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Learning by discovery in the natural sciences
A Robins Center sellout crowd of 9,171 gathered March 20 to cheer for the men’s basketball team against Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament, which was televised on ESPN2. Although Richmond fell to the Orangemen 62-46, the quarterfinals game marked the farthest any Richmond team has advanced in postseason play.

In addition to the school-record three postseason victories, the Spiders’ “season of success” included 22 wins and an appearance in the Atlantic 10 championship game in their first year in the league.

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New appointees join senior staff

When first-year students arrive at Richmond next fall, theirs will not be the only fresh faces on campus. The University recently made new appointments for a vice president for advancement, three deans and a registrar.

Several new appointees succeed longtime staff who have retired. "We searched nationwide to find the best candidates to help lead Richmond at this time," says University President Dr. William E. Cooper. "They will be able to build on the accomplishments of their predecessors in these roles."

Two of the appointments were promotions of individuals already working at Richmond; one returns to campus a former administrator; and two bring individuals who have excelled at other universities.

**Vice president for advancement**

Anne B. Kerr

Joining the University in July as vice president for advancement is Dr. Anne B. Kerr, who has been vice president for institutional advancement at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., since 1998. She assumes the senior administrative position that oversees the University's alumni affairs, communications, development and foundation-government grants operations. Kerr succeeds D. Chris Withers, who is retiring after 32 years with the University (see article, p. 22).

At Rollins Kerr led a capital campaign that raised $160 million, concluded two years early and exceeded its goal by $60 million. Prior to becoming Rollins' vice president, she was assistant dean of the graduate school of business and assistant vice president for development.

Earlier, she was assistant dean of students at the University of Central Florida and educational analyst with the state of Florida's Board of Regents. She holds doctoral and master's degrees from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree from Mercer University.

"Dr. Kerr offers exceptional talent and energy to lead Richmond's advancement efforts," says President Cooper. "She will be a great asset to the University and to the greater Richmond community."

"The University of Richmond's unique blend of tradition and innovation and its continued commitment to academic excellence set it apart as a leader among private universities in American higher education," says Kerr. "I am honored to participate in the process that will blend the best of the past with the best of the present to secure the future for this institution and its alumni."

Kerr is married to Dr. Roy Kerr, who will join the Richmond faculty to teach Spanish in the department of modern foreign languages.

**Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences**

Andrew F. Newcomb

Dr. Andrew F. Newcomb, a professor of psychology who came to Richmond in 1984, is the new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Acting dean during the past academic year, he was appointed dean effective April 15.

During his tenure at Richmond, Newcomb has compiled a distinguished record of achievement in teaching and research in his specialty of clinical psychology and childhood development. Among other honors, he was named an Outstanding Educator by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia in 1995 and a Distinguished Educator by the University in 1994. Newcomb served as chairman of the psychology department from 1992 to 2000.

"Dr. Newcomb was selected from a pool of more than 70 applicants in a vigorous national search," says Provost June R. Aprille. "He stood out among a fine group of finalists for the qualifications, achievements, vision, experience and specific abilities that he will bring to the position."

Newcomb received a bachelor's degree from Occidental College, a Ph.D. in child psychology from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development, and completed additional training in child clinical psychology at the University of Washington's School of Medicine. While at Richmond, Newcomb has won research grants for 17 projects; written 28 articles for scholarly journals, often with undergraduate co-authors; and authored 10 books or book chapters.
Newcomb succeeds Dr. David E. Leary, who stepped down last spring after 12 years as dean. Leary returns to teaching this fall as University Professor in the psychology department. As dean, Leary oversaw revision of the general education curriculum; led major initiatives in the arts, the natural sciences and student research; promoted international and interdisciplinary efforts; and hired more than 60 percent of the current arts and sciences faculty.

**Dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies**

*Kenneth P. Ruscio*

Dr. Kenneth P. Ruscio, professor of politics and acting associate dean at the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics at Washington and Lee University, becomes dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies in July.

"Dr. Ruscio is an outstanding teacher-scholar," says President Cooper, "who offers exceptional personal and professional qualities that will enable him to be a highly effective leader for our Jepson School."

Ruscio taught American government, public policy and leadership at W&L. He recently was elected president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. He is the author of a book, *The Leadership Dilemma in Modern Democracy*, scheduled for publication in the fall.

"The Jepson School occupies a special and distinctive place in higher education," says Ruscio. "In its short history, the school's talented faculty have already greatly influenced the course of leadership studies, and its alumni are changing their communities and professions."

Ruscio holds a bachelor's degree in politics from W&L, and MPA and Ph.D. degrees from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Prior to joining the Washington and Lee faculty, Ruscio taught at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He also served Washington and Lee as dean of freshmen and associate dean of the Williams School from 1991 to 1998.

**Dean of Richmond College**

*Stephen D. Biese*

A former Richmond residence hall coordinator and assistant dean will be returning to the campus as the new dean of Richmond College. Dr. Stephen D. Biese, who worked under Richard A. Mateer from 1985 to 1989, will succeed Mateer in the dean's office July 1. Mateer is retiring after 36 years of service to the University (see article, p. 19).

Currently vice president for student life and dean of students at Georgetown College in Kentucky, Biese will have responsibility at Richmond for the men's co-curricular and residential life.

Biese earned a bachelor of business administration degree from the College of William and Mary and a master's degree in college student personnel at the University of Tennessee. Following his tenure at Richmond, he returned to William and Mary, earning educational specialist and doctor of education degrees.

Biese's professional accomplishments include development of training for resident assistants and wellness-based co-curricular activities for students. He created an "early warning reporting" procedure at Georgetown that enables professional staff to follow up with students experiencing academic performance and attendance problems. He has been selected for six accreditation teams of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

**Registrar**

*Susan D. Breeden*

Susan D. Breeden, a member of the Richmond staff for 16 years, has been appointed registrar. Breeden worked in the registrar's office for the past six years and was acting registrar during a nationwide search to fill the position. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Virginia Tech and a master of arts degree from the University of Richmond.

Previously the associate registrar, Breeden was involved in the implementation and modification of several components of SCT BannerWeb, which is software used for student registration, access to online class rosters, Web grading and other applications. She also instituted a system of scheduling and grading non-credit courses.
Speaking at the University's 172nd commencement ceremony May 5 in the Robins Center, graduating senior Timothy P. Sullivan, JR'02, urged his classmates to join the ranks of the nation's new heroes. "Kindness used to be defined as rewinding a Blockbuster videotape," he told 696 other seniors and 81 graduate students who received degrees. Now, kindness means "rushing up the stairs." From self-absorption, Americans have united against "the most horrific enemy attack ever," he said. "You don't need a hose or a badge, just a heart and the courage to follow it."

Sullivan, immediate past president of the Richmond College Student Government Association, was the first student speaker selected to address the graduates under a new policy. Rather than feature a well-known guest speaker with no connection to the University, Commencement will focus on equal billing for a student address and a message from a successful alumnus or alumna.

Melanie P. Healey, W'83, vice president-feminine care North America for Procter & Gamble, spoke as the alumni representative. "You almost always know what the ethical and moral choices should be," she said. "Surround yourself with a few close friends who believe in what you believe in and work for the best company you can" in terms of values.

Receiving honorary degrees were Dr. Russell A. Barkley, professor of psychiatry and neurology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School; David Ting Kwok Ho, B'77, an entrepreneur in Vancouver, Canada (see p. 39); and Marcus M. Weinstein, R'49 and a trustee, leading Richmond businessman and philanthropist.

The University awarded President's Medals to trustees Dr. Martha Carpenter, W'51, and Lewis T. Booker, R'50. Carpenter is associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville. Booker is senior counsel with Hunton & Williams and a Virginia substitute district judge, and he has served the University's trustees three terms as rector.

Dr. Richard A. Mateer, retiring dean of Richmond College (see article, p. 19), and Robert L. Burrus Jr., R'55 and rector of the Board of Trustees, received Trustees' Distinguished Service Awards.

In separate ceremonies May 4, the School of Continuing Studies graduated its largest class ever — 105 students received certificates, associate's or bachelor's degrees — and the School of Law awarded diplomas to 153 students.

Graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor of liberal arts degree,
"You don't need a hose or a badge, just a heart and the courage to follow it."
— SULLIVAN

"Surround yourself with a few close friends who believe in what you believe in and work for the best company you can."
— HEALEY

"Integrity is the most important attribute for becoming a successful attorney."
— SLATE

Khrislan A. Molchan, who works for the University police department as crime prevention officer, told his fellow SCS graduates that it took inner drive and many sacrifices to complete their journeys. "Many of those sacrifices were not ours alone," he said, "but were made by our parents, our children, our employers."

Among the graduates receiving bachelor's degrees was Robert B. Woodward, who began the pursuit of a college degree 50 years ago when he attended the University as a day student.

Patricia Bowman Carey, a member of the school's adjunct faculty since 1996, received the Distinguished Faculty Award, and Fenton N. Hord, C'70, president and CEO of Carolina Holdings Inc. of Raleigh, N.C., received the SCS Distinguished Alumni Award (see article, p. 24).

Addressing the law graduates was William K. Slate II, L'68, president and CEO of the American Arbitration Association, who said that integrity is the most important attribute for becoming a successful attorney. Also, "21st-century lawyers must be attuned to the importance of the Internet in a world now defined by global economies and an ever-expanding e-commerce transaction base."

Dale G. Mullen told his fellow law graduates that they owe it to their country to "stand up for justice, fairness and the rule of law" in exchange for previous sacrifices of soldiers, civil rights activists, judges and attorneys. Speaking for the faculty, First Amendment scholar Rodney A. Smolla said that inside every person "there is a yearning, a hope, a desire to believe that there is justice in the world. We believe that you [law graduates] — committed to quality, humanity and justice — are the community's hope and prize."

Six seniors were commissioned as second lieutenants May 4 during a special ceremony. Maj. Gen. Robert T. Dail, B'75, commanding general of the Army Transportation Center at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Va., was the speaker. Returning to campus from the first ROTC class to be commissioned here was Col. John B. Phillips, B'53.

BY LINDA EVANS, W'71
Letter from home found 45 years later

The letter to Ethel Burton was like many that Westhampton students receive from their moms: news about her sister's impending weekend trip, her grandmother's improving health after an illness, an 'A' one of her younger brothers received on a school report.

What was unusual was that she received it this spring 45 years after it was delivered to the Campus Post Office.

Ethel Burton Lee, W'60, who lives in Richmond, was thrilled to get the letter originally mailed to her when she was a freshman.

What took so long?

When the post office was dismantled and moved as part of the construction work on Weinstein Hall, the letter was found behind a large, heavy shelf.

Jodi Will, mail operations manager, sent the letter to Lee with a cover letter of explanation. "While it is a "little" late," Will wrote Lee, "we are sending it to you with apologies but hoping that you enjoy its 'historical contents.'"

Lee wrote back that the delay actually made the letter more meaningful. Now a mother herself, she understood "what it feels like to have your first child go off to school, to miss a daughter, to want the best for your children and to be proud of their accomplishments."

"On Saturday, when I read this letter from 1957 for the first time," Lee wrote, "I heard so much more than I could have then. I have a fresh appreciation for my mother's unwavering commitment to her children. I realize that it is her determination and courage to which I have anchored my life."

Lee also wrote Will that her mother, Mary Burton, is now 84 and "was equally thrilled to hear that her letter had found its way to me after all these years."

BY RANDY FITZGERALD, R'63 AND G'64

Law school ranking improves

The University of Richmond School of Law has advanced in U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of law schools.

Richmond Law placed 75th out of 175 American Bar Association-accredited law schools, moving up six places from the 2001 report.

"We improved considerably in the important reputation categories," says Dean John R. Pagan. The law school's reputation among practitioners and judges rose from 77th to 69th.

Substantial gains also occurred in the career services area. "Our placement success rank jumped 19 places, from 91st last year to 72nd this year," Pagan says.

"This did not happen by accident," he says. "Our faculty deserves credit for raising our profile among academics by publishing more work in prestigious journals. Our clinicians, moot court teams and alumni deserve credit for boosting the school's reputation among judges and lawyers through their excellent performance in courthouses and law offices."

The school remains in the second of four tiers. Although Richmond Law is in good company with other strong law schools, "we won't be content until U.S. News & World Report acknowledges that we really belong in the first tier" with Virginia, William and Mary, and Washington and Lee, says Pagan.

Smolla named to Outstanding Faculty for 2002

Rodney A. Smolla, the Allen Professor of Law and a leading American scholar of the First Amendment, has been selected one of 11 winners of the 2002 Outstanding Educator Awards, the highest honor for faculty members at Virginia colleges and universities.

Presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the annual awards recognize excellence in teaching, research and service in any subject or discipline.

Three Richmond Law professors have won the award since its inception in 1987, more than from any other law school faculty in the commonwealth.

Smolla joined Richmond Law in 1998 and is in demand nationwide as lecturer on constitutional, First Amendment and mass media legal issues. A prolific legal scholar, he has written numerous legal treatises, law school casebooks and other publications. Smolla recently led a two-day seminar on campus about the role of the American government in the assassination of foreign terrorists.

Smolla and faculty members from 10 other institutions were selected this year from among 75 nominated.

Summer 2002
Tenure and promotions

Faculty members receiving tenure and promotions
DR. JOHN G. DOUGLASS
Professor of law
DR. MARSHALL A. GEIGER
Professor of accounting
JULIE LASKERIS
Associate professor of classical studies

Faculty members receiving tenure
DR. KRISTA FISCHER STENGER
Assistant professor of biology

Faculty members receiving promotions
DR. TERRY L. GIVENS
Professor of English
DR. DONA J. HICKEY
Professor of English
DR. RICHARD W. LEATHERMAN JR.
Associate professor of human resource management
DR. MICHAEL F. VINEYARD
Professor of physics

New appointment to endowed chair, 2002-08
DR. SCOTT T. ALLISON
MacEldin Trawick Professorship in Psychology

Mock trial team advances to nationals

A team of eight undergraduates competed in the American Mock Trial Association national tournament in April in Des Moines, Iowa. They were the first in the University’s six years of mock trial competition to win a national tournament bid.

Practice began last September, leading to the regional tournament in February at the University of Maryland, where Richmond defeated Duke and Virginia, tied George Washington and placed fourth out of 22 schools.

Captained by Erin Torrey, AW’02, the squad also won the Spirit of AMTA Award for “civility, fair play and justice.” Team member Josh Terry, AR’04, won an outstanding attorney award, and Chris Kidd, AR’05, won an outstanding witness award.

At nationals, Richmond tied Swarthmore and Miami (Ohio), but lost to Pennsylvania and South Carolina-Spartanburg, falling short of the finals. However, individual members again picked up awards. Kidd won an All-American Witness Award, placing first in the division and qualifying him for an All-American tournament round.

AMTA was formed in 1985 to give undergraduates a firsthand opportunity to learn about the work of trial attorneys. The organization sponsors regional tournaments and three levels of national competition involving a single annual case.

“Mock trial relies heavily on strategy,” says Torrey. “As a team, you try to feel out characters and determine which three witnesses would best prove each side of the case.”

By BRIAN ECKERT

Four longtime faculty retire

Four longtime faculty members retired this year and were granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees. Their combined years of service total more than 110.

Dr. Thomas D. Giese, professor of marketing, emeritus. He joined the faculty of the Robins School of Business in 1978 and is the author of numerous articles and presentations. He served as chairman of the marketing department from 1984 to 1987, and as associate dean and director of graduate studies from 1993 to 1996.

Dr. Josephine B. McMurtry, professor of English, emerita. A faculty member for 33 years, McMurtry is known for teaching Shakespeare’s plays as works intended for the stage. She is the author of five books, one on British Victorian culture, three on Shakespeare’s plays, and one on English as an academic discipline.

Dr. John S. Rose, professor of management systems, emeritus. Joining the Robins School of Business faculty in 1977, he has been an outstanding teacher in the classroom and a productive scholar. He served as chairman of the management systems department from 1986 through 1992.

Dr. C. Ray Wingrove, R’59, professor of sociology, emeritus. He was named a University Distinguished Educator in 1981 and 1990, and he held the Irving May Chair in Human Relations from 1987 to 1999. Author of numerous journal articles and several books, he also is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Delta.
Alumni create career seminar

Twenty-eight young University of Richmond alumni with careers ranging from exotic mushroom grower to advertising executive, screenwriting professor, franchise owner and military intelligence officer shared the stories of their success during "Disney, Doctors and More," a weekend career seminar for University students held in March.

More than 100 students attended the conference, "and just as many who were unable to attend have been in contact with the speakers with specific questions," says Kelly Gribbin, JW'02, immediate past president of the Westhampton College Government Association, which helped to organize the seminar.

Gribbin adds that the seminar "was a ground-breaking event that helped us realize the strong network we have with our alumni, and what an outstanding resource they are to today's students when it comes to the job search."

"Disney, Doctors and More" was the brainchild of Deanne Koehn, W'92, production manager for animation at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif. As an undergraduate, Koehn helped to organize a similar event, where networking with two film producers led to an internship on a film that was shot in Richmond during the summer of 1991. The internship "opened my eyes to an entirely new career path and a skill set that I didn't even realize I possessed," Koehn says, adding that the March seminar was a way of "giving something back" to the University.

"Disney, Doctors and More" also received support from the Career Development Center, Office of Alumni Affairs, Richmond Quest and the Richmond College Student Government Association, among others. The alumni career seminar may become an annual event.

By Laura Jeffrey

Liberal arts majors study business

Surveys show that liberal arts graduates can succeed in business.

Their odds are increased, University of Richmond officials believe, by a little core knowledge of the modern business world. They have devised a summer business boot camp for sophomores and juniors who normally study Shakespeare and Mozart instead of marketing and finance.

Richmond's innovative Liberal Arts in Business program launches this summer with an intensive six-week, six-credit program for liberal arts and sciences students.

"Everything is business," says the course's instructor, Ken Newman, himself a former history major who also has an MBA and 25 years of business experience. "No matter what you do, whether you're an airline pilot, a talker or an art historian, everything is an exchange of goods and services."

A broad background, good work habits and motivation are more important than "being a fully formed business person," Newman says.

Week one will explore Wall Street. Weeks two through five will cover accounting, marketing, economics and management. The last week will focus on business presentation skills, both written and oral.

Along the way, students will read and watch business news stories, work on team projects, interact with visiting executives and visit local companies.

By Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64

Habitat chapter holds 5K run

One hundred eighty runners participated in the first Habitat for Humanity Run for Shelter 5K race on a sunny Saturday in April, raising over $3,000 toward materials to build a Habitat home in Richmond. The Run for Shelter takes the place of the Richmond Century, a 100-mile bike race around campus, as the Habitat chapter's annual fund-raising event. For 13 years the bike race helped the chapter raise more money for Habitat than any other college or university in the country.

Helping to sponsor the run were the Richmond Road Runners Club and Henrico Doctors' Hospital. The Habitat chapter plans to hold the race again next year, according to chapter president Neil Singh, AR'04.

By Laura Jeffrey
Award for seminars abroad

The University's faculty seminars abroad program has won recognition from the Institute of International Education, a nonprofit higher education exchange organization of 600 member colleges and universities.

The program won an honorable mention in the "outstanding faculty program" category of the Andrew Heiskell Awards, a national competition to honor outstanding initiatives for international learning.

Richmond's faculty seminars take groups of up to 12 faculty members from various disciplines to a selected country or region for three weeks, where they meet academic counterparts, business and political leaders, journalists and others. Faculty use the experience to create and revise courses and develop new research projects.

Since the program began 13 years ago, 36 percent of the University's faculty have participated. Seminar groups have traveled to 22 countries, and this year are going to Vietnam and Thailand.

Studying "Son" music in Cuba

Contrary to popular image, not all college students spend spring break partying on tropical beaches.

Five University of Richmond students, along with associate professor of jazz and trumpet Dr. Michael Davison, spent 10 days in Cuba performing and studying "Son" music. Son is the earliest Afro-Cuban music, according to Davison. Ninety percent of the music Americans refer to as salsa or Latin jazz originated in Cuba, he says.

The arranging students, three seniors and one sophomore, studied jazz and Son music during the fall and topped it off with five days in Havana and five days in Santiago this spring, thanks to funding from the University's student research committee.

The group performed 10 times and went to classes about the music, dance, religion and culture of the island. Student Laurie Rhoads, AW'02, sponsored by the international education office, acted as translator.

The students and Davison even got to perform with Joaquin Pozo, the great-nephew of the famous Cuban conguero, Chano Pozo. Back home, the group performed at the student symposium in April an original composition "Descarga en Santiago," which they hope to publish.

"One can compare [the students'] experience to a baseball player who finally gets on the field to learn the sport," Davison explains. "They not only 'got on the field' but hit home runs in the process."

"Cuba was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says violin player Christopher Gamble-Wallendjack, AR'04, "maybe even greater than that."

"It's easy to listen to and play music. But to be a part of music — to feel its magic — is something that doesn't happen every day."

Davison will return to Cuba Oct. 16-23 to lead the second jazz festival ever in Santiago. He also will offer a spring break trip to Cuba for one credit every spring.

Virtual tour recognized

The University of Richmond won the Four-Star Virtual Tour Award for April from CampusTours.com, an online directory of virtual college tours.

Richmond's virtual tour, launched in mid-January, was the brainchild of students Tom Lawrence, AR'02, and Greg Hofbauer, AR'04. They created a prototype and convinced University Web manager Bill Flowers to hire them to create it for Richmond's Web site.

The new 360-degree virtual tour includes an interactive map, a window with panoramic views and a window with information about the particular building or location.

The virtual tour has been so successful that following graduation, Lawrence, a Bonner Scholar, is going into business creating virtual tours for other colleges and universities.

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Visit Richmond's virtual tour at:
www.richmond.edu/visitors/vtour/map.html
New men’s basketball coach named

Jerry Wainwright was named the University of Richmond’s 12th head men’s basketball coach in April. In eight seasons as head coach at UNC-Wilmington, the 55-year-old piloted the Seahawks to a 136-103 (.569) record and a pair of trips each to the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitation Tournament.

In addition, Wainwright directed the team to its first post-season berth, first 20-win season and first win in the NCAA Tournament, a stunning 93-89 victory over Southern Cal this past season. The Seahawks averaged nearly 17 wins per season under his tutelage and were ranked nationally in team defense.

Wainwright orchestrated one of UNC-W’s most memorable seasons in 1999-2000, when the Seahawks grabbed their first CAA championship — a 57-47 win over Richmond — and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

Wainwright will take over a Spiders program that went 22-14 this past season, advancing to the quarterfinals of the NIT. Richmond returns four starters and a host of talented newcomers as it prepares to compete in its second season in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Spiders finished second in the nation in fewest turnovers per game (10.3) and ranked 14th in NCAA statistics in scoring defense.

Wainwright arrived at UNC-W in 1994, following former Spider great Kevin Eastman, R’78 and G'89. Earlier, he spent nine years as an assistant coach at Wake Forest. Under Bob Staak and Dave Odom, he helped rebuild the Demon Deacons’ program. He broke into the college coaching ranks in 1984-85 serving a one-year stint at Xavier.

A 1988 graduate of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., Wainwright earned his graduate degree from the University of Denver. He began his coaching career in the prep ranks in Denver and Chicago.

A native of Berwyn, Ill., Wainwright is married to the former Debbie Tedesco. The couple has two grown sons, Brett and Scott, and two grandchildren, Alexis and Brett.

Joining Wainwright on the bench will be Rodney Terry and former Spider standout Mike Winiecki, B’89.

Wainwright takes over for John Beilein, who resigned after five years as head coach to accept the top job at West Virginia University.

LaRee Sugg named first women’s golf head coach

Already only one of three African-Americans to compete on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour, LaRee Pearl Sugg became the second female African-American to coach golf at the NCAA Division I Level when Richmond hired her in March as the Spiders’ inaugural women’s golf head coach. The women’s team begins play this fall.

“I can’t think of a better person to be leading our new women’s golf program,” says Director of Athletics Jim Miller. “LaRee brings great enthusiasm and experience, having competed successfully at the highest level of her sport, as an amateur and as a professional.”

A native of Petersburg, Va., Sugg learned the game from her grandfather, Dr. James Nelson, a former coach at Virginia State University. Her prolific 11-year playing career has included spending four years on the LPGA Tour as well as three seasons on the Women’s Professional Golfers European Tour. Sugg has qualified for the U.S. Women’s Open five times and for the women’s British Open four times.

At the college level, Sugg helped lead UCLA to the 1991 NCAA Women’s Title by sinking the winning putt in a sudden death playoff. She dominated the links for the Bruins while earning a degree in English literature.

In addition to her skills on the course, Sugg is the director and founder of the Golfing for Angels Charity Classic and a national spokesperson for Epochs of Courage and Champion for Kids of America Inc.

BY STACEY BRANN

Track star Kipkorir visits

President William E. Cooper welcomed All-American distance runner Barnabas Kipkorir, B’81, when he returned to his alma mater in March. Kipkorir, a businessman in Nairobi, Kenya, came to visit his longtime friend and coach, Fred Hardy, and was recognized at a Spiders basketball game.

Kipkorir is the current Richmond indoor record-holder in the 100 meter and was part of a four-man squad that holds Richmond’s outdoor record for the 4 x 400 relay. The team set a world’s record at the Millrose Games for the 4 x 880 relay that has never been broken.

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In addition to her skills on the course, Sugg is the director and founder of the Golfing for Angels Charity Classic and a national spokesperson for Epochs of Courage and Champion for Kids of America Inc.

BY STACEY BRANN
Sophomore right-hander Tim Stauffer, AR'02, has been one of the key factors in leading the Richmond baseball team to a season-long national ranking, an NCAA tournament bid, and one of the highest win totals in the nation.

Through early May, the pitcher had a record of 12-2 with an earned run average of 1.60, while pitching nearly a dozen complete games. His 12 victories set a Spider single-season record and ranked him second in the nation, while his ERA placed him in the top 10 in the country.

In Atlantic 10 action alone, Stauffer helped the Spiders clinch the best conference record. At press time, Richmond bested the school record of 43 victories (1995) and hovered among the top three teams in the nation in overall winning percentage.

For his efforts, Stauffer was a four-time recipient of the Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week award. In addition, he was one of the first 19 collegiate players selected to participate in the 2002 USA Baseball National Team Trials for Team USA in June in Tucson, Arizona.

BY MATT SLSKI, BR'97

Hogan inducted into Hall of Fame

Retired synchronized swimming coach Peg Hogan was inducted in May into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A nationally recognized coach, she is also a member of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame and a 1998 recipient of the Lillian MacKeller Distinguished Service Award for her dedication to the sport.

During her career, she won three gold medals at the 1986 World Aquatic Games; two gold medals at the 1989 Pan-Am Masters Games; and 57 age-group gold medals in USSS Masters national championship competitions.

Hogan currently coaches the Octopi Club age-group and synchronized swimming teams. She coached the University of Richmond team from 1976 to 2000.

Tennis teams go to NCAA

The men's and women's tennis teams went unbeaten in conference action this spring as each won an Atlantic 10 championship in Richmond's first year of A-10 competition. Men's head coach Steve Gerstenfeld and women's head coach Mark Wesselink were each named Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year as they led the Spiders to the school's second and third conference titles this season, following the swimming team's championship in February.

All-conference performers Niki Doll, BR'04, and David Donn, AR'04, led the men as they helped Rich-

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For more on athletics, see: www.RichmondSpiders.com
Like any good teacher, physics professor Dr. Jerry Gilfoyle knows that complicated concepts are often best demonstrated rather than explained.

When he first began teaching, Gilfoyle would explain projectile motion by writing an equation on the chalkboard. This could be confusing, especially to nonscience majors, he says, because the abstract equation did not readily illustrate the image he was trying to convey.

Today, when Gilfoyle talks about projectile motion in his workshop physics class, he has his students stand in front of a camera and throw a tennis ball into the air. The camera films the arc of the ball and digitizes it so the students can see its precise path. Then they analyze the image on a computer to develop an equation describing what they see.

"They are really measuring the phenomenon rather than being told about it," Gilfoyle says. "The math is coming directly from nature." And, through this high-tech experiment, students come to a fuller understanding of what projectile motion is all about.

Learning science by doing science is one of the main objectives of the University of Richmond's ambitious new science initiative, an across-the-board upgrade of science curriculum and facilities intended to make Richmond a first-choice college for the best science students in America. Although the plan calls for a $35 million renovation and expansion of Gottwald Science Center to be completed in 2005, the science initiative is about far more than bricks and mortar.

Over the next 10 years, more than $60 million will be devoted to program enhancements in the sciences. Among the projected improvements are:

- Increased opportunities for and participation in research by students and faculty
- Addition of up to 18 new science faculty, bringing the total to 44
- Greater emphasis on interdisciplinary studies
- Addition of a new major in biochemistry and molecular biology
- Use of state-of-the-art instrumentation in every laboratory, and
- Development of innovative science classes for nonscience majors.

"We have reconceptualized how we're doing science," says Dr. Andrew Newcomb, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "The whole building, every improvement that we've made, everything we plan to do — it's all driven by the programs."

Excellence in the sciences will benefit not only the University's science departments, Newcomb says, but also the humanities, fine arts, business, leadership and social science programs by attracting the best students to Richmond.
"We are not getting our fair share of students who say they are interested in science," Newcomb says. "We want to attract those very bright, dedicated and talented students who think they want to major in a science." Traditionally, students planning to major in science have taken the most demanding courses in high school and are high achievers.

Richmond's plans have attracted the attention of Research Corporation, a private foundation devoted to the advancement of science. Through its science development award program, the foundation has partnered with Richmond to make its program a national model for science education. "There are two things that we found very attractive about Richmond's science initiative," says Research Corporation's president, Dr. Michael Doyle. "One is that they are expanding the faculty to be of a size and nature that would be comparable to the best private institutions in the country. Second is [Richmond's] attempt to use programs and procedures that are different from what other institutions are using."

What goes on inside Richmond's science center will be far more important than the new and improved building, Doyle says. "It's not a building that will make the future; it's the faculty who are promoting it. A building makes the lives of the faculty and students more palatable; it removes barriers to accomplishment, but it doesn't offer the accomplishment. The accomplishment comes from the faculty interacting with the students."

Although discovery is the foundation for scientific advancement, discovery has not always been the foundation of a science education. "Science is not about knowing a bunch of facts any more," Newcomb says. "It's about being able to pick up *Time* magazine and understand the cover story on genetic testing, or the next scientific discovery we don't even know about yet."

The University's science departments are restructuring many classes, even those for nonmajors, to focus on learning through discovery.
"The best way for students to learn is to give them real experiences," says Dr. John T. Gupton III, a holder of the Floyd D. and Elisabeth S. Gottwald Chair in Chemistry and department chair. "As the world is becoming more technologically developed, the only way you're going to be able to make decisions is to look at something with a scientist's perspective. We're treating the students like real scientists."

Students in Gupton's introductory chemistry courses used to go into the laboratory, open a lab manual and follow the directions as if they were following a recipe in a cookbook. Not anymore. Now Gupton teaches his students to use state-of-the-art instrumentation to develop research experiments of their own.

"Nothing is laid out for them; they have to think their way through it," he says. "In the real world, that's what you would do. It creates ownership in what they're doing. For most students it's more fun because they've got to think."

Focusing on real-world problems is another hallmark of discovery-based science education. Students in Dr. Paula Lessem's introductory microbiology course for nonmajors, called Unseen Life, spent the semester analyzing water samples from Richmond area water sources for fecal coliform bacteria.

As a result of their own hands-on learning, students were captivated by the experience. The class presented its findings at the undergraduate research symposium this spring. Six students from the class have already volunteered to assist next year with Lessem's Tuckahoe Creek Project, a grant-funded project that involves high school students, science majors and nonscience majors in monitoring water in a creek near campus.

"The most important thing to me about this project is to show our non-science friends that they can get involved in science," she says. "What I hear from so many of them is, 'This was so different from biology in high school.'"

The University's physics department has used discovery-based learning in its workshop physics class, an introductory course for science majors, since 1994. In this course there is no separation between the laboratory and the classroom; the laboratory is the classroom. Students work in small groups using the latest computer technology and instruments to collect and analyze data as they study basic physics concepts. Lecture is kept to a minimum. The instructor assists students with their experiments and leads class discussions.

"The integration of the lab with the lecturing is extremely important," says Erin Collins, AW'02, a physics major headed to graduate school at the University of Chicago next fall. "You don't just hear about it from someone. You develop an intuition for why things happen the way they do."

Soon, all introductory physics courses will be workshop-style, thanks to an anonymous $210,000 challenge grant that will enable the department to equip additional laboratories for nonscience majors.

Dr. Michael Vineyard, who holds the Robert Edward and Lena Frazer Loving Chair in Physics and who developed Richmond's first workshop physics courses, hopes nonmajors will have more
fun in class and perhaps even be encouraged to take more science courses.

"The more active and engaged students are, the more they're going to learn," he says. "What happens too often in the standard lecture/lab format is that students write what's on the board in their notes and turn their minds off. In this [workshop] format it is really difficult for students to do that. They have to apply what they're learning right away."

Compelling evidence exists to indicate this way of teaching really works. Each year, at the start of the semester, workshop physics students take a test on basic concepts. "What we've seen typically is that the performances on the first day are abysmal," says Gilfoyle, physics department chair. "At the end of the year, when we give the test again, there is a huge increase in students' ability.

"With the old format of teaching, there was very little change from beginning to end. With the old way, students were essentially memorizing solutions versus understanding concepts."

**Under the science** initiative, discovery is not limited to the classroom. Increased opportunities for faculty-student research collaborations are an equally important part of the equation.

"One of the reasons we're interested in Richmond is that the University is willing to involve students in research," says Research Corporation's Doyle. "Research is discovery, but it is not discovering something someone has already discovered; it's discovering something new."

The aim of the science initiative is that through discovery-based courses students will develop the technical skills, as well as the interest, to engage in significant scientific research with faculty members. Chemistry has revised its curriculum to require at least two semesters of research by students seeking a bachelor of science degree.

"Research to some is a dirty word because it gets in the way of teaching," says Dr. Stuart Clough, R'65, associate professor who teaches organic chemistry. "But the research we do here is not done at the expense of the undergraduate program; it is done to enhance the undergraduate program."

Although Richmond might not produce as much research as a major research institution, Newcomb says the quality of the work can be every bit as good. "The number one priority here has always been teaching," he says, "but right behind it should be scholarship. It should be the kind of scholarship that actively engages students in substantive research."

"We want to integrate research and teaching," says Provost June Aprille. "Our goal is to have faculty bringing the latest in research results into their teaching, and conversely to have students learn more about a subject by engaging in original research with a faculty member. Students thus learn how to go about the business of creating new knowledge in a field."
The science initiative calls for the addition of up to 18 faculty members, increasing the biology department from 12 to 20, chemistry from nine to 16, and physics from five to eight. Each new faculty hire will have to demonstrate a serious commitment to both teaching and research, Newcomb says.

Dr. J. Ellis Bell and Dr. Michelle Hamm, who joined the chemistry department this year, are prime examples of the “teacher/scholars” Richmond is looking for. Bell, a senior biochemist and holder of another Gottwald Chair in Chemistry, and Hamm, a newly minted Ph.D. in biochemistry and organic chemistry, form the backbone of the University’s new major in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Both are involved in significant research. Bell’s laboratory, supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, studies proteins involved in metabolism and in diseases such as Alzheimer’s, HIV and herpes virus infections, while Hamm researches damage done to DNA by oxidants to gain insight into the origins of disease and aging. Hamm received three grants this year to support her work, including a prestigious “faculty start-up grant” from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation.

In addition, major competitive grants have come to Richmond from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Energy. “These grants were peer-reviewed by leaders in the field,” says Gupton. “It makes the case that our students and their faculty mentors are engaged in cutting-edge science projects.”

Scott Cutro, AW’02, a biology major planning to enter graduate school this fall to study biomedical science, has been involved in chemistry research with Gupton since his sophomore year. By engaging in research with a faculty member, “I’ve been able to extrapolate what we’ve learned in the classroom,” he says. “Actually applying that stuff and being able to make decisions on your own and work outside of the textbook was very valuable.” Cutro plans eventually to attend medical school, and one day to head a research project of his own as a physician.

This aspiration is becoming more common among students, says Dr. Valerie Kish, Clarence E. Denoon Jr. Professor of Natural Science, who teaches biology. “Many students have had the goal of medical school, but it hasn’t been until the last five or six years that we began to see students wanting to combine research with clinical
What is the structure of the atomic nucleus in terms of quarks and gluons?

Physics professor Dr. Michael Vineyard, who conducts nuclear physics research on the fundamental constituents of matter at Jefferson Lab and Seann Mulcahy, AR’04

practice,” she says. “A lot of students are beginning to apply to and be accepted to M.D./Ph.D. programs. It’s one more way to show the strength of our student body.”

Physics majors at the University of Richmond have a unique opportunity to engage in significant research through the department’s affiliation with Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Va.

Gilfoyle and Vineyard have been involved with the world-class accelerator since its inception in the mid-1980s, and Richmond students have benefited immensely from the association. “We have been involved in planning, designing and building one of the three large experimental instruments at Jefferson Lab,” Vineyard explains.

“We are now using that large detector to do experiments, and the results of these experiments are being published in the top journals in nuclear physics. It has been a real boon for the physics department – the opportunity to do world-class science and involve Richmond undergrads in state-of-the-art nuclear physics research.”

Collins, who will study physics at the University of Chicago, has been involved in high-energy experimental physics research at Jefferson Lab and at an international accelerator facility in Geneva, Switzerland, with Dr. Philip Rubin since her freshman year.

“I believe that has been the best part of my education,” she says. “I think that really helped in my grad school application. Coming from a liberal arts school, I certainly won’t have had all the classes that students from larger universities will have had, but I think that the research experience I’ve had will make up for that.”

A key component of scientific research is coming up with a good question to investigate. Searching for the answers increasingly requires specialized, high-tech equipment. “Science,” says Dean Newcomb, “is now all about instrumentation.”

“There’s no substitute for having good ideas,” adds biochemistry professor Bell, “but having good equipment to test [those ideas] is really useful. It’s important that teaching labs have state-of-the-art equipment so you can ask state-of-the-art questions.” The science initiative commits the University to continual improvement in scientific instrumentation.

This year the National Science Foundation awarded Richmond more than $600,000 to purchase a high field nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer for the chemistry department and to develop a computer cluster for electromagnetic nuclear physics research.

“The new NMR [which uses technology similar to a hospital MRI] opens up an area of research that puts Richmond right on the cutting edge,” says Bell, who will use the instrument in his research. “There are very few schools that can ask questions of the sophistication we will be able to.”
Richmond offers undergraduates the unique opportunity to actually use this equipment in research. "One of the things that can make us distinctive is that our undergrads are getting hands-on access to instrumentation," Newcomb says. "Big universities have this instrumentation, except you don't get to use it as an undergraduate. You have to wait until you're a doctoral student."

State-of-the-art instrumentation is just as important in teaching labs as it is in research laboratories. Biology associate professor Dr. Gary Radice recently received a $63,000 two-year grant to implement digital imaging technology in his vertebrate microanatomy course.

Radice's NSF grant will enable him to purchase digital photography equipment and laptop computers for the class. He will spend the next academic year testing the equipment and developing a lab manual which will eventually be available to other schools interested in making similar changes in teaching labs.

The laptops, which will be stored on a cart, will be available as needed to faculty in other teaching labs at Richmond as well. "Even though the grant was to improve one course, it could have an impact on the entire curriculum," Radice says.

Excellence in the sciences will also improve the humanities, fine arts, business, leadership and social science programs by attracting the best students to Richmond.

In response, the University recently launched two new majors in biochemistry/molecular biology and environmental studies. "In the real world you normally work as a team with people from other disciplines," Gupton explains. "It is very healthy for students to understand you can make a big contribution to your field and the world if you can cross over into other disciplines."

In addition to these new interdisciplinary majors, the science initiative mandates development of courses — both for science majors and nonmajors — which have greater relevance to everyday life.

"In my human genetics class, we do family pedigrees for each student," says biology professor Kish. "My goal is to show students how the knowledge of basic genetics has an impact on one's life."

Richmond's new environmental studies major is interdisciplinary in the truest sense, combining courses from the natural sciences with social science, humanities, law and business classes. "We thought that someone coming out of a good solid program should understand and appreciate the perspectives that people can have [on the environment] and realize that they can be very different," explains biology professor Dr. John Bishop, who helped develop the major. Students may choose one of two tracks, technical or policy/ethical issues.

Richmond's biochemistry and molecular biology major enables a student to combine courses from the biology and chemistry departments to build a base of knowledge that is in high demand. "There are very few unemployed biochemists in the world," says Bell, who helped create the major. "And schools that have biochemistry majors attract very good students."

Bell, who just finished his first year at Richmond, was himself attracted to the University because of the science initiative. "Everyone was so excited about where the sciences are going here," he recalls of his first visit. "The sense of commitment to the science initiative, and where it was going to place the University in a position of leadership of the sciences, made it an interesting place to come and join the faculty."

"In this day and age everybody should be excited about science, whether they want to be a science major or not. You don't have to be an English major to enjoy reading a great novel. Likewise, you don't have to be a science major to be able to learn from real research."
To Daniel Seaman and countless other young men over the past three decades, there is no greater role model than the dean of Richmond College, Dr. Richard A. Mateer.

"To so many," Seaman, R'99 and L'02, told Mateer at a retirement dinner in his honor, "you are Richmond College, the best that the University of Richmond has to offer. The faces that you see here tonight, the lives of all those you have touched, and the college you have stewarded for three decades, all stand as a legacy and a tribute to your limitless efforts."

Not many people receive that kind of tribute, but Mateer, a quiet man who doesn't like a lot of fuss, has had to endure cheerfully a great deal of praise during his last year at the helm of Richmond College. When he steps down in July, he will have been dean for 29 years and member of the faculty for 36.

Mateer began his career as member of the chemistry faculty in 1966 and became dean in 1973 — and for 13 years continued to teach a section of organic chemistry. He has worked for four presidents and four Westhampton College deans. He arrived before the Robins gift in 1969 that transformed the University, and he has been an important part of that transformation.

He has worked with thousands of students, serving as faculty adviser for about 700 of them. He has seen and applauded the rise of gender-related programs for women and men and believes they justify the existence of his office.

And Mateer has seen to it that students play a larger role in the governance of the University.
It's all based on trust, Mateer believes. "I have high expectations of them. They trust me. I trust them. I tell them, 'You are the voice of the student body.'"

That there is trust is evident throughout his office, which is filled with trophies, plaques, clocks, mugs, photos, posters, paintings — all from RCSGA, all in tribute to Dean Mateer and his work with that body over the years.

Some of the big ideas he and students have come up with include the College Fellows program, launched about 20 years ago. College fellows are faculty members who live in Thomas or Dennis halls and become part of the residence hall community, planning social and educational programs for students.

Since 1990-91 Mateer and his staff have been working with students to teach what it means to be a Richmond College man. "We need to continue to work with young people to cause them to understand differences in each gender."

"Women have had a reason to come together and realize there needed to be change. Men should be doing more of that. You either adapt or you're going to be run over."

Toward the end of a recent interview, Mateer said he had to meet with a young man on a disciplinary matter. When he came back, he remarked, "I just ruined another young man's life."

It's said lightly, but his grim face lets you know he considers the matter very serious indeed.

"I try to put things in perspective in a disciplinary situation," he says. "I try to get them to see that what we're doing here is part of the larger picture. There are standards you have to live by."

Suspending a student "doesn't happen all that often," he says, but "it's hard because I don't like to deprive a person of an education. What I try to do is to explain what I'm doing. I treat them as mature young men. I don't talk down; I don't yell. As a result, very few slam the door."

Being a dean was the farthest thing from his mind when Mateer came to Richmond as a chemistry professor. "I was welcomed by five wonderful chemists," he remembers, "a fatherly dean [Dr. Robert F. Smart], a very impressive president [Dr. George M. Modlin] and a beautiful campus."

He laughs when he remembers his very first class, a graduate organic chemistry in Puryear Hall. "I looked around that room and wondered, 'What do I have to tell these people?' I was one of the youngest individuals in the room. Just as I opened my mouth, the carillon starting playing hymns, and I couldn't hear myself speak."

He certainly remembers the Robins gift of 1969, which he learned of through an elevator conversation overheard at the University of South Carolina, where he was doing research on an NSF grant. "I was shellshocked," Mateer says.

He also vividly remembers the arrival of three presidents.

"The years of planning which followed Bruce Heilman's arrival were really exciting," he says. With Richard L. Morrill, it was the strategic planning
process, “which was interesting both in process and results.” William E. Cooper “has caused us to reflect on who we are and where we are going.”

The four presidents he worked with were “all different, with an amazing assortment of strengths.”

Mateer also celebrated the arrival of Stephanie Bennett as dean of Westhampton College. “The development of the WILL program and a focus on gender forced me to begin to come to an understanding about things I had read about and talked about,” Mateer says.

**The year in the early ’80s**

when five women students in his organic chemistry class were accepted to medical school stands out vividly for him. “When I came to Richmond, few females were chemistry majors, and none of them considered medical school.”

One other stellar moment occurred, when Morrill announced to Mateer that John Whitehurst had made a gift to be used for Richmond College.

“Dr. Morrill said he an idea on how to use the gift,” Mateer says. “He drew it on a napkin. I still have it.”

Morrill had drawn the concept that became Whitehurst, the building known as “the living room of Richmond College” that houses the dean’s offices and boasts a ski-lodge style living room, game rooms and student meeting rooms.

Working on the committee that planned Whitehurst was “one of the most positive experiences I’ve had,” Mateer says. He is especially proud of the clock tower, which was his concept, and which trustee Ann Carol Marchant, W’67, funded.

“Students — women as well as men — really love this building,” he says. He has seen a lot of changes in students over 30 years.

“There are more able students here now across the board. They come from homes of great success and high expectations. They are far more intense. They have more pressure to do more things in less time.”

He has some problems with their new ways of communicating: “[Students] flit here. They flit there. They have cell phones to their ears, instant messaging in their eyes. They don’t have time to reflect on anything.”

He wonders where male-female relationships are going: “Dating went out in the early ’90s. There is no quality time together.”

He also worries that “young men are more laid back about their futures than young women are. If they’re not careful, women will blow right by them.”

Another organization that Mateer has influenced greatly is Omicron Delta Kappa, Richmond’s chapter of the national honorary leadership society. ODK recently gave him the Robert L. Morlan Faculty Secretary Award as faculty secretary of the year in the United States.

Seaman, president of Richmond’s chapter, nominated Mateer for the award with this observation: “I have met no individual in my life whose character could surpass that of Dean Mateer. He is a man of extraordinary principle, integrity, honor, commitment, faith and duty. He is, to use a word of which he is fond, ‘an exemplar,’ one to whom others look for example and guidance. When Dean Mateer speaks, people listen; not because of his title, but because of the respect and esteem in which he is held.”

Of those whose lives he has touched over the years, Mateer can name dozens, among them student government leaders. “I enjoyed them as colleagues and friends,” he says.

And he remembers fondly those who had problems. “Some of the craziest are some of my favorites,” he says. “I value the positive impact I’ve had.”
During 32 years at Richmond, Chris Withers has helped raise hundreds of millions to support the University's meteoric rise.

When Chris Withers came to the University of Richmond in 1970 to work in the development office, he figured — if things went really well — he'd stay three or four years and then be on his way.

Things didn't go that well. They went better.

"What happened was, the wonderful sense of community here grows on you," Withers says.

So now, after 32 years of shaking hands and making calls and creating fund-raising strategies that have helped fuel the University's meteoric rise, Withers is finally leaving his post. He will retire July 1 as vice president of advancement.

"It's been a really wonderful experience," says Withers, a native of Binghamton, N.Y.

The pleasure has been enjoyed on both sides.

During Withers' career, the University has raised more than $403 million, and the University's endowment has climbed beyond $1.2 billion. Withers is the first to point out that to raise that kind of money requires a wide-ranging team effort that goes far beyond him and his longtime colleague H. Gerald "Jerry" Quigg, who retired in 1997.
But much of the success can be traced back to Withers and Quigg, partners who were widely regarded as one of the best — if not the best — development teams in higher education in the nation.

"He and Jerry have been a team that has really made it possible to succeed in building on the Robins momentum and to keep the money coming in," says Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, chancellor and president for half of Withers' time at the University.

The "Robins momentum," of course, was created by the landmark gift of $50 million by E. Claiborne Robins, R'31 and H'60, and his family in 1969. One of the stipulations of the gift was that the University open a development office and set up a professional fund-raising operation.

Quigg came in 1969 to direct the office. A few months later, he hired Withers as his associate. Withers had been director of alumni programs at his alma mater, Alfred University, in Alfred, N.Y.

The spartan situation Quigg and Withers walked into is well-documented: one telephone between the two of them, no air conditioning, rationing of postage stamps and paper clips. The University was a lean place that had to operate frugally to stay in the black.

The Robins gift changed all that, lifting the University into another sphere. The mission assigned Quigg and Withers was to help take Richmond even farther.

Mission accomplished.

In a business in which people usually move on after a few years, the longevity of Withers and Quigg is extraordinary. When Quigg retired after 28 years, Withers succeeded his friend as vice president and continued the momentum.

"There's not been a university in the country that's had a transformation like the University of Richmond has had," says Austin Brockenbrough III, B'62, a University trustee and former rector. "It's gone from a local school to a national university, and Chris has been a big part of that.

Over the years, the fund-raising pitch has changed from need to aspiration, and the University has broadened its scope and expanded its reach in the number of doors it knocks on. However, something that hasn't changed has been the approach of those seeking gifts.

Philanthropy is a "precious thing," Withers says, and it should be treated as such.

"I talk a lot to our staff about values and ethics and integrity," says Withers, who has written extensively about his field — his latest a chapter on corporate fund-raising for a book due out next fall — and has spoken on the subject at Oxford. "We talk a lot about building genuine relationships that go beyond the donor and the gift to Richmond."

It has worked.

"Chris has proven that honesty, responsibility, attention to detail and his flair for unique creativity has enhanced his ability to be such a hugely successful development officer," says Rebecca C. Massey, a University trustee. "His accessibility and long-term relationships with his constituency have intensified their love and loyalty to the University."

Withers recalls the successes, the occasional setbacks and the remarkable way in which the University has changed in the last 32 years. Mostly, though, he remembers the people he has met along the way: friends and donors like Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87, and the Robins family, who have transformed the University.

E. Claiborne Robins, in particular, comes to mind. "He was a great fund-raiser and he had great vision," Withers says.

And, of course, he was generous beyond compare.

"I remember so many times going to Mr. Robins' office," Withers says, "and he would reach into his pocket and bring out a check or a stock certificate, and he'd say something like, 'I'm sure this can help somewhere.'"

E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86, says Withers has been remarkably dedicated to his job. It's not unusual, Robins says, to find a 6 a.m. voicemail waiting for him at his office from Withers. Better still, Robins says, has been Withers' manner and professionalism.

"I don't know that I've ever met a person as kind and gentle as Chris Withers," Robins says. "He's just a delightful gentleman."

Withers is not leaving the University altogether; he'll be back as a consultant a few days each month. He also will start his own consulting firm and spend more time being "Paw-Paw" to his five grandchildren.

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He and his wife Sue have three grown children — Todd is a management consultant; Wendy Withers Naine, W'92, is an international missionary; and Tim is a veterinarian.

Withers will continue to be deeply involved in the Richmond community — he works with a number of charities and is an elder at his church — and he will take some time for himself.

Included on his personal agenda are a late-summer Alaskan fishing trip and an autumn trip with Sue to see foliage in New England. He should be back to Richmond in time to see the leaves turn on campus. He'll enjoy that view, too.

"The early years were challenging, but there's a great sense of pride when you walk around here now," he says. "This is really a premier place."
Worth Harris Carter Jr., R'58, is an innovator in the banking industry. At a time when consolidation was the watchword, he opted for autonomy through a structure that allowed his 10 banks the economies of scale of larger institutions while keeping their independence and local emphasis.


Under his structure, each bank is a separate and distinct entity, yet together they have $2.4 billion in assets. When he opened his first bank in 1974, Carter had eight employees in one office. Now there are nearly 1,200 people working in 112 offices. His original $1.2 million in capital and reserves is today more than $160 million.

Carter attended law school at the University of Virginia. A job at the Federal Reserve Bank in 1960 led to his interest in banking and his introduction to Katherine Smellie, who became his wife. Residents of Martinsville, Va., the Carters have two children and three grandchildren.

William K. Slate II, L'68, is president and CEO of the American Arbitration Association, the largest provider of conflict management services worldwide.

The first consultant on strategic planning to the senior staff of the Supreme Court of the United States, he also was an executive in both the third and fourth federal circuits.

Slate has founded a number of centers, including the Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Center for the Americas, which resolves private-party commercial disputes under the NAFTA accords, and the Global Center for Dispute Resolution Research, the only research entity in the world for conflict management in international commercial transactions.

Slate is chairman of the board of the American Management Association, the world's leading not-for-profit management development organization. In 1989-90 he was director of the Federal Courts Study Committee, which conducted the most sweeping inquiry of courts in America's history. Prior to that, he was executive director and COO of the Virginia State Bar.

Edward S. "Ned" Dunn Jr., B'65 and Board of Associates, is president and CEO of Colonial Williamsburg Co. and senior vice president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. His responsibilities include hospitality, products, commercial properties and marketing.

For nine years, Dunn was president of Harris Teeter Inc., a regional grocery chain based in Charlotte, N.C. He oversaw the expansion of the chain's presence in key southeast U.S. markets, increasing sales from $894 million in 1988 to $1.8 billion in 1996.

Following retirement from Harris Teeter in 1997, he became the McNutt chairholder for the department of food marketing at St. Joseph's University.

He holds an MBA degree from the University of Virginia and is married to the former Mildred "Millie" Wood. They have two daughters.

Dr. Jean A. Scott, W'68, became the 17th president of Marietta College in May 2000. Previously, she had been president of Bradford College in Massachusetts and interim president of the State University of New York-Potsdam, where she oversaw implementation of the college's strategic plan and development of priorities for a capital campaign. Earlier, she served as vice president of reenrollment and student services at Potsdam, implementing an enrollment plan that brought about a 20 percent increase in freshman enrollment.

Also, she was associate provost for academic administration at the College of William and Mary, and dean or director of undergraduate admission at William and Mary, Case Western Reserve and Duke. Scott has taught introductory European history; political and constitutional history of England; and 16th-, 17th- and 18th-century English history. She received the Duke Endowment Teaching Award and the Duke Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award. She has master's and doctoral degrees in history from Harvard and is a former member of Richmond's Board of Trustees.
Alumni books

Douglas Southall Freeman
David E. Johnson, L’87
Pelican Publishing Co., 2002

Undertaken with the blessing of the Freeman family, this biography represents years of exhaustive research on the life of Douglas Southall Freeman, Pulitzer Prize–winning biographer of Robert E. Lee and George Washington and editor of The Richmond News Leader for 34 years. Johnson includes photographs from the personal collection of Freeman’s daughter, Mary Tyler McClennahan, H’85. In addition to researching Freeman’s copious papers, he interviewed McClennahan and former co-workers of Freeman to bring to life the many achievements and diverse talents of this remarkable man.

For more information on Freeman, see the Spring 2002 issue of the magazine at www.richmond.edu/alumni/magazine.

How Well Does Your IEP Measure Up?

Quality Indicators for Effective Service Delivery
Jennifer Twachtman-Reilly, AW ’90, and Diane Twachtman-Cullen
Starfish Specialty Press, 2002

Co-written by mother and daughter specialists in autism spectrum disorders, this book is designed to help parents and educators wade through the often-difficult process of designing effective educational plans for children with ASD. The authors supply practical and helpful hints for designing individualized educational plans that are meaningful and measurable, while addressing the core areas of difficulty for students with ASD. The book includes sample goal and objective templates that may be used to design IEPs and will be especially helpful to educators, therapists and parents.

Twachtman-Reilly holds a master of science degree in speech-language pathology and has dedicated her career to serving individuals with autism spectrum disorders. She has presented her work at national, regional and local conferences.

Reorganizing the Factory: Competing Through Cellular Manufacturing

Nancy Lea Hyer, W’77, and Urban Weimerlov
Productivity Press 2002

Hyer, who is an associate professor at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, and her co-author have produced a field guide for companies interested in reorganizing work processes into cells. They take the reader from the basic cell concept and its benefits through the process of justifying, designing, implementing, operating and improving this new type of work organization in offices and on the factory floor. The book also includes in-depth coverage of managerial issues that accompany organizing work into cells and provides numerous examples of cells in various industries.

Hyer earned her MBA and Ph.D. from Indiana University.

Skagit

Robert M. Miskimon, R’66
Barnes & Noble/Universe, 2002

Miskimon’s latest book is a novel of suspense and the supernatural set in the Pacific Northwest. Environmentally minded residents of Skagit Island fight back a proposal to bridge their sanctuary to the mainland. Their sense of vulnerability then leads them to break with the mainland government. As a result, they discover that the greed and exploitation they seek to avoid knows no political—or geographic—boundaries.

Miskimon lives and writes on Vashon Island, Wash.

Small Potatoes

Michael Witt, B’61
iluniverse.com, 2001

Witt has recently released two books. Small Potatoes takes the reader from the streets of Chicago to the beaches of Maryland and Delaware. Along the way, the unlikely heroes encounter villains at every turn.

Slices of Life is a humorous, entertaining, easy-to-read collection of short stories drawn from real-life adventures.

To Hear Celestial Harmonies: Essays on the Witness of James DeKoven and The DeKoven Center

Edited by Travis Talmadge, Du Priest, R’66, and Robert Boak Slocum
Forward Movement Publications, 2002

This book of essays celebrates the sesquicentennial of the DeKoven Center at Racine College and the life of James DeKoven, 1831-79. As Episcopal priest, rector, headmaster and then president of Racine College for 20 years, DeKoven is memorialized through the center, which was among the first Episcopal retreat centers in the nation.

DuPriest is vice president of the DeKoven Foundation for Church Work and executive director of the DeKoven Center. He taught humanities for 27 years at Carthage College and was editor of The Living Church magazine.
Faculty Books

Across the Great Divide: Cultures of Manhood in the American West
EDITED BY DR. MATTHEW L. BASSO, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, WITH LAURA MCCALL AND DEE GARCEAU Routledge, 2001
From Custer and Geronimo to John Wayne and the Lone Ranger, American notions of masculinity have been deeply interwoven with our ideas of the West. In Basso’s book, we find out there is more to the relationship between manhood and the frontier than a simple tale of cowboys and Indians. The book includes essays by leading historians who look at the history of masculinity in the West and the ways it has been represented in movies, popular music, dime-store novels, and folklore. Reviewers have called the book path-breaking, provocative, engaging and masterful.

Between the Lines: Banditti of the American Revolution
DR. HARRY M. WARD, WILLIAM BINFORD VEST PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS Praeger Publishers, 2002
The author of numerous books on colonial and revolutionary America, Ward relates in this new volume the ugly side of the war for independence. He describes roving bands of robbers, known as banditti, who plagued the countryside in areas not fully under control of either army. American civilians lived in terror of these well-armed gangs of looters, who frequently engaged in torture, arson and murder.
Ward details the activities of the most prominent banditti and looks at the horror and devastation of their actions. He challenges readers to examine what life was like for those caught between the lines. It has been called a “triumph of research” that provides “grist for dozens of movie plots.”

By the Hand of Mormon: The American Scripture that Launched a New World Religion
DR. TERRY L. GIVENS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH Oxford University Press, 2002
In this scholarly analysis of a long series of arguments and claims made about the origins and implications of the Book of Mormon, Givens brings literary scholarship to bear on historical questions. In reconstructing almost two centuries of scholarship concerning the church’s founding scripture, Givens emphasizes a simple but difficult point: Any interpretation of Mormon history must answer the question of whether Joseph Smith was a prophet or a fraud.

From My People: 400 Years of African American Folklore
EDITED BY DR. DARYL CUMBER DANCE, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH Norton, 2002
Spanning 400 years, this 700-page anthology takes an expansive look at folk tradition, beginning with folktalesthatarrivedon American shores with African slaves. Characters such as Br’er Rabbit, Br’er Anancy and the Signifying Monkey are explained in context. Eleven more chapters look at folk music, style, folk art, sermons and speeches, family legends, soul food, proverbs and sayings, rhymes and shouts, riddles and verbal contests, rumors and techlore, the last being a new form of folklore passed through e-mail, fax and photocopies. For Richmonders, the book offers glimpses of the people, places and symbols of the area.
Dance is also the author of an anthology of African-American women’s humor and a volume on folklore from contemporary Jamaicans.

Man Overboard
DR. STEVEN BARZA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH Finishing Line Press, 2002
Director of creative writing at the University, Barza has written a collection of poems that chronicle emotional extremes of longing and loss and suggest ways for the capsized to rescue themselves. The “chapbook” has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and has been called “a poetic life-preserver of wordplay, mindplay and heartplay.”
Barza has written essays, stories and poems for a variety of periodicals.

Mastering Inner Leadership
GIL FAIRHOLM, ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS Greenwood Publishing Group, 2001
Is there a difference between leadership as practiced by the CEO and leadership as practiced in the interior of organizations? Fairholm outlines the main differences in this book. Inner leaders, he says, work in a different culture, use personal forms of power more than authority, focus on common values as the basis for relationships and use a variety of distinctive techniques to pursue their objectives.

He is working on the sequel, Making Inner Leadership Work.

Strategic Entrepreneurship: Creating a New Mindset
EDITED BY DR. R. DUANE IRELAND, W. DAVID ROBBINS CHAIR IN STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT, WITH MICHAEL A. HITT, S. MICHAEL CAMP AND DONALD L. SEXTON Blackwell Publishers Ltd., 2002
In the competitive landscape of the new millennium, those who wish to succeed will have to combine opportunity-seeking and advantage-seeking behaviors. In this book, the editors have invited the world’s finest entrepreneurship and strategic management scholars to discuss key issues influencing research in both fields, and to integrate findings across the two.
1929
Eugenia Travers Riddick Steck, W, is 93 and living happily in a retirement community in Raleigh, N.C. She has two children, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

1935
Otelia Francis Bodenstein, W, has returned to Virginia and is living with her youngest sister, Dorothy Francis Atkinson, W'45.

1936
Margaret Bowers Gill, W, enjoyed spending the night on campus in the Bottomley House, along with her daughter and granddaughter. On their way home to New Jersey, they let her out in Chestertown, Md., to visit her classmate, Virginia Kirk Lennox. When she returned to Richmond, she had lunch with Helen Hopson and Sue Chermolde and Herbert, and also visited Jimmy’s brother at the nursing home.

1939
Elsie Bradshaw Kintner, W, had four operations for knee and hip replacements in 2001. She took care of her husband, Burton, who had Parkinson’s disease, for three years prior to his death in January 2002. This year was the 70th anniversary of the Samaritan Center, which Burton founded. The centers are now in 400 locations in 38 states.

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Helen Falls writes about her college professorship, her treasured family and volunteering for International Baptist work. She also enjoyed hosting Bobby Brock Clevenger and Ruth Parker Jones last summer. Annabelle Carswell Audet attended a large family reunion. She is writing her family history. Lucy Blackwell Alexander has moved to Cary, N.C.

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Graduate School of Arts
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University of Richmond
School of Law: L
Richmond College: R
Westhampton College: W
They also had an interesting church year. Their young Unitarian Universalist minister has a fascinating background: Muslim father, Hindu mother, raised by a beloved grandfather who is Hindu Unitarian. Molly says it's an exciting congregation with which to be involved.

Hadanlce chat with Mary Bowden Felger. She and Ted report they are remarkably well. Ted works every Friday for Habitat for Humanity, and they both exercise. Her New Year's resolution was to exercise more and eat less. So far Mary says she has done better with exercising more; not as well with eating less.

Kay Hanley Werry wrote that few island families were directly affected by 9/11, but the economic effect on Hawaii is disastrous and continuing. Tourism is way down, including the zoo's revenue from both sides of the Pacific; unemployment is up; and tax receipts are down. Hawaii also has had a crisis with a mosquito-borne illness, dengue fever, which started on Oahu and Kauai, so inhabitants are spraying and draining. Kay says she counts her blessings that she is "still doing OK in health, activities and my various causes."

Demie Brown Blair returned in mid-winter from a wonderful five-week trip to England and Wales. She visited Terry's sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, and their families and many friends. She found the English very caring and wanting to know how Americans are getting along. They also miss having Americans around. Demie has moved to a larger apartment at Westminster-Canterbury. 1819.

Ann Burcher Stanbury and Warren went to the southern Caribbean in December. More about these two trips in the next issue. Please call or write.

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Anne Higgins Borger, W., celebrated her 50th anniversary last August.

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Mildred Daffron Horigan 4404 Stuart Avenue Richmond, VA 23226

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 55th reunion.

The news from that event will appear in the fall issue of the magazine.

The news this time comes from Christmas cards. I do appreciate and enjoy each and every one.

Carolyn Patti wrote of spending Thanksgiving and Christmas with daughter Paige and family in Fayetteville, N.C. Her son, Allen, joined them for the latter. She enjoyed our friend’s Caribbean cruise last spring and a trip to Lancaster, Pa., to see “Noah.”

Congratulations to Betty Andrews and Dick. They celebrated their 50th in 2001. The year included a trip to Atlanta for a PGA golf tournament.

Marie Leisuer and her husband, Claude, went to Rome with the Alumni College. By all accounts, it was a great trip. Ollie Menefee Stirling was signed up for the May trip on the River Rhine. Her son, Stuart, will accompany her.

Betty Yeatts and Joe had several interesting ventures the past year. The first was a trip to the island of Sicily, which they highly recommend. They also visited daughter Katey in Anderson, S.C. Katey works for General Motors dealers in customer service. Last summer they were in New Mexico to visit family. To recover from it all, August provided a leisurely trip to son Bill’s cottage on the Au Sable River in northern Michigan.

Our winter here in Virginia was not bad. Nevertheless, Ann Kelly, and her husband, Tom, decided to skip it and spend six weeks in Florida. They, too, plan a European river cruise this summer.

Howie Bingham Kiser’s grandson’s first year at Princeton seems to have been a success. David made the Triangle Club—a century-old club whose members write and produce original musical shows. Their daughter, Lisa, who is on the faculty of the Fennington School, was able to award David his high school diploma. He graduated as salutatorian.

Gin Ellett writes that life at Cedarfield is still good and very busy. She is co-chair of their thrift shop but still finds time to travel. She spent Christmas with a relative of her mother’s in Fredericksburg, Va. Until next time, please write.

The library at an elementary school in Spotsylvania County was named for Frances Orrell Lineberry, W’48, in honor of her 25 years of service.

Virginia Smith Kynett, W., and her husband have received their 35-foot boat and look forward to many more hours of cruising fun. They had 10 of 17 family members present for Thanksgiving. She and a friend have signed up for a line-dancing class.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

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Thanks to those of you who have sent your news and those who have contributed to the mailing expenses. It is good to keep an up-to-date roster for our class. Ten of our class members met for lunch on Dec. 14, 2001, in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Frances Orrell Lineberry, W’48, spent Thanksgiving in Tennessee with son Tom and family. Then they went on to Atlanta to see her sister, Sue, at Sue’s daughter’s house. They attended recitals, ball games and plays that their children and grandchildren were in. Judy keeps busy with the United Methodist Women at her local church and in the church district.

Arline Moore Moore’s oldest grandson, Robert Austin, 21, attends Georgia Southern University. Jeffrey Moore is active in theatre. Her youngest granddaughter, Megan Mann, lives in Pensacola, Fla., where her mother, Arline’s daughter Lynn, is a nurse anesthetist. Arline has been active as president of the Columbus, Ga., chapter of Gold Star Wives, a group of military widows, ages 70–89.

Sally Taylor Dulose and Bill have a new grandson, William Manning Dulose, born March 23, 2001, to son Richard, and Jennie. He joins a sister, Kirby, and a brother, John, 5, in Decatur, Ga., where Richard is vice president for development at Columbia Seminary.

Ginia Herndon Pugh has a new area code, 434, in Virginia. Anne Foster Anderson, of Spartanburg S.C., died Dec. 29, 2001, with services
at Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. She is survived by two sons, three daughters, five grandchildren and one brother. We extend our sympathy to her family.

I spent 10 days in December in San Antonio with daughter Mary and family. Mary graduated summa cum laude on Dec. 15 from the University of Texas at San Antonio, with a B.A. degree in interdisciplinary studies from the College of Education and Human Development. After Christmas, daughters Martha (N.) and Mary, and their families/five grandchildren, ages 13-77, came and spent five days with me in Tulsa.

1949

Richard A. Bragg, R'49, received the Richard F. Farmer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Old Dominion Chapter of the International Right of Way Association.

Martha Hall, W, is busy with church and community committees but does manage to slip in a few rounds of golf.

Daniel H. Kruger, R, has retired from Michigan State University after being on the faculty for 43 years.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

Mildred Lee "Mimi" Anderson Gill 1909 Wood Sorrel Drive Richmond, VA 23229

I hope you read your Richmond Alumni Magazine and become informed and interested in what your alma mater is doing and becoming. Please let me hear from you about what you are doing in these, our "golden years."

SUSAN DICKINSON HURT died on Jan. 8, 2002. She had been influential in the musical life of her community in Culpeper, Va., as a pianist teacher and choir director at her church. Susan was a popular accompanist for the Pink Ladies Follies and the Culpeper Choral Society, as well as for contestants in the Bland Music Competition. For many years, she was a member of the Calvary Garden Club. If you recall, she had a degree in music education from Westminster.

Susan had a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Wirt, whom all we remember fondly from our college days. Martha Hall, Elizabeth Wilburn Hooker, and Audrey Bradford Saupe attended Susan's funeral. Tom Tullidge was there, and they had a nice visit with him. Flo Gray Tullidge is in a health care facility in Mechanicsville, and Tom spends a great deal of his time with her. Flo's children are in the Richmond area and keep wonderful vigils with their mother.

I am sorry to report that Catherine Wyatt Townes is not well, and our prayers go to Kitty and her family. She, too, is in a health care center. At this point in time, Ida Eanes' husband, Woody, is handling his chemos well, and we hope for his ability to continue.

Rosamond Calhoun McCarthy reports that she is fine and keeps busy, as we know Rosie would. I thought we, in Richmond, would get a chance to see Rosie more often, since her daughter was planning to reside here. However, unfortunately for us and fortunately for her, the daughter and grandchildren are moving to Reanoak, and therefore, Rosie will have greater opportunities to see them.

Sylvia Patricia Lawson Otte's granddaughter was accepted at the University of Richmond for "early admission." Cyn and her son and wife, whose child I am speaking of, all were in Richmond and had Audrey Bradford Saupe and me for lunch to meet this delightful family. Caroline will be an asset to Westhampton College. Beth Wilburn Hooker also came by before lunch to say "hello." She had to leave to go to a funeral and was sorry she was unable to get to know the young lady better. We both hope we will get that opportunity during the next four years.

Beverly Stahl Sponaugle returned for the winter season for sun, water and golf [her favorite game now] at Jupiter Beach, Fla. Beverly spends her summers in her cabin on a lake in Canada. For many years, Beverly and her husband participated in the sport of curling and entered many tournaments in both the United States and abroad. Beverly has always been athletically inclined, I guess, has a sport for each season.

Jane Dennis McManigal and her husband, Mike, came to visit Mimi Gill on New Year's Day, planning to leave leisurely the next afternoon. They were delayed for an extra day and evening because of a snowstorm, which prevented them from returning to North Carolina. We had a wonderful time playing tennis with a neighbor who could walk to get here, sitting in front of an open fire and really having time to catch up on so much news, feelings and families and philosophies.

It is nice to see a little of Helen McDonough Kelley. Serving on the Boatwright Society board together gives us some contact, which we have not had for some years. She looks wonderful, and those who do not see her frequently would have no difficulty recognizing her now, for somehow she has managed to look very similar to her college days—great!

My best to all of you out there.

1950

William C. Farmer, R, received the W. Mosco Huntley Award of the Richmond Council Navy League at the council's annual meeting. He received the award for his dedication and exemplary service to the council. During his tenure as president, the Richmond council was recognized nationally as an outstanding council, an honor that goes to only 10 councils in the country.

Marianne Rounds Holloway, W, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary and took the family on a cruise to the Caribbean. She is still active on the Salvation Army advisory board, the Salisbury University Foundation and her church choir. She also works at a funeral home part time.

Richard C. Tutwiler Jr., R, was honored to pin the major's oak leaf insignia on his son, Richard C. Tutwiler III, as he was promoted to major in the Virginia National Guard at a ceremony at Fort Pickett, Va.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

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An important reminder: Please continue to send your annual gifts to the University's development office and designate them to the Class of 1950 scholarship fund. This fund was started in 1990 and now has a market value of $37,930.29. This will be your only notice.

Barbara Coleman Augustine and Jim cruised from Vienna to Amsterdam on the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers, enjoying beautiful landscapes, excellent cuisine and fun traveling companions. Barbara and Jim hosted Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy and Joanne Waring Karppi and Bill at an Elks dinner, sharing a great time with old friends. The Karppis had a tour of "ancient and colonial Mexico."

Lorraine Feinberg Kaplan had an interesting train trip through Copper Canyon, Mexico, traveling with her daughter, Marcia, and Jackie Bertz Petroff, W'80. Lucia MaCIntosh Barbour took a trip on the Columbia and Snake rivers in Oregon on the anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It was great to hear from Martha Spencer Fidler. She and her husband have an annual vacation to Emerald Isle, N.C., storing up happy memories with their children and grandchildren. Joanna Malden Owens and Russell celebrated their 25th anniversary and their first visit to Myrtle Beach, Jean Bishop "Bish" Porter and Joe are avid sailors and enjoy the benefits of living in Florida. Virginia Sims writes poetry writing and included one of her creations in last year's Christmas card.

Loev Covington, who lives in Oklahoma City, was happy to have several trips home to Virginia and to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. On their way from Virginia to Florida, Libby Givens Pierce and Bucky stopped in Charleston, S.C., to attend the wedding festivities of Chris Anderson, who is the son of Margaret Alexander Anderson, Lenore Greenberg Siegel and George celebrated their 50th anniversary with their children and grandchildren on a cruise, which included the fascinating passage through the Panama Canal. Ruth Mornisse Bain often visits with her two children in nearby Culpeper County and frequently sees the two in Virginia Beach. She flies to Arizona to see her fifth child. Nell Ford Brich had a week's trip to the Dominican Republic with her daughter and her family, followed by a month-long visit with her sister in Florida.

Alice Clarke Lynch was inducted into DKD and, as in past years, was involved in the meeting of the Virginia General Assembly. Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy hosted an open house for the Class of 1950, which was attended by Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara White Balderson, Doris Balderson Burbanik, Lee Reeves Childress, Janice Brandenburg Holloran, Gene Hart Joynen, Helen Lampathakis Kostyal, Joyce Betts Pierce and Libby Givens Pierce.

Maryann Bugg Ubbert and James Loid have spent this summer in Sunny Florida. They visited Bangor, Chiang Kai and Chiang Mai and saw lots of Buddhist temples. But there was lots of fun also in riding elephants, rafting and getting acquainted with a very different culture. Paula arrived home in time to hear her granddaughter, Sara, in the St. Olaf Christmas concert.

Jane Slaughter Hardenberg writes that she and all 14 of her family members—children, spouses and grandchildren—spent Christmas at the home of her son in Edwards, Colo. All skied except Jane, who opted for shopping and relaxing. While in Colorado, she visited a friend in the Denver suburbs before returning to life in Birmingham. Congratulations to Helen Clark Hensley and Dick, who are preparing for their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. Elizabeth McBee Dudley and Roy celebrated their 50th in December.

Members of our class who spent some of the winter in warmer climates included Ashley Hopkins and Hal in Arizona, Bobbie Brown Yagil and Myron in Smyrna Beach, Fla., and Gwen Pridie Donahue, also in sunny Florida.

Richard A. Bragg, R’49, received a lifetime achievement award from the Old Dominion chapter of the International Right of Way Association.
1952
Charles W. Gibson, R., is the intentional interim pastor of Shenandoah Heights Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Va. Sarah Barlow Wright, W, who lives in Smithfield, Va., met several of her classmates for lunch at Julian's in Richmond: Eleanor Persons Hays and Robert Hays, R, from Camarillo, Calif; Kathleen Cooke O'Bier with Aaron O'Bier, R, from Lottsburg, Va; Marianne Shumate Jensen, with Arnold from Charlottesville, Va.

Remember, others look forward to your news as much as you look forward to theirs. It only takes a minute to jot a few lines on a postcard or tap a few keys for an e-mail. Please notice my e-mail address at the top of the column.

Good health and happiness to all! Have a wonderful summer.

1954
Leonard Winslow, R, has been elected treasurer of the board of directors of the Virginia Mortgage Bankers Association.

1953
FROM THE WESTHAMPTON
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Thank you for sending news of yourself or others. We look forward to hearing about each other, although sad news seems to predominate this time. Two of our number were widowed in January: Betty Lear Miller's husband of 36 years, Jules, died at home on Jan. 18. His funeral was Jan. 21 at Hampton (Va.) Baptist Church. Fritz and I traveled to Hampton with Bobbie Warren Reardon and Jack for the service.

Shirley Mason Guy was there, as well as Jo Hull Mitchell and Jack, and June McClure Sasser and Charles. It was so good to see them and Betty, but all of us would have chosen different circumstances.

Joan Perlin Ruby's husband of 49 years, Arlin, died Jan. 21. A retired judge, he had been an adjunct professor at the University of Richmond in earlier years.

Betty O'Bannon Culp sent a nice note at Christmas giving news of their four children and assorted grandchildren. Their son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Julie, returned from Russia last May with baby Nikolai Presley Culp, born in September 2000 in Smolensk. More than 40 friends and family members met the family on their arrival at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport. Betty's sad news was that her husband Ralph's sister and brother-in-law were killed tragically in the crash of their Cessna 210 last October.

I hope each of you will feel the scarcity of our news deeply enough to send in a few tidbits of information from your own life.

1955
James H. Blankenship Sr., R, has retired after serving 25 years in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, the last 23 of which were at Etrick United Methodist Church in Chesterfield County.

Hope Guardall Wallace, W, loves retirement. She spends three days each week at an environmental agency, the Nature Conservancy, and at St. Vincent's Medical Center. The rest of her time is spent traveling. She has been to New Zealand and taken shorter trips to visit family and Oregon scenic wonders.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON
CLASS SECRETARY
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At the tender age of 6 weeks, Grace Phillips Webb's twin grandsons have already had more than their 15 seconds of fame. Little Maxwell Wright got his photo on the Virginia section front of the Richmond Times-Dispatch as he portrayed baby Jesus in the nativity scene at St. David's Episcopal Church in Chesterfield County. His brother, Mitchell, was in the manger first, but the twins' mom, Becky Wright, quickly switched the two when Mitchell wriggled partly out of his swaddling clothes.

The switch, which happened during the singing of "Angels from the Realms of Glory" was greeted with laughter and applause by the congregation.

Our current class president, Jean Crittenan Kauffman, was among those in charge of events surrounding the 40th annual antiques show and sale sponsored by the Richmond Academy of Medicine Alliance Foundation. Seated at the "Westhampton '55" table for the luncheon at the Commonwealth Club were Jackie Kilby Brooks, Alice McCarty Haggerty, Margaret English Lester, Marty Glenn Taylor, Grace Phillips Webb, Barbara Turner Willis, Barbara Reynolds Wyker and me.

Margaret brought one of her sisters, Beverly, who is also a Westminster grad, plus a Martinsville neighbor. Jean was able to join us for part of the luncheon.

Betty Jean Parish Knott and Charley left Tupahannock in January to spend part of the winter in Florida.

I appreciate the sympathy expressed to me by so many of you when my brother, Warren, died on Dec. 1, 2001, at the age of 74. Many of you remembered him from our college days. He also was a Richmond alumnus, having received his bachelor's and master's degrees there, before going on to Harvard for his doctorate in education. He was responsible for my choosing Westhampton.

Margaret Carter Foster, W '57, attended an international conference on biological physics in Kyoto, Japan.

1956
Helen Kinnett, W, has moved to the West Coast to live near her daughter's family. She has three grandchildren and is a broker for Interkard Corp.

1957
Rosalind Allen Barker, W, has retired from her teaching career of 27 years at Lakefield College School. Her interests connected with the school continue, along with other projects, new and old. She and John are enjoying more time with their grandchildren. They will take a post-retirement trip with a stop in London to see their new granddaughter, then to South Africa and Australia, where they will spend a couple of months.

John H. Bell Jr., B, was elected mayor of Elizabeth City, N.C.

Rebecca Branch Faulconer, W, is in her 20th year of teaching art education at Asbury College. A son and daughter live in Lexington, Ky., along with four grandchildren, ages 9, 5, 3 and 5 months.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON
CLASS SECRETARY
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We have news from several classmates who have been visiting exciting places.

Carolyn Smith Yarbrough went to Antarctica with her daughter, Erol Anse, in February. They went to Argentina and boarded a ship along with Jack Hamner, who was filming for a TV show. At Thanksgiving, she went to Seattle to visit son Champ and his family. She does stay home some of the time, because she had enjoyed a visit from Dollar Goodle Lewis and Sarah Ashburn Helder.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Balins and husband George are enjoying retirement with travels to Alaska, British Columbia, Florida, Montreal, Quebec and places in between. They go to Birmingham, Ala., several times a year to visit son David who graduated with a Ph.D. from Harvard and teaches religion at Samford University. His wife, Martha, teaches seventh and eighth grades. Nancy Jane is active volunteering at Trinity United Methodist Church, where she is a trustee, and with the United Methodist Women. She also supports the Peninsula Fine Arts Center and the NASA-Langley Alumni Association.

Jane Stockman is enjoying her job of proofing bills for the Virginia state legislature. She sees Betty Bones Harris, who is a hostess at the capitol. She heard from "Dee" Delong Bell, who continues to teach special ed in northern Virginia.

Peggy Ware, Cora Sue Elmore Spruill and I had a delightful visit over lunch. Cora Sue was getting ready for the christening of her seventh granddaughter in Florida. Young William is the son of Leigh Spruill, who is the rector of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. Husband Joe is retired but serves as a substitute judge. Sons Bill and Jay live in Richmond. Bill is finishing the University of Richmond School of Law, and Jay is general counsel for the Virginia Bankers Association.

Our get together prompted me to call Mariett Ayers Eggleston, who is in her last year of teaching math. Her middle son, Mark, had been transferred to Wilmington, so his wife stayed with Mariett and Jim for six weeks until their first child was born. Mariett said the dash to the hospital was a thrilling experience! As I said, our classmates have been visiting exciting places recently.
1959

Ellis M. Dunkum, B., has been elected Middle-Atlantic regional director for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. William Edgar Layne Jr., B., retired early and has been in the printing industry as an independent printer broker. He and his wife, Janet, find lots of time to travel, fish and play golf.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips, W., retired as professor emeritus from Lynchburg College.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

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Merrill and are proud grandparents, our first. Kevin Pecori Crews was born Sept. 6, 2000, weighing in at 9 pounds and 14 ounces. Our son, Kevin, and his wife, Connie, are the proud parents. They reside in Fort Lauderdale.

Bev Brown Peace, residing in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., is an on-call reference librarian with the county library system. Her husband, Phil, is retired but quite involved in their new church.

Margaret Rutherford Compton is consumed with office work for the sawmill, operated by her husband, Delano. She is also busy with her 90-year-old mother.

Eileen Cordie Harris reports that her son, Chuck, is engaged to Nicole Syracuse. While in Bermuda, Nicole completed a half marathon to raise money for leukemia and lymphoma research.

Our sympathy goes out to Karen Diederich Gardner in the loss of her mother and to Janice Dowdy Briggs in the loss of her father. Karen writes that she and husband Jim (who is an orthopedist) spent six weeks in missionary hospital work. Her family got together for a fun time last summer. She continues making Father Christmas figures. Karen managed to take time off for knee surgery.


Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum's husband, Ellis, is still chairman of the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. He was elected to the board of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. Trips for meetings this year took them to Savannah, Cleveland, Winston-Salem, New Orleans and Montana. Elizabeth and B.B. Harvey Strum spent a fun week in New York City in December. The entire Dunkum family, including spouses and children, spent a week in Disney World.

A nice note from Betsy Minor McCommon. She is enjoying a career as an actress, working mostly in metro Atlanta. She did a Christmas show with the Georgia Ensemble Theater and will be at Theater in the Square in Marietta doing Fair and Tender Ladies in May and June. Her one woman show about care giving, "Fall Forward, Spring Back," has been a success. Betsy has also enjoyed reuniting with roomie, Jehane Flint Taylor and her husband, Sam. Betsy's son, Tom Stafford III, has accepted a position teaching Information technology at the University of Memphis. Carl is an extension agent in Culpeper, Va.; Parker is a glass blower in Culpeper; and Parris is an LCSW in Floyd County, Va. The youngest, Mathilda McCommon, is an actress and an insurance underwriter.

Mary Marlowe Price writes of a family, Mary is still working at the ticket office at Virginia Tech but plans to retire from this job soon. Annette Ellis Osborne enjoyed a wedding in October in the Napa Valley. She had a great holiday with the family: six grandchildren from 18 months to 11 running around.

Mary Breeden's son, James, is living on his boat in Biscayne Bay in Florida and is preparing for a crossing to the Bahamas.

Jehane Flint Taylor's son, Sean, is an exhibition of his paintings on Philadelphia. Jehane continues to work as a museum educator and interpreter, and she has done some readings for Elderhostel.

Silby Haddock Young loves her retirement and has started a children's bell choir at her church.

Mary Mac Thomas Morri reports that her husband continues to show progress with his cancer. Our thoughts are certainly with both of them. Her husband, Allan, is a special person, and he is showing that now. Their daughter and husband, who reside in helium Head, S.C., were with them at Christmas. Mary Mac sings in the church choir, is secretary of the leadership council at her church, and is secretary of the recreation association in her neighborhood.

Sylvia Olney Kelley and husband Frank hope to sell their campground in Maline soon. They are enjoying their time in Key West and see yours truly once in awhile. I always enjoy their visits—not only do our husbands get along, but our dogs too.

Barbara Dulin Polis has enjoyed babysitting the grandchildren while their parents are off skiing. You can spoil them and then get them back.

Patsy McDonald Allen and husband continue their trips—Utah to celebrate their grandparents' second birthday; Kauai, Hawaii; and San Francisco were on their agenda. Pat continues to enjoy her book club, floral designer's guild and the state Medical Society Alliance board. She serves as health promotions chair and spearheaded a new project called "Not even for a minute" (never leave children unattended in a car). Husband Dick was re-elected to the AMA's council on medical education.

Mary Ann Williams Haske enjoys taking her granddaughter to the family: six grandchildren from Sarabay, Indonesia, and his wife is a science teacher in Aruba, and his wife is a third-grade teacher. Son David is a science teacher in Aruba, and his wife is a third-grade teacher. Daughter Margaret teaches English in Amman, Jordan. Son Paul is a chemist for Robins, and his wife is vice president of Imaging Solutions, a printing company in Richmond. They have a daughter, Madison, 3.

Their youngest son is Jim, who is a history teacher at New Community School in Richmond.

Susan Lambotte and husband Butch live in Poquoson, Va., where he is city attorney for Newport News. Sue owns a math and learning center and does a good amount of work helping athletes meet NCAA academic requirements for college scholarships. Their sons, Kenny and Clay, are in Richmond, working as a math analyst and actuary, respectively. Walker is in Annapolis, working in communications with Styrker Corp. Ann is in Charlotte. All are married with children, except Clay, who is engaged. They have five wonderful grandchildren.

Nancy Klippes Hughey and her husband, Ray, are busy remodeling their home but found time for a trip to England, Paris and Scotland. Their son, Mike, his wife, Gloria, and children visited them last spring. Other family, Jo and Wayne, are busy with their musical endeavors—Jo playing harp and Wayne, shuttle pipes.

Thanks for the news. May this year of 2002 be a year of showing more love and concern for all whom we know and meet.

Flash, just int! Joseph Harris Saunders was born Feb. 11, 2002, grandson of Eileen Cordie Harris.

1961

Raoul L. Weinstein, R., conducted a little research while he was on campus in the fall and discovered that he was correct in an on-going friendly "dispute" with ex-athletic director, Chuck Boone: the Phi Sig did beat the Phi Gamms in Intramural football in 1959 and 1960.

Michael Witt, R., has relocated to Maryland. See Bookmarks, p. 25.

1962

Carolyn Shields Attkisson, W., and her husband, Cliff Attkisson, R., are new grandparents of Maya Rose Bradshaw. They attended son Erik's wedding in Wisconsin. Cliff is still dean of graduate studies at the University of California at San Francisco, and Carolyn is working on energy efficiency issues for Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Douglas L. Martin, R., joined Wachovia Bank as a vice president and estate planning adviser in the trust and investment management area.

Luis W. Morales, R., has been elected to the College of Fellows of the Public Relations Society of America. Election to the college is a professional honor based on lifetime achievement in public relations.

1960

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See p. 40 for details.
www.uronline.net
Richard Stewart Miller, R, retired as judge of the 24th Judicial Circuit of Virginia but continues to sit frequently in the courts of the 24th Circuit by designation. He and his wife reside in Lynchburg, Va.

Charles H. Parkinson, R, is retired from E.I. DuPont. During 39 years of service, he lived and worked for the company in Ireland, Iran and Singapore and has worked and traveled in Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. When not traveling around this country, he and his wife plan to spend a lot of time at their cottage in Deltonville, Va., and to visit their three married children and five grandchildren.

Mary Frischkorn New, W, has been elected recording secretary of the board of directors of the Virginia Home.

Frank Horton, R, was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to his Secure Virginia panel, which is charged with improving the state’s emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Elwood M. Obrig, R, has a civil litigation law practice with Richard H. Langley, a former state senator. He resides in Clermont, Fla.

Nathalie H. “Dee” Perkins, W, and her husband, Marvin Marks, are now happily elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Family Foundation.

Raymond L. Clarke, R, practices law in Charlottesville, Va. In addition to maintaining a solo practice, he is county attorney for Greene County. He also is a special justice, presiding over civil commitment hearings, and a clinical instructor of psychiatric medicine at UVA. He completed the Raleigh marathon (26.2 miles), his wife, Nan Davis Clarke, W, ’67, is retired and is also a runner.

Danny M. Payne, B’68 and GB’76, received the 2001 William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leader­ship Award from the Association of Government Accountants.

1965

A.D. Hopkins Jr., R, is the editor of Cerco, a new national magazine about the natural beauty of the region surrounding Las Vegas. Cerco covers parts of Nevada, Utah, California and Arizona and is published quarterly.

Jo Ann Marchant Brown, W, is working as a consultant for the University of Georgia.

1966

Joseph Aronica, R, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur as a partner in the litigation department.

Laurence Boyle Boyce Jr., R, has moved his family medical practice to Midlothian, Va.

Nancy Hilliard Campbell, W, was selected as reader teacher of the year for her school, located in Norfolk, Va.

Frances Stewart Chambers, W, continues to manage the Girl Scout store for her local council and enjoys meeting and interacting with people of all ages. She and her husband, Doug, continue many activities with their church, especially music, drama and children’s activities. Their daughter, Caitie Starr, was married last fall to Miles Hollowell.

Peter Emilichnik, B, retired after 32 years of teaching health and physical education in various middle schools in New York City. He has accepted a part-time position mentoring new teachers in the New York City public schools.

Joanne Flanagan, W, of Coldwell Banker Dew Realty, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the ApexHanover Chamber of Commerce.

John Veilines, R, president of Trident National Corp., was profiled in the Richmond Times-Dispatch’s “Small Business” section. He founded the drug-testing company in 1991 with Dr. Peter Coleman. In 2001 the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded Trident National a $160,000 grant to establish drug-free workplaces for small businesses throughout Virginia. Under the long-year program, Trident will provide free drug-testing and prevention training, and help create drug policies and employee assistance programs.

1967

Mary Beth Sheldon Berry, W, and her husband Sam have moved to Charleston, S.C. They both are teaching at the College of Charleston.

Joan Marchant Brown, W, is working as a consultant for the University of Georgia.

1969

Almeda Shepherd Clements, W, and her daughter, Carroll Ann Lewter, are teaching at the same school, Parkside Elementary in Sportsville County, Va., where her granddaughter, Mattie Lewter, is a kindergartner. She welcomed her second grandson, John, born to her son, Stan and his wife, Julie, this past fall.

Craig Cooley, R, ’75 and L’77, has won the Harry L. Carico Professionalism Award from the Criminal Law section of the Virginia State Bar.

Marian Fletcher, W, is responsible for accounting and data entry for the Richmond Kickers youth soccer club.

Robert A. Foster, R, a partner with Hantzmon, Wiebel & Co. in Charlottesville, Va., was elected by his professional peers in a survey of Virginia CPAs to appear among the 77 CPAs recognized on Virginia Business magazine’s list of “Super CPAs.”

Russell W. Jordan III, L, has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel at LandAmerica Financial Group Inc. He is a partner in the firm’s litigation department and was hired to improve the state’s emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

1970

John S. Barr, L, is president of the John Marshall Foundation.

Helen Outen Owens, W, is proud that her daughter, Elizabeth Carlton Owens, is a Westhampton freshman.

Laurens Sartoris, L, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

1971

Linda Evans, W, works in the media and public relations office at the University of Richmond.

Joseph Eugene Talley, R, upon taking his daughter to college in North Carolina, learned from the father of his daughter’s roommate that she was a proud grandparent of two very spoiled granddaughters: Kaylieh, 2, and Chloe, 3 months.
Investigating causes of death to help the living

By Betsy Powell Mullen

Dr. R. Page Hudson Jr., R’52, has spent a good part of his life trying to explain death.

Investigating the demise of an accident victim, the sudden death of a young person, or suspicious circumstances of a mangled corpse were part of Hudson’s job as a forensic pathologist and North Carolina’s first chief medical examiner.

“Most good pathologists ought to be armchair clinicians thinking in terms of the patient side of things and thinking of the doctor who was seeing the patient,” he says. “There’s an art and a science to understanding things that injure or kill people.”

Highlights of Hudson’s career include notorious arsenic poisonings and several trips to Bosnia to help find and identify missing war victims. But to Hudson, investigating death is more of a mission for the living.

“The missing person is an unhealing wound for his or her family,” says Hudson, who celebrated his 50th college reunion in April. “It’s hard for the wound to scar over unless there’s knowledge one way or another.”

A native Richmonder, Hudson started college at Duke but came home after one year, started summer school at Richmond “and grew up a little bit.”

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After Richmond, Hudson attended the Medical College of Virginia, graduating in 1956. He spent time at Johns Hopkins, Harvard and in Japan as an Air Force physician, before consulting practice. And he keeps busy with a variety of hobbies that he describes as “too many, as a rule.” These include photography, local Democratic politics, senior athletics, “casual farming” and acting in community theatre. He was, ironically, the homicidal maniac Jonathan in a local production of Arsenic and Old Lace a couple of years ago. He also exhibited a photo collection called “Mostly Flowers” at the local arts council last year.

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Hudson and his wife of 45 years, Sally, have spent the last 10 years working on “a battered and beaten old farm over French Broad River, as far west as you can get in North Carolina.” He says the fruits of their efforts might be seen by their “great-great-grandchildren.” They have four children, scattered up and down the East Coast, and four grandchildren.

A half-century after he left the University, Hudson still recalls good times with friends, intramural sports and Greek Week events. He also notes with a chuckle: “I wish I had spent more time in the library.”
Anne Leigh Hawkes continues to teach English at Charlotte Southern University. She has two children: Ian, who attends the College of Charleston, and Ellen, a high-school senior. Anne spent two weeks visiting in France two years ago.

Dorothy Boland, who lives in Richmond, works at the Virginia Department of Information Technology in the telecommunications field. She has taken several of the Richmond alumna tours and so far has been to Spain, Scotland and Italy. This spring she will participate in a writer's retreat at the Hambridge Center in northern Georgia, where she hopes to finish her latest book.

Janet Thornton Rust is an elementary art teacher in two different schools in Annandale. She and her husband, Steve, who works in computers, have a son, Mike, who is a graduate student in physics, and a daughter, Becky, who is a junior in high school.

Ann Hedges left a 20-year career as a computer professional in Wisconsin. She now lives in Roanoke and works in office and administrative duties. Ann, who is hoping to attend graduate school in counseling education, sometimes sees Judy Lancaster Hilliard, who also lives in Roanoke.

Maryann McCowksay Robertson took a trip to Africa, where she and the others in her group saw the “Big Five”—rhino, cape water buffalo, lion, elephant and leopard. They saw these animals and others walking right next to the road and driving from nearby ponds. The tour group stayed at DeWitt Cheetah Reserve, Thornybush and the Palace of the Lost City during the tour.

G. John Avoli, R'74, has been named executive director of the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Va.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

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Our sympathies go out to Susan Hamill Smith and family on the death of Susan's sister, Nancy Hamill Georgius, this past winter. You may recall that Nancy was in our little sister class. Susan wrote to tell me that she, and her husband, Martha Poston Turner, Susan, her husband Mike, and Jeff live in Richmond, where Susan has her own accounting firm.

Jeanne Nicholson Veltch wrote that she is chalking an international adoption conference for Healed Cross and is planning her mother's 80th birthday party. Jeanie's son Jerome is a freshman at Seattle University, where he played the dean's list and survived the initial honors program intensive study. Her son Joseph sells luxury used cars and loves horseback riding, go-cart racing and remote-controlled glider flying. Her husband, Jon, continues to enjoy employment with Northrup Grumman and loves working in the garden. Jeanie says that some of their travels have been curtailed by the latest world events, but she did manage fall trips to China and Morocco.

Shelley Smith Miller is living in Stephens City, Va., and working at FEMA. Her oldest son is a freshman at Emory & Henry College. She had a visit with Diane Price Chartland, W'74, and spoke with Julia Habel, W'74.

Received nice, long Christmas letters from the families of Linda Wilkins Muirhead and Sharon Foster Bardin. Linda and George continue to work on their new house (building it themselves) while Linda is home schooling their son, Paul. Son Kevin is busy with school, sports and his new driver's license. Linda was in the Washington, D.C., area in the winter to help her mother move, after selling the family home of 40 years. She saw Drew Brown and Sally Voris.

Sharon and family are enjoying being in the Washington area, where they are building a new home. The two older daughters, Emily and Amanda, are at Vanderbilt, and Madeline is still at home. Madeline keeps the family busy with her school's crew team and her horseback riding.

Agnes Moley-Wynne and David celebrated their third wedding anniversary with a trip to the newly renovated Williamsburg Inn. They had a full house at Christmas with Agnes' children, Laurel, AW'75, and Clinton; and David's two sons—one with his wife and the other with his girlfriend. Agnes and family enjoyed participating in the swearing-in ceremony for her brother, Earle, who is the new commonwealth's attorney in Portsmouth, Va.

Barb Baker had her own human resources consulting business for the past six years, working out of her home. The past few years she has also been managing a couple of small associations and has recently begun working on a contract basis at Psychological Consultants. She continues to sing in and manage the Richmond Symphony Chorus, directed by Jim Erb. Barb and sister Carol, celebrated the big birthday party, traveling to Hawaii with their traveling buddies, John Hall, W'73, and her wife, Carol.

I got a nice long e-mail from Susan Sheffield Yowell. Susan is in her rooth year at the UVA health sciences library, where she manages the circulation department. Her oldest son, Gordon, graduated from Hampden-Sydney and is assistant dean of admissions there. His boss is Anita Garland, W'74. In the fall at a H-SC football game, she ran into Temple Adair Glennis, whose son, Charlie, is a freshman, and Betty Rodman Harris, whose son graduated with Gordon. Susan's younger son, Lindsay, is at James Madison University in the School of Media Arts and Design. He hopes to get into digital music production. The Kirby household stays busy even with the empty nest. Both of our children are still in Richmond: Lee Kirby West. AW'78, teaching French at Godwin High School, and Christopher, at VCU. Lee's husband was on deployment with the Theodore Roosevelt. It has been a hard first year of marriage for them, with a three-month advanced training school in Chicago and his deployment. Christopher continued to stay busy with his band—recording and touring. I may have to put him in touch with Susan's son.

Elizabeth Heald Jordan, B, and her husband, Gordon, celebrated their biannual trip with two other couples: Laura Lee Hankins, W, and Ted Chandler, L'77; and Peggy Heath, W, and Jeff Johnson. They met in Las Vegas for five days. They all met on their first day at Westminster and are still traveling together.

Michael L. Kahan, R, is a dentist in Virginia Beach. His oldest son, Jack, has applied to Richmond for admission this fall.

C. Richard Napier, R, was profiled in the December issue of Inside Business. He is president of Napier Signature Homes and was elected president of the Home Builders Association of Richmond.

Kate Horsley Parker, W, has published three novels over the past 10 years and has another one in the works. After the loss of her son, she set up a foundation for him where she works. Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute, for students who have received their GEDs and are going to school part time in public science and/or English.

W.A. Strang, Jr., C, transferred from Covington, Va., to Richmond and was promoted to mill accounting manager for the Packaging Resource Group. His wife, Nancy Rae Wilkin Strang, W'74, is a biology teacher at Midlothian High School. They have two children. One is a senior at Midlothian High School, and the other attends John Tyler Community College.

Charles Bell Upshaw III, R, was activated in support of the war. He is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, working as a helicopter pilot and aircraft maintenance officer at the Corpus Christi (Texas) Army Depot. James E. Wilberger Jr., R, was elected to the Society of Neurologic Surgeons. He serves as a consultant to the presidential committee on head injury in sports and gives oral examinations for the American Board of Neurological Surgery for board certification in neurosurgery. He has written more than 200 scientific, peer-reviewed articles and book chapters in neurosurgery and is the editor or co-editor of more than ten textbooks.

Sallie Stone Cook, W, has been re-elected to the board of directors of Astra/ Virginia Blood Services. Carroll Ann O'Donnell, W, moved to a new faculty-level position at VCU. She is publications coordinator for the division of student affairs. She is close to completing a certificate in Information systems at VCU.

Linda Christopher Swartz, W, is a math and physics teacher at Godwin High School in Richmond. Her husband, Ned, is assistant dean of the School of Continuing Studies at the University of Richmond. Her daughter, Laura, is attending Virginia Tech as an engineering major and planned to graduate this spring.
He heads the Army Transportation School and the Transportation Corps Regiment and is the Army’s chief of transportation at the 6,500-member command.

**Michael D. Dunkley, R.** is a foreign service officer with the rank of vice consul for the State Department. He is in Spanish language training in preparation to move to El Salvador. His wife, Martha, an office management specialist in the State Department, will leave her post to take Spanish and join him in El Salvador this summer. They will be stationed there for two years.

**William C. Hall Jr., B.** and Board of Associates, was elected to the boards of the Pittsburgh Public Theater, the Seventh Congressional District (Va.) Safety and Security Council, the Industrial Advisory Board of the University of Virginia’s School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Virginia Free. He is also on the board of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and is chairman of the Richmond Public Library’s Literacy Legacy Campaign.

**Maria Jane Loizou, W.** is a professional singer and music librarian. She has been living in Boston for the past 14 years and enjoys her work. She loves living in the city.

**Cathy McCarthy Sprol, W.** has been promoted to assistant head of school life at St. Margaret’s School.

**George Nicholas Stokes, R.** hosted a “guy’s” ski trip at Lake Tahoe during Super Bowl week, with Jim Kheury, R., Barney Selph, R., and Hugh Fraser, R. They enjoyed the skiing and the sense of humor that only their camaraderie could create.

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**Gerald A. Bowman, R.** is a member of the board of the National Association of Ethical Adoption Professionals. He maintains a private practice doing home studies and post-placement reports and visits for United States citizens worldwide.

**Reggie Brann, B.** a financial consultant for the Kilmarnock, Va., office of Chesapeake Investment Group, has been named to the All-American Team of the American Funds Group of mutual funds. He was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas.

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**Desiree Stuart-Alexander**

**Breaking ground as a lunar geologist**

By Betsy Powell Mullen

Dr. Desiree Stuart-Alexander walked through a wrong door and ended up in the right direction.

Stuart-Alexander, W’52 and H’80, a noted geologist and the first woman to study lunar rocks, had planned to work for the United Nations after graduation. But a series of unforeseen events, including inadvertently walking into the wrong employment agency, found her working for a metal company instead.

Several jobs later, including a brief time at an insurance agency and then an oil company, she changed direction completely. Having fallen in love with geology, the budding scientist went back to school, earning a master’s degree and doctorate in geology from Stanford University.

That illustrates the dangers of taking a narrow approach to education as an undergraduate, says Stuart-Alexander, a firm believer in liberal arts education.

“You’re not leaving yourself open.” With a liberal arts background, “you can go into any number of fields.”

Stuart-Alexander, who celebrated her 50th class reunion in April, majored in history at Westhampton College, with a minor in political science. Those disciplines require the “same kind of thinking” as geology, she says. “You have to make sense out of the past without a lot of clues from the past. You need to be open to whatever is around you.”

That spirit of openness led Stuart-Alexander into a field where there weren’t a lot of women, at a time when geology was expanding beyond Earth.

She was the only woman studying a field science at Stanford, and later the only woman selected by the U.S. Geological Survey to be on the Lunar Sample Preliminary Team for Apollo 16 and Apollo 17. Her work on those missions included studying samples of moon rocks, mapping sites for lunar landings and making geological maps from satellite images and astronomical dispatches.

Although she realized her space program work was “breaking ground — no one had seen moon rocks before,” she did not think about the relevance of her gender.

“I never thought I was challenging barriers. I was just doing what I wanted to do,” she says.

Stuart-Alexander, who has earned a reputation as one of the leading experts in the world on the “far side of the moon,” also participated in astronaut training and did extensive studies of Mars.

In 1980, Stuart-Alexander realized another milestone when she became the first woman branch chief of the U.S. Geological Survey, which she joined in 1966.

In addition to her extraterrestrial studies, she spent many years on more earthly concerns, such as oil and mineral deposits, fault lines and the correlation of high dams and earthquakes. She has published more than 50 scientific articles, participated in international symposiums, received various fellowships and numerous awards, including an honorary doctorate from Richmond, a Distinguished Alumna Award from Westhampton College and a Group Achievement Award from NASA for her lunar teamwork.

Looking back on her career, Stuart-Alexander also recalls another life-changing milestone.

While working on her thesis at Stanford, she learned that Haile Sellasie I University in Ethiopia was looking for a geology professor. It seemed like the perfect way to get to Africa to spend time with her sister’s family. But when she called to tell her sister the good news, her sister replied, “We’ll meet you in London. We’re coming back to the United States.”

Stuart-Alexander, a London native who moved to the U.S. as a young girl, was disappointed but not deterred. She went anyway, spending two years immersed in a “whole different life.”

“It was the first time I realized intellectually what ‘disadvantaged’ meant,” she says. One student, who had been a shepherd until he was 12 years old, knew 200 names for types of cows, but didn’t know his colors — a necessity in geology.

Now retired and living in Aptos, Calif., Stuart-Alexander stays very active. Always eager to be outside, she gardens and plays a lot of golf. Also eager to find “pay back” opportunities, she has participated in a number of civic projects over the years, including installing emergency response systems in homes, raising money for the symphony and working on Northern California Golf Association tournaments.

A commercial-licensed pilot, she also has been a member of the California Aviation Safety Council and Flying Samaritans, a group that spends its own money to fly doctors and dentists to free clinics in remote Indian villages.

Today, Stuart-Alexander still exudes the same spirit of openness in her approach to life and the study of the earth.

“We are all part of this world and geology drives it. Geology isn’t just the rocks,” she says. “We tend to think we control the world. The world really controls us a lot more than we want to acknowledge.

“We have to fit into the earth the way it is. Life could be so much easier if we realize that.”
A.G. Mason Dirickson, G, was profiled in the Richmond Times-Dispatch’s “Metro Business” section. He is a principal at Keiter, Slabaugh, Penny & Holme and is developing and leading the company’s new human resources consulting and outsourcing services. J.J. Keever, R, is the executive vice president of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association and received the association’s Distinguished Service Award at the annual maritime banquet. Beth Carol Sears, B, and her husband, Don, live in Midlothian, Va., and have three children: Scott, 20, who will be entering the Air Force; Molly, 18, who plans to attend Christopher Newport University this fall; and Taylor, 10, who is in the fourth grade. Beth is a full-time mom and also takes care of five pets (two dogs and three cats). They really enjoyed spending time with their former classmates at their last reunion. Carlj Wittmeyer, L, and Russell E. Allen, L’88, have formed Wittmeyer & Allen, PLC. The law firm specializes in criminal, domestic relations and medical malpractice law.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

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Thanks again for so many newsworthy responses! I enjoy getting them and hope you will enjoy reading them.

Kay Lambert King’s work with the YMCA is now about helping create Ys in the rural Virginia counties of Powhatan and Goochland. It is particularly meaningful because she grew up using the YMCA in the small town of Franklin, Va. Husband Dennis continues on the home improvement marathon, and Kay loves bouncing into fellow grad’s whose children are going to Richmond. Terry Hellman-Sylvester and Bonnie Ritchie DeHaven went to the Ring Dance as parents.

Susan Moomaw Humphreym had dinner with Amanda deBusk, W’78, in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where Amanda was speaking at an international trade conference. Susan and Amanda were roommates in Cambridge, Mass., when Susan was at Harvard Business School and Amanda was at Harvard Law School.

Dr. Helen Marie Kollus, W’77, completed her M.D. last year and is a resident in internal medicine. For many years, she was a college professor and dean of students.

Cynthia Fourth Holt and daughter Stephanie, 19, visited New Orleans last summer. Cynthia received her 25-year pin with Chesterfield County, where she is a guidance counselor at Carver Middle School. Cynthia is also in charge of planning the workshops for the Richmond-Tidewater Mensa conference in Williamsburg in November 2002. Karen Kennedy is still living in Middleburg, Va., with husband Warren Geris. She and her 10-year-old daughter, Tara, compete in local horse shows. Cassie is now an attorney with her own practice—she left the fast-paced life of a “fairway”-based firm last October for a home office in a renovated “woodshop” on the farm. Can’t say I blame you.

Clau dyser Yunger Ottuff-Banks enjoyed a January trip to the Rose Bowl to cheer on the University of Miami. Daughter Diana is a freshman there, while Gwen graduated from Pepperdine University in California. Son James is a senior at Elon in North Carolina, and Jeffrey is a freshman at Yankton High School, where his stepdaddy is a resource specialist. Marcia Andrews Swenck writes that eldest son Derick is at VMI, majoring in mechanical engineering and playing on the lacrosse team. Andrew, 16, and Richard, 15, also play lacrosse, but at Midlothian High School and Midlothian Middle School, respectively. Her husband, Fred, turned 50 last fall and lost six of his March Inc. colleagues in the World Trade Center. M aria is searching for new career opportunities and still trying to decide what I want to be when I grow up. Aren’t we all?

I had a dinner reunion at Peggy Lum Watson’s with Karen Kennedy and Bonnie Ritchie DeHaven. We were discussing current world and local issues over the dinner table late into the evening, sharing our opinions and feelings. As Cassie noted later in an e-mail: “The years just melted away,” and we were back at Westhampton. What wonderful memories! Let’s keep in touch. It means so much.

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John Caulfield, R, has joined Vertical Networks as vice president of sales. He had been president of the online division of Viewcast Corp. and president and CEO of Outreach Technologies. Vertical Networks is the leading provider of integrated communications platforms, the first systems that combine voice, data and applications support into one manageable platform. Richard Cullen, L, has been elected to McGuireWoods’ board of partners, which is responsible for strategic direction of the firm. Nancy Lea Hyer, W, is an associate professor at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. See Bookmarks, p. 25.

Dr. Helen Marie Kollus, W, returned to school after working many years as a college professor and dean of students. She completed her M.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in May 2000 and is a resident in internal medicine at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. She hopes to begin a practice in primary care when her residency is completed in 2003. Sandra J. van der Meer, W, is a technician assistant for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools on the island of Okinawa, Japan, training both educators and students. She and her 12-year-old son, Nick, met their family in Bangkok, Thailand, for a vacation and reunion this past spring.

Charles Edward Reynolds, R, completed a Th.M. at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the staff chaplain and religion and culture instructor for special forces at John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. Stephen R. Romine, R, L’88 and GB’83, has been named a partner in the law firm of LeClair Ryan. Victor A. Shaheen, R, is part-owner of the firm, Shaheen & Shaheen, PC, which was named one of the Rising 25 companies for 2001. John E. Tober, 77, was elected managing shareholder of the law firm Zack Kosnitzky PA, which has offices in Miami and Weston, Fla.

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Ron Bargatze, GB, formerly COO of Triumph, has formed Dominion Benefits Partners, a benefits consulting and brokerage firm. He and two others are principals. James Batterson, GB, has been re-elected to the board of directors of Astrea/Virginia Blood Services. R. Lewis Boggs, GB, has been elected to the board of directors of Westminster-Canterbury Management Corp. Robert E. Burns Jr., B, has been elected chair of the military affairs council of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for the Leadership Tampa Class of 2002 and elected president of the Suncoast chapter. Association of the U.S. Army. Gregory Carter, R, received his master’s degree in administration and supervision from Virginia State University.

Larry Fox, B, and his wife, Tamara Fox, B’86, live in Concord, N.C., with their two children: Savannah Loen, 3, and Kendell Alias, 10 months. He has his own public relations business.

Richard Johnstone, R, with the Virginia-Maryland-Delaware Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives, won an award of merit for expository writing from the Richmond chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. Cynthia Weidler Massab, B, has been named to the leadership team of Wachovia Corporation’s Virginia Wealth Management Division. Amy Harvey Moglia, W, moved from New Jersey to Omaha, Neb. She did illustrations for Pinochio, published by Nana Banana Classics. Her husband is CEO of Ameritrade.

Jackson Reaor, L, is vice chairman of governmental affairs of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Edwin G. Robinson, R, moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he is medical director for Occupational Medical Services and Coastal Carolina University Health Services. Evelyn Fletcher Rochlin, W, was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and is a captain, Medical Services Corps. She obtained her R.N. degree and has been working as a nurse manager at Prince George’s Hospital. She also serves as chairman of the board of Queen Anne School in Upper Marlboro, Md. She and her husband, Mark, have two daughters: Katie, 18, and Allyson, 16.

Rachel W. Saunders, W, is working as a child and family therapist in private practice.

Joseph Sheehigh, R, is chairman of the physical education department of Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Va.

Edward L. Smith Jr., B, is president-elect of the Association of TeleSERVICES International, and will become president this summer. ATSI is the international trade association of the telephone answering service industry.

Michael H. Terry, R, has been elected vice president of the board of directors of Hirschel Flescher.

Jeff L. Thomas, B, has been named chief financial officer at Carter Ryley Thomas.

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Brian Buniva, L, has joined LeClair Ryan. He practices environmental law.

John E. Constantine, R, was promoted to lieutenant commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy. He was appointed as priest of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Downey, Calif.

F. Woodrow Harris, Jr., R, is president of the Virginia Municipal League for 2001-2002 and has served as a member of the Emporia City Council for 35 years. He has been vice mayor of the Southside Virginia city of nearly 6,000 residents for the past three and a half years.

Will R. Kitchener Jr., R, is a social studies teacher and assistant football coach at Mills Godwin High School in Glen Allen, Va.

James V. Meath, L, has been re-elected to the board of directors of Williams Mullen.

Sandy Richmond Palyo, W, has been promoted to the position of problem solver at NewClients Inc.

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Mitzi Gregory

Trainer focuses on keeping life in balance

By Betsy Powell Mullen

There’s a common thread to all of Dr. Mitzi L. Gregory’s endeavors.

“I want people to be more satisfied, live lives that are more rich — at work, after work, whatever it is,” says Gregory, W’77.

As owner of Gregory Training Associates Inc. in Richmond, she is part company president, part career counselor and part “life balance coach.” Whether working with corporate clients, college students or individuals looking to make some changes, the bottom line is the same — helping people learn “to be happy and satisfied.”

Having hit a niche much in demand at the moment, she has recently added another identity to the list: author.


Reducing stress can be as simple as learning to say “No” or as complicated as reprioritizing your life and switching direction, she says.

Gregory has found that although people often realize when change is needed, few know “how to take steps to create a more rewarding life.” Her work is aimed at “helping people have more energy, less stress, more fun in their lives” and “making sure their feet are going where their mouths go.”

Studies show that the primary cause of stress today is lack of control, she says. Hot topics include finding needed, “anything mediocre,” she says. Today she keeps in touch with him because his wife Ruth owns Book People, one of the Richmond bookstores that carries Gregory’s book.

Gregory, who also writes a monthly magazine column, travels frequently for work. In search of great stress relievers, she has dabbled in yoga and t'ai-chi, continues to “bang on the piano,” and gave her husband, Bart Grimes, dance classes for the two of them for his birthday.

When she looks back on her undergraduate days, two professors stand out.

Choral director Dr. James Erb, “an institution” at Richmond, also had an impact. He would not accept “anything mediocre,” she says. Today she keeps in touch with him because his wife Ruth owns Book People, one of the Richmond bookstores that carries Gregory’s book.

Gregory, who attended her 25th reunion in April, also maintains her college ties by returning periodically to her alma mater to lead workshops. She recently spoke to continuing education students about energy and stress, and she also works with undergraduates through the Career Development Center on networking and improving job search skills.

An obvious common thread throughout Gregory’s life is her connection to the University. Whatever she’s doing, she always seems to end up back at her alma mater.

Gregory, laughing, retraces some of the ties — student, teacher, assistant dean, counselor, guest speaker. “They can’t get rid of me,” she says.
Richmond, Thomas A. Luchtan, L., has been appointed to a second six-year term on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts, he conducts the caseload of a trial attorney in a role rolled to profitability.

Mary Sue Crocker Mackenzie, works for Verizon Wireless as an account manager for major corporate and government accounts on the peninsula in eastern Virginia. She and her husband, Jamie, reside in Suffolk with their son, Collin. 6.

Malcolm P. McNicholl III, R, and L.B., joined the Richmond law firm of Allen, Allen & Allen to head the new medical malpractice litigation section. He is the editor of Medical Malpractice Law In Virginia, a handbook for Virginia lawyers, and was voted one of Richmond’s “Top Lawyers for Medical Malpractice” by area attorneys in a poll by Richmond magazine.

Hugh D. Miller, M, and his wife, Karen, live in Bradenton, Fla., with their daughter, Kendall, I. William Griffin Morrell, R, received an MBA from Duke and is working as vice president of sales for a local software company. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Durham, N.C., with their five children, including two sets of twins: Will, 11; Sarah, 3; Emily, 30; Austin, 6; and Luke, 6.

Grace Bingham Ott, W, has returned to the workforce and is enjoying a new career as a real estate agent in the Baltimore area. She is employed by Whit Harvey. She was previously caring full time for her three children: Michael, 12; Louis, 10; and Curtis, 8.

Richard B. Rasor, R, and his wife, Kathleen Brusman, live in Laconch, N.Y., with their three children: Richard Drew III, 4; Ryan Deleany, 3; and Kathleen Marianne, 1.

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Megan L. Anderson, W, works at Deutsche Bank in Baltimore as vice president of mutual fund marketing. James D. Chalfant, R, and his wife, Kristen, have finished their third remodeled home, where they hope to live for quite a while with their two children: Jimmy, 1, and daughter C.C. 5.

Karen Elmer Daves, W, is working from her home as a freelance writer/editor. She is writing a historical book on the country’s oldest shooting competition. She and her husband, Scott, live in Manassas with their two daughters: Hanna, 4, and Drew, 2. Michael A. Fleming, R, continues to lead Lamar Outdoor Advertising in the Knoxville, Tenn., office. He also speaks on Lamar’s IITS initiative, which includes providing real-time traffic information to motorists via the Internet and billboards. He and his wife, Lynne Mason Fleming, W, have two sons: Andrew, 10, and Christopher, 7.

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Diane W. Doyle, GB, works as a librarian/webmaster for the CDG Group, a contractor with the government. She works on a Web site that focuses on the prevention of alcohol in children 9-15 years old. The program includes the support of governors’ spouses.
Entrepreneur’s latest venture is an airline

By Barbara Fitzgerald

When David T.K. Ho, B’77 and H’02, and his youngest daughter had to wait 18 hours in the Maui airport last year for a return flight home to Vancouver, Ho did what the other hundreds of tired passengers that day probably wished they could do. “I decided right then to start up my own airline,” he says.

Ho launched his MY Airways at a reception for business and travel industry executives at Vancouver International Airport in late February — complete with a mariachi band and hula dancers. The first flights will take to the air sometime in July. The airline will focus on providing excellent service to vacation travelers from British Columbia and western Canada, with flights initially to Hawaii and Mexico. Eventually Hong Kong and Asia will be added.

The airline is named in honor of Ho’s late mother and grandfather, the MY incorporating both their initials; but the name also reflects Ho’s hope that customers will come to consider MY Airways to be their airline. “We expect to work hard to earn that trust from everyone who flies with us,” he says.

The prominent Vancouver businessmen, in town in April for his 25th reunion and in May to receive an honorary degree from the University, stayed with his old classmate and friend Bob Sangster, B’77. And he made a point to see some of his other old friends from his undergraduate years, including Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, then-president of the University; Bob Dillard, chief of campus police; and Dr. David Robbins, dean of the business school.

“They are special people,” Ho says, counting them among many good friends still left around campus. He has funny stories about most of them.

To this day he recalls his first meeting with Dillard in great detail. “I had gotten a huge number of parking tickets on campus,” he says, “and Dillard called me down to the police station. He took my money and gave me a little lecture, and then he said, ‘Well, I hope you’ve learned your lesson.’ I said that I had. ‘I’ve learned that I don’t want to come here again,’ I said. ‘Here’s $500 in advance. Call me when it’s all used up.’”

The stories flow, too, about Robbins, his mentor from the business school. Traveling with him a few years back, Ho pointed them toward a good restaurant he knew in Maryland. Robbins said fine, as long as Ho was planning to pay. “I looked up ahead and saw a bridge,” Ho recalls with a laugh, “and I said, ‘See that bridge up there? When we get on it, I’m going to throw my wallet in the river.’” He did — and Robbins paid for dinner.

Ho’s relationship with Heilman has been a little more serious — but not much. Ho is still apparently about as fun-loving as in his college days. He remains close to Heilman and his family, and they visit each other when they can. “President Heilman was extremely helpful to me when I was a student,” Ho recalls. “Had it not been for him, in fact, I’d still be in school.”

Ho readily acknowledges that he was not the best of students. “I did not work hard academically,” he admits. That has obviously not hurt him professionally. Over the years Ho’s business interests have included a luxury car dealership, property developments, golf courses, security services, and the largest soft drink distributorship in Western Canada.

He has also worked in the family business: Hong Kong Tobacco Co. Ltd., one of the largest manufacturers of tobacco products in the world. Other pursuits include greenhouses and a packaging company. Ho has over the years employed thousands of people in his various enterprises.

When asked how he could master so many interests well enough to buy or start up a company, Ho says the secret is to just do it and then start learning about it. “When a company looks interesting to us,” he explains, “we hunt for the right people, the best people in that field, and then we hire them.”

Ho says that he expects his employees to give their work not just 100 percent, but also their hearts. In return, Ho treats them well, financially and personally, with good bonuses and with respect. When he sold his huge Pepsi distributorship recently, Ho gave $5 million of his profits to be distributed among his employees.

“I may not have done much academically,” Ho says, “but one thing that was reinforced strongly for me at Richmond was to treat people well. I made strong and lasting associations there,” he says, “and learned a lot about how to deal with people and to try my utmost to treat everyone equally. My parents and grandfather had instilled that in me, too, and I think it has served me well.”
Extending the Web

The online community, launched in early May through the University’s alumni Web site, offers benefits around the clock at the click of a mouse.

"UR Online is a direct connection for everybody in the fastest, most efficient way," says Alice Dunn Lynch, W'84, executive director of alumni affairs. “Going online breaks down barriers to communication. We believe it's a way to extend the Richmond web through the World Wide Web.”

Alumni who register for the online community will find:
- A portal, or front door to the community, which users may customize and even specify as their start-up page
- A fully searchable online alumni directory, which alumni may update at any time and may designate what information is to be shared
- An alumni career network, through which alumni can help each other with job mentoring and networking
- A volunteer connection, in which designated volunteer leaders may contact and send messages to members of special interest groups such as classes, chapters, athletic teams, fraternities and sororities, and more
- Permanent e-mail forwarding, allowing alumni to maintain a consistent e-mail address no matter how often they move or change Internet providers.

Features to be added soon include bulletin boards and chat rooms to address specific topics or interests.

“There’s still room to develop the online community further,” says Lynch. “We want alumni to give us feedback so we can continually revise and improve it.”

Lynch says the online community has been a top priority. “The idea originated as a strong recommendation by our alumni planning committee, seconded by the President’s Council for Emerging Leaders. All five alumni associations supported its launch by paying the startup costs, while the University will cover ongoing expenses.”

For the online community to be successful, it had to be secure. "The privacy and security of personal information is critical," Lynch says. In fact, UR Online is located on a secure Web site that incorporates the latest encryption technology, according to Jim Hall, alumni Web manager. It is password-protected, and only Richmond alumni, students and a few approved staff have access.

All alumni received a mailing in early May with instructions for registering. Those who didn’t receive it may contact the alumni office by e-mail at alumnioffice@richmond.edu or by calling (800) 480-4774.

"The more who participate, the better it will be," says Lynch. “Whatever we can do to facilitate lifelong connections will make the University of Richmond community much stronger. It’s all about our relationships and our friends.”

Log on to participate in the new free online community for Richmond alumni and students

You can also get Richmond news by e-mail

SpiderWeb is sent electronically once or twice a month with news bulletins from campus to alumni and friends. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to the address below that says:

"Subscribe SpiderWeb [your e-mail address]."

SpiderWeb@richmond.edu
1989

G. Scott Borrelli, R, has been named 2002 chief-elect of the department of medicine, Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, Knoxville, Tenn. He is a nephrologist and vice president of East Tennessee Nephrology PC. He and his wife, Amy, live in Knoxville, Tenn., with their two daughters: Morgan, 3, and Madison, 7 months. Andy Brok, R, and his wife, Kelly Whiteley Brock, W'90 have relocated to Chatham, N.J., with their two children: Halley, 4, and Tyler, 2. He is a PGA member and has completed his first year as head professional at Metuchen Golf & Country Club in Edison, N.J. Kelly continues to work from home as a free-lance writer and graphic designer.

Patrick D. Brown, R, works for Unilever United States Inc. He lives in Bentonville, Ark., with his wife, Anita, and daughter, Amelia, 3, and Kathleen, 2.

Joyce Catherine Churn, GB, is district manager at Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Bruce G. Croxton, R, is head basketball coach at Benedictine High School in Richmond.

Mark A. Goldfogel, R, is managing his own small computer company in Yelluforde, Colo., where he lives with his wife, Amy.

John G. Heard, R, is an in-house attorney for Intel Corp. in Swindon, England.

Sarah L. Huber, W, is a national accounts manager with Woodstream Corp.

Erwin M. Matthews, B, is a senior financial adviser and registered principal with E. Matthews & Associates.

Carol Prout, returned to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to work on her Ph.D. in Italian literature and language. She returned to Florence, Italy, for the spring as an exchange teacher at the Lorenzo de’ Medici Institute.

Matthew Brian Robinson, B, lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Kim, and 21-month-old son, Blake. He is head of worldwide marketing for Morgan Creek Productions, based at Warner Brothers in Burbank.

Karen Kilday Sherwood, B, resides in McLean, Va., with her husband, David, and son, 3.

Elizabeth Steff Stein, W, is working from home in a part-time job as assistant editor of Maryland Family magazine.

Christopher F. Tharp, R, and his wife, Sarah, have returned from London to settle in Lynchburg, Va., where he is president of Tharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Kathleen M. Wong, W, is an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of Texas, Medical Branch, at Galveston. Sarah Covey Hurst, W'96, is involved in research at the University of Texas, and the two see each other quite often.

1990

Shannon Beer Belanger, W, is a graphic designer and principal of Pangaro Beer Design in Boston. She and her husband, David, live in Chestnut Hill, Mass., with their son, Michael, 1.

Katie Aylward Cox, W, was promoted to branch manager of R.C. Cola and Squit in Dallas, Texas.

Mark Danley, R, completed his Ph.D. in history from Kansas State University. He is completing several projects for the U.S. Cavalry Memorial Research Library as the library curator.

Jennifer Holland, W, joined Pediatric Specialties at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters.

Howard Todd Huff, B, is owner of Howard’s Health Club, Fitness Connection. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Martinsville with her 6-year-old daughter, Lindsay.

Peter E. Kratsa, R, was made a partner at Donations and Kratsa, whose practice is primarily criminal defense in state and federal courts.

He resides in West Chester, Pa.

Thomas A. Kruza III, B, is a contracting officer for the U.S. Navy’s Space and Naval Warfare Command, negotiating the acquisition of major defense communications and weapons systems. He and his wife, Jeanne, live in San Diego with their daughter, Caroline, 3.

Robert Kendall Lusk, R, and his wife, Missy, and son, Jack, 11 months, recently relocated to Charlotte, N.C.

Elizabeth A. Saxton, W, is an adjunct faculty member at Norwalk Community College.

1991

Shari Lynn Adams, B, is a CPA, has been the controller of the Crown Plaza Hotel for three years. During winter weekends, she is a national ski patroller at Wintergreen Resort. She resides in Richmond.

Julie A. Beiger, B, and her husband, Andrew Beiger, have moved to Minneapolis, Minn., due to a job transfer for him with Goldman, Sachs & Co. as an external wholesaler for the asset management division. She is a stay-at-home mom with their children: Katie, 4, and Drew, 2.

K. Ruppert Reine, L, has joined Meyer, Goergen & Marrs. His practice areas include personal injury and civil matters.

Robert G. Dillard, R, is employed by Henrico County.

Heather Fairbanks, W, and L’95, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Harps Foundation, which was established to provide administrative and funding support for three harg education programs.

Elizabeth Ann Jordan, W, is seeking her master of public administration degree. She is working for a social justice and poverty policy organization in Raleigh, N.C.

Amy C. Joyner, W, has obtained her master of divinity degree and was in the first graduating class from Wake Forest University’s School of Divinity.

Heidi L. LaSalata, W, completed her master of science in global marketing management from VCU. She and husband Rob live in Glen Allen, Va., with their son, Brandon Nicholas.

Amanda Bower Maxham, B, will join the Washington & Lee University faculty as an assistant professor of management.

1992

Crystal S. Anderson, W, is assistant professor of English at Ohio University, where she teaches African-American literature. She received her Ph.D. in American studies from the College of William and Mary and also completed a master’s degree in English at the University of Virginia. She has given numerous presentations at professional conferences on African-American and Asian-American literature and culture.

J.P. Delaney, R, is an associate with O’Dwyer & Bernstein and owner of two New York bars.

Virginia T. Doyle, W, is assistant women’s basketball coach for the University of Richmond.

Joanne Miller, W, received her Ph.D. in social psychology from the Ohio State University. She is an assistant professor of political science and an adjunct faculty member in psychology at the University of Minnesota.

Erin Nulty, W, is a graduate of Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America and is an associate at the law firm of Nelson, Levine, de Luca & Horst, near Philadelphia.

W. Edward Riley IV, L, is a partner with the law firm of Boone, Beale, Cosby and Long. He and his wife, Amanda, live in Richmond.

Michele Ledford Schmidt, W, and her husband, David, live in Keller, Texas, with their daughters, Lauren, and Claire. She is a stay-at-home mother.

Kimberly Hutchinson Stallings, W, was profiled in the Richmond Times-Dispatch’s “Decision Makers” column. She is executive director of the Virginia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Kathy Dalich Engman, W, is a stay-at-home mom and is responsible for starting a very successful women’s charitable organization. Her husband, Beau Engman, R, founded a company in 1999 and sold it to Homestore.com, where he is vice president of software strategy. The couple lives in Houston with their daughter, Katherine, 5.

Timothy S. Feehan, L, has become a shareholder at Cook, Heyward, Lyons, Lee & Hopper.

Amy Boldman Harris, W, resides in Wiesbaden, Germany, and plans to pursue work as a physical therapist through the U.S. military.

Marcy Dudgeon Hitchcock, W, is an assistant vice president in human resources at Provident Bank in Baltimore. She and her husband, Jim, built a house and are living in New Market, Md.

Christopher Benton Hopkins, R, practices law in West Palm Beach, Fla., and is a partner of Cole, Scott & Kissane PA. He is the managing partner for the West Palm Beach office.

George V. Hudgins III, R, is enrolled at Seabury Western Theological Seminary in a combined MDIV/MTS program.

David A. Kaplan, L, has formed Forckel, Kaplan & Noonan LLC. The firm is a registered investment advisory firm. He serves as secretary/treasurer.

Cathleen Kallani Memmer, L, has formed Gyuin & Memmer PC, specializing in civil litigation and insurance defense.

Kristen Dillard McReynolds, W, is a child-care coordinator and oversees two child-care centers. She lives in Waynesboro, Va., with her children, Gabrielle and Ty.

Susan Kaufman Milano, A, works part time as an educational consultant. She spent a year in Sydney, Australia, but has relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz.
1994

Frank R. Allen, BR, received a MBA from Vanderbilt University’s Owen Graduate School of Management. He is employed at Wachovia Bank in international corporate and investment banking.

Stephen R. Eid, GB, moved to Athens, Greece, where he provides strategic planning consulting services for clients based in the United States that are interested in expanding their operations in Europe and the Middle East.

Laura Riddles Freeman, AW, and her husband, Jeremy Freeman, AR, are living in Newport News, Va., where he is finishing his residency in family practice. After five years of teaching kindergarten, she is now staying home with their son, Samuel Jacob Freeman, I. Christopher Gorman, BA, and his wife, Michele, completed their first marathon, the New York marathon, last fall. They ran as part of the NYPP Running Club and crossed the finish line together.

Rhonda L. Gaines, BW, joined First Union Securities Financial Network as a regional operations liaison.

Scott Hyldahl, AR, is a physical therapist at Mary Washington Hospital, located in Fredericksburg, Va., and is the coordinator of outpatient services for the Rehab and Wellness Center of Virginia.

Shaun Herock, AR, was promoted to assistant director of college scouting for the Green Bay Packers. He and his wife, Mia Mutascio Herock, AW, and their sons, Anthony John, 8 months, and Shaun Jr., 1, live in Green Bay, Wis. A. Brent King, L, has joined Hill-Rogal and Hamilton Co. as vice-president and associate general counsel.

Linda Kinirsch, AW, moved to southern Germany with her husband, Ull, and son, Karl, 16 months.

Jennifer Massey Miller, AW, was working part time as an occupational therapist at Westminster-Canterbury.

Sharon S. Milliron, G, teaches science at Pace Academy in Atlanta.

Amy Craver Mofield, AW; her husband, Mark Mofield, AR; and their two sons, Noah Philip, 5 months, and Justin, 2, live in Gibsonville, N.C. He is pastor at First Baptist Church of Elon.

Michele Nahra, AW, is founder and president of Upward, where she is a seminar speaker and individual vision coach. She has traveled to China and South Africa.

Norman C. Pearson III, L, has joined the Macon, Ga., firm of Chambless, Higdon & Carson as an associate. He has served on active duty in the United States Army. He serves as an environmental law specialist, criminal prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. His practice will involve workers’ compensation and insurance defense.

Megan Schnauffer, BW, is in her first year at the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley. She is working on her MBA.

Kelly Simonson, AW, received her Ph.D. in psychology counseling and is a staff psychologist at the Texas Woman’s University Counseling Center.

Emily Conjura, BW’97, served as an Olympic Torchbearer. She works at Colorado Mountain College and runs marathons and Ironman events.

1995

Allison C. Burling, BW, obtained her MBA from the College of William and Mary Graduate School of Business. She is employed by Kimberly-Clark in Neenah, Wis., as a consumer products manager for Cart-Ups, GoodNites and Little Swimmers.

Kimberly Ann Corry, AW, is a second-grade teacher in Hanover County Public Schools.

Timothy Walter Dorsey, L, was recalled to active military duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He serves as a commander in the U.S. Navy. He will return to his litigation position at Williams Mullon upon completion of his service.

Jennifer T. Matthes Funk, BW, is employed as a high net worth retirement specialist with the Vanguard Group in Valley Forge, Pa.

Stacey L. Haglund, BW, is teaching AP science at a private high school. She is also pursuing an M.S. in biology.

Sandra L. Haley, BW, is an assistant commissioner’s attorney for Henry County.

Russell E. Lundeborg Jr., BR, has been named chief investment officer of Barrett Capital Management LLC.

Jennifer McGrail, AW, is a senior meeting planner in the special events and conference services department of Cablevision. Her department coordinates events for all divisions of Cablevision, including Rainbow Media, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and The Wiz.

Richard Mitchell, BR, is living in New York state and plans to direct Cycle America’s coast-to-coast 2002 bicycle tour across the United States this summer.

Jennifer McCurker-Orth, AW, was promoted to senior development chemist and moved to the special chemical processing improvement group of the Eastman Chemical Co. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Kingsport, Tenn.

John T. Pirris, AR, is employed at Jones Group in Providence. He and his wife, Susan, live in Jamestown, R.I.

Meg Dowd Russell, AW, works for Capital One in Richmond, where she lives with her husband, Adam Russell, BR.

Meredith L. Schallik, JW, is employed as an assistant counselor of the majority office of the New Jersey General Assembly. She advises Democratic members on policy and legislation for the Family, Women and Children Committee, and Law and Public Safety Committee. As an adjunct professor, Meredith also teaches on child abuse and neglect in the Law at Rutgers-Camden Law School.

Stoyan Kostadinov Smoukov, AR, received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern.

William W. Turner, L, has been elected a director at Thompson & McManus.

Jennifer L. Welsh, AW, has earned a master’s degree in medieval studies, and is now pursuing her Ph.D. in history at Duke University. Her main field of study is early modern Germany.

Mauri Roy Winegardner, AR, is director of quality assurance at Universal Leaf Tobacco.

1996

Jay Adams, BR, was selected one of Pittsburgh’s 50 Finest: outstanding single professionals selected on the basis of their activity in the community, success in their career and commitment to others through their support of charitable causes.

Beth L. Allen, JW, is employed by Accenture in its pharmaceutical consulting practice.

Ashby Lynne Butnor, AW, is working on her doctorate in philosophy, specializing in Japanese philosophy and feminist theory.

Diana Cichewicz, AW, is presenting her research in the field of pharmacology and drug abuse at several international meetings for scientists this year, including conferences in Quebec, Canada and Monterrey, Calif.

Jennifer Fisher, AW, is in her third year of crime scene investigations. Her work involves documenting the scenes, collecting and preserving the evidence, attending autopsies and providing court testimony. She is pursuing her certification as a crime scene analyst through the International Association for Identification. She is a certified instructor through the Department of Criminal Justice Services. She also received her black belt in American Ken Judo and is knowledgable in the art.

Blair Elyse Flynn, BW, is working as an associate at Sutherland Asbill and Brennan LLP in Washington, D.C.

Amy Witter Jefferson, AW, is a first-grade teacher in Plano, Texas.

Jeanne Lusk Rowe, AW, and her husband, Mike, moved to Northern Virginia. She works for an association management company as an acquisition and retention consultant for three associations, serving member needs and planning annual conferences.

Elizabeth Russotto, AW, has received her MBA in finance from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

William Edwin Turnage III, GA, is director of marketing for the Richmond Association of Realtors.
1997

David Baumbritter, AR, teaches chemistry and coaches soccer at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School in Massachusetts.

Hardin Sherard Betha, BR, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina's master of international business studies program. He has relocated to Orlando, where he works with an institutional investment advisory firm.

James Bremner, BR, and his wife, Maeva, live in Larchmont, N.Y., where he works at Marc Jacobs.

Carter J. Butler, BR, is an account executive with the Richards Group Advertising Agency.

Ann Marie Camden, AW, is an associate in the financial aid department of Southern Virginia University. She is studying for the LSATs and applying to law schools.

Emily Compton, AW, is in her first year at Candozo School of Law in New York City.

Emily Conjour, BW, served as an Olympic Torchbearer. She works as a microcomputer specialist at Colorado Mountain College and runs marathons and Ironman events.

Erik Dugan, AW, is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and was admitted to the Virginia bar last fall.

Jonathan D. Frieden, L, was elected a shareholder at Odin, Feldman & Pittman PC, a 40-year-old law firm in Fairfax, Va. His litigation practice encompasses criminal matters and complex commercial disputes. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in U.S. Church.

R. Braxton Hill IV, L, has been elected to the executive committee of the Virginia Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division.

Charles B. Jefferson, AR, is a branch manager for Apex Systems. He and his wife, Amy, live in Allen, Texas.

Jennie Kang, BW, lives in For the first year at Candozo School of Law in New York City.

John Cailh Carleton II, JR, is studying Vietnamese with the U.S. State Department to be posted overseas for a two-year tour of duty at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi.

Mark J. Demma, BR, is president of midwestern operations for Brock & Young Advisors, a broker/dealer based in Columbus, Ohio. Mark resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert J. Fierro, Jr., L, is an assistant commissioner's attorney for Chesterfield County, Va.

Cedric F. Fortemp, BR, has been promoted to associate at Matrix Capital Markets Group.

Bruce Duane Ingersoll II, AR, is attending Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, N.Y.

Crystal Lavoie, BW, joined the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as controller.

Ellen L. Little, BW, is a graphic artist and lives in Madison, Wis. Lauren Durante Longwell, AW, is on a one-year sabbatical from Accenture to pursue her MBA/MIS from Johns Hopkins. She is on the full-time ministry staff with her husband, Jason, for Younglife.

Sarah Graham Miller, AR, has been promoted to public affairs officer for the city of Alexandria, Va., where she is responsible for public, employee and media relations for the city. She lives on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Matthew.

Vincent O'Brien, AR, worked as a producer at WPBS and subsequently joined the Washington, D.C., office of the National Rifle Association, where he held a number of positions, including executive director of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and chief operating officer of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action.

Mark Graves, BR, has been chosen to attend the first year of the master of divinity program at Duke Divinity School.

Katherine R. Harding, AW, joined the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau as a publications coordinator.

John L. Hughes, BR, is a law student at William and Mary.

Jaimie Ramon Johnson, BW, lives in Wake County (N.C.) Public Schools and in the Washington, D.C., area.

Melissa Adamowicz, BW, lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works for a public accounting firm.

Erol Aydar, GB, has rejoined the structural engineering department at Hankins and Anderson Inc.

Meredith Bryn Bagby, AW, is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond.

James McLeod Bracey, AR, is a clinical manager for Surgically Monitoring Services Inc. He lives in Timonium, Md.

Pamela D. Clark, AW, is a fifth-year medical student at Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Marcella Bertin, BW, is a graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Law and passed the bar in the D.C. area. She is a member of House counsel for World Child International, a major international adoption agency.

Robert B. Clark, BR, is an associate in the law firm of Brannon, Clark & Stone.

Jeffrey D. Borenstein, AR, has been named director of operations and assistant general manager for the Richmond Kickers soccer club.

Sarah Cole-Turner, BW, joined The Princeton Review as a marketing manager in the K-to-12 division.

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Elisabeth A. Notturno, BW, is a self-employed designer.

Brock A. Parker, AR, is a software engineer for Per-See Technologies in Durham.

Christopher Michael Putrimas, BR, lives in Santa Monica, Calif. He works as a sales manager for a laboratory sales company and operates a boat cleaning business on the weekends.

Robert Owen Plunkett, BR, is employed by GMAS Commercial Holding Corp. in Horsham, Pa.

Lindsay Woodworth Rall, BW, is employed by Handango as a senior marketing manager. She and her husband, Dustin, live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Christopher M. Skinner, AR, is a project leader for Alcoa in Richmond.

Elizabeth Thayer Specier, BW, is employed by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in Dallas.

Susan B. Watson, L, is employed with Marsh USA in Washington, D.C.

Gretchen K. Wiese, AW, is employed as a pharmaceutical sales rep for Eli Lilly.

Alicia Colleen Williams, AW, is a graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a master's degree in forensic psychology. She plans to do some traveling.

2000

Melissa Adamowicz, BW, lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works for a public accounting firm.

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Todd Brunsingham, AR, was promoted to planning coordinator at the Martin Agency.

Thomas C. Bunting, L, has joined Midkiff Muncie & Ross as an associate. His practice will concentrate on workers' compensation defense and general liability matters.
2001

Annette Lynn Anderl, received the certified legal assistant designation from the National Association of Legal Assistants. She was promoted to account executive and is responsible for servicing physician and attorney malpractice policies in Virginia. Andrea Monique Bowe, AW, is enrolled in New York University's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, where she is pursuing a master's degree in public administration with a specialization in health administration. J. Fielding Douthat Jr., L, joined Williams Mullen as an associate in the labor and employment section. John H. Filice, L, has joined the firm of Rubin, Glickman and Steinberg of Lansdale, Pa., as an associate attorney, focusing on business and corporate, real estate and bankruptcy law. Elizabeth C. Fisher, BW, is a project manager at Capital One. Sharon B. Foreman, AW, is enrolled in the MSW program at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, with a concentration in mental health and family therapy. She is employed as a research assistant at the Center for Mental Health Service Research at Washington University. Roman Helms, L, has joined LeClair Ryan's Richmond office as the firm's third patent attorney. Haldie Elizabeth Henderson, BW, is a project director for the international reports section of a Washington, D.C., newspaper, specializing in Latin America and the Caribbean. She completed a research program with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Dodie Johnson, AW, is the staff assistant in the office of Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y. She spent nine months last year studying at the London School of Economics. Marsha Kromen, BW, is doing audit work for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in the Washington, D.C., area, while working on her master's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. Chandra Lane, AW, is attending James Madison University's college student personnel administration program, pursuing a master of education degree with a counseling emphasis. Mary Katherine Lee, L, joined Williams Mullen as an associate. She will focus on general real estate matters.

Kristin Beth Luther, AW, teaches ninth and tenth grade honors/advanced English and African-American literature at Huguenot High School in Richmond. Patrick Kevin McConnell, BR, is an associate, tax and legal services, at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Matthew Meadows, L, joined Jones, Blechman, Woltz & Kelly in Newport News, Va., as a member of its litigation practice group. Laura Nazimek, AW, is a graduate student at Penn State. Eric Owen, BR, joined Virginia Asset Management Co. as a financial adviser. Alyson Rossi, L, joined Barber Martin Advertising as a media coordinator. Maria Katherine Smith, BW, is a project manager for Capital One. Nicholas Standick, BR, joined Matrix Capital Market's Group as an analyst. Cassie Kimbel Veach, BW, is special events coordinator and development specialist for the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Chicago. Donna Velveryton, C, joined Hohner Inc./HS as an information systems manager. She is responsible for managing daily data processing operations, coordinating new software installation and upgrading systems and service. She will also have a key role in evaluating and implementing future technologies for the company. She was owner of Global Technology Group Inc.


1999/Sarah Jan Greenworld, BW, and Christopher Nathan Thatch, Oct. 6, 2001. Included in the wedding party were Kristin Moyer Burleigh, Sarah Rogers Palmer and Molly Cage.

1999/Elizabeth Roop, AW, and Seven, JW'98. The couple lives in Middletown, Del.


1999/Amy, a daughter, Brennan Grace, April 21, 2001. She joins sister Maggy, 2.


1999/Kristin Knight Patterson, BW, and her husband, Shaun Herock, BW, and her husband, Todd, a daughter, Elizabeth, Sept. 14, 2001.

1999/Mia Mutascio Herock, BW, and her husband, Shaun Herock, BW, and her husband, Todd, a daughter, Elizabeth, Sept. 14, 2001.

1999/Michael Smith, BW, and his wife, Claudia Sgro Smith, BW, and her husband, John Smith, BW, and her husband, John, a son, Evan, Sept. 1, 2001.

1999/Patricia Ashley Wexler, BW, and her husband, Alex Stewart, BW, and her husband, Brandon, a daughter, Elise Ann, Aug. 27, 2001.


1999/Mindy Rettenw Byrne, BW, and her husband, Sean P. Byrne, AR'93, a daughter, Maggie Grace, Nov. 1, 2001.


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1999/Richmond Alumni Magazine
1954/Chad White, AR, and his wife, Melissa, a daughter, Anna Makenzie, Jan. 12, 2002.
1955/Stephen P. Schmidia, AR, and his wife, a son, Benjamin Aman.
1958/Amy Claffie McNamara, AW, and her husband, Kevin McNamara, AR ’93, a son, Luke Patrick, Feb. 11, 2002.

Deaths
1954/Margaret Fugate, W, of Richmond, Dec. 30, 2000. She was a member of Ginter Park Baptist Church and was a member of the Ginter Park Women’s Club and the Ginter Park Book Review Club.
1957/Temple Winston Broadus, BR, and Lacy, of Richmond, Aug. 30, 1999. He was a retired vice president of the Bank of Virginia and Franklin Federal Savings and Loan.
1957/Dorothy Virginia Knibb, W, of Arlington, Va., Jan. 17, 2002. A teacher in Fanwood, N.J., and Shanghai, China, she joined the U.S. Commerce Department in Washington as a researcher and writer. She later worked for the Air Force, evaluating petroleum refining capabilities of foreign countries. She finished her 28-year federal career in Washington with 17 years at the Agency for International Development, where she became an expert on petroleum lubricants.
1959/John C. Spencer, AR, of Buckingham, Va., Dec. 30, 2000. He was an educator, principal and coach in the Buckingham County school system and served as clerk of the Circuit Court of Buckingham County.
1959/Cliffon B. Cosby, W, of Alexandria, Va., Dec. 1, 2001. He was an electrical engineer for the family-owned Cosby Electric Co. He also taught and was assistant principal at Dumbarton School in Henrico County, Va., and was on the faculty of Marshall High School. He was assistant professor of biophysics and head of the research and teaching division, Baruch Center of Physical Medicine, Medical College of Virginia. He was listed in American Men of Science.
1961/Elizabeth W. Newcombe, W, of Knox, Maine, Jan. 4, 2001. She had been director of the English department of the Katherine Gibbs School.
1965/Thomas C. Crouch Jr., B and L’4, of Richmond, Jan. 6, 2002. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.
1965/John W. Dobson, W, and R, of Davie, N.C., Dec. 22, 1998. He was a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army and a member of the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame.
1965/Millaire Emil Beck Jr., B, of Richmond, Sept. 4, 2001. He was employed by Philip Morris Tobacco Co. in various executive positions for 43 years. He was in the U.S. Navy Reserve, serving as a navigator aboard the USS Gen. John R. Brook troop transport in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian theaters until obtaining the rank of commander.
1967/Molly Ross McCanell, L, of Marietta, Ga., April 10, 2000. She had worked as a tax consultant.
1967/Allan T. Davis Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fl., April 30, 1998. He was a dentist in general practice.
1968/Charles Herbert Davis, R, of Surry, Va., April 24, 1995. He retired after 30 years with the Virginia Department of Corrections.
1969/Fay Carpenter Kirchman, W, of Howard County, Md., Nov. 17, 2001. She taught math and French at Manassas High School and studied mechanical engineering at Johns Hopkins University. She was the first female aeronautical engineer hired by the Glenn L. Martin Co.
1969/Mary Lucy Willis Bareford, W, of Urbanna, Va., Jan. 6, 2002. She was a co-founder of Rappahannock Lumber Corp. of Saluda. She was a deacon of Urbanna Baptist Church and served as church organist and pianist for 35 years.
1969/James H. Barnes, R and L’52, of Richmond, Oct. 13, 1998. He served in the U.S. Army and served as a bombardier and radar observer on a B-17 Flying Fortress in Europe. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He taught Social Studies at the University of Richmond, was a court clerk and worked for the University of Chicago.
1969/Frederick W. Gantt, R, of Sandston, Va., Jan. 11, 2002. He was the first Spider to score more than 30 points in a basketball game and was a member of the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame. He retired from Dixie Container after 36 years of service.
1996/James E. Hubbard, R, of Richmond, Va., Jan. 15, 2002. He retired from Massachusetts Mutual in Baltimore and was also an income tax and charter life underwriting instructor at Johns Hopkins University. He served on the boards of the Baltimore Red Cross, the Florence Crittenten Home and the local alumni chapter of the University of Richmond.
1996/Joyce Eubank Todd, W, and G’57, of Goochland County, Va., Jan. 30, 2002. He was a retired superintendent of Buckingham County public schools and had served as assistant principal and principal in Hampton, Va. He was also a World War II veteran.
1996/W. Bailey Williamson, L, of Richmond, Dec. 14, 2001. He served in the Army Air Forces in the Pacific during World War II. He joined the ABC Board as an assistant secretary. Five months later he was appointed secretary, a job in which he gave legal and administrative assistance for 32 years to the three-member commission that oversees operations of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
1995/Thomas E. Coleman Jr., B, of Richmond, Jan. 24, 2002. He taught at Hermitage High School, was assistant principal and principal at Dumbarton Elementary School and principal of Douglas S. Freeman High School before becoming director of secondary education for Henrico County.
1995/Vivian Betts Lewis, W, of Richmond, Dec. 24, 2001. She taught at Monticello Secondary School in Henrico County and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church.

1952/Elmer J. Nochta, L, of Richmond, Oct. 12, 2001. He was a retired lawyer, pharmacist, teacher and musician. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II, served as an elder in his church and was a member of the ACCA Temple Million Dollar Band. He was awarded the Virginia State Bar, Senior Lawyers Section, Board of Governors Award, commemorating years of outstanding service.


1953/Willie Walker Whitlock, L, of Mineral, Va., Dec. 2, 2001. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with service in the Philippines. He established and operated a general insurance agency, a law practice and Lake Anna Land Corp. He was the first county attorney for Louisa County.

1954/Macon Day Banks, W, of Millbrae, Calif., Nov. 9, 1998. She had been a teacher and Instructional aide.


1954/Harold R. Sadler, R, Moore, N.C., Sept. 10, 2001. He served in the Army/Air Force and was stationed in Panama. He was an educator and historian, taught high school and was principal at an elementary school in North Carolina. He retired from Sandhills Community College as director of the human resources development program.

1955/Jay Van Clief Donohue, B, of Dallas, Va., July 15, 1994. He was a high school teacher.

1955/Mary Anne Logan Morgan, W, of Salem, Va., Sept. 17, 2001. She was employed for 35 years in the schools of Roanoke County and Salem. She received the Virginia Media Educator of the Year award for 1979 and the Meritorious Service Award in 1996 from the Virginia Media Education Association.

1956/Ruth Jackley Cranford, W, of Richmond, Sept. 10, 2001. She retired after serving as guidance counselor at Hermitage High School in Henrico County.

1956/Mary Lou Watson Lamb, W, of Radford, Va., Jan. 18, 2002. She retired as a senior social worker from Radford City Department of Social Services.
Auditors’ reports should be more like movie reviews

Financial accounting frauds at companies such as Xerox, Sunbeam, Waste Management and especially Enron have left government officials and thousands of angry investors asking, "Where were the auditors?"

Public accounting firms are responsible for ensuring the fairness of their clients’ financial statements. Auditors observe assets, test transactions, review accounting procedures and evaluate whether the financial statements comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The main flaw in the auditing system lies in the reporting process. After spending thousands of hours testing their clients’ financial statements, the only report auditors make to the public is a boilerplate, three-paragraph pronouncement that the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with GAAP. No distinction is made between companies that issue exemplary financial statements and those that barely meet reporting standards.

Compare audit reports to movie reviews. When Roger Ebert reviews a movie, he communicates his opinions using a “thumbs up” or a “thumbs down” telling people to see or avoid the movie; a rating scale to distinguish Oscar-caliber films (four stars) from the good (three), mediocre (two) and truly abysmal (one); and a brief narrative describing what he likes and dislikes about the film. Auditors, on the other hand, report no more than a “thumbs up” (unqualified opinion) to any set of financial statements meeting the minimum standards of GAAP.

If auditors adapted Ebert’s system to audit reports, investors would be able to evaluate each company’s earnings quality. A company whose financial statements reflected the economic substance of its transactions and included informative disclosures would earn three stars. One that structured transactions to avoid accounting requirements and refused to record “immaterial” adjustments would get two. Only those going beyond the minimum requirements of GAAP and making additional voluntary disclosures would earn four.

An accompanying narrative should give the auditor’s opinion of the client’s internal controls, risk management and accounting practices. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt suggested recently that auditors identify the three-to-five subjective accounting decisions most important to a company’s financial status, explain them clearly and concisely to investors, and describe how the statements would differ under alternative accounting treatments.

Auditors also should explain important accounting estimates and reveal the range of likely outcomes. They should discuss the business purpose of related party transactions and their effect on reported profits. Such a report would truly help investors and creditors understand a company’s finances.

Consider an analogy from education. Most professors assign grades on an “A” to “F” scale. A letter grade gives employers and graduate schools information about a student’s relative performance. Auditors, however, “grade” their clients on a pass-fail basis, making no distinction between companies that practice “A” financial reporting and those who deserve a “D-minus.”

The problem with pass-fail grading is that too many students — instead of striving to excel — perform the least amount of work necessary to pass. The same appears to occur in accounting with boilerplate audit reports. Companies compete to see who can disclose the least, manipulate the earnings the most and still earn a passing grade.

If a graduated rating scale of either type were adopted, would auditors cave in to their clients and give everyone four stars or an “A?” I am not convinced that would happen. Granted, some movie reviewers claim even the most witless film is “the funniest movie of the year.” Such reviewers are quoted frequently in advertisements for bad movies. But if Roger Ebert began giving every movie four stars, he would destroy his own credibility. People would stop heeding his reviews, and he would soon be unemployed.

I believe the same would happen to accounting firms that gave every client four stars and a glowing report. Audit reports are public information. It wouldn’t take long to figure out who the easy graders were. I believe that, in the long run, readers of financial statements would discount the opinions of lenient accounting firms, just as graduate schools discount grades from colleges with reputations for grade-inflation.

The auditors were probably not aware of all the accounting shenanigans at Xerox, Sunbeam, Waste Management and Enron, but they did know about certain aggressive accounting practices and uncorrected misstatements. Unfortunately, they had no means of communicating that to the public. Their reports simply said that the financial statements complied with GAAP and contained no material misstatements.

An audit report system that communicated accounting quality would better serve both client and public.
Alumni and friends gathered during Reunion Weekend to dedicate the University’s new Columbarium and Memorial Garden adjacent to Cannon Memorial Chapel.

The Columbarium, located on the east side of the chapel, offers a peaceful site where members of the University family may choose to have their cremated remains inurned. The Columbarium and Memorial Garden holds 3,000 niches, each of which can accommodate up to two urns, and a fountain flower garden, where ashes may be scattered.

Those eligible to make arrangements to use the Columbarium and Memorial Garden include Richmond alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and current students.

For more information about arrangements, contact the University chaplaincy at www.richmond.edu/chaplaincy/memorial or (804) 289-8500.

For more information about naming opportunities, call (800) 480-4774.

World Trade Center losses remembered

Family, friends and brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta came to the Gumenick Quadrangle in April to dedicate four marble benches around the fountain in memory of the Richmond alumni killed in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

The benches, a gift of the University, bear the names of David B. Brady, R'82; Thomas R. “TC” Clark, R’86; Michael B. Finnegan, R'86; and Donald T. Jones, R'84. Each man’s family also received a Freedom Flag, designed by Richmond businessman Richard Melito; and a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., arranged by William F. Doyle, R'86.

That same weekend, the Phi Delt's held an alumni gathering with a golf tournament and silent auction to raise funds for the trust funds of their fraternity brothers, Clark and Jones. Nearly 200 alumni and friends participated in the events, raising approximately $60,000. Organizing the weekend were Richmond-area brothers Gregg A. Bond, R'86; George N. "Chip" Harris Jr., R'84; Michael P. Kozak, R'80; Scott G. Landess, R'86; Joseph M. Lawrence, B'82; and Michael R. Nelligan, R'87.
Reunion Weekend 2002

Boatwright Society reception
Dr. Hugh Rankin, R'52; Isabel Sanford Rankin, W'52; Jean Love Hanson, W'51; Charles M. Hanson, R'52; Frances McIver Russell, W'52; and George Russell

25th Reunion for the Class of '77
Taylora Wetsel Dunford, W'77; Betsy Delt Crosby, B'77; Anne Larkin Poates, W'77; Pamela Watson Livesay, B'77; and Jane Carvil Chudoba, B'77

Class of '97
Kelly Nagle Pace, AW'97; Scott Forester, BR'97; Larry Hoffheimer, AR'97; Amy Silverstein, JW'97; Liz Blenk Kiniry, AW'97; and Kelly Spickard O'Brien, AW'97

Spring festivities
Accepted student reception
Welcoming accepted students and their parents in Cincinnati in April were Joel Sorger, B'87, with wife Kathy and son Jacob, on right. Among the guests were, from left, new student Brad Seligmann with his parents, Randy and Karen, and Melanie Liddle Healey, B'83.

Strawberry Hill Races
At the races in April, the theme was Elvis and the Richmond alumni tent, organized by the Young Grad Council, won the "Judges Choice" tailgate competition award. Meghan Reid Woodward, AW'98, created the theme decorations. Shown are Theresa Fagan, AW'97; Todd McDermott, BR'98; Ashleigh Gregg McDermott, BW'98; Sara Turpin; Eric Moore, BR'98; Bo Pisko, BR'98; and Jeanenne Fagan, AW'98.

Make connections
Register now for the benefits of UR Online, the new virtual community for University of Richmond alumni. See p. 40 for details.

www.uronline.net
Scholarship Recognition Dinner

The University's Board of Trustees hosted the third annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner in February at the Alcoa-Reynolds Building. The event brings together friends of the University who have made gifts to support scholarships funds, with the student recipients of the scholarships. To thank their scholarship donors or contacts, students sent 284 letters. More than 300 guests attended the dinner.

Scholarships established

In honor of Dean Richard Mateer

Stephen J. Kneeley, R'85 and a member of the Board of Associates, and his wife, Kathryn, established the Richard A. Mateer Scholarship this spring, to honor the example Mateer set for Richmond College students. It will be used to recruit an outstanding male chemistry student to the University.

At a retirement dinner in his honor in April, Mateer visits with Dean C.J. Gray, dean of administration emeritus, and President William E. Cooper.

In honor of Vice President for Advancement Chris Withers

Friends and colleagues have established a merit scholarship in honor of Chris Withers, for his three decades of service to the University. It will be used to recruit an outstanding student to Richmond.

For more information about scholarships, call 1-800-480-4774, ext 2.