WORLD Class

Graduates extend their reach around the globe
To the editor:

Karl Rhodes' article "Why the Bubble Burst," which appeared in the Winter 2003 issue was one of the best pieces I have ever read. His perception and report of the real world conditions leading to our current economic quagmire is right on target. I particularly enjoyed his employment of well-known movies (A Beautiful Mind and Wall Street) as vehicles highlighting relevant moral principles, because such movies serve as our modern-day parables.

Ethics is a murky area to most of us, and as it relates to business and greed, it will only be taken seriously and constructively when it is explained in a way that is understandable, practical and ultimately beneficial to the individual. Mr. Rhodes' article is a step in that direction.

Very truly yours,

Michael M. Martin, R'73
Richmond, Va.

To the editor:

I very much enjoyed the recent article [Winter 2003] on the Jepson School. As one who was involved "at the beginning," I was pleased to read about some of its current directions. I said way back when that it would be a 20-year experiment. The early returns are very good, though, and that is great.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Foley, ’97, hikes near waterfalls in Paraguay. Sharvari Dalal-Dheini, ’97, helps villagers make mud stoves in Benin.
Rodney A. Smolla, award-winning scholar on the law school faculty, is moving out of his office. But the University isn’t losing him. This summer, he will move around the corner to the dean’s suite. Smolla, the George Allen Professor of Law, will succeed John R. Pagan as dean of the T.C. Williams School of Law.

“The University of Richmond is a wonderful institution,” said Smolla, who indicated the dean’s hat fits nicely with all the others he has worn. “I have truly loved my life as a university professor and my life as a lawyer, and I am honored to have this chance to work with my colleagues across the campus to help provide our students — present and future — with educational opportunities as excellent as any in the nation.”

University President William E. Cooper praised Smolla as “clearly the right person to lead our law school to the next level.”

Smolla, who came to Richmond in 1998, has won numerous teaching and writing awards and is highly sought after as an expert on constitutional and mass media issues. He also has been in the media spotlight. He continues to represent clients — some involved in high-profile cases — and has appeared frequently before the country’s highest courts. In December, he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in a cross-burning case that made national headlines.

In August 2000, a television network produced a film, Deliberate Intent, based on Smolla’s successful representation of two Maryland families against the publisher of a “hit man” manual.

“Professor Smolla is recognized throughout the state and nation for his exceptional record of scholarship, teaching and practice in the legal field,” Cooper said. “He holds the respect and admiration of our faculty and of the legal profession.”

Smolla graduated first in his class from Duke University School of Law after earning a bachelor’s degree in American studies from Yale University. He served as law clerk to Judge Charles Clark of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Jackson, Miss. He then entered private legal practice with Mayer, Brown & Platt of Chicago.

Smolla donned the teaching cap in 1980 when he was appointed assistant professor by DePaul University College of Law. Subsequently, he taught law at Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas, Denver, Duke and William & Mary.

A prolific scholar, Smolla has written 11 books and more than 40 law review articles, law school casebooks and other publications. His book Free Speech in an Open Society won the William O. Douglas Award in 1992 as the year’s best monograph on freedom of expression.

In 2002, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia presented Smolla with its Outstanding Faculty Award for superior accomplishment in teaching, research and public service. Chair of the University’s faculty council, he has twice been selected by Richmond’s law graduates to deliver the faculty address at commencement.

When Smolla’s tenure as dean begins July 1, Pagan, who held the post for six years, will return to teaching.
Economic theory: From the laboratory to the lecture hall

When one thinks of economics, it is usually in the context of conference rooms and classrooms, not the laboratory.

But that's exactly where Nobel-prize winning economist Vernon Smith has taken it. And the George Mason University professor took his message to Jepson Alumni Center as the University's 2003 Thomas S. Berry Lecturer in Economic History.

In introducing Smith, Richmond economics professor Robert Graboyes said, "He brought experimentation to a field that thought it was immune from it."

The Nobel committee recognized Smith, co-recipient of the 2002 Prize, for "having established laboratory experiments as a tool in empirical economic analysis." Unlike natural scientists, economists traditionally have been unable to create their own experiments to test economic theories. Instead, they have had to work with the data the world gives them.

Erik Craft, also an economics professor at the University, said of Smith, "What he created was a whole new method. What is so influential [about the method] is that it shows you can achieve good results without meeting all of the theoretical criteria." Craft added that experimental economics now has become a standard in economics education.

Before 1956, when Smith completed his first experiment, economic theory assumed that markets are efficient only with a large number of buyers and sellers. Smith's experiments proved that markets can be efficient even with a very few participants.

Declaration raises environmental awareness

All University graduates will be environmentally responsible.

President William E. Cooper made that commitment when he signed the Talloires Declaration early this year. In putting his signature on the document, Cooper joined nearly 300 college presidents in more than 40 countries. The declaration, composed in 1990 at an international conference in Talloires, France, is a 10-point action plan involving environmental management throughout campus operations, research, outreach and teaching.

It is the first official statement by university administrators of a commitment to environmental sustainability in higher education. In addition to ensuring graduates are environmentally literate, the declaration calls upon universities to establish partnerships with primary and secondary schools. Such partnerships, which already are in the works at the University, are designed to help teachers become more adept at educating students about environmental issues.

Cooper signed the document before introducing the speaker at the first of a series of Urban Practice and Policy Forums. The title of the forums is The Soul of the City: Spirituality, Sustainability and the Arts. The series of lectures has explored this question: How and why must our cities change to make our lives more beautiful and rewarding?
Vera Sotirova, ’03, traveled to Prague in November to represent her home country in NATO proceedings. She joined 169 other delegates from 37 countries in grappling with a crisis involving a central Asian country. An anthrax bomb had been dropped in the capital, and sabotage of nuclear facilities was feared in several NATO member states.

Never mind that the circumstances were make-believe and the assembly’s decisions were non-binding. The experience was real and the lessons long lasting for Sotirova, a native of Bulgaria.

A student Quest II grant enabled her to attend the Prague Atlantic Student Summit (PASS) last November on the eve of the official Alliance summit. In addition to hearing from President George W. Bush and other world leaders, the PASS delegates — all undergraduate and graduate-level students — participated in a mock NATO session.

“We learned how decisions based on consensus are made after lengthy consultations,” said Sotirova, an international studies major. “This helped us appreciate the process and politics that lie in the heart of the North-Atlantic Alliance. Distinguished speakers talked about their countries’ positions and also gave us personal advice.”

Sotirova was selected by the Fund for American Studies, a nonprofit education organization. She was a part of the seven-member Bulgarian student delegation. One thrilling aspect of the trip, Sotirova said, was that the student delegation met with the official Bulgarian delegation at a reception given in the Bulgarian Embassy in Prague on the day that Bulgaria received an invitation to join NATO.

Using the Richmond Quest II theme as a unifying framework, Sotirova is working on a research paper called “Exploring Change in the North Atlantic Community: Expansion Considerations.” Specifically, she will examine two facets of NATO’s broadening reach — the desire for change and the inspiration for others to change.

Leadership studies professor Joanne B. Ciulla returned from a trip to South Africa in January just in time to receive an award closer to home. Ciulla was named one of 10 outstanding faculty members by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Gov. Mark Warner handed her a plaque and a check for $2,500 at the State Capitol.

Ciulla, professor of leadership studies and holder of the Coston Family Chair in Leadership and Ethics, thought the award couldn’t have come at a better time. One of the founding faculty members of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, she is enjoying the 10th anniversary this year of the school’s founding.

Ciulla had been in South Africa attending a meeting of the Desmond Tutu Peace Trust, on whose board she sits. In fact, she travels a great deal. From 1999 to 2001, she was holder of the first UNESCO Chair in Leadership Studies for the United Nations International Leadership Academy in Amman, Jordan. During the last academic year, she was a visiting lecturer at Harvard University. This semester, she is making a speech on “Exploring American Ideals” before the Aurora Forum at Stanford University.

Kenneth P. Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School, agreed that Ciulla’s selection was not only on time, but on the mark: “As much as anyone, Professor Ciulla is responsible for the Jepson School’s emphasis on ethical and principled leadership — an emphasis that defines the school’s distinctive mission.”

Ciulla also chairs the curriculum committee for Jepson’s new executive master’s in leadership program, which begins later this year.

Before joining Richmond, Ciulla was senior fellow at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, where she taught business ethics.

Ciulla’s most recent books are the forthcoming Honest Work: A Business Ethics Reader and The Ethics of Leadership, which came out last year.

Former student Jennifer L. Vest said in support of Ciulla’s nomination: “Her courses on ethics, critical thinking and negotiation were among the very best I took...Her approaches to the subject matter were always innovative and placed students at the center of the learning process.” Maia Carter, another former student, said, “I cannot reiterate the extent of [Ciulla’s] past and continued impact on my life as a scholar, a woman, a leader and a world citizen.”

—RANDY FITZGERALD
Richmond establishes South American presence

University of Richmond classes will soon be held in South America. Beginning in May, The Management Institute of the Robins School of Business will fly faculty members to Brazil to teach its trademarked Mini-MBA program to business executives.

Faculty from the business school will travel to Brazil to teach most of the classes in the semester-length program. The Brazilian students will travel to Richmond for the last module, which will include meetings with state economic development officials, site and corporate visits to Washington and New York, and a graduation ceremony.

The Mini-MBA program was developed by The Management Institute and is the only one of its kind in the United States. Mirta Martin, institute director, sees the program creating an opportunity for new business activity between the Richmond metro area and Brazil, two markets currently without frequent economic contact.

The institute is partnering with TDC, Brazil’s largest executive education company. Already working with Harvard and the University of California at Berkeley, TDC sought proposals for a third American university partner last year, eventually choosing Richmond over other national universities with highly ranked business schools.

“TDC will look after our Brazilian operations, and The Management Institute will provide the award-winning faculty of the Robins School,” Martin said.

She said that providing companies with on-site expertise is a good example of how executive education is changing with the times. “We are extending the bricks and mortar of the University of Richmond to national and international sites. We are crafting a strategy different from any other university’s.”

The institute plans to add project management classes and certificate programs in leadership and strategic management to its course offerings in Brazil.

With the initial Mini-MBA class, Robins School faculty will make the 13-hour flight to Sao Paulo on Fridays, then teach all day the following Mondays and Tuesdays, covering up to four units normally covered in four Monday evenings at the Richmond campus.

Martin hopes to arrange visits for the Brazilian executives to interested central Virginia businesses “to observe their best practices in operation.” She expects the contacts to result in new international business relations for local firms, large and small.

She also thinks the visiting executives will want their children to attend Richmond after they see the high quality of instruction and student life at the campus.

The Management Institute began offering the Mini-MBA program on campus last September. It also provides a wide variety of executive education programs and customized on-site programs for companies throughout Virginia, the United States and abroad.

— Linda Evans

Big bucks go to Big Bang research

Philip D. Rubin, associate professor of physics, and eight undergraduate students will conduct research into some of the fundamental questions about the universe this summer, thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The three-year $138,099 grant will enable Rubin and his students to continue their investigations into the behavior of the universe during the first few fractions of a second after the Big Bang. The research is an attempt “to explain the structure of the universe on the submicroscopic level,” Rubin said, and “to try to discover subtle exceptions to the general rules in nature.”

Rubin will collaborate with scientists at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News and CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, in Switzerland and elsewhere.

The NSF grant for Rubin’s project, “Research in Undergraduate Institutions: Rare Decay Studies at the University of Richmond,” includes support for summer research over the course of the grant. Also included is support for equipment, supplies and travel.

— Randy Fitzgerald
Business professor elected to national board

University of Richmond's Robins School of Business professor R. Duane Ireland has been elected to the board of governors of the Academy of Management. Ireland, holder of the W. David Robbins Chair in Strategic Management, was elected to a three-year term. The academy has more than 12,000 members from 84 countries.

Ireland also is a member of the editorial review boards for the Journal of Management and Journal of Leadership & Organizational Studies.

His book Strategic Entrepreneurship: Creating a New Mindset is being translated into Chinese, and his book Strategic Management: Competitiveness and Globalization has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Indonesian, among other languages.

Ireland delivered the keynote address, "Corporate Entrepreneurship Strategy: Its Antecedents, Architecture and Consequences," during the British Academy of Management meeting held in London in September.

Debate team takes a leap

The Richmond debate team is doing something past debate teams have done only a few times in the last 95 years — compete on a national level.

"We have had a team since at least 1908," said Kevin Kuswa, director of debate, "but the team has been to the national tournament only three times in its history: twice in the 1960s and once in the 1970s." In the recent past, Richmond has maintained a small team that was competitive at local and regional tournaments. "The Richmond program had not been competing on a national level and had not qualified teams to the National Debate Tournament," explained Kuswa, who came to the University in 2001 to help the team make the leap to the national level.

Richmond now routinely debates such schools as Navy and Wake Forest and Catholic universities, and Kuswa plans to add Harvard and Northwestern universities to the schedule.

Current debaters, who make up eight teams, compete on novice, junior varsity and varsity levels, with one junior varsity team ranked in the top 20 of more than 200 teams nationwide.

Richmond competes in about 15 tournaments a year and hosts the annual Jay Weinberg Autumn Classic each October. "We have been asked to host the American Debate Association's national tournament next spring," said Kuswa, who coached two national championship teams prior to coming to Richmond.

Jepson school begins master's program

At a time of upheaval in the country's most trusted institutions of government, business and religion, the University's Jepson School of Leadership Studies will begin offering this fall an innovative approach to leadership for mid- to senior-level career executives. The 18-month master's program is designed for working professionals interested in expanding their intellectual capacity as leaders.

The program focuses on developing a broad perspective about the world, the analytical ability to create strategies for dealing with change and a comprehension of leadership as a human experience in which strong relationships and ethics are essential.

"Just like the Jepson undergraduate program, this program is distinctive," said executive director Carmen F. Foster. The few leadership-oriented graduate programs available are usually attached to education or business schools as a supplement to the curriculum. The Jepson program was "designed with input from working professionals, who told us they want a significant and engaging intellectual experience that includes time for reflection and meaningful conversation with faculty and peers."

The 33-credit program, which will meet on rotating weekends, will include "leadership learning labs" featuring prominent speakers and
Exam results raise the bar

Graduates of the University of Richmond School of Law who took the Virginia bar exam last July succeeded at a significantly higher rate than test takers statewide. Richmond's pass rate was 80 percent compared with the overall success rate of 70 percent. The 10 percent margin is the largest since 1983, when Richmond students beat the overall rate by 13.3 percent.

First-time test takers from Richmond also scored a noteworthy success. The statewide rate for first-timers who received their degrees from ABA-accredited law schools was 77 percent. Richmond's rate was 86.4 percent. This 9.4 percent margin was the second greatest for the law school's graduates since 1983 when it was 11 percent. The first-time pass rate for the top three quarters of the graduating class was a near-perfect 97.4 percent.

Dean John R. Pagan gives much of the credit to the law school's new Academic Success Program, which is directed by Emmeline Paulette Reeves. This voluntary program is designed to enhance students' academic skills while preparing them for the bar examination. It includes seminars and one-on-one tutorials.

"Virginia has one of the most competitive markets for legal education in the nation, and it is gratifying indeed to see our students thrive in this environment," Pagan said.

— Linda Evans

Math students win national awards

University students won two of eight awards at a national mathematics conference.

Ed Kennedy Jr. of Killington, Vt., and Brian Wyman of Neptune City, N.J., both juniors, were winners in the student competition at the 2002 meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in Burlington, Vt.

Kennedy presented his findings from a project involving construction of partial difference sets. Wyman talked about his project that developed computational and analytical methods to devise strategies for a game of sticks.

Pi Mu Epsilon, the honorary national mathematics society, sponsored the competition.

Professor will conduct research Down Under

Marshall A. Geiger, professor of accounting in the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, has been named an honorary professor on the faculty of business and law at Deakin University in Australia.

Geiger will work with faculty at Deakin on research projects and conduct seminars on increasing research productivity. His two-year appointment will enable him to visit Australia during the summer when Deakin is in session and Richmond is not.

Geiger is an editor/reviewer for several academic journals, including Accounting Horizons, Advances in Accounting and Issues in Accounting Education.

He is author of the book Setting the Standard for the New Auditor's Report: An Analysis of Attempts to Influence the Auditing Standards Board and numerous scholarly articles on auditing and accounting education.
Second shot at life influences coach’s approach

It's practice time for the University of Richmond women's basketball team, and the players congregate on the hardwood as they prepare to scrimmage. Sweat plasters their blue and white jerseys as they execute their orders. Cut. Move. Attack pressure. Value the ball. The usual coach-speak.

But Richmond’s new women's basketball coach defies the usual. Joanne Boyle, who came on board last summer, brought with her nine years of experience with Duke University’s championship Lady Blue Devils and nearly nine months of personal experience with a life-threatening and life-changing medical crisis.

Boyle, 38, has imbued her squad members with a different outlook on basketball and a desire to direct their own destiny. That's because this coach appreciates second chances.

In late November 2001, Boyle took her customary run around the Duke trails, showered and was drying her hair in the team's locker room. Suddenly she felt a sharp pain, like “a knife going through my head;” Boyle said. What is going on? she wondered. Next thing she knew, she was in the hospital. Doctors diagnosed an ateriovenous malformation (AVM), a capillary deficiency in which the flow of blood from the arteries to the veins causes a bursting of the blood vessels, on the left side of her cerebellum.

Boyle underwent lifesaving surgery on Dec. 8, 2001. Doctors cut three inches into her skull and inserted a plate, a procedure that relieved the pressure on her brain. Though she still suffers from a slight break in her speech and some weakness on her left side, Boyle feels fortunate.

"People say, 'I can't believe you went through that;'' she said. "Honestly, I think: ‘Thank God I went through that.' It changed everything about my life. It changed what's important to me. It really helped me be a better coach in terms of patience, listening and understanding.'

Boyle's approach and coaching style have fired up the team. "We're playing with a whole new intensity this year, and more than any other year, we're taking the lead from [the coach]," said senior guard Elise Ryder. "She won't settle for us being 'average.' She won't let us be content."

Boyle has been instrumental in nurturing the careers of senior center Ebony Tanner and sophomore forward Kate Flavin, the only squad members to rank in the Atlantic 10 top five in both scoring and rebounding early in the season.

"I think some of [Richmond's] kids are playing above the level they did in the past," Boyle said. "I'm getting more out of them, and they are seeing more about themselves than I could have possibly imagined in my first year."

Her early successes are no surprise to Duke head coach Gail Goestenkors.

"Anyone who meets Joanne knows that she is very genuine," her former boss said. "If you talk to her for five minutes, you know that she is someone you can trust." Parents of players feel comfortable leaving their daughters under Boyle's tutelage, she added. "She has a tremendous work ethic, passion and love for the game and goes out of her way to help others. She's got the total package."

Boyle often uses motivational messages to inspire her team. For a recent game, she wrote this message on the locker-room white board: "Your big opportunity may be where you are now."

— ANDREW BLAIR

Register to Run

Reconnect with Richmond, get exercise and raise money for a worthy cause. You can do all three simultaneously by participating in the annual “Run for Shelter” 5K race sponsored by the University's Habitat for Humanity chapter. The run, which will follow a course through the woods surrounding the campus and around Westhampton Lake, will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2003. The run starts at 9 a.m. with race-day registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the soccer field. The registration fee is $16.00. The race will kick off the Merriewood Miracle Project, a weeklong student-initiated building blitz that includes building a Habitat home and a playground as well as landscaping and making interior improvements at Bellwood and Bensley elementary schools. Pre-registration and other information is available at nsingh@richmond.edu.
Dr. R. Wayne Major, professor of physics emeritus, died Feb. 7. He was 65 and lived in Henrico County.

Dr. Major, who retired in 2000 after 32 years on the Richmond faculty, was principal or co-principal investigator on seven major research grants during his career. The grants totaled about $1 million.

His primary area of research was experimental condensed-matter physics, and he wrote extensively on the subject. During a sabbatical and for two summers, Dr. Major served as a visiting scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. In his latter years at the University, he focused on nuclear physics. He was responsible for the design and construction of a drift chamber gas system at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, in writing about his work there, Dr. Major reported that Richmond students and faculty participated in experiments leading to "deeper levels of understanding of the structure of the nucleus, and therefore of the core of the physical universe."

Dr. Major was the first to occupy the Robert Edward and Lena Frazier Loving Professorship in Physics, and he also earned the distinction of being the first physics faculty member to involve undergraduate students in funded, published research. "He thought it was a shame to learn something and not be able to teach somebody else," his wife, Helen Ann Smith Major, told a reporter shortly after her husband's death. "He was always mentoring students."

Dr. Major was a former officer in the Virginia Academy of Science and a member of numerous professional groups, including the American Association of Physics Teachers. A Newark, Ohio, native, he graduated with honors from Denison University and went on to earn a master's degree from Iowa State University. He taught at Denison and The Citadel.

After earning his doctorate in physics from Virginia Tech in 1966, Dr. Major joined the Richmond faculty as an instructor and became a professor in 1974.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son and a daughter.
WORLD CLASS:
Graduates Extend Their Reach Around the Globe

Richmond has alumni in 73 foreign countries

Articles by Bill Lohmann, R’79
Myron T. Mann grew up in a small Virginia town in the 1960s. At the time, it seemed like a pretty big step to travel halfway across the state to attend the University of Richmond.

Now, he lives halfway around the world.

Home these days for Mann, R'71, is Sydney, Australia, where he works as CEO of Lewis Mann Holdings PTY Ltd., a mergers and acquisitions firm specializing in the textile industry, with clients worldwide.

A changing global business climate led him to Australia a decade ago, but he's stayed for different reasons.

Mann is among a growing number of University alumni who have fanned out around the world, seeking business opportunity or heeding a call of service for organizations such as the Peace Corps. (See accompanying article, page 14.) For many of them, experiences in college broadened their world view, sparked an interest in working overseas and steered them on a path they may never have imagined taking.

They are not only seeing the world, but discovering how the world sees Americans. As technology, transportation and business demands shrink the globe, as the threat of terrorism reigns and as the drumbeat of war sounds a steady refrain, Americans find themselves in the awkward position of being both respected and reviled. According to many Richmond alumni abroad, Americans have much to offer but also much to learn.

For Mann, who grew up in Altavista and now holds dual American and Australian citizenships, "it all started as a three-year deal with no real thoughts of living in Australia forever."

"As opportunities have presented themselves, it has become home, and I have to say that Sydney is the best city in the world. It offers all of the lifestyle of a big city but still feels like a small town," said Mann, who lives in Sydney with his wife Victoria Lewis, managing director of Kids @ Home, a textile company; and their two young daughters. Mann also has a son, who is a freshman at the College of Charleston.

After graduating with a degree in chemistry — Mann participated in an experimental program that combined chemistry and business — he went to work for Burlington Industries as a management trainee, spending more than 15 years and ascending to vice president of marketing for the company in New York.

In 1992, Textile Industries Australia Ltd., the largest textile company in Australia with worldwide sales and operations, recruited Mann. He went overseas because he could see the pinch on the U.S. textile industry by retailers who were using cheaper overseas labor in order to lower prices. He wanted to work for a worldwide company without having to relocate to a developing country, and Australia was perfect. It also gave him easy access to Asia, which had emerged as a manufacturing hot spot in the global textile industry.

Mann headed one of TIA's divisions, then took over as CEO of TIA's worldwide business. In 1996, TIA sold its largest division, Sheridan — the household textile division — and Mann went with the company as its chairman and CEO. Eventually, after leading a management buyout, he "retired" to form Lewis Mann Holdings and its subsidiary, Pacific Textile Traders, which matches textile manufacturers and retailers around the world.

"Part of the benefits of my job in the past and my own business today is the amount of travel I do," Mann said during an e-mail interview conducted between jaunts to Germany and China. "The glamour wore off a long time ago, but still the interaction with people all over the world provides an understanding of world politics, trade, sports and how people react to other countries' policies."

Mann said he has found many people around the world do not like "the aggressive and arrogant nature of the USA." He said America is seen by some "as a bully that relies on its military strength to get its way as opposed to listening, understanding and negotiating a win-win for all."

"Creating a sense of a global village would encourage a better understanding of world issues"

Myron T. Mann
Too often, Mann said, Americans visit other countries and expect them “to change to the way they do things instead of taking the time to understand the people, their culture and their perspective on issues. In all my travels, I have always tried to adapt to the country I am visiting instead of trying to get them to change to my way of living. This has proven successful in negotiating contracts, buying businesses and, more importantly, establishing lifelong relationships based on trust.

“My personal opinion is that America should spend more time listening than telling,” he said.

From his experience, Mann said universities can prepare students for a wider world view by offering international studies and encouraging overseas study. “Creating a sense of a global village would encourage a better understanding of world issues,” he said.

Melanie P. Healey, B’83, grew up in a global village. Her father is from England, her mother from Chile and Healey grew up in Brazil. In Rio de Janeiro, she attended British, Brazilian and American schools. She arrived in the United States for the first time five days before she entered the University.

It was a culture shock, but her life has been one culture shock after another, which, she said, is a good thing.

“Global business requires the ability to adapt quickly to different circumstances and cultures,” said Healey, who has worked in four countries and now lives in Cincinnati, where she is vice president and general manager of Procter & Gamble North America’s feminine care division.

“Get out of your comfort zones and learn how to interact with people from all cultures,” Healey said. “The world is an increasingly smaller place and those who can learn to adapt and thrive will enjoy life more and be able to contribute more to this global society.”

She, too, sees America’s international reputation as a mixed bag but views that diversity of opinion as an opportunity.

“This is a country with so much to offer, so much to give and also so much to lose,” she said, adding the United States would benefit from better external communication. “In today’s globalized world, policy — whether it’s foreign policy or business policy — needs to be, before anything else, consistent and clear.

“Our reputation as a company or a country is earned by our conduct: what we say, what we do, the products we make and the way we act and treat others.”

Having an appreciation for other countries and cultures comes naturally in Healey’s household. Her husband, a classmate in high school, lived in five countries by the time he was 25. Their children, ages 9 and 7, have lived in four countries and speak three languages. Healey believes there’s great advantage in growing up adaptable, a lesson that readily translates for students with an eye for an international career or merely a clearer world view.

“My advice to others is to fill your lives with as many diverse and positive cultural experiences as you can,” Healey said.

That sort of advice is already being heeded at the University where, for example, 42 percent of the class of 2002 studied abroad, said Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education.

“There is no doubt that living and studying abroad during one’s undergraduate years increases the comfort level, the preparation and the appetite for living and working abroad,” Gabara said.

The advantage of students studying abroad extends to the University itself. Well-traveled students add a great deal to classes when they return, and as representatives of the University, they serve as recruiting tools in attracting an ever-increasing number of international students to campus.

Alumni can be recruiters, too. Bulgarian native Vera Sotirova, ‘03, owes her Richmond experience to an alumnus of the University who was looking into business opportunities in Bulgaria.
“He was extremely positive about the school and encouraged me to apply,” Sotirova said. Her worldview has become even broader during her four years here. An international studies major with a concentration in international economics, Sotirova spent a year studying at the London School of Economics and interned last summer at Goldman Sachs in London. When she graduates, she will return there to take a full-time job with Goldman Sachs.

Brett Wigdortz, ’95, is already in London. A double-major in international studies and economics, he is chief executive officer of Teach First, a new program modeled after Teach for America. A Peace Corps-like program, Teach First is seeking top graduates from British colleges and universities who will commit to teach two years in London’s most challenging schools. The first recruits will head to the classroom next fall.

“It’s been the most exciting year of my life,” said Wigdortz, who helped come up with the idea for Teach First while working for McKinsey & Company, a worldwide management consultant firm, and then signed on to head up the new project. In rallying support for Teach First, Wigdortz has been moving among the educational, political and corporate elite of Great Britain. One recent week, he visited Canterbury Christ Church University College. A few days later, he knocked on the door at No. 10 Downing Street. Prime Minister Tony Blair is a big supporter.

Wigdortz grew up in New Jersey and had not traveled much before arriving at Richmond. But as a sophomore, he served as an R.A. at the International House, where many international students live, and that whetted his appetite for foreign travel.

“That had a huge impact on me,” he said. “That was really the first time I met people from all over the world … and learned how people think about things differently and come at problems in different ways.”

He spent his junior year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Before arriving in London, he earned his master’s in economics at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii and worked for a time at the Asia Society in New York, before joining McKinsey & Company in its Jakarta office and doing some work in Singapore and Manila.

“This wasn’t my career plan at all,” Wigdortz said of his current position. “It’s much different from what I expected to be doing. But this was just really interesting and very exciting.”

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Suzanne Salter, W’90, always had an eye for France, which is where she finds herself now, working in Paris for BNP Paribas, a financial services company. She is head of sales and marketing for structured investments in the Mediterranean Rim and also for supranational institutions, such as the United Nations and the Vatican. Her passion is working with Room to Read, a non-profit organization building schools in Nepal and Vietnam.

“The best preparation I had was actually spending my junior year in France,” said Salter, who majored in French and international studies. “I think we’d be fooling ourselves to say that a classroom can teach you about how to live abroad. Like cooking, the only way to learn is to roll up your sleeves and get in the kitchen!”

Institutionally, the University is taking the same hands-on approach, becoming engaged in a number of international initiatives such as The Management Institute’s recent alliance with the largest executive education company in Brazil. Under the agreement, faculty from the Robins School of Business will travel to Brazil to teach management and executive education courses to Brazilian executives.

“The University of Richmond’s star continues to rise at home and in every location our students and alumni touch,” said President William E. Cooper. “The internationalization of our university continues at a brisk pace, with more current students spending time abroad, with new programs designed for international markets and with more alumni making substantial contributions throughout the world.”
Heeding the Call to Help Abroad

They go for a variety of reasons: in search of adventure, to immerse themselves in another culture or simply to delay the inevitable entry into graduate school or the workaday world.

Ultimately, though, they all go for the same reason: to help people.

There are easier ways to see the world than joining the Peace Corps, but, according to those who have done just that, none are likely to be more rewarding.

"The Peace Corps has shaped my career," said Matthew Volz, '95, who taught English to high school students in Lithuania. He later worked as a public information officer for an aid organization in Kosovo and now is a reporter for The Associated Press in Mississippi with plans to become an overseas correspondent.

"It was a tremendous learning experience," said Christa Donohue, '96, who worked as a small business adviser in Jamaica and now has a similar job as assistant director of a non-profit small business development center in Loudoun County, Va.

"Peace Corps has been the most transformational experience of my life," said Sharvari Dalal-Dheini, '97, who spent nearly three years in the West African nation of Benin working in community development and is now pursuing graduate degrees in law and international affairs. "It challenged me to look at life through different lenses."

"I think the Peace Corps offered the opportunity to really gain a first-hand perspective on the way the rest of the world lives," said Christopher Foley, '97, who helped a farming community in Paraguay resurrect a rural cooperative and is now pursuing a doctoral degree in resource development. "It certainly opened my eyes and really changed the way I think and feel about nearly everything."
Volz, Donohue, Dalal-Dheini and Foley are among 91 University alumni — including 11 currently working overseas — who have served in the Peace Corps since its inception. In the mid-Atlantic region, the University ranks 19th among all schools and second among those with 5,000 or fewer students for the number of Peace Corps volunteers currently serving, said Sara Johnston, a spokeswoman for the organization’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Office in Washington, D.C.

“The University of Richmond has a strong history with the Peace Corps,” Johnston said.

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by Congress to “promote world peace and friendship” by sending volunteers to serve for two years in countries around the world.

The experiences of Peace Corps volunteers are as varied as the countries they serve, but all seem to share certain commonalities. Everyone volunteer interviewed by Richmond Alumni Magazine spoke of the perspective gained during his or her time in the Peace Corps, and all recounted the joy of getting to know and helping people from other cultures.

And each noted the challenge of dispelling myths about Americans — rich, arrogant and oversexed — fueled largely by internal distribution of American movies, music and television soap operas.

“The only version Moroccans get of America is [President] Bush and his rhetoric, with ‘The Bold and The Beautiful’ and Christina Aguilera’s ‘Dirty’ music video,” said Fiona Mason, ’02, currently serving as a youth development volunteer in Morocco, where she teaches English and aerobics, studies Arabic and washes her clothes by hand. “They see this very skewed version of America.”

In terms of U.S. entertainment that makes its way overseas, America “should be concerned about what types of values we are exporting, such as violence, promiscuous sex and drug use,” said Ben Alonso, ’02, who works in Honduras as a Peace Corps volunteer with an organization trying to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Shavvari Dalal-Dheini, '97, doing baby weigh-ins at the Social Center in Ouassa-Pehunco, Benin

“Once, while [I was] giving a class on HIV/AIDS prevention, a high school student told me he believed Americans just had sex all the time with multiple partners,” Alonso said. “To his disappointment, I informed him that was not quite the case.”

Female volunteers in certain cultures face near constant harassment from men. Usually, though, the cultural differences are far more benign and require patience and tolerance rather than legal action.

“The greatest challenge is to learn to let go of one's American ways, thoughts and beliefs and accept that people do things other ways that are just as good or better,” said Dalal-Dheini, who grew up in Maryland. The daughter of parents who emigrated from India, she majored in international studies and minored in French and women’s studies.

Some alumni, such as Mason, who attended 10 different schools stateside and abroad before college, knew from an early age they wanted to volunteer for the Peace Corps. Others, such as Donohue, who grew up in St. Louis thinking trips to Joplin, Mo., for sporting events represented exotic travel, had not given a thought to the Peace Corps or even seeing the world when they arrived in Richmond. A member of the Bonner Scholars program, which awards scholarship money in exchange for volunteer work, Donohue carried that spirit to England during her junior year, helping out in a shelter for troubled youth. The experience was a natural steppingstone to the Peace Corps.

International studies, world history and community service provide excellent preparation for the Peace Corps, volunteers said. Learning a language (or two) is also crucial, in terms of impressing those being served and for merely getting along in a host country.

“Simply buying bread in a local grocery can be tough if you don't know how to roll your r's,” said Volz, who grew up in a small town outside New Orleans and majored in international studies with minors in anthropology and Russian language and literature.

Said Mason, “Americans need to realize the world is so much bigger than ourselves.”

That’s a lesson not lost on Peace Corps alumni.

Debbie Curley, W'92, worked in Cameroon on community development projects ranging from nutrition to crop pesticides to construction of a health center. She will never forget how generous and welcoming the people were. “In the town of 17,000 where I lived, I think I could almost have knocked on any door and been invited in for dinner,” she said.

“I made $300 a month — as much as the highest-paid official in the town — and this was plenty of money for one person to live,” said Curley, who now is director of development for the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. “My Cameroonian counterpart made half that to cover expenses for his wife and three children. Upon leaving the bank one day, a stranger asked him for $20 so that he could have money to travel home. Without even thinking, he handed the man $20. When I asked why he did that, he said that the man needed it and that one day someone would help him when he needed it.”

Added Curley, “I can say for certain I learned more in Cameroon than I taught.”

It is a feeling that never goes away.

Susan Kirchofer Eagan, ’93, worked in accounting after graduation but left after two years to join the Peace Corps and teach high school economics in Samoa. She loved it. She is back working in the corporate world at Unilever Bestfoods in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., but she often ponders a return to teaching and helping.

“I guess once you do something worthwhile,” she said, “it’s hard to go back to sitting in a cube all day.”

*Bill Lohmann is a feature writer for The Richmond Times-Dispatch.*
His classmates were hauling in refrigerators and trunks full of clothes. But when Joel Erb, '06, moved into his dorm room, he brought a business. Erb, an Internet entrepreneur since the age of 15, is running Richmond-based Inet Network Inc., while also juggling a 16-hour course load, hanging out with new friends and grabbing a bite at the dining hall.

Erb is one of about 800 members of an exclusive club — the University of Richmond's freshman class. As the criteria for admission continue to rise, the membership is becoming more multifaceted.

Nearly 6,000 applicants vied for admission to the Class of 2006 — the second highest number of applicants in the University's history. Only 2,400 were accepted, and a third of those enrolled.

In addition to Erb, the enrollees included 23 National Merit finalists, 43 valedictorians or salutatorians, five winners of the prestigious Bausch & Lomb Science Award, two published poets, an award-winning musician, a world-class equestrienne, an inventor, and national karate and kayaking champions.

"We're very fortunate to have an applicant pool that is exceptionally gifted academically," said Richmond's director of admissions, Christopher J. Gruber. "So, we're looking for what else it is that they're going to bring."

He said the University is seeing a broader range of activities among applicants, many of whom display an entrepreneurial spirit. From Gruber's perspective, "some of these kids are making decisions at an early age knowing that they're going to make something happen."

Erb already has. What he brought with him was a five-year-old Web design and consulting company that has more than 100 clients worldwide, employs a dozen people and annually generates $2 million plus.

While a freshman at Lloyd C. Bird High School in Chesterfield County, Erb distanced himself from the boredom that can come with high school and blended his high-tech and art interests to begin his company. These days, he has to keep his cell phone on vibration.
and often has to take a call during class to attend to details of his growing business. “My hours are starting to get longer,” said Erb, who each day mixes about three hours of studying for classes with four hours’ work for his real-life job. Business is “starting to increase — Inet is booked for the next six months. We’re having to turn away clients that we don’t want to turn away.”

Initially, Erb called on the likes of name-brand retail companies in New York like Hugo Boss, Tommy Hilfiger and Armani.

“I always set my goals higher than they really should be,” he said.

In fact, Erb had never left Richmond when he called on some of those Big Apple businesses out of the blue, telling them he would be in town to discuss new concepts for their Web sites. Although skeptical of dealing with a teenager, the companies were impressed, and he continues to consult with them.

The Richmond business community is also noticing Erb’s company. In 2001, he won a rising-star award from the Greater Richmond Technology Council.

Even though he missed much of his childhood and took his last two years of high school through the Internet, Erb would do it again.

“Granted, I wish I was with my friends,” said Erb, who was attracted to Richmond’s business school and studies business administration with a focus on marketing. “But now that I’m in college, I’m getting that. And I have a company that if I did not spend the time growing it in high school, I wouldn’t be as successful as I am today.”

The something else that Meredith Baker brought to Richmond was her own line of lipsticks.

Baker came to Richmond from Hopatcong, N.J, with a lipstick already approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Needless to say, she has been a hit with some of her dorm mates.

“I’m the girl on move-in day whose make-up case is chest-high with drawers,” said Baker, jokingly.

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Baker said she used the lipstick experience as practice and possibly a way to get into the cosmetics industry. And, she’d like to use her chemistry major and studio arts minor after she leaves Richmond, which she chose in part because freshmen are allowed to work in research labs with professors — not the case at many colleges.

What Nick DeVita brought with him to the University was a number — a provisional U.S. patent number. He parlayed a seventh-grade science project into a potential business opportunity. On his admission application, he is a chemist with his own business and cosmetic formulas, went into their home research lab and concocted about a dozen colors of the oil-based make-up.

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described his invention: a type of easy-access bandages. The description left an impression. At an orientation session for entering freshmen and their parents, President William E. Cooper singled out DeVita. Not by name, but by accomplishment.

When Cooper said the freshman class included a young man with a patent, both DeVita and his parents were stunned. "They actually read my application," DeVita said. "That meant a lot.”

DeVita, who plans to major in business, is looking forward to his marketing courses. He hopes to figure out a way to get his invention on store shelves. The concept is simple, he said, "but it could lead to big things.”

The inspiration came from his dad, who was always accidentally cutting himself. "It was a big ordeal [to open the Band-Aids] when there was a bleeding mess." DeVita’s idea was to put the bandages on a dispenser, like a roll of tape.

When he presented the prototype in his seventh-grade classroom, "the teacher loved it," DeVita said. "I’ll never forget what he said — ‘When you become a millionaire, remember who assigned this project.’”

Adelaide Moncrief of Fort Worth, Texas, would love to have brought her passion with her to campus. But Emily, the horse she owns, is at home. And college has taken center ring.

“1 don’t get time to ride,” Moncrief said. When she does, she can claim she’s the best.

Last summer, riding a horse named Mac, she kept winning in preliminary rounds and qualified for the American Quarter Horse World Show in jumping. There, she beat out nine other qualifiers for the championship. With the title comes a training grant to ride with an Olympic equestrienne, which she has not yet had the opportunity to do.

"It was the greatest dream," Moncrief said. "It was the most exciting thing ever.”

Moncrief has been riding horses since age 5 and competing regularly since age 11. While riding has not mixed well with the rigors and responsibilities of university life, she did fly to one horse show over fall break and got a chance to ride Emily over winter break.
"I don’t think I could ever eliminate it from my life," said Moncrief, who is majoring in psychology. "It’s such an important part of my life."

In fact, Moncrief will get back in the saddle much more often after she concludes her freshman year. She plans to defend her world title.

Another world champion in the freshman class will not get that opportunity.

"I don’t have a chance to defend my title because I didn’t go to trials," said Calef Letorney, who was best in the 18-and-under age group at the Freestyle Kayaking World Championships in Graz, Austria, before arriving at Richmond with four of his boats. "I pretty much decided I wouldn’t be competing. If I compete, I need to train full time."

Letorney, from Westford, Vt., spent much of the past seven years on the water. His high school education at the Academy at Adventure Quest, a specialized school in Vermont, included kayaking trips to such places as Nepal, where he tested the rapids of the Marsyangdi River. He also traveled to Chile, where he kayaked the Futaleufu and Fuy rivers; Ecuador; and New Zealand.

Letorney, who started getting paid by sponsors at age 16, said he is the youngest professional kayaker ever. He placed third at the Freestyle Kayaking World Championships in Spain in 2001 before winning last year’s competition. He also is the two-time Immersion Research Triple Crown champion and has won numerous other competitions.

The natural wonders of Virginia, namely the rivers, lured Letorney south.

"I wanted to go to [Richmond] because I have several good friends in Virginia who are kayakers, and there’s good kayaking in the city and two hours in each direction," he said.

His training, like Moncrief’s, will pick up when classes let out.

Letorney is even thinking of taking a year off from Richmond to concentrate on his kayaking career.

While their accomplishments are noteworthy, these talented freshmen generally keep a low profile among their classmates.

Moncrief only took out her engraved, silver belt buckle — the traditional award for winning the world championship — at Halloween, prompting her friends to comment, "She really is from Texas."

And of his world championship, Letorney said, "only close friends know."

What everyone knows, however, is that the Class of ’06 comprises the best of the best.

"I think as far as intelligence, the people here are far beyond what I saw in high school," said Erb. "The ideas that they have and the potential they have to be successful remind me of how I’ve always been. You set your goals high, and eventually you reach them."

Added Baker, a self-professed make-up queen: "Everyone is very talented. It’s a great class. Everyone’s got a story. Everyone’s got something amazing about them. Everyone’s very unique and special."

Sean Ryan is a Richmond free-lance writer.
Darren Hunter has been scared of heights his whole life. Yet, last summer, he found himself flying in an airplane, ready to leap out its door. He had an Army parachute on his back, two weeks of Airborne School training behind him and 1,250 feet of sky between the aircraft and the fields of Fort Benning, Ga. Given the order to jump, Hunter ignored his fear and stepped into space.

That step changed Hunter's life.

"I learned I had courage and desire which I never knew I possessed," said Hunter, a University of Richmond junior enrolled in the school's Reserve Officers Training Corps' unit. "I never foresaw myself jumping out of an airplane, and yet I did it five times! I also learned that sometimes we are asked to take risks for the larger good. At Airborne School, I knew that I was taking a chance each time I jumped. However, I also knew that I was improving my personal courage and self-respect every time I overcame an intense and deep-rooted fear...I learned more about myself in three weeks than I have in 20 years."

Nobody is more pleased with Hunter's success than Lt. Col. Donald J. Lash Jr., professor of military science and head of the University's ROTC unit. Lash takes great pride in seeing his students accept and master new challenges.

"I enjoy giving students opportunities to grow. It really is exciting to see them develop and then blossom as confident leaders," said Lash, a West Point graduate and career Army Infantry officer.

Army ROTC at Richmond has been developing leaders for decades. In fact, at Commencement 2003 the ROTC department will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first commissioning of officers from the University. Hundreds of Richmond ROTC graduates have served the Army and the nation, many rising to the top ranks.

Today's ROTC program has a much broader focus than earlier ones. As Lash explained, it aims at developing students' self-confidence and reasoning abilities rather than a narrow set of martial skills.
"Army ROTC at the University of Richmond is not just about military science. We're also about leadership, problem solving, team building and personal development. We want to build officers who are well-rounded and who have ideas," said Lash, who has taught at the French military academy and studied at the German General Staff College.

This ROTC philosophy is new, but it is not unique to Richmond. The entire nationwide program recently shifted its focus and started teaching officers how to motivate others, cope with the unexpected, lead an ethnically diverse Army and organize large, complex tasks. Such emphasis reflects the changing role of the military in our global society.

The shift in ROTC emphasis will have a dramatic impact on the Army. ROTC commissions 70 percent of the Army's officers. With a legacy dating to 1819, ROTC is the single largest source of Army officers. The program produces leaders for the Regular Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

While the emphasis of Richmond's ROTC unit may be new, military training on campus has long been a part of University life. During World War II, the University hosted a Navy officer training program. After the war, Richmond actively sought an Army ROTC unit at the strong urging of University President George M. Modlin and Richmond College Dean Raymond B. Pinchbeck. Modlin believed that an ROTC program would attract students who might otherwise go to college elsewhere. The Army eventually accepted the University's application for a unit and the program began in September 1951. The first officers were commissioned in 1953, a milestone to be marked during graduation ceremonies this spring. (The U.S. Air Force briefly had an ROTC unit at Richmond during the 1950s.)

For more than two decades, Richmond Army ROTC was an exclusively male preserve. In 1973, however, the program began accepting women, with the first female officer commissioned in 1977. One of those early female graduates, Col. Gina Sgro Farrisee, W'78, will be promoted to general this summer, making her the first woman from Richmond's program to achieve the rank.

Today, with about 120 cadets, the program enjoys strong enrollment and a solid national reputation. Not all the cadets attend Richmond. Some come from schools that have no ROTC unit, such as Virginia Commonwealth and Longwood universities and Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon colleges.

During the 1999-2000 school year, Richmond's program was ranked 18th among the 270 ROTC units nationwide, based on the number and quality of its commissioned lieutenants. The next year, the unit was named as the best medium school ROTC program on the East Coast. The unit also has seen individuals excel in Army programs. For example, Katrina Smith, '03, was the top cadet in the nation during the 2001 leader's training course. Her achievement was based on her overall performance in tests of physical fitness, orienteering, marksmanship and leadership.

Such accomplishments reflect the high quality of the program's participants and their commitment to excellence, Lash said. The Army expects ROTC cadets to be scholars, athletes and student leaders. They come from different backgrounds and pursue various majors. Yet, he said, they all share one characteristic.

"People take ROTC because there is something in their heart that tells them they want to serve the country," Lash said. "They don't necessarily know why this exists, and sometimes it's difficult to express. But, this feeling is there. It's in them."
The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, did not have an immediate impact on ROTC enrollment at the University, Lash said. However, they did affect high school students — ROTC programs nationwide noted an increase in inquiries about joining and getting scholarships.

Surprisingly, Richmond ROTC cadets spend little time engaged in military duties during the school year. That's a big change, said Lynn L. Sims, the unit's resident military historian, who remembers devoting considerable time to ROTC during his freshman year at the University in 1956. Wearing World War II-style uniforms, cadets attended classes and held formations, camps and drills on the soccer field, Sims said. Alumni may recall ROTC classes being held in wooden barracks built to house World War II soldiers. Those buildings were demolished in 1978.

Today, civilian-clad cadets blend in with other students. "It's very subtle," Sims said. Physical fitness formations are fewer and shorter because cadets are responsible for their own conditioning. ROTC students still attend military science classes, but the subject matter goes well beyond the military history and tactics classes of yore. In keeping with the national trend, cadets also study leadership, problem solving, ethics and management. Plus, the unit conducts one field training exercise a semester at nearby military bases such as Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Lee and Fort Pickett.

During summers between their junior and senior years, all cadets attend the five-week ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Wash., where training covers obstacle courses, rappelling, confidence-building and marksmanship skills.

"It's a great chance for our students to see how they stack up against cadets nationwide. And our students traditionally do very well," said Lash, a graduate of American Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger schools, as well as the French army's jungle warfare center run by the Foreign Legion.

Besides advanced camp, students can volunteer for other Army programs between their sophomore and junior years: Airborne, Air Assault and Northern Warfare schools or an internship with an Army unit. According to Lash, each option is popular and fosters an unaffected self-confidence and self-mastery the Army wants in officers.

Derek Noel, '03, this year's cadet battalion commander, has completed National Advanced Leadership Camp and the Airborne and Air Assault schools. The latter, in particular, taught him about perseverance.

"I learned that the mind can overcome the body if the desire is present. I sprained my ankle on the third mile of the final 12-mile road march to end Air Assault School. Regardless of the pain, I was not going to allow one mishap to prevent me from achieving my goal of graduating," said Noel, who finished the hike on his own.

Not all students enter ROTC ready to accept such challenges. Some are unsure if they even will like Army life. Today's ROTC program allows students to sample Army life without an upfront commitment to military service. The Army does not require students without a scholarship to agree to military service until their junior year. Four-year scholarship students can leave the program before their sophomore year without incurring a service obligation or repaying their freshman scholarship benefits — even though the scholarships are more attractive than ever.
At Richmond, an ROTC scholarship provides $20,000 annually for tuition and fees plus $600 for books, supplies and equipment and $2,500 to $4,000 in spending money. All scholarships are awarded on merit.

Despite the programmatic changes, ROTC at Richmond represents five decades of service to the country. Since 1953, nearly 1,100 alumni have become Army officers through ROTC. Some have risen to the top: Maj. Gen. Warren C. Edwards, R'69, is Deputy Commanding General of the Third U.S. Army and U.S. Army Forces Command; Maj. Gen. Robert T. Dail, R'75, is Commanding General of Ft. Eustis and the U.S. Army Transportation Center.

Col. Farrisee, who will become a brigadier general next summer, currently holds the high-profile position of The Adjutant General, head of all Army personnel management and administration worldwide.

Among the University’s first female ROTC graduates, Farrisee didn’t initially have her sights set on a military career. Her father, Robert L. Sgro, R’56, persuaded her to try ROTC.

A sociology major, Farrisee credits much of her success to Richmond ROTC instructors Col. Mark Stiner and Col. George Ivey.

“T also believe Dr. [James A.] Sartain of the sociology department had an impact on my career,” she said. “I referred back to the many things I learned about society in his great classes as I entered into this new world of an Army career.”

Farrisee has assumed the role of her father in encouraging others to try ROTC, the program that sparked her successful career, rich in challenges and personal growth. She has commanded units small and large, served abroad and worked at the Army’s highest levels in the offices of the Army Chief of Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

She could be summing up the sentiment of many ROTC-trained Army officers when she says, “Every assignment has been interesting because of the great experiences, the rewarding challenges and the wonderful people you have the opportunity to meet.”

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“Sometimes we are asked to take risks for the larger good.”

– Darren Hunter '04
Dr. Joseph E. Talley, R'71, a Duke University psychologist, received the American Board of Professional Psychology’s 2002 Distinguished Service and Contributions Award for “sustained and major contributions to the organization.” He received the award at the annual convocation of the board, where he also became a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology. The author of seven books, Talley served as chair and CEO of the Council of Presidents of Psychology Specialty Academies, a council of all academies of the American Board of Professional Psychology, from August 2000 through January 2003. He remains on the board as past chair and special liaison. Talley also is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, a national organization of 120,000 members, approximately five percent of whom are fellows.

In addition, Talley was one of two recipients of the 2002 Distinguished Service Award for “national leadership in professional practice” from the American Academy of Counseling Psychology. He served as president of the academy from 1995-97 and remains an at-large member of the board.

Talley, who works in Duke’s Counseling and Psychological Services division, also is an associate clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Duke University Medical Center. He received his master’s degree from Radford University, completed graduate study at Duke and Temple universities and received his doctorate from the University of Virginia. Listed in the 2003 edition of Who’s Who in America, Talley lives in Hillsborough, N.C., with his wife and three children.

C. Michael Newman, R’74, is serving as president of the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals (VASSP), the statewide advocacy and outreach professional organization for secondary school principals. He began his one-year term at the organization’s annual conference in June 2002. Newman, principal at Brookland Middle School in Richmond, leads VASSP’s 16-member board of directors to represent the interests of the approximately 2,500 secondary school administrators in Virginia.

As president, Newman’s duties include following legislation pertaining to education and appearing before the State Board of Education. He also sponsors staff development activities and serves as a liaison with secondary (grades 6-12) schools. Since joining VASSP, Newman has served as one of nine regional directors and president-elect. A native of Newport News, Va., Newman is in his 16th year of secondary school administration. He and his wife, Cary McKendree Newman, W’76, live in Glen Allen, Va.

Cynthia Meyer Cranshaw, B’87, represented Canada at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in England, where she earned one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in trap and double trap. A dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada, Cranshaw began trapshooting while a junior at Richmond. Competing in her first Commonwealth Games last summer, a few months after having her first child, Cranshaw earned two individual and two team medals. She also competed in the 2002 World Cup in Germany, where she won a bronze medal, and she represented Canada in the 1996 and 2000 summer Olympics, finishing fifth in Sydney. She has her sights set on Athens in 2004. With no training facilities near her home, Cranshaw’s limited practice time involves traveling north to Canada or south to Virginia or Florida. A financial planner with AXA Advisors, Cranshaw lives in New York City with her husband, Robert, R’86, and daughter, Olivia.

Orly Lewis, C’99, received the 2002 Distinguished Directors Award at the annual conference for professional inservice training for directors of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School (FMAMS). The award, which annually honors only one of the 63 directors worldwide, was presented in Chicago in October. Lewis has been a FMAMS director since 1999 when such a school opened at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Richmond. FMAMS, a joint project of Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Jewish communities around the world, offers a two-year adult literacy program in Jewish studies. Founded in 1986, the program currently enrolls 5,500 students worldwide. Lewis is a member of the FMAMS advisory board, which is planning the 2003 annual conference to be held in Jerusalem. She is also the director of adult services at the JCC. She and her husband, Douglas P. Lewis, B’77, have four children.
Alumni books

Spanish Disco
ERICA ORLOFF, W'85
Red Dress Ink, 2005
As an experienced editor and ghostwriter, Erica Orloff has worked behind the scenes. In her first novel, she plunks her heroine, Cassie Hayes, down in the middle of every editor’s dream—or nightmare. A recluse, author wants her to polish the long-awaited, prize-winning novel. She covets this plum assignment but realizes he has conditions. Before he will hand over the manuscript, Cassie must teach him to dance the hustle, so that he can win the heart of his Spanish housekeeper. Meanwhile, Cassie’s long-distance romance with a British writer takes an unwelcome turn when it seems they will finally meet in person.

Publishers Weekly describes Cassie as “a brilliant editor, workaholic, ex-Studio 54 wild child...cautious enough to take the varnish off Bridget Jones’s nails.” Spanish Disco earned a mention in Cosmopolitan magazine’s February issue where it was highlighted as a page-turner in an article about “What to do on a winter weekend.” Orloff lives in South Florida with her husband and three children.

The Joy of Success
SUSAN FORD COLLINS, W'61
HarperCollins, 2003
While Susan Ford Collins was studying the mentally ill at the National Institutes of Mental Health, she wondered why scientists did not study healthy, successful people and learn from them as well. She decided to find out for herself whether there were any characteristics that happy, healthy, productive people share—and that others can learn. She found the direct approach did not work. Successful people, she learned, may not be aware of the attitudes and choices that make them that way.

Eventually, by observing successful people at work and in their daily lives, she identified skills they were applying unconsciously. Since then, she has taught these skills in the corporate world through her “Technology of Success” seminars. Now, The Joy of Success makes her insights available to a wider audience. She outlines each success skill and provides examples, stories, and suggestions.

The Dixie Dictionary
THOMAS W. HOWARD, R'S1
Craze Hill Publishers, 2002
The Southern language, according to Tom Howard, “is a rich verbal tradition of descriptive words and phrases, a wealth of expressions and colloquialisms.” The need to preserve this distinctive speech inspired Howard to catalog a collection of colorful sayings, organized in alphabetical order. Of course, the greatest number of Southernisms congregate around subjects of interest to Southerners. An example is moonshine whiskey, “known variously as fox-head, bald face, tanglefoot, field whiskey, and stump-water whiskey.”

Charles McDowell, veteran panelist of Washington Week in Review, calls The Dixie Dictionary “a marvelous mix of cultural scholarship, the folklore of regional language, and some insights that might even make Yankees feel happier in contemporary times.” Howard warns that the so-called Southern accent is in reality many accents and caution native speakers never to try and imitate a Southern accent. “You never know when or where there will be a closet Southerner in your midst.”

Eaten Alive at a Chainsaw Massacre: The Films of Tobe Hooper
JOHN KENNETH MUIR, R'S2
McFarland & Company, Inc., 2002
John Muir, an independent filmmaker in his own right, is a widely published critic and historiographer of science fiction and horror films and television shows. His study of Tobe Hooper focuses on the director’s vision for his career. In this book, he says, “The horror maestros of the late twentieth century.” Muir sees Hooper as the most valued of his director peers, “for reasons that concern politics, Hollywood power games, luck and coincidence more than his unique skills as a filmmaker.”

In Eaten Alive, Muir provides extensive information on each of Hooper’s films and television episodes, including quotes from reviews, cast and credits, plot synopses, and a commentary examining its artwork, humor, and political and cultural contexts. Muir also offers a critical introduction assessing Hooper’s oeuvre and reputation — suggesting that the success of Massacre, his first film, served to limit Hooper’s chances to direct outside the horror-movie genre.

Faculty books

South to a New Place: Region, Literature, Culture
SUSANNE W. JONES, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, AND SHARON MONTNHETH, EDITORS
Louisiana State University Press, 2002
In South to a Very Old Place (1971), Albert Murray explores the intimacy and separateness he as a black man feels in his Southern homecoming. Taking Murray’s memoir as its jumping-off place, this collection of critical essays appraises representations of the South from a variety of critical perspectives. The essays examine the roles that economic, racial and ideological tensions have played in the formation of Southern identity through varying representations of locality, moving regionalism toward a “new place” in Southern studies. Essays include the best and brightest in Southern literary criticism. The authors they range from contemporary Agrarian Ellen Douglas and Madison Smartt Bell (Jones’s subjects) to Tom Morrison and Tom Wolfe. The essays are organized in three sections: “Surveying the Territory,” “Mapping the Region” and “Making Global Connections”—the last connecting Southern literature and culture with those of Italy, East Germany, the Caribbean and Britain.

Anne Orthwood’s Bastard: Sex and Law in Early Virginia
JOHN R. PAGAN, DEAN OF THE C. W. WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF LAW
Oxford University Press, 2003
Pagan uses the dramatic story of a poor, indentured maid servant and her illegitimate child to illustrate how Virginia colonial leaders shaped legal doctrines and institutions. The book has been described as a good example of “micro history,” in which a scholar focuses on specific events of individuals and proceeds from there to a larger exploration. In this case, the tale of Anne Orthwood and her lover provides insight into the cultural, religious and economic values of a 17th-century community. Moreover, it shows the way in which the men who operated the colonial legal system manipulated the law to their advantage and eventually fashioned a distinctive legal system by adapting English statistes to the demands of the frontier.

Pagan, who stumbled upon the topic while doing research at the Virginia Historical Society, examined extensively the oldest continuous series of county court records in the United States—those of Northampton and Accomack counties on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. He also relied heavily on English sources, such as parish registers.

Biblical Figures Outside the Bible
THEODORE A. BERGEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, AND MICHAEL E. STONE, EDITORS
Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and other well-known figures exist not only in familiar Bible stories but in a rich tradition of extrabiblical literature. Jewish and early Christian communities did not simply retell these stories, they embellished them, layer upon layer. Thus, when figures from the Old Testament appear again in the New Testament, they bring the accreted traditions of centuries along with them. Until the past few decades, however, much of this literature remained inaccessible—or nearly so to modern scholars. The Dead Sea Scrolls may be the best-known example.

Now that scholars can engage this material, they face the problem of making their research accessible. Stone and Bergren met this challenge by bringing together a group of international experts, each focusing on the traditions associated with one or more biblical figures. Their collection, which originally was published in 1998, won the 1999 Biblical Archaeology Society Publication Award for the best book relating to the Old Testament.

A paperback version was just released this year.

Baseball and Richmond: A History of the Professional Game, 1884-2000
W. HARRISON DANIARL, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY EMERITUS, AND SCOTT P. MAYER, ‘01
McFarland & Company Inc., 2003
Early baseball in Richmond was very much about business. The game was a means of promoting Richmond and its various industries and attractions. But the competition for profits in the city was mirrored in competition for profits in the game. Surviving years of instability and changes in ownership, professional baseball at last found its place in Richmond. Basehall and Richmond not only tells the stories of the players and owners, but also examines the relationship of the team to its city. The authors cover the game’s amateur beginnings before 1884, the early professional years, affiliations with state and regional leagues and, beginning in 1954, Richmond’s association with the International League.

Daniel is a professor emeritus of history and the author of Jimmie Foxx: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hall of Famer, 1907-1967. The book is an expansion of Mayer’s history thesis. Daniel was an executive adviser for Mayer, now associate director of undergraduate admission.
1935
Mary Decker Pugh, W, a life member of the Berkeley Garden Club, is being honored by the club with the planting of a tree on the grounds of her church.

1937
Helen Roper Howell, W, is still playing bridge twice a week and has started playing mah-jongg. William T. Robertson, R, is now 88 years old and living happily with his wife in Hampton, Va. He is blessed to have three children with families living nearby.

1938
Edward M. Miller, R, and his wife, Margery Taylor Miller, W'37 and G'71, live at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond and enjoy the many activities available there.

1939
Samuel A. Irby, R, and his wife, Virginia, took a 12-day cruise from Dover, England, to the Scandinavian capitals of Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway, as well as St. Petersburg, Russia.

1940
Katharine Wicker Long, W, has retired and is living happily at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, about six blocks from where she grew up. Her children, grandchildren, and "greats" are scattered all over the U.S., with one grandson on a nuclear submarine out of Bremerton, Wash. Robert C. Moore, R, still loves to fish and enjoys reading the alumni magazine.

1941
John Kelso Moore, R, is living in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife of 57 years. He has four children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Thomas E. Pugh, R, and his wife, Mary Decker Pugh, W'37, are residents of Morningside Assisted Living Community in Williamsburg, Va. He was recently honored for distinguished service to health care through 25 years as a member of the board of Williamsburg Community Hospital, including 12 years as president/chairman of the board. This award, established by the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation, carries a grant of $5,000, which each recipient may designate for use by the health care service of his or her choice. The award that Thomas received will be given in his name in perpetuity.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Many classmates will remember Elizabeth Cunningham Adams and Mildred Hutchison Woody from our freshman class. Both of them now live in Lynchburg, Va. We have also learned that Juliette Loving Whittlatch lives in Arizona. Eleanor Kindell Miller traveled with a daughter and a granddaughter to Scotland in September and reported having a delightful time. Besides seeing "castles and cathedrals," they were able to delve into some genealogy.

Mayme O'Hairherty Stone reports a lively time when granddaughter Erin, a student at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, along with two sorority sisters, spent the summer with her while they were working in Richmond.

We have fond memories of Elizabeth "its" Holden Slipek, who died on Nov. 20, 2002. We remember its for her faithful contribution to our class, especially as secretary. She was active in Richmond arts circles, and her joyful paintings were in demand throughout the state. A tribute and celebration of her love of painting was held at Cedarfield, the retirement community where she had lived since 1996.

1942
Stuart L. Williams Sr., R and L'48, and his wife, Dottie, have been married for 50 years. Stuart is in his 54th year of private law practice in Richmond. For the past 20 years he has practiced with his son, Stuart Williams Jr., L’80.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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No rocking chair for Mildred Slavin Cordish. She is selling real estate in the Baltimore area. She lives in Pikesville, outside Baltimore. "It's an active market as desirable things sell the first day," she reports.

Ann Gwaltney Harwood had four weeks of vacation last year. Three weeks were at Massanutten, Va., where she enjoyed visiting wineries and antique shops. She spent a week in Williamsburg with one of her daughters and walked around the town admiring the pretty fall leaves.

Frances Williams Garnett had her fourth brain surgery, as her vision was being affected. She enjoyed trips to Italy and France in the summer of 2001. Busy with remodeling her house, Marjorie Wilson Glick took the time to write about her grandchildren: "Our oldest granddaughter received her Ph.D. in cell biology last May. She is now in a post-doctoral program at UC-San Diego. In July, the other granddaughter got married and is now in law school!"

From Hudson, N.Y., Laura Jenkins Cornell provided a wealth of information about classmates. She still lives on a farm, which she and her husband purchased 57 years ago, about 100 miles north of New York City. She and her husband, George, visited Bermuda on vacation.
Laura said that Mary Pegram Wilson Worthington lost her husband, Sam, a year ago. Our class extends its condolences to Mary Pegram. Her son now runs her farm in North Carolina, and she lives in a lovely house in Windsor, N.C. She also has a home on the Outer Banks near Jockey’s Ridge, and Laura has visited her there.

According to Laura, Anne Frank Patterson lives in a retirement community in Williamsburg. She volunteers at the Jamestown restoration, as did her husband, Harvey, before he passed away. Our condolences to Anne.

Another classmate Laura keeps in touch with is Allene Jones Patterson: “She continues to live on the water in their beautiful home in Lancaster, Va. She has wonderful family reunions at her place every year.” Allene also lost her husband, and our condolences go out to her.

The college has changed since we were trudging to classes. Come back to visit and see how lovely it is. Also send information about yourself. The magazine comes out four times a year and is hungry for news of alums.

1944
Mary Bowden Felger, W, and her husband, Ted, spent two weeks last summer on a Presbyterian heritage tour of Scotland. They stopped by Richmond from the water in their beautiful home in Lancaster, Va. She has wonderful family reunions at her place every year.” Allene also lost her husband, and our condolences go out to her.

1945
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
Kathy Mumma Atkinson
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Virginia Nicholas Sanders
performs a comedy monologue in addition to her storytelling. She specializes in humor for adults.

Bettie C.E. Adair was cited in “Salute to Women” in the Culpeper Star Exponent for helping establish a regional hospital.

1946
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
Kathy Mumma Atkinson and Jack visited Mary Campbell Paulson during their time-share stay in Williamsburg in October. Kathy and Jack’s third great-grandchild was born in the summer.

Mildred Draper Atkinson and Frank are fortunate to have their family nearby with whom to share holidays. Mildred and her daughter, Jan, took a summer vacation in Bermuda. Doris Mills Harrell is still looking at retirement homes. She is recovering from a back injury.

1947
Paul W. Duke, R, has been elected to the newly created advancement council of the VCU School of Nursing. Gilbert Rodgers, R, has been elected a second term on the board of directors for the Society of Professional Building Designers in Fort Worth, Texas. The College of Fellows of the society has elected him a Fellow of the society for his service and dedication. He and his wife, Marjorie, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Springtime in Virginia is always beautiful, and last year was no exception. It was a wonderful time to travel — but the Westhampton Class of 1947 seems to be on the go all year long.

Mary Lou Massie Cumby spent the month of October in New Mexico with daughter “Bee.” Gin Elet enjoyed a late summer cruise to New England and Cape Cod.

Helen Cole Richardson and her husband, Straughan Richardson, R’46, made a two-week trip to Scotland in September. They visited the cities of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen and some of the lake country. Helen said they went prepared for the cold and wet climate but actually enjoyed beautiful dry weather. The trip also included a stopover in London.

Earlier, they had traveled to an Elderhostel on Cape Horn and St. Simon’s island in Georgia. They also went on an Elderhostel trip to the Bahamas in winter. One granddaughter graduated from UVa. last May; two granddaughters are at the College of Charleston; and a grandson is at VCU.

Susie Guard Wood wrote that her daughter, Korrell, sent Son Ben off to Clemson University last fall. He received an academic scholarship and an athletic scholarship for swimming. In May, Susie and C.L. went to Omaha, Neb., for C.L.’s P-47 reunion. Later in the year, they enjoyed a 15-day trip to the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

Congratulations go to Susie and C.L., who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August. Until next time — please keep in touch.

1948
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Alice Goodman writes that on Oct. 22, 2003, she had a “spells,” which she felt was a slight stroke, with vision problems and weakness on her left side (her good side). She was at St. Mary’s Hospital in Richmond for two days. A CT scan showed nothing new, but she still felt a lower energy level than before. She has sold her house and is in the process of selling her car.

Beth Darrow Jewell’s three yellow Labrador retrievers enjoyed a recent “water-fowl festival.” Her daughter, Ann Jewell, W’80, a genetic counselor, lives in Reanoake, Va. Daughter Jennifer has two girls and an antique shop in Easton, Md. Her son, Bob, is a real estate broker and son Will and his wife, Jeanne, have two kids who are very athletic.

Maria Carter Satterfield still lives in Richmond in the same house where she grew up. They go down to Harbour Island in the Bahamas in winter. One granddaughter graduated from UVa. last May; two granddaughters are at The College of Charleston; and a grandson is at VCU.

Frances Orrell Lineberry and Berlin drove through Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire and Maine on their way to Quebec and Montreal. A cruise on the St. Lawrence River was a real treat.
Virginia Smith Kynett attended a reunion in Newport, R.I., of Bradford junior College, which she and Elizabeth Wood Roobach attended before transferring to Westhampton. She saw Woody at the reunion. The junior college is no longer in existence.

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Jean Brummes Bisceo had a great trip to Nova Scotia last June with Betty Hickerson Butterworth and Jack, and 170 others from the Richmond area. Jean had knee surgery in October. After therapy, pain pills and a walker, she was glad to get back home.

Judith Barnett Seelhorst says that she keeps constantly busy. Doris Moore She writes that Virginia Kreyer moved in October 2002 to Williamsburg Landing, a retirement community in Williamsburg, Va., after selling her apartment in Garden City, N.Y. Doris says that Virginia can now be counted again as "one of our Southern Belles."

Emily Dietzcliff Clouse and Robert took a cruise last June on the Baltic Sea, visiting Estonia, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Arhus [Lovely little town in Denmark] and Berlin, Germany. They saw the wall and "Checkpoint Charlie." They now are in the midst of building a new master bedroom and bathroom with a 10-foot-by-10-foot walk-in closet.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary Frances Arrighi Tonacci 5401 Windingbrook Road Richmond, VA 23230 E-mail: Tonaccirf@aol.com Helen Clark Hensley and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a cruise through Alaska’s inside passage. They also enjoyed a day both before and after in beautiful Vancouver. The trip was a gift from their children and spouses. They were recently blessed with their sixth grandchild, born to their daughter in Ireland. August was a busy month for Gina Herrink Copcock and her husband, Bob, who visited his family in England. They traveled to Cambridge and Kings College Chapel, to Newmarket, the horse racing establishment, and Bath, where the 1900-year-old roman baths still function. Their daughter, Betsy, came home for a nice visit. Anne Marie Hardin Bailey and Ben are the proud grandparents of Laura English, who was valedictorian of her class at Hollins University. She is now teaching in Mississippi with the Teach for America program. She was mentioned by name by Laura Bush in a speech on education last September. Gwen Friddy Donahue attended the U.S. Open Women’s Tennis Tournament in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Jo Asbury Hopkins and Hal took a six-day golfing trip to Canada in August. Their cottage was right on the edge of the golf course. In October, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Lewis and Clark Expedition cruise to Idaho, which took them on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Their son, Ralph, was the naturalist on board. With deep regret, I report the death of two of our classmates. Audrey Hetzel Ligon lost her long, courageous battle with cancer on Nov. 16, 2002, and the Rev. Dr. Anne Plunkett Rosser passed away Nov. 17, 2002. Anne was the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the Southern Baptist Convention and served in many Virginia churches in various capacities with her husband, the Rev. Aubrey J. “Buddy” Rosser, R’50. In 1990, the University awarded her an honorary doctor of divinity degree. Our condolences to Audrey’s husband, Tom Ligon, and to the families of both classmates.

Classmates who traveled this summer included Lea Thompson Osburn, who visited England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Mary Lee Vinson May and husband Ed cruised in September from Baltimore to Maine, Nova Scotia and Quebec. Charlotte Herrink Sayre and her older sisters went to Canada in September and visited Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. In December she was visiting in New York with her sisters and two nieces. Jean Love Hanson spent Thanksgiving in Savannah, Ga., with daughter Paige. Jean and her husband, Chuck, recently took a cruise to the Bahamas.

1950

1952

Theodore F. Adams Jr., B, has been re-elected to the board of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross. Bob Boggs has taken a part-time job as associate for ministry to church leaders on the Dover Baptist Association staff.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary Harriett Stubbs 601 Glenheim Drive Raleigh, NC 27612-4944 E-mail: HSTUBBSNCR.RR.COM In June Sue Easley Candler and I went to Alaska on a cruise and spent two weeks with my sisters in Tacoma, Wash., and Bandon, Ore. I did not have much damage from Hurricane Lili, but four days without electricity in hot weather was unpleasant. I phoned Sue during the hurricane in Louisiana to cheer her on.

Addie Eicks Comegys attended the annual conference of the Winston S. Churchill Club last September in Leesburg, Va. (And she didn’t mention that she was on the front page of the Washington Post, looking at exhibits of books on display in the museum. Thank you, Murf, for the clipping!) Lelia Adams Gannon reported arriving in late fall back at her home in south Florida after spending three months in the Chicago area visiting her children. She and Jim have been retired to years now and have been in Florida all of that time. They spend much of their days at the beach, volunteering, playing bridge and generally enjoying themselves in the Florida sunshine. Between them, they have five children and seven grandchildren. Lelia says life has been very good to them, for which they are quite grateful. They missed the 50th reunion because they were traveling in Europe but say that if you are ever in their area, she would love to see you. “You cannot beat Florida in the winter months!” Lelia’s e-mail address is lejmgatt.net.

Four years ago, Lucy Dearing Hunt joined a Smithsonian Study Tour cruise up Canada’s maritime provinces and all the way to polar bears and Greenland. From Halifax, Nova Scotia, she flew to Philadelphia and then to Haddonfield for her 50th high school reunion. She returned from another trip to find her house almost entirely burned out. Books, mementos, photographs — gone. Over the years, she has been a member of the United Methodist Women, El Paso Cactus and Rock Club, the Archaeological Society and the Native Plant Society. Her favorite activity was being a docent at the El Paso Wilderness Park Museum, where she led classes of El Paso school children through the museum or on nature trails outside.

In March 2001, Lucy had two back surgeries and other surgeries. She has a granddaughter, Crystal, who is 3 years old. She lives in Odessa, Texas, close to her daughter, who is a physical therapist.

Harriet Willingham Johnson enjoyed a car trip to Colorado to visit her son and his family in Denver, including a weekend with them in the high Rockies. The altitude change to 9,400 feet kept them moving at a slower pace, but the views were terrific.

Janet Storm Pengelley is catching up on the “life of the 50-year lost Janet.” She reports that she and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the Perth, Australia, area. They say they feel richly blessed. The grandchildren are in their teens now and are a constant source of interest and pleasure. She and Bruce enjoy the relaxed condition of retirement that allows them to structure their days according to their wishes. As she kayaks and stretches in the morning, she thinks of their offspring tearing their hair out as they try to get kids off to school or themselves to work.

Frances McEyer Russell stays busy in the summertime with their lake house. Her three children, along with their spouses and her grandchildren, come for a week in August. There are 13 and it is quite a lively household with five grandchildren. Buddy’s children also come during the summer with their children, two girls and a boy. They attend all of Tech’s home games and usually have family visiting. It is all great fun! Buddy’s class at Tech had its 50th reunion this fall, and he is now a member of the Old Guard. It was a very special weekend for them.

Henrietta Dow Vinson had a wonderful trip to Scotland and London and says we would have loved the church she went to, the church in which her grandparents were married in 1889. She received a great feeling of connectedness and heritage as she worshiped there. Henrietta loved the country and says it was indeed awesome to visit the homes and churches and cemeteries of her ancestors. She went to Jackson Hole, Wyo., with her daughter, Winnie, and family in September and was planning to spend the winter in Florida and to be at the mini-reunion in Raleigh in April.

Betsy Davis Wilds’ Car 215 is looking forward to next season with Ricky Rudd as its driver.

Ann Thomas Moore, W’53, came out of a 20-year retirement to teach at Pace University.
Don’t forget our mini-reunion in Raleigh. Mark your calendars April 4, 5, 6, 2003. We have been invited to visit the outstanding Hill Center in Durham at 2 p.m. Friday to view an entirely new approach to learning. We also have planned a Friday buffet dinner at Stubb’s; Saturday lunch at the Museum of Art; an Historic Trolley Tour of Raleigh Saturday afternoon; dinner Saturday night; and Sunday brunch. Mailings will go out shortly with return requested. Gather your scrapbooks and photographs to share. We hope all of you will be able to attend. The gardens should be beautiful!

1953
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Wow! You surpassed my most extravagant expectations. Mail has poured in. The recurring theme, not surprisingly, was a puzzle, “Where did 50 years go?” Most of you claimed to have no news and then went on to share some of the varied activities of your lives. Others have experienced recent losses. But all in all, we’re busy, productive women!

Margaret Anderson Morris enjoys tutoring English as a second language and stays busy with church. Her husband, Orin, retired from the Baptist Home Mission Board and now teaches art to 85 children and nine adults. Their grandchildren are in Albuquerque, N.M., and Orlando, Fla., regrettably too far from Conyers, Ga., to spoil.

Betty Williams Potter sings in the choir at London Bridge Baptist in Virginia Beach. “We’re blessed to have our family in Virginia,” she says. “Our six grandchildren are such blessings and do their best to keep us young.” Betty’s husband, Dean, spent much of last year recovering from major surgery for an abdominal aneurysm. He has researched his family history on the computer.

Jane Wilson Ro Sloan and Holmes, who are still traveling, spent two weeks in Spain last year and then went to Edinburgh on business. They were hiking in West Virginia when, to Jane’s delight, they caught a glimpse of three black bears, including a cub. Holmes has received an honorary doctorate from Davidson College.

Ann Thomas Moore came out of a 20-year retirement to become an adjunct associate professor of English at Pace University in New York City. “It has been a steep and exciting learning curve for me,” she says. “And I find myself telling people that I have never been so happy.” Now living the exciting life she dreamed about at Westhampton, Ann spent Thanksgiving in Atlanta with her son and Christmas in Milan, Italy, where she visits her daughter, son-in-law and grandchild twice a year.

Carolyn Billingsley Forch is very proud of her three daughters. The middle one, Lynn, and her husband, Mike, make documentary films. Their film The Autobiography of Malcolm X was nominated for an Emmy. Carolyn’s oldest daughter, Robin, writes books reviews and TV critiques, and Carolyn’s youngest has given her two grandchildren, the second a year old.

Mary Kathryn Manuel Clark has settled in a new retirement community near Winchester, Va. She still does some part-time counseling and has recently published two books, Colors of His Grace and Colors of His Abundance. The second, a book of daily devotions, was illustrated by one of her friends. Both can be accessed on the Internet through Regnig Mountain Press.

Jane Cather Rudolph, whose husband passed away about a year ago, remains on their farm near Winchester, Va. Jane, Mary Kathryn and I had lunch in November and, ignoring all the intervening years, had a wonderful time!

Jo Hull Mitchell and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27, 2002. Their children arranged a family gathering at the Mitchell home in Urbanna, Va., and presented them with a weekend in Paris. (“Now to be perfectly frank,” Jo confessed, “that was Paris, Va., near Middleburg.”) They stayed in the Ashby Inn, hiked for hours in the state arboretum and visited seven vineyards. Jo has also learned to tie knots with her 12-year-old granddaughter. The oldest of her five grandchildren entered Longwood University last fall.

Beth Carpenter Browne and Winston have three grandchildren under the age of 5, the youngest of whom is next door! Last fall she had lunch with Lou George Wolfe in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., while Lou was visiting her mother. Beth and Winston spent New Year’s Eve 2001 in Williamsburg, Va., with Harriet Wheat Frlan and Cotton.

Pat Thompson Stay and Dut went to the Cayman Islands in January 2002 as her Christmas present. In return she “let” him buy an Illusion Blue Honda Goldwing, and they have a great time traveling with other Goldwiners.

Mary Kathryn Manuel Clark, W’53, still does some part-time counseling and has recently published two books.

Louise White McConnell has a daughter living with her as well as three grandchildren, ages 10 through 15. In addition, she keeps three other grandchildren after school, ages 6 through 15. She is an active charter member of Monument Heights Baptist Church, founded by her father, its first pastor. She has taken up the writing of the church’s history, beginning after year 18, where her father left off. Her hobby is genealogy, and she has amassed over 12,000 names in her family tree program.

Mary Creath Payne, after retiring as executive director of the Capital Area Council on Aging for Richmond and surrounding counties, served four years on the Virginia Commonwealth Council on Aging and has been appointed to the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board. She and Jim are involved in other community and church activities. Their two Virginia daughters serve on local school boards, following in their mother’s footsteps. In January the Council for America’s First Freedom awarded Jim its annual state religious freedom award for his role as founding executive director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

Ruby Vaughan Carson and Don still live in Charlotte, N.C., and enjoy being near their son David Carson, B’82, and his family. They travel extensively and visit son Richard in Albuquerque whenever possible.

Marietta Glasscock is “catering like mad” and loves it. Her daughter Kinney Fontecchio and family are in California for two years, and daughter Mary Todd, who lives near Marietta in Virginia Beach, teaches Spanish and has a seventh-grade son as well as a decorating business. Marietta’s mother is 100 and lives nearby, so they see each other often.

Alice Gardner Wilson, whom we haven’t heard from in a while, lost her husband, John, six years ago, just a few months after she wrote in her Christmas letter, “Our years together got better and better.” She teaches Sunday school and enjoys playing both duplicate and party bridge. She also swims “many” laps several times a week and does strength training.

In October Janet Francis Midgett and Bob took their first Caribbean cruise, a 50th wedding anniversary gift from their four children. She thinks she’ll be happy to stay home now until it is time for our reunion.

Gerry Paul has traveled frequently since retiring from her private medical practice. She usually takes one foreign trip each year and a journey east each summer. “I moved to Arizona in 1977, and I still dread the hot summers here and still miss the beautiful Virginia springtimes.”

Connie Shuford Ambler and her husband have also been traveling a lot. They have visited China and Russia. Living in Asheville, N.C., they feel fortunate to have their children and grandchildren nearby.

Marylin Bowlin Gordy wrote on stationery decorated with pictures of her delightful Welsh
corgis, both of which are show dogs. Last March she and Lois Moody Mackey and Lois’s daughter toured central England and took a train to Birmingham to attend the biggest dog show in the world. Marilyn also took a “fabulous” UK alumni trip to Normandy in August. A family reunion at Myrtle Beach, S.C., last spring involved cousins Hank Decker, ’50, and Charlotte, their daughter, Susan, and Marilyn’s daughters Kathy Kirk, W ’72, and Laura Davison, B’79.

Joan Perlin Ruby wrote: “I lost my husband, Arlin, after 49 years of marriage, but he left me five wonderful children to look after me.” Joan has six grandchildren ranging from 6 months to college age. She is heavily involved in community work, from editing a bulletin that reaches 800 people to fund raising in Richmond. She spends her summers in Virginia Beach and otherwise flits about the country to conventions and weddings.

Glads Tatarsky called to say she is alive and well and having a pleasant but ordinary and uneventful life. After a lifetime career, she is enjoying retirement, not only to do what she wants, but also to not do what she doesn’t want.

Doris Johnston MacEwan is back in Virginia after many years of moving through Canada and around the world with her husband, Mac. He has retired from the Canadian military, but their twin daughters have settled in Canada with the three grandchildren. Doris thought their retirement in Orange would bring her the opportunity to read one book a week, but so far they stay too busy.

Ellen Honts Price and Dick still love Asheville, N.C., which they say “is diverse in culture and booming in the arts.” Ellen, who suffered breast cancer and had remained free of it for five years, developed a malignancy in her “one good eye” and needs the strongest magnification to read and do some handwork. “My fine bobbin lacemaking is over, regrettfully.” She and her son went to Prague, with visits into Bohemia to see laces in the splendid museum there. She also spent 10 days in Belgium last year “chasing lace.”

Ann Helms Taylor-Lemoine and Barbara Dawson Young plan to attend the reunion. Ann and her husband, Roland, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day in Newport Beach, Calif. Ann, now retired from 35 years of teaching elementary school, and Roland, a vice presidencies with UTA French Airlines, live in Las Vegas. Together, they have eight children and 13 grandchildren. They have traveled through most of France as well as Australia, Singapore and Tahiti.

Lou George Wolfe reports that all her children are in Virginia now except a son, who has moved from San Francisco to Montgomery, Ala. Her mother, 96, still lives alone in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Lou’s brother, Alvis George, died in February 2000, and his wife died six weeks later.

Betty O’Bannon Cuip and Ralph spent Christmas in Spokane with their daughter, Helen, her husband, and two young sons. Helen was diagnosed last year with advanced breast cancer. They continue to be very hopeful for her recovery.

There is other sad news as well. Mildred Gambill reports that Ruth Ensminger Pierson died on March 30, 2002, as she was about to go home from the hospital. Ruth, widowed in 1994, is survived by two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. We extend Ruth’s family the heartfelt sympathy and also the family of Betty Davis Cocke, of Roanoke, Va., who died July 18, 2002, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Peggy Dietrich Shackleford in the loss of her husband, Bob, Oct. 10, 2002. She was touched by condolences received from Westhampton classmates. Peggy continues to swim and play golf and looks forward to our 50th reunion this spring. Condolences, too, to Jeanne Plunkett Beckett in the loss of her sister, the Rev. Dr. Anne Plunkett Rosser, W’51.

Betty Guthrie Edwards remains in the Westport Convalescent Center in Richmond but is now able to walk around a little. Mildred Gambill, who is still in Richmond, takes lunch over to her occasionally.

Pauline Decker Brooks and Joe spent Christmas in New England with their daughters. One lives in Connecticut and the other in New Hampshire. Joe, who is vice mayor of Richmond, had just finished a difficult campaign for re-election to another two-year term and was about to begin his 11th year of service. Pauline stays busy with civic, church and Woman’s Club activities.

Faye Gillespie Kilpatrick and Art have had a year of recoveries, but they took turns with the surgeries and were able to take care of one another. She learned, she said, that the world continues. Her friends picked up her volunteering responsibilities, and she is catching up on her reading. There was time in between to take four grandchildren to their home in Bryson City and let them swim and mountain climb.

Carla Waal Johns and Bill went to New York City in April and to Anchorage, Alaska, in May to visit Bill’s daughter and family. They spent the summer on Deep Creek Lake in Maryland. After 47 years without a piano lesson, Carla now enjoys studying again.

Now that you’ve caught up with your classmates, wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could arrive at the reunion in force, all 90 or so of us. Think how much fun we’ll have, so let’s mark April 25 and 26 on your calendars right now. See you at Westhampton in April!!

Several of the girls had been on wonderful trips — Jo Sue and Rem to Norway; Cost to Holland, Belgium and Germany as well as another trip to Nova Scotia; Barbara to France; and Betty to Nebraska and Vermont. Most are involved in their hometown activities and are avid readers. Barbara continues as a volunteer with the Pocomoke River Discovery Center and was pleased with the center’s recently acquired grants.

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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There are two Westhampton mini-reunions to report. The first took place in August at the Maine summer home of Barbara Cronier Lovell and was attended by Nancy Lay, Sara Sherman Coward, Nancy Graham Harrell, Barbara Bull Tull and Costello “Cos” Washburn Barnes. I have been told it was a fun week, but there are no details to pass on to you.

The second reunion took place in October in Easton on the Eastern Shore of Maryland at the lovely riverfront home (Mills River) of Jo Sue Leonard Simpson and Rem. Attending were Cos, Barbara, Sara, Betty Rosenberger Allen, Nancy Lay, and I. Talk and laughter were non-stop. Rem took us on a boat ride, and we did a little sightseeing in Easton and St. Michael’s.

1954

Betty Garter Lane, W, sells vintage jewelry and small collectibles. She rents a booth six to 10 times a year for a weekend and thoroughly enjoys all the collectors and accumulators.

Claire M. Rosenbaum, W, has been elected to the board of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.

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1955

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Westhampton Class of 1955 representatives shared lunch on campus with six representatives from Richmond College and the School of Business on Oct. 28, 2002. We discussed a joint effort for our 50th reunion class gift to our alma mater, Bob Burnus, John Dorsey, Madison Price, Barry Sanders, George Tidy and Jim Wilson were able to attend this initial joint meeting. Class of 1955 alumnae and alumni should receive a mailing in 2003 as plans develop further regarding our class gift.

If you want current contributions to go to this fund, designate your cash or stock gift for “Westhampton College Class of 1955 — 50th Reunion Account.” Questions? Call our Richmond staff contact, Wendy Eastman, at (804) 297-1556.

Grace Mason Evans’ husband, George, passed away last summer. Grace had dated him throughout our college years and our deepest sympathy goes to her. They have two sons and one grandson. Grace lives on the outskirts of Atlanta.

The news about Gracia came from Jean Ruddle Migneault of Williamsburg, Va. Jean and her husband, Earle, had plans to use their daughter’s apartment in New York City to take in a Broadway show.

Back in Richmond is Jane Soysars Glover. Jane sold her boutique in Abingdon, Va., in 1994 and returned to Richmond last fall. She is putting her fashion experience to good use two days a week at the Frances Kahn shop in the River Road Shopping Center (where RR Tavern used to be). For you out-of-towners, she has a daughter and two sons, three grandsons and two step-grandchildren. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and skiing, and, of course, her grandchildren.

Dottie Smoker Nielsen of Media, Pa., again helped at the Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Tennis tournament at a Boca Raton resort in Florida. She works as a volunteer at various events, getting to meet famous tennis players and other celebrities.

The last time I heard from Myra Embrey Wormald and Bob, they were heading for Australia, New Zealand and Fiji with a group from Bob’s alma mater, Virginia Tech.

“Because of the length and distance, we decided we better stay while we are in good health,” Myra said. (Good advice to all of us who keep postponing plans to visit some place, some day.) The Wormaldis live in Potomac, Md.

When Grace Phillips Webb attended our committee meeting, she was admitted in “total jet lag.” She and Newton had just returned from a cruise on the Mediterranean. Also, she had a birthday party for the seven children and grandchildren with November birthdays and a “meeting of the clan” on Thanksgiving.
Alice McCarty Haggerty spent Labor Day weekend 2002 with Ginnie Swain Saunders and Ashby “Pat” in Sobiley, Pa. Alice and Ginnie were having a reunion with roommates from post-grad years in Boston.

Virginia “Sunshine” Murden of Portsmouth, Va., and Polly Bundick Dize and Colburn of Onancock, Va., were among the guests aboard the “Blue Chip” while Bobbie Reynolds Wyker and Buddy of Urbanna, Va., were docked in Sunshine’s hometown.

Please note my new e-mail address at the top of this column. Write some news about yourself or other classmates and hit that send button. If you don’t use e-mail, my new street address is also at the top. Either way, I’d like to hear from you.

1956

John Paul Berry, R, and his wife, Billie, have moved to Annapolis, Md. They are busy with their church and with Campus Crusade for Christ at the United States Naval Academy.

Abby W. Moore, B, is president of Moore Loans, Inc.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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A group of 15 classmates from Richmond and the Tidewater area enjoyed a delightful lunch and visit at Helen Melton Lukhard’s home on Aug. 15, 2002. We then went to Newport News, Va., on Nov. 19. Ann Peery Oppenheimer gave an interesting gallery talk at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center where she and her husband, William, have 50 pieces of contemporary folk art in an exhibition “Personal Preferences.” Their exhibit titled “Point of View” is at the Virginia Beach Contemporary Art Center through April.

After our tour of the gallery, we enjoyed lunch at Dottie Stiff Price’s home. We plan to get together at the Westminster alumnae luncheon on campus on March 29 and hope that many others will join us and that we can fill several tables. Our classmates recently have welcomed several new grandchildren. Lillian Stephens Stroud and Jack’s granddaughter, Zachary Jackyun Stroud, was born Aug. 9, 2002, in San Diego, Calif.

Dottie Stiff Price and Madison, R’55, have a new granddaughter, Jordan Alexander Taylor, who was born April 29, 2002. Proud parents are Leslie and Tommy Taylor. Dottie and Madison enjoyed a trip to Cancun in September.

Ann Peery Oppenheimer and Bill now have 10 grandchildren. Clair Peery Willett was born Aug. 28, 2002, to Mary Helen and John Willett, R’59.

Susan Quinn Wagner went on a safari in Africa in September. She highly recommends Overseas Adventure Travel.

Helen Crittenden Culbertson, her husband Wayne, daughter Sandy Bresticker and two grandchildren went to Egypt in November.

Pat McIntyre Smith has recovered from her move to Richmond and has begun to travel again. She went to Nova Scotia for 10 days in August and to Italy for three weeks in September.

Virginia Jones Miller retired from Colonial Williamsburg, Carter’s Grove, on Jan. 2, 2003. Husband Bob has been retired for six years, so they should already be adjusted to a slower lifestyle.

Their son, Carter, lives on the Eastern Shore. He is not married, so Virginia says that she only has two granddogs.

Our sympathy goes to Barbara Jinkins Keville, who lost her mother last summer.

Walter Stosch, B’59 and GB’84, is chairman of the Virginia Senate Committee on General Laws.

I would love to hear from at least a dozen out-of-state classmates. My deadlines are June 3 and Dec. 2. Jean’s are Feb. 17 and Aug. 15. We need your news!

1957

Ann Hunter, W, is the proud grandmother of four grandchildren — two in Richmond and two in Winston-Salem, N.C.

W. Reams Perkins Jr., R, is retired from the practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

James C. Roberts, L, is a member of the newly created advancement council of the VCU School of Nursing.

Karen Diedrich Gardner, W, spends her time babysitting nine grandchildren and following their sports. She is considering going to Africa and makes Father Christmas figures.

Gerald W. Landis, R, his wife, Cathy, and daughter, Jennifer, moved back to Richmond. Jennifer is a sixth grader at Byrd Middle School, and he is a retired hospital administrator.

Walter Stosch, B and GB’84, has been named chairman of the Virginia Senate committee on general laws by Gov. Mark Warner.

1960

Frank Overton Brown Jr., R, GB’74 and L’76, is an attorney in private practice in Henrico County, Va. He has served as the chair of the Virginia State Bar Senior Lawyers Conference and as a member of the Virginia State Bar Council, the governing body of the state bar. He has also served on the University’s estate planning advisory council for more than 30 years.

John M. Muldowney, R, is chairman of Bon Secours Healthcare Foundation, president of Police Benevolent Association, treasurer of the Titnus Foundation and director of The Steward School Foundation.

Cynthia Bejulhauser Nash, W, and her husband, Reggie, traveled to Wisconsin for another celebration of antique cars. Previously, they had spent a week in Gettysburg, Pa. These tours enable them to see much of the country on back roads and to visit museums and historical sites.

Michael M. Foreman, R, received the Outstanding Career Award and the Innovative Advancement Award from the Supreme Court of Virginia at the 92nd annual convention of the Virginia Circuit Court Clerk’s Association last fall.

Wallace E. Garibhirt Jr., R, retired from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration after 31 years with the agency.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Margaret Brower Almond and Hilton traveled to Seattle in October to attend a medical meeting. They continue to enjoy their grandchildren, Emma Phelps, 3, and Harry Phelps, 1.

Archer Randlett-Parkerson and Terry are both enjoying retirement. They devote most of their time to doing volunteer work at their church, enjoying their beach house, spending time with their grandson and traveling. In 2001, they went to Greece and Turkey, and last summer took a cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna via the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers.

Peggy St. Clair Stevens and Dan travel to New Providence, N.J., once a month to visit their son John, a professor at Seton Hall University, and his wife, Janet. Their grandson, Lindsey St. Clair Stevens, is almost 2 years old. Their son Mark lives in Richmond.

Ann Hurd Wilson and Jim have two college-age children. Jay is a junior at James Madison University and Jane, a 2000 U.Va. graduate, is now in her second year of studying veterinary medicine at Virginia Tech.

Carolyn Anthony Powers and Bill are enjoying their beach house in Duck, N.C.

Mark your calendars now for our 40th class reunion to be held on April 25 and 26, 2003. Our tentative plans include a girls’ get-together on Friday night and a reception, dinner and dance for all classmates and guests on Saturday night. We are expecting a large turnout. Our 40th reunion is the perfect time for the Class of 1963 to reconnect and renew old friendships.
1964
Larry E. Boppe, B, was named president and chief executive officer in 2002 of Toter, Inc., which is headquartered in Staunton, N.C. Toter, Inc. is the leading supplier of curbside rollout refuse carts. He and his wife, Judy, live in Commerce, N.C. Connie Buske Fowlass, W, is enjoying working part time as a dealer in antiques and collectibles. M. Allen Saunders, R, travels frequently to Europe and Afghanistan in support of U.S. diplomatic efforts against terrorism.

1967
Tod Balsbaugh, R, and his late wife, Elizabeth Balsbaugh, W’68, were honored for outstanding service and dedication to the Virginia Home for Boys and its mission for the past 31 years. The board of governors voted unanimously to name the Virginia Home for Boys administration building in their honor. John Roccoch, L, has been named president of the Virginia Tech alumni association. R. Carter Scott, L, is a member of the advisory board for the Virginia Biotechnology Initiative. He has also been named president of Venture Forum.

1968
Ralph L. Axcell L, is a board alternate for the Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc. He was recognized as Virginia’s top lobbying/regulatory lawyer by Virginia Business magazine in the December 2002 issue. Richard P. Balderson, R, is a major league scout for the Atlanta Braves and will be relocating to Denver, Colo. Kate Barham, W, is owner of “Bridges,” a retreat in Wyoming designed for small groups with up to 10 participants. Terry L. Crum, R, is chief knowledge officer and director of Global Information Systems. He has co-authored a book with John E. Muddock, titled Common Sense On the Information Revolution and Your Job. Albert Eisenberg, R, has been named administrative assistant for U.S. Rep. John LaFalce (D-NY). Frank Foley, R, is retiring after 12 years on the Warrenton, Va., town council and 19 years on its planning commission. Jane Cheyning Prugh, W, has retired from teaching fourth-grade gifted and talented children. After a fun-filled summer, she drove across the country with her son, Russell, and his girlfriend. Her daughter, Caroline, who moved to Brooklyn and is working as the assistant to a Broadway producer, is a budding playwright.

1966
Winston R. Blenckstone, R, sold his minor league franchise in the South Atlantic League after 16 years. He operated a franchise in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in the Myrtle Beach Hurricanes and later moved the franchise to Hagerstown, Md., as the Hagerstown Suns. He was inducted into the South Atlantic Hall of Fame this past summer. Frank A. Lovelock, G’72, has just completed his first novel, Lenore: The Last Narrative of Edgar Allan Poe. The work offers an explanation of the mysterious death and disappearance of Poe. Walter McFarlane, L, superintendent of the department of correctional education, has been appointed to the Virginia Governor’s Corrections Facility Task Force.

1994
Amanda DeBusk
Trade specialty is taking her places

By Alissa Mancuso Poole, AW’94

Next time you enjoy Barilla pasta, thank Amanda DeBusk, W’78 and Board of Associates member. A Washington attorney, DeBusk helped the Italian-based company’s products become staples on U.S. supermarket shelves by getting its import tariffs reduced.

DeBusk, who has worked for several top-tier law firms, has become known as an international trade law specialist. She’s worked for the World Bank and has been a Senate-confirmed presidential appointee in the Clinton administration. Even so, DeBusk didn’t plan to be a lawyer or have a high-profile career.

As a high school student, this native of tiny Chilhowie in Southwest Virginia wanted to attend a small, private college and study journalism. She knew about Richmond from an aunt, a former student; and after attending a summer program for high school students on campus, she knew she was interested in the school. A scholarship offer sealed the deal.

At Richmond, DeBusk’s interest in political science and speech led to an internship at the General Assembly with Mary Sue Terry, W’69, a lawyer and state legislator who later became Virginia attorney general. Working with Terry sparked an interest in law, said DeBusk. Studying political science and serving as senator and president of Westhampton College Government Association provided an understanding of the political process and prepared her for a government career, DeBusk added.

“I appreciate the strong academic background and leadership opportunities I attained through the Westhampton College coordinate system and the personal support I received from my professors,” said DeBusk. “That helped me set my sights high.”

After graduation, DeBusk attended Harvard Law School and then accepted a position with a Washington law firm. While working her way up from associate to partner, she also was a Clinton adviser on the North American Free Trade Agreement. In 1997, Clinton named her an assistant secretary in the Commerce Department. DeBusk directed the 165-person organization responsible for enforcing U.S. export controls and managing various international trade negotiations and initiatives.

In 2001, DeBusk returned to private practice with Miller & Chevalier, one of the country’s largest international trade law firms. Although she has traveled extensively for work, she’s cutting back to be home with husband, fellow Washington attorney Larry Franceski, her 8-year-old son and 4-year-old twin daughters. She still makes time for Richmond and in 1996 was named a University Alumni Achiever. In 1999, she was one of four recipients of the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service. DeBusk also volunteers with the D.C. Initiative, a program designed to match Richmond students with opportunities in Washington.

“UR has a caring environment where people help other people,” said DeBusk. “I try to do what I can to help others like I was helped.”
Wayne W. Bradshaw, R, was elected to the board of the newly established Virginia Career Education Foundation. The foundation will help Virginia schools promote career and technical education. She has also been elected to the board of FNB Corp.

1970

Rin Henry Baridulli, W, changed job positions, moved into a new house and became a grandmother all in the same year. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Midlothian, Va.

1971

Norris L. Brodsky, B, is a financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney in Baltimore. He recently earned the right to use the personal financial specialist designation awarded by the American Institute of CPAs. He was also elected president of the board of Young Audiences of Maryland.

The Rev. Jack Waddell, R, has retired after eight years with Rivermont Baptist Church in Danville, Va.

Yvonne Olson (olssonhal@rev.net) or meyet, it is because we (1) do not have your e-mail address, (2) we have either an incorrect or no mailing address for you, or (3) we have either an incorrect or no phone number for you. If you fall into any of these categories, just e-mail, write or call one of us.

The Virginia Academy of Family Physicians named J. Michael Ponder, R'75, "Family Physician of the Year" for 2002.

First I need to make a correction for a bit of news recently featured in this column. Catic Holmes Hubbard, who was included in my Fall 2002 column, lives in Eastville, Va., and teaches special needs children who are 2 to 5 years old. She has 15 children in her class, not two-year-olds. My apologies for the error.

I also want to send our condolences to Linda Yeatts Brown, whose mother died in September 2002. During July, Linda attended the 27th International School Psychology Colloquium in Nyborg, Denmark. She also spent several days in Copenhagen. During the colloquium, which was attended by school psychologists from all over the world, Linda met and attended professional seminars with colleagues from Switzerland, France, Malta, Russia, China, Romania, Australia and a number of other countries. After returning from this event, she and her husband and two stepdaughters went on a trip to Asheville and the mountains of North Carolina. Linda lives in Virginia Beach.

Diane Davis Ryan and her husband Charlie Ryan, R'69, now have a second granddaughter, Julia Michelle Connolly, who was born in July 2002. Julia's mother is Lauren Davis Connolly, '96. Diane continues to teach high school math in Winchester, Va., and Charlie is still working with his insurance and finance business. Diane sends her best wishes to everyone!
enrolled. Two of the children, Julia and Mark, are in Hope Saecker's first-grade class. (Meg said that a number of our classmates might remember Hope from her visits to U.Va. while dating Rawls, who is now her husband.) Meg, her husband, and their children are still living in a three-bedroom house and are eagerly awaiting the completion of their new home in the spring.

1972

Nancy Clevering Carpenter, W, has a daughter, Kristin, at New York University. Son John enjoys everything athletic. Her mother, Mary Brock Clevering, W'76, has moved in with her family.

Sterling C. Proffitt, R, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia State Board of Corrections. He is the retired superintendent of the Central Virginia Regional Jail.

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E-mail is great! Thanks to those of you who responded with some news.

It was great to hear from Judy Thorntim Davis, who was inspired to write after enjoying our reunion class news. Judy and Karsten, who recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary, have renovated a century-old Craig County, Va., farmhouse and enjoy the country life. Her children, Sarah and Joshua Brown, are out on their own. Judy and her husband both work at Virginia Tech. Judy works in donor relations.

Kathy Kirk was able to return to England and Scotland in October to visit friends she'd made during her seven years working there. She stayed a night at a posh club near Windsor Castle, which she recommends to anyone who enjoys spa treatments or golf.

Marlib Henry Tomb has taken on a new title of mother-in-law. Son Bryan got married in October and daughter Jessica is engaged. In November Rachel Pierce Newell and two colleagues presented a seminar titled “World Music Drumming” at the state music conference. Rachel’s daughter Margaret is heading to Colorado soon and daughter Mary is a senior at James Madison University.

Betty Gammon Fulghum had a great reunion with Liz Stone Schneider, W'73, who was in town from Cincinnati with her mother and daughters. Apparently, one of Liz’s daughters is interested in Richmond as well.

Susan Clark Scharf is as busy as usual, but her activities have such long titles! She had been planning the meeting of the Council of State Governments, which met in Virginia in December. Representatives from the executive, judicial and legislative branches from across the U.S., Canada and elsewhere were in attendance. She also is the vice-chair of the standing committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (which met the same month as the other event). Other than work, Susan and her husband, Bill, spend time at the river or just spoiling their two grandsons. Their whole family was able to take a trip to Nags Head, N.C., together in November.

Susan also reported that Rick and Lucy Bone Orgain’s daughter, who is a Richmond '01 grad, is engaged and living in Nashville, Tenn.

Marshall and Sallie Stone Cook’s daughter, Elizabeth, ’03, was presented at the Bal du Bois in 2002. Daughter Sarah is married, and daughter Susan is in high school.

Tricia and I were with our families in Knoxville, Tenn., after Thanksgiving attending a U.T./U.K. football game. My son, Todd, is a senior there and in the “Pride of the Southland” band, and Tricia’s twin daughter, Erin, was checking out the Tennessee campus. Tricia’s sister, a UT grad, and family also were there. Hope to hear from more of you.

CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

Cynthia Weidler Massad

Banking on finding a career niche

By Barbara Fitzgerald

Cynthia “Cyndi” Weidler Massad, B’78 and Board of Associates member, might never have gotten into banking had it not been for a few fortuitous friendships at the University of Richmond. During her Westhampton years, banking didn’t seem an option. “I was pretty much in the dark about business,” she recalled. “My father was a minister, a Navy chaplain, so I had hardly grown up in a business environment. But a couple of business majors that I knew thought business school was the way to go. ‘It’s the best degree you can have,’ they told me. They even filled out my application.”

Massad, now the senior vice president and managing director in the Virginia Wealth Management Division of Wachovia Bank, had a lukewarm introduction to business. “I took accounting [during the] summer in Virginia Beach, where I lived. Can you imagine sitting through four hours of an accounting class three times a week during a Virginia Beach summer? When that was over, I said, ‘Well, I don’t think I’ll be an accountant.’”

But soon she found a niche. “Marketing I loved. But Dr. [Robert] Phillips in the finance department said, ‘Marketing is great, but you need a finance background, too.’ He encouraged me to double major, which turned out to be good advice.

“So a number of others took steps to get me where I am. Without those people at Richmond and their help, I probably would never have had a banking career.”

For someone who moved so far, so fast in banking as Massad has done, any other field now seems unthinkable. Eighteen months after starting her first job at United Virginia Bank, she was a supervisor. She then moved to branch management for five years. After a decade-long stint in commercial banking at Signet Bank, where she was named a vice president, she moved to Central Fidelity Bank. After that bank’s merger with Wachovia, her career took a new direction with the opportunity to manage Wachovia’s Wealth Management Division. “It was the best decision and the best career move for me,” Massad said. “The clients I worked with in commercial banking was now able to continue to help with the personal side of their finances and planning.”

Massad still finds time to volunteer with the Hand Workshop Art Center, serving on its board for several years, and on the board of the Richmond Ballet and the business council for the Virginia Museum. She is also treasurer of the 1708 Art Gallery.

After banking hours, Massad and her husband, John, B’80, enjoy boating and riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle.
1973

Stephen N. Carroll, R., is president and CEO of Iridium Holdings, parent company of Iridium Satellite, based in Northern Virginia. Cynthia S. Coldwell, W., has been elected chairman of the board of directors for the American Lung Association of Virginia. She is the president of intersex, a consulting practice, and partner at Brushton Company. Richard F. Koechlein, C., was profiled in the Small Business section of the Richmond Times Dispatch’s “Metro Business” section. He owns Custom Framing Made Simple, a picture framing business that began as a hobby. Lawrence W. Lenz, G., has been named principal of Essex High School in Tappahannock. George “Fred” Swell, R., has been promoted to assistant vice president with Marsh USA. He is a consultant with the CAPS group.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary.

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Lydia Moncuire Barber and Bill, B. are enjoying life on their farm in Fluvanna County, Va. They work most of the time, either in their commercial real estate appraisal business or on the farm. They ride when they have the time. They were recently visited by Martha Poston Turner and Pat, K’72.

I saw in the Richmond paper that the daughter of Peggy Peters Stillman was married last September in Richmond. Lindsey looks just like her mother. She graduated from U.Va. and lives and works in Washington. Congratulations to Sally Voris who was recognized as Outstanding Professional Interpreter in the Chesapeake region at the National Interpreters Workshop held in Virginia Beach in November. The conference is organized by the National Association for Interpretation, a group focused on interpreting historical, environmental and cultural sites.

For the last five years, Sally has worked to preserve and share the history of her small hometown of Elkridge. She has organized a traveling exhibit, live performances and community events.

Jeanie Nicholson Velth has been busy traveling through her position at the Air Force leisure travel agency in Germany. She has been to Morocco, Egypt, Poland and the two coastlines of the United States. She joined son Jerome in September as he returned to Seattle University for his sophomore year. They hiked the snowy Olympic Mountains and the beaches of the Olympic peninsula, and explored the Cascade Mountains. Jeanie was planning New Year’s In Moscow and a June trip to South Africa. She volunteers in her “spare” time for the American Red Cross and its adoption programs.

Carol Baker wrote that she and sister Barbie Baker met Maryann Ryczak Casterline and Bill Casterline, R., for the URI/Madison football game. Maryann is the nephew, Christopher Radford, is a freshman catcher and the team pitcher.

Sam and I enjoyed a wonderful vacation at Pawley’s Island, S.C., last summer. We were joined by the children of the family. It was a good way to end the summer and prepare for the fall. I am back chasing two-year-olds and trying to convince their parents that all two-year-olds do wild and crazy things. Hope to see lots of you at the reunion.

1974

Alfred G. Briddger Jr., B., has been appointed to the Virginia Alternative Dispute Resolution Council. He serves as manager of the Dispute Resolution Unit of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Consumer Affairs. Philip A. Hamilton, R., has been elected to the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Commission. Kenneth Grayson Howard, R., has a daughter, Beth Ann, who is a freshman at Richmond. Charles M. Newman, R., is serving as president of the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals.

Susan Linder Stephenson, W., gathered at the “Rival” in Delbarton with a group of 1974 grads to celebrate turning 50. Those in attendance were Linda Fernald Hunker, Sarah Hopkins Finley, Betsy Ray Cobb, Terry Almarodee Licklider, Janet Farrell, Carolyn Ridgeway Cook, Ellen Early Lusk and Esther Hopkins Barnes. They had a great time reliving their days at Westhampton and catching up on recent events.

John F. Cowley, L, district attorney for Togiola County, Pa., has been elected president of the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association. Linda McKeel Heath, W., sold her retail sign business and is pursuing a career as a Creative Memories consultant in the Richmond area. She is also starting an interior decorating certificate program, which is a dream she had postponed for more than 25 years. Ellen Haden Massie, W., and her husband, George Edmund Massie IV, R’71, have two daughters at Richmond. Kate is a senior and Beth is a freshman. Son Edmund is a sophomore at Patrick Henry High School in Hanover, Va. She is still very involved with work at church, the Richmond Association PBK, PTSA and Band Boosters. She also has started teaching a pilates class at the YMCA in Ashland.

J. Michael Pender, R., was named president of the Richmond Association of Family Physicians’ “Family Physician of the Year” for 2002. The award is presented annually by the academy to recognize a physician who provides unparalleled dedication and commitment to his or her patients, families and community. J. Walker Richardson Jr., R., teaches Spanish at J.S. Sargeant Academy 10, Cognizant Physician of the Year award.

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Carole Byrd Barr reports from Richmond that her family is fine. Her oldest son is in his third year at U.Va.’s Commerce School; her middle son is a high school senior looking at colleges; and her daughter is 11. Husband Mark is still in family practice, and she is still working part time as the school physician with Henrico County schools. They have started a new career providing cosmetic skin care in a plastic surgeon’s office a couple days a week — which sounds very interesting to all of us aging baby boomers! She is having fun with it and even has a Web site: www.richmondyskin.com.

Kay Lambert King and her husband, Dennis, have been reliving their teen years by hosting a 16-year-old exchange student. Traveling to Germany; Nashville, Tenn.; Orlando, Fla.; and Gulf Shores has kept Kay very busy. She also has been finishing a $6 million fund-raising campaign to start two new YMCA’s on a decent weekend, you may find the two of them sailing their “new” flying scout boat.

1975

Joan Wilson Devine, W., and her husband, Charlie, have had their medical licenses for 20 years and practice full time. Their daughter Julie is at Kenyon College, and Kate is at Chatham Hall. They keep track of seven horses, three dogs, three cats, two goats, one donkey and assorted fowl on their 25 acres. The Hon. L.A. Harris Jr., L, has been named chief judge of the 14th Judicial Court. He has served as a judge on the Henrico County Circuit Court since 1990.

J.R. Johnson III, R, teaches history to learning-disabled students at Liberty High School in Bealeton, Va. Bruce Kay, G8, has been elected program chair of the local chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute.

Marcia L. Kelley, G, is a new board member of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority. Deborah O’Toole, L, is a member of the board of directors of the Chesterfield County Bar Association.

Edward Pierce Jr., R, joined Bridgewater College as associate professor and department chair of health and exercise.

Mark Raper, R, is president-elect of the board of trustees of the Arts Council of Richmond. He is chair and CEO of Carter Ryley Thomas.

1976

Thurman Cash III, R, has been elected to the board of directors of the Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth.

Bradley B. Cavado, R, and L’83, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to serve as a judge on the Circuit Court of Richmond. He fills the vacancy left by Judge Learned D. Barry’s resignation.

Theodore L. Chandler Jr., L, has been promoted to the position of chief operating officer of Land America Financial Group Inc., a leading provider of real estate transaction services.

Philip Trompeter, L, has led the effort to create Roanoke’s new Domestic Violence Court. He is the chief judge for Roanoke’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.
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Lynne Deane

Being on campus is a terminal condition

By Anna Barron Billingsley

When she was a student, Lynne Deane, W’78, fought to get women’s health services on campus. Fifteen years later, she was delivering them.

But Deane, Richmond’s first full-time campus doctor, does more than dispense contraceptive information and take students’ Pap smears. In addition to providing a full array of health services to female patients, Deane injects flu vaccine, conducts sports physicals, monitors chronic illnesses, prescribes medications, handles meningitis outbreaks, wipes foreheads, offers advice and calms fears. A mother of two, she is also “Dr. Mom” to 2,900 college students.

The prescription is perfect for Deane, who has been the campus medical director for a dozen years. “I like to think it was fate,” she said. “But I think it was just a matter of being in the right place at the right time.”

After earning her medical degree from Medical College of Virginia, Deane held a variety of health care jobs, including a stint as an emergency room physician. She was still holding an infant and trying to keep up with a toddler when she entered private practice as a family physician in 1990. Being on call frequently and with her husband, Chuck Ellsworth, R’77, on the road a great deal with his law firm, Deane’s household situation became critical. That’s when she heard — providedly, she believes — that Leonard Goldberg, vice president for student affairs, wanted to transform the health delivery system at Richmond.

Responding to an increased demand for student medical services and to changing demographics — international and out-of-state students couldn’t very well visit their hometown doctors — the University decided to hire its own physician to replace the two contract physicians who reported to campus on a limited basis.

Working at Richmond, Deane said, gives her more control over her time, plus she’s able to interact with an age group she loves. In other practices, she said, young adult patients are a rarity because they generally are so healthy.

Also, she said, working at her alma mater allows her the rare opportunity to do on a daily basis what so many adults dream of doing: Go back to college. “I love being at a place that holds such wonderful memories for me...a place that changed my life.” Deane, 47, is active in alumni events, and she counts her sports-loving family among the greatest of Spider fans.

Moreover, Deane said, it’s a thrill to work alongside professors and other people who helped mold her career path. She said she wants to have the same sort of positive influence on students.

“I’ve done a lot of different things,” Deane said. “But, far and away, this is the most fun job.”

DEANE in 1978, 2003

1978

John E. Hamner III, GR, has been appointed to the 2002-03 board of New Community School in Richmond. Linda G. Holmes, W, has been promoted to vice president of customer management and communications in Freddie Mac’s Multifamily division. She will be responsible for customer management, training and events, policy communications and marketing communications. She will serve as Multifamily’s liaison to trade associations, news media and other external constituencies.

David W. Fuller, GB, is executive vice president in operations and management consulting for Rue & Associates Inc.

Robert F. Lederer, B, was elected mayor of Fairfax County. He is the president of National Pest Management Association.

Karen D. Miller, W, co-founded 14 years ago a medical-imaging company that was sold to Planar Systems, a public company listed on Nasdaq. The sale created a world-class medical display company with an expertise in flat panel technology.

Jackson E. Reaor, L, president and CEO of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative and former Virginia senator, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia Tobacco Indemerification and Community Revitalization Commission.

John B. Russell Jr., L, has become a member of Durrett-Broadshaw. He will head the firm’s Midlothian office.

Edward L. Smith, B, has been named vice president of customer and business development for flexible packaging at Sonoco Corp.

W. Anthony Soter, R, started his own boat repair business.

Karen Windsor, W, has joined UNOS as the manager of the national speakers bureau.

1980

David R. Baran, GB, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates. Drew Child, B, president and chief executive of Alpine Internet Solutions in Bend, Ore., joined the company in 2001, just as the market began its steep decline. Since then the company has grown, and Oregon Business magazine named him one of its 50 business leaders to follow.

1979

Al Bowles Jr., R, is senior vice president of the eastern division of UnitedHealth Group. He is a member of a senior management team of a new start-up employee benefits organization within the company.

Gregg Alan Hillmar, R, teaches scenic and lighting design and technology at Randolph-Macon College. This is in addition to an adjunct position at Richmond. He was elected secretary of United States Institute of Theatre Technology, Chesapeake section, which makes for his 12th year as a board member in various jobs for USITT-Chesapeake. He is a member of the steering committee for the mid-Atlantic region of United Scenic Artists Local 829, the union for professional designers and painters in the theatre. His freelance design career is still in full swing with shows in Baltimore, New Jersey, Fredericksburg, Va., Washington and elsewhere.

Dawn Newlon Lee, W, teaches English as a Second Language at her church and once a week to international employees at UKrops. Her husband, Brian Stewart Lee, R’80 and GB’86, is a contractor with Kane Inc. in Richmond. Their son Aaron is a freshman at Richmond, and son Cameron is in seventh grade.

Jeffrey P. Marks, R, president of Promotional Considerations, has joined Wachovia Corp.’s small business customer advisory board.

James Newlin, R and GB’81, is employed as product manager at ChemTreat Inc. His daughter, Diandra, 11, played the part of Baby June in Gypsy, which was performed at Richmond.

Lenard W. Tuck Jr., R and L’82, practices law in Richmond. He concentrates his practice in real estate law, general estate planning and business organizations.

Richard Gregory Williams, GB, has been elected to the board of directors of Tredegar Corp. He is president of CCA Financial Services.

Sean H. Yutzy, R, is an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of New Mexico.
Jennifer Bolas Holljes, W., and her husband, Jonathan Holljes, R., celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to Napa Valley. She is assisting her husband with his growing business but has been enjoying spending some time away from work and focusing on her children, Sarah and Phillip.

Robert Michael Senkfor, R., is a regional vice president for First Union/Wachovia Bank based in Roanoke, Va.

1981

Charles T. Barham, B., and his wife, Valerie, maintain their home in Colonial Heights, Va., although he is a student in the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. They enjoy attending Richmond sporting events and anticipate being reassigned to the Pentagon following Charles’ graduation.

Rebecca Beale, G., has been promoted to supervisor of special projects for Caroline County Schools.

Herbert A. Cribborne III, L., has been appointed to the board of New Community School in Richmond.

Rick Elliott, B., was named the president and CEO of Employee Benefits Services, North America, for Willis Inc. He and his wife, Shana Elliott, W, ’81, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Aruba with their three daughters, ages 14, 10 and 7. Shana practices dentistry part time in Atlanta, where they reside.

Dorle L. Cripps, W., is the new communications manager for Faith and the City, a nonprofit organization founded by former Ambassadors Andrew Young and James Laney. She will write a twice-monthly column for the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association’s weekly newsletter.

William M. Noftsginer, GB, has been appointed to the 2002-03 board of New Community School in Richmond.

Janice Garland Pierson, W., is general supervisor for Essex County Public Schools. She also has been chosen as a Fulbright Memorial Teacher Program participant and will be spending three weeks in Japan studying the educational system.

John Soter, R., has joined Harbor Mortgage Co. in Norfolk, Va., as a mortgage loan originator.

Drew Child, B’80, was named one of 50 business leaders to follow by Oregon Business magazine.

1982

P. Dale Bennett, R., has been re-elected secretary and executive vice president of the Virginia Trucking Association.

Stuart W. Blain, L., has been elected president of the Trust Administrators Council of Richmond.

Richard D. Gates, L., is a member of the board of directors of the Estate Planning Council of Richmond.

Dan Gillick, R., the co-founder and managing partner of Organizational Transitions, a firm that works with companies to help them quickly realize their acquisition investment by uncovering and resolving integration issues, recently launched a new Web site.

Pamela A. Grizzard, C’85 and Board of Associates, has been re-elected secretary of the board of directors of the Richmond Forum.

Steve Hart, R, L’85, is a planned giving officer for The Steward School and has been elected secretary of the Virginia Association of Fund Raising Executives.

Ellen Marie Hess, L., of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, has been elected to the board of the READ Center.

Douglas M. Nabhan, GB and L’84, has been named immediate past chairman of the board of directors of the Richmond Forum.

Joey Reynolds, L., has joined Midwest BankCentre as senior vice president of trust services.

Elaine Dzieniem Shoudy, B., of Flanders, N.J., got together with several alumni at the homecoming football game and again at the home of Jimmy Strickland, K’79.

Elaine and Cathy Snelgrove Magoon, W., of Auburn, Colo., got together for a 20-year reunion in Atlanta. Ellen Gentile Schreiber of Destin, Fla., also was in attendance.

Mary Lynn Bartholomay Taylor, W, is the associate director of admission at Colgate School in Richmond, where she is in charge of the admission process for kindergarten through fourth grade.

Robert Brian Townsend, R, is the new director of the department of planning, building and development for the city of Roanoke, Va.

1983

Pam Beckner, L., is president-elect of the board of directors of the central Virginia chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Kim Collins Bonuomo, W., is practicing family law in a two-attorney firm. She serves as the chair of the Family Law Section for the North Carolina Bar Association. She and her husband, Bryan, live in Greensboro, N.C.

Jeanie Nickerson Chircop, W., is head of the editorial department for Educational Research Service, a nonprofit foundation in Arlington, Va. She and her husband, Michael, have a son, Carson, 3, and a daughter, Jean Profitt, C, has been elected as the second vice chairman of the board of the READ Center.

1984

J. Russell Fentress IV, R, is a partner with the law firm of Goss & Fentress, which has offices in Norfolk, Va.; Kitty Hawk, N.C.; and Elizabeth City, N.C. He specializes in personal injury and Social Security disability law. He was elected chairman of the Pro Bono Committee for the Virginia Beach Bar Association and serves as a mentor for second graders in the Virginia Beach school system.

He and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in Virginia Beach with their children, Anne, 4, and Jack, 1.

Matt Kersey, R, has been elected to the Louisa, Va., town council.

John F. Rudin, G, has been employed as an information systems consultant for the YMCA of Richmond.

John C. Schultz, R, has been reassigned to Norfolk, Va., where he is serving as a planning officer for the staff of the Joint Forces Headquarters-Homeland Security.

Kevin T. Williams, R and L’88, has successfully passed the Tennessee bar exam and is licensed to practice law in that state. He has been a licensed Virginia lawyer since 1988 and has been in private business and has served as legal counsel to Land and Sea Enterprises Inc. for the past five years.

1985

Kevin Stubbe, R, has joined Charles Lunsford Sons & Associates as a surety bond agent, heading up its bond department in the Richmond office. He spent 10 years on the underside of the business with Great American Insurance.

Laura G. Fox, L, has joined Butler, Williams, Pantele & Skilling.

Susan Hillisman Hurley, W, has been elected president of the Beach Suburban Republican Women’s Club. She is an at-home mom and a volunteer at her children’s schools. She and her husband, Ron, live in Virginia Beach, Va., with their sons John, 8, and Mark, 6.

Stephen A. Lester II, R, has been elected president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia.

Richard Tyler McGrath, L, has become a certified member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million- and multi-million-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

Allison Morra, W, is employed by MICRO Systems of Columbia, Md. She and her husband, Thom, live in Waldorf, Md.

Karen Rojanski, W, is the principal of the North Brook School at Lighthouse Point in South Florida.

She and her husband, Michael, have three children: Michaela, 6, Kristina, 4, and Christopher, 1.

Carolyn T. Sizemore, B, has been promoted to vice president and controller of CSX Corp.

1986

David P. Baldacci, B, is controller for Pre-Con Inc., a manufacturing company located in Petersburg, Va. He and his wife, Anne, and their twins, Gianna and Antonia, 3, live in Mechanicsville, Va.

Andrew H. Howe, R, was elected to the Read-Berks Emergency Shelter board of directors. The shelter is an award-winning nonprofit organization that provides housing, medical, daycare and life skills support for the economically disadvantaged.

Klera G. Hyminen, B, was promoted to senior vice president, strategic marketing, which includes consumer and ad sales marketing, at the Weather Channel in Atlanta. She has been with the Weather Channel for three years.

Keith F. Karlawish, B, has been named president and chief investment officer of the Raleigh-based registered investment advisory firm, BB&T Asset Management Inc.

Peter Pastore Jr., GB, is employed with Ivec Packaging Corp./Alcoa, and has been elected to the board of trustees of the Arts Council of Richmond.

Dana Sykes, L, has been appointed assistant general counsel for Hamilton Beach/ Proctor-Silex Inc.

Victoria A. B. Willis, L, has been designated a principal of DurrettBrashaw.

1987

Cynthia Meyer Cranshaw, B, participated in the Commonwealth Games in England, where she earned four medals shooting for Canada — two bronze, a silver and a gold medal in trap and double trap.
1988

Cynthia Peterson Adams, G, has been named chief financial officer of Greg Garrett Realty.com in Newport News, Va. E. Neil Cowan Jr., L, is a member of the board of directors of the Chesterfield County Bar Association. Elizabeth Francy Demaret, W, was promoted to managing director, international retail services, at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., a worldwide insurance broker. Winston M. Gouldin, R, is a regional scientific manager in the medical affairs department of Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Sally Williams Haj-Hariri, W, is producing, writing, and hosting her own television show, which appears three times a week on the Charlottesville, Va., public access television channel. She has been elected to the board of the Alliance Française in Charlottesville.

1989

Joseph M. DeVivo, B, has been named president and chief operating officer of Computer Motion Inc. James R. Flinn, C, has retired from the Federal Reserve Bank after 40 years of service. Michael A. Garbee, R, is a resident in general surgery in New York City at Albert Einstein University, Montefiore Medical Center. Additionally, he is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves attached to an elite, airborne infantry unit as group surgeon.

Stuart Bean

Scoring success at work and play

By Anne Buckley

The signs that Stuart C. Bean, B'78 and Board of Associates member, would have a bright future came not from a stodgy corporate suite, but from a sweaty men’s locker room. It was at the University of Richmond in the mid-1970s, and Bean was a big believer that the Spiders needed a soccer program.

More than 25 years later as a successful businessman, Bean proudly recalls having been instrumental in getting that program going, first as a club team and then as a full-fledged varsity sport. But like many business endeavors, the University soccer program had a predictable early struggle.

“We were awful,” Bean, 46, said of that first team. “I think we went 0-8 that first year.”

Soccer and education have remained the ties that bind Bean to the University.

He lives in Tampa, Fla., with his wife, Ginger, and their two children, and travels worldwide as director of e-business hosting for IBM’s Global Services Division, one of the company’s biggest revenue generators. He’s risen through the ranks at IBM and believes his experiences at Richmond helped make it all possible.

“Looking back on it, the best part of a Richmond education was the very strong liberal arts emphasis,” the Silver Spring, Md., native said. “You’re put in a position where you’re exposed to a number of different areas. I was in the business school, but I tell people now that the two years of English that I took have served me well.”

Bean’s job has taken him to Australia, Europe, China and other parts of Asia. “We provide Web hosting services to customers who want us to build and manage their sites,” he said. IBM has provided such services at the Olympics, the Masters golf tournament and Wimbledon.

Soccer still is a big part of Bean’s life — when he has the time. He still plays in adult leagues and both his children play competitively.

Because soccer was such a significant part of his experience at Richmond, Bean last year decided to do something special to mark the occasion of the sport’s 25th anniversary on campus. He established a merit-based men’s soccer scholarship. It is his way, he said, of expressing appreciation for all that soccer has done for him.

“My college experience gave me a really well-rounded education,” he said. “I was exposed to a multitude of things. It really helped me to be much more independent than I had been before, and taught me to make rational, well thought-out decisions. The school really taught me as an adult how to think.”
Mark R. Graham, L, has been appointed to the state board for community colleges. He is an attorney in Arlington, Va.

Steven Thomas Kirkbride, R, is in computer systems operations and management.

Sheryl Robins Nolt, B, has been re-elected to the board of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.

Kristine Schlee Lansing, W, is a stay-at-home mom with her new daughter, Katie Anne. She consults for National Cooperative Bank.

Lee H. Turpin, W, has been elected to the board of the Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.

Marc Vogel, B, is the president/Ceo of Rutgers Federal Credit Union. He lives in Somerville, N.J., with his wife, Debbie, and their son, Timothy, 2.

John L. Walker III, L, is a member of the board of directors of Theatre IV in Richmond.

Dawn Worden, W, continues to practice law in Atlanta. She had taken a sabbatical to teach Spanish at a local preparatory school.

Rebecca Mills Blanton, W, lives in Glen Allen, Va., with her husband, Rob, and three children: Katie, 6; Grace, 4; and Timothy, 2.

Matthew Cann, B, was recently promoted to compliance manager at the Vanguard Group in Malvern, Pa.

Andrea Amore-Clark, W, is director of client services for Franklin Street Marketing in Richmond.

Stephanie E. Grana, W and L'93, is president-elect of the Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association.

Jan Wachtman Hyland, W, lives in Lucette's, Va., with her husband, Tim Hyland, '88, and daughter, Brett Ashley, 2.

Kelly Murray Kole, W, has graduated from the Art Institute of Atlanta after completing the residential interiors program. She has her own design business, Kelly Kole Interiors.

Barbara K. Levin, G, has been re-elected to the board of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.

Suzie Negus, B, is managing director, national recruiting team, for Resources Connection, a professional service firm. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, David, and daughters Caroline Hope, 7, and Anna Katherine, 3.

Cynthia Huffard Richards, W, is working part time as a pediatric physical therapist at Children's Hospital in Richmond.

Suzanne Salter, W, is working for BNP Paribas in Paris and is in charge of equity derivative sales for emerging markets.

Sandi Dollar Shinrin, W, has joined Action Alliance for Virginia's Children and Youth as its director of development.

John D. Waite, R, is director of the Center for Heart, Lung and Kidney Disease at Children's National Medical Center in Washington.

Carole E. Yeatts, W, is an officer of the Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association.

Joe Aulino, R, is a neuro-radiologist at Vanderbilt University.

George Boatwright, GR, has been elected treasurer of the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Central Virginia Inc.

Lauren Boyer, W, is a fourth-year veterinary student in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Last May she married Jordan Mattey, R, an actor who owns a photography business. They live in New York City.

Gregory J. Fedele, B, works as the program finance controls manager for the chemical systems division of Pratt & Whitney.

Ann Donohue Custer, W, is an attorney in solo practice in New York City.

Joseph P. Haymore, R, was promoted to assistant vice president at Universal Life Foundation. He is pursuing an MBA at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Renee C. Lamborne, W, is in her 10th year of teaching middle school in Mt. Ephraim, N.J. She and her husband, Steve, live in Swedesboro, N.J., with their daughter, Alyssa, 2.

Anne R. McReynolds, W, is employed by St. Patrick's School.

Michelle Panner, B, has been elected to the board of directors of the Junior League of Richmond.

Richard D. Trala Jr., L, has joined the Joel Bieber Firm.

Amy Woodford, W, and her husband, Ted, split their time between New York City and Bucks County, Pa.

Thomas W. Young, R, is working as a pediatric cardiologist with the rank of assistant professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. He and his wife, Pierce Jonassen Young, W, live in Augusta, Ga., with their son, William, 2.

Lee Bradley, R, was promoted to distribution manager, eastern region, with Plantronics Inc., which manufactures communications headsets. He and his wife live in Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Sean F. Childers, R, was promoted to area sales manager serving the Toyota and Lexus dealerships of western Virginia and West Virginia. He works as a consultant to dealers to help them increase profits and sales of finance and insurance products.

Brad Cummings, B, has joined Whistlotech Business Solutions as an enterprise consultant.

Peter DiLorenzo, R, has joined the Camden County College faculty.

David Foreman, R, is a new health care reporter for The Business Journal. He will keep reporters informed about health care developments and their impact on business. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Arlington, Va., with their daughter, Kendall, 1.

Phyllis T. Holliman, W, was named teacher of the year for Sussex County, Va.

Keith Hurley, L, is program director of the board of directors of the Chesterfield County Bar Association.

Bill Norton, R, is program director for Kluwap Development Partners.

Edward Pierce Jr., R, has been appointed to the faculty at Bridgewater College as associate professor of health and exercise and a department chair.

Brian R. Pitney Jr., L, has been elected president of the board of trustees for the St. John's Church endowment fund. He lives in Richmond.

Debbie Vogel, W, is the communications coordinator for the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

Robert B. Goergen Jr., R, is vice president, business development and Internet strategy of Blyth Inc., a leader in the candles, home fragrance and giftware industry. He oversees the company's acquisitions and corporate development.

Cindy Kelly is a Spanish teacher at Manassas Park Middle School in Northern Virginia. She and her husband, Chris, live in South Riding, Va.

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Heather Lynn Lusk is an associate marketing manager of Roche Diagnostics.

Maria Raney has been elected president of the board of directors of the Richmond chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants.

Phyllis T. Holliman, W'92, was named Teacher of the Year for Sussex County, Va.

Charley Williams, C, of Verizon Communications, has been elected a board member of the READ Center.

David K. Worland, R, has a partnership in Redmedical L.L.C., which continues to expand in the South Florida area and specializes in arthroscopic and sports medicine products and services.

Christopher McKay Cox is a consultant for Euro RSOG Circle, an Internet marketing agency in Boston.

Randell DeMille is employed as a senior mortgage officer in the corporate office of Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kerry T. Depew has been promoted to vice president of investments at Prudential Securities.

Heidi Butter Ford is director, membership management, of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

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Susan M. Scarborough has partnered with two other financial advisors at Legg Mason and has formed the ESA Group of Legg Mason. She lives in Baltimore with her husband and son, Patrick.

J. Baldwin Smith IV is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a master of arts degree in biblical studies. He works with students at Vanderbilt University with Campus Crusade for Christ in Nashville, Tenn.

Deborah L. Story received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology specializing in the area of forensics. She is a senior psychologist at an outpatient psychiatric hospital in Northern Virginia.

Philip L. Tighe is in his last year of residency in orthodontics at New York University.

Carolyn A. White, L, is president of the Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association.

Rob Allen is an account executive with Riggs, Counselman, Michaels & Downes. He advises businesses on strategic benefit planning and retirement plan management. He and his wife, Kathleen, and their two children live in Baltimore.

Joseph Anderson is an assistant principal at Middle College High School in Crown Heights, a section of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jennifer T. Croomwell is working as an associate veterinarian in a five-doctor practice. She lives in Boston.

Gail A. Ferrari is a public relations manager with Unisys Corp.

Brian Fremund was promoted to director of athletic media relations at Western Kentucky University.

Michael London has graduated from Fordham University with a master's degree in finance. He is now working for the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Center on Wall Street, handling stocks and bonds.
From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Katie Hamann Hansen is the director of sales and marketing for Party Perfect in Richmond.

Beth Ranson works for Abbott Laboratories as a transplant specialist representative in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Harry C. Novotny III was promoted to district manager for Janssen Pharmaceutica in the Florida eldercare district.

Charles F. Plageman, GB, has been elected to the board of directors of St. Joseph’s Villa in Richmond.

Charity C. Reuse moved to Winston-Salem, N.C. to become the associate pastor for music and worship at Northwest Baptist Church.

Keith A. von Schrilitz is a new student coordinator at DeVry Inc. in Northern Virginia.

Martha Thompson Stoops teaches dance to young children at the YMCA in Virginia Beach, Va. She began learning Irish Step Dancing (Riverdance-style) two years ago and has been competing for a year. She and her husband, Mark, live in Virginia Beach with their two children, Emily, 4, and Katie Lin, 2.

Jennifer Avalone Toscano is promoted to senior counselor for Jennfer Avallon Toscano is

Hal Vincent is a senior counselor executive at Timney/DeGregorio, an advertising agency.

Carol Papenhauen Warren is employed as a planner writer for Financial Planning Magazine.

She and her husband, Charles, live in Charlotte, N.C.

John B. Mumford Jr. accepted a position with Shaw Pittman L.P., working in the firm’s Tysons Corner, Va., office.

1995

Rachael E. Moore received her master’s degree in education, specializing in higher education, from the University of Pennsylvania. She was promoted to manager of communications for the Insurance Council of New Jersey.

Jennifer Leffler Perrin is an attorney practicing medical malpractice defense law at the firm of Hardin, Kondra, McKeon, Polletto and Polffroni in Springfield, N.J.

James R. Flinn, C’89, has retired after 40 years with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Michael Sampogna is a reporter for the Marietta Daily Journal. He and his wife, Melissa, and their son, Andrew Michael, 2, live in the metro Atlanta area.

Mark Simmons has completed his first year as a faculty member in the department of biology at Colorado State University, representing the area of plant systematics.

Brian Sutherland Thomas has been appointed director of capital giving at Hampden-Sydney College. He will lead the major gifts, planned giving and corporate and foundation relations team in raising funds to meet the goals and objectives of the college.

R. Jill Wells, L, is an officer of the Metro Richmond Women’s Bar Association.

Craig G. Wilkinson, GB, is an officer of the New Community School.

1996

Wendy Scarborough Bowman is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. She is doing her residency in anesthesiology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She and her husband, John Bowman, ’94, live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Beverly Brockwell Brown has relocated from New York City to Richmond.

Kathy Meadows, C, has joined Timmons as director of human resources.

Nancy V. Oglesby, L, is second vice president of the board of directors of the Chesterfield County Bar Association.

Rich Queshane is working as technical sales representative for Strategic Diagnostics Inc. in the company’s Southeast territory.

Burt Stanlair received his Ph.D. in equine nutrition and continues to work for Virginia Tech as a post-doctoral research associate in Middleburg, Va.

Vincent VanderHeiden has joined the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as the associate director of the office of vocations.

Hal Vincent is a senior account executive at Timney/DeGregorio, an advertising agency.

Carole Papenhauen Warren is employed as a planner writer for Financial Planning Magazine.

She and her husband, Charles, live in Charlotte, N.C.

Andrew Wert is a derivatives trader who has been living in Paris for the last four years with his wife, Anne Perkins Wert, ’97.

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1997

Sharvari Dalal-Dheini is in her third year of a J.D./MA program. She lives in Washington with her husband, Raed.

Pamela Michelle Dise is teaching and is about halfway towards earning her master’s degree in Latin American/Caribbean studies at New York University.

Maureen Jade Flood was promoted to program officer for new business development at Pact Inc., an international nonprofit organization working to develop civil society worldwide. She will be working in both Nairobi, Kenya, and Washington to pursue program opportunities for Pact in Africa and worldwide.

Amy Lynn Harman completed her judicial clerkship with The Hon. G. Steven Agee of the Court of Appeals of Virginia and joined the law firm of Vanderpool, Frostick & Nishanian P.C. in Manassas, Va. Her practice focuses primarily on corporate and commercial transactions.

Jennifer Goodwin Hein is enrolled in the master’s of English degree program in the writing and rhetoric track at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is also taking classes towards her teacher’s license through the University of Richmond’s School of Continuing Studies.

Braxton Hill, L., has been elected as a board member for the READ Center, where he is the first vice chairman. He is employed with Christian & Barton.

Tara Christine Houston was promoted to manager at Deloitte & Touche in Richmond.

Jennifer Pascoe Johnson and her husband, Bennett, are owners of 3 Sports, a Richmond-area store that focuses on various items for running, cycling and swimming.

Traci Margolis is a manager at Accenture in Denver.

Stefanie R. Mathew has begun a new position as research manager and campaign associate in the development department of the Shakespeare Theatre.

Cliff McClenny, regional administrator for the United Network for Organ Sharing, was elected president-elect of the American Society of Minority Health and Transplant Professionals at its annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala. ASMHTP is a national organization that promotes organ and tissue donation and transplantation among minorities.

Nicole Meomartino was promoted to manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Boston.

Danielle Mercantante received her Ph.D in pharmacology as vice president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kristin Farrar Swinton is pursuing an MBA at Columbia University.

Sarah Weinzierl is an appellate attorney working at the Tampa, Fla., office of Holland & Knight. She received her law degree from the University of Florida.

Anne Perkins Wert is painting and studying French.

Robin Wilcox, GB, has joined Wachovia Securities as vice president and financial advisor with the national S.D. service group in Williamsburg, Va.

Tara Zinner is senior assistant director of admissions and finance assistance at Drew University in Madison, N.J.

Linda Pietuck Peterson, B’88, successfully defended her title of North Carolina InterClub Golf Champion.

1998

Braden H. Boucek graduated from law school at Howard State and is an assistant to the Tennessee attorney general in the criminal justice division.

Ashley Broom received her MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She returned to the U.S. after traveling the world for six months.

Paige R. Carrington is employed at the national S.D. Enterprises.

Brent Brian Harrington graduated from Columbia Teachers College with a master’s degree in educational policy. He is teaching eighth-grade U.S. history at Farragut Middle School in Hastings, N.Y.

Pamela M. Herrington, L., has opened her own practice in the Ridgefield Medical Building in Richmond. Her practice will focus on employment issues, personal injury and family law.

Pamela Dawn Clark is a fifth-grade teacher with Pittsylvania County schools.

John William Lomas, Jr., received his J.D and master’s of public policy degrees at Duke University.

Lisa Madonia Lomas is a biological psychology student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She and John live in Durham, N.C.

Joe Schneider completed a century bike ride (100 miles in one day) in Lake Tahoe, Nev., for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He raised more than $6,000 for the society.

He lives in Arlington, Va., and works for Allstate Insurance on its national event team.

Heather Ann Scott completed two years in the Peace Corps in Mauritania, West Africa.

Amy Sette is in law school at the University of Maryland and plans to pursue a career in immigration law.

Christopher Robert Smith is an associate at Ross, Dixon, and Bell in Washington, practicing insurance coverage defense, insurance defense and white-collar criminal defense law.

Kelly Thomas is a coordinating producer at W.H. Films in Mount Laurel, N.J. She lives in Bucks County, Pa.

Sarah Cole-Turner Vincent was promoted to marketing manager at The Princeton Review.

1999

Susan C. Bland, L., is an associate with Sinnott, Nuckols & Logan.

Kim Cocco joined Work Inc. as an account manager.

Brian P. Culver received his commission as a Naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, Fla.

John P. Cunningham joined the law firm of Caplin & Drysdale in Washington as a commercial litigation associate.

Samuel Easterling was promoted to the rank of captain. He is serving as division signal plans officer for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., and is preparing to deploy to Kuwait.

Eric J. Finkelman, L., has been appointed to the Virginia Privacy Advisory Committee.

M. Seth Ginter, L., an associate with Hirscht Fleischer, has been appointed to the state’s advisory council on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Leanna May Bowman Goodrich and her husband, Peter, live in Harrahburg, Pa. She is beginning her second year of teaching German to grades eight-12 in the Elizabethtown area school district. She completed her Level I Instructional Certification in the German language through Millersville University with a 4.0 GPA.

Kyle Pierson Kahuda is a science teacher and college counselor at Chatham Hall in Chatham, Va.

Samuel J. Kaufman has joined Cowan & Owen as an associate.

Carrie Michelle Kennedy is a writer and editor for Potomac Communications Group, a boutique public relations firm in Washington.

Sarah M. Kinnin is in her first year at Virginia Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Episcopal Church, in its master’s of divinity degree program.

Jeffrey Lewandowski is in the Ph.D. program in cell biology and molecular genetics at the University of Maryland.

Orly Lewis is the director of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at the Jewish Community Center in Richmond. She has been awarded the Distinguished Directors Award at the annual conference for professional in-service training for directors of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. Only one such honor is awarded internationally annually.

Timanto Marima has completed her master’s of science degree in foreign service.

Scott A. McLaughlin has joined Ernst & Young LLP in McLean, Va., as a senior accountant.

Emily Moore has joined the Martin Agency as an assistant producer.

Erin Nelson received her master’s in fine arts degree in stage management from University of California, San Diego.

Jamin Tyler Purves is a disability claims specialist for MetLife in Tampa, Fla.

Brendan Reed is pursuing a master’s degree in biology at San Diego State University, where he is a teaching assistant for freshman biology classes.

Lee Allen Rosenthal is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law and was admitted to practice law in Kentucky. He has joined the Lexington, Ky., office of Woodward, Hobson and Fulton in its litigation department.

Kristin C. Roussillon was awarded a master of science degree in environmental health science from the Bloomberg School at Johns Hopkins University. She is pursuing a medical degree at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Scott Ridgely is attending Wake Forest University’s Babcock Graduate School of Management.

Jacob H. Sams is a youth minister at St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church.

Katherine Hammer Schirano is a senior accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.
2000

Jeffrey P. Bennett, L, is working with the office of the commonwealth's attorney for the city of Lynchburg, Va. Elizabeth Sara Bray was promoted to consultant at Accenture and has relocated to New York City. James M. Bracey has moved back to Fort Worth, Texas, to continue working for Surgical Monitoring Services.

Jennifer G. Bryan, G, is a reading specialist with Richmond Public Schools.

Amy Leich Cichewicz is employed as the Europe marketing manager for Liberty Travel and GOGO Worldwide Vacations. She resides in Mahwah, N.J.

Terri Cofer, L, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the board of trustees of the Virginia Land Conservation.

2001

Daniel Ross Biegelson is a student in the MFA program for poetry at the University of Montana.
1993/Cindy McDonald and Chris Kelly, Oct. 6, 2001. Included in the wedding party was Susanne Argamaso, '93.
1993/Shelly Morrow and Jamie Mark, Sept. 21, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer Clarke and Beth Vann, both '93.
1996/Kathryn Hill and Lindsay Henderson, '92, June 1, 2002.
1996/Karen Joy Olszak and Christopher Olszak, '98, Aug. 17, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Anna Puri and Laura Armstrong, both '97.
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1997/Sarah C. Hubert and Michael J. Hubert, Sept. 29, 2002. The couple lives in Richmond.
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commander in the Navy, he acted as judge advocate of the Permanent General Court Martial for the 5th Naval District. He resumed his post as Commonwealth's attorney from 1943 through 1954. He was alderman of the city of Franklin and a member of several patriotic and fraternal associations.

1930/Arthur T. Elliott, R, of Roanoke, Va., Aug. 30, 2002. He began his career with Virginia Electric Power Co. in Richmond and continued for 34 years with the Roanoke Gas Co., where he retired as vice president and general manager. For many years, he served as treasurer of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias. He was director of First Federal Savings and Loan Association. He served as president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, later serving on the board of directors of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He was a leader in more than a dozen civic organizations. He was named Father of the Year by the Roanoke Merchants Association and also served on the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church.

1931/Bruce Archer Morrisette, R and H/75, of Herbert, Mich, Feb. 6, 2000. He was a romance languages educator at numerous universities, including Johns Hopkins, Washington University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. He was an author and recipient of many awards.

1932/Anna Anderson, W, of Richmond, Oct. 1, 2002. She was a long-time employee of the Virginia State Bar.

1932/Clinton B. Clarke Jr., R, of Richmond, Dec. 28, 1998. He received a master's degree from Columbia.

1932/Virginia Jones Pharr, W, of Newport News, Va., July 5, 2002. She was principal of both Denbigh and Sanford elementary schools and retired from Newport News Public Schools in 1974. She was past state chaplain and state corresponding secretary of Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, past district director of District 11, NADAR. She was a former member of First Presbyterian Church and past president of Presbyterian Women.

1933/James E. Henry, R, of Franklin, Va., July 8, 2002. He was a professional engineer and land surveyor with the Virginia Department of Highways for 43 years. At the time of his retirement, he was a Suffolk district survey engineer. He was a past president and former member of the State Board of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, former vice mayor of the city of Franklin and a past member of the Franklin City Council.


1934/William W. Wright Sr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 16, 2002. He was a partner in a law firm in Virginia's Pittsylvania and Lancaster counties and in Richmond. He retired after 55 years of ministry, including 18 years as chaplain, four years in World War II and later in nursing homes and at McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond.

1935/William C. Ginnan, R, of Richmond, April 10, 2002. He was a second lieutenant in the Army with the Medical College of Virginia's 45th General Hospital based at Fort Lee. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star. After the war, he began a private medical practice. He joined McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond as a staff physician. He also served on the vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church.

1935/Thomas H. Morris Jr., R, of Galax, Va., April 12, 2002. He had been a mirror manufacturer and was active in the YMCA.


1936/Dave Allen Parker, R, of Richmond, Sept. 27, 2002. He was a retired treasurer of Binswanger Glass Co. and was active in SCORE and as a volunteer tax accountant.


1940/Elizabeth Johnson Alvis, W, of Fairfax, Va., Aug. 2, 2002. She was a Fairfax City election judge in the 1960s and 1970s. She also taught high school Latin in Hanover County, Va. and worked as a bank teller in Richmond. She was a member of Fairfax Baptist Church.

1940/James P. Simpson III, R, of Boyce, Va., Sept. 16, 2002. He was a horse owner and breeder.

1940/Harriett Yeamans Mercer, W and H, of Philadelphia, Pa., N.C., July 22, 2002. She was a teacher and guidance counselor in public schools in Richmond. She was involved in volunteer work through the years. She was an active member of the Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting.

1941/Ashley D. DeShazo, W, of Palmyra Valley, Ariz., Aug. 19, 2002. He was a retired vice president and corporate credit manager for Montgomery Ward.


1941/The Rev. James Matthew Fogg, R, of Phillips, W.Va., Sept. 25, 2002. He was a civil engineer for the New Jersey State Highway Department and the Army Corps of Engineers in Panama. He was ordained and served parishes in Virginia and West Virginia before joining the faculty of Alderson-Broadus College, where he taught mathematics, physics, science, math, astronomy and Spanish. He was an active member of Philippi Baptist Church, where he taught the men's class.

1941/Elizabeth Holden Silpek, W, of Richmond, Nov. 20, 2002. She was a painter, particularly of oil canvases, who liked to use bright colors and bold brush strokes. She was represented at galleries in Washington and New York City. Her paintings hang in the collections of a number of United States embassies and consulates through the "Art in the Embassies" program of the U.S. State Department. Her works are also in numerous private and corporate collections. She was an active and long-time member of the Richmond Artists Association. During World War II, she served at the United States War Production Board and was stationed in Richmond and El Paso, Texas. She also owned and operated an antique business.

1941/Virginia Wood Hawkins, W, of New Oxford, Pa., Jan. 4, 2002. She was a teacher and was active in her church.


1943/John H. Woicik, G, of Carbondale, Ill., Aug. 21, 2000. He was professor emeritus of chemistry at Southern Illinois University.

1945/Nell White Gillespie, W, of Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 11, 2002. A native of Brazil, she was a teacher and civil rights activist.


1947/Sara Frances Young, W, of Richmond, Aug. 9, 2002. She was a past president of the Westham Garden Club and a former member of the Woman's Club. She was a Virginia Museum volunteer hostess for many years. She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

1948/Robert A. Browning Jr., R, of Glen Allen, Va., Nov. 1, 2002. He was a retired senior vice president of SunTrust Bank's corporate trust department. He was also a former president of the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking. He served two four-year terms with the State Welfare Board and five years as chairman of the Henrico Mental Health Clinic board.

1948/Herbert D. Liebman, R, of Franklin, Ky., April 25, 2002. He was an attorney and practiced in the areas of transportation, probate and corporate law.


1948/Houston B. Sizer, R, of Roanoke, Va., Sept. 14, 2002. He was principal of Henrico County's Skipwith Elementary School for 13 years until his retirement in 1983.

1949/Elliott W. Calisch, R, of Chesterfield County, Va., Aug. 4, 2002. He served in the 8th Air Force during World War II and was employed by Friedman-Marks and Jefferson Clothing for more than 20 years before retiring from the Palm Beach Clothing Company. He was a member of Temple Beth Ahabah.

1949/Georgia Kilpatrick Hammack, W, of Lawrenceville, Va., April 17, 2002. She was a freelance writer who had a weekly column in the South Hill Enterprise for more than 25 years.

1949/William L. Perkins Jr., R, of Richmond, Oct. 9, 2002. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a Mason and a member of the Acca Temple Band. He also worked for International Harvester, was a real estate broker, a professional musician and a member of Derbyshire Baptist Church.
the Virginia Jaycees. He was an active lifelong member of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church. He retired from Fort Lee after 38 years in civil service. His final position at Fort Lee was special assistant to the quartermaster commanding general in charge of total quality management.

1957/Emmett Y. Robertson Jr., R, of Concord, N.C., Nov. 23, 2002. He was vice president of NorthEast Medical Center.

1958/The Rev. James E. Jarrell Sr., R, of Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 2, 2001. A retired Baptist minister, he was a former pastor at Craig's Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, Va. He retired from the Navy after 20 years and was a chief personnelman, having served during World War II and the Korean conflict. A Pearl Harbor survivor, he received numerous medals and ribbons, including the Pearl Harbor Medal. He was also a retired school principal.


1961/Timothy A. Foltz, R, of Fredericksburg, Va., April 17, 2001. He had been terminal manager for Ryder Trucklines.

1961/Thomas Henry Garrett Jr., R, of Richmond, Sept. 18, 2002. He was a retired Henrico County teacher and coach at Tuckahoe Middle School.


1964/Ollie M. Griffin Jr., R, of Richmond, Nov. 5, 2002. He was a highway engineer.


1967/Charles B. Little, G, of Abingdon, Va., June 26, 2002. He was research director at the Virginia Employment Commission in Richmond before joining UBA, an employer lobbying organization specializing in unemployment and workers’ compensation. He was a member of St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church in Fairfax, Va.

1967/Judith S. McCann, W, of Denver, Colo., March 10, 2002. She had been dean of students at Mennonite College.

1967/Carolyn Cobb Penniston, W, of Williamsburg, Va., March 5, 2002. She was a former president of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association.

1969/Elizabeth Matthews Balsbaugh, W, of Richmond, Sept. 26, 2002. She volunteered for the Virginia Home for Boys for more than 30 years. An award to recognize the boys’ volunteerism was named in her honor. The administration building at the Virginia Home for Boys was named for her and her husband, a former executive director of the home.


1969/Carl J. Know Jr., R, of Richmond, Aug. 18, 2002. He served as president, director, and chairman of the board of Pelican Properties. He was also president of Infinity Investment Group Inc. He was the youngest individual in the United States to receive the professional designation of “Accredited Farm and Land Broker.”

1969/John Carroll Dunford, G, of Richmond, Nov. 5, 2002. She was a former Spanish, French and German teacher.

1969/Tommy James Hagg, R, of Richmond, April 17, 2001. He was an officer in the U.S. Army, a Vietnam War veteran and member of the Presidential Honor Guard. A manager in general practice with Coopers and Lybrand, he later became the director of Internal audit and then controller for the Carpenter Co.

1970/Michael L. Pardee, B, of Severna Park, Md., Nov. 12, 2002. He was chief financial officer of H.B. Enterprises in Edgewater, Md.


1971/John Higginbotham, G, of Macon, Ga., Nov. 11, 2002. He worked for the American Tobacco Co. until the mid 1990s, when the company was acquired by Brown & Williamson. Following the buyout, he accepted a position with B&W as senior product development manager.

1973/Jerry Thomas Owens, R, of Cockeysville, Md., July 16, 2002. He worked for Dart Container Corp. as the sales representative for Virginia and parts of Maryland and Tennessee. He also worked for Koch Associates in Cockeysville, which sells industrial instrumentation products to the government. He began as general manager.
Business Education in the Global Economy: New Needs, New Challenges

For centuries, international economic activity has been organized into distinct national units shaped and constrained by the power of individual countries. This model is giving way to a new paradigm in which the firm — regardless of where the parent company happens to be based — obtains elements of value from wherever in the world they may be most efficiently obtained, combines or assembles them in whatever location may be the most cost-effective, and then distributes them wherever appropriate demand exists, with little regard to national boundaries. Firms everywhere now face global competition, without the domestic-market protection formerly afforded by national governments.

A second profound change in the global competitive environment is the demise of the individual firm as the primary unit of competition. Economics has long viewed the company as a “black box”: a self-contained unit within which the various management functions take place. Firms have constructed walls around themselves to help secure their internal proprietary advantages from competitors. In the new global environment, however, firms in a variety of industries, such as airlines, electronics, automotives and pharmaceuticals, often rely on collaborative alliances. We are witnessing a shift in paradigm from traditional forms of competition taught in business schools — in which control is exercised largely through ownership and internal hierarchy — toward newer forms of collaboration in which mutual control emanates from interdependence and mutuality of benefit.

These sea-changes in the business environment have far-reaching implications for business education. To operate effectively in this new collaborative paradigm, managers will need new skills and competencies, many of which are not adequately addressed in business schools today. I see three particular challenges these developments pose to business schools.

The need for networking capabilities. In the emerging competitive paradigm, the main unit of competition is often no longer the individual firm. Rather, networks of firms are collaborating for greater mutual benefit than their respective independent operations can yield. Business organizations are moving away from hierarchical management toward a more diffused distribution of power and control. While networking provides opportunities for firms to acquire resources, it also adds complexity to the tasks of managers. Entirely new skills are needed to manage relationships and networks. Just as business schools introduced and diffused a new dimension of interpersonal skills into their curricula over the last two decades, they need now to instill inter-organizational skills in the managers they are training for today’s competitive global arena.

After having served for more than two decades as director of international business studies at McGill University, I was drawn to the University of Richmond largely by my perception that the University in general, and the Robbins School in particular, are moving creatively to address these new challenges. I am pleased to say that my expectation has been borne out. Throughout the curriculum, more readings and cases are set in an international or cross-cultural context. New courses on small business and entrepreneurship have been added, as well as material on networks and managing inter-company relationships.

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