Richmond reels in star professors
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EDITOR

To the editor:

What a superb job! I read the summer issue cover to cover the first day. So did my brother, Edward L. Dunford, R'50.

I was interested especially in the piece on Wes Allison, R'91, who covered the Iraq war for the St. Petersburg Times. For a while, Wes was a reporter for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, where I had been city editor, and he was a first-rate student in a couple of journalism classes I taught at UR.

Earle Dunford Jr., R'48
Richmond, Virginia

To the editor:

I am writing to commend UR for the impressive alumni magazine. I was included in the Spring 2003 article about the Peace Corps. I was glad to see UR highlighting the careers of people who had gained this experience in nonprofit/government/international work, as many of us were inspired by volunteer and leadership activities during college.

I am looking forward to the next issues.

Debbie Curley, W'92
Atlanta, Georgia

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It's not about the lake.
And neither, despite the concerns of some students and alumni, is it about the end of the coordinate system. Richmond's hallmark separate-but-equal-system thrives; however, this fall, less separation exists between male and female undergraduates. For the first time, an equal number of men and women students are living on both sides of the lake, completing a transition that began last academic year when one women's residence hall and two men's residence halls were "taken over" by members of the opposite sex. This year, men are living in Gray Court and South Court on the Westhampton side, while women are living in Marsh, Moore, and Robins Halls on the Richmond side. A new residential program devoted to inter-cultural experience, Global House, is located in Westhampton's Keller Hall and houses men and women on separate floors.

However, this migratory milestone does not change the essential features of the coordinate system. The Westhampton and Richmond student governments remain in place, as do the distinct traditions and rituals of each college. In fact, said Leonard Goldberg, vice president for student affairs, "it is likely that the coordinate colleges will be enhanced by our having eliminated the single greatest source of dissatisfaction for women as well as men." Survey after survey has revealed students want coed housing. The new arrangement may also improve retention and attract prospective students who might have been put off by the old housing system.

Moreover, the evaporation of the "lake effect" clarifies the original mission of the coordinate system: to bridge students' curricular and co-curricular experiences.

"There was a time when separate housing made sense," said Juliette Landphair, dean of Westhampton College. "But that is just not the case today, when students come to college from coed high schools and expect to be in a coed setting." Richmond College Dean Steve Bisese said he noted a difference in campus life almost as soon as the housing change was initiated. "The first indication I had that it was going well was [at freshman orientation] when I saw men and women walking together."

Bisese also noted that meetings and study groups in Whitehurst lounge, on the Richmond side, are significantly more coed, as are groups just hanging out to play pool or watch TV.

Living on the Richmond side took some adjustment, said Westhampton sophomore Lesley Byrd. "In Robins, we were surrounded by men's residence halls." But, she added, "the residence hall is still all-women, so you are able to meet other women. And it's nice because you would not necessarily meet the women next door to you, women of different years, if you lived in Lora Robins Court with only first-year women."
Mimi Anderson Gill, W'49, had a similar experience when she lived in Richmond's Thomas Hall in 1945-46, her first year at the University. World War II had just ended and men's enrollment was low; by contrast, more women had enrolled than could be housed on the Westhampton campus. Being on the Richmond side with male students "helped our class a great deal," Gill said. "We bonded, being together over there. It made things seem very normal."

Not surprisingly, Gill is in favor of the new housing arrangement. "You can't keep things like they always were," she said. "If things don't change, there will be no development at all."

Ask last year's "pioneers" about the most notable aspects of living on the opposite side of campus, and they likely will respond with one word: bathrooms. Shortly after women moved into Robins, someone added a Martha Stewart touch by sticking plastic flowers in the urinals. The urinals, and the flowers, have since been replaced by a countertop and mirror.

As for how the men fared on the Westhampton side in Gray Court's four-student suites, head resident Jon Simon made clear that housekeeping was low priority. "Four men, one bathroom, an eight-and-a-half-month school year, no bathroom cleaning supplies — you do the math."

The lake remains the University's centerpiece, no longer a symbol of division but of coming together — as perhaps it always was. On a bench located near where the Westhampton College gate used to be, these words are inscribed: "J. Caldwell 'Tiny' Hicks RC '17, and Lula Jones Puckett WC '17, met nearby in 1915 and were married in 1917."

Nearly a century later, Richmond still is bringing men and women together.

— LIZ SHEEHAN

A duet of deans

Although unplanned, the scenario could not have played out any more smoothly: The deans of Richmond College and Westhampton College started their jobs within weeks of each other. Dr. Steve Bisese became dean of Richmond in July 2002, replacing Dr. Richard A. Mateer, who had held the position since 1973. Dr. Juliette Landphair had become interim dean of Westhampton the month before. In April of this year, after a national search, she was named dean of the college.

The deans make a dynamic team, complementing each other personally and professionally. Both are warm, witty and outgoing. Both have young children and strive to balance their family and work lives. Both bring valuable prior experience at the University to their jobs. Bisese was assistant dean of Richmond College in the late 1980s, while Landphair was assistant director and, subsequently, interim director of Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL).

As an historian of 20th-century women's history, Landphair is keenly aware of how the University's coordinate system has benefited women students. From its inception in 1914, it has provided a supportive community, self-governance, and the conviction that women are the intellectual and social equals of men. Respect for this history, Landphair said, "poses the challenge for Steve and me of really articulating what the coordinate system now means."

For Bisese, the strength of the system is its close attention to the well-being of Richmond and Westhampton students. "By the nature of the coordinate system," he said, "Juliette and I are able to have a holistic view of students — their academic work, their social issues, the times when they might be getting into a crisis situation. Plus, there are more opportunities under this system for students to have leadership roles."

Both deans work closely with Dr. Andrew Newcomb, dean of arts and sciences, to further the University's academic mission. "He understands the connections between what goes on in the classroom and what goes on outside, in students' residential communities and co-curricular activities," Landphair said.

Bisese added, "We have the best of both worlds here — single-sex programming and support within a coed setting. I think the housing change has solved a lot of issues, and I don't see there being a real need for much change after this."

— LIZ SHEEHAN
Alumni associations tie the knot

A wedding of sorts took place on campus on July 17. Two years after voting to merge into one alumni association, more than 100 members of the former Westhampton College, Richmond College and E. Claiborne Robins School of Business alumni associations gathered with their guests, University staff and friends to celebrate the inaugural meeting of the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA).

Chuck Ellsworth, R'77, president of the URAA nominating committee and former Richmond College alumni association president, called the evening a "celebration of a new beginning, a new start for all of us." After conducting the association's obligatory business, Ellsworth recognized the association's new officers and presented the gavel to Susan G. Quisenberry, W'65, first president of the URAA and former Westhampton alumni association president.

Quisenberry described the event as ushering in a "new era for alumni" and highlighted the association's ability to "create greater visibility, speak with one voice and effectively represent alumni across the world." Although the Law School and School of Continuing Studies will retain separate alumni associations, they will have representation on the URAA.

In addressing the gathering, Dr. William E. Cooper said, "A unified voice is a more powerful voice. Together we can work to shine the light on the University of Richmond — to give it the attention it merits."

Cooper was awarded honorary membership in the URAA. The association also recognized alumni volunteers and staff members whose vision and dedication led to the formation of the new association.

— ALISSA MANCUSO POOLE, '94
Stadium shift?

When the University's Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to add a multipurpose stadium to its campus, a wave rippled from the admissions office to the alumni center and throughout town.

"We've probably had more interest from our fans, alumni and students on this topic than any other since I've been here — even more than our move to the Atlantic 10," said Jim Miller, now in his fourth year as Richmond's athletic director.

"We agree with the Board that bringing our games onto campus will add great value to our football program. Just as importantly, we want an on-campus facility of the appropriate size that is right for the culture of the university," said Miller.

Two major construction projects — one on each side of the lake — dueled with each other this past summer. Ground was broken May 14 for the new Gottwald Science Center while the finishing touches were put on Weinstein Hall, the University's new social sciences center.

This fall, Weinstein welcomed the journalism, political science, rhetoric-communication studies and sociology-anthropology departments, as well as the Speech Center. The building also will be home to the planned Richmond Research Institute, a new independent research center devoted to the study of social issues and public policy. Because of the breadth of disciplines housed in the building, virtually every student who enrolls at the University will pass through its doors.

The new structure — a complete renovation and expansion of the former political science building — was made possible by long-time University supporters Marcus and Carole Weinistein, along with several of their friends and family members.

Across the lake, the 27-year-old Gottwald Center is undergoing a major expansion and facelift. Recognizing that the greatness of a university is largely measured by the stature of its science programs, the University has embarked upon this $36 million renovation project as part of its ambitious Initiative for Scientific Discovery.

The expanded and updated facilities will place special emphasis on material science, environmental science and the social interest, neuroscience, biological chemistry and nuclear and particle physics.

Gottwald's additional 28,000 square feet will include an atrium and state-of-the-art laboratories with built-in "chalk-talk" gathering spaces for formal and informal discussion. It also will include the latest technology and research equipment. The project is scheduled for completion next fall.

That task belongs to the national and local sports architectural firms that were hired in late July. They have been on campus proposing the site occupied by First Market Stadium. Plans include using the facility not only for football, but also for soccer, lacrosse, and track and field.

The Robins Center, adjacent to First Market Stadium, has a capacity of 9,071 for basketball. Plans for the new on-campus stadium would include seating for approximately the same number.

"These professional firms will tell us what fits," Miller added. "This includes size and design of the stadium, access on and off campus, and parking."

Until an on-campus facility is built, the Spiders will continue — as they have for 75 years — to play home football games at the off-campus UR Stadium, owned by the City of Richmond and leased to the University.

Members of the athletic department, along with University administrators, have met with neighborhood associations and conducted two, 20-member focus group sessions to gather information and ideas from donors and supporters regarding an on-campus stadium.

"We want this to be a high-quality stadium — one of the very best in the nation," said Miller. "It will fit our campus and our needs. When fans come to games on a Saturday we want them to have the best college football experience possible."

Construction of a new on-campus stadium is contingent upon the University raising an estimated $11 million to fund the project.

— BOB BLACK
Hands-on approach to human rights

Ryan Babiuch, '04, had studied the South African freedom movement extensively, but it wasn't until he spent time this past summer at the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre in Cape Town that he discovered that reality often differs from the written word.

"It's a fascinating time to be an American in post-apartheid South Africa," said the Sandusky, Ohio, native. "The legacy of apartheid still pervades almost every aspect of their society, and while they've made great strides in the 10 years since their first democratic elections, there is much left to be done."

Babiuch, who interned at the center from May to mid-July, said he witnessed "tremendous poverty in many areas" and a "huge disparity between the haves and the have-nots" in terms of wealth, education, status and opportunities.

The center is named for Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu, South African clergyman and civil rights activist. It is dedicated to training and nurturing leaders and educating the public on issues of peace, hope and vision. Babiuch credits Dr. Joanne Ciulla, professor of leadership studies and a member of the board of the Desmond Tutu Peace Trust, with helping him land the summer job.

"This internship was a perfect match for what I'm interested in — human rights, leadership development, international relations and development in Africa," said Babiuch, president of the Richmond College student government association. He plans to study law and international relations after graduating.

While at the center, he worked primarily on two projects. The emerging leadership awards program brought together 20 of the most outstanding high school leaders from Cape Town and immersed them in a leadership development program that included a virtual link-up with young leaders from the United States and a conversation with Tutu about leadership issues facing South Africa. "I learned a lot about culture, society and the after-effects of apartheid and was able to see a completely different type of leadership style," said Babiuch, a leadership studies and political science double major.

His second project brought together leading human rights practitioners from all over the African continent to share their most effective tactics in fighting human rights violations.

The highlight of his internship, Babiuch said, was the time spent with Archbishop Tutu. In addition to the day with him during the emerging leaders program, Babiuch shared a breakfast and dinner with the former bishop and attended a church service in which Tutu administered communion. "He is an absolutely phenomenal person. He mixes an incredible energy and grandness with humility and compassion," said Babiuch. "In person, he's very down-to-earth and real. He was every bit as tremendous a person as I had imagined."

— LINDA EVANS

Cooking up a new certificate program

The University offers a new opportunity for those who love to cook. The School of Continuing Studies' new culinary arts certificate program is designed for novice home cooks as well as veteran professional chefs.

The 36-hour program consists of four required courses, each of which is six hours long. Electives, which are three hours each, range from bread-baking to table-setting and from kitchen safety and sanitation to pairing wine with food. There's even a lesson on cooking lobster.

The final "exam" is three-hour meal-preparation exercise in the presence of local certified executive chefs. Alumni are entitled to a 25 percent discount on one class per semester. For more details, call 804/287-6331 or send e-mail to lcarter@richmond.edu.
Lectures on leadership

“Leadership and Crisis” is the theme of the 2003-2004 Jepson Forum. Various lectures will explore questions such as: During times of crisis, what are the responsibilities of and requirements for leadership? How do leaders balance the need for secrecy and caution against the need for openness and public disclosure? Forum programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Tickets are required and the public may reserve them two weeks before the lecture by calling the Modlin Center box office at 804/289-8980.

On Oct. 16 at 8 p.m., in conjunction with the dedication of Weinstein Hall, nationally syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman will talk about television news and the failings of modern media.

Other programs include:


Brundtland

Known as a feisty reformer Gro Harlem Brundtland was Norway’s first female prime minister. A champion of women’s and environmental issues, she is a physician with a master’s degree in public health from Harvard. She headed the World Health Organization during the height of the SARS epidemic and at the crux of the AIDS crisis worldwide.


Two hundred thousand miles from Earth, Jim Lovell and his Apollo 13 crew faced almost certain death when their oxygen system failed. Providing sound leadership, Lovell communicated with on-the-ground engineers and scientists and modified the lunar module into a lifeboat. With the crew’s safe return to Earth, Lovell found immediate fame as a symbol of American can-do and courage. He was awarded many honors for his role on Apollo 13, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, and two Navy Distinguished Flying Crosses. In his book Lost Moon, Lovell takes us into that tension-filled cockpit of the Apollo 13 mission and shares his courageous journey. His story embodies the spirit of teamwork and excellence.


This provocative session, produced by the Tredegar National Civil War Center, examines the leadership challenges of three fascinating and diverse players on a national stage during what arguably was our country’s greatest crisis. Three top historians will share ideas about the strategies employed by Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis and Frederick Douglass. Participants will break into small group discussions. Attendees will reconvene for closing remarks and a reception. For biographies of speakers, see www.richmond.edu/jepson.

Chapel happenings

Dr. Jack F. Butterworth III, R’48, has carved a niche for himself as an excellent craftsman and woodworker. His talent has helped etch into posterity the names of those cremated and placed in urns and vaults in the Columbarium and Memorial Garden adjacent to Cannon Memorial Chapel.

Butterworth created and donated to the University a wooden stand to hold the columbarium’s memorial book. It is permanently located at the rear of the chapel. Previously, there was no visible place to store the book.

His work was commissioned by the University’s Chapel Guild, a group of individuals interested in strengthening the growth of the chapel and its chaplaincy program and enhancing its programs and visibility.

In addition to spearheading the installation of stained glass windows throughout the chapel, one of the most significant contributions of the 22-year-old Chapel Guild is funding assistance for the University’s holiday presentation every four years of Messiah.

Proceeds from the annual Chapel Guild Christmas House Tour go toward production of Messiah. This year’s tour, to be held Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will include the following Richmond-area homes:

- Cindy and Henry Wilton
  16 Rio Vista Lane
- Ellen and Buzzy Northen
  134 W. Square Court
- Connie and Waddy Garrett
  11 Old Bridge Road
- Anne and Rosie Page
  6311 Three Chopt Road
- Anne and Roy Kerr
  9715 Deborah Ridge Place

During the tour, the chapel will be decorated and open. Lunch will be available for tour-goers at the Jepson Alumni Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of tickets, which include lunch, is $20.

For more information, call Sandra King at 804/784-5551.
Trustees tap five new members

The University has elected five people to serve on its board of trustees. They are Larry E. Brown of Richmond, Worth H. Carter Jr. of Martinsville, Va., Rafael E. Martinez of Orlando, Fla., Kit T. Moncrief of Fort Worth, Texas, and Guy A. Ross of East Hampton, N.Y.

Three others were re-elected to the board: Robert S. Jepson Jr. of Savannah, Ga., Otis D. Coston Jr. of McLean and Paul B. Queally of New Canaan, Conn.

Brown is a 1971 Richmond graduate, president of Brown Distributing Company and chairman of Entrada Technologies, a mobile technology supplier to consumer packaged goods companies. He serves as a director of the CAREing Foundation, a youth-oriented substance abuse prevention program that educates through theater and the arts. In addition to his Richmond degree, Brown studied engineering at MIT from 1977 to 1978.

Carter is chairman and president of Bank Services of Virginia Inc. and chairman of 10 community banks in Southwestern Virginia. The community banks jointly own Bank Services Insurance, Bank Building Corp. and Mortgage Co. of Virginia. Carter was a member of the Martinsville School Board for a number of years and served as chairman from 1980 to 1991. He received a B.A. from Richmond in 1958.

Martinez is a partner in the law firm McEwan, Martin & Dukes, a general practice firm with a heavy concentration on defense litigation. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Lawyers and has served on numerous bar association committees. Martinez recently was appointed public delegate to the United Nations 57th General Assembly. He is a member of the boards of SunTrust N.A. and the YMCA of the United States. He received a B.S. from the University of Florida in 1973 and a J.D. from Florida State University in 1976. He is the parent of a Richmond sophomore.

Moncrief, also the parent of a sophomore at the University, is owner of Moncrief Quarter Horses and co-owner of Moncrief Ranches Co. She is president of the board of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and a member of the board of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She serves on the board of the Fort Worth Symphony and with numerous arts, cultural and educational organizations in the Fort Worth and Dallas areas.

Ross is a partner of Waterford LLP in Middleburg and East Hampton, N.Y. He recently relocated to East Hampton. He is an immediate past member of the University's board of associates, former board member of the Piedmont Environmental Council, former appointee to the Virginia Assembly Committee on the Environment in Virginia and current board member of the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, Fla.

Budding actress lands premiere scholarship

Chauntee Schuler, '03, will have the cost of her post-graduate education fully covered, thanks to a scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

The foundation, established by the former owner of the Washington Redskins, awarded 43 graduate scholarships out of 842 applications from students who have strong ties to Virginia, Maryland or the District of Columbia. Each will receive up to $50,000 per year for tuition, room and board, fees and books for the duration of the scholar's approved degree program.

Schuler, a theater major and political science minor from Fredericksburg, has enrolled at the New School University-Actors Studio Drama School in New York City.

At Richmond, she not only was a Cigna Scholar, but also served as academic affairs committee chair in the Westhampton College Student Government Association, president of Mortar Board honor society and was a member of Golden Key Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership society. She performed with the Ngoma African Dance Company and the Umoja Gospel Choir.
Senior offensive lineman Joe Wilson earned pre-season All-America honors from The Sports Network and Lindy's Magazine, two prominent I-AA organizations.

The Doylestown, Pa., native has missed only one start in three years and has led Richmond to three of the program's top six single-season rushing marks. Last fall, the Spiders amassed 2,185 rushing yards, sixth all-time.

Wilson's twin brother, John Wilson, is also a starter on Richmond's offensive line.

Kyle Hess drained a six-foot, par-saving putt to secure his second consecutive New York State Amateur title by defeating his opponent, Matt Thomas, 1-up in the New York State Golf Association men's championship in July.

Hess, a senior on the Richmond golf team, was the first New Yorker to repeat as champion since Tim Straub in 1987-88. The Buffalo, N.Y., native won four dual matches before advancing to the championship match that was a 36-hole event.

In the final event of last spring, Hess finished in a tie for fifth-place at the Atlantic 10 Championships. He carded a 77.0 scoring average in 26 rounds for the Spiders last year.

Spiders return to the web
Former Spider standouts Brooke Sands, '01, and Jill Murphy, '03, have returned to their alma mater — this time as coaches. Sands has joined Peter Albright's women's soccer staff, while Murphy has become a member of Ange Bradley's field hockey coaching staff.

They join six other former Spiders on the coaching staff: Curtis Brown, '98 (baseball), Mike Winiecki, B'89 (men's basketball), Ginny Doyle, W'92, and Jim Daly, '98 (women's basketball) and Jeff Hanson, R and G'73 and Muneer Moore, '00 (football).

Spider baseball hit by a strong draft

After posting 101 wins during the past two seasons, the nation's baseball eyes focused on the University of Richmond. And the eyes were not just those of fans. Major league scouts lined the backstop at Pitt Field last spring, attempting to pick the next superstar.

At least one Spider student-athlete has been selected in the major league draft each of the past four years, including a record five this year. And right-handed pitcher Tim Stauffer became the highest drafted Richmond student-athlete ever when the San Diego Padres chose him fourth overall. The two-time All-American earned Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year in 2002 and 2003.

Following in the tradition of Brian Jordan and Sean Casey, this year's draftees raised the total to 17 Richmond players selected in the past eight drafts.

Another right-hander was chosen in the eighth round by the Oakland Athletics. Two-time All-Atlantic 10 honoree Mike McGrirr, who went 22-2 the past two seasons, began his professional career with the Vancouver Canadians.

Two other seniors were also chosen on the draft's first day. In the 10th round, the New York Mets selected shortstop David Reaver, Richmond's all-time leader in hits and at-bats. He joined the Brooklyn Cyclones after signing with the Mets. An outfielder/first baseman and Richmond's all-time home run and RBI leader, Vito Chiaravalloti went in the 15th round to the Toronto Blue Jays and started his pro career with the Auburn Doubledays.

Completing the record-setting draft was catcher Adam Tidball who was selected in the 28th round by the Chicago Cubs. Tidball reported to the Boise Hawks.

Head coach Ron Atkins and the Spiders posted the fourth-highest winning percentage and the fifth highest win total in all of Division I baseball over the past two years. Nationally ranked last year, the Spiders went 27-3 at home.

— Simon Gray
Alumni books

Overtturning Applecarts
HAL J. BONNEY JR., R'51 AND G'53
Vantage Press, 2002

When you overturn an applecart, you disrupt the status quo. You upset the usual, neatly arranged display of things. The act of overturning is a sign that you are brave enough to consider new approaches.

That is the premise of this personal and provocative book by the Hon. Hal J. Bonney, a retired federal judge who presided over the bench in Norfolk for 25 years. He has been a keen observer of human life, and he uses his observations to prod the reader to “learn more about happiness, to grow and to feel good inside.” His hope, he writes in the preface, is that the book will “inspire you to reexamine certain aspects of your life.”

Bonney said recently that the University of Richmond had a “strong, basic influence on my spiritual and religious life.” He added, “I was not ‘called’ to the ministry as were so many of my fellow students, but I was ‘called’ in other ways, particularly to teach. For 36 years, I taught the largest Methodist Sunday school class in the world with public service broadcast of lessons by station WTAR and later an extension into television.”

The self-published book is a refreshing blend of spirituality, patriotism and common sense. It touches on subjects ranging from adultery and drug abuse to prayer and the Peace Corps.

The Wisteria Acres Cookbook
ANNE MORROW DONLEY, W'62
The Woman Activist Fund, 2002

When her son, Timothy, asked for some old family recipes, Anne Morrow Donley decided to share them in a more widespread way. The result is a cookbook named after the small Virginia farm where Donley resides, along with her husband, Clark, and an array of animals.

Delectables such as oatmeal cranberry scones and sweet potato biscuits are juxtaposed against basic dishes like black beans and rice and information about organic products and low-fat recipes. Donley dispenses hands-on advice and words of wisdom, along with ingredient lists and baking times.

“Keep a sense of humor in your pocket, a song in your heart and a pound of flour in the freezer,” she writes. The straightforward directions will help build the confidence of novice cooks, while some of the original recipes will challenge and interest kitchen veterans.


Faculty book

Archaeologies of Vision: Foucault and Nietzsche on Seeing and Saying
GARY SHAPIRO, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND TUCKER-BOATWRIGHT PROFESSOR IN THE HUMANITIES
University of Chicago Press, 2003

Gary Shapiro’s fourth book has been described as a “tour-de-force that makes a major contribution to the emergent field of visual culture.” The book, which offers original interpretations of Friedrich Nietzsche and Michel Foucault, explores the full extent of their concern with the visual while providing a fresh look at the place of visual arts in modern culture.

Mark Cheetham of the University of Toronto said, “Shapiro’s analyses are sustained, insightful and a pleasure to read.”

Repeat performance

In August, when Gina Sgro Farrisee, W'78, assumed the rank of one-star general in the Army, the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony had an air of familiarity. Her dad, Robert L. Sgro, R'56, was there to swear her in, just as he had done 25 years earlier when she first was commissioned. And mom, Kathleen Sgro, was again on hand to snap photos of the momentous occasion.

Gen. Farrisee, 47, is one of only 34 female generals in the U.S. military’s four branches. As the Army’s adjutant general, she oversees more than 1,000 people and all Army personnel records. She is in charge of the Army’s casualty office and the postal system for the entire military.
Todd Fowler, B'02, Peace Corps volunteer in Kazakhstan

Tell us a little about yourself.
“I am incredibly excited about gaining practical experience while devoting two years of my life to something both meaningful and important.”

What is your most memorable experience as a Volunteer?
“I was fortunate enough to be able to accompany a Danish aid organization around the entire Kazak portion of the Aral Sea in search of small fishing camps. For a week we lived right there at the various fishing camps just as the men did. We slept out under the stars on the Aral seashore, cooked our food over the campfire, and after dinner discussed ways to be more effective in both fishing and in getting their fish to market. I worked with several inspired fishermen to help construct a business plan and review their methods for distribution to increase efficiency and reduce the number of spoiled fish.

For me this was the ultimate Peace Corps experience. There I was under the stars with the light of only a campfire conducting mini-training and informational sessions with such eager and enthusiastic participants. I was really out there reaching the people who needed the help the most, but who had the least access to it. I’ll never forget those fireside conversations.

What have you done as a Volunteer that you never thought you would?
“I made it through a Siberian winter!”

How has this experience changed you?
“I’ve learned that one shower a month is OK! More importantly, I have increased my understanding of the true economic situation existing in the majority of the world.”

To read more from Fowler, logon to http://www.peacecorps.gov/life/intheir/five/toddFowler.cfm

Where faculty brats go to college

Ever wonder where the offspring of college professors — specifically, professors at Northeastern universities — matriculate? Two economists at Vanderbilt University, Malcolm Getz and John J. Siegfried, did.

After a 10-year survey of 5,592 professors’ kids, the researchers found that the students were most likely to choose selective liberal-arts institutions. The study was cited in the July 4 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Here are the top choices and the number of students who chose to attend each one:

1. Oberlin College 61
2. Carleton College 36
3. Stanford U. 36
4. Duke U. 33
5. U. of Michigan at Ann Arbor 27
6. U. of Chicago 26
7. U. of California at Berkeley 23
8. Reed College 21
9. Northwestern U. 19
10. College of William and Mary 18
11. U. of Colorado at Boulder 18
12. Vanderbilt U. 18
13. Washington U. in St. Louis 17
14. Pomona College 16
15. Brigham Young U. 15
16. Kenyon College 15
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Where do you go to college if you want to be the first woman president of the United States? Why, University of Richmond, of course!

The University earned this totally “rad” distinction in the August 2003 issue of Elle Girl. Richmond, which was highlighted for its Jepson School of Leadership Studies, ranked No. 1 on the Elle Girl Top 10 list of “typical college experiences with the option of a not-so-typical program.” The category in which Richmond outshone all competitors was best college for “future chick presidents.”

Other standouts were Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for “high tech entrepreneurs” and Central Washington University for “future Jane Goodalls.”
University combats bias

Three organizations, including the University Chaplaincy, will work together to prevent bias against the Muslim, South Asian and Arab communities in Richmond, thanks to a $100,000 grant from the ChevronTexaco Foundation.

The National Conference for Community Justice grant was awarded to the September 11th Anti-Bias Project, which is administered by the University Chaplaincy, Karama: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, and the Council for America’s First Freedom.

The trio’s proposal was selected from 300 applications from 36 states and Washington, D.C.

World-wide web

This year’s entering class has 96 degree-seek ing, exchange and visiting students representing 45 countries from every major geographic region. Students have come to Richmond from North America and the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, Eastern and Western Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and the Pacific Rim.

The class includes seven students from African countries that have been traditionally underrepresented on the Richmond campus. These students are from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria and Zimbabwe.

The majors or intended majors of these students span 16 different fields.

Dr. William E. Cooper is in his sixth year as University of Richmond president.

During his first five years, he launched the development of a 10-year strategic plan; moved the University’s athletic affiliation to the high-profile Atlantic 10 Conference; created Richmond Quest, the University’s signature undergraduate academic program; inaugurated an annual Community Service Day benefitting the city of Richmond; and broadened the University’s national reputation by increasing the number of major gifts and grants from individuals, corporations and foundations.

A psychologist by training, he has been a post-doctoral fellow at MIT and a faculty member at Harvard. He came to Richmond from Georgetown University, where he served as executive vice president for the main campus. Cooper and his wife, fellow psychologist Dr. Clarissa S. Holmes, have two daughters, Ashley, 16, and Courtney, 11.

In his first university presidency, Cooper said he enjoys the job while navigating the opportunities and obstacles associated with it.

He agreed to respond to some probing, provocative — and occasionally personal — questions.

Q. What drew you to Richmond?
A. The prospect of serving a place with excellent fundamental values and programs, a place poised to be one of the great universities.

I met people early on who really had excitement about Richmond. I realized this was a place worth joining.

Q. What is your favorite spot on campus?
A. I love the Greek Theater. It is symbolic of how this campus is laid out. It is a perfect blend of architecture and landscape.

Q. What matters most to you?
A. Academic quality. Giving people opportunities to learn what they need to learn to make real contributions to the world and to their own fulfillment. I am excited about the pursuit of creative work...seeing that light go on.
Q. What are your favorite movies?
A. The Contender, Seven Days in May, Casablanca, Il Postino and Remember the Titans.

Q. What keeps you awake at night?
A. Nothing. I sleep very well. I know it is important to try to be refreshed for the next day. I did recently dream about The Quest, but that is rare. I don’t worry a lot. Here’s my philosophy: It’s the same minute; you can spend it worrying or doing. I would rather spend it doing.

Q. What inspires you?
A. Students. If I really want to get inspired, I will get a group of students together and go to lunch. I ask them two basic questions: “What do you like most?” and “What would you like to change?” The students I talk to are filled with ideas and energy. Equally inspiring are lunches with faculty colleagues.

Q. Whom do you admire?
A. As a child, I enjoyed the benefit of some transforming teachers — especially one in 11th grade who taught me how to write. And, at MIT and Harvard, I was surrounded by colleagues of humble genius.

Q. Did you always want to be a college president?
A. Well, I grew up Lancaster, Penn., near the campus of Franklin and Marshall College. Once, when I was a youngster, I went to a party and met the president of Franklin and Marshall. He had a big smile on his face and looked like a fulfilled person, and I asked him what he did. We had a fascinating conversation. Then, about that same time, I picked up a 1958 novel called A Friend in Power, about a college presidency search committee. When I finished school and was conducting research, I realized that leading a research team is in some ways a microcosm of administration — planning, guiding people, raising money and meeting objectives. I always liked working with people and organizing things.

Q. What is the secret of your success?
A. Very few people are born to be successful university presidents. You need to have a vision. You need to do the work and you need not worry about who gets credit. You have to keep your focus on the main objectives you are trying to achieve. There are innumerable opportunities for distraction. You have to have a lot of drive. If you’re going to try to accomplish something really consequential, you are going to have several drawers full of failures. You have to take big risks if you’re going to catch big game. Like Winston Churchill once remarked, you have to keep moving from failure to failure with great enthusiasm.

Q. What is the most important book you have read in the past year?
A. Living, Leading, and the American Dream by John Gardner [a leader, author and activist who improved lives, shook up American politics and founded Common Cause]. He died recently. Before that, though, I met a close friend of his. It ignited something in me. Reading Gardner’s writings is like sitting with a wise person. He said a lot of things that really touched me.

Q. What are some things people would be surprised to learn about you?
A. That I enjoy spending as much time as possible with my wife and daughters. Time with them is just precious. I love seeing how our children are developing. You can never typecast kids. They change on you. It’s magical!

Some people already know that I am a poet. I just type out notes for poems now. I don’t have the time to perfect things I write. I see myself eventually returning to the life of thinking and writing.

And I love music. I walk or jog and listen to classical music or jazz. That’s real inspiration.

Q. For what would you like to be remembered?
A. As one person in a series of people who have built this University into a place of extraordinary learning and discovery. If a word is never written about me, that’s fine. It is not about me and my legacy. Each of us at Richmond plays a vital role in shaping this great University.
Gary L. McDowell was enjoying the good life in England. His office was on the campus of the University of London, where he served as director of the Institute of United States Studies. He and his wife, Brenda, had a nice house just outside the city in Wimbledon. They developed close relations with the American ambassadors and were invited to parties at the embassy, where they often crossed paths with luminaries including Queen Elizabeth II. McDowell became friends with former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and frequently was a guest in her home.

What, in the world, could lure him away from that lifestyle?

Of all places, the University of Richmond.
During the 11 years he served as director of the U.S. studies institute, McDowell virtually buried his twin passions of teaching and writing. Plus, McDowell added, he had grown tired of rampant anti-American sentiment and he missed his homeland. “At some point, it becomes more about personal satisfaction than professional ambition.”

Still, McDowell, who had taught at universities from Harvard to Tulane, didn’t snatch just any old bait. “There were other offers, other flirtations,” he said. “The one thing we knew for sure was that if we were to leave London, it would have to be for a very good place.”

He knew from colleagues the reputation of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, its faculty and its Dean Kenneth Ruscio. “I was always impressed by the ambition of the school,” McDowell added. Plus, the daughter of one of his closest friends, Eugene W. Hickok, U.S. Undersecretary of Education, is a Richmond alumnus, as is McDowell’s friend, University of Virginia School of Law constitutional scholar A.E. Dick Howard.

So, last December when he went to Washington for an appearance by Lady Thatcher, McDowell decided to drive down and talk to Ruscio.

“Richmond was the kind of town I wanted to live in, and the University of Richmond was the kind of university I wanted to be with.” McDowell said. “It all came together.”

That sentiment is echoed by other top new faculty.

“What ultimately made the University of Richmond so attractive were the most basic elements,” according to McDowell, “an outstanding institutional reputation, very good students, distinguished colleagues with whom I knew I would work well, and the opportunity to be part of the Jepson School and its increasingly important mission to both the public and the private sectors.” At Richmond, he would have an opportunity not only to teach, but to write.

Icing on the cake for McDowell, 54, was the position he was offered: the Tyler Haynes Interdisciplinary Chair in Leadership Studies and Political Science. Having an opportunity to work across disciplines made a job at the University of Richmond “simply irresistible,” he said.

In most cases, faculty are attracted by a combination of factors, said June Aprille, University provost, who was lured to Richmond two years ago from Tufts University. Quality of life, salary, caliber of students and faculty, collegiality and opportunities for research, writing and other scholarly pursuits all figure into the equation, she said. Richmond, Aprille added, is characterized by its strength across all categories.

As for the importance of drawing top-notch professors, she put it succinctly: “The University is the faculty.”

Now is a crucial time for Richmond in faculty hiring. “Baby boom” professors are approaching retirement age, and, under the University’s strategic plan, Richmond is committed to lowering the student/teacher ratio. The University is positioned to hire some 45 tenure-track faculty members over a 10-year period, building upon what President William E. Cooper describes as “an aggressive program of hiring top faculty.”

“The faculty we hire may be here as long as 40 years if they are granted tenure,” Aprille said. “It is critical for us to do well with this much at stake.

“We are looking for people who have distinguished themselves in their fields and who have personal qualities that will be of value to the University,” Aprille said. “We want people who will be catalysts, who will stir things up intellectually, bring a fresh, dynamic perspective to their work as well as to that of others. People will identify them with this institution, and that reflects well on us.”

The University locates candidates by casting a wide net. Advertisements in professional publications bring some responses, but networking among faculty in related fields often proves most profitable.

“The people we are looking for usually are successful enough that they have been made comfortable where they are,” Aprille said. “We have to get them interested.”

To accomplish its goals, the University must deal with “a trend and a cycle,” said James W. Monks, Richmond assistant professor of economics and a member of the American Association of University Professors’ committee on the economic status of the profession. “The short-term cycle is affected by the economic downturn and budget cuts. That makes this a buyer’s market. The longer trend indicates that enrollments should continue to rise nationally, which means there will be a continuing demand for faculty.”

The economy has left some institutions vulnerable to schools like Richmond that are economically sound, Aprille said. The times offer “some unique opportunities. We are looking for those.”
Cooper said that during an era when some other leading universities are scaling back faculty hiring plans, “we are forging ahead.” That momentum is due in large part, Cooper said, “to our strong financial base and to donors who appreciate the lasting impact of faculty who propel students toward learning and discovery.”

Richmond cannot compete for research stars who want talented graduate students, great laboratories and little or no teaching load, Monks said. But Richmond can compete with schools like Williams and Wellesley for faculty who want to teach while pursuing research. He and most of his colleagues fall into that category, said Monks.

Talent has a magnetic effect, Aprille said. “New faculty are likely to be interested in joining the outstanding faculty that Richmond already has in place. We have terrific professors in all our schools and talented new recruits will feel at home in their ranks.”

Aprille refers to Richmond’s unique blend of teaching and research as “the seamless approach.” She said, “If someone wants to do mainly research and very little teaching, they probably shouldn’t come here.”

The University remains committed to teaching, Aprille confirmed, though the definition of teaching is broadening. Professors are expected to conduct research and scholarship at high levels, and they are expected to involve their students in that work.

“We want people who find creative ways to bring their scholarship to their teaching, and vice versa.”

“We have a teacher-scholar model,” said Karen L. Newman, dean of the Robins School of Business. “Each is of similar importance. But rather than see it as a balancing act, we see it as a large platform on which to work. Some do more here, some there. But everyone works on that platform.”

Using the Jepson School as an example, Richmond “presents a very distinctive, creative teaching and research environment,” Ruscio said. “Faculty here are finding they can do things they couldn’t do elsewhere.”

And like tumbling dominoes, top faculty influence others down the line. “Name brand people attract candidates who know about them and want to work with them,” Newman said. With a few bright stars, a glow is cast over the entire University.

Nancy M. Ridgway, associate professor of marketing, came to Richmond in 2001, bringing stellar credentials from the University of Colorado. There, she won teaching awards and published extensively in the most prestigious journals in her field. Last year, she led the search for another new marketing professor and the applicant pool was deep and rich, Newman said, due in part to Ridgway’s reputation.

Speaking for all disciplines, Ruscio said, “We are finding ourselves looking at people from some of the leading universities...as well as government and the private sector. We are becoming most competitive.”

Rob Walker is editor of Richmond Law and a frequent contributor to the magazine.
Most chair-holders at Richmond carry a typical teaching load, though some may trade a course for another obligation, Aprille said. For example, they may organize symposia in their areas of expertise to bring national recognition to the University, or they may undertake research of special value.

In some instances, depending on the nature of the chair or the donor's wishes, the holder might be assigned unusual responsibilities. For example, Gary McDowell, the new holder of the Tyler Haynes Chair in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, will initiate interdisciplinary programs that will help students integrate leadership studies into academic majors throughout the University. “He will be able to work in law, history, political science and in other units of the University,” said Kenneth P. Russo, dean of the Jepson School. “He will make contributions across the entire campus.”

McDowell is one of two highly-regarded, sought-after professors who joined the faculty this year as chair-holders. The other is Pat Fishe, named to the new Distinguished Chair in Finance in the Robins School of Business. (The donor responsible for the chair has requested anonymity.) Fishe previously served as a professor of economics at the University of Miami and a senior academic fellow with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dean Karen L. Newman of the Robins School described Fishe as “an extraordinary teacher and an accomplished scholar.”

Over the years, chairs have been endowed by generous, thoughtful benefactors as tributes to family members and influential teachers. Some have been named in honor of people and institutions who made significant contributions to the University.

Many chairs, like the George E. Allen Chair of Law and the Douglas Southall Freeman Chair in History, reflect the careers and contributions of their namesakes. Allen was a successful Richmond trial lawyer of national renown, and Freeman was a historian, writer and newspaper editor who won two Pulitzer Prizes. Both chairs, typically, were begun by gifts from family and admirers, and both foster a continuation of their namesakes’ work.

“For chairs, we want people who through their work have already taken on more than a little glitter,” said Aprille. “They bring that glitter, those accomplishments, to the University, and they make this a better place.”

Michelle L. Hamm arrived at the University in 2001 with a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Chicago and two years post-doctoral work in toxicology at MIT. An exciting prospect in a hot field, Hamm sent out eight job applications, went on five interviews and fielded five offers, including Smith and William and Mary. Richmond won.

Because she is an organic chemist, her start-up package was “relatively large,” Hamm said, “but we [chemists] are expensive,” requiring well-equipped laboratories and costly research materials. The University was willing to pay the price. Now Hamm has returned the investment, landing a National Science Foundation grant worth more than $400,000 to study damaged DNA. It was a major research award for a school devoted to undergraduate teaching, and it points out how combining teaching and research is evolving at Richmond.

As a student at Carleton College in Minnesota, Hamm had the opportunity to conduct research alongside professors. The experience opened doors she would like to open for others.

“I believe in mentoring undergraduates,” she added. “I felt that I started grad school with something extra because of my experience. Now I have students working hands-on in the lab every day.”

For Hamm and Richmond, the place and the time were right. The University’s new science initiative and the major renovation and expansion of the Gottwald Science building are indicative of “a lot of change going on, and I want to be part of it,” she said. “Instead of having a box they wanted to fit me into, I felt like they wanted to hire me and let me shape my own box.”
NANCY M. RIDGWAY

FIELD: marketing
STAR POWER: award-winning teacher, innovative researcher
CAREER PATH: University of Colorado at Boulder to Richmond

“I’ve never worked harder in terms of research, teaching and service. The students come to you and demand it.”

GARY L. MCDOWELL

FIELD: American political thought and public policy
STAR POWER: international renown as scholar on U.S. Constitution and American politics
CAREER PATH: college professor to U.S. government official to Smithsonian Institution fellow to Harvard scholar to director of University of London’s U.S. studies institute to Richmond

“At the University of Colorado, Nancy M. Ridgway won several awards for teaching. But she felt that the large, research-oriented institution undervalued her work. With a young child, Ridgway also wanted to live in a community that shared her values.

So in 2001, Ridgway, holder of a doctorate in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and an acknowledged academic rising star, turned down numerous other offers—including an endowed chair—to come to the University of Richmond. Today, she is one of the top teachers and research scholars in the division of marketing in the Robins School of Business.

“Former director of the Institute of United States Studies at the University of London, Gary L. McDowell is a widely respected scholar and teacher on the U.S. Constitution, American political thought and public policy. Having taught at universities and held prestigious fellowships, served on the United States-United Kingdom Educational Commission (The Fulbright Commission) and worked as chief speechwriter for former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, McDowell has his pick of places to go.

A graduate of the University of Virginia (Ph.D. 1979) and the University of Chicago (A.M. 1978), he has taught at Dickinson College and Tulane University in addition to serving as a visiting scholar in the Harvard Law School and a lecturer in Harvard’s government department.

McDowell has 10 books to his credit, along with articles in top scholarly journals and high-profile newspapers like The Wall Street Journal, The Times of London, and The Washington Post. He’s been seen on CNN, the major U.S. networks, PBS and the BBC. He counts among his contacts the elite of government, academia and business.

McDowell said he looks forward to doing even more writing now that he is at Richmond. In addition to allowing him to engage in literary pursuits, McDowell said, “What made this University so irresistibly attractive is the combination of teaching excellent students and the chance to work with distinguished colleagues in a variety of disciplines. Knowing those two facts has made all my academic friends insanely jealous.”

McDowell’s appointment to an endowed chair in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies puts him in the forefront of the University’s drive toward a more interdisciplinary approach to education.”
Rick Mayes
FIELD: public policy, public health
STAR POWER: popular teacher with research credential and name-recognition in health care
CAREER PATH: Richmond to University of California at Berkeley and back, with stops in Australia and Michigan

Rick Mayes spent the summer on an island off the Maine coast finishing his anticipated book on the crisis in America's health care system. The book is set for publication next year by the University of Michigan Press. In the preface, Mayes thanks several of his best Richmond students for their assistance with research, editing, proofreading and critiquing. Invoking students in his book project is an example of what Mayes does effectively: teaching outside the classroom.

A 1991 graduate of the University with a doctorate in political science from the University of Virginia, Mayes joined the faculty in 2002 as assistant professor of public policy. He had worked as an adjunct at Richmond while finishing his dissertation and, “I was so impressed with the students and my colleagues in the political science department that I wanted to stay.”

First, however, Mayes put in two years of postdoctoral training, courtesy of the National Institutes of Health, at the University of California Berkeley’s School of Public Health. There, he worked on interdisciplinary research with psychologists, economists, sociologists and physicians. He describes that experience as “a huge blessing” in terms of personal and professional growth.

Kibibi Mack-Shelton’s scholarship and writing touches on subjects ranging from African-American women in a small South Carolina community and female octogenarians to Malcolm X, Nina Simone, Sonny Liston and Roy Wilkins. In 1997, her books for young readers received recognition from the New York Public Library. She is an in-demand editor who participates regularly in professional conferences in her fields of interest, which include U.S. history, history of women and African history.

Mack-Shelton came to Richmond last year from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, to take the Tyler and Alice Haynes Chair of American Studies.

“I would have to say happily that the University came to me, and the timing was perfect,” Mack-Shelton said. State budget problems and other factors had led her to believe she wanted to return to a smaller, private institution. And she found Richmond to be “a diverse Southern city that is quite rich in history.”

Richmond’s students’ reputation for an interest in learning matched her love of teaching, Mack-Shelton said. The strong faculty in history and the “enthusiastic insight of the library” in her area of interest were just right. “By the time I conferred with the dean and provost, I had already fallen in love with UR and knew that this was where I wanted to retire.”

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Mayes is second from the right.

Taking his Civil Rights and Liberties students to hear Chief Justice Rehnquist was an example of Mayes’ teaching outside the classroom.

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Afterward, Mayes went looking for a job at a place that valued teaching and research, in that order. He wanted strong students and a community that was comfortable for his young family. He looked at Bucknell, Tufts and Yale School of Medicine, but when offered the opportunity to come back to Richmond, he didn’t hesitate.

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While his high school classmates were sweating the college application process, Jimmy Lee had little doubt where he was headed: the University of Richmond. Three of his older brothers had attended Richmond, and two years later the youngest would follow. For the Lees, the road between their Fredericksburg home and the University campus was well traveled.

"I had been to so many dedications, ceremonies and athletic events at the University, I already felt like I was part of it," Jimmy Lee, R'77, said.

That a high school senior would seriously consider the college of an older sibling is not unusual. About three dozen members of this year's freshman class are Spider siblings. But the Lee family is in rare company. Along with two others — the Mannions and the Hoppers — they are among a select few families in the history of the University to have five siblings with Richmond diplomas. In each case, family members recall, it was the academic reputation and beauty of the campus that attracted them. The fact that the younger ones had older siblings to help introduce them around just made the Spider web more alluring.

That was true even for Tracey Mannion Lawson, W'92, whose brother and three sisters had already graduated before she enrolled. There was no family pressure to attend the school, she said, but frequent weekend visits over the previous decade had made an imprint. "University of Richmond was my idea of what college was."

The acceptance rate of siblings is slightly higher than the general candidate pool, according to Sabena B. Moretz, W'89, associate director of admission. This year, 131 Spider siblings applied to be part of the Class of 2007. Of those, 79 — or 60 percent of the sibling applicants — were offered admission. Thirty-four — or 43 percent — enrolled.
For some Spider siblings, the cry is ‘O brother, I will go where thou art.’

That compares to an acceptance rate of 42 percent for the entire applicant pool of 6,079, and a rate of 32 percent enrollment for the entire group of applicants who were offered admission.

The actual number of siblings might be slightly higher, Moretz explained, because if the applicant is also a child of a graduate, he or she is counted in that category instead of the sibling category.

“This data demonstrate that we do make every effort to extend special consideration to siblings and that siblings accept the offer at a higher rate than the general public,” she said. However, the University does not actively recruit siblings. As the Lees, Mannions and Hoppers show, families do so rather effectively around the dinner table. In fact, there may be so much family pressure to attend the same school that admission officers shy away from actively recruiting siblings.

“The college decision is intensely personal,” Moretz said. “Some students might perceive they are only being recruited because of a sister or brother, not on their own merits.” Plus, if the University actively recruited siblings and then could not offer admission, some families would be crushed.

For the Lees, Hoppers and Mannions, the decision by so many members to go to the same institution combined practicality with personal choice. The decision of Bobby Lee, R’73, to follow older brother Tommy, R’71, to the University of Richmond was simple. “We had one car,” Bobby said, half-jokingly. The brothers would head home on weekends whenever possible to work in the family’s insurance business.

In fact, despite having majored in different subjects and worked in other fields, the five Lee brothers — including Johnny, R’75, and Frankie, R’79, work together today in the insurance business begun by their maternal grandfather. They gathered recently around one of the office conference tables to talk about their Richmond experiences. To show how far and wide the Lee Spider network stretches, Anna Harrington Lee, B’84, Frankie’s wife, and Johnny’s son, Matthew Lee, R’06, a University scholar, joined them. While the brothers see each other nearly every day, they had not engaged in such reminiscing for years.

For nearly an hour, they revisited the campus in their minds: the terrible food in those days, the recollection that if you walked into a class on your first day and saw mostly female students, it would be a much harder class than one of primarily male students. Most of the brothers were in a fraternity, two were in ROTC, Jimmy and Frankie ate lunch together nearly every day and played on the same intramural basketball team.
Other than that, "we had our own little circles, but we kept in contact," said Jimmy.

Most often, it was the aforementioned car that brought them together. When you're in college and "your brother has the car, you go over and see him," Jimmy said. The two oldest shared their father's 1964 red Buick LeSabre. Their father, Eldred, would trade the car every two or three years.

It was Eldred Lee who first came in contact with the University of Richmond. A former board member of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, he knew of the school because of its Baptist roots. He was delighted to see each of his boys go there in turn. He and his wife, Nan, spent 20 years on various University boards and parent committees.

The Lee men recalled that it was the reputation for academic excellence, small class size, personal attention from professors, and the splendor of the campus that drew them. Those aspects have only grown more attractive, as has the overall reputation of the school.

Transportation pragmatism also played a role in the college choices of the Hopper family from Greenwich, Conn. "My dad didn't like to fly, so we traveled as a family in a motorhome to look at colleges in the Northeast and on the Eastern Seaboard," said Forbes, B'85. With twins Cameron and Bryant, both B'93, just two years older and two younger brothers, David, R'87, and James, R'90, most of the boys went along on these college-scouting adventures.

"The University of Richmond had everything we were looking for," Forbes recalled. It was during visits to see his older brothers that Forbes decided he, too, wanted to attend Richmond. "You fall in love with the aesthetics of the school. And it had a good business program, which is what I was interested in. It's hard not to like it," he said. Plus, because of all the nationwide recruiting the University had been doing, there were about 10 or so others from his hometown and dozens of students from the Northeast attending. The result was a charming Southern school in a more temperate zone with a strong sense of the familiar.

Having two older brothers on campus was icing on the cake. "They could show me the ropes because they had been through the freshman experience. They were a great help to me and the others who came from Greenwich in picking the courses and helping us navigate our way around."

Four years later, David was so impressed with Richmond that it was the only place he applied.

Their parents also were pleased with the University. "They wanted us to go wherever we wanted to go," Forbes said. "They knew we all loved the school and by the time my youngest brother went, they could see how well it had prepared us."

Forbes is a managing director at JPMorgan in New York. David, who went on to law school, is a probate judge in Greenwich. Cameron owns a real estate development company and is a residential builder in Ashland, Va., Bryant works as a senior consultant for a telecommunications company in
Stamford, Conn., and James, an equities trader, is a vice president at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

Tara Modisett, W'83, was the first of the Mannions from Garden City, N.Y., to enter Richmond. The University Scholar program had just started, and 20 candidates visited for a weekend of interviews. That visit did the trick, recalled Tara, who enrolled as a University Scholar in 1979. Tara remained in Richmond where she serves as director of special projects at the Virginia Pharmacists Association.

Paul Mannion, B'84, followed, but not directly. He attended Colorado College his freshman year before transferring to Richmond. Along with closer proximity to his family, the University offered a renowned business school.

“I have great memories of the University, and it provided me everything I wanted and prepared me well,” he said. Paul is now president of HPC Capital Management, a regional brokerage firm, and general partner of a private equity fund in Atlanta. “I went directly into securities and felt confident.”

One by one, the Mannion sisters followed: Susan Emmert, W'86, Mary Kugler, W'88, and Tracey Lawson, W'92.

“We are very close in age, but we all do our own thing. There wasn’t any pressure to attend Richmond. But one by one, everyone decided that’s where they wanted to go,” said Tara. She was glad to see her younger sister Susan arrive. “We were close, but there was plenty of room to be your own person.”

As Tracey, the youngest Mannion, explained it, hearing your brothers and sisters recount their adventures at college makes it easy to picture yourself there. “Everyone talked about how much fun they had at Richmond. It’s all the good stuff you want to experience. I felt like it was my turn.”

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Daughters follow in moms’ footsteps and friendships

The words to the University fight song, which they heard so often as Richmond cheerleaders, reverberated through the decades for Beth Neal Jordan and Laura Lee Hankins Chandler, both members of the Westhampton Class of 1974.

Laura Jordan and Becca Chandler, both members of the Richmond Class of 2007, are clearly “Spider born and Spider bred.” Never mind that they grew up thousands of miles apart, have completely different personalities and have spent only several days at a time together. They have been drawn to each other and to the University of Richmond all their lives. It doesn’t hurt, obviously, that their moms — Beth and Laura Lee — have been fiercely loyal to each other and to their alma mater for three decades.

Beth and Laura Lee met in 1970 in North Court and have been the best of friends ever since. They swear they put no pressure on their daughters, who grew in their mothers’ wombs simultaneously and have been the best of friends ever since, to enroll at the University of Richmond this fall.

“We were very surprised and thrilled” to learn of their college choice, said Beth, who lives with her family in Gig Harbor, Wash., but was staying in the Chandlers' Midlothian home when the girls announced their decision. As Laura Lee put it, “I never applied pressure. I just knew it would be a good school for Becca.” When the mutual verdict was confirmed, she added, “there was a lot of whooping and hollering going on.”

The girls, both of whom had been accepted at other schools in addition to Richmond, got together for an official post-acceptance campus open house in April. Associate director of admission Sabena B. Moretz, who could not help noticing Becca and Laura that day, said it appeared they were “joined at the hip.”

It was during that visit, Laura said, “that I realized I loved Richmond. I loved everything about it.”

The realization came a little slower for Becca. Not only did she grow up within several miles of the campus, but also she had a whole web of Spider relatives in addition to her mom. Her dad, Ted, went to law school at Richmond, and an aunt, uncle and grandparents attended as undergraduates.

The final campus visit with Laura, though, “sealed the deal,” Becca said. “The moms immediately phoned Peggi Heath Johnson of Vienna, Va., W'74, a third classmate who has remained close to them over the years. “There was a lot of joy — and a lot of tears,” Beth said.

As for Laura and Becca, she added, “I think they were pleased to see how pleased we were.”

The girls did not ask to be roommates. “We have known each other our whole lives, but we’ve never spent more than a week and half together at a time,” Laura said. Becca added, “We didn’t want to risk our friendship.”

Even so, the girls — who ended up on opposite sides of campus with Laura in Lora Robins and Becca in Moore Hall — see each other often.

Who knows? They might end up as roommates, just like their mothers — who asked to be in the same room midway through their freshman year and remained roommates through graduation. Or, they might even become fellow Spider cheerleaders.

Regardless, the girls already have something in common with their moms — an extraordinary and enduring friendship. The mothers were in each others weddings, chose each other as godparents for their children, and Beth even named her daughter after Laura Lee.

Despite the distance between them, the families get together at least once a year, and Laura Lee and Beth chat constantly via phone or e-mail. “Neither one of us does anything without running it by the other,” Beth said.

As for her friendship with Laura, Becca described it this way: “Even though you’re apart for a long time, you feel like you haven’t been. The second we get together, we pick back up where we left off.”

— Anna Barron Billingsley
A ROOM of THEIR OWN

‘Hollywood professors’ have a place to rest on their laurels

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he building is open now for live walk-throughs. But before that, Robert Alley and Irby Brown were excited about taking a virtual tour of Weinstein Hall. They peered with delight onto a screen that showed the structure’s countless amenities and impressive architectural features. Then, just as the spotlight was beginning to shine on a large room to be used for lectures, receptions and other gatherings, the machine went haywire.
The Brown/Alley Room, a focal point of the new multidiscipline building, would not come into focus. That may be because the two larger-than-life men for whom the room is named could not be contained on the screen.

Together, they have taught nearly 75 years at their alma mater, the University of Richmond, and have enlivened innumerable faculty meetings. Acquaintances as undergraduates, the two forged a personal and professional relationship that has grown and blossomed over four decades. Now retired, religion and humanities professor Dr. Robert Alley, R'53, and Dr. Irby Brown, R'S4, of the English department, have influenced thousands of students.

One was Carole Weinstein, who with her husband, Marcus, has made this new building possible.

"My friendship with Dr. Irby Brown and Dr. Robert Alley spans 30 years, dating back to the early 1970s when I returned to the University to complete my B.A. after a 12-year hiatus for marriage and motherhood," Carole Weinstein said. "At the time, I wasn't certain of my major, so I used my electives to sign up for a course in modern drama taught by Dr. Brown as well as a course in American religion taught by Dr. Alley."

COINCIDENTALLY, the two men soon teamed up to create a unique and innovative course called "Television as a Cultural Force." Brown was interested in teaching film, and Alley long had been interested in the ethical impact of television — as Brown put it, "There was much more teaching going on there than from pulpits or around dining room tables."

The course, which included a three-week excursion to Hollywood, led to national conferences and to a handful of books, which the two professors co-authored. After an initial meeting with Earl Hamner, producer of The Waltons who attended Richmond in the 1940s, doors flew open for Alley and Brown. They met with Norman Lear, Lillian Gish and other big name producers and writers. They became known as "the Hollywood professors," Brown said, and their names from that point on were irrevocably linked.

AS THEIR collaborative ventures expanded, their friendship deepened.

"There's a very keen rapport between us," said Brown. The two 71-year-old men, both of whom live within walking distance of campus, talk nearly every day and they get together, along with their wives, on a regular basis. "We're big on desserts," Brown said. The two men helped each other through difficulties, and they've made an impression on others.

"Over the years," Carole Weinstein said, "Marcus' and my fondness and admiration for these two gentle and intelligent men grew. We were always delighted to support the seminars they brought to the campus, and we felt a special pride when they published the books that grew out of their teaching experiences and professional contacts in the field of television."

When President William E. Cooper talked to the couple about lending their support to Weinstein Hall, Carole said they were intrigued by the prospect of bringing several academic disciplines together into one building. "We could also envision the way this building would be a tribute to our own learning experiences when we were students at Richmond — Marcus in the field of social sciences and I in the field of literature and communication."
Consequently, the Weinsteins have named many of the classrooms and lounges in honor of faculty and friends who meant a great deal to them. "But," Carole added, "we wanted especially to recognize two people whom we believe symbolize the best qualities of teaching and personal integrity that are so plentiful on this campus. Therefore, we chose to name the handsome and elegant 'commons' central court in their honor."

Both men are humbled and gratified by the Weinsteins' generosity.

"I never really thought about having a room named after me," Alley said. "But now that I've thought about it, I really like it."

THE TWO also will lend their names to a lecture series that will debut with an Oct. 16 appearance by nationally syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman. The name of her talk is "The Political is (Too) Personal, the Trivial is (Too) Important and Television News is an Oxy-Moron."

Both Brown and Alley still spend time on campus and teach occasionally. They have had various office locations and taught in a myriad of classrooms.

Now they have a room of their own.

Will they use it? Oh, you may catch one of them sitting and resting in a corner every now and then observing a new generation of students - students who might ask who these Brown and Alley guys were. The response they would like to hear is: two good teachers who cared about the University and each other.

Gran Shaud playing David in Woody Allen's off-Broadway play, Writer's Block, is daffy and clueless. A successful plastic surgeon, he is too involved in his work and too engrossed in sports on TV even to comprehend that his wife is having an affair with his brother-in-law.

Grant Shaud playing Jerry in Fox TV's Oliver Beene is quirky and eccentric. A dentist whose idea of a fun Sunday activity is drilling his kids' molars, he leads his family through "end of civilization" exercises during the Cuban missile crisis.
Grant Shaud playing himself in real life is sharp, gracious, witty and intelligent. A successful actor, he credits his undergraduate institution with fostering his career. Twenty years after graduating, Shaud maintains a fondness for his alma mater and returns to the University of Richmond for President’s Council meetings.

Edward Grant Shaud went by “Ed” back in his student days. But shortly after graduation when he went to sign up with the actors’ guild, without thinking about it, he gave his middle name. “It was a symbolic gesture,” Shaud said, “sort of a clean start.”

A journalism major, Shaud figured he would be a sportswriter. But a walk-on role in Henry V near the end of his senior year changed his life. “Being an actor was a secret desire,” Shaud said. “It didn’t seem like a doable thing, so I didn’t allow myself to pursue it.”

The part in Henry V — “I probably had a total of about five lines,” Shaud said — turned out to be a “proving ground” for him. “Appearing in front of my frat brothers (SAE) in a pair of tights … gave me a chance to conquer my fear,” Shaud said. “Richmond is where I cleared my hurdle.”

The next year, he was appearing on Broadway in Torch Song Trilogy. Within five years, Shaud’s bit part in a college Shakespeare production had led to a prominent, long-lasting role on a popular prime-time television series. He landed the role of Miles Silverberg, the neurotic producer on CBS’ Murphy Brown, which starred Candice Bergen.

Living in New York at the time, Shaud tried out for Miles on a lark and at the last minute. “Just goes to show how quickly your life can change,” he added.

Shaud ended up playing the role for eight years — an eternity in the world of TV sitcoms. By the time he moved on to Madigan Men, Antz and guest appearances on The Drew Carey Show, Shaud had established himself in the profession.

Primarily, he said, he is viewed as “a character actor.” And he garners raves like this recent review of his portrayal of David in Writers Block: “Grant Shaud’s sheer obliviousness as a sportsaholic plastic surgeon [is] particularly delightful.”

Performing off-Broadway this past summer in Writer’s Block was the opportunity of a lifetime, said Shaud, 42, who grew up just outside Philadelphia. The play, which included in its ensemble cast Emmy Award-winning actress Bebe Neuwirth and Mad About You’s Paul Reiser, marked Woody Allen’s debut as a theatrical director. “It is every actor’s dream [to work with Woody Allen],” Shaud said.

Several of his acting friends and colleagues, such as Bergen and Henry Winkler, came to see Writer’s Block, which sold out within days of its debut.

Shaud, who lives in Manhattan, is temporarily on the West Coast shooting 13 episodes of Oliver Beene. The Fox comedy series set in 1962 is now in its second season. Shaud plays the father of the main character, an 11-year-old whose world is a chaotic whirl.

What’s next for Grant Shaud? “I’d like to use more of myself” in roles, he said, and he harbors a dream of writing and directing. But who knows? The fate of Oliver Beene will help determine Shaud’s future. “It’s touch and go,” he said. “That’s the actor’s life.”
Dean Keith was key to Westhampton spirit

When she retired in 1978, Clara M. Keith made this observation: There are times when the heart feels more than the mind can express.

That hit home for me when I heard about Miss Keith’s death in June.

While her professional titles included Westhampton College Dean of Students and University of Richmond Director of Career Planning and Placement, she was much more than that. She was a teacher, mentor, surrogate mother and grandmother and treasured friend.

For many years, she was the heart and soul of Westhampton College.

Her quiet manner often deceived inexperienced students and rookie professors into overlooking her dogged determination — until, that is, they needed an advocate. Then, they discovered Clara Keith’s intelligence, wit and strong-mindedness.

During our senior year, my classmate, Liz Mitchell, planned to host a wine and cheese party in her dorm room. Miss Keith got wind of the idea and sent Liz a note requesting a meeting. To Liz’s surprise, the dean did not prohibit the party. Instead, Miss Keith offered suggestions for wines and cheeses that complemented one another.

Miss Keith’s influence extended across the lake; many Richmond College men relied on her wisdom. She invited students from all the colleges, as well as faculty members, to her apartment for formal teas or informal chat sessions.

When students wanted more liberal dorm visitation privileges, organizers suggested a march to the president’s home. Before proceeding, though, students sought Dean Keith’s counsel.

Years before there was a WILL (Women Involved in Leadership and Learning), there was a Lifestyles Conference, the first major women’s conference held on campus. Miss Keith guided students in bringing successful women from all professions and endeavors to the college to discuss their life paths.

She designed an orientation program that many schools used as a model. Its strength was that it immediately set the tone for the Westhampton experience of cooperation, service, leadership and individual development.

Long before feminism became fashionable, Clara Keith took pride in being a woman. But gender aside, she genuinely valued every person for his or her unique potential. She maintained ties with “her girls” throughout her lifetime and she united the Westhampton community by introducing young graduates to older alumnae.

For Miss Keith, teaching was one of life’s highest callings. She loved challenges and discoveries. In her 80s, just after having her hip replaced, she added something she had not yet tried to her post-recovery to-do list: climbing a mountain.

She may not have made it to Everest, but Dean Clara Keith scaled many a peak during her 90 years.

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"Lumpkin's Lopers"

Undefeated on the track in 1949, these six hale and hearty members of the University cross-country team have kept up the pace through life. They gathered several years ago from all parts of the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their state championship. The only thing missing for “Lumpkin’s Lopers” was their coach.

Left to right, Bill Jordan, R ’53; Jimmy Sease, R ’50; Sam White, R ’53; Dick White, R ’53; Jack O’Brien, R ’33; and Bill Winn, R ’49.
Humerto Cardounel, professor emeritus of Spanish, died August 2, 2003, in a Richmond hospital. Dr. Cardounel, 82, taught at the University from 1965 to 1992. A lawyer in Cuba, his native country, he left when Fidel Castro came to power. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in Spanish from the University of Maryland, and taught at Wofford College in South Carolina before moving to Richmond.

While at the University, he helped found and direct a summer study program in Salamanca, Spain.

John A. Clayton, R'62, the University's former director of alumni affairs, died May 24, 2003, in Solihull, England, after suffering two heart attacks. Mr. Clayton, 64, managed the United Kingdom division of Sem-Delaney Leadership Consulting. He was a former president of Virginia Land Trust and an executive with the former Richmond Robins hockey team. He also was finance director for Gerald L. Bailey's successful 1981 campaign for attorney general.

Since 1982, Mr. Clayton had served as a leadership consultant specializing in team-building and corporate change. He kept his home in Richmond, but had lived in the west midlands of Great Britain since 1995. There, he taught Sunday school at a Methodist church and played golf frequently.

A baseball player while at Richmond and president of the Richmond College Student Government Association, Mr. Clayton worked in public relations for several years after graduation. He then returned to his alma mater to lead the alumni affairs office and to edit the alumni magazine. He was a former board member of Radford University and a member of the first class of Leadership Metro Richmond.

Clarence J. Gray, R'33, former dean of administration and a long-time professor of modern foreign languages at the University, died August 11, 2003. He was 95.

"Dean Gray was one of the legendary administrators in the university's history, having made a remarkable impact on academic and student life during his more than three decades of active service," said President William E. Cooper. "He was a revered campus figure and an important contributor to the University up until his death. If you count his student days and the years after his retirement, his involvement in the University of Richmond stretched for nearly three-quarters of a century."

Mr. Gray served as dean of students for Richmond College and the business school from 1946 to 1968, dean of administrative services from 1968 to 1973 and dean of administration from 1973 to 1979.

He was not only an administrator and faculty member; he also wore a number of other important hats, most notably as host of the University of Richmond-WRNL Radio Scholarship Quiz for 18 years. In addition, Dean Gray served as the public address announcer for major campus events for 30 years, including football, basketball and other sports. For 20 years, he also was the public address announcer for the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament.

Scholarship and leadership were such hallmarks of Dr. Gray's career that his Richmond College classmates at their 40th anniversary in 1973 voted to recognize his many years of dedication and leadership in Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and Phi Beta Kappa. They established the Clarence J. Gray Achievement Awards for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership. The awards are presented annually to a qualified graduating senior at Westminster College, Richmond College, the Robins School of Business and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Gray served as National Secretary of ODK from 1966-72. In 1964, he received ODK's meritorious service certificate and was awarded ODK's Distinguished Service Key in 1968. Only 23 keys had been awarded in the previous 37 years. He also served as secretary-treasurer of Phi Beta Kappa's Epsilon of Virginia chapter in 1960.

After his retirement in 1979, he served as special assistant to the president and on the University of Richmond's Board of Associates. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1979 and was named dean of administration, emeritus, and professor of modern languages, emeritus.

Dr. Gray received his masters degree in Spanish from Columbia University and his doctorate degree from the University of Virginia. After his studies, he traveled throughout Spain and received a postgraduate certificate from Centro de Estudios Historicos in Madrid. Dr. Gray received an Outstanding Educators of America Award in 1972. He was the 1972-73 recipient of the Voice of the University of Richmond Award for excellence in communication and received the University of Richmond Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in 1978.

John (Jack) Willis Edmonds III, R'55 and L'56, a former member of the University Board of Trustees, died May 21, 2003. Mr. Edmonds, 70, was a fourth generation alumnus and followed in the footsteps of his father, John W. Edmonds Jr., who served on the Board from 1939 to 1969 and as a director emeritus until his death in 1977.

Initially employed by the Virginia Carolina Chemical Co., Jack Edmonds later was hired by the law firm formerly known as Mays, Valentine, Davenport and Moore, now Troutman Sanders, LLP. Mr. Edmonds retired from Mays & Valentine in 1994.

While at the firm, he served as general counsel for the Virginia Bankers Association and the Virginia Mortgage Bankers Association. During his years of service, Mr. Edmonds had a hand in the passage of most of the post-1960s banking legislation in Virginia.

Mr. Edmonds also served on the board of William Byrd Press, predecessor to Cadmus Corp. A member of Second Baptist Church, he was a deacon, a member of the Finance Committee and a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Edmonds established a scholarship at the University in honor of his parents, John W. Edmonds Jr. and Katharine S. Edmonds.

Clara M. Keith, former dean of students at Westhampton College, died June 10, 2003. She was 90. In addition to serving as dean from 1964 to 1975, Miss Keith was the University's first director of career planning and placement from 1975 to 1978.

She was the first recipient of the Outstanding Faculty and Administrators Award in 1973 presented by the Westminster College Government Association and the Outstanding American Educator Award in 1975.

"Clara Keith was revered by many of our alumni...she was a role model and friend to thousands of young women in the 1960s and 1970s," said President William E. Cooper. "She exerted a positive and lasting influence on the lives of our students both while they were on campus and throughout their lives. She was respected both locally and nationally as an educator and administrator."

After growing up on the South Dakota prairie — her father was a rancher — Miss Keith graduated from Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S.D., with a degree in psychology and education. She taught for several years before going to Columbia University, where she earned a master's degree in student personnel administration in higher education.

She came to Westminster after serving as a dean at Philadelphia's Moore Institute of Art and Colorado College.

The Clara M. Keith Award, established by alumni who were student leaders during Keith's tenure, is awarded annually for outstanding achievement through the Westminster College Student Government Association.

William Gray Reynolds Jr., a member of the University's Board of Associates for 15 years and a retired Reynolds Metals executive, died July 2, 2003, of complications from a brain tumor. He was 64.

A grandson of the Reynolds Metals Co. founder, Mr. Reynolds was vice president of government relations and public affairs when the company was sold to Alcoa in 2000.

In addition to his membership on the Board of Associates from 1977 to 1992, Mr. Reynolds was an active supporter of the Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.
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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Helen Deneen Hopson and I attended the Scholarship Dinner at the Robins Center in February. We met one of our scholarship students, Margaret McDearmon. She and Alice Lynch, executive director of alumni affairs, sat at our table.

We were sorry to learn that two of our classmates have passed away. Virginia Kirk Lennox, who lived on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, died in October 2002. Beulah Gregory Thorpe died in February 2003. She lived for a number of years in Westminster Canterbury in Virginia Beach.

In the last issue, Susan Chermside, an accomplished artist, inadvertently received credit for something I achieved. I have recently won two red ribbons for my watercolors.

A final note: Before you throw away the pictures and papers in your attics, consider whether they would be of interest to a museum. I recently donated some of my photographs from the 1950s to the Virginia Historical Society and a museum.

1937
Carl L. Turckington, R, of Summerfield, Fla., is anticipating his 90th birthday in December. Turckington retired from Exxon, where he served as manager of the Puerto Rico division.

1938
William Bertie Correll, R, and Isabel Coale Sauder were married on Feb. 15, 2003, in Richmond.

1939
From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Jack R. Noffsinger, R, pastor emeritus of Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., has had a faculty office in the academic center of Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond named in his honor.

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Ann Phillips Bonifant has relocated to Cedarfield and her paintings on exhibit there are much appreciated. In March, Jean Neasmith Dickson received a special award from the Virginia branch of the International Dyslexia Association for a lifetime of “dedication, leadership and service to individuals with dyslexia.” Congratulations! We are proud of you, Jean.

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Annie Lole Seacat came back to Richmond from Pittsburgh this year to attend her 65th reunion at St. Catherine’s. She said it was fun seeing high school friends, especially since they recognized each other. Annie Lole’s youngest grandson graduated from Harvard in June, and her only granddaughter is in law school and likes it. Her oldest grandson traveled in Europe during the summer while he waited for the start of graduate business school at Northwestern.

We are proud that our scholarship winner for two years, Catherine Massle, ’03, graduated summa cum laude with honors in English. Her grandmother, Jayne Massle, thinks she will be a college professor one day. Kate is getting married in January to a graduate of Virginia Tech.

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Jane Wilson Rolston, W’55, and her husband, Holmes, traveled to Buckingham Palace in May, where he was awarded the $1.2 million Templeton Prize.

Besides being active in her DAR chapter, Jayne said she was busy with the Scottsfound festival at Patrick Henry’s old home. I remember visiting the place and being fascinated by the story about the ghost in the basement, supposedly Henry’s first wife.

According to Ada Harlow, our class representative for the scholarship fund, there are two recipients for the coming year, Elizabeth Massle, ’06, Jayne’s other granddaughter, and my granddaughter, Carolyn Meyer, ’06. Carolyn, who is from Texas, will live with her roommate from Bulgaria in Keller Hall. They will be on the second floor with a larger room than last year and a private bath. Keller Hall still has its name but is functioning as the Global House for International students. We don’t want to forget Dean Keller, who did so much for the school. She was a formidable presence always and especially in English drama class, where she cowed us English majors.

Ann Pavey Garrett and husband, Karl, spent time in Roanoke with their daughter, Amanda, who had foot surgery. Ann’s son, Richard, lives in St. Augustine, Fla., where he is a high school dean. Ann said she talked to Dorothy Quinn Keeling in South Hill, Va., and they plan to meet for lunch.

As cheerful as always, Winifred House Gill said she can still thread a needle and hold herself from the floor when she sits there. She likes being up north in Pennsylvania and says, “I’m one of those people who enjoys living wherever I am.” She likes professional football and goes to the games when she can. She has two children. Her son graduated from Princeton, cum laude, and is now employed there in the financial department. Her daughter, who worked in New York City and loved it, became a housewife when she had two children. Winifred lived in Washington for five years when her husband was employed there, and she visited the White House and Congress.

Bridge has the attention of Clarine Cunningham Bergren, as she enjoys the game very much. One of her sons is retiring as a major general in the Air Force, and she hopes he will settle on the East Coast. He has three sons and a daughter-in-law in the Air Force. Her youngest son is a surgeon in Dearborn, Mich. Her oldest son is
1945
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At our 55th reunion in Richmond three years ago, a majority of the women attending held a brief business meeting at Ann Jackson’s. One important order of business was the selection of class secretaries. Natalie He never Barnicle and Nancy Grey Lazenby Stables were the initial volunteers, and Kathy Mummy Atkinson and Glady’s Kauffman Metz volunteered for the subsequent two-year term, ending this year. We will have completed our tenure with this issue of the magazine. We are seeking one or two class members to assume this responsibility. Please let us hear from you. Don’t let our class news be among the missing. We hope to hear soon from a willing person or persons. We will supply all the information you will need.

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In February, I finally accomplished a long anticipated goal of writing each member of our class a letter. While the response has not been 100 percent, it has been gratifying and I am very appreciative. As a result, I have a lot of interesting things to share with you about members of our class.

Norine Campbell Gregory, who attended her first year at Randolph-Macon in Ashland (Hanover girls were accepted as students because so many men were away in the war) and her second year at Westhampton, went on to MIT for a summer engineering course. She then worked several years as a draftsman in Henrico County’s engineering department, where she also drew plans for her cousin, William Hugh Reid, the county surveyor. This helped her in her favorite hobby, which was searching original land grants. She wrote a book, Some Ancient Landowners in St. Martin’s Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, for which she was much complimented since the subject had not been covered before. Norine’s family has lived there since early times. She was married to Clayborne D. Gregory in September 1945, after he returned from active duty in the Navy. They lived in Norfolk, where he retired as lieutenant commander. They have three grown children who live elsewhere. The Gregories now own a country place not far from “Scotchtown.”

Frances Newman Stevens continues to do tax work after more than 30 years because she has so many loyal friends who depend on her. Husband Bill, retired, helps in her home tax work. In addition, Frances has been teaching a Sunday school class for many years with students who range from 60 to 90 years in age. Frances and Bill still make their annual trip with friends to Jekyll Island, taking their bicycles and biking the island for a week. They are eagerly anticipating our next reunion.

Virginia “Ding” Lambeth Shotwell and Barbara Ritchie Branch received my letter simultaneously, as Ding had just picked Barbara up from the airport for a four-day visit in Sarasota, Fla. This is the third year that they have been together to visit and catch up on the news. Barbara has pictures of our 50th reunion in 1976, Ding, Barbara, Calley, Irene, Amy, Jeanne Yeamans, Bev, Frances Anne, Dottie, Jackie, Connie, Lelia and Jeanne Pembor Gammon are in them. They asked if I would like to have them for the scrapbook. In turn, I wonder about the status of any scrapbook we may have and where it is. Please let me know if you have any information. Ding thought there would be others who might also be sorting pictures and have some interest to our class. Finally, is there anyone who would wish to volunteer to collate this memorabilia?

Barbara took a cruise of the Baltic capitals and planned a summer tour of the Southwest. At home in Roanoke, she manages the cancer thrift shop, which means spending almost every day ensuring that the store is stocked. To quote Ding, “that’s what I call a JOB.” Since moving from Chicago to Berlin, Mass., the Shotwells have spent most of their time fixing up their new home and enjoying their grandchildren, who live close by. They did have a short trip to Branson, Mo., to see some great Christmas shows. They returned from Sarasota to Berlin in late April. Ding mentioned that her roommate, Peggy Macy Chevins, and her husband, Tony, had a rough time this past year. Tony was hit by a car when he was in his golf cart, but he is fine now.

Ding also told me that Mary Frances Bethel Wood makes beautiful and elegant quilts. I had an e-mail from Mary Frances with more information. She now has a quilt design computer program, which she enjoys. She does both appliqué and pieced quilts. She does them just for fun and doesn’t enter them in shows. Some of her quilts can be seen on the Internet, and I had a great time accessing them. Mary Frances volunteers at Poplar Forest, which is a continuing restoration project with artisans from all over the world coming to repair and restore the property in the same manner as Jefferson’s time. Mary Frances says there is a lot to see even though the house is as yet unfurnished. She and Buddy, now retired, live just a few blocks from there.

Ellen Hodges Proxirmingham also answered by e-mail with an update on her family. She and her husband, former U.S. Senator William Proxirmingham, have five grown children and nine grandchildren—eight boys and one girl. Bill, who has Alzheimer’s, now lives at Copper Ridge, a long-term care facility near Baltimore. Ellen continues to work because she enjoys it. Their company merged with P&G 10 years ago and they have interesting clients, she says. In addition, she is on the board of the Woodrow Wilson House, a National Trust property. She says life is different with Bill at Copper Ridge, but he is safe and well cared for and that gives her “a modicum of peace of mind.”

Eleanor Poteat Beath wrote that she’s still living in her home in Cambridge, Md., on the beautiful waterfront property she and her late husband both loved. She says her garden has expanded so much over the years and is filled with so many memories that she is loath to leave it. She is blessed with six children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren whom she says “look after me.” She has a daughter in Virginia Beach whom she visits, so perhaps we, too, can have a visit. Allen and I have sailed to Cambridge and it is indeed lovely.

A letter from Winifred Hamilton Doboy was very welcome. She says that life in Charlottesville is pleasant, especially for a widow. Her husband had taken his residency there and, at his death, she returned. Winnie helps four elderly women, each housebound with limited resources, trying to enhance their lonely lives. Twice a year she visits her daughter in Pittsburgh and her son in Berkeley, Calif. Winnie also exchanges visits with friends in some of the places she has lived.

Elaine Wellenberg wrote that they have been less active than usual since her husband, Lanny, is recuperating from carotid artery surgery. He is doing well, and they are scarcely getting back into volunteer work and theater, which they love. Their three children live close by in San Jose. They took a short trip to Southern California to see their granddaughter perform in As You Like It. Their oldest granddaughter is completing her first year of law school at Loyola University in Chicago. Elaine is working on an interesting project with a group that visits local elementary schools to help second graders with writing. She says literacy is a problem in that area because so many children come from homes where English is a second language.

Amy Hickerson Dalton is enjoying a “life of leisure” at Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond. In May, she and her sister, Louise Wiley, ’50, were planning to travel across Europe, starting in Amsterdam and ending in Budapest. In June, she planned to take her 10-year-old grandson to Oxford, England, for an Intergenerational Elderhostel with a theme of Henry Potter in August, the extended family (’53) planned to visit Montana, near the National Glacier Park, for two weeks.
Caroline Good Jackson, W’46, lectures three times a week at the Medical College of Virginia.

Cora Lynn Chaffer called. She is continuing to write a book about her four years in college and how that time relates to what was happening in the world. In March her daughter, Emmy Lou, had her first baby. Cora Lynn’s first grandchild. The redheaded is named Uncana Noah Eisenburg. Cora Lynn keeps up with Isabel Guncels Snyder in Sandersville, Ga., and with Jeanne Pebbworth Gammon in Maryland. Isabel has retired from teaching, but she is a very active life with her church activities and her continuing interest in things historical. Jeanne has been dealing with some medical problems, including a knee replacement and other surgeries, but she is improving. A major life change occurred when she and Charlie sold their camper, which they had much enjoyed. Their children, Allison and Stephen; Allison’s daughter, Michelle; and granddaughter Ashley all live in Chesapeake, Va. Ginny and Lee live near Salisbury, Md., and granddaughter Heather is near Jeanne and Charlie in Sea ford, Del. 

Anne Beverly Byland still maintains her two residences in Alexandria and Richmond. Sadly, Bob’s sister, Clara Byland Price, W’50, died in March following a two-year illness from lung cancer. Many of us knew Clara. We all send our sympathy to Bev and to Clara’s family. 

Louise Richardson Phillips and husband, William, have been experiencing some medical problems. When Louise called, they were anticipating the annual bird hunt. William no longer participates, but drives his son and grandson to do the hunting. Then they have a “bird dinner,” a tradition in the Dinwiddie area. The ladies have dinner, too—but not birds, as they have become too scarce.

The big news with Connnie Reid Rowlett is the marriage of their son, Robert to Tracy Averill, daughter of a former minister at their church. The wedding was in Richmond in April. Connie continues her volunteer work at the White House amidst very tight security. That’s all for now. I trust you will enjoy reading this half as much as I have enjoyed writing it for you. 

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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During the past less-than-perfect winter, Helen Richardson, and her husband, Strachan Richardson, R’46, enjoyed a Caribbean cruise. The summer found several of our class planning wonderful trips.

Mary Lou Massle Cumby enjoys a trip to Hawaii in July with family. She said she had visited all 49 states and was looking forward to seeing this beautiful state. She is the grandmother of a recent high school graduate, and he is the recipient of a full academic scholarship at Virginia Tech.

Marion Miller took her yearly trip on the QII. This time she planned to remain on the ship and cruise the Mediterranean, stopping at eight ports, beginning with Spain and Portugal and ending up in Naples. She, too, has a graduate in her family — granddaughter Jennifer graduated from college in June.

I had a wonderful visit one Sunday afternoon from Ann Wiley Kelly. She knocked on my door asking to “borrow a cup of sugar.” Daughter Kitty was with her. Kitty and her family had been renting a house on our block while their new house was being finished. Kitty is the mother of two young high school aged sons. Ann brought me up to date on her own travels. She and Tom enjoyed a February vacation in Florida and were planning a couple of weeks on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in May. Ann also has a graduating granddaughter — Nancy’s daughter. She will attend college in Rochester, NY. After we visited for a time and I showed off my plaque and my chair, Ann really did want the sugar.

I think the proudest person at one of our monthly lunches was Shirley Davis Sandford. She had pictures of her new grandson, Cameron Davis Garber, born in February. The only downside is that he lives several hours away in North Carolina. 

Speaking of our lunches, we had a pleasant surprise in May. Virginia Wagstaff joined us. She recently moved to Richmond to be near her sister. They have apartments in Haythaway Towers and seem to be enjoying it immensely. We’re so happy to welcome her.

Congratulations go to Nancy Richardson Elliott, who was recognized in the Richmond Times-Dispatch with an article and picture. She has taught English as a second language for quite some time at Second Baptist Church. I dislike sending these letters on a sad note, but I must. Carolyn Storm Pattie died suddenly in early May. She is survived by daughter Page and son Allin, as well as two grandchildren. She lived in Huntington, W.Va., and was with us for our 50th reunion. Until next time...

The psychology of success

Thankfully, corporate CEO George S. Goldstein did not major in business. A degree from the Robins School might have focused his career too narrowly. Instead, Goldstein, who earned an M.A. in psychology from Richmond in 1964, took the scenic route to the executive suite he now occupies in one of the West Coast’s fastest-growing health care companies.

Chief operating officer for Molina Healthcare Inc., and CEO of its California division, Goldstein first spent time as a college professor and director of program development for an indigent health care clinic on a Navajo reservation. He also held cabinet positions under three governors in Colorado and New Mexico, where he was responsible for Medicaid and public health programs.

“I’m a great supporter of liberal education,” said Goldstein, who attended Florida State as an undergraduate and earned his doctorate from Colorado State University. “A good basic education helps everybody.” In the five years since joining Molina, which held an initial public offering in July, proceeds have jumped from $135 million to $640 million, he said. With the IPO, he added, “we can be even more aggressive in our acquisitions.”

Molina is a managed care organization that arranges for the delivery of healthcare services to persons eligible for Medicaid and other programs for low-income families and individuals. It operates HMOs in California, Washington, Michigan and Utah.
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The 53rd reunion of the Class of 1948 was memorable in every way. We shall continue to savor sights, sounds and friendships renewed.

I attended, as did Frances Stuart Bailey, Hannah Barlow Bain, Jean Brunsemy Biscoe, Margaret Sabine Brizendine, Elizabeth Hickerson Butterworth, Helen Condyles Coughos, Elizabeth Koltukian Cowlies, Sally Taylor Dubose, Alice C. Goodman, Faye Hines Kilpatrick, Virginia Kreyer, Frances Orrell Linberry, Betty Stanbury Lomax, Mary Cross Marshall, Margaret Elliott Owny, Josephine Hooper Pittman, Emily Smith Powers, Virginia Herndon Pugh, Sarah Brenner Rubin, Marla Carter Satterfield, Judith Barnett Seelhorst, Doris Moore Shea, Mary Jane Spivey Sneed, Jacqueline Pitt Suttonfield and Millicent Hutcherson Taylor.

Here are some of our memories of the weekend: The Boatwright Society Dinner brought the realization that we were one of the two last classes to know Dr. Boatwright as our president and May Keller as our dean. The presence of an alumnus for his 75th reunion was inspiring, and the group of student singers — vibrant and talented — made us feel young again. Happily, we entered the dining hall as the band played “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

Coffee with WC classmates on Saturday was in the handsome Modlin Center. We had also known Dr. Modlin as our president. There was much chatting, laughing and picture taking. What fun to hear Gina Herndon Pugh at the piano (as of old) playing our school song! The picnic at the Jespon Alumni Center, an impressive facility, was alive with younger grads and some families with children (perhaps future grads). It was a joy to see Alice Goodman there and to know that she is adjusting happily to her new home at Westminster-Canterbury.

The trolley ride around campus stopped at the President’s House, where we were welcomed graciously. How striking was the house, and we could not have dreamed of in our time. All seem to fit perfectly in the same natural beauty we remember as our campus. It is still true that no place is more beautiful in the springtime. We caught up with the U of R guys of ’48 on Saturday for a reception and dinner that was a gala — yet intimate — affair in which the years seemed to evaporate. Doris Moore Shea regaled us with humor and insight about changes since 1948, and Faye Hines Kilpatrick skillfully led us through historic milestones of our lifetime. Looking at the video, we found ourselves nostalgic about the past.

Honorig Virginia Kreyer was a thrill for all of us! She has distinguished herself with courage in theological study and life experience. Virginia was a weekend guest of Jack Butterworth, R, and Betty Butterworth as were Sim Taylor, R’47, and Millicent Taylor, Emily Smith Powers and Virginia Herndon Pugh.


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I look forward to hearing from you in the coming year. Let us do our best to keep open the lines of friendship and support.

1949

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Able’s knee, however, is giving her a little problem so she may be facing surgery. At the funeral for Jack Null, R’47, I saw Joyce Roberson Goforth, Jack’s first wife, and to Frosty’s dying, Jack and Frosty were roommates in college and their relationship remained close during all these years. I also saw Jack a great deal and will miss him, as will so many others.

Peggy Harris Barnett is “hanging in there” after her oldest daughter’s untimely death. Losing a child does take a toll on one, and you must not keep living the death but live the good memories of life.

Laura Saunders James is in a retirement home called Springmoor. She has difficulty walking, but is fine otherwise.

Beverly Stahl Sponaug has returned to Hershey, Pa., from her winter in Jupiter, Fla., where she played golf almost every day. This summer she was at her place in Canada, which is located on a beautiful lake. She makes the best of all seasons.

I had an opportunity to have a nice visit in the spring with Virginia “Bangs” Shaw Warren, as she and Rusty Warren, R’48, came to the University of Richmond for his reunion. They both looked wonderful and enjoyed the festivities of the weekend.

During the past several years, I have enjoyed seeing Helen McDonough Kelley as we both served on the Boatwright Society Board. My tenure is over now, so I will miss that contact. Even though we live in the same city, I guess our lives are so busy that we rarely see many of our classmates. Some of us did get together at the Westhampton Alumnae Spring Luncheon. I sat next to Marilyn Alexander Kubo, whom I haven’t heard about for some time. She said she had trouble with her husband being busy and she has really changed very little. Ida Eanes Patrick sat near me at this year’s University graduation exercises. She had a granddaughter graduating.

Flo Gray Tullidge and her husband, Tom, came to their grandson’s graduation at Collegiate School in Richmond. It was a beautiful day and Flo seemed to enjoy herself. She has started doing some reading and still spends time riding around their Tappahannock farm on a golf cart with Tom.

Ann Wilson Bryant has made a good recovery from her heart attack.

Goldstein said his psychology degree has served him well. “It helped sensitize me to the health care concerns of the underserved.” And, he has fond memories of Richmond. “I recall everything from the beautiful campus to the intimacy I had with professors.” His mentor was professor Robert Filer, now retired.

Goldstein, who has homes in Huntington Beach, Calif., and Sante Fe, N.M., said he still is learning. He takes courses at the Santa Fe campus of St. John’s University.

Since he favors the liberal arts, Goldstein asks first about a job applicant’s educational background. While he has yet to receive an application from a Richmond alumn, Goldstein made this offer: He will personally review any resume from a fellow student.

— Anna Barron Billingsley
Rosamond Calhoun McCarty was recovering from a hip replacement.

Jean Harper Hamlett and her husband are enjoying traveling in their recreational vehicle. During the summer, they migrate to places with cooler weather. They also have visited with their children and grandchildren.

Frances Robinson King has nursed a knee problem for the last year and finally decided to get a complete replacement. Frankie’s daughter stayed with her during her recuperation at home.

Frankie and Jean are starting to think about the organization of our 55th reunion next year. So be on the lookout for Information about that very important weekend and begin your plans to attend. Our times together have become very precious.

As for me, I stay too busy to manage to have lots of good times. Living in the same city as one’s alma mater has many advantages. I have access to many University programs, lectures and, of course, athletic events, which are excellent. I am also active on several boards on campus, and that keeps me in touch with what is going on. I am also active in other things in the community, including my church, and I am on the board of my condo organization. If I stop, I’ll rust.

Barbara McGehee Cooke served as president of the Louisville P.E.O. Council this year. She is also a nurse to husband Sam Cooke, R’52, who underwent surgery. Sam is doing well, and they were able to attend the American Chemical Society conventions in Boston and New Orleans as well as a winter retreat in Florida. Passing through Alabama, they enjoyed visiting Jane Slaughter Hardenberg and Firmion. Jane feels that her adversities of late, including her husband’s illness and the death of her WC roommate, Anne Plunkett Rossier, have made her family and friendships all the more precious.

Jo Ann Asbury Hopkins and Hal were in Arizona in February to enjoy the warm weather. Jo Ann’s golf game was restricted by a twisted ankle suffered in November. In the spring she assisted her father, who lives nearby, in moving to a more suitable retirement community.

Pat Smith Kelley and Fage celebrated 50 years of married life with a 10-day cruise to the Panama Canal.

Norma Streever Craig and Norm enjoyed a bus trip to Cape Cod, visited Martha’s Vineyard and were impressed with an excellent American Indian museum they toured in Connecticut.

Frances Allen Schools visited with Nancy Taylor Johnson in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and also saw Bob and Betty Munsey Spatz and Elizabeth McTae Dudley on the same trip in April.

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Save the last weekend of April 2005 for our 50th reunion! By now all of you should have received a letter from our WC Class of ’55 Reunion Committee about the exciting plans to establish the Class of 1955 George M. Coe Scholarship for the Arts. Dr. Modlin was the commencement speaker at our graduation. Our 50th reunion also marks the 175th anniversary of the University. Scholarships are one of the University’s greatest needs today and there are—at present—no scholarships in the arts. Gifts to this account may start immediately and should be designated “1955 50th reunion account.”

Bobbie Reynolds Wyker of Urbanna, Va., sent this anecdote: “My 6-year-old granddaughter, who lives in Williamsburg, is having the most fun this spring playing with a cute little boy who is her back door neighbor. My granddaughter—in-law met his grandmother the other day when she was visiting. They chatted about where they were from, etc., and West Point was mentioned. The grandmother said, ‘Do you know Bobbie Reynolds?’ The grandmother was Dot Gwaltney from Windsor, who lived next door to me in North Court in 1951! She left that year to get married, and I have not seen her since then. We have corresponded this week and hope to get together soon.”

Bobbie also sent word that Kathryn Putnam “Putti” Kinzer, who started with our class but finished in summer school in ’54, died in May. Her funeral was held in Annapolis, Md.

Our class tennis star, Dottie Smoker Nielsen of Meda, Pa., was looking forward to some free time after serving as chairman of the State Woman’s Club Convention in May.

Emily Meneeff Johnston of Richmond, who left us after her sophomore year to pursue a nursing degree at MCW, has been using her nursing skills on husband, Bill, during his recovery from heart surgery.

Carlene Shuler Saxton roomed with Sue Smith Van Wickler and met for two years in North Court before marrying Harry and transferring to the University of Virginia’s School of Education. They live in Orange, Va., where they focus on community and family activities, a healthy diet and exercise. Both were docents at their church during Orange County Day of Garden Week and they volunteer at the local tourism center. They were planning a family celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Robert Pacolco, R, has retired after serving 18 years as the executive director of the Mid-East Commission, one of North Carolina’s 17 regional planning commissions serving Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Pitt counties. He now spends his time restoring an old boat and doing yard work. He also does some grant proposal writing for Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C., where he serves as a trustee.

From the Westhampton Class Secretaries

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The Richmond Club luncheon in March was a special event for members of the Class of 1956. Ann Stuart Hartz Garnett, Joyce Still Gibson, Helen Melton Lukhard, Pat McElroy Smith and Lillian Stephenson Stroud were very proud of Ann Peery Oppenheimer, who received the Distinguished Alumna Award in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of art. Ann taught art history for 17 years at the University of Richmond. Each year at graduation she presents an award, in memory of Phil Frederick, to an outstanding art student.

Ann and her husband, Bill, founded the American Folk Art Society and they publish the Folk Art Journal. Their private collection features around 15,000 folk artists they know personally.

Ann Stuart Hartz Garnett, Pat McElroy Smith and Edna Wagstaff Warncke attended the Gathering Under the Pines during Alumni Weekend and reported that it was an elegant event with the dean of arts and sciences as the speaker.

Jan Hogge Atkins visited Richmond-area family and friends in the spring, and among those who met her for lunch one day was Barbara Pratt Willis of Fredericksburg, who shared news of her husband’s retirement. Jere Malcolm “Mac” Harris Willis Jr. had a distinguished 46-year career as a lawyer, commonwealth’s attorney, Circuit Court Judge and Judge of the
Virginia Court of Appeals. Mac said that one of his proudest days came just before he retired when he swore in son Gordon as a General District Court judge. Barbara and Mac have three other sons — another lawyer and two who earned MBA degrees and went into business.

Thelma Flynn Helm wrote that she has already put the big 50th reunion on her calendar and looks forward to seeing everyone then. She and Marshall have recently moved to Franklin, Tenn., where daughter Paula lives nearby. Son Todd and family have moved to Paris to study French before going to North Africa, where he will be doing agricultural development work.

Our sympathies go to Ann Carol Yeaman Malcolm who lost her mother, Virginia Perkins Yeaman, W’29, in January.

It is with sadness that I report the death of classmate Alice Holiday Combs. Alice died April 18, after a brave struggle with cancer. She was a former Florida Baptist Children’s Home counselor.

Our sympathy also goes to Edna Wagstaff Warncke on the loss of her mother in June.

1958

Sarah Ashburn Holder, W, lives in Raleigh, N.C., where she sings in her church choir and still plays tennis. She has twin grandchildren.

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Our 45th reunion produced many memories and news! Those who could not attend sent news of their recent activities.

Nancy Brooks Flowers and Joe retired to Bedford, Va., where he is a part-time minister of music.

Jane Freed Espy was traveling in Italy. She retired as finance director at an art museum and has one granddaughter.

Libby Jarrett Burger came with pictures of her first granddaughter, who lives nearby. Along with grandchild-sitting, Libby enjoys golf. She took her first lesson at age 69.

Sue Pilcher Pierce has a granddaughter who is a page in the Georgia legislature. Sue and her mother, who lives with her now, enjoy remembering when Sue’s dad was in the Virginia legislature.

Ransome, R., and I have a new granddaughter, who lives in Nashville. There are lots of grandchildren stories!

Kay Ownby was traveling in Canada. She moved to Yorktown, Va., after retirement.

Kay Crawford Trimble and Bob moved to Hendersonville, N.C., where they recently enjoyed meeting Jane Stockman’s brother.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner, our constant traveler, spent a month in Hawaii. She came to the reunion dinner after serving lunch to 190 Garden Club visitors in Gloucester, Va. Also involved with Garden Week, Cora Sue Elmore Spurll was head hostess in an Essex County home. Mariett Ayers Eggleston, Carolyn Smith Yarbrough and I enjoyed that tour. Cora Sue had her daughters-in-law — and even Joe — hostessing!

The reunion dinner at Suzanne Kidd Bunting’s new home was wonderful thanks to Jean Hudgins Frederick’s planning and Peggy Ware, who had just completed a wine course and provided delightful wine. Dottie Goodman Lewis was Suzanne’s assistant hostess. She recently took a University of Richmond trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Everyone said it was our best reunion! Becky Branch Falconer drove 500 miles (in seven hours) to be there. She teaches art education at Asbury College and substitutes for art teachers in four Kentucky counties. Pat Doggett Colonna had attended the birth of a new grandson the morning of the reunion. Pat, Jean Anderson Farmer and I continue to sell residential real estate.

Several classmates combine their interests with part-time work. Connie Booker Moore looked very fit and said she retired from the YMCA and now works as a personal trainer.

Carolyn Smith Yarbrough plans the Grace Church harvest festival in Charleston, S.C., and Carolyn Quinn Brooks and Andrew work with landscaping.

Craig S. Cooley, R’69, G’75 and L’77, is a member of the defense team of Lee Boyd Malvo, the young man charged in the Washington-area sniper shootings.

Carolyln Butler Grevers warned us to be careful as both she and Charles contracted Lyme disease. Carolyn is a doctor and Charles has a landscape business. They enjoy hiking.

Dawn Irvin Freese specializes in native plants in West Palm Beach. JoAnne Garrett West teaches piano students and is the organist at her church.

Pursuing hobbies in retirement, Marilyn Yates Burkholder golfs and sails, Sarah Ashburn Holder plays tennis and Mariett Ayers enjoys snow skiing. Lots of us enjoy travel. Nancy Prickett Yarbrough went to South America around Cape Horn. Annette Masters Scheel had returned from Fuzhou, China, where she was teaching English and touring.

Barbara Wilson Crampton plays duplicate bridge several times a week. Before Gene died in 1998 of lung cancer, they lived on a motor yacht. Now she travels to bridge tournaments — with the Bahamas being her favorite destination — and plays bridge worldwide on the computer.

Computers are our best way of getting your news. Be sure I have your e-mail address. Carolyn Smith Yarbrough will be our new secretary.

I have loved catching up with classmates the last 10 years, and everyone at the reunion said they looked forward to the alumni magazine.

Our next reunion will be the 50th! Mary Jean Simpson Garrett and Nancy Goodwyn Hill will coordinate that, but in the meantime, let’s do a good job of keeping in touch.

1959

Jerry Geisler, L, was honored by the Virginia General Assembly for his 16 years as a delegate, including seven as the Republican minority leader.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips, W, and her husband, William K. Phillips, R’58, are both retired and busier than ever. They just bought an RV and will spend six weeks traveling to the Grand Canyon. Their nine grandchildren, two of whom are in college, keep them occupied.

1960

Charles G. McDaniel, B, of Fredericksburg, has been elected vice chairman of economic development for the board of directors of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Tommy P. Baer, R, has been elected to the board of directors of the Brandermill Woods Foundation Inc. in Richmond.

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Six members of the Class of 1960 enjoyed being together and reminiscing at the spring luncheon in Alumni Hall. They included Judy Cyrus Johnson, Em St. Clair Key, Audrey Nuckolls Reynolds, Nancy Taylor Owen, Elizabeth Thompson Zimmerman and Martha Jane Pugh Woods. We are proud of Elizabeth for doing such a great job as chairman of the Newport News-Hampton Historic Garden Week Tour in April.

Nancy Jenkins Mawor reports that her daughter, Linda, was married in January in Southampton, Long Island, N.Y.

Nancy Taylor Owen reports that she had a delightful visit with Anne Hurd Eastridge and Nancy Madden Simmons while in Tampa in February. They enjoyed a delicious lunch at Anne’s home and had a good time catching up.

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Becky Crissman Van Ausdall and Jerry met Linda Morgan Lemon and Bob in Vero Beach, Fla., in March for a fun week. Later in the month, they spent a week in Key West with their daughter, Kathryn, and grandson, Tommy, as well as their son, Jay, who joined them from Denver.

After 42 years of teaching mathematics, mainly at College and St. Christopher’s schools in Richmond, Jeannette McWilliams Welsh is retiring. She and Jack plan to take a British theater theme cruise to England in the fall.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Audrey Nuckolls Reynolds’ mother. In December and Judy Cyrus Johnson’s mom in January. Our sympathy and love have been with both of them.

1961

Mary Burks Pipes, W, and her husband, Noland, have taken several trips since he retired last year. They spent two weeks in Ireland recently. They feel blessed to have their daughter, Sarah, and her three children living in the same neighborhood.

1962

Lee Richardson, B, and Carol D.

1963

Anna Lee Dooley Bachtell, W, is enjoying her retirement in California and Wyoming. She travels and spends a lot of time with her five grandchildren.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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We wish to extend deepest sympathy to our dear friends

Claudia Dodson, who lost her
brothers, Kenneth, to cancer in May;
and Grace Phelps Rhinesmith, who lost her husband. Our thoughts and prayers are also extended to the family of our classmate

Georganne Skee Line Mundere, who died in February.

Connie Overstreet Gilmore wrote, “Thanks so much for sending letters and pictures of reunion weekend. I knew how much fun I was missing when I heard these Tower Room songs. If you’re in Roanoke, please stop by for a visit; I enjoy company.”

On Friday night of reunion weekend, Ann Hurd Wilson and Margaret Brower Almond hosted a wonderful party for the gals. We were delighted to have 43 class members present including four from California. Those attending were Jean Morris Foster, Peggy St. Clare Stevens, Betsy Broadus Hardy, Archer Randelle Parkerson, Cecelia Stiff Mahan, Donna Houff, Aleta Goodwyn Jenkins, Leslie Long Tate, Ellen Nash, Carolyn Anthony Powers, Ann Cosby Davis, Peggy Dall White, Charlotte Hines Forrest, Margaret Brower Almond, Carolyn Shields Attkisson, Ann Hurd Wilson, Bobby Downs May, Pat Brumble Gracie, Kay Koontz Gillette, Beth Jones Ellington, Marty Godding Forti, Jean Robertson Thompson, Patsy Ann Bickerstaff, Caroline Hullem Thomas, Marty Cone Yates, Anna Lee Dooley Bachtell, Pat Kirby Percy, Beth Holland Maxwell, Betty Harrell Lindsey, Carol Winfield Eilot, Margie Burkett Rozum, Kakki Elmer Rogers, Josie Rogers Cuffee, Jean Copley Forbes, Sandra Dixon Bowen, Carol Miller Tolbert, Marcia McMullin Cantrell, Jody Metcalf, Susie McAfee Garrett, Kitty Conaway Putnam, Claudia Dodson, Clair Hudson and Nancy Wickers Lasher.

On Saturday night, guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner and dancing to music of the ’50s and ’60s. We were joined by members/guests from the men’s class of 1963. Peggy Stevens did a great job entertaining with a recap of our years at WC. Peggy, how long did you spend at the Baptist Historical Society reading those old issues of The Collegian? We do appreciate it. But please try to find your rough draft so we can put it in our next class notes. At least 40 classmates sent in the WC reunion info forms. Over 80 percent reported loving “grandmothering” and at least 85 percent are very active in their church or synagogue. We are Sunday school teachers, choir soloists, musicians and hand bell players, vestrywomen, deacons, elders, altar guild members, wedding directors, circle leaders and participants in mission trips.

We’ll try to publish news about everyone—we’ll just have to spread it over several issues. For a start, see if you recognize these ladies from their clues. Who are: 1. Two Richmond teachers fortunate to have twins as grandchildren? 2. A Roanoker caterer and elementary school teacher whose most vivid college memory was doing her red long Johns and delivering Christmas cheer to North Court? 3. The Marylander who can answer any of our genealogy questions? 4. The Arlington dulcimer player who has recorded eight albums? 5. A special-ed teacher in Winston-Salem who’s co-owner of an antique business? 6. A professional fundraiser who runs a “special needs” department in an upscale lingerie store in Westport, Conn.? 7. An aerobics teacher who designs and makes jewelry and is historian for her Red Hat chapter in Myrtle Beach, S.C.? 8. A minister’s wife of 38 years and the 1990 Teacher of the Year for Lassatia City Schools in California? 9. A published poet and the first woman to practice law in Shenandoah County? 10. A recent Inductee into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame, whose hobby has always been women’s high school and college basketball? How do you do?


We’ll have more info on our classmates in the next issue. Meanwhile, if you have news, send it to the alumni office or to me. We need a new class secretary. Let the alumni office or Ann Hurd know if you’re interested. We’ve got lost of info for you to use.

1964

L. M. “Bud” Baker Jr., R, has retired as chairman of Wachovia.

Van Bowen, R, after retiring from his faculty position at the University, has spent time working with law firms and pharmaceutical companies and doing other consulting and teaching. He was a presenter at the InterNetworking Forum in Los Angeles in April. He teaches one class in the Jesup School of Leadership Studies.

Carrie Morris Meador, W, is still teaching English and journalism at Wayne Community College in North Carolina. She and her husband, Dave, have a grandson, Dalton Alexander, who is nearly a year old.

Frederick W. Slewers Jr., GB, is now chairman emeritus of Slewers Lumber & Millwork Inc., the family lumber company.

Kendell P. Philbrick, B, has been appointed deputy secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Fallston, Md.

George A. Wray Jr., R, was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church at St. Bride’s in Chesapeake, Va.

1965

Sanders T. “Bud” Schoolar III, B, has been elected to the board of directors of Draper Aden Associates. He serves as a Virginia Supreme Court certified general and family mediator. He has also been elected vice chairman of the board of Westminster-Canterbury Foundation.

1968

Carol Henry Geddes, W, is vice president of mortgage lending for Towne Bank in Virginia Beach. She and her husband, Alastair, who has a travel consulting business,
The Yogi Berra of economics

Quitting the baseball team was Jesse Markham’s greatest disappointment during his years at the University of Richmond. But in the midst of the Great Depression, he had no choice. “For financial reasons, I had to take a job as an accountant at the Bank of Virginia,” he recalled. “I wouldn’t have been able to travel with the team to road games, so I had to bow out.”

Baseball’s loss, however, was economics’ gain. Markham, R’41, excelled in his college economics classes, and two of his Richmond professors, Samuel C. Mitchell and George M. Modlin, encouraged him to pursue advanced degrees at Johns Hopkins and Harvard.

Markham went on to become the chief economist of the Federal Trade Commission and a professor of economics at Princeton and Harvard. But he has maintained a soft spot for hardball and a humorous approach to economics instruction that is reminiscent of Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra.

“Economic predictions are hazardous,” Markham warned, sliding into his own Yogi-ism, “especially when they are about the future.”

As an antitrust expert, Markham deciphered more than his share of malapropisms from congressional debates over corporate acquisitions. During the Arab oil embargo, he recalled one U.S. senator saying, “The oil industry is full of monopolies; I can name five of them right off the bat.”

Back in those days, Markham argued that the oil industry was not as concentrated as some people made it out to be. But now he’s not so sure. “I don’t think Texaco needed to be absorbed by Chevron,” he said.

As an up-and-coming economics professor at Princeton in the 1950s and 1960s, Markham advocated the “Rule of Reason,” an approach to antitrust decisions that is based on case-by-case reasoning instead of hard-and-fast rules. He took that philosophy with him to Harvard in 1968, where he branched out into global economic and ethical issues facing multinational corporations.

“When Ford goes into the Congo, are they supposed to carry with them the policies of Ford Motor Co. in the United States, or should they acquiesce to local practices?” he asked. “That question came up in spades with South Africa: Do U.S. companies go along with apartheid, or do they pay serious attention to civil rights as they would in the United States?”

Such global quandaries invigorated Markham in his subsequent position at Harvard, “If I had stayed at Princeton,” he explained, “I would have been teaching the same course I had been teaching for 15 years.”

After retiring from Harvard in 1982, Markham taught as a visiting professor at Emory University in Atlanta for two years. Then, he returned to Harvard to teach seven more years in its continuing education program, where he remains a professor emeritus.

At age 87, he has completely retired from teaching, but he has this lesson for those who follow in his footsteps: “A professor profits a good deal by getting to know the students he teaches” and vice versa. “I owed a lot to my personal relationships with George Modlin and Dr. Mitchell, and it wasn’t just me. They took an interest in any students who earned A’s in their classes.”

— Karl Rhodes

1969

Richard W. Davis, R’73, and his wife, Beth, live in Ramona, Calif. They recently visited the Provence region of France. As always, they were impressed with the warmth and friendliness of the French people and the beauty of the countryside.

Craig S. Cooley, R’75 and ’80, has been appointed to the defense team of Lee Boyd Malvo, who is charged with capital murder related to the sniper shootings last fall.

James A. Jacobs, R, was named Advisor of the Year for the Richmond Branch Equitable-AXA.

John McDonald, GB, is founder and president of McDonald Development Co., the No. 3 developer on Atlanta Business Chronicle’s list of top industrial developers.

1970

Linda Andrews, W, retired after 32 years of teaching at Dumbarton Elementary School in Henrico County. Her job was filled by Jamison L. Richardson, ’70, who was her student teacher. Linda is enjoying retirement by working for Kelley Auctions. She also escorts motor coach tours and enjoys gardening, reading and attending auctions. She and her husband travel as much as time will allow.

J. Steve Griles, R, is deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He lives in Falls Church, Va.

Conrad B. Mattox III, R and L’76, has joined McCandlish Holton as a director and member of the health-care group.

David Norris, B, has been appointed associate professor of English for the University of Maryland University College Asia. He has lived in Seoul, Korea, since 1987.

Steve Buckingham, R, is a four-time Grammy-winning producer. He heads Vanguard Records as senior vice president of the Welk Music Group.
From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Hello to all first, I need to ask for help in finding classmates for whom I have incorrect addresses. Sometimes the alumni office is not notified of an address change, and then I am unable to contact these folks. If you know the regular or e-mail address or phone number of any of the following people, please let Yvonne Olson (olsonhaligrev.net) or me know:

Mary Stuart Kinsey Holder, Sara Bridges Metz, Becky Mills Reichlin, Joyce Clinkscale, Becky Mauck and Marsha McCoy.

Gena Shadwell, who teaches second grade at J. Davis Elementary School in Henrico County, has four grown children and a 13-year-old daughter, April, who is a cheerleader for the Virginia Cheer Academy and Byrd Middle School. Gena has six grandchildren under the age of four. Since her father died last year, Gena has moved to take care of her mother.

Pat Burton Templin retired from her position as school social worker and moved back to the Charlottesville area with her husband, Roger. They are building a house in Greene County, so while it is under construction, they will live in their little vacation home near the building site. Pat planned a relaxing summer of playing golf, reading, organizing genealogical material and doing cross-stitch and quilting.

Carol Barker-Hindley, who lives in Beaverton, Ore., and teaches school there, took a three-week trip to Italy this summer with her husband, Craig. They planned to visit Rome, Siena, Florence, Venice, and Lake Como. Their oldest child, who graduated from Linfield College in June, worked at the Oregon Zoo for the summer.

Vickie Bowman Jones and her husband, Robert Q., live in Danville, where she teaches Latin at George Washington High School and math at Danville Community College. Their 25-year-old son, Rob, is a graduate of the University of Virginia. Vickie and Robert Q. have taken a group of adults to Europe each summer for the past 23 years, and are planning their next trip to Italy and Greece. Another classmate who also works at G.W. High School is Judy Strausser. She teaches chemistry there.

Meg Gilman King and her family have moved permanently to Onancock on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. After living in town for two years, Meg and her family are very happy to be living on the water. Summer was busy for them, with ballet camp, swim team and mission trips to Russia.

Catie Holmes Hubbard’s oldest son, Richard Lee, was married in July. Her middle son, JP, will graduate with an associate’s degree in marine biology and will return to the Eastern Shore. Her youngest son, Scott, received his associate’s degree from Lincoln College in Illinois and has enrolled at Hampden-Sydney.

Martha Rothenberg Replante has finished another year as a pareducator at Fort Wayne, Ind., high school. This summer she planned to play golf as much as possible and to spend a week in England. Her daughter, Shauna, graduated from Baltimore Hebrew University with a master’s degree in Jewish education/administration. Her son, Taylor, who graduated from Indiana University, led teens through the forests of Washington and Oregon with Moondance Adventures this summer.

Gail Patterson Brookings works in the public affairs department at the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond. Her husband, Ron, owns Bedrockers, and their 24-year-old son, David, lives in Memphis, where he is a musician. Their daughter, Katie, 21, works as a nanny in Richmond.

1972

Gwendolyn Fletcher Duncan, W, and her husband, Greg, celebrated 30 years of marriage last spring. They planned a celebratory trip to Scotland.

Rachel Pierce Newell, W, is the 2003 Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year in Loudoun County, Va. The award carries a $3,000 prize.

Wilton R. Schmidt has been involved with public education, both teaching and coaching. He has been on staff at Christopher Newport University since the start of its football program.

Drawing joy from life on the bay

At a time when many of her classmates from the Westhampton Class of ’53 are happily retired, Alice Jane “A.J.” O’Brien Lippsion is happily engaged in yet another creative pursuit. She is producing the sixth book that she has co-authored or illustrated over the years.

All are about the Chesapeake Bay, where she lives and has worked most of her professional life. An award-winning marine scientist and biological illustrator, Lippsion has spent half a century sharing the beauty of the bay.

Originally, she planned to draw body parts, not barnacles. Alice Jane O’Brien left Westhampton after her sophomore year and headed to Johns Hopkins to study medical illustration. In the midst of a human anatomy class, she realized the value of her University of Richmond roots.

“I was 18 years old and surrounded by medical students with four-year degrees,” she recalled. “Westhampton prepared me well, though. Between the nurturing environment and the excellent science classes, I had the self-confidence and background I needed.”

Lippsion, who grew up on the New England coast, felt called to the water. She started her career as a research associate at the University of Maryland’s Chesapeake Biological Laboratory on Solomon’s Island. She illustrated in technical detail the fish that were being researched. Since then, she has worked with Martin Marietta, monitoring programs for Maryland’s electrical generating plants, and as a consultant with such clients as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Her book, Life in the Chesapeake Bay, which she co-authored with her husband, marine biologist Robert Lippsion, is considered a classic coastal nature guide by everyone from high school biology teachers to bay fishermen and sailors.

Her current project, also in collaboration with her husband, is The Inner Coast, a field guide to plants and animals along the waterways from Norfolk to Key West.

Even with her many books, 20-some other scientific publications, paintings and illustrations hanging all along the East Coast, and decades of awards and honors (the latest presented by Johns Hopkins Medical School earlier this year), Lippsion said her greatest joy comes from her children and grandchildren. She and her first husband, Romeo Mansueti (also a marine biologist), had four children — he died tragically several days before the fourth was born. Her marriage to Robert Lippsion brought three more — “a regular Brady Bunch,” she said.

Earlier this year, Lippsion returned to Richmond for her 50th class reunion. “The campus changes, but the beauty and flavor of the place do not,” she said. “I get the same old feelings of tranquility when I come back. That’s what I’ve always remembered about Westhampton and always loved.”

As for her career, Lippsion said, “It’s been fun. And it’s not over yet.”

— Barbara Fitzgerald
Robert Staples, C, is vice president of human resources for SouthTrust Bank's Richmond market.

Robert D. Stokes, R, has been promoted to assistant vice president for academic affairs at Villanova University. Previously, he was associate dean for part-time studies and university outreach.

Judy White, R and G74, is manager of environmental services for Dominion Virginia Power and has been appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia Water Resources Center's statewide advisory board.

Mark Wyble, B, is celebrating two anniversaries this year. He has completed his 20th year with the national construction trade association, Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.; he serves as president and CEO of the Central Florida chapter. In Winter Park. Also this year, he and his wife, Jeanne, are celebrating 30 years of marriage with a vacation to upstate New York and Canada.

Their younger son, Nathaniel Wyble, B'04, is an Army ROTC scholarship student at Richmond. Their older son, Matthew, is a Rice University graduate and a first-year law student at the University of Houston.

From the Westminster Class Secretaries

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“Ween Spirits Never Die” — even through the spring rains of 2003! Hope you all have enjoyed lots of sun and fun by now. Meeting at Strawberry Street Cafe in April were Liz Morris, Carroll O'Donnell, Ludi Stoppes Webber, Kathy McDorman Goyne, Debbie Pearson Ellis, Vivian Stephenson Clingenpeel and Judy Johnson Mawyer. We hope to try another get-together in the future as other classmatess were interested but unable to join us this time. A good time was had by all.

We got a nice note from
Elizabeth (Liz) Reynolds. She is still living in Takoma Park, Md., and is an editor of scholarly books at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington. She also teaches English part time in adults in an ESL program. In her spare time she has been doing a lot of traveling in the U.S. as well as abroad, including a Spanish immersion class in Costa Rica. Liz’s twin daughters are out of college. Lauren is a professional musician, and Deena is working in Washington.

Margaret League St. Clair and Rick, R70, had a busy spring with the wedding of their daughter in March. Cathy Woolcott Edwards was able to attend the wedding.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan sent a quick note before she left on a work trip to Holland (why don’t we get those work trips?). I’m sure they kept her busy. She and Greg planned to go to Scotland in July for their 30th anniversary. She sends her best regards to all, as does Nancy Boyklin Kern, who wrote that her summer plans included a camping trip in the wilderness in Ontario.

Betty Gammon Fulgham wrote that she and Frank were able to go to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to attend the college graduation of Linda McIntosh Waugh’s son, Ian, and spend time with Linda’s husband, Keith, and other son, Collin. We miss you, Linda.

The Mawyers were able to have dinner with Frances Maddox Smith, Steve and son Chris in Knoxville, Tenn., when we were there for their son Todd’s graduation. She was excited about all her visitors that weekend — seeing them one night and having Mary Kathryn Norfleet and family visit the next night on their way through town after picking up daughter Katie from college.

We’re sure there is more class news to share so don’t wait too long to send it in. We’d love to hear from you!

1973

Greer P. Jackson, L, has been elected secretary of the board of directors of Commonwealth Catholic Charities in Richmond.

Glenn W. Pulley, R and L76, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a senior partner in the law firm of Clement & Wheatley. His son Drew Pulley, 103, just finished Richmond. He and son Jeffrey Pulley, 110, is a law student at Fordham University.

From the Westminster Class Secretaries

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The annual Wonderful Westhampton Women’s Weekend was held this spring at the beautiful Virginia Beach home of Agnes Mobley Wynne. Joining Agnes and me for the weekend were Martha Poston Turner, Nancy Martin Jett, Kelly Hardy, Patton Stringfellow Garbee, Temple Adair Glenn, Susan Sheffield Yowell and Betty Rodman Harris.

Agnes’ home is lovely and just a block from the beach. Her husband, David, was brave enough to come visit us to say hello. He is working to complete a second master’s degree at Union Theological Seminary. Daughter Laurel has been on the Dean’s List at Westhampton. Her roommate this spring was a student from Australia. Son Clinton won the “Oak Award” for all-round best athlete on the JV golf team at Norfolk Collegiate. Agnes is premiering Adolphus Hallstick’s new song cycle, Venelinos Actus of God, in October at Old Dominion University. This was written to poems by her lifelong friend, Ellen Wise. Agnes has also commissioned Hallstick to write a wedding song for the October wedding of her stepson, Billy.

Betty’s son, Scott, will be attending law school at Wake Forest after having taught school for the last couple of years. Son John is in Los Angeles working for Star Search. Susan’s son, Gordon, is working at his alma mater, Hampden-Sydney, while son Lindsay graduated from JMU in the spring. Susan lives in Crozet, VA.

Pattie came from Lynchburg, where she continues to teach reading. Son Greg was moving to a new place in Lynchburg over the weekend. Ben is still a student at Whittman College in Washington state.

Temple came from Roanoke, where she is the director of the pre-K program at her school as well as a coach. Her husband, Barry, continues to commute every week to Richmond. Son Barry is a student at Hampden-Sydney, daughter Adair graduated from high school in the spring and was trying to decide on colleges when we were together, and Thomas is still in high school.

Nancy’s daughter, Maureen Lee Jett, ‘01, became engaged on Friday night of our weekend. We all squealed as though she were our own. Younger daughter Caroline graduated from William & Mary on Mother’s Day this year and will start working in Washington in the summer.

Martha, Nancy and I am going to connect to a few students. One was Lynn Moncuere Barber, who lives on the Fluvanna River with husband Billy, R73. She told tales of carrying her pistol when she is outside because of the bobcats.

Sandy Moore Burch teaches high school biology and anatomy in Danville, Va.

Carol Bouchart Johnson teaches first grade in a private school in Tidewater. Daughter Jenny graduated from Mary Washington with a major in art and is working in Richmond for an insurance company as well as pursuing her art. Son Taylor is a sophomore at Mary Washington, majoring in historic preservation.

I really enjoyed talking to my former sisteumatem, Cathy Williamson MacQuarrie, who lives in Crewe, Va., with her husband, Chuck. Cathy has retired from teaching and is busy taking care of both sets of parents. Her daughter graduated from Virginia Tech in 2000 with a degree in fishery science. She had been working in Florida for Walt Disney World and is now at home. Her son graduated from Virginia Tech last year and is working in Tampa, Fla.

Donna Strother Deekens lives in Richmond and has started her own business of traveling tea parties for children. One son will be at Virginia Tech in the fall and the other is in middle school.

Reunion was a lot of fun. We missed those of you who were not able to join us, but were glad to see those who did. Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick and Kelly Hardy and Jack came a day early to play golf with Pat Turner, R72, Martha’s husband. Sam and I joined the others that night for a nice dinner. Judy Roberts Willis and Craig came all the way from Atlanta for the weekend — the first time Judy had been back in many years. Judy has retired from her job with Dekalb County. She and Craig have two sons.

Others who joined us were Rosanna Painter Meyers and Bobby, Drew Brown, Linda Wilkins Mullinhead, Patty Stringfellow Garbee and Mitch Garbee, R’72 and L175, Jane Woodward Meyer and Rick, Betty Rodman Harris and Scott, Maryann Byczak Casterline and Bill, R’73. Donna Kingery Huddins and Carter, R’72, and Nancy Martin Jett.

Rosanna teaches school in Roanoke, while Bobby commutes to Williamsburg to work. She provided this update on their children: Caroline is working in Charlottesville; McDowell graduated from Radford University and is living at home while searching for a job; and Livingston is a student at a local community college.

Drew lives in Baltimore and works in research. She met up with Linda, who flew in from Pagoa Springs, Colo. Linda came armed with ski brochures to lure us to her skiing classes.

Jane and Rick have just moved into a new home in Louisville. Jane is still teaching and Rick is a dentist.

Maryann and Bill live in Chantilly, Va., where Maryann works in her children’s former elementary school and Bill is an
attorney. Their daughter is at JMU, one son is at Virginia Tech and the other is at home.

I saw in the Richmond newspaper that both sons of Nancy Bendall Emerson and Ben, R and L’84, attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jane Christiansen was not able to join us for our reunion because she was busy with homecoming at Texas Woman’s University the same weekend. As a staff member, she volunteers for some activities. Jane has just moved into a new house and has been staying busy with Red Cross and church activities.

Shelley Smith Miller has been busy trying to sell a house and buy a new one. She took a cruise to the Caribbean with her daughter, sister and niece. It was her daughter’s high school graduation present. She will be going to Randolph-Macon College in the fall. Shelley’s son is at Emory and Henry College. Shelley got a permanent full-time job with FEMA in December.

Sam and I just returned from a wedding in Seattle. It was our first time there and I highly recommend it. Lee and PJ have just bought their first home in Chesapeake. Lee is teaching French in Suffolk, while PJ serves in the Navy. Christopher has taken a cross-country tour with his band and is looking forward to his annual stop in Des Moines to see Gayle Goodson Butler. The band went to Europe for a three-week tour this summer.

1974
Grace R. den Hartog, W, has been named senior vice president and general counsel of Owens & Minor. She has been recognized by the National Law Journal as one of the top 50 women trial lawyers in the country.

Ken Morgan, C, has been elected to the board of directors of Rotary International. He lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Barbara Ann Sutton, W, has retired after 22 years and sold her internal medicine practice. She has married and built a second home in the middle of nowhere: Westcliffe, Colo. An avid hunter, she has completed six years of service on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association and was among the small group of directors who recruited Charlton Heston to become NRA’s president.

Kenneth L. Walker, B, has been selected by the Society of International Business Fellows to travel throughout South America studying international business and global opportunities as part of the 23rd annual International Business Fellows program.

1975

Heloise B. “Ginger” Levit, G, had a complimentary article written about her in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, explaining how she buys paintings in Paris. Sixty-eight of her French paintings have been on view at Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery in Virginia Beach. She received a second-place award from Virginia Press Women for articles about art exhibitions at the Chrysler Museum and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

1976

Craig Rascoe, B and L’75, was elected a vice president of Williams Mullen. He is chairman of the firm’s tax section.

Gregory B. Robertson, L, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Way to go on the last batch of responses to my e-mail request! I’ve got lots of information to share.

Andi Eichberg Dameron writes that she is playing USTA tennis and doing some volunteer fundraising for a free health care clinic in Fredericksburg, Va. Youngest son John is driving!

Wendy Haynes Eastman has reconnected with her old roommate, Anne Thompson Willaman, and also saw Rebecca Hancock Powers and Susan Moonmaw Humphreille recently. Wendy’s husband Kevin and 12-year-old son Jake have been back in Richmond since 1999. Wendy is the director of planned giving at the University, and Kevin is in the basketball business.

Cynthia Lind Schoonover was on a curriculum writing team for foreign language in Henrico County for the summer and nursed her husband through double knee replacements. She writes that youngest daughter Erika was promoted to captain in Hermitage High School’s Marine JROTC program, is editor of the JROTC newspaper and does a lot of public speaking.

Karen Kennedy planned to vacation with the whole Kennedy clan in Virginia Beach right after the Fourth of July and then go to Fire island with her husband for a long weekend at the end of the month. In between trips, she hauled her 11-year-old daughter and her horse, Double Take, around the Virginia Horse Show circuit and watched her horse, Galaxy of Stars, show.

I ran into Emily Coppedge Gurley at the Pocahontas-Stonewall Jackson middle school boys’ tennis match in May. I am the boys’ coach at Pocahontas, and Emily’s son (6th grade) was on the Stonewall team. She is still working at MCV as a research lab manager. She took a group of Boy Scouts to Niagara Falls and New York City last summer and this summer hoped to take them to Acadia National Park in Maine.

Emily also took another interesting trip in the spring. She and Holly Gronn Boyd, Anne Hanksin Moore and Carol Byrd Barr went to Orlando, Fla., for four days (word has it that Reed Boyd won the trip and gave it to the girls). Emily writes that they had a blast — “did Disney, drank daiquiris by the pool, ate a lot, and laughed and talked even more — friendships like this never grow old!”

Another reunion on a smaller scale happened at the Double Brothers concert in Innsbrook in Richmond in May. Charlotte Houchins Leslie had e-mailed me about the concert so I bought the tickets, and Charlotte, Bonnie Ritchie, Peggy Lam Watson and I boogied the night away to many musical memories . . . it was just like being back in North Court 305 with the record player blasting.

I spent time at my house in the mountains of North Carolina this summer, and I played a lot of golf. I am beginning the process of being certified to teach mathematics in the middle school so I will be taking classes in my spare time for the next two years or two.

Thanks again for all the news — keep it coming! Hope everyone had a wonderful, safe summer.

1977

Steven M. Edmonds, L, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of Gateway Homes of Greater Richmond. Paul D. Falm, L, and Michael A. Glasser, L’78, both Hampton Roads attorneys, were inducted as fellows into the Virginia Law Foundation.

D. Bruce Hilling, R, is the new borough administrator for Matawan, N.J.

Sandy van der Meer, W, and G’86, is a technology specialist for the Department of Defense’s education division at Stearley Heights Elementary School in Okinawa, Japan.

1978

Bruce Allen, B, senior assistant/ general manager of the Oakland Raiders, was the 2002 winner of the George Young NFL Executive of the Year award.

John E. Hamner III, G8, is the executive vice president and head of private client services at SunTrust Bank, Central Virginia.

Francis L. Lloyd Jr., R, is with the law firm of London, Amburn & Lloyd, P.C. in Knoxville, Tenn.
1979

Rob Baxter, B, is employed as an account executive at Data Networks in Midlothian, Va. Mitchell Sellers Halley, R, is a senior vice president with Salomon Smith Barney.

Howard H. Jordan, B, was named president and CEO of Benetone Paint Manufacturing Co., which is located in Hampton, Va.

1981

John Cliff III, R, and his wife, Kimberly, had a son, Jason Tyler, on April 12, 2001. They live in Harrisburg, N.C.

Joseph E. Lapetina, W, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

Donna Ring Moser, W, lives in Towson, Md., with her husband, Eric, and their two children, Alec and Monique. She tutors French and does conference planning from home.

Beth Powell Verza, W, and her husband, Benjamin, had twins, Anna and Daniel, on March 15, 2002. They join sister Mattie, S. The family lives in Raleigh, N.C. Beth has retired from practicing law.

1982

Douglas M. Lane, B, has joined Avondale Partners LLC in Nashville, Tenn., as a director. Avondale provides equity research, sales and trading services to institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Beth Pearson Williams, W, of Richmond, is the owner of Williams Consulting LLC. She provides human resource consulting, interim HR management, benefits design, employee relations consulting and recruiting. She also provides an HR audit service.

1983

Ted Costin, R, and his wife, Marian, had a son, Reuben Shaw Temple, on March 21, 2003. Ted is planning director for Greensville County, Va.

Jeff Cowan, W, was promoted to vice president of the Marq Division at Computac Inc. He and his wife, Melissa Millar Cowan, W'85, live in Lebanon, N.H., with their three children.

Richard Ellison, B, is vice president of Bank of America and plays bass in his church band. He lives in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife, Diane, and two daughters, LeeAnn, B, and Kristanna, D.

Steven A. Farbstein, R, has been named nominating committee chairman of the 2003-04 board of directors of the March of Dimes Central Division in Richmond.

Steven L. Higgs, L, of the Roanoke law firm of King & Higgs PC has been re-certified in consumer bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. He is also certified by the American Board of Certification in creditors' rights law.

Chris Karageorge, R, and his wife, Irene, live in Roanoke, Va., and have two children, Sotirios Christos Thomas, S, and Vasilia Eleni, 7.

John Miller, L, has his own law firm in Springfield, Mass.


Mary Margaret Bittner Simmons, W, received her National Board Certification in broadcast media and is now the media specialist for Cuccurt County High School in North Carolina. She and her husband, Jackie, and their three daughters, Melissa, 13, Caroline, 11, and Sara, 9, split their time between Cuccurt and Eastville, Va. She and Caroline spent a week in England and Scotland last spring.

1984

Karen Davidson Autorino, W, splits time between her homes in Bucks County, Pa., and Vermont. She stopped working to stay home with her new son, Michael, who was born in November 2002, but she still sits on the national board of directors of the Financial Planning Association and on the board of directors of the Sudden Money Institute.

Cammie Whisnant Dunaway, W, has been named chief marketing officer of Yahoo Inc. Formerly a vice president of marketing with Frito-Lay, Cammie has relocated from Dallas to Sunnyvale, Calif.

Kevin L. London, R, is employed in private client services at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Robert J. Mayer, B, was promoted to vice president of Community Bank in Staunton, Va. He and his wife, Lisa, had a son, Robert McDonald, on Dec. 11, 2002. He joins sister Mary Grace. The family lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

Richard Pearce, W, has been promoted to senior relationship manager in the business banking division of First Union in Allentown, Pa.

William Rogers, W, has been named managing attorney for the business services group at the Frawme law firm in Richmond.

1985

James E. Derderian, R, has started his own government relations consulting firm, Stanton Park Group, in Washington.

Paga Dewitt, R, is the immediate past chairman of the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia. He and his wife, Bo, had a daughter, Natalie Taylor, on Nov. 8, 2002. She joins brother Page IV, R.

David Houghton, R, has been promoted to vice president at United Dominion Realty Trust in Richmond.

Susan Hillsman Hurley, W, is a stay-at-home mom for her two children, John, 9, and Mark, 7. She lives in Virginia Beach and is president of the Beach Suburban Republican Women's Club. She also volunteers at her children's school, in her civic league and in various political campaigns.

Anne Barrett Livingston, B, and her husband, Jeffrey, had a daughter, Amelia Jane, on March 5, 2003. They live in Philadelphia.

1986

Joseph Bugg III, B, is a partner with Wells, Coleman & Co. LLP, a CPA firm in Richmond.

Kathryn Fessler, W, has joined the Arts Council of Richmond as director of the arts fund and development.

Matthew Fine, R, is a sculptor in Norfolk, Va., and won the people's choice award at the Art Market: Virginia's Outdoor Gallery in Hampton.

Mary Anne Mcconeghy Groh, B, and her husband, John, had a daughter, Skylar Burnett, on May 1, 2003. She joins sister Zane Kinsdale.

Stuart Sedlick, B, and his wife, Mary Beth, had a son, Cameron Stuart, on Jan. 27, 2003. He joins brother Aidan and sister Emma.

1987

Mark K. Ames, R, is managing attorney for the consumer services group at the Frame law firm in Richmond.

James E. Baucom Jr., R, is senior pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va. He and his wife, Debbie Aker Baucom, W, live in McLean with their daughters, Marlee, 10, and Kelly, 7.
She might be in the middle of shaping a bestselling novel and have one of the hottest publishing jobs in the world, but Linda K. Marrow, W'82, is awed by the literary feats of others.

"I’m really the luckiest woman in America," said Marrow, vice president and editorial director at Random House books. "I stand in complete admiration for what [authors] do every day. Even though I watch it happen, I can’t imagine how they can write these stories."

Marrow said her years on the Richmond campus encouraged her love of words, and she credits her "very helpful and wise, wise, wise adviser," Dr. Raymond F. Hilliard, with putting her on the right path. It was he who handed her a pamphlet for the Radcliffe Publishing Course, which she attended the summer after graduation. "That was the answer for me," she said. Immediately, Marrow landed a job in New York City and spent the next two decades steadily climbing the publishing ladder there.

Most of those years were with Pocket Books, where Marrow worked with many well-known authors, including prolific novelists Judith McNaught (Someone to Watch Over Me and Paradise) and Jude Deveraux (Wild Orchids and Summerhouse), whom she now counts as friends. At Random House, she still works with big name authors, including Linda Howard (author of Cry No More) and Jonathan Kellerman (whose latest is A Cold Heart: An Alex Delaware Novel). "I know some very nice people, and many of the authors are also my friends. They are so talented and so creative. They never cease to amaze me."

Days in her Manhattan office are spent communicating with authors and Random House staff, and reading manuscripts. When she’s not consumed by a project, she reads up to six manuscripts or books a week. "Last week I was on vacation and I read five books for work. I’m almost never not working," she said. Marrow does steal time to read things she hasn’t worked on, including the Harry Potter books.

Her all-time favorite book? "Well, I can tell you that as a child I read To Kill a Mockingbird at least twice a year until I was in college."

Marrow is thrilled with the new vigor the publishing world has seen since recent successes of the Harry Potter series and the Hillary Clinton autobiography. She predicts several upcoming releases will be equally successful. "They’ll give everyone some really fresh things to read."

To her, that’s what the literary world is all about. Although the cyclical and often-brutal publishing business can be taxing, Marrow remains inspired by her fundamental mission. "I feel very passionate about getting good books published so people have good things to read."

— Melissa Davis Haller
Ina Nicosia, '93, lives in Switzerland where she serves as president of Play in the USA, a Swiss promotions and recruiting firm.

1991

Damon J. Andres, B., has been appointed portfolio manager of Lincoln National Convertible Securities Fund Inc. in Philadelphia. Lauren Bolt, B., moved to Exton, Pa., where she works in life insurance product development for ING. Kathryn Miller Bugbee, B., and her husband, Mark, had a son, Matthew John, on Jan. 1, 2003. He joins Collin, 4, and Joshua, 2. Scott Thomas Casey, R., works as a business analyst with First North American National Bank in Richmond. Jennifer Riggie Dodge, B., and her husband, Eric S. Dodge, GB’, had a daughter, Emily Lyne, on Jan. 31, 2003. Jennifer serves on Richmond’s alumni board. Brett Geisler, B., has been appointed a Virginia Circuit Court judge for Radford and Carroll counties. Heather E. Fairbanks, W., has transferred from the Office of Staff Counsel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, to the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division, and she was appointed to the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

George L. Hiller, L., will direct the new international business program at Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.


Chris Kriz, B., lives in Greenwich, Conn., and works as a member of WebMD’s Strategic Accounts Group, where he develops consumer and physician marketing and educational programs. When he is not working, he likes to race sailboats.

Kimberly Tracy Labate, B., and her husband, Alex, had a daughter, Madeline Judith, on Dec. 11, 2002. They live in Keizer, Ore.

Gregory S. Pearce, R., and his wife, Janet, had a daughter, Austin Montgomery, on July 11, 2002. She joins sister Jordan Elizabeth, 3.

William Piper, R., has been promoted to chief of staff for Senator Mitch McConnell’s (R-KY) Washington office.

Gregory S. Rogowski, GB’, has been named global general manager of Honeywell Performance Fibers. Christian J. Singewald, R., has been elected a partner of White and Williams LLP, a law firm based in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Beth Todd Singewald, W., live in Wilmington, Del., with their children, Jackson, 6, and Lindsay, 3.

Michelle Muller Singewald, W., and her husband, Craig Singewald, R., had a daughter, Anne Lynn, on July 13, 2002. They live in Piscataway, N.J.

Sherry Hertzler Salyer, B., and her husband, Tracy Salyer, R’92, had a son, Nathan Paul, on Jan. 10, 2003. He joins sister Ramey.

Andrew T. Shilling, L., opened his own law firm, Givando & Shilling, in Chesapeake, Va. He has a daughter, Whitney Lynn, 2, and a son, Spencer Franklin, 3.

Angela Bauer Snyder, W., and her husband, Jim, had a daughter, Lindsay Claire, on March 4, 2003. They live in New Haven, Conn.

Raymond B. Wallace, Jr., G, has been appointed to a five-year term on the Virginia Retirement System’s board of trustees.

Christine Zoumaz-Morse, W., and Andrew Morse, R., had a daughter, Katherine, on Feb. 12, 2003.

1992

E. Charles Blottner Jr., B., has joined LogistiCare Inc., in Norton, as the assistant director for Virginia operations.

Lisa Frisina Clement, L., has been elected a shareholder of PennStuart in the Richmond office. Allison Wright Feehan, L., and Tim Feehan, L., had a son, Hugh Timothy, on Nov. 28, 2002.

Susan Pillar, W., is a Spanish teacher at Notre Dame Prep School in Townsend, Md. She is pursuing an M.A. at the College of Notre Dame in Maryland. She recently traveled to Honduras and El Salvador.

William T. Fitzhugh, L., has joined Bowen, Chaplin, Carr & Rockefeller in Richmond. He will concentrate in domestic relations and adoption law.

Miller, Jim, has accepted a position as wetlands project manager with Sustainable Conservation, an environmental non-profit in San Francisco. He is also beginning part-time doctoral studies at UC-Berkeley.

John Klemeyer, R., and his wife, Julia Brubaker Klemeyer, W’91, had a daughter, Ella Rose, on April 15, 2002. They live in New York City.

Patricia Dann Loyde, B. and GB’, is with Fee Fi Faux, a painting and interior decorating business in Richmond.

Collette M. Martin, W., and David L. Drake were married on Dec. 29, 2002. Included in the wedding party was Peter Miller, B’91. The couple lives in Durham, N.C.

Kerry Miller, W., is employed as promotions manager at General Motors R & Works In Purchase, N.Y.

Stephanie O’Malley, W., and her husband, Jim O’Malley, R’90, had a son, Connor James, on May 8, 2003. He joins sister Caroline, 3.

Brian L. Pitney, L., has been appointed to the fund development committee of the Children’s Museum of Richmond. He is an attorney with Sands Anderson Marks & Miller.

1993

David Charles Berry and Nicole Telecki were married on March 22, 2003.

Ellen Brown, L., and her husband, Orrin, had a son, Andrew Ryland, on Jan. 17, 2003.

Jennie Parker Brown and her husband, Chris Brown, had a daughter, Sierra Kathleen, on Jan. 13, 2003. They live in Durham, N.C.

Daniella A. Cortez and Andrew C. Cavenagh were married on Oct. 6, 2001 in Olympic Valley, Calif.

Included in the wedding party were Bridget Boland Kimmel, Laura Janes and Ann Taylor Custin. The couple lives in San Francisco. Daniella, who has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, works at San Francisco General Hospital and is a clinical faculty member at the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine.

Emily Holleman Costa is vice president of operations and a partner with Axient, a meeting and event planning company. She and her husband, Chad, had a son,
William Harry, on April 22, 2003. He joins sister Natalie, 3. They live in Dallas, Texas.

Daniella Croce and David McDonald were married Aug. 31, 2002. Included in the wedding party was Cindy McDonald Kelly. The couple lives in Herndon, Va., and Daniella works for US Airways as a recruiting consultant.

Christine G. Daniels, G8, has been elected first woman chair of the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia. Susan Giacalone, L, and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Mae, on Sept. 30, 2002. She joins sister Jenni, 4.

Anne Whiting Kennon and her husband, Darren, had a son, William Frazier, on March 3, 2003. Anne is store manager at Pickles & Ice Cream, a maternity apparel store in the Carytown section of Richmond. Kimberly Phillips Kugelman and her husband, Joshua Kugelman, ’94, had a daughter, Charlie Anne, on March 7, 2003.

Glenn W. Lambie received his Ph.D. from the College of William & Mary and is a faculty member in the department of human development and psychological counseling at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Krista Lauer and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Caroline Marie, on Feb. 21, 2002. She joins sister Elizabeth, 4, and Jack, 2. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Ina Nicosia lives in Switzerland where she serves as president of Play in the USA, a Swiss promotions and recruiting organization. She is also teaching English and playing basketball.

John B. Noland Jr. is an attorney with Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips LLP in Baton Rouge, La. Shane Christian Petersen and his wife, Tammy, had a son, Connor Nathaniel, on Aug. 6, 2002. He joins sister Brianna, 2. They live in Durham, N.C.

Edward R. Rockwell, L, is lead counsel to Hewlett-Packard’s services business in Europe. Middle East and Africa, based in Milan, Italy. Margaret Smithers, L, is past chair of Commonwealth Catholic Charities in Richmond.

Jean Sanner and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Zachary Michael, on Aug. 22, 2002. They live in Richmond.

Jeremy Sohn, L, has joined Snell & Wilmer’s Tucson, Ariz., law office as an associate. His practice concentrates on estate planning and taxation.

Jodie Stanley and her husband, Stephen, had a son, John David, on April 9, 2003. He joins Caroline, 4, and Elizabeth, 2. They live in Wilton, Conn.

Julie Collier Stevenson and her husband, Fred Stevenson, R’92, had a son, Wesley Frederick, on July 23, 2002. He joins Michael Alexander, 4.

Mary-Holland Wood Thompson, ’93 and G’95, and her husband, Joseph U. Thompson, had a son, Andrew Lewis, on June 9, 2002.

Bevin Doletski Murchie and her husband, Peter Murchie, ’96, had a daughter, Cassandra, on May 24, 2002. Bevin is a pharmacist with Ukrop’s Supermarkets in Richmond. Mary Lou Odom and her husband, Anthony Finarelli, had a son, Andrew Walker, on April 29, 2003.

Marlon Early Sprarog completed a marathon last summer in Kona, Hawaii, for the American Diabetes Association. She participated as a walker and raised almost $12,000, making her the top fundraiser for Team D from North Carolina. Marlon is an officer manager for Colony Homes in Charlotte, N.C., where she lives with her husband, Mike.

Shari Stout joined the National Museum of American History in February 2002 as the collections manager for “America on the Move,” which opens in November and will be the museum’s largest exhibit to date. She previously worked as a conservation technician at the National Museum of Natural History. Stout earned her M.A. in museum studies from George Washington University.

Meredith Wihnyk received her master’s degree in elementary education from Brooklyn College in May.

Aimee Koroly Wilhelms was born a BSN, RN degree from Neumann College and a J.D. degree from Villanova University School of Law. She and her husband, Vince, have two daughters, Olivia Margaret, 2, and Grace Elizabeth, who was born in February.

From the Westchapeltonl Secretary Alissa Manscico Poole 3704 Milshire Place Richmond, VA 23233 e-mail: allisaapoole@att.net Sarah Savage Hebert and her husband, Grady Hebert, ’93, had a son, John “JACK” Savage, on March 18, 2003.

Eric Leshinsky and his wife, Kristle, had a son, Evan Matthew, on March 30, 2003.

Michelle A. Acosta received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Delaware in January.

Jennifer Lynn Ashby and David L. Harris were married on April 1, 2003 in Las Vegas. The couple resides in Richmond. Jennifer works at the corporate headquarters of Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex Inc.

Michael Collins has returned from an assignment in Germany to accept a position as assistant professor of military science at Campbell University in North Carolina.

Vincent P. Doherty, ’95 and GB’01, married Laura Lynn Armstrong on Nov. 9, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Pete Ueberroth, ’96, and Kevin Proudfoot.

Megan Beth Donnelly is a project manager for MIS, an ADP company. She is also working online on an MBA in global management through the University of Phoenix. She and her husband, Patricia Morales Ruiz, had a daughter, Emelce Neglia, on Feb. 14, 2003. She joins Michael, 3. They live in Rockland, Mass.

Tim Dorsey, L, was named a partner at Williams Mullen. He practices in the firm’s Virginia Beach office.

David DuVall, L, was named a partner at Williams Mullen. Catherine Neuerho Featherston and her husband, Trip, had a daughter, Virginia Grace, on March 10, 2003. They live in Midlothian, Va.

Maggie Garin and Scott Druckman were married on March 15, 2003. She is a dermatology resident at St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.

John M. Holloway III, L, has been named a partner at Hunton & Williams.

Eric A. Klaus is a certified financial manager with Merrill Lynch’s private client group. He and his wife, Jennifer, had a son, Chester Kennedy, on Feb. 1, 2003.

Beth Klement was promoted to district manager with MediPoint Pharmaceuticals and will be based in Northern Virginia. Prior to that, she was manager of training and development in the company’s corporate headquarters in Somersett, N.J.

Erik R. Kommerow is a firefighter for Anne Arundel County, Md., and is also a real estate agent. He and his wife, Stacy, had a daughter, Emma Grace, on Oct. 8, 2002.

Gregory Leader has accepted a position as vice president of affiliate sales with Sports USA Radio Network.

Clifford “Tripp” Perrin is director of business development for the Catalyst Marketing Group.

Jason B. Roop has been appointed communications chairman of the board of directors of the March of Dimes Central Division in Richmond.

Meredith L. Schalick is special assistant to the deputy commissioner for children’s services of the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

She is part of a team charged with planning and implementing a transformation of child welfare services in the state.

L. Scott Seymour, L, was named partner of Kaufman & Canoles in Newport News, Va.

Jennifer S. Onig is a vice president of marketing for Return Path, a company focused on making e-mail work more effectively for businesses and consumers. She lives in Boulder, Colo.

Martha Thompson Stoops and her husband, Mark, had a daughter, Finley Ann, on Feb. 18, 2002. She joins Emily, 5, and Katie Lin, 3. They live in Virginia Beach.

Julietta A. Tyson was promoted to investigative case manager in the workers compensation division of Travelers Insurance. She lives in Richmond with her son, Marcus, 6.


Justin R. Geisel and his wife, Mackenzie, had a son, Jackson Anthony, on April 2, 2003. Justin works for CarMax and continues to cycle and run during his spare time. He lives in Columbia, Md.

Maximilian Hamel has relocated to Alexandria, Va., after serving four years as a policy adviser to former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore. He has joined The Dutko Group, a Washington-based lobbying firm.

Amy Witter Jefferson and her husband, Charles Brian Jefferson, ’97, had a son, Riley Brian, on March 26, 2003. They live in Alien, Texas.

Christine Jimenez and Timothy R. Myers were married on May 3, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Melanie Murphy and Erin Devine. The couple lives in Richmond.

Christopher A. Jones, L, has been named a partner at LeClair Ryan.

Thomas Lyon lives in Philadelphia and works as a project manager for an environmental testing laboratory.
Sarah Marshall has joined STR Software in Richmond as a sales consultant.

Erin Seaton Norfleet is employed by the City of New York as a capital budget analyst.

Kerry Schneider Pasquale and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Lauren Grace, on March 5, 2009.

Melissa Sledge and Alexander D. Mackinnon IV were married on Feb. 22, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Tien Le and Emily Wilson Smith. The couple lives in Tampa, Fla., where Melissa is establishing a private practice as a nutrition consultant.

Heather Summers is director of cable finance for Oxygen Media in New York City.

Jill Kasselberg Williams is owner of J. Williams Consulting LLC, an event consulting, wedding planning and fundraising firm. She most recently finished organizing the Richmond premiere of God's and Generals.

Tanyea Amos has joined the Virginia Department of Transportation as finance and accounting manager. Alison Lages Carlton is the sports and social sales manager for Marriott Richmond Hotels. She works with visiting athletic teams, including the Spiders, in Marriott hotels during away games. She is also the head coach for the AC Alliance girls' premier soccer team and the central district Olympic Development Program.

Shawn Gregory DeMers joined The Southwestern Company as assistant controller for the placement division. Dorth Oldham, R'61, founder of the Oldham Scholars, is a former Southwestern executive. In Shawn’s spare time, he works with a kids camp, Barefoot Republic. Kevin E. Goetz was promoted to lead school psychologist for York County, Va., and he is working on his doctorate in education in the educational policy, planning and leadership program at William & Mary. He completed his first season as head basketball coach at Tabb Middle School. He and Susan G. Tyler were married on July 27, 2002.

Elizabeth Harper is an attorney at Flotot, Partridge, Kohinke & Clemons in New Orleans, La., specializing in employment and labor litigation.

Leah M. Halfon is epidemiologist for the Rappahannock Area Health District in Fredericksburg, Va. Chris Johnson and Lisa Bradley were married on Oct. 12, 2002. The couple lives in Bethesda, Md. Anne Lynch is an associate with the law firm of Pretlow & Pretlow P.C. in Suffolk, Va.

Coleen Lynam MacGreevy and her husband, David, had a son, Gavin Cyrille, on May 6, 2003. They live in New York City.

Erin Mancuso was selected to serve as the chief resident of emergency medicine for her final year of residency at the University of Virginia.

Brian J. Westfield is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is an associate with the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City.

Christa Zweig finished her master’s degree in ecology at the University of Florida, where she worked with alligators as a measure of Everglades restoration success. She began working toward her Ph.D. this summer, modeling vegetation response to changes in hydrology in the Everglades.

Robyn Lindaberry and Robert T. Wilson were married on April 12, 2003. The couple lives in Richmond, where Robyn is a portfolio manager in SunTrust’s corporate and investment banking group.

Jason R. Livingston, L, has been promoted to assistant director for contracts and administration at UNOS, the United Network for Organ Sharing. He continues his role as staff attorney in the corporate counsel department.

Kelly Daucher Peters and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Kieran McCormick Peters, on April 10, 2003. They live in Orange, Calif.

Alison Christle Roberts is employed as the math enrichment teacher for Squadron Line School in Simsbury, Conn.

Heather Ann Scott is starting a master’s degree program at Columbia Teachers College and is teaching biology at a New York City school.

Sarah Cole-Turner and Hal Vincent, ‘96, were married on June 29, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Anita Purl and Laura Armstrong, ‘99. Sarah continues to work at The Princeton Review in New York City, where she was promoted to marketing manager for the K-12 services division.

Laney Taylor Victory has relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where she is working as a campus recruiter for Grant Thornton, LLP.


Amy Margaret Westcott is entering the internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She received her M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine. Her training involved completing basic medical sciences on St. Maarten in the Netherlands Antilles and clinical clerkships throughout the United States.

S. Grexton Masters is president of Master Research Solutions, a member of the Winchester Incubation Regional Enterprise program. The company provides market research strategies to banks.

Matt McCullin is a graduate student studying graphic design at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta.

Stephanie Smart is currently living in Nashville, Tenn., and plans to begin law school.

Derek Smith is employed by Wachovia Retirement Services in Charlotte, N.C.

Timothy D. Stewart has joined the family dentistry practice of J.C. McComb II in Richmond.

Charles Stenger is pursuing an international MBA at the University of South Carolina. He worked as an intern with the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil, last summer.

Sarah Weinzierl is an appellate attorney at the Tampa, Fla., office of Holland & Knight.

Christa Zweig, ’97, earned a master’s degree in ecology from the University of Florida, where she now is pursuing her Ph.D. Her work has involved alligators and vegetation in the Everglades.

1998

Nikki Marie Allen has returned to the Richmond area, where she works as an academic adviser at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.


Benjamin B. Bates has been appointed assistant professor in the School of Interpersonal Communication at Ohio University. He received the Excellence in Graduate Research in the Humanities Award from the University of Georgia.

Shawn Barber has joined the Kansas City Chiefs football team. He spent four seasons with the Washington Redskins before signing with the Philadelphia Eagles last year for one season.

Marcella Berling is employed as an International health specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Global Health Affairs. She is working with former Soviet bioweapon scientists to develop and fund public health research projects throughout Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

Courtney Bradley Casp and her husband, Justin Casp, had a daughter, Ashlyn Nicole, on May 23, 2003. They live in Gainesville, Fla.

Kimberley Reiners Daugherty and her husband, Tim, had a son, Liam Boyer, on Nov. 29, 2002.

Orion Charles Flaherty finished his one-year tour in South Korea in May. He was serving as a crew member on the Army’s Airborne Reconnaissance Low Aircraft and as a squad leader. He was promoted to staff sergeant and is on assignment in Fort Meade. Md.

Thomas N. Lappas owns and publishes the Henrico Citizen, which won five awards for news content and photography in the Virginia Press Association’s 2003 news and editorial contest.

1999

Samuel Kinceskeo Easterling is in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Iraq as part of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Michael Hahn is employed by Sepracor Pharmaceuticals as a respiratory sales specialist.

Jeffrey Lee Harvey, L, is an associate at the law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP in Washington.

Joanne Marie Klar lives in Manhattan, where she is studying for a master’s degree in art history at New York University. Her program includes an advanced certificate in the conservation of historic works of art.

Hillorie Leaman is a national sales trainer for Forest Laboratories. She lives in Northport, N.Y.

Peter E. Matthews received his M.D. from Georgetown University in the spring. He is beginning residency training in internal medicine at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

Bobby Sullivan is an associate with the law firm of Wylie, Burgess, Freeman & Parham in Greenville, S.C.

Chad R. Tracy graduated from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in May. He and his wife, Caren Feeley Tracy, now live in Charlottesville, Va., where he is doing his surgical residency at University of Virginia Hospital.

Raeann Leigh Williams was promoted to senior manager with Richmond-based Align § 60 LLC.

2000

Melissa Adamowicz and Robert Watson were married on May 17, 2003. Included in the wedding party were Elizabeth Clay, Ashley Unger, Carolyn Burdett, Samantha Kjaerbye, Stefan McSweeney, Kevin Miller, Thomas Hansen and Susan Watson.


Thomas M. Hayes IV graduated in the spring from Paul H. Hebert (LSU) School of Law. He was moving to New Orleans to take the Louisiana bar exam.

Patrick Healy is a graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law. William Lanthear, L, is assistant public defender for the Broward County Public Defender’s Office in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Margaret Leigh Lynch has accepted a graduate assistant/scholarship training position at Appalachian State University as she pursues her master’s degree in education.

Melanie L. Sandford received a master’s degree in social work from VCU in May 2002.
Stefanie Sanders is a business teacher at Winter Park High School in Florida. She also tutors students in math, writing and SAT prep through her business, Renaissance Tutoring. Rich Quaashe works for Strategic Diagnostics Inc. and was recently promoted to Southern U.S. regional manager. He lives in Wilmington, Del.

Gullin S. passed the CPA exam last year. She lives with her husband, Jason Wood, CB, in Glen Allen, Va.

### 2001

**Deborah Barfield and Troy Williamson** were married on May 31, 2003. Last year she was appointed associate director of the Nonprofit Enterprise Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University. Leigh Archer Brabrand, L, and her husband, Jonathan Brabrand, ’97, had a daughter, Lauren Grace, on Jan. 6, 2003. They live in Richmond. Alissa Collins is pursuing a master’s degree in chemistry and working as an industrial chemist for L’Oréal USA Maybelline in Little Rock, Ark.

**James William Ferrell IV, CB, and his wife, Cynthia** had a son, Quin Ferrell, on April 10, 2003. They live in Richmond.

Gretchen Foust and Bryan Goodall were married on Dec. 28, 2002. She is employed as guest services manager at The Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo.

Melissa Mickie graduated from the University of Michigan School of Public Health with a master’s degree in public health. Her concentration was in hospital and molecular epidemiology.

**William S. O’Brien lives in Norwalk, Conn., where he serves as assistant to the former chairman and CEO of Xerox Corp.**

Cara Parks and Thomas Rawls were married on June 29, 2002. Included in the wedding party were: Tom Corcoran, Sarah Trimbile, Will Rawls ’04, Mark Lane, Jamie Bigelow, Jennifer Lee, Amber Caldwell, Karen Greiner, Dana Wallace and Caitlin Thompson. The couple lives in Mechanicville, Va.

### 2002

**Tara Yvonne Spencer** is completing her master’s degree in exercise physiology at James Madison University. She is working as an aerobics instructor, personal trainer, nutrition consultant and cardiac rehab specialist.

**Kristin Marie Weberg and Shane J. Rasmussen, ’00 and L ’03,** were married on Dec. 28, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Julie Rumble, ’02, and David Hudson, L ’02. The couple lives in Richmond.

### 2003

**Sonya M. Chow** is attending Case Western Reserve School of Law. Russell Smith Evans III is a student at George Mason University School of Law.

Valerie Lynn Harris and Ross Adam Catrow were married on June 7, 2003. The couple lives in Richmond.

### IN MEMORIAM

**1921/Gazelle Porter Eubank, W, of Kilmarook, Va., Jan. 3, 2003.**

**1923/Mary Blackwell Hudnall, W, of Heathsville, Va., June 10, 2002.**

**1924/Lucille Kerns Steinhardt, W, of Franklin, Va., Oct. 26, 2000.**

**1924/Katherine Kirk Bain, W, of Charlotteville, Va., Jan. 4, 2000.**

**1926/Mabel Claire Britton, W, of Norfolk, Va., Aug. 11, 2000.**

**1926/Mary Ellett Herrnstein, W, of Chiliollette, Ohio, July 22, 2000.**

**1927/Mildred Belling Busch, W, of Richmond, March 3, 2002.**

**1927/Juliet Coleman Hunter, W, of Black Mountain, N.C., April 23, 1999.**

**1927/Lionel T. Shelby, R, of Hopewell, Va., Jan. 3, 2002.**

**1927/Katharine Chin Treacle, W, of Lancaster, Va., Nov. 4, 2001.**

**1928/John M. Hunt, R, of Troutville, Va., 2002.**

**1928/Henry Easley Edmunds, R, of Pasco, Fla., Feb. 9, 2002.**

**1928/Bernice Hall Hendrix, W, of Virginia Beach, Va., May 14, 2002.**

**1928/Marguerite Stuessy Matton, W, of Midlothian, Va., 2002.**

**1929/Naomi Williams Thomas, W, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14, 2002.**

**1929/B. Spencer Franklin, R, of Harwood, Md., April 21, 2002.** He served in the Army during World War II. He worked for Exxon before retiring in 1970.

**1930/David Ray Hepler, R, of Richmond, April 1, 2003.** He was a retired Baptist minister who served four churches in Hanover County. He also was pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, Va., for 20 years. While there, he served as chaplain for the fire department and rescue squad. In addition, he was pastor of Westwick and Tuckahoe Baptist churches. At age 91, he helped found Tree Ridge Community Church in Henrico County, Va.

**1931/Nancy F. Osborne, W, of Martinsville, Va., Jan. 1, 1999.**

**1932/Henry Thomas Bliss, R, of Culpeper, Va., March 13, 2002.** A minister and teacher, he led services on a circuit of rural churches in Culpeper County for 50 years. He taught civics and psychology at Culpeper County High School, where he sponsored the senior class and coached girls’ softball for many years.

**1933/Evelyn Gardner Ward, W, of San Diego, Calif., Nov. 15, 2002.**


**1936/Beulah Gregory Thorpe, W, of Richmond, Feb. 18, 2003.**

**1937/John M. Tabb, R, of Williamsburg, Va., July 15, 1998.** He served during World War II as a naval officer and later as part director of the naval base in Newfoundland. He retired with the rank of commander after 23 years of active and reserve duty. He was co-owner of the College Pharmacy on Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg for 23 years. He also established the first pharmacy at Williamsburg Community College. He was a member of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, where he served in many leadership positions. He also served on the boards of the Wesley Foundation and Randolph Macon Academy, and he was founder and charter board member of the Williamsburg National Bank.

**1938/Stuart L. Alexander, R, of Richmond, Feb. 28, 2003.** He was a World War II veteran who served in Europe with the Armv Air Corps as a 2nd lieutenant. He was a retired manufacturer’s representative in the textile industry. He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church.

**1938/Beverly R. Lamb, R, of Troutville, Va., April 15, 2003.** He retired from Motors Insurance Corp. with 35 years of service. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II with service in the Europe and the Pacific. He was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem and a member of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club.

**1939/Shanks M. Willborn, R, of South Boston, Va., March 8, 2000.** Former owner of Willborn’s Hardware, he also served on the South Boston, Va., Town Council. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a flight instructor at Luke Field in Arizona and at West Point. Willborn was a member of First Presbyterian Church of South Boston.

**1940/Madge Marie Aycoc, W, of Durham, N.C., March 26, 2003.** Before her retirement in 1985, she worked as assistant dean of women at Meredith College; in medical administration for the Red Cross; for Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio; at Duke University Hospital; for Family and Children Services in Charlotte; and for the Caswell Center in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**1940/Wayland Horace Jones, R and G ’48, of Richmond, April 5, 2003.** At the time of his retirement, he served as the state education department’s director of teacher education and certification. Before that, he taught education and European history at Wake Forest University, University of Virginia and Mary Baldwin College. As an Army officer, he served in the European theater of operations during World War II. He received an honorary doctoral degree from Emory and Henry College.

**1949/Virginia Wood “Woodside” Hawkins, W, of Richmond, 2002.**

**1942/Austin B. Clarke, R, of Manchester, Va., March 11, 2003.** During 42 years at Goodrich High School, he served as biology and physics teacher, assistant principal, school bus driver, baseball coach and counselor. During much of this time, he also ran his own sand, gravel and hauling business. He was inducted into the Goochland County Educators Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the Dover-Pembroke Fire Department.

**1942/Bernard Gibson “B.G.” Cline, R, of Falls Church, Va., June 13, 2003.** He and his wife, Esther “Wendy” Wending, W ’42, ran their own business selling metal products, windows and structural steel to the residential building industry. After a stint in the Navy, Cline earned a master’s degree in forestry from Yale.

**1942/William Alexander Taylor, R, of Martinsville, Va., June 7, 1999.**

**1943/John H. Dalton, R, of Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 15, 2003.** He was a minister of music and education at churches in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia. He was a member of the Bayside Baptist Church.

**1943/Virginia Delp Ogg, W, of Richmond, June 16, 2002.**

**1943/Richard B. Nichols Jr., R, of Pawleys Island, S.C., Dec. 12, 1999.** He was retired from AT&T.

**1944/Doris Hedgepeth Neal, W, of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., 2002.**

**1944/Phyllis J. Smethurst, W, of Manatee, Fla., Oct. 6, 1999.**

**1945/Edward A. Johnson, R, of Jacksonville, Fla., March 4, 2002.**

**1947/Louis F. “Weenie” Miller, R, of Virginia Beach, May 23, 2003.** He was a retired coach and athletic director for Hampden-Sydney College. A native of Richmond, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball in college, and was inducted into the Virginia Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. A World War II veteran, Miller also served as a radio announcer and was active in many community organizations.

**1947/M. Jackson Null, R, of Richmond, May 8, 2003.** A former coach and distinguished Realtor, he died at the age of 78 of complications from an aneurysm. He was
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Ring of Relativity: A tale of triumph, tragedy and a trio of Thomases

Richard L. Todd and his brother, Thomas D. Todd (my father), were recruited for football scholarships to the University of Richmond in the 1930s. They were farm boys, not well-to-do Virginia gentlemen; they had to work hard for their education.

One of Tom's jobs was to lock the gate between Richmond and Westhampton colleges at night to keep the men and women safe and separate from one another. Somehow, Tom was able to save enough money to buy a class ring. Dick was not as fortunate.

By the time I came along, the ring occupied space in a drawer rather than on my dad's finger. As a child, I was intrigued by the University of Richmond ring. I would take it from its little box and examine it. The spider and its web struck me as fanciful and odd.

Time passed. I grew up, as did my cousin Tommie, Dick's only son. When Tommie ended up at the alma mater of his father and uncle, the ring emerged from the drawer. My dad had it re-cast with the year of Tommie's graduation, 1976, replacing the 1937. He presented it to his nephew, who wore it proudly.

Tragically, six years later, Tommie died in a head-on collision on an interstate access ramp. Broken-hearted, Dick took the ring — with my father's blessing — and wore it, both in memory of his son and as the class ring he never had.

My father died in 1989, and my uncle Dick passed away several years later. Dick's widow returned the ring to Tom's widow (my mother) since it had belonged to Tom originally. This time, though, it did not end up in a drawer.

My son, Thomas M. Rawls, was a student at the University. His grandmother promised him the ring and planned to have it re-cast a second time with 2001, his graduation year.

That plan hit a snag, however, when the original manufacturer, Balfour, said the design was too old and the mold no longer was in stock. But we finally located a goldsmith who undertook the challenge and updated the ring once again.

Now, a third Thomas wears the 66-year-old ring. Never mind that it is old-fashioned, with its red stone and gold spider, and unofficial, unlike the University-sanctioned signet class rings. When I see that ring on my son's finger, I think of all the triumphs and tragedies it represents and I remember all the good men who have worn it.

I look ahead and wonder how many more men will wear the ring and how many more years our family will be entwined with the University of Richmond.

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