, Ruth Lazenby McCulloch, died in July. She’s the one who graduated from Westhampton when I was 6 weeks old.

Cornelia Reid Rowlett, W, continues to volunteer for the White House, and supervised one of the holiday tours last year. She also keeps busy with her five grandchildren and church work.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Elaine Weil Weinberg sent me an e-mail recently. Encouraged by her young grandchildren, she has been “dragged into the new millennium.” She wrote that they live in Valley View between San Francisco and San Jose, the heart of the Silicon Valley. She had read the article about Jinks Booth Grubbe in their paper, but did not make the Westhampton connection. Elaine and Larry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June with all their children and grandchildren present. Their oldest grand-daughter attends U. Cal at San Diego and “enjoys hearing about WC in the old days.”

Barbara Ritchie Branch had trips to Ireland last May and London last June, visiting with her son and his friends. In September, she and Lelia Phillips Toome went to London and then for a visit in Wales. Barbara also sent news of other classmates.

Mary Frances Bethel Wood is still heavily involved in quilting and does volunteer work at Thomas Jefferson’s summer home, Poplar Forest. Her husband, Buddy, works with the credit union.
SHELTON T. BELSCHE SRS., R., and his wife, Teresa, enjoyed cruises to the Caribbean and Southern Europe as well as two trips to Scotland to delve into the genealogy of his late father's family. Their two daughters, Jennifer and Jane, accompanied them on the most recent trip. He completed a genealogy of the family in 1991, but since has learned it is a continuing project with several addenda.

Garland Chester, R., retired from teaching as a professor in the business school of Columbia University, N.Y. He has five grandchildren, who he hopes will choose to attend Richmond. Mike Michaelson, R., was consulting on a documentary about the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The anniversary was on Nov. 17, 2000.

Margaret Hawthorne Redd, W., is still painting and showing her work throughout Virginia. Majie Wingfield Webster, W., is a retired computer scientist in Sparta, N.J., who is involved in arts and crafts and historical interpretation at Waterloo Village and Wild West City.

Roy B. Wyatt, R., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise to the Greek Isles, Turkey and the Black Sea. He is theologian-in-residence at Central Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Congratulations to Betty Ann Gustafson, who has been inducted into Richmond's Athletic Hall of Fame. "Gossie" played basketball, tennis and field hockey and ran track from 1943-47. Her athletic achievements preceded a 40-year career as a teacher of physical education and health, and coach in Richmond schools.

Congratulations also to Korrell Woody-Kaynor, W, '77, daughter of Susie and C.L. Woody. Korrell, a psychology professor at Peace College, has been named associate dean of the college. She earned a bachelor's degree at Richmond, and master's and doctoral degrees in child development from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Susie also writes that her grandson, Ben, is a top swimmer in North Carolina.

The Woddys had two trips last summer: a five-day stay in Savannah, Ga., for C.L.'s reunion, and a week-long Caribbean cruise. Both daughters and their families joined them for the cruise, which included stops in San Juan and St. Thomas.

Gin Ellett took a cruise on the Columbia River with her mother. She traveled the Columbia, Snake and Willamette rivers in the Pacific Northwest, on a 1,000-mile journey.

Seth Darrow Jewell, W., is in the real estate business in Oxford, Md., but has turned the reins over to his son.

SAGE ORRILL Lineberry, W., and her husband, Berlin, enjoyed traveling to the Great Northwest and touring Washington; Oregon; Alberta, Canada; and British Columbia, Canada. The highlight was having high tea at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Before flying home from Seattle, they had driven 2,000 miles.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Several of our classmates have moved. Suzanne Lovern Peeler, from one place to another in Staunton, Va.; Josephine Hoover Pittman, from Doraville, Ga., to Snellville, Ga.; and Jacqueline Jeter Shock, from Charleston, W.Va., to Dunbar, W.Va. My card to Sheila Pollack Derman was returned, address unknown. Does anyone know her current address? Jo Hoover Pittman and Bob are now near their girls, Vicki and Janice, which is nice. Their house is all on one floor, except for a bonus room and bath upstairs, and a basement. Daughter Anne and Brian are still in St. Thomas after their seafaring experience.

Ann Clark Little and Rundell attended the graduation of their oldest grandchild last May at the University of Central Florida. Soon afterward, they attended the University's Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner where their daughter, Patricia Little Rowland, W'77 and G'81, was an award recipient. In September, they toured the West for four weeks, enjoying scenic routes and avoiding interstate traffic.

Mike Michaelson, R'47, consulted on a documentary about the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Capitol.

Pam Burnside Gray and her husband continue to enjoy their new home on the James River in Hopewell, Va. They enjoy watching the river traffic. Jean Brumsey Biscoe had a trip to Maine. She enjoys her place at the "ravish" and playing bridge. She and Mary Cross Marshall, Suzanne Lovern Peeler and Frances Orell Lineberry met in Charlotteville in October for lunch. Suzanne notes that her new location is "refreshing in many ways. A zest for living is a great blessing." Our sympathy to Frances on the July death of her brother, Durwood.

Margaret Sabine Brizeneline has a new granddaughter from son Bill and Sue, born on July 14 (Bastille Day) and named Jaya Genevieve. All her family had a reunion in October at St. Pete Beach in celebration of Margaret and Chuck Swartz's fifth anniversary.

Alice Goodman says she is about the same. She goes to church, Sunday school, the bank, store and a senior citizens group. Lily Brittle Hepler broke her left wrist last October and required surgery. She urges us all to take special care. Pat Adams Woodhead discovered that she has hemiated discs, and her flying has been curtailed. She says she has read hundreds of books since that has happened.

Mary Cross Marshall attended a Charlotte Tea in the Bottomley House. She stays busy with the Bon Air Artists Association, serving as treasurer of the Women of Meadowbrook Club, and doing yard work. Judy Barnett Seelhorst and Art attended his 50th reunion at UKy. During the first part of November, then visited son Jim and family.

Peggy Macy Chevins and her husband divide their time between Vermont and Florida. She wrote that while Vermont is peaceful, in the South it is "busy, busy." Their Ocean Reef Chapel has been enlarged under Tony's supervision and was recently reopened. He's head of the chapel and Episcopal committee; she says she feels like she married a minister.

Marie Peachew Wicker is vice president of the Friends of the Chapel Hill Senior Center, and president of the Chapel Hill Woman's Club in North Carolina. She served on a committee to develop organizational changes in the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Her husband, Jake, continues part time on the Institute of Government faculty, mostly consulting, doing research and writing. In September 1999, their daughter, Fields, was named by Time's international edition as one of 14 European "doers and shakers" who would be leading Europe into the new millennium.

Last year, Virginia "Ding" Lambeth Shotwell led speech craft workshops, added membership in a second Toastmasters Club, and learned embonpoint and collage techniques at Ringling School of Art and Design, among other activities. Her husband, Ralph, continues writing and was honored at the 50th anniversary conference of the International Council of Community Churches. They continue to enjoy their homes in Country Club Villages in Chicago and Sarasota, Fla. The Shotwells presented a workshop, "Speaking with Spirit," at a Montreal conference.

In late September, Allen and I joined a group from our church for a pilgrimage to Cistercian monasteries in England, Scotland and Wales.

Please mark your calendars for our 55th reunion, May 4-5. Calley Goode Jackson is chairman for our events, with Frances Anne Beale Goode as co-chairman. I am sure you will hear from them about our plans.

Please also note my change of e-mail address. Whatever method of communication you choose, do let me hear from you.

RAWLIE G. CLARY, R., and his wife visited Germany to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. They also traveled to the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland and Northern Italy.

Anne Carter Haberer, W., retired and has traveled to Houston, Pittsburgh, Cape Cod and Maine. Charles A. Peach Jr., R., was appointed to the Virginia Board of Health Professions by Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore. He will represent the board of psychology.

Dr. Alton R. Sharpe Jr., R., is in private practice with Thyroid Specialists Inc. after serving on the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia for 35 years.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Flo Gray Tudle is in the health care unit (room 302) at Westminster-Canterbury on Westbrook Avenue in Richmond (23227). She is receiving rehab and slowly showing some improvement. I have visited her and am pleased with her response.
She would appreciate cards or notes from you. Her entire family visits her. Our prayers go out to all of them, especially Tom.

Elaine Leonard Davis is handling her grief following the death of her husband, Bill. Her children have rallied around her and have been a great comfort. She is thankful they took a recent trip to Alaska even though Bill was not well. This is a place he wanted very much to visit, so he was able to fulfill this dream.

Elaine plans to do some traveling herself in the future, and hopes to go on a University trip this spring.

Jane Denz McManigal and her husband, Micky, enjoyed celebrating their 50th anniversary from July through October. As reported before, they started with a trip to Maui, Hawaii, in July, followed by all their children and grandchildren. Then on their real anniversary of Oct. 21, Micky gave Jane a surprise weekend trip to the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, where their children joined them for another wonderful celebration. Audrey Bradford Spain, Beth Wilburn Hooker and Mimi Anderson Gill were privileged to be included at a lovely party in their suite, followed by an elegant Jefferson brunch on Sunday. Everyone was so pleased to see how well Bill Spain was. Much reminiscing and fun was had by all.

Then, Jane and Micky were given another surprise party in their hometown of Westfield, N.J., on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Jane enjoyed it, even though she fell and broke her left wrist on Thanksgiving. Jane went back to North Carolina and learned to do things with one hand, with the aid of a very patient husband.

Lou Winn McCutcheon and Ben had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with her son and family in Philadelphia. Her grandchildren are the “apple of her eye.”

Beverly Stahl Sponaugle is wintering at her condo in Jupiter, Fla., where she plays a great deal of golf with many longtime friends.

Mimi Anderson Gill spent two months in Maine and enjoyed many friends who came to visit. En route home she took side trips to Boston; Cape Cod; Newport, R.I.; and Long Island, N.Y. Many varied activities keep her busy, and she enjoys attending many Richmond athletic events.

Alan L. Creedle, B, has retired from CSX Transportation.
Louis A. Crescio, B, and his wife, Marjorie, attended the FBI National Convention of Former Agents in Reno, Nev. They vacationed in California, where they visited with their son, Christopher, in Morro Bay, as well as their nephew, Ralph, in Sacramento.

James Brier, R ’54, is a volunteer with the Mesa, Ariz., police helicopter squad.

Vivian B. Lewis, W, and her husband, W.P., celebrated their 50th anniversary with their daughters and grandchildren in Virginia Beach.

Dr. James R. Sease, R, reports that he loves being retired. He took his sailboat south to the Bahamas last winter, and planned to also spend time in Charleston and Hilton Head, SC.

Al Rinaldi, R, is a volunteer with the Pocahontas Middle School football team.
Roberta Stephens, B, spends time on his 72-acre farm in Spotsylvania County. He recently celebrated the arrival of his fifth grandchild, Dawson James Fishe.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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I have happy news to report! Mary Lee Moore Vinson was married on Sept. 23, 2000, to Ed May, whom she has known since their high school days in Culpeper, Va. They had a wonderful weekend wedding trip to Tides Inn.

It was good to hear from Paula Abernathy Kelton. Since retiring, she and John have traveled to Germany and then spent two weeks in Eastern Europe. They especially enjoyed Prague and Budapest.

Charlotte Herrink Sayre moved into her new condominium last September. In October, she spent a week in Arizona, traveling to Sedona and the Grand Canyon with her sister, brother-in-law and niece.

Dr. Jean Love Hanson and Chuck traveled to Savannah, Ga., to visit their daughter, Paige. They then moved on to Charleston, Palm Beach and Edisto Beach.

Helen Clark Hensley reports that Dick is recovering from quintuple bypass heart surgery, which took place in Roanoke last August. All four of their children were there for their first get-together in five years.

Maryglyn Cooper McGraw and Wally vacationed in Tahiti last October. They especially enjoyed several off-road jeep trips to observe the local wildlife. Remember, May is our reunion, the big 5-0, and I hope all of you will try to be there!

Clarence P. Moore, R, is an employee of Price and Gannon, a hardware store in Centreville, Md. He is also a supply minister in the church. He and his wife have two sons: David, a chief in the Air Coast Guard, and Timothy Moore, R ’80, director of student activities at SMU.

Clifton L. Warren, R, has returned to teaching full time as an English professor after 15 years as dean of the liberal arts college at the University of Central Oklahoma at Edmond.

Robert H. Armstrong, R, has been rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Chester, Va., for 32 years. He and his wife recently celebrated 40 years of marriage. They have three daughters and one granddaughter.

James R. Brier, R, is retired but has joined the Mesa, Ariz., police aviation unit as a volunteer with the helicopter squad.

Dr. Gustavus Vasa Jackson Jr., R, has retired from his medical practice.

Betty Garter Lane, W, enjoys golf and bridge and is involved in selling vintage costume jewelry and small collectibles. She also is mentoring a fourth-grade girl.

Lucy Newman Smith, W, is doing well recovering from her illness, and enjoys her four children and eight grandchildren.

Willbur E. Thomas, B, has been reappointed for a second four-year term on the State Board for Community Colleges. This 15-member board is the governing body for the 23 community colleges with 39 campuses around Virginia.

Cecil E. Marsh, R, had triple bypass heart surgery last September. He is recuperating well and has been intern pastor at Chamberlayne Baptist Church since March 1999.

Janet Francis Midgett, Marilyn Bowlin Gordy and Lois Moody Mackey, all W, traveled to Orlando, Fla., to see Disney’s Animal Kingdom.

William H. Perkins Jr., R, is retired and splitting his time between homes in Durham and Corolla, N.C.

Joe Curtiss Phillpot, B, has retired. He and his wife, Joy, are enjoying their two grandchildren, traveling, and playing lots of golf.

Elizabeth Williams Roberston, W, has retired but is enjoying teaching part time at a small private college, and spending time with seven grandchildren.

Jane Wilson Rolston, W, and her husband, Holmes, spent time on the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland, during the Saint Magnus Festival.

Fred T. Thrasher, R, has been elected director-at-large of the Mountain Victory Trail Association.

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It is with regret that I report of the death of Dickie Tall, husband of Barbara Bull Tall. Dickie died last October after a long illness. He missed our 54th reunion—the first he had not been able to attend. We will miss his fun-loving ways. Our sympathy is extended to Barbara.

Dwight W. Cumbee, R, and his wife, Cheryl, will be doing a pulpit exchange with a Church of Scotland minister and his wife. Ann Shlee Garrett Maxson, W, and her husband, Max, traveled by small ship to Alaska. They went inland to Anchorage and Fairbanks and went for a helicopter ride around Mount McKinley.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Our thanks go to Myra Embrey Wormald for writing our class notes for the past five years, and especially for covering our 45th reunion.

Our 50th reunion gift ideas to co-chairs Alice McCartney Haggerty and Marty Glenn Taylor; reunion class president Jean Crittenden Knuffman; or committee members Jackie Kilby Brooks, Betty Leigh Stembridge Leggett, Margaret English Lester, Burrell Williams Stultz, Grace Phillips Webb, Barbara Turner Willis, Bobbie Reynolds Wyker and Joy Winstead. Starting now, we hope you will designate donations for “Westhampton College Class of ’55 - 50th Reunion Account.” We have four more years to accumulate a significant gift. Richmond’s director of planned giving, Diane Lowder, W’84 and L’87, talked to us about ways an alumna can give money that may help with taxes or
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David M. Armbrister, R, has retired as senior professor of history at Bluefield College, W.Va. John Paul Berry, R, and his wife, Billie, are retired and devoting time to their kids, grandchildren, church, missionary work and extensive travel. J. Robert Rutledge, R, has retired as construction manager for Savoy Corp.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

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It was so nice to hear from Mary Moore Mullin Mowery during the fall. She reported that 2000 had been filled with many wonderful things, beginning with a trip to Atlanta for her niece’s wedding. Other travels included a trip to Washington, D.C., and Maryland, where they had lived for 21 years, then on to Hilton Head, S.C.; Augusta Ga.; then to Durham, N.C., for Al’s 45th reunion at Duke. Daughter Cindy went on a business trip to Paris and Mary accompanied her.

In June, they went to Houston to celebrate son Leighton’s and son-in-law’s 40th birthdays, where she had the misfortune of falling at Six Flags and reinjuring her knee. This hump knee interferes with her tap dancing, she says. It sounds like they are enjoying their home in Las Vegas, which is on the side of a mountain with a great view of the strip. She also reported more activities available than one can handle. She said if anyone is planning a trip, be sure to let her know.

Peggy Armstrong Thusscz
and Frank have left the Northern Virginia gridlock for quiet Berryville, Va., and plan to build their dream house slightly farther afield very soon.

Thanks to hosts Joyce Garrett Tidie, W’57, and George, B’55, I celebrated Richmond’s football win over William and Mary at a tailgate party in this hothouse of Tribe supporters, Williamsburg. Jean Ruddle Migneault presides over an investment club of 15 Williamsburg women, and has finished a term as recording secretary of the Woman’s Club of Williamsburg. She had already been club president—twice!

Bringing together artist and audience

When Lauren Fitzgerald, JW’97, meets Edward Albee in a few weeks at her place of business—the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis—she’ll be impressed but not awestruck. Fitzgerald will be calmed by the fact that she has actually met Albee before, when he came to the University of Richmond for an appearance during her undergraduate years.

From meeting and chatting with Albee, to acting in King Lear with Ralph Waite, to picking up Beverly Sills at her hotel, Fitzgerald feels her exposure to theatrical “big names” at Richmond prepared her well for her present job. She is touring company manager for the Guthrie, the Minneapolis theatre that has the largest subscription base outside of New York and one of the highest operating budgets in the country for a nonprofit theatre.

“Artists do speak a different language,” she says. “The way familiar people were brought into our lives at Richmond wasn’t intimidating. With this job, I spend much of my time with high-profile people, and I have to bridge the gap between two worlds: the artist and the audience. My Richmond experiences really help there.”

A leadership studies major with minors in English and theatre arts, Fitzgerald managed to appear in one student theatre production each of her undergraduate years. She also was the first student intern to work with Modlin Center director Kathy Panoff.

“That was the year the Modlin Center opened, and it was so exciting to be there. The office was a continual buzz that whole year.”

Fitzgerald was only the second leadership studies student to combine that major with theatre interests. “It happened that my senior year, the Jeppson School theme was ‘leadership in the arts,’ so that fit perfectly with my interests. I was able to write my senior thesis on leadership in King Lear at the same time that I was acting in the play and working at the fine arts center. It all just came together.”

Fitzgerald credits the University in several ways for the way her career has come together, too. “Everyone is so supportive there. Irv Brown in the English department was incredible. He taught my modern and contemporary drama class. For several summers after I graduated, I was the publicist for the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown, W.Va., and he would come all the way up there to see our plays and, at least partially, to cheer me on.

“Kathy was so very good at creating a community of the arts in which everyone can feel comfortable. The Modlin Center created a true home and an active community of arts students.

“Now that I’m on the other side of the fence, taking performing artists to universities and other venues, I go in knowing very clearly what should happen, how a place can best make use of a company, how we can expect to be treated. Kathy always knew how to get the most from the artists who came to Richmond, and now I’m using much that she taught me to make sure the campuses we visit make the best use of us.”

By Barbara Fitzgerald

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who had angioplasty with stents twice during the fall. Her fervent wish was for everyone to get well so they could continue to travel.

Lisa Simmonds Wells reported that her best news was the birth of a new granddaughter in May. This was the sixth family member to be named Adelaide. Lisa made her christening gown from parts of her great-great-grandmother’s, using old lace from the original Adelaide; scraps from her great-grandmother; and buttons from her Aunt Susan. Since Lisa made the dress, she was able to include items from all five previous Adelines. She also reported keeping busy trying to finish editing her book, Teach Your Child to Read without His Notice, so that it might be published soon.

In the spring of 2000, I had a wonderful cruise through the Greek Isles ending in Istanbul, Turkey. The highlight of the trip was our stop in Ephesus, although it was all very special. I especially enjoyed having a visit from Janie Brunin, Diane Brown Higgins and husband Charlie at my Lake Gaston home last summer. We had loads of fun catching up with each other’s lives and reminiscing.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our 45th class reunion during the first weekend in May. There will be lots of activities, and the events will be so much more special if lots of classmates are present. We will need to elect a new class secretary during our reunion; Anne Stuart and I hope there will be several enthusiastic volunteers. Please give this your consideration.

Rebecca Branch Faulconer, W, in her ninth year of teaching art education at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. Her son, Hunter, is a police officer; daughter Lee is a nurse; and daughter Andrea is a physician. She has two grandson and one granddaughter.

Robert C. Graver, R, has retired and is a part-time consultant for Executive Moving Systems in Woodbridge, Va.

Jane recently retired after 27 years in the alumni office. Jean Frederick and I were at a wonderful dinner at the alumni center during Homecoming given in our honor. Since then, she has traveled to Greece and to New York with Eleanor Driver Arnold and her husband, Chuck.

Jean Hudgins Frederick and her husband, Arnold, have traveled recently to French Polynesia, the Northwest and the Canadian Rockies. Arnold recently retired from his medical practice and takes art lessons. They rented a house in France for a month in the summer.

Peggy Ware and Jean are in an investment club. Peggy moved to Saint Albans, a condominium near Richmond, and I had the pleasure of working with her to sell the beautiful home she and her parents lived in for 35 years. She now spends more time on her boat. Recently, she went to Texas to visit relatives. Peggy sees Sue Hudson Parsons, who is busy with three grandchildren and church activities.

Marriott Evers Egleston reports that she has a granddaughter, Hannah, born last May to son Eric and his wife, Debbie. Marriott teaches math at Monacan High School in Richmond. She and her husband, Jim, who is retired, have been renovating their parents’ vacation home at Virginia Beach. JoAnne Byrd Giles and her husband, Les, are retired and have moved to Honduras and Mozambique, East Africa, on mission trips. They spent two months in Alaska. Closer to home, they visited a son in Oregon and two grandchildren in Lexington, Ky.

Lola Hall McBride sees Dottie Goodman Lewis when she visits her 92-year-old mother in Martinsville. Lola and husband, Mac, attended the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Marilynn Yates Burkholder and Ul built a home in the Northern Neck and are enjoying sailing, tennis and bridge. They spent February in Florida and enjoy visiting their daughter, Brenda, who lives with her husband and baby, Erik, in Miami.

Cori Sue Emlor Spruill and husband, Joe, have three sons. One is a minister in Jacksonville, one is an attorney in Richmond and one is a student at Richmond Law. Joe planned to retire from the Circuit Court bench in March. They enjoy their six grandchildren. Recently, Cori and Joe traveled to Germany for a friend’s wedding. They drove through the French wine country, Italy and Switzerland.

Cora Sue saw Mary Jean Simpson Garrett at a Richmond football game. She and Harry have four sons, and one of them practices law with Harry. Mary Jean has retired from teaching, is a grandmother, and travels with her sisters.

Ransone and I traveled with my sister, Laura, W’60, and her husband to the Scandinavian countries. We recently bumped into JoAnne Garrett West and her husband at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. They were visiting JoAnne’s mother at Westminster Canterbury.

I have sold real estate with Long and Foster for 15 years, and Shirley Hill Bishop has sold real estate in Northern Virginia for 19 years. She does volunteer work, sings in her church choir and enjoys four grandchildren. Kay Ownby retired in 1989 and enjoys travel. She has visited Canada, Alaska and Nova Scotia.

We extend our love and sympathy to Edwina Knipling Lake on the recent death of her father. He was an outstanding scientist with the Department of Agriculture, and the winner of numerous national and international awards.

Suzanne Prillaman Williams and Charlie traveled to Greece with the University Tour last summer. Susie continues to teach French at Saint Carter’s School in Richmond. Another teacher, Peggy Williams Lowe, plans to retire at the end of this year after 29 years in the classroom. She and her husband, who is the academic dean at Chowan College, traveled to Scandinavia last summer with their daughter. Her son is on staff at East Carolina University.

Connie Preddy Tollison retired in 1995 from teaching and enjoys visiting her daughter and grandson in Chatham. Anne Heywood Huband just returned from a month in France. Jean Anderson Farmer’s youngest daughter, Jacque, got married last year and lives in Frederick, Md. She is employed at Loyola College.

Jean’s husband, Peyton, retired from the Circuit Court bench and now substitutes throughout the state. Jean sells real estate and baby-sits three grandchildren.

Catherine Blair Armbrister, W, has retired from teaching Spanish and serving as chair of the foreign language department at Bluefield High School in West Virginia. She will be devoting more time to her antiques and collects business as well as spending more time with her recently retired husband, David, R’56.

Anne McRee Godley, W, has retired from teaching at the Oregon Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School after 30 years as an assistant. She and her husband are both retired and are involved with church work, travel, and spending time with children and grandchildren.

Jacqueline Randle Tucker, W, and her husband, Walter, R’53, enjoyed a trip to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Joyce Binner Rickard, W, is still with the same CPA firm and enjoys playing golf in her spare time.

Grover W. Johnson, R, is retired from being a library technician for Kent County, Del.

Dorothy Goodman Lewis, W, and her husband are officially retired. They took a trip to Europe with their son, daughter and daughter-in-law and saw the new version of the Oberammergau Passion Play. They live in Smith Mountain Lake, Va., but travel back and forth to Martinsville, as they are still active in their church.

Frank Schwall, R, retired last October after 28 years with the Southern Baptist Annaud Board in Dallas. He lives in the Northern Neck of Virginia with his wife, Bette.

Phillip E. Walker, R, remains active in Roseland, Va., at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He has been involved in a local Habitat for Humanity chapter, started an annual canoe race for local tourism, and worked in Poland and Montana for Global Volunteers.

Robert L. Winston, Jr., R, has retired from the church pastorate to become full-time resident chaplain at Imperial Plaza, a large retirement community in Richmond.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Thanks to Jane Stockman, Cora Sue Spruill, Peggy Ware, Jean Frederick and Jean Farmer, who agreed to contact our classmates. We have news!

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Psychoanalyst
Louise DeCosta, W’61, helps provide performing artists in New York with affordable psychotherapy.

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Beverly J. Coker, W, will be retiring soon and is looking forward to having more time to quilt, weave, garden, travel and read.

Suzanne Lacy Dickinson, W, spent Christmas in Spain with her husband, Roger, and daughter, Laura. They met their international student, his brother, and his mother and father for Christmas Eve dinner, then attended church and had breakfast together on Christmas morning.
Involved in every aspect of theatre

While Dan Stackhouse, AR'98, does not exactly credit the Flying Karamazov Brothers with teaching him how to juggle a lot of balls at once, he does acknowledge that the internationally known juggling troupe played a part in leading him toward balancing the divergent theatrical life he lives today.

"The season that the Modlin Center opened," Stackhouse recalls, "the staff there made sure we had every opportunity to interact with the various touring companies, such as the Flying Karamazovs and the Reduced Shakespeare Co. We got to work with true professionals, meet their technical crews and get as involved as possible. It was a wonderful opportunity, and one that I would never have received any other way."

In the three years since graduation, Stackhouse, an English major, has been employed by Theatre Virginia's education and outreach department in Richmond. Concurrent with that full-time job, he has served as stage manager for a Richmond Performing Arts Collective show and worked in various backstage capacities on nine Barksdale Theatre productions as well.

During the same period, Stackhouse performed on a Richmond radio station, WCVE, doing readings of various plays on the Gallery show. There also was a commercial he voiced for Theatre Virginia. Last fall, he returned to the University to take Kathy Panoff's arts management class—a wonderful eye-opener." Then, class in progress, he took on the stage manager role for Barksdale Theatre's Carousel.

Suffice it to say, Dan Stackhouse has been juggling wildly in recent years, much as he did in college. "I was taking classes, doing work-study as master carpenter in the scene shop at the Modlin Center, volunteering as an intern off campus, acting on campus. It doesn't bother me now to take on a bunch of side projects for evenings and weekends. Sometimes, though, they do almost add up to a second full-time job."

Stackhouse considers himself lucky to have arrived as a freshman during the construction of the Modlin Center. "That gave me my first year in Camp Theatre, a different kind of experience. I was there for the transition, for the gala that opened the Modlin Center. That was huge. It was a five-day marathon of working until 5 in the morning and getting up again at 9 to come back for more."

The Modlin Center, he says, is the perfect combination of a truly professional venue coexisting with an academic setting. "The result is that students are treated as professionals and trained by exceptional faculty like Walter Schoen, Reed West, Rich Mason and, of course, Kathy Panoff. I wasn't even a theatre major, but I participated fully in every aspect of the Modlin Center."
Mary Burks Pipes began her post-college career as a dean at Converse College, later working for eight years in the personnel department of Target Stores. As the wife of the rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tenn., Mary started a healing ministry in the church and volunteers many hours to this and other church-related ministries. The Pipes have two daughters and two grandchildren, all living in Memphis.

Mary Evans of Oxford, Ohio, has retired from Miami University, where she worked for nearly 30 years. "As I loved my job, so I love retirement—even more, if the truth be known," she writes, citing time to fully enjoy family, friends and travel. Her community activities include involvement with the local hospital, the area Humane Society and Oxford’s Rotary Club.

We express condolences to the family of Virginia Dix D’Hargrave Whitehead, who died in April 2000. Dixie worked for many years as teacher/administrator at Chatham Hall in Chatham, Va.

Brenda Falls Holland, W, has retired from Barneys & Noble Books. Beverly Neale Johnson, W, is retired from teaching. She is enjoying her five grandchildren and their parents in North Carolina. She also is learning how to cook from "scratch" again. Carolyn Powell Kelly, W, reports that her husband, Christophe, has relocated to Norfolk, Va., to be closer to their family. After 35 years in Canada, they are finding adjustment to life in Virginia to be a pleasant adventure.

Dennis A. Pryor, B, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Steward School.

Sydney Williams Graff, W, enjoyed a trip to Provence, France, last August with other alumni.

Walter G. Schnee III, B, retired from selling insurance for 34 years at Phoenix Home Life in California, and moved to Oregon.

Emmett M. Scott Jr., B, has retired from Old Dominion Metals and relocated to Duck, N.C.

William F. Wilds, R, has retired from teaching and is now on the staff of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Newport News, Va.

Joe Lovejoy Coffie, W, and her husband, Frank, just returned from a trip to Albuquerque. They also took a hot-air balloon ride. E. Richard Davis, R, participated last summer in a 300-mile bicycle trip from Anheirist, Maine, to Stowe, Vt.

Nathalie H. Perkins, W, See Alumni Notables, p. 28.

H. Joseph Williams Jr., R, is semi-retired from corporate America and is a part-time farmer in Greenville, Va.

Susan Schneider, W ’65, is senior vice president of marketing for the Miss America Organization.

Alma Louis Oliver Wilson, W, and her husband, Christopher, have relocated to Norfolk, Va., to be closer to their family. After 55 years in Canada, they are finding adjustment to life in Virginia to be a pleasant adventure.

Bobby Rayliss, R, See Alumni Notables, p. 28.

Carolyn Erquhart Burke, W, reports that her father died in 1999. Her husband had surgery but is doing well and their youngest son, Michael, was married in November 1999. Carolyn is teaching piano lessons; playing piano for two middle-school choirs and two worship teams; and singing in a community choir.

Marsha Sims Costello, W, is a Latin teacher at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pa. She also has added some college counseling duties.

Dr. Nancy Rowan Milam, W, is in private practice as a clinical psychologist in two locations in the Dayton, Ohio, area. She was also the psychologist at a private college prep school, and teaches part time at the community college.

Connie Booth Collins, W, is a contributing editor for Ladies Home Journal’s MORE
John S. Barr, I., a partner with McGuireWoods LLP, has been named chairman of the board of the Richmond metropolitan division of the American Heart Association for 2000-2001.

Martha Sanders Brandt, W., has made a gift of the harpsichord her father built to the University's Modlin Center for the Arts.

James E. Cook Jr., B., lives with his wife and daughter in Waynesboro, Va., where he is an asset manager. He is active in the Shenandoah Valley Partnership Board of the Artisan Center of Virginia and the City Industrial Development Authority.

Richard E. Duncan, GB, has retired as county administrator of Warren, Va.

Kenneth J. Elsea, R, is president of Congrat & Elsea Inc. He and his wife, Linda, have a son, Joel, a senior at Richmond; and a daughter, Anne, a sophomore at Rollins College. Both are collegiate swimmers.

Virginia H. Hackney, I., of Hunton & Williams, has been elected to the board of directors of Virginia Blood Services.

Eugene C. Lynn, B, was promoted to field vice president of the Richmond office of American Express Financial Advisors.

Laurens Sartoris, I., is president of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and has been elected chairman of the board of directors of Virginia Blood Services.

Barbara Cahoon Somerville, W., attended her 50th reunion with Angela Lilly Miller, W; and Grace Yeatts and Betty Stagg, both WS99. The group meets annually, and will convene in Texas in the summer of 2001.

George A. Williams Jr., B, has sold his business but is staying on as an office manager at Capitol Ice Cream Wholesalers Inc., in Washington, D.C.

Michael H. Campbell, R, is senior vice president of human resources and labor relations at Continental Airlines in Houston.

Anne Leigh Hawkes, W., has a son at Clemson University and a daughter in high school. Last summer, she and her husband, Jim, took their daughter to France for two weeks.

Frederick O. Pond II, R, has been named director of the Social Services Training Institute at the School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Pamela Thompson Wilson, W, is the school secretary at John Rolfe Middle School in Richmond.

Chip Booth, C, acquired the Norfolk office of Westaff last June.

Sallie S. Cook, W, has been elected vice chairman of the board of directors of Virginia Blood Services.

G. Wingate Grant, R, has been elected secretary of the board of directors of the Bull & Bear Club of Richmond.

Thomas J. Wright IV, R, has been promoted to branch manager of PaineWebber in Clearwater, Fla.

Combining music and business

More than anything else, Andrea Johnson, BW'99, loves music. She began singing in her church choir when she was 5 and has never stopped. And that's precisely why she chose not to major in music at the University of Richmond.

"Music has always been something I've done as a hobby, as a release from everything else," she says. "If I majored in music... it wouldn't be fun anymore." That, paired with the fact it is difficult to make a living as a professional singer, led Johnson to major in business administration instead.

Not that she gave up on music altogether. One of the reasons Johnson, a Webster, N.Y., native, chose to attend the University was because the school offered the opportunity to remain involved in the performing arts, which she did through a music minor and through active participation in its Schola Cantorum and Choir du Roi singing groups.

Johnson also was attracted to Richmond by the promise of the new Modlin Center for the Arts, which opened during her sophomore year.

"It was nice for me to know [the University] valued the arts enough to create state-of-the-art facilities," she says. With the opening of the Modlin Center, she also realized there might be a way to combine music and business into a practical career. "I discovered it was possible to do the business of the arts," she says.

During her junior year while studying abroad in London, Johnson got her first taste of arts administration as an intern with the Royal College of Music's Opera Company. Then, during her senior year, she worked as a student artist coordinator at the Modlin Center, assisting guest artist coordinator Nancy Balboni in providing hospitality to visiting artists. Johnson also took the University's first class in arts management, taught by Modlin Center Director Kathy Panoff.

"Kathy was definitely an influence on my career decision, mainly because she was so passionate about what she did," Johnson says. "Her class solidified in my mind that this is what I wanted to do. I feel very fortunate that I was at Richmond when the arts played such a prominent role."

Today, Johnson is a second-year graduate student in arts management at American University in Washington, D.C., where she has an assistantship in orchestra management. Since she began the program, she has worked with the Children's Chorus of Washington, the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center and the Washington Ballet. She is currently writing her thesis, which focuses on education programs in Washington arts organizations and the impact they have had on D.C. public schools.

"What I would like to do is work for a nonprofit arts organization in D.C. developing and implementing arts education programs," she says of her future plans. "I want to make sure kids are exposed to the arts and have a positive experience with it when they are young, like I did. The arts have had a real effect on my life."
The popular press is filled with stories about the pressure-filled college admission process—entire issues of magazines are devoted to this hot topic. The University of Richmond Offices of Admission and Alumni Affairs have joined together to offer a workshop to help you make sense of all the hype.

**AS A SERVICE TO ALUMNI AND THEIR CHILDREN** entering 9th through 12th grades, this program will cover the most common questions posed by college-bound high school students and their parents.

- **What factors are involved in finding the right match between student and school?**
- **What do college rankings mean?**
- **How do admission offices make their decisions?**
- **How are financial aid and scholarship decisions made?**

The sessions will be led by members of Richmond’s admission staff, who will be joined by admission and college counseling colleagues from other schools around the nation.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.richmond.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Office at (804) 289-8026. Deadline is June 29, but register as soon as possible because space is limited.

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**Save these dates:**

**Friday, July 13, through Saturday, July 14, 2001**
Gregory L. Duncan, R, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is commanding officer of Reserve Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.

Paul A. Fultz Jr., R, is principal of Mt. Pisgah Christian Middle and High School in Atlanta.

James C. Khoury, R, has moved from Kingwood, Texas, to Gardner, Colo., with his wife, Joie, and their two sons, Zack and Daniel.

Gerald A. Bowman, R, is a social worker in Germany. He also maintains a private practice working with people interested in adoption. He recently presented a workshop, "Building Bridges: Living and Working Abroad," at the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Social Work 2000.

Kenneth L. Deftaven, B, is vice president of finance at PolyOne Corp, a new company formed by the merger of M.A. Hanna Co., his former employer, and Geon. He traveled from his home in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for Homecoming to watch the Spiders play and visit with oldest daughter Dabney, a Richmond student.

William J. Irvin, L, is a member of the board of directors of Friends Association for Children. Louis A. Mezzullo, L, was re-elected a vice president of the International Academy of Trust and Estate Law.

John Randolph "Randy" Nelson, L, is an attorney in Lynchburg, Va. An avid soccer fan, he also is supervisor of coaches and helps with player development for Lynchburg United Soccer Inc.

Luther W. Patteson Jr., R, retired in February after 24 years of active duty with the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Julie, plan to travel and enjoy life.

Bonnie Ritchie, W, has two daughters. Dabney is a sophomore at Richmond, and Caroline is a senior in high school.

Alan R. Vranian, B, is president of PRF Technologies, the consulting and technical services practice of Pannell Kerr Forster. The company is based in Fairfax, Va.

Kenneth J. Alcott, B, has been elected president of the board of directors of Friends Association for Children.

Robert L. Flax, L, has been appointed to the marketing legal services committee in the general practice, solo and small firm section of the American Bar Association.

Hartwell Harrison, L, retired after 20 years as vice president at Crestar Bank and National Bank, where he specialized in the administration of estates, trusts, foundations and endowments. He now volunteers with the Columbia HCA Hospice Team of Richmond. He lives in Bon Air, Va., and has two children, ages 16 and 14.

Patrick Paul Phillips, R, spoke on trademarks at the Ohio State Bar Association's Cyberspace Properties conference in Cleveland in December. His law firm in Columbus, Ohio, has changed its name to Kremblas, Foster, Phillips & Pollick.

Alfred T. Polson, R, was promoted to vice president, purchasing and accounts payable, at AMF Bowling Center.

James F. Stutts, L, is a member of the board of directors of Friends Association for Children.

Timothy Nolan Tugger, R, has been named managing partner of the San Antonio office of Arter & Hadden.

James Batterson, GB, of Batterson & Associates, has been elected to the board of directors of Virginia Blood Services.

Stuart C. Bean, B, was promoted to director of IBM Global Services. He and his wife, Ginger, live in Tampa, Fla., with their two children, Andrew, 10, and Morgan, 9.

Robert E. Bruns Jr., B, retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service. He has accepted a position with the University of Tampa in the development office, university relations.

Edward Hald, R, has relocated to Richmond with his wife, Marie, and son, Jonathan. He works for OAO Technology Solutions.

Handling touring needs of performers

Susan Pierce, BW’99, just about the only business major constantly roaming the halls and stages of the Modlin Center in the facility's first years. "Even though I was majoring in business administration, I did a lot of student theatre at Richmond, and the Modlin Center was wonderful. I loved being there, loved the black box theatre, loved working with people like Walter Schoen and Kathy Panoff."

It was Panoff who led Pierce to her present career as touring and publicity manager for Baylin Artists Management in Doylestown, Pa. In that position, Pierce handles all the touring and residency issues for the various performing arts groups the company manages.

"We book 15 to 20 groups on a regular basis, mostly at colleges around the country. We have chamber music groups, dance companies, theatre companies, improv groups—a good variety of the performing arts. I handle itineraries, arrange hotels, make sure PR materials, set up interviews—whatever needs to be done."

Pierce says her days in the Modlin Center, particularly her work for Panoff, paid off when she landed her present job.

"The summer before my senior year, I was handling the box office for a summer concert series that the Shanghai Quartet was doing in June. When the box office was slow, and after the series ended, Kathy put me to work doing odd jobs in her office. That was the first time I realized arts management was a whole career—and something I might be interested in doing. It made sense, because I was majoring in business administration with a concentration on management. 'Hey, this applies,' I said to myself."

Later, when Pierce took Panoff's arts management class, she became even more interested in the field. "We had a lot of guest speakers from the business come to the class, and one of them happened to be my present boss."

Pierce couldn't believe, either, some of the other opportunities the Modlin Center afforded her and her fellow students interested in theatre. "When Ralph Waite came to campus to play King Lear, I was cast as Cordelia. That was an experience!"

Pierce's hours in the Modlin Center were not limited to the theatrical stage. "I was a music minor," she says, "so I also spent a lot of time in that side of the building, in the Camp Concert Hall. I got to accompany the Schola Cantorum, and I also accompanied a number of music majors and minors on a regular basis. I really enjoyed that, and I loved working with Professor [Jeffrey] Riehl. He is just excellent. One way or another, the Modlin Center was pretty much my second home."

Like so many Richmond students who learn the trade under the direction of the theatre faculty and Modlin Center staff, Pierce continues to indulge her love of acting. Right now she's in rehearsal for a community theatre production of Barefoot in the Park.
William M. Lovish, R., is a sales manager at Martin Marietta Materials in Georgia. He also is a member of the Augusta Sailing Club, SHIA Hockey team and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Scott Silvester, R., was recognized for his business management skills during a recent Edward Jones business management forum in St. Louis. Doreen A. Walston, R., has been elected treasurer of the board of directors of the Bull & Bear Club of Richmond. Barbara Selby Wells, W., is planning, management and fund development consultant for nonprofit organizations.

Edward Franklin DePew, R., recently retired as president of Geriatric Retirement Plan Services Inc. He intends to spend more time with his wife, Carol; son, Mark; and daughter, Christy. Anthony F. Lovino, R., has been elected for his second consecutive year as president of the Oasiside, N.Y., Kiwanis Club. He is director and legal counsel for the Oceanside Education Foundation. He and his wife, Angela, have two daughters: Amanda, 14, and Alison, 10. Will R. Kitchen Jr., R., is director of athletics/activities at Allee High School.

Randy Belcher, R., has joined Doner, an advertising agency in Detroit, as senior vice president and creative director. Michael H. Dunkley, R., has been re-elected as a member of Parliament in Bermuda. He is opposition member for Devonshire and responsible for immigration, labor affairs and public safety. Raymond D. Greaser, R., has opened a clinic at the Sargent Center of Central Virginia in Fredericksburg where he specializes in allogomy, the branch of medicine that deals with the relief of chronic pain. Jennifer Bolas Hollies, W., and her husband, Jonathan, have moved into a new home in Midlothian, Va., and are working as home-based professionals.

Daryl Ritchie Williams, W., celebrated her 40th birthday by running in the Marine Corps Marathon, her first marathon. Her husband, Stuart; daughter, Hayden, 5; and son, Davis, 4, were at the finish line to meet her. David F. Broderick, R., has been promoted to director of application services delivery at CAL, an IT consulting firm based in Allentown, Pa. He lives in Westchester, Pa., with his wife, Lee, and two sons: Billy, 9, and Bobby, 6. Bonnie Melvin Fairbrother, B., is a full-time mom in Madison, N.J. Bonnie Garland Jenkins, B., is employed by Sprint Foundation and is den leader for son Tracey’s scout troop. She also is on the board of directors of the Highroad Program Center, a United Methodist Church camp and center.

Jenny Addison Hall, W’83, produced the official U.S. Open jewelry featured by the U.S. Tennis Association.

Kent K. Reynolds, R., recently left investment banking at A.G. Edwards to join the firm’s securities research department. James A. Slabaugh, GB, has formed an employee benefits firm with the accounting firm Keiter Stephens Hurst Gary & Shreves. He will be a partner in Keiter Slabaugh Penny & Holme. Douglas N. Smith, B., has received a master of communication degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. Renee Trump, W., works at Pace Academy in Atlanta. Lisa Kurtz Tully, W., has been appointed vice president and underwriting counsel for Lawyers Title Insurance Corp., in the agency/operations office in Richmond.

Jenny D. Addison Hall, W., has established Jenny Hall Fine Tennis Jewelry. Last summer, she produced the official U.S. Open collection of jewelry featured by the U.S. Tennis Association. Her jewelry was presented as gifts at the 2000 U.S. Open in Flushing Meadow, N.Y. Colleen Murphy, W., has been vice president of corporate communications for Time Inc.’s Time Life and Book-of-the-Month Club for 15 years. She has done a Library of Congress Symposium on Literacy with Barbara Bush, and appeared on Oprah Winfrey’s show on best-selling authors. She is now a fellow at the Royal Geographical Society. She lives in Knightsbridge with her husband and 5-year-old. Scott Parsons, R., has joined the Virginia Department of Business Assistance as a project finance manager for the financial services division.

Robert S. Jeffries III, B., lives with his wife, Cindy; and two daughters, Eve and Grace. He is the operations manager for E.M. Rouse Construction Inc. in Branford, Conn. Kimberly A. Finchbeck, W., is an attorney with Taylor, Hazen, Kauffman & Finchbeck PLC in Richmond.

Brian J. Spalding, R., has joined Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex Inc. as senior product manager. Linda Beck Shawcross, W., is participating in the master of arts in teaching program at Salem College, and has received certification in elementary education. Darlene Frances Slater, W., is a research assistant at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society at the University and chairs the Alumni Book Club. Last May, she traveled to Germany to see the Oberammergau Passion Play and also toured Switzerland. Amanda Ruth Soupe, W., and husband, John, have one daughter, Caroline. They live in West Chester, Pa. Elizabeth Baird Wright, W., has a financial estate-planning practice in Rosemount, Pa. She and her husband, Rich, have two sons: John, 5, and Charlie, 2.
Elaine Cappiello Sutton, B, continues to do free-lance marketing consulting work in addition to being a mom to Jack, 6, and Rahily, 4.

Michael B. Compton, R, is a visiting assistant professor of classical studies at Richmond. Patricia Bender Felix, W, and her husband, Matthew D. Felix, R'85, report that their son, Andrew Richmond, won a raffle to be personally escorted by the mayor to school in observance of National Walk Our Children to School Day. The town’s mayor is Thomas C. Jardim, R’88.

Dr. Stephen D. Fox, R, and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children: Sam, 4, and Ryan, 2. He works as a partner in Tidewater Diagnostic Imaging Ltd., and continues to work as a neuroradiologist in Hampton, Va.

Thomas M. Kaye, R, was appointed senior underwriter with American International Group in Tampa, Fla.

B. Scott Maddrea, R, was appointed deputy clerk for committee operations for the Virginia House of Delegates.

Wendy Wilson Mambort, B, was promoted to vice president and treasurer of Great American Financial Resources Inc.

Sean E. Neary, R, is senior portfolio manager for Bank of America Capital Management.

Neil Salisbury, R, is employed by Nueru in San Diego.

Nora J. Smith, W, has taken a position in Charlottesville, Va., as manager of financial planning and analysis for U.Va. Health System.

Jill Alfond, W, works in development at a private boarding school in Alexandria, Va.

G. Scott Thorbahn Jr., R, lives in Malvern, Pa., with his wife, Linda, and two children: Stephen, 4, and Megan, 2.

Jeffry Burden, J, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Katherine Weiss Doumani, W, is content manager for the Williams-Sonoma brand, including Internet, catalog and retail, in San Francisco.

Diehnee Bech Gagnon, W, is a nationally registered paramedic with the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey.

Laura Geor Grencan, W, continues to work as a product manager for Ciba Specialty Chemicals in Tarrytown, N.Y. She and husband, Erol, have two children: Danielle, 1, and Kristine, 3.

Sarah Williams Haj-Hariri, W, is an editor and writer for Spring Hollow Press in Charlottesville, Va.

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Geoffrey Barrett, R, is president of Continental Mortgage and Investment Corp. in Arlington, Va. His wife, Sandra Armstrong Barrett, W, is at home raising their three children.

Starting a career at ICM

Attending concerts of the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center.

Congratulations acclaimed violinist Nadia Salerno Sonenberg backstage after a normal office environment.

It's all in a day's work for Katie Brownlee, JW'00, who is an assistant to a senior vice president of International Creative Management Ltd., one of the country's largest artist-management companies.

But lest you think Brownlee's job is all showbiz, think again. "I am working in a normal office environment," Brownlee stresses as she outlines the less glamorous aspects of her job: handling the traveling needs for 26 artists; managing their contracts; and coordinating interviews and press requests. "It's just that one of the perks way," she says.

After a successful stint with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago after the group performed at the Modlin Center her junior year. "I was astounded that I could combine [dance and business] in that

Brownlee found out about the summer marketing internship with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago after the group performed at the Modlin Center her junior year. "I was astounded that I could combine [dance and business] in that way," she says.

After a successful stint with Hubbard Street, Brownlee began working with Panoff at the Modlin Center. As Panoff's assistant, she helped to prepare and edit artist contracts and press materials, assisted with the presentation of 61 performances, and maintained good relations with national and international artist managers. She also took Panoff's arts administration class her senior year.

"I don't think I could have found my way at any other college," Brownlee says. "Kathy Panoff was a very big help in directing me." She also cites Myra Daleng, head of the University's dance program, as a big influence. "She really took me under her wing," says Brownlee, who was a member of the University Dancers.

Although she now works primarily with classical musicians, Brownlee one day would like to refocus her career on dance—as director of a theatre, business director of a dance company, or possibly as founder of her own management company for dancers.

"Some people think a career in arts administration is for dancers or artists who can't make it," Brownlee says. "Maybe there is a little truth to that, but at the same time we cannot discount the fact that there is a business side to the arts. And in that sense, we need people who not only understand how things work, but who are passionate about it as well. That's where I fit in."
Samuel L. Ayoub, GB, is employed by Bank of America and is responsible for disaster recovery planning for the data centers. He also has obtained master certification in disaster recovery planning. He and his wife, Jerry Johnson Ayoub, C935, have two sons: Zack Abé, 4, and Ethan Abé, 3. Timothy Lee Gardner, R, is in Seoul, Korea, for an 11-month tour with the U.S. Army. Susannah L. Griffin, R, is vice president of sales for Skydrier, an Internet startup company. She spent three years in New York as a film and television actress. Janine M. Himmel, W, teaches high school English in Union City, N.J., and tutors addicted children after school. She also enjoys spending time with her 17-year-old sister, Laura. Bradford C. Jacob, B, recently joined the Richmond law firm of Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller. Daniel S. Levin, R, has joined the private client service group of Lehman Brothers, with offices in New York and Philadelphia. Margaret Offerdahl Lloyd, W, resides in Oak Hill, Va., with her husband, Rob, and two children: Jack, 3, and Grace, 17 months. Emelyn Wampler Page, W, continues to work for Marriott International, and was recently appointed director of grand strategy for Fairfield Inn. Karen Kilday Sherwood, W, and her husband, David, have a 5-month-old son and live in McLean, Va. She is fund raising for the McLean Project. Marc H. Vogel, B, is manager and CEO of IFF Employees FCU in Union Beach, N.J.

Bert Brown, B, has returned to the University to work as associate director for alumni affairs. He coordinates the regional chapter alumni program and the Young Grad council program. He also is pursuing a master's degree at Richmond's Reynolds Graduate School of Business.

Michael J. Camazza, R, accepted a position with cable and wireless as project manager for global network implementation, and is working on a master of science degree in systems engineering from George Mason University.

Janine Cauvin Chibson, B, lives in Morristown, N.J., with her children: Cameron, 3, and Drew, 1. Andrea Amore Clark, W, was promoted to vice president/account supervisor at the Martin Agency. Damon W. DeArmen, B, lives in Winchester, Va., with his wife and two children: Olivia, 3, and Natalie, 2. Amy Beeg DeGroff, B, is the records manager for Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a human resources consulting firm in Washington, D.C. She lives in Bethesda, Md., with her husband, Tom, a high school English and drama teacher.

Julia Breaks Gardner, B, lives in Columbus, M., with her two children: Austin, 5, and Amanda, 1. Her husband, Timothy Lee Gardner, R, is in Seoul, Korea, for a year. Brian Y. Gibbs, B, was admitted to the partnership of Deloitte & Touche, a global professional services firm, as an assurance and advisory partner.

Dr. Paul G. Kiritsis, B, is joining West End Orthopedics to work as an orthopaedic surgeon.

Robin D. Miller, B, is marketing manager for Yellow Book USA and handles the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., areas. Paul D. Hakon, B, is director of the Seattle office of the Han Group, a high-tech public relations firm.

Brian H. Rose, W, is living in Alexandria, Va., and working as a linguist at Access Logic, an Internet startup in Washington, D.C.

Mark I. Schwartz, B, is an educator at Johns Hopkins University and Northern Virginia Community College, and a writer. He also is pursuing his second master's degree at George Mason University.

Jeffrey B. Sneed, B, lives in Silver Spring, Md., with his family, which includes three boys: Michael Todd, 11; Andrew William, 2; and Thomas Bailey, 3.

Jill Hinkle Spellman, B, is senior manager for Emerald Solutions in Warren, N.J.

Angela L. Bauer, W, is attending Yale University and pursuing a doctorate in public health policy.

Lauren Boyer, W, has moved to Prince Edward Island, Canada, to attend veterinary school.

Kelly Weese Chenualt, B, runs her own business, Eclectiques, selling handmade wares to stores throughout Virginia and at arts and crafts shows. Her husband, Rodney K. Chenualt, B, owns a family business, Hometown Realty, which was rated one of the top 25 growing companies in the metro Richmond area by the Richmond Times-Dispatch for the second consecutive year.

Dr. Alice Carey Dagg, B, is a family practice physician at the Blue Ridge Medical Center in Arrington, Va.

Kelli Brooks Honeckamp, W, and her husband, Frank, have moved to New York, where Frank has started working for his family's business, F.W. Honeckamp Inc.

Kevin Scott Horner, B, is a sales manager for the financial services division of Saab.

George H. Jockich III, B, earned a certified fraud examiner designation and leads a team of fraud and abuse auditors for Virginia's Auditor of Public Accounts.

Kevin G. Kendall, B, is teaching fourth-grade language arts at the Mary Peake Center, a public school serving gifted students in third through fifth grades. He presented a paper at the National Association for Gifted Children's annual convention in Atlanta.

Suzanne Koch, B, has relocated to Palo Alto, Calif., with her husband, Andrew, and their two children: son Nicholas and daughter Rebecca. Christopher H. Macturk, B, has joined the Richmond law firm of Barnes and Batzli, PC.

Julie Garber Nanavati, W, is vice president at First Union Securities directing the marketing of research to the retail brokerage system.

James Nicoll, B, and his wife, Jacqueyn, both practice law in Baltimore.

Christopher F. Owen, B, recently moved to Capitol One's corporate procurement department. He lives in Richmond with his wife, Xandy, and their two sons: Henry, 5, and Claude, 2.

P. Jason Ricciardi, B, was named a partner in the public accounting firm of Maggent and Associates, PL.

Gregory S. Rogowski, GB, is global marketing director for Honeywell Performance Fibers and has been promoted to general manager, Americas.

Amy A. Springer, W, is an elementary school counselor in Smyrna, Tenn.

Mary Anne Rodenbiser, W, is an analyst for a defense contractor in areas of special operations, consequence management and counter terrorism.

Tracy Stefano Timmemeyer, W, and her husband, Jim, have moved to Princeton, N.J., where he attends Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a manager in financial counseling services for Deloitte & Touche.

Mark A. Williams, B, is a partner with Infinity Financial Partners LLC in Richmond.

Amy Barlow Britt, W, is district director of the emergency department at Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Va.

E. Scott Burke, R, works with his brother, Shawn Burke, IR '93, whose insurance agency was named the top agency in New Jersey for the second consecutive year. He recently took a trip to Ireland, Scotland and England and traveled on the Orient Express. He is working on a chartered life underwriter designation as well as a novel.

Michael Dean Conner, R, lives in La Feria, Texas. He was elected to the board of directors of Coastal Conservation, a group seeking to preserve marine life and habitat.

Marc Cram, B, reenceited in Washington, D.C., last summer with several other '92 alumni: Wendy Colfer, Jill Vogel, Stephanie Cassa O'Malley, Jane Walther, Amy Smithwick Boyle, Darlene Hughlett Blaum, Karin Harlan Dean, Julie Strott Licinqua and Julie Vallante, all W.

Christopher R. Delegado, B, has joined the Boston law firm of Shapiro, Israel & Weiner PC, as a senior associate.

Donna DiDomienico, W and L'95, is licensed to practice law in both Virginia and Georgia and is self-employed as an attorney.

David J. Herr, R, is a group manager with Capitol One.

David N. Hoffman, B, is living in Chicago with his wife, Lisa, and their daughter, Lindsey, 2.

William C. Losch III, B, is vice president of finance and strategic planning for First Union Corp. in Charlotte, N.C.

Christine Geary Medvitz, W, is teaching fourth grade at Fullerton Elementary in Baltimore and working toward a second master's degree, in technology.

Mary Anne Rodenbiser, W, is an analyst for a defense contractor. She provides support to clients such as the Joint Chiefs of Staff in areas including special operations, consequence management and counter terrorism.

Barclay L. Seitzer, R, is in private practice as a dentist in Winston-Salem, N.C., and has a son, Thomas Rhodes, 1.

Marsha Iswatt Tolbert, W, has retired after eight years of teaching to become a stay-at-home mom to her two children: Wilson, 5, and Grace, 2.

Deborah Getz Vogel, W, is manager of marketing services for Lenzke Corp., in Fairfield, N.J.

Julia Browne Vanderwuy, W, and her husband, John, live on a dairy farm in Phoenix.

Kristin Heller Woolam, W, and her husband, J. Scott Woolam, R, live in Fort Myers, Fla., with their daughter, Olivia Grace. They recently visited Robert G.

Crystal III, R, in New York when Scott ran the marathon.

Cheryl Baedecker, AW, is the marketing communications manager for BioNetrix Systems Corp., a software company in Vienna, Va.

Kim Brown, B, is teaching third grade at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot, and is also head coach of Octopi Synchronized Swim Team in Richmond.

Jo Ann Zigek, B, is working as a marketing analyst/support team leader at GE Life and Annuity Assurance Co. in Richmond.

Irekka "Mimi" Carter, AW, received a doctorate degree in education and is the assistant principal of Liberty Middle School in Hanover County, Va.
Daniella Croce, BW, is living in Alexandria and is an executive recruiter for the Starbridge Group Inc. in Fairfax, Va.

Elizabeth E. Lord-Hannum, AW, is special events director for the Richmond Ballet.

Lynn Howard Hoog, AW, is a law clerk with the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Timothy G. Keenan, AR, completed his family practice residency and joined a practice in Sturbridge, Mass.

Pamela Orsi Kenney, AW, is a technical trainer for CCC Network Systems. She and her husband, Matthew Kenney, R’94, live in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

Anne Whiting Kennon, AW, and her husband, Darren, are living in Charlottesville, Va., where she is fitness director at Farmington Country Club.

Emily Mitchell Noblin, AW, is married and has two daughters. She recently opened a private practice as a licensed counselor.

E. Gordon Winn, AR, is teaching Spanish at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va.

Timothy Joseph Conroy, AR, is a police officer with the Virginia State Police. He has been stationed in Fairfax County for the past four years.

Kim Fawcett, AW, worked as a river guide in Oregon last spring and summer, and was part of the revetement crew at Grand Canyon National Park during the fall and winter.

Bob Greene, AR, is the junior class dean and history teacher at the Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jeff Hall, AR, was named Henrico County’s Teacher of the Year last spring.

J. Leigh Humm, AW, has graduated from the University of Texas with a Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience. She is a post-doctoral fellow at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

Kelly C. Johnson, AW, is a marketing consultant and mom. Her husband, Charles E. Riddell, AR’93, is a product manager for IBS Network Systems.

Theodosia Hall Robertson, BW, is married and has a son. She works part-time in the family construction business in Grafton, Va.

Kelly J. Simonson, AW, is finishing a doctorate in counseling psychology and working at the Eating Disorder Recovery Center in Athens, Ga.

Capt. James E. Smith, BR, is company commander of an Army battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Julianne Taylor, AW, graduated from George Washington University with a master of arts degree in international economics as well as a master of business degree. She is marketing director for the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, focusing on advertising and communications.

Mark Taylor, L, recently earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Florida State University. He is associate director for academic affairs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and director of Wharton’s Leadership in the Business World Summer Institute.

Matthew A. Kildjian, AR, is pursuing an opportunity to become president of the Buffalo Sabres’ affiliate in the East Coast Hockey League, the South Carolina Stingrays.

Dalton Maine, BR, earned a master’s degree in business from the University of Chicago last summer. He now works as a consultant for Bain and Co. His wife, Jill Stewart Maine, BW, also earned a master’s degree in business at the University of Chicago last summer. She now works as a marketing assistant for the Quaker Oats Co. in Chicago.

Carrie L. McGuire, AW, has joined the law firm of Morrison & Hecker, L.L.P.

Jennifer Moughalian, AW, is pursuing a master’s degree in business at the University of Maryland.

Rebecca Jenkins Riddell, AW, is working from home as a marketing consultant and moon. Her husband, Charles E. Riddell, AR’93, is a product manager for IBS Network Systems.

James P. Galloher, BR, is CEO of WorldInvestorLink.

Risa Gorin, AW, graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine, and is completing an internship in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut.

Sarah M. Gould, AW, is living in Phoenix and working for Charles Schwab.

Deborah Erholm Juizt, AW, is an English teacher in Switzerland.

Saul L. Luccioni, AW, joined McGuireWoods as an associate in the products liability and litigation management department.

James Mattos, AW, is an account manager with Phasez Media, an online advertising and marketing company.

Mark Taylor, L, recently earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Florida State University. He is associate director for academic affairs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and director of Wharton’s Leadership in the Business World Summer Institute.

Maria Matthews Chandler, AW, is working at Kare1TV news in Minneapolis as a reporter. Her husband, Jason Chandler, BR, is a branch manager at PaineWebber.

Nancy Cook, L, is a lawyer with Morrison, Colson, Cook & Butler and is District 2 trustee for the Alliance of the American Dental Association.

R.J. Davis, AR, is working in marketing and sales for Merrill Lynch Inc., in New Jersey.

Jennifer T. Matties Funk, AW, and her husband, Steve, live in Villanueva, Pa. She has a master’s degree in foreign languages and pedagogy from the University of Delaware, and is a bilingual investment educator for the Vanguard Group in Malvern, Pa.

Richard A. Mitchell Jr., AR, works as a tour director for Cycle America, a bicycle touring company that plans trips throughout the United States. Freddie Parce, BW, has joined the marketing department for Tri-Star Productions in Texas. It is the leading producer of collectible shows and authentic autographed memorabilia.

Maria Beth Seccia, AW, is an independent makeup artist for the music and fashion industry. She recently traveled to England and Malaysia.

Betsy Thielecke, AW, teaches fourth grade in Charlottesville, Va.

David Thornton, BR, is pursuing a master's degree at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. One of his classmates is Travis W. Miller, BR.

Tanya I. Thrasher, AW, is the first recipient of the Larry King Scholarship Award at George Washington University. She is pursuing a master’s degree at the School of Media and Public Affairs.

James M. Cleland, AR, is a financial adviser with First Union Securities. He and wife, Dana Allen Kleinschuster, AR, have a baby daughter. Dana is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Chesterfield Pediatrics.

Carlos Macedo, BR, received a master's degree in business from Stanford last summer. He is working in his home country of Brazil.

Jim Maloney, BR, is employed by Deloitte & Touche and working in the company's new tech.com initiative in Arlington, Va.

Gabriella Romano, AW, graduated from the New Jersey Dental School last spring and is living in Virginia Beach, Va.

Jonathan D. Sacks, AR, taught elementary school for three years, then changed his career focus and enrolled in law school at Florida State University. He was selected for the moot court team and made dean's list.

Tom Lawrence Wright III, R, works for Arthur Andersen as a family wealth planner.

Fletcher Patrick Cartwright, AR, is tour director for Graeter’s Ice Cream in Columbus, Ohio.

Diana Lynn Gicewicz, AW, received a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the Medical College of Virginia last fall. She is a postdoctoral scientist in pharmacology at MCV.

Christine J. Clelland, AW, graduated from Jefferson Medical College last summer. She is a resident physician in family practice at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill. Other graduates were Mary Ann McMahon, AW, and Drew Noble, AR.

Justin T. Dangerl, BR, completed an MBA from William and Mary and works in business development for Transindia, a software startup company in New York.

Sarah Villani Davis, AW, graduated last spring from Wake Forest University with a master’s degree in business administration and an MBA and a JD. She and her husband, Peter, recently moved to Cincinnati.

Timothy Michael Dunham, BR, graduated from William and Mary’s joint JD/MBA program last spring. He also passed the Virginia bar exam and is now an associate with Florence, Gordon and Brown, P.C., in Richmond.

Daniel George Kleinschuster, AR, is a financial adviser with First Union Securities. He and wife, Dana Allen Kleinschuster, AR, have a baby daughter. Dana is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Chesterfield Pediatrics.

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Sarah Ann Arnold, AW, is an admission counselor at Simmons College in Boston. She is responsible for recruitment in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

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

Alison Lages Carlton, AR, and her husband, Josh, bought a house in Richmond's Fan district, where they also opened a restaurant specializing in Philly cheesesteaks. She helps organize the Richmond Marathon, tutors high school students for SATs, and coaches an under-12 girls' soccer team.

Stephen Walsh Conniskey, AR, has begun graduate work in pharmacology as part of the M.D./Ph.D program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Shavari Dajal, AR, has returned from a 33-month tour with the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa. She has begun a dual J.D./master's program in international affairs at American University.

Kim Dean, AR, is assistant director of Partnership for the Future, a nonprofit youth employment program for inner-city youth.

Shawn DeMers, BR, is manager of accounting for Word Entertainment in Nashville, Tenn.

Adam Di Vincenzo, AR, is in his second year of law school at Duke. He spent the summer as a law clerk at the White House and the Department of Justice.

George Nelson Fearnow III, BR, joined homebyes.com, a Richmond-based startup, as accounting manager.

Lauren Fitzgerald, L, holds the fellowship in theater management at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. See profile, p. 33.

Megan Fleischman, BW, has accepted a position with Mays & Valenti on in Richmond.

Liz Fournier, BR, is working for Smart Force in Redwood City, Calif.

Jason Girard, AR, is pursuing a master’s degree in social change and development at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Dawn Nicole Graybill, BW, is employed as an information systems consultant at MetLife in Greenville, S.C.

Amy Lynn Harman, BW, graduated from law school and passed the Virginia bar exam. She is serving a judicial clerkship with the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Laina Henderson, BW, transferred to the San Francisco office of Arthur Andersen, where she works in the business development group.

Christopher W. Johnson, BR, has joined KPMG Consulting in McLean, Va.

Susan Elizabeth Kirk, AR, is pursuing a master's degree in education.

Melissa Munsfield, JW, started her own lobbying firm in Richmond. She represents Virginians Against Domestic Violence, the Virginia chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and Virginians Against Handgun Violence. She also backpucked independently through Costa Rica last summer.

Elva Angelique Van Devender, AW, is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at U.Va.

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Josh Murray, JR, '97, has returned to the States after his year Boch scholarship in Germany, and is working for Andersen Consulting in New York. Heather Lankford, AW, is a first-year doctoral student in pharmacy at the University of Michigan. Ryan Roenigk, JR, has joined the wireless and Internet consulting firm Outweb Inc., as director of strategy. Ryan recently returned from a safari in South Africa with Lindsey Baskin, '98, who is in her second year at Emory University School of Medicine.

Jay Carroll, JR, works at the National Hockey League in New York. He is responsible for marketing and promotions for NHL All-Star Fan Festival and the Stanley Cup Finals. He is active in athletics and volunteer work around the city, including the Kappa Sigma Scholarship and Leadership Foundation.

Rita Kovach, JW, just started a new job as administrative office for the Center for Advanced Design in Learning and Georgetown University. She oversees finance and logistics.

Phil Cramer, BW, graduated from Vanderbilt Law School last May and is clerking for the Hon. Karen Lecraft Henderson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Ryan's wife, Anna Johnson, JW, is clerking for Chief Judge Norma Holloway Johnson in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Whitney Mease Dalton, BW, is a sales representative with Castles & Cob in Atlanta.

David Jonathan Deuchler, BR, has joined the investment management division of Goldman, Sachs & Co. as a research analyst. Jennifer Edwards, AW, is a financial analyst with ARINC in Annapolis, Md.

Brent Brian Harrington, AR, is a ninth- and tenth-grade social studies teacher at Alexander Hamilton High School in Elmsford, N.Y. He is completing his master's degree in politics and education at Teachers College/ Columbia University.

Monica Susan Lince, AW, is a fifth-grade English teacher at her former school, the Interamerican Academy. She loves teaching and is actively involved in the school curriculum.

Mary Helen Mittell, AW, has finished two years of service work in El Paso, Texas. She spent the summer biking and hiking 1,600 miles down the Pacific Coast — from Seattle to San Diego — and raised over $7,000 for an El Paso homeless shelter. She plans to move to New York for a year before returning to school to become a nurse-midwife.

Patricia Marie Johnson, AW, has been promoted to senior account executive at A.P. Communications, Inc., a leading public relations firm in Huntington, N.Y.

Crystal D. LaViole, JW, is employed by Ernst & Young LLP in Ashland, Va.

Brendan Jude Reed, AR, is a staff biologist at the Santa Monica Baykeeper in Marina Del Ray, Calif.

Charlotte Elizabeth Reich, AR, is a third-year medical student at New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

Elizabeth Anne Rose, AW, is a legal assistant at Linklaters and Alliance in Paris.

Christopher Robert Smith, JR, is a third-year law student at Vanderbilt. He has accepted a position at Ross, Dixon & Bell in DC for the fall of 2001.

Alan Tachikawa, BR, has been promoted to senior accountant at Cherry Bekart & Holland.

Rebecca Jane Vaughan, BW, is a business auditor at Henrico County, Va.

Julianne Elizabeth Allen, AW, is a graduate student at Winthrop University working toward a master’s degree in nutrition. She is also an assistant in the human nutrition department.

Stephen James Conroy, AR, is sports editor for Pownal Today, Pownall County’s weekly newspaper. He is also assistant cross country and track coach at Richmond.

Brian Patrick Dolan, BR, is associate marketing manager at Capitol One.

Scott Ellis, BR, completed the management development Program at MBNA America and was promoted to officer status. He is a pricing analyst in the marketing development department.

Noir Fowler, AW, works for the Charlotte Hornets and Charlotte Sting in North Carolina in sales and marketing department.

Marc Arthur Gaudet, AR, is working at Harvard Medical School in Boston. He plans to go to Barcelona, Spain, to teach English as a foreign language.

Amy Gruke Hubbard, AW, is a contract specialist with the Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Mark Angelo Iantosca, JR, is working as a financial analyst at KPMG in its Warsaw, Poland, office.

Marsa Lynn Klein, BW, is an account executive for Siena Studio Leather, a division of G-III Apparel Group, in New York.

Hillorie Anne Leaman, JR, is a sales representative for Forest Pharmaceuticals in the Harrisburg, Pa., area.

Thomas James Marlin, AR, is a personal trainer at the New York Health and Racquet Club in Manhattan.

Melanie McKloskey, BW, is employed by T. Rowe Price in Baltimore.

Barbara Anne Pointkowski, AW, is a law student at George Mason University, and a law clerk in Georgetown for the satellite office of a Chicago firm.

Lindsay Woodworth Rall, BW, is a marketing manager for Hindundo, an Internet company that offers items related to handheld computers.

Nicole Natasha Richardson, AW, is a kindergarten teacher at Reams Road Elementary in Richmond.

Kristin Curry Rousseillon, AW, is completing a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. She is also applying to medical school.

Sharon Dana Ruffus, AW, was promoted to assistant accountant executive at the Martin Agency.

Dominic John Scalo, BR, is an international MBA program at the European School of Economics in Rome. He is studying there on a Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship.

Erika Leigh Staab, BW, is pursuing a master’s degree in physical therapy at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Andrew David Smith, AR, is pursuing graduate work in theatre sound design at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music.
Scott Spicer Allen, AR, is a teaching English to Chinese students in Dalian, China.

Benjamin Greenstone Blake, AR, was field coordinator for the Connecticut Democrats Coordinated Campaign 2000.

Stacey A. Boltz, AW, is working toward a Ph.D. in bioanalytical chemistry at the University of Georgia.

Nicole Kristine Bonilla, BW, is employed by the MONY Group in New York and enjoys living in Manhattan.

Amy Giewecz, AW, is manager for the Europe marketing department at the headquarters of GOGO Worldwide Vacations and Liberty Travel in Ramsey, N.J.

Kelly A. Dougerty, AW, is a New Yorker and enjoys living in Georgia.

Benjamin Greenstone Blake, AR, is teaching English to Chinese students in Dalian, China.

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Jennifer Kane, A W, is a financial researcher with Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley Inc., in Richmond.

Mauricio Vaiud, BR, is employed at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh in the financial accounting department.

Nicole Wyre, AW, is a financial accounting department at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh in the financial accounting department.

Jennifer Kane, A W, is a writer for Forbes in New York.

Sarah Christina Moonaw, AW, is working on a master’s degree in public affairs at the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. She has been elected to the graduate public affairs council and is on a planning committee for the fifth annual Barbara Jordan Memorial Forum hosted by the students of the IJ School.

Emily Ellen Woodburn, AW, is a sales representative with Retail Pharmaceuticals in New York.

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BIRTHS


DEATHS

1923/Dorothy Kent Sadler Corprew, W, of Richmond, Nov. 2, 2000. She taught Spanish and French in the Henrico County and Richmond school systems. She was active in the American Association of University Women, and was associated with Lyles Baptist Church in Fluvanna. 1925/Collin E. Smithier, R, of Weems, Va., Sept. 12, 2000. He was principal of Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton for almost 30 years. 1929/Lawrence Harlan Patterson, W, of Danville, Va., Nov. 12, 1999. 1930/John W. Ryland, R, of Urbanna, Va., Sept. 1, 2000. He was the retired superintendent of law enforcement for the Virginia Association of University Women.
Marine Resources Commission. He was active in Urbanna Baptist Church, serving as teacher, deacon, choir member and treasurer, among other positions, and also served on the Urbanna town council. One of the area’s first scoutmasters, he also was a World War II veteran.

1933/Camilla Walden Jeffries Patton, R, of Richmond, Nov. 12, 2000. A retired pharmacist, she was the first female president of the Richmond Pharmaceutical Association. She also owned and operated several pharmacies.


1935/Mary Anne Guy Franklin, W, of Richmond, Nov. 10, 2000. She taught English in Richmond public schools, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the English Language Institute of the University of Michigan. She also taught English in Thailand on a Fulbright Fellowship. She was a television consultant for the Richmond public schools, and also served as vice president and program director of WCVE/WCEV-TV.

1935/Constance Vaden Rupel Moore, W, of Burke, Va., Oct. 22, 2000. She was an elementary schoolteacher and principal in Chesterfield County schools, and also was active with the Chesterfield Principals Association and the Chesterfield Teachers Association. She was also a member of Ginter Park Baptist Church.


1940/Virginia Bugg Peck, W, of Ocala, Fla., Sept. 6, 2000. She held several leadership positions with the Florida Medical Association and Marion County Medical Association and their respective Womens Auxiliary. She wrote a cookbook that raised thousands of dollars for medical research, and she supported educational, community and civic endeavors.


1942/Betty Sessler Tyler, W, of Monroe, Conn., Sept. 20, 2000. She was a staff writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch as well as writer, editor and makeup director for The Bridgeport Sunday Post. She twice was named New England’s Newspaper Woman of the Year, and also was named one of the 100 Outstanding Women in Connecticut. A Westminster College class secretary for many years, she also was a free-lance contributor to the University of Richmond Magazine.

1944/William E. Davis, R, of Suffolk, Va., Sept. 13, 2000. A retired assistant U.S. district attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, he also was an attorney in private practice. He was named First Citizen of Suffolk and served on the Suffolk School Board. A World War II veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post 57, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.


1946/James Emmett Waddington Jr., R, of Richmond, Va., May 27, 2000. He was a fighter pilot in World War II and also a civil engineer with Lewis & Associates. His professional affiliations included Consulting Engineers of Virginia, the Virginia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Engineers’ Club of Richmond.

1949/Clavel F. Enhanck, R, of Richmond, Oct. 23, 2000. He was a World War II veteran and member of Derbyshire Baptist Church.


1949/Elbert Vaughan Cook, R, of Church Road, Va., Oct. 19, 2000. He was an Air Force pilot in World War II and the Korean War. He was a life-long member of Second Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Va.

1949/Dr. Harvey E. Melton, R, of Harlingen, Texas, Sept. 16, 2000. He practiced medicine in Stephens City and Winchester, Va., before retiring to Texas.


1950/Barbara Covington O’Flaherty, W, of Richmond, Sept. 29, 2000. She was a former teacher who also was active in community affairs.

1950/Howell F. Shannon Jr., R, of Richmond, Jan. 1, 2000. He was retired from Shumrock Distributing Co.


1951/Lawrence Clifton Sullivan Jr., R, of Centreville, Va., March 19, 1997. He was a partner in the firm of Derieux, Baker, Thompson & Whitt, CPA.


1957/Charles A. Echols, R, of Hardy, Va., Sept. 19, 2000. He was a retired English teacher and had served several Baptist churches as pastor.


1961/Charles Fuqua Bowles Jr., of Richmond, May 24, 2000. He was formerly assistant contract manager for the division of purchases and supply of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was also a member of Sons of the Revolution and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.


1966/Howard B. Smith Jr., R, of Lebanon, Va., Nov. 15, 1997. He served as assistant minister of Grace Baptist Church in Baltimore and Mentow Baptist Church in Huddleston, Va. He was a guidance counselor at Honaker High School and was a member of Abingdon Baptist Church.


1968/Mark A. Green, R, of Churchville, Md., Jan. 31, 1997. He served as director of toxicology at Wyeth Laboratories, director of the drug safety evaluation section of Nova Pharmaceutical Corp., and president of Oread Biosafety Inc. in Farmington, Conn.


1973/Stanley Ignacy Lisowski, R, of Richmond, May 2, 2000. He was in the Polish underground army during World War II, and worked in businesses throughout Europe, North Africa and the United States. He worked for Philip Morris until his retirement.


1984/Harry L. Matthews, GB, of Williamsburg, Va., June 9, 2000. He was innkeeper and owner of the Alice Person House in Williamsburg, Va.


SHOWCASING THE ARTS AT RICHMOND

I recall my first visit to the University of Richmond in mid-April 1989. I was on campus as a candidate for the deanship of the faculty of arts and sciences. One thing that struck me—so strongly that I mentioned my concern to President Richard Morrill—was the "understated presence" of the arts at the University.

All three of Richmond's arts departments were crammed into one building, a building that now houses only one of them. The single main stage doubled as a theatrical venue and as a musical concert hall, making scheduling difficult and "scene changes" necessary between events. Even worse, changes often weren't made at all, forcing the University Players, University Orchestra, and University Chorus to rehearse or perform in less than desirable habitats. And there was so little time available after shoehorning our own arts-related events into this space that the University lost many opportunities to bring outside talent to campus.

Beyond these problems, who can forget the one-room art gallery whose windows had to be covered to provide every possible inch for display space? Or the fact that our artists themselves had to teach their studio courses and pursue their own artistic work in far-off temporary quarters.

And the art building's lack of functionality was matched by its paradoxical lack of aesthetic quality, a consequence of being the last campus building designed and constructed before Mr. Robins put the University on a solid financial basis.

Seven years after my initial visit, with tremendous vision and support from Richard Morrill and the Board of Trustees, what a change had taken place! The opening of the Modlin Center for the Arts in the fall of 1996 marked one of the truly significant transitions in the University's history. Prior to 1996, we might have asked, "Who can imagine the world without art?" Now, we can honestly say, "Who can imagine the University of Richmond without art?"

Not only are the arts academic subjects at Richmond, more importantly they have become equal partners in our educational enterprise, fully vested and well represented as means of human expression and experience.

I don't mean to create too stark a contrast. The University has long offered special artistic experiences to the Richmond community. But what we offer now is of an entirely different magnitude—more in number, better in quality, deeper and more lasting in impact. The arts truly matter at Richmond as they could only aspire to do before, and more students than ever select the University so that they can enjoy the benefits of a liberal education in which the arts are essential rather than an afterthought.

Perhaps it is easier now for our students to understand why William James, the most famous of American philosophers and psychologists, told his novel brother, Henry James, that he envied him the world of art. "Away from it," he wrote, "we sink into a flatter, blanker kind of consciousness, and indulge in an ostrich-like forgetfulness of all our richest possibilities." Transformed through art, reality can "slap us with its tail," whether to our delight or chagrin. In either case, James noted, we are enlightened, our sensibilities sharpened, our discriminations tested and refined. In addition, our sense of community is enhanced through our sharing of pleasure, appreciation—even occasional dismay.

As we enter the 21st century, the University is and must remain an attractive choice for students, faculty and staff who want to keep the arts in their lives, whether as subjects of academic study, as activities in which they participate, or as something they experience as audience members.

Students in all our majors and all our schools—not to mention members of the greater Richmond community—can enrich their lives by attending and being part of art shows, dance concerts, poetry readings, musical events and theatrical productions of all shapes and sizes, from great to small, from world-class to completely local. The ever-expanding range of opportunities is wonderful!

To capitalize on what the University accomplished in the 1990s, we need to develop an arts endowment that will allow us to:

- Attract the strongest possible arts students, through designated scholarships for exceptional young artists, musicians, dancers and actors
- Bring outstanding visiting artists, critics and scholars of the arts to campus, for visits and courses ranging from several days to entire academic years, and
- Expand upon the remarkable arts programming that has so enriched our community, both on and off campus.

In particular, we need the means to continue organizing festivals and related symposia that bring together multiple arts, artists, critics and scholars in coordinated series of events focused on specially designated themes. We have already pioneered this approach, with stunning programs on Romanticism and on the arts of the Baroque Period.

Our senses, hearts, minds and spirits are stimulated, all together, by these collaborative ventures. We want many more as Richmond becomes known as a place with which to reckon in the arts, a place that excels in the opportunities it offers for refreshment and reflection, for grappling and growth, on the basis of the best and most challenging experiences that the arts have to offer.
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