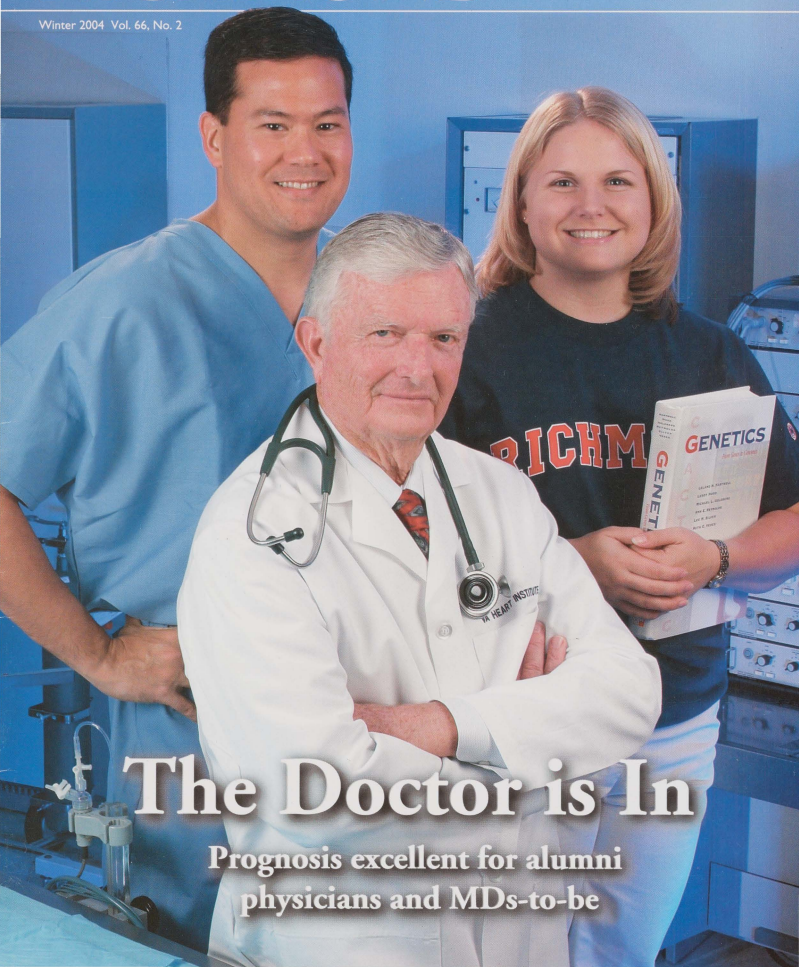


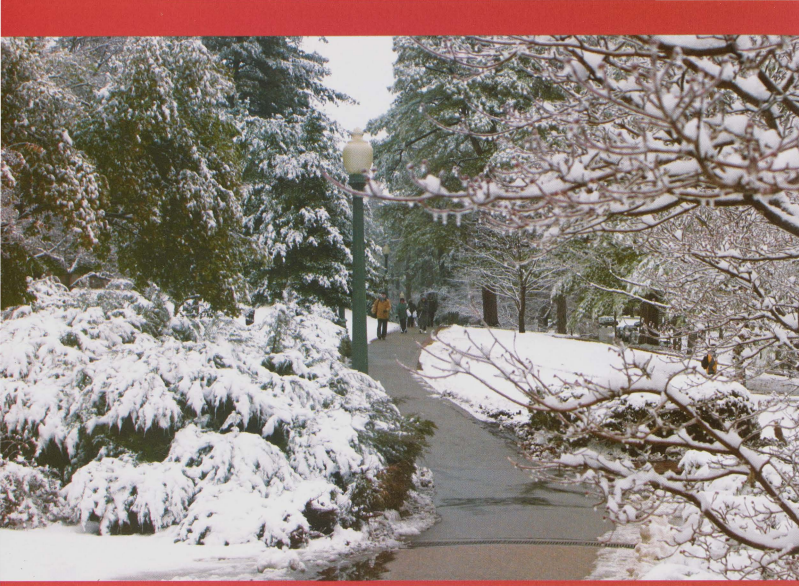
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## The Doctor is In

Prognosis excellent for alumni  
physicians and MDs-to-be



## Letters to the EDITOR

### To the editor:

We were thrilled to read in our latest copy of the alumni magazine about the Brown-Alley room in Weinstein Hall. Drs. Brown and Alley were such an integral part of campus life that it seems only just that their names become a permanent part of the University.

Irby was not only an outstanding professor, but also a close friend with whom we still stay in contact after nearly 15 years. He and Dr. Alley represent the ideal Richmond teacher—accessible, friendly, articulate, and as it seems, nearly immortal. Please accept in their honor our \$1,000 contribution to the Annual Fund.

Trevor Myers, M.D., R'91  
Andrea Keane-Myers, Ph.D., W'91  
Bethesda, Maryland

### To the editor:

I almost fell off my chair when I read the "Breaking the Gender Barrier" article in the fall issue of *Richmond Alumni Magazine*. So, Richmond has finally entered the 21st century with coeducational living. When I was considering Richmond College in 1978, the existence of "separate but equal" campuses nearly prevented me from accepting.

Most surprising is the existence of "concerns of some students and alumni" only obliquely referenced in the first paragraph of the article. History and science have required societies to gradually give up misguided notions such as alchemy and slavery. Surely, in 2003, educated men and women can surrender the lingering (but incorrect) fiction that keeping the sexes apart will somehow foster their mutual understanding and acceptance?

I frequently receive information from UR that trumpets the University's commitment to "diversity" as an abstract concept. At the same time, I have never seen a single reference to any gay student or faculty member, the problems they

face, or any concrete effort(s) the University is making to welcome them to the community. Maybe I'll become a more generous donor when I do.

I hope we don't have to wait another hundred-plus years for that next bit of progress.

Jonathan S. Coleman, Esq., R'82  
Tampa, Florida

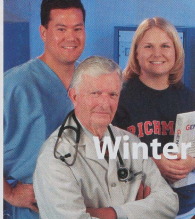
### To the editor:

I enjoyed reading the recent *Richmond Alumni Magazine*, especially the article featuring the Lee brothers from Fredericksburg.

I believe that the Lee boys are unique in another way. Not only were they biological brothers, but they were fraternity brothers as well. All of the Lees were members of Alpha Phi Omega. I was president of APO from 1974 to 1975, and was pleased to know three of the Lees during my stay at UR.

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## Isabel's toll: Trees and students uprooted

No one—not the National Weather Service, campus officials nor the public—expected the magnitude of damage that Hurricane Isabel inflicted on central Virginia in mid-September. In fact, coastal and southern counties had hoped to use Richmond hotels and facilities, including the Robins Center on the University campus, as emergency shelters.

But, by dawn on Sept. 19, after Isabel wrought her havoc through a long, blustery night, Richmond resembled a war zone. The University lay nearly paralyzed—almost inaccessible, without water or power—forcing administrators to take the unusual step of sending students home.

“We’ve seen different types of weather threaten operations at the University, but this storm hit harder than anything we’ve experienced in decades,” said John Hoogakker, associate vice president for facilities.

That is not to say Hoogakker and his crew weren’t prepared. Days before, the campus

Thomas Hall was the only building to sustain damage.

Emergency Resource Team decided to stock up, batten down the hatches and cancel classes for a day to avoid injuries from flying debris.

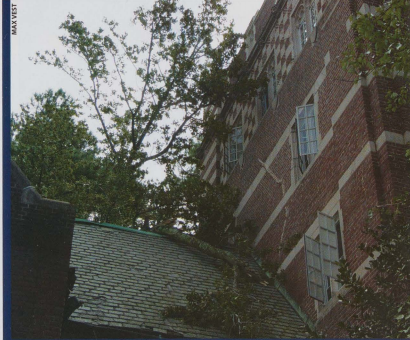
In the end, the tall oaks and pines that distinguish the region’s landscape proved to be an Achilles heel when the storm blew in with sustained winds of 40–60 miles per hour and five inches of rain. People and infrastructure withstood the gusts and downpours. The trees did not.

Mature trees on and around campus began to topple, pulling down power lines, blocking streets and highways—including all but one entrance to campus—and setting in motion a series of cascading failures that left greater Richmond struggling to provide its most basic service: water. When the city lost backup power to run its water system at the height of the storm, the campus lurched toward its first unscheduled, week-long closing within memory. Parents Weekend and Arts Around the Lake also had to be cancelled.



John Hoogakker of facilities had to dig out from his severely damaged home.

Dining Services anticipated a short-term power failure and even a temporary loss of city water. Its employees worked nearly around the clock to provide cooked and boxed meals for some 2,600 on-campus residents. Facilities workers ran emergency generators to provide emergency light and power in the dining hall, the Commons, Student Health Center and University Police office. They cleared



## Finance prof brings Wall Street expertise

roads and walkways where possible. Student Life staffed the Commons, maintained a communications chain and offered activities to a darkened campus. Campus police monitored safety, all of its employees bunking in the office.

Although trees struck many homes in the area, including Hoogakker's, the more than 100 uprooted trees on campus caused damage to only one building—Thomas Memorial Hall. Not one student, faculty or staff member suffered serious injury.

The week's shutdown of classes enabled some employees to tend to their damaged homes. Other employees labored to reopen campus facilities, putting off



All told, the campus lost about 100 trees.

their own hurricane repairs. Through the one entrance unblocked by power lines tangled in downed trees, students returned a week later to resume classes amid the droning of chain saws.

— BRIAN ECKERT

Pat Fische was studying the intricacies of insider trading and IPO allocation long before the bubble burst on Wall Street in the year 2000.

Fische, a distinguished professor of finance in the Robins School of Business, has been researching market microstructures for nearly two decades. Before joining the University of Richmond this summer, he was a professor of economics at the University of Miami. He also served as a senior academic fellow at the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1999 and 2000.

For many years, Fische and other microeconomists have worked in the shadow of macroeconomists—the big-picture profs who explained inflation, recession and monetary policy on the nightly news. Back then, no one in the general public cared about market microstructures—the details of how people trade stocks and other securities. But when the stock market spiraled down in 2000, 2001 and 2002, people started to see the devils in those details.

The study of market microstructures also gained prominence in the early 1990s, when economists William Christy and Paul Schultz exposed questionable stock pricing practices on the Nasdaq exchange. Their research led to an SEC investigation into price fixing, a \$1 billion legal settlement, and ultimately to the decimalization of stock pricing on Wall Street.

"Investors have gained from this," Fische noted. "There are now smaller bid-ask spreads. Execution costs have fallen for the smaller investor."

Execution costs, the transactional expenses related to buying and selling securities, were the focus of Fische's work at the SEC. Several exchanges had started cross-listing options that had traded previously on only one exchange, so Fische and other economists at the commission studied the impact of this new practice on investors' execution costs.

This is not the type of research that will grab headlines, but Fische is pleased that people are beginning to understand the importance of market microstructures in general. "For those people in finance and financial economics, it has been a very exciting four years," he said. "Their research has become much more recognized and notable."

A more recent example is the illegal practice of trading mutual funds after the market has closed. "There were people who were talking about that in the academic literature a while ago," Fische said. There was nothing wrong with the rules, they said. It was just a case of some companies breaking the rules.

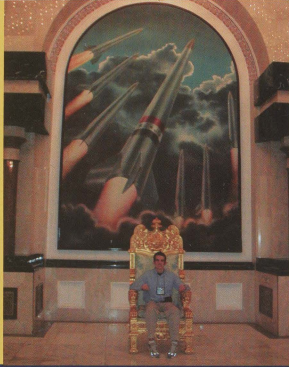
It may be necessary to tighten some regulations, but most stock market abuse boils down to people breaking existing laws, Fische said. "My guess would be that a good part of it is just simple fraud—it was illegal before, and it's still illegal."

The distinguished professorship that Fische holds was created through a recent \$5 million anonymous gift by a University trustee and his wife. Approximately \$4 million of the gift was used to endow the chair in finance, \$500,000 to establish a finance faculty fellowship, and the remaining funds will be used to create a scholarship for international students.



— KARL RHODES





## From Boatwright to Baghdad

Scott Erwin started his senior year, as he had the previous three years, in a room on the Richmond campus. He likely will finish out the school year, as part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience, in a palace in Baghdad.

An Oldham Scholar from Kansas City, Erwin was handpicked by the U.S. Department of Defense to help with the rebuilding of war-torn Iraq. Specifically, Erwin, who interned last summer in Vice President Dick Cheney's office, accepted a paid position with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Iraq to work in the Ministry of Finance. Initially, he assisted in planning for the International Donors Conference in Madrid, designed to solicit more foreign aid for the reconstruction of Iraq.

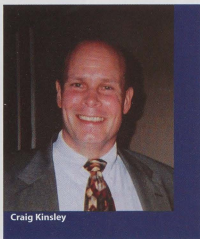
"In one week I went from chatting on the quad, eating in the Heilman Dining Center and attending Omicron Delta Kappa meetings to being briefed in the Pentagon and flying in a C-130 military plane from Kuwait City to Baghdad," Erwin wrote in an e-mail.

One of the youngest civilian aid workers, Erwin has survived bomb blasts and other frightening incidences. Initially, he slept in a hallway of one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, along with 120 comrades, many of whom "slept cradling their AK-47s like a fluffy pillow."

He wrote shortly after his arrival, "In addition to my work on the donors conference, I have gotten extensively involved in the budget process and have begun working with the various Iraqi ministries to ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability for their transactions."

In November, he was put in charge of the CPA-Ministry of Interior's financial unit.

He added, "Much more than people think, life in most of the country is returning to prosperity unseen in ages. It is a shame that a number of the success stories never reach the States, but when facing this daunting situation so intimately, you really treasure the good news."



Craig Kinsley

## Of motherhood and courage

Psychology professor Craig Kinsley's latest research shows mother rats behave more courageously in stressful situations than females without progeny. While his earlier experiments showed that pregnant and nursing rats are smarter than their non-pregnant sisters, his new research has found mother rats also are calmer and braver under stress.

Kinsley and fellow researcher Kelly G. Lambert of Randolph-Macon College reported their findings in a recent issue of *Physiology and Behavior*. And news outlets from CNN to *Newsweek* played up the results.

The researchers theorize the results are transferable to any number of species, including human beings.

Kinsley believes hormonal changes during pregnancy and stimulation from offspring dramatically enrich the brain. He also believes the resulting changes are permanent.

— RANDY FITZGERALD

## A scientific challenge

Four University trustees have created an \$8 million challenge gift toward the \$35 million renovation and expansion of Gottwald Science Center.

Trustees Robert S. Jepson Jr., Allison Weinstein and two who wished to remain anonymous pooled their contributions and challenged all Richmond alumni and friends to match or exceed the \$8 million gift.

"These trustees understand the importance of the University of Richmond maintaining its place among the best universities in the country and that having a top-notch science facility is vital to this effort," said George Welde Jr., chair of the advancement committee of the board of trustees. "I hope that all alumni and friends of the university will embrace this challenge."

As part of its 10-year strategic plan, the University broke ground on the expansion of the science facility in May, with the intention of raising funds to pay for its construction costs.

— RANDY FITZGERALD

## Fast-paced fund drive pays tribute to teacher



Debbie MacFarland Corrigan, '95, dreamed of being a teacher. She taught elementary school for only a short time before she died last year of complications from cancer. But thanks to gallant efforts on the part of her former classmates, Corrigan's dream still is alive and her lessons still are being learned.

Through the Debbie MacFarland Corrigan Memorial Scholarship, a deserving Richmond student with a demonstrated interest in teaching or youth work each year will receive a financial boost. The first recipient is Rebecca M. Shewman, '04, of Hamlin, N.Y., a history major and elementary education minor.

The fund reached its five-year goal of \$50,000 in slightly more than a year. That pace "speaks volumes" about Debbie and the impact she had, said Erin M. Neary, '95, a former roommate who helped spearhead the scholarship drive. "I always think of Deb as the consummate teacher, and some of my greatest lessons came from her."

Shewman said she felt blessed to have been chosen as the first recipient of such a special scholarship. "I have developed a deep respect and admiration for teachers like Mrs. Corrigan who serve as role models for students and pour so much of their own time, energy, and love into the children under their

care in the hopes of helping them to succeed," Shewman said.

Speaking of Corrigan at the University's Scholarship Dinner, Neary said, "Debbie taught her friends and family to enjoy and cherish each day. She never got bogged down by trivial things."

Perhaps that was because Corrigan faced death at an early age and displayed insight beyond her years.

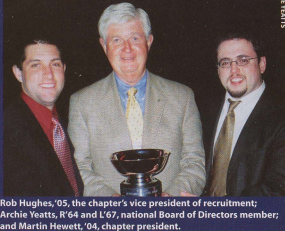
On her application to Richmond in 1990, long before her own 1996 diagnosis of Hodgkin's disease, Corrigan wrote about the death five years earlier of a good friend named Rachel. "The most significant aspects of Rachel's death are the valuable lessons I have learned. I realize that one should live life to the fullest because life is a special gift," Corrigan wrote. "So often I get upset about the gossip, quarrels and small annoyances which—in the long run—are irrelevant compared to the more meaningful experiences of life." That has become a credo for Corrigan's husband, Mike.

He—along with Corrigan's parents, Bob and Gail MacFarland of Glenside, Pa.,—have been touched by the outpouring of support for the scholarship drive. "Richmond was a great experience for Debbie," said Bob MacFarland. "It remains an incredibly close community."

Contributions to the Debbie MacFarland Corrigan Scholarship Fund can be sent in care of Elizabeth Taraski, Maryland Hall, University of Richmond, Va. 23173. For more information, contact Taraski at (804) 289-8445 or [etaraski@richmond.edu](mailto:etaraski@richmond.edu).

## Sigma Phi Epsilon: The comeback kids

ELLEN YEATTS



Rob Hughes, '05, the chapter's vice president of recruitment; Archie Yeatts, R'64 and L'67, national Board of Directors member; and Martin Hewett, '04, chapter president.

Seneca said that adversity is the test of strong men.

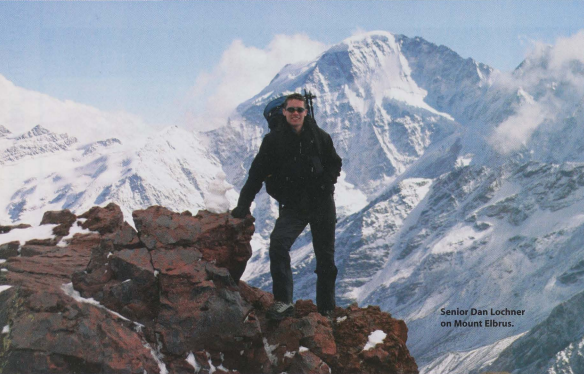
Members of the Richmond chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon testified to the truth of that statement. For the first time in their chapter's 102-year history, they brought home the Buchanan Cup, the national fraternity's most prestigious award, presented biennially to the most outstanding Sig Ep chapter. The Buchanan represents Sig Ep's "highest level of

undergraduate achievement" and is presented to a chapter deemed "truly exceptional in all areas of operation over a two-year period."

Sig Ep at Richmond has made quite a comeback. Although the Virginia Alpha chapter at Richmond is the founding chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it lost its charter in 1996. Since recolonizing three years ago, the Richmond Sig Ep chapter has maintained the highest GPA among campus fraternities every semester.

In addition to winning the Buchanan Cup, the Virginia Alpha chapter received this year the national fraternity's Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship award for maintaining a chapter-wide GPA of at least 3.15 for the last four semesters.

"This is an exciting time for our chapter," said chapter president Martin Allen Hewett, '04. "Academic, athletic and personal achievement and growth are the cornerstones of what it means to be a Sig Ep."



Senior Dan Lochner on Mount Elbrus.

## A future for the past?

The 2004 Urban Practice and Policy Forum has as its theme "Historic Preservation and Urban Sustainability: A Future for the Past." The series is funded by Quest III, which explores: How do we know which questions to ask?

Forum sessions, all of which meet in Jepson Hall 118 at 7:30 p.m., include:

**Jan. 21**, Historic Preservation: Getting it Right. What Questions Should We Ask? By Jonathan Poston, R'76 and L'81, who serves as director of museums and preservation for the Historic Charleston Foundation in Charleston, S.C.

**Feb. 25**, Preserving and Extending the Neo-Traditional Campus: Do We Know the Right Questions? By John Hoogakker, the University's associate vice president for facilities, whose attention to historic preservation helps assure the integrity of the architecturally significant structures around campus, and Allan Greenberg, president of Allan Greenberg, Architects, Washington D.C., Greenwich, Conn., and New York. Greenberg has written extensively about architectural tradition and has taught at Yale University's schools of architecture and law, the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University.

**March 31**, Historic Preservation in 21st Century Richmond: What Questions Should We Be Asking? A panel discussion moderated by Edwin Slipek, historic preservation and architectural critic for Richmond's *Style Weekly*.

## Senior sets out to surmount seven summits

While his classmates this fall were taking their final steps toward graduation, senior Dan Lochner, of New Canaan, Conn., was climbing four of the seven tallest mountains in the world.

Scheduled to graduate next May, Lochner postponed his senior year to climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents to raise \$1 million for cancer research. His two grandfathers are fighting cancer, as is an uncle. Several others in his family have died from the disease.

On Oct. 11, Lochner reached the top of Mount Kosciuszko in Thredbo, Australia, the fourth mountain in his quest. He had already conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Mount Elbrus in Russia and America's Mount McKinley.

At press time, he was beginning his climb of Aconcagua in Argentina. He will finish with Anarctica's Vinson Massif and Mount Everest in Nepal, which will take him two and a half months. If he finishes by his 22nd birthday in May, he will break the world record by more than a year as the youngest person ever to climb all seven.

For information on how to contribute to Lochner's venture, log on to his Web site, [www.oath7.com](http://www.oath7.com) or go to [www.prostatecancerclimb.com/sponsorship.htm](http://www.prostatecancerclimb.com/sponsorship.htm).

— RANDY FITZGERALD

## Curtler joins staff



Elisabeth S. Curtler has joined the University of Richmond as assistant vice president of foundation, corporate and government relations. She previously led the corporate and foundation relations program at George Washington University. She earned an A.B. degree in philosophy from the College of William & Mary and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English from Duke University.





Uliana F. Gabara

## A seat at the global table

Uliana F. Gabara, dean of international education, holds the University's first chair of international education. Endowed with a \$1 million gift by alumna Carole M. Weinstein, the chair enables the appointment of a faculty member or administrator who will be pivotal to the advancement of international education at the university.

Currently, nearly half of the university's undergraduates study outside the United States for some period while earning their degrees. Students from 67 countries attended Richmond during fall 2003.

A native of Poland, Gabara created the University's award-winning international education program, serving as director from 1987–99 and as dean since 1999.

"Uliana's dedication to the University and to increasing its diversity through international education programs makes her uniquely qualified for the honor of holding the Carole M. Weinstein Chair of International Education," said University President William E. Cooper.

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### CAMPUS LIFE



### Quality of Life Estimate

Type of campus

Campus

Suburban

Urban

Rural

Town

College town

City

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Metropolitan

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Very large metropolitan

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## Star performance

Richmond received four stars, the highest ranking possible, for academics, campus life and student selectivity, in the 2004 edition of *The Princeton Review's The Best 351 Colleges*.

The academics rating was based on such factors as "how many hours students studied and the quality of students the school attracts," as well as "students' assessments of their professors' abilities and helpfulness."

Campus life measures "how happy students are with their lives outside the classroom" based on a survey rating "students' overall happiness, the beauty, safety and location of the campus, comfort of dorms, food quality and ease in dealing with the administration."

Student selectivity measures how competitive admission is at the school, determined by "class rank of entering freshmen, test scores and percentage of applicants accepted."

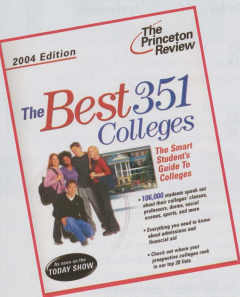
Although the review does not rank the 351 universities and colleges numerically, it has a section that ranks the top 20 schools in a number of categories ranging from "Best Overall Academic Experience for Undergraduates" to the top "Party Schools." In the new guide, the University of Richmond was rated No. 3 in the nation in "Quality of

Student Life," No. 17 in "Schools that Run like Butter" and No. 18 in "Professors Make Themselves Accessible."

In other surveys, the University ranked No. 1 in its category for the 10th consecutive year in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "America's Best Colleges" issue. Richmond also was singled out as one of the universities with "programs to look for." In a listing of schools with "outstanding examples of academic programs that lead to student success," Richmond was noted—in the company of Princeton, Harvard, Duke and Yale—for having one of the nation's best programs for first-year students; and for providing, along with Amherst, M.I.T., Vanderbilt and others, outstanding undergraduate research opportunities.

And, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2004* again included Richmond among "the best and most interesting of the more than 2,000 four-year colleges and universities in the country. *Fiske* also placed Richmond on its special list of colleges strong in business education.

— RANDY FITZGERALD





Partnership participants regularly tour the Richmond campus.

## Richmond establishes partnerships

University junior Marthia Fuller knows she is where she is supposed to be. And she knows she would not be where she is had she not hooked up with Partnership for the Future.

The Partnership “opens eyes and opens doors,” Fuller said.

Established nine years ago by Richmond-based Markel Corp., Partnership for the Future takes Richmond public high school students and puts them on track for college—financially, emotionally and academically. The organization does so by matching participants with mentors in the business community. The students are offered jobs at the businesses, transportation to and from their jobs and lunch on the job. Whatever amount the students save from their pay, the businesses will match.

Partnership for the Future was the brainchild of Markel CEO Alan I. Kirshner, who did not want to see any motivated students in Richmond be denied academic opportunities because of a lack of life experiences.

Kirshner’s goal was to provide students the tools they needed to successfully navigate the college admissions maze. Besides internships, Partnership for the Future offers workshops on everything from essay writing to dining etiquette.

In addition to being the institution of choice of a number of Partnership participants, Richmond has contributed to the Partnership by conducting campus tours and seminars for participants.

“I live in Richmond and didn’t know anything about UR,” Fuller said. Now she serves as a mentor to other Partnership participants and speaks glowingly to all of them about the University.

Imoni Woodberry, a freshman, said she was proud to enroll at Richmond. Participating in Partnership for the Future “gave me a lot more confidence,” she said.

## Shell shocked

When 8-year-old Matthew King found some scallop shells on a cliff overlooking the James River several months ago, he knew they were old. “I thought maybe about a million years old,” said the second-grader at the Richmond area’s Pemberton Elementary School.

But after folks at the University of Richmond got their hands on them and did some research, Matthew was shocked to learn that his shells were 4 to 6 million years old.

“I was touching a piece of history,” he said.

And Matthew has decided to donate six of those pieces of history to the University of Richmond Museums. “I wanted other people to see and enjoy them,” he said. Matthew’s donation is on display in the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature.

“He is most definitely our youngest donor ever,” said Richard Waller, executive director of the museums, who had Matthew sign an official Deed of Gift document.

Matthew found the fossil shells at Chippokes Plantation State Park near Surry, Va., while on an outing with his grandfather, George King III, R’49. The shells, which were “so big and so beautiful,” were exposed because of record-setting rains in the spring, George King said.

Deciding what to do with them was a no-brainer. Richmond is the alma mater of not only his grandfather, but also his grandmother, Frances Robison “Frankie” King. Plus, Matthew—who aspires to be a marine biologist—already was a frequent visitor to the Lora Robins Gallery.

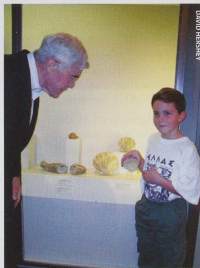
At the time, Maya Maini, ’04, was curating an exhibit called “All in the Family: Shells from the Permanent Collection.” An environmental studies major who served as a summer fellow at the museum, she took pictures of Matthew’s shells and sent them off to the Smithsonian Institute and other experts.

The finding? *Chesapeake jeffersonius*, the state fossil of Virginia, dating from the late Miocene and early Pliocene Period.

“When I heard that,” Matthew said, “I went: ‘Huh! There must be some mistake.’”

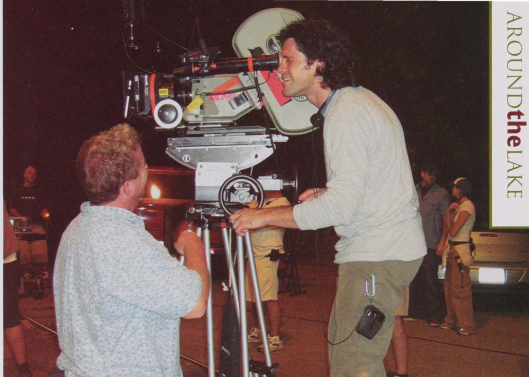
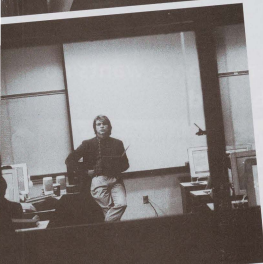
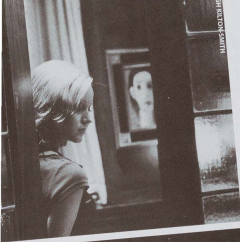
Friends and schoolmates, many of whom read about Matthew’s find in the *Pemberton Times*, have flocked to the museum. And Matthew and his grandfather, who live “two minutes and 45 seconds apart,” continue to visit often to see not only the shells, but also the youngster’s name behind glass.

— ANNA BARRON BILLINGSLEY



George King III with his grandson, Matthew.

DAVID HERSHBY



Jeff Wadlow checks out a scene.

## No lie: Richmond is *the* location

Richmond's highly-rated campus beauty soon will fill the big screen with the release of *Living the Lie*, shot on campus in October.

The film tells the story of an innocent young man who joins a group of recreational liars and learns there is nothing like the rush of telling a good lie.

"When the stakes are raised and the lies become personal, the worlds of fiction and reality come crashing together with disastrous ramifications," according to the film's pre-production publicity.

Actors and actresses pervaded campus during the October filming of *Living the Lie*. Top to bottom: lead actress Lindy Booth, performer Jon Bon Jovi and director Jeff Wadlow with Booth.

*Living the Lie* co-writer and director Jeff Wadlow won a \$1 million movie deal in a contest sponsored by Chrysler. A Virginian who is a nephew of Katie Couric, Wadlow was familiar with the Richmond campus and knew he wanted to use the University as the location of his film.

Bringing *Living the Lie* to campus proved to be both a blessing and a burden. As compensation for the disruption caused by trailers and equipment throughout campus, students had the opportunity to work as "extras" in the film, and Wadlow visited theatre classes to discuss filmmaking. Dining Services provided all catering to the cast and crew.

## New date

The following program, originally scheduled for Sept. 22, was postponed due to Hurricane Isabel. Originally intended as the kick-off to the Jepson Forum on Leadership and Crisis, it now will be the closing session.

### March 30, 7 p.m., Modlin Center for the Arts *Leadership in Times of Crisis*

The History Channel's Roger Mudd will moderate a spirited discussion among scholars and observers. Among them will be Brown University's James Blight, who has spent 20 years studying the lessons of the Cuban missile crisis and the Vietnam War and their applications to current issues in security, war and peace; former Virginia attorney general Mary Sue Terry, W'69; and Richard Thornburgh, governor of Pennsylvania during the Three Mile Island disaster. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance by calling 289-8980.





## Reading, 'riting and refurbishing

Students worked alongside faculty, staff and other eager volunteers at the third annual Community Service Day Saturday, Oct. 4.

About 650 people worked from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to repair, paint, landscape and clean selected areas of Huguenot High School and Thompson Model Middle School, two adjacent Richmond-area schools.

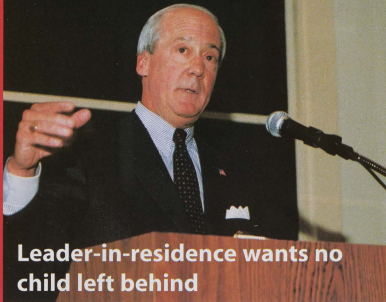
At 60 different workstations, each led by a student, members from different campus organizations pooled their efforts to remove tree stumps, paint auditoriums and gymnasiums, create outdoor walking paths and pick up trash. By the afternoon, the volunteers said they were able to see a real difference in the schools' appearances.

Facilities staff members transported supplies to the schools and helped plant, paint and haul supplies throughout the day. President William E. Cooper pushed wheelbarrows full of dirt and weeds to make way for fresh flowers and greenery in the gardens surrounding the buildings.

Lindsay Stewart, '04, who has attended all three Community Service Day events, said this year was unique in that faculty and students from the schools were involved. "It was great because I worked alongside a math teacher who was really excited about seeing work done in her own school."

This is the third year the University has devoted an entire day to Richmond public schools. Grace Holcomb, coordinator of the Bonner Scholars program, said many students continue to volunteer with the schools after Community Service Day.

— JENNIFER HANSEN



## Leader-in-residence wants no child left behind

U.S. Undersecretary of Education Eugene Hickok wants to put the public in charge of public education.

A strong advocate of the No Child Left Behind Act, Hickok said public education can be life-changing for everyone involved. "That's what public education is supposed to be about. It's everyone's business, not just a teacher or a parent or a school board member."

Hickok, leader-in-residence this academic year at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, spoke on campus Sept. 29.

"This law is all about recognizing the challenge as opposed to closing our eyes to it," Hickok said of the No Child Left Behind legislation, which allows students at schools not meeting standards set forth by the state Department of Education to obtain funds to attend a public- or private-sector institution chosen by the student and his parents. "In this country we have a great tradition of doing two things with schools that don't work—spending more money on them and closing our eyes to the problem."

Among the three dozen or so educators in attendance at the event was Sarah Hopkins Finley, Virginia's deputy secretary of education.

"I think it was wonderful that the Jepson School brought someone of Gene Hickok's stature to campus for a community forum," said Finley, W '74 and L '82. "Dr. Hickok's candor with the audience and vice versa was valuable to the process of trying to have systems that are in our children's best interest."

— MEGAN MARCONYAK

## Parrott receives national honor

Patricia Parrott, adjunct instructor of education in the School of Continuing Studies, received a national award for outstanding teaching in the field of learning disabilities. She was one of six teachers from around the country who received awards at the Council for Learning Disabilities international conference in Seattle. The award recognizes outstanding teaching of learning-disabled students.

Parrott, a teacher in Chesterfield County Public Schools, has taught at the University since 2000.

# Air ball

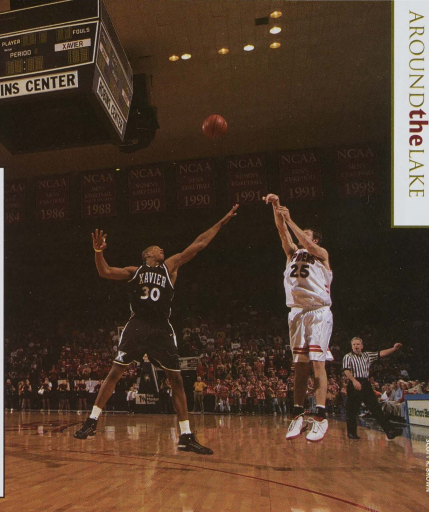
The profile of Spider basketball just keeps rising. After playing before a television audience 11 times last year, Richmond was scheduled for the same number this season. That total does not include any of the Atlantic 10 tournament games or other post-season games.

Why have the Spiders become so appealing to national audiences? It's partly because of the University's move into the Atlantic 10 Conference and also because the Spiders battle prominent non-conference teams.

Richmond will welcome the TV lights to the Robins Center Jan. 6 when St. Joseph comes to call. That game marks the first of four regular-season Spider games on the Atlantic 10 Television Network.

The Spiders will get ESPN exposure on Jan. 22, when the team travels to the Midwest to face last year's national runner-up, Kansas. Just nine days later, Richmond is back in the Robins Center to face George Washington on ESPN2.

— SIMON GRAY



## Life is not a full-court press

Saona Chapman, '06, may dominate the basketball court. But she does not let basketball dominate her life.

That is the advantage of having had some free time on her hands. A transfer from Rutgers, Chapman had to sit out a year before suiting up for the Spiders.

"Not playing last year should have made it the hardest year of my life," said the highly-recruited Chapman, Connecticut's 2001 Gatorade and USA Today player of the year. "But I grew as a person. I feel it is very important for student-athletes to reach out and get involved in the community."

Not only did Chapman become active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Student-Athlete Leadership Council—she's co-president this year—she and other student-athletes also organized a food drive for the homeless and less fortunate families of Richmond last winter.

Chapman, a point guard from Voluntown, Conn., came to Richmond for a different experience. "I was looking for balance," she said, "basketball, academics and a lifestyle. Coach [Joanne] Boyle was on point from the beginning. Plus, I loved the girls and the team chemistry. "We compete as hard as any of the top 10 teams in the country," Chapman added. "We have stepped up our level of play and mental toughness."

Chapman, for one, has developed an understanding of the bigger picture, one that stretches beyond the 94 feet of hardwood. She is not out there just to play; she is out there to lead.

The sophomore co-captain said, "If I make mistakes, at least people can see that I love the game."

— SIMON GRAY



WINDIE KILLOS



Dr. Jeff Brown, R'85 and  
Christopher Rigsby, '05

# The Doctor is In

*Prognosis excellent for  
alumni physicians and MDs-to-be*

By Deborah Abbey Kelly



Christopher Rigsby, a 20-year-old biology and classical civilizations major, will not graduate until spring '05. But he already is amassing formidable credentials to help him win acceptance from one of the nation's 126 medical schools.

Competition is fierce for each coveted slot. In 2002, about 34,000 students submitted medical school applications, and fewer than half—roughly 16,500—were chosen. The standards that measure achievement seem higher every year. No longer do straight A's and stellar standardized test scores guarantee admission. Today's applicants must also demonstrate—through volunteer work, medical internships and strong recommendations from professors and professionals—that they care about people and want to dedicate their careers to the healing arts.

For decades, Richmond has produced outstanding graduates who have gone on to distinguished careers in medicine. Its graduates currently study at one-third of the country's medical schools, including a dozen ranked in the top 25 by *U.S. News & World Report*. During the past five years, Richmond exceeded the national average in its medical school acceptance rate—70 percent of first-time applicants, compared to 48 percent nationally. Last year, all but one of the 18 Richmond students who applied to medical school were accepted.

To build on that reputation and augment the University's rigorous academic program, Richmond is taking even more steps to bolster its support system for premed and pre-health students. A year and a half ago, the University hired Dr. John E. Vaughan, a physiology professor with experience in medical school admissions, as its first director of pre-health education. His

charge: make sure students with an interest in medicine, research, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy and veterinary medicine get the schooling, advising and clinical opportunities necessary to pursue their chosen fields.


Night-and-day difference is the way Richmond senior Melissa Morgan described the pre-health program since Vaughan's arrival. He's "an amazing resource," said Morgan, who has applied to 10 medical schools and by October already had been accepted at four. "He sends out newsletters, is constantly giving us opportunities and telling us about classes we might not have thought to take."

Other program enhancements include revamping of the way undergraduates prepare for their medical school admission test; on-campus visits by deans of prestigious medical schools throughout the country; creation of a course on health care policy and politics; and counseling that begins with freshman orientation to coach students through the arduous medical school application process—from choosing

the best curriculum to bowing medical school admissions interviewers.

The pre-health program is part of Richmond's \$95 million science initiative, priorities of which include adding a new wing with more than 20 research labs to Gottwald Science Center and hiring 20 additional faculty. Such renewed commitment should make Richmond a first-choice college for the nation's best science students.

Rigsby, a junior from Fairfax, is already benefiting from the new momentum. Last year as a sophomore, he landed a preceptorship—similar to an internship—with Dr. Jeff A. Brown, R'85, a vascular and general surgeon with Virginia Surgical Associates. For six to 10 hours each week for a semester, Rigsby shadowed Brown as he made his rounds at Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center in Hanover County. Observing dozens of surgeries and mingling with patients and staff, Rigsby began to realize his childhood dream of someday becoming a surgeon. The experience inspired him to work even harder toward his goal.



Dr. John E. Vaughan, a physiology professor and the first director of pre-health education.

## Medical schools where Richmond graduates enrolled 1999–2003

Albany Medical College  
Case Western Reserve University\*  
The Chicago Medical School  
Cornell University\*  
Drexel University  
Duke University\*  
Eastern Virginia Medical School  
Emory University\*  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Jefferson Medical College  
Mayo Medical School\*  
Meharry Medical College  
Medical College of Ohio

Medical College of Virginia of  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine\*  
New Jersey Medical School  
New York Medical College  
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
State University of New York – Syracuse  
Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Temple University  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Connecticut  
University of Iowa\*  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami

University of Maryland\*  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri – Columbia\*  
University of North Carolina\*  
University of Pennsylvania\*  
University of Rochester\*  
University of South Florida  
University of Tennessee  
University of Texas – Southwestern\*  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University\*  
Wake Forest University  
Wayne State University  
West Virginia University  
Wright State University

\* Top-25 medical school as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*

It also pleased Brown.

"I enjoy working with students—they're blank slates. The things we take for granted every day as routine are new and exciting to them. It's fun to see people who are enthusiastic about what's ahead instead of griping about managed care and the things that get us down."

Dr. Charles L. Baird Jr., R'53, also enjoys working with students. In addition to conducting practicums and teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine (formerly the Medical College of Virginia), he has taught at Duke and the universities of California and North Carolina. A prominent cardiologist who founded the Virginia Heart Institute, Baird said he wants to show aspiring physicians, including Richmond undergraduates, how complex formulas they learn in class relate to the actual practice of medicine. "It's about more than taking blood pressure and making a diagnosis."

That is the value of preceptorships, said Dr. Trevor Myers, R'91, a cardiac anesthesiologist in Maryland. Such hands-on experiences were hard to find when he was an undergraduate, Myers said. "They give you a chance to see how the science applies to the medicine."

He met his wife, Dr. Andrea Keane-Myers, W'91, in organic chemistry lab sophomore year. Both went to Johns Hopkins after graduation.

Keane-Myers is now head of the allergic information section at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, Md. "It's one thing to have theoretical book learning, and another to have actual experience working in the environment you're interested in."

Morgan, who is interested in neurology, knows she has had opportunities she would not have had elsewhere, even at Ivy League schools. She has attended three professional medical conferences and has conducted research since her freshman year, including highly-publicized, groundbreaking experiments with neuroscientist Craig Kinsley.

Such experiences capture the attention of medical school admissions officers.

They give students rare insight into the profession before they commit to years of medical study, said Dr. Cynthia Heldberg, associate dean of medical admissions at VCU. "The last thing we want to hear after a year of medical school is a student saying 'I don't like

being around people who are ill. I don't want to do this anymore.'"

Applicants must also score well on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), an 8-hour, comprehensive knowledge-based test similar to the SAT.

"A student's performance on it has a huge impact on medical school admission," said Vaughan, who teaches physiology in addition to advising pre-health students.

Until this year, Richmond relied on vendor-provided review courses taught by Kaplan or Princeton Review to prepare students for the MCAT. The commercial course was usually offered at nights or Saturdays, costing participants about \$1,200. While the materials were good, the courses often were taught by graduate students and lacked sufficient classroom time, Vaughan said. And, the sessions usually were crammed into the 10-week period before administration of the marathon test.

So this fall, the University began offering a year-long MCAT course taught by Richmond faculty for two and one-half hours every Monday night. Thirty out of 200 pre-health students signed up. There is no charge, other than the cost of study materials.

"I'm not aware of any other school that does this," Vaughan said. "Most

# The Mayo mystique

schools offer very little support of the MCAT.” Heldberg said she believes Richmond’s prep course will become the envy of colleges and universities throughout the country.

While some students are gifted standardized test-takers who will score well even without a review course, most need additional help. Some “worry themselves sick” over the MCAT, because so much is riding on doing well, Heldberg said. “The best preparation for those people is a long-term course of study that allows them to be comfortable with the format of the test and gives them ample practice.” Richmond’s year-long course “will absolutely improve their scores.”

Richmond’s increased emphasis on pre-health students is not a move to create a pre-med major, Vaughan cautioned. “That would defeat our emphasis on the liberal arts approach. We open our program to everyone interested ... and we have majors from all areas.” Physicians need more than scientific knowledge to treat their patients, so medical schools look for candidates with diverse experiences, solid academic training, good communication skills and well-rounded interests.

Marcus Briones, '95, fits the bill. A biology major, Briones did not decide as an undergraduate to become a doctor. Instead, he worked for a year in VCU’s hematology lab, then went to the University of Virginia for an M.A. in epidemiology. Sitting behind a desk in a cubicle at the National Institutes for Health, Briones at age 26 had an epiphany: “I want to be working with patients,” he thought. Now in his fourth year at VCU’s School of Medicine, Briones plans to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Vaughan recently started a mentoring program that pairs undergraduates with fourth-year medical students at VCU, garnering great interest among Richmond

Dr. William ReMine, R’40, spent 37 years in the department of surgery at one of the most prestigious medical clinics in the world: The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Fifty years later, Emmanuella Delva, '02, felt the Mayo lure. She took part in the Mayo Clinic’s one-year Post-Baccalaureate Research Program.

For ReMine, Mayo professor of surgery emeritus who lives in Ponte Vedra, Fla., being at Mayo was “a dream come true.” He said he got to work side-by-side with some of the best surgeons in the country.

ReMine did not exactly follow in the footsteps of his father, a physician who died in 1920 when ReMine was 2 years old. Rather, he picked up where his dad left off. After assuming his position at Mayo, ReMine made quite a remarkable discovery among his mother’s possessions: a letter inviting his father to join the Mayo Clinic staff.

“Somebody up there was looking out for me,” said ReMine, 85. He feels the same way about his education at Richmond. “Going there [instead of to West Point, where he received an appointment] was one of the greatest things that could have happened ... I did things I couldn’t do at other places.”

That’s the way Delva, now a biochemistry doctoral candidate at Emory University, views Mayo. “My research there was in the area of breast cancer biology and I looked at the factors involved in what makes one cancer cell line more aggressive—or malignant—than other cell lines.

“While at Mayo,” Delva said, “I definitely realized that I was at one of the best hospitals in the world.” She said the experience enhanced her self-confidence and provided her with more experience for graduate school. She ended up being accepted at every school with which she interviewed, including Penn, Vanderbilt and Purdue.

Both ReMine and Delva carry with them memories of Mayo. In addition, ReMine, who lived out the legacy of his father, sometimes carries with him a treasured possession: his father’s black leather medical bag.

— ANNA BARRON BILLINGSLEY

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## Richmond Rx

You may not think of a small, liberal arts college as a natural incubator for the next generation of physicians and scientists. But the University of Richmond has proved to be a nurturing environment for graduates who excel in the world of medicine.

The list of medical schools where Richmond graduates are now enrolled includes some of the most prestigious in the nation. And the University's reputation is steadily growing in medical circles.

Dana Wallace, '01, can attest to that. Now a third year medical student at Duke, she applied to 10 medical schools and was accepted at each one, including Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt and Mayo.

For Dr. Leicester Owens Jr., R'66, of Sioux Falls, S.D., medicine—and the University of Richmond—are family affairs. Dr. Owens, a cardiac surgeon and VCU School of Medicine graduate, retired from North Central Hospital earlier this year, and is a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine.

His brother, Dr. John Owens, R'68, and brother-in-law, Dr. Carl Outen, R'73, also are physicians. Leicester's wife, Helen Outen is a member of the Westhampton Class of '66 and their daughter, Elizabeth, is a junior at Richmond.

Other alumni physicians who have given back some of what they have learned include:

Dr. Christie A. Holland, W'72, director of the Center for Virology, Immunology & Infectious Disease at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She also serves as a tenured professor in the department of pediatrics at George Washington University Medical Center.

Dr. Paul D. Webster III, R'53, chairman of the department of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia from 1977 to 1991. In addition to a book on the pancreas, he has written more than 60 manuscripts and chapters of books in his field.

Dr. William H. ReMine, R'40, emeritus professor of surgery, Mayo Clinic. (See article on previous page.)

students. Rigsby is looking forward to the rotation with medical students, "seeing things first hand ... and hearing opinions about medical school, the process of getting in, what it's like going through medical school, and whether it's worth it."

Other hands-on opportunities for Richmond pre-med students include volunteering with health clinics for the poor, such as the Fan Free Clinic and Cross-Over Ministry Inc., and working with the Spiders Advanced Volunteer Emergency Rescue Service (SAVERS), the campus first-aid squad.

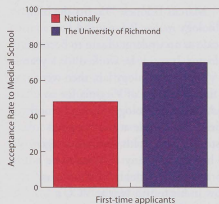
"Now we have so many opportunities you can't do them all," Rigsby said.

Such an environment meets Vaughan's main goal of "making sure students have the experiences and opportunities available to them to be successful in mounting a good application."

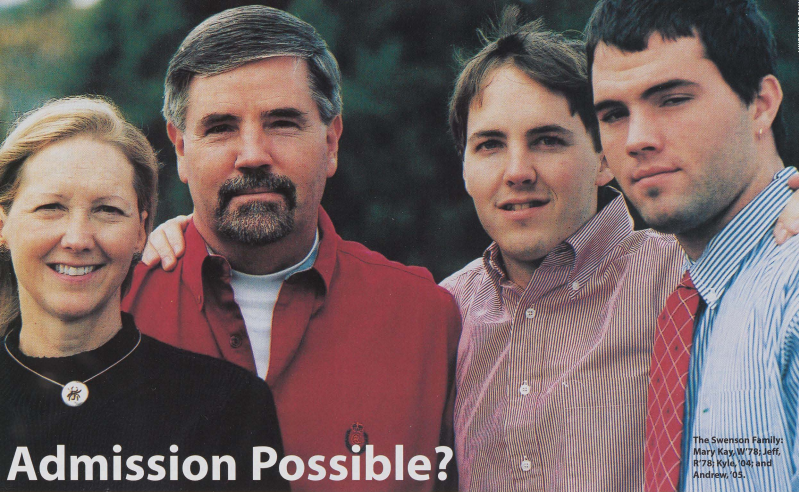
Heldberg believes the approach is a prescription for success, and judges Richmond's support system as unparalleled in its scope. The opportunities for leadership, community service and exposure to the practice of medicine will help propel Richmond graduates to top medical schools. Heldberg concluded, "The University deserves applause."



Acceptance Rate to Medical School (1999–2003)



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The Swenson Family:  
Mary Kay, '78; Jeff,  
'78; Kyle, '04; and  
Andrew, '05.

# Admission Possible?

By saying *no* to quotas,  
Richmond says *yes* to greater mix of students

By Bill Lohmann, R'79

In 1974, Jeff Swenson, a New Jersey boy, was looking for a good school in a warm climate where he could play on the golf team. Mary Kay McClintock, a small-town Virginia girl, liked the idea of going to the big city and attending an institution that had the advantages of a women's college in a coeducational environment.

Both chose the University of Richmond. After graduation in 1978, Jeff, a double major in economics and political science, and psychology major Mary Kay married and settled near their alma mater.

Fast forward a quarter century. Both Swenson sons, Kyle and Andrew, chose the University of Richmond. They did so for different reasons and found a transformed school, but one thing remained basically the same: the Richmond experience. Like their parents, Kyle, '04, and Andrew, '05, have fallen in love with the place.

The University, as those who have lived and studied here know, is an easy place to love, but an increasingly difficult place to get into.

"That's one thing we kid about," laughed Jeff Swenson, regional sales manager for a specialty stainless steel company. "Neither [Mary Kay nor I] would get into the school now if we applied."

Swenson might be overstating it a bit, but his point is well-taken.

As the University's reputation has soared over the past three decades, so, too, has the competition for admission. The number of annual applications for undergraduate admission has more than doubled in the past 30 years, and the test scores of those who attend Richmond have shot up just as dramatically. SAT scores in the 1970s averaged around 1050, but the 50th-percentile range today—"average" scores are no longer used as benchmarks—is 1260 to 1370. That means 25 percent

of incoming students score below 1260, 25 percent above 1370 and 50 percent land in between.

Once primarily a school attended by Virginians, Richmond has evolved into a destination of choice for students from all over the United States and abroad.

This year, the University's undergraduate enrollment includes students from 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and more than 70 foreign countries. Although more students are from Virginia (506) than any other state, students from the Old Dominion represent only 16 percent of the total undergraduate enrollment. As recently as 1975—the Swensons' undergraduate days—the freshman class was 67 percent Virginians.

"Our admissions goal is to recruit the best students available throughout Virginia, the United States and



Pamela Spence works her way through applications.

Those factors come into play against the backdrop of institutional transformation set in motion by the gifts of E. Claiborne Robins and other major donors who followed. Their contributions provided the wherewithal—and ultimately the prestige—for the University to do all sorts of things it could never afford in the past, including extensive recruiting beyond the borders of Virginia.

The Northeast was a natural hunting ground for Richmond admissions officers, but their target area has expanded to include just about everywhere. Each year, they travel throughout the United States, as well as to Europe, Asia and South and Central America.

"We've changed from what was perceived as a regional institution to what is now a national or global institution," said Spence. "One of our goals is to attract the best and the brightest students while not ignoring heritage."

For those who wonder if there is a quota for Virginia students, the answer is no, according to Spence. In fact, Cooper said, the University is seeking additional scholarship money earmarked for talented Virginia residents so "we can maintain or increase our population of Virginia students."

There is no formula of any kind in the admissions process, said Spence. "We look at every individual in a holistic fashion," she said.

For this year's entering class, the admissions staff looked at 6,079 applications—the second largest in the University's history—and admitted 2,560 applicants. Of those, 836 enrolled.

The University draws its share of top-scoring students—in this year's freshman class, for example, there are 43 high school valedictorians, 18 salutatorians and 21 National Merit Finalists—but it also attracts interest from those with, as Spence puts it, "stories that can set students apart."

That can mean students with a history of leadership or particularly impressive community service; who are the first in their families to attend college; who have an exemplary background in specialty pursuits such as the fine arts or sciences; who have studied abroad; or who are sons, daughters and siblings of alumni.

worldwide," said University President William E. Cooper.

Cooper said Richmond, like most private universities, looks beyond its natural geographic borders to find capable students from many backgrounds.

The result is a campus brimming with a "range of perspectives" that will equip its inhabitants "for lifelong learning and career opportunities."

Dean of Admission Pamela W. Spence calls it "trying to build a diverse community of people."

Such construction is heady yet thorny work. It is impossible to keep everyone happy while trying to raise the stature of the University.

Questions often arise about the relatively low numbers of Virginia students currently attending the University. In fact, though, Richmond's in-state enrollment figures compare similarly to those of peer institutions such as Washington & Lee, Davidson and Vanderbilt.

The University has not sought to reduce its enrollment of Virginia students. Rather, circumstances challenging and advantageous have led to its current situation.

Virginia has evolved into a state blessed with a large number of high-quality public colleges and universities that carry much lower price tags than private institutions. That makes private education a tough sell to some Virginians, although Richmond wins more admission battles than it used to against such institutions as the University of Virginia and the College of William & Mary.

At the same time, Richmond is a relative bargain compared to many leading private universities in other parts of the country. Low tuition coupled with outstanding faculty, world-class academic programs and inspiring facilities make Richmond attractive to many prospective students and their families from outside Virginia.



But as much as good stories might distinguish applicants, cautioned Spence, “they will not compensate for a modest transcript.”

During evaluation of applications, the University admissions officers sit around a table picking apart transcripts, reading essays, comparing students, looking at test scores and family backgrounds, trying to find just the right mix for the campus community. (See sidebar below.)

Creating that mix involves monetary assistance for many students. The University administers a financial aid program in excess of \$33 million annually for its undergraduates, including need and merit-based grants and loans.

“Currently, we are one of very few schools that do not look during the

admissions process at a family’s ability to pay and that meets 100 percent of eligibility for need-based aid,” said Cindy Deffenbaugh, the University’s director of financial aid.

Experiencing the Richmond admissions process as parents was quite different for Jeff and Mary Kay Swenson, who live in the Richmond suburb of Midlothian. Their sons grew up knowing the University well. As kids, they attended summer sports camps on campus and developed a comfortable familiarity with the place. Both boys wanted to stay close to home and chose Richmond over a variety of public and private colleges in Virginia.

In fact, both boys viewed as a plus the notion of going to college with many students from outside Virginia. They saw as a downside to attending an in-state

public institution the large number of people they likely would already know.

“They just felt they would be meeting a different sort of student at Richmond, people who maybe had different interests,” said Mary Kay, who works with learning disabled children in an elementary school. “They found that to be true and have enjoyed it.”

Those words are music to the ears of administrators like Spence, who aim to build that “diverse community” she speaks about.

“This is a school with tremendous momentum and tremendous potential,” said Spence. “Richmond isn’t just a good school. It’s an excellent school.”

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## Insider’s guide to admissions

On a late autumn morning, nine University of Richmond admission officials settled into chairs around a conference table inside Brunet Hall and began fulfilling dreams and breaking hearts.

This critical but brutal work unfolded before them on a table stacked with files containing the paperwork of early-decision applicants. Dean of Admission Pamela W. Spence and her staff pored over the students’ credentials, as well as alphabetized computer printouts that reduced each student to one neat line of grades, test scores and other academic information.

Spence and her staff permitted *Richmond Alumni Magazine* to sit in on an early-decision admission session in which officers determined whom to accept, reject or defer to the spring admission process.

The vast majority of early-decision applicants possessed top grades, enviable standardized test scores and rich extracurricular records—as well as an unusually deep desire to attend Richmond. Unlike students who apply during the regular admission process in the spring, early-decision applicants sign a contract promising to enroll at the University if accepted.

Even so, the fact is, fewer than half of these applicants are likely to be accepted. “We’re looking for ways to admit students,” said Christopher J. Gruber, director of

admission. “But you get down to the end and you only have so many spots.”

During the three-hour session, the admission officers systematically considered each applicant, with the officer most knowledgeable about each providing background and perspective.

The highest regard was given to grades, SAT scores and the quality of the application essay, as well as activities demonstrating community service, leadership and athletic ability. But often the review was accompanied by a less tangible assessment, such as a story about how an applicant had overcome a disability, an illness or a difficult upbringing.

No amount of spunk, however, made up for lackluster grades. Sometimes even excellent grades and test scores weren’t enough to vault students over others.

With a twinge of sympathy, Mary Ann Q. Bagby, an associate director of admission, said of one applicant with an inspiring story but modest grades, “Bless her heart.”

Whispered Gruber, “When Mary Ann says that, it’s not good.”

The applicant was denied admission. The discussion was detailed and occasionally spirited. Sometimes an applicant was compared to other applicants from the same school. Year-end grades, some as far back as 9th grade, were taken into consideration and disparities in math and verbal scores were questioned.

The officers tried to read between the lines of cliché-riddled recommendations and yet another essay about *Who Moved My Cheese?* Much weight was given to the

number of AP (advanced placement) and honors courses taken by students, although admissions officers figure their own GPAs for each applicant, disregarding the often inflated high school averages that include bonus points for advanced classes.

Each applicant’s status was determined by a show of hands. A simple majority is all that’s required for an applicant to be voted in, although Spence and Gruber retain the right to veto any decision. This session included no vetoes.

Many votes are wrenching. A number of students with SATs beyond 1300 were deferred or rejected, typically because their classroom grades or extracurricular activities did not measure up.

“The hardest thing is to get on the phone and tell these parents there’s absolutely nothing wrong with their child,” said Gruber of the calls he often fields from families whose applicant had credentials that were impressive but not impressive enough.

There was palpable joy in the room whenever an applicant stood head and shoulders above the crowd. One student did that by exhibiting a straight-A average, an SAT above 1400 and prowess on the athletic field.

Every admission officer smiled and raised a hand. Some raised both.

“Buy that one train ticket!” said associate director of admission Sabena B. Moretz.

— BILL LOHMANN

# Music to Our Ears Through the Years

*A half century of sound on campus*

By Don Harrison



Richard Becker and Gene Anderson collectively have contributed 50 years to the University's music department.

It certainly is a different department than the one Professor Emeritus James Erb helped launch in 1954.

"We held classes wherever there was room," he wrote of the days that followed President George M. Modlin's decision to create a formal music program. "We had no music library nor any listening equipment." Erb recalled shabby pianos, tiny practice rooms and a "clangorous" environment.

"Fifty years, huh?" I would've thought it had been longer," mused associate professor and senior faculty member Richard Becker, a composer and pianist. He remembered a different culture—one firmly rooted in traditions—when he arrived 29 years ago.

In those days, the department owned one record player. Today, it features a computer music lab and music library that holds 15,614 musical scores, roughly 30,000 recordings and countless reference books.

It boasts a full-time sound technician and, yes, the instructors now have state-of-the-craft pianos.

Things change. Brazilian music, anyone?

Thanks to incoming faculty member Jason Stanyek, a guitar-playing ethnomusicologist from the University of San Diego and the leader of a Brazilian music ensemble, students will incorporate the complex polyrhythms of popular South American bands into their education.

"The big change I've seen in academia is a switch from more passive learning to active learning," said Anderson. "Conservatories are heavy into the practice, little into the theory. Here in the liberal arts, we attempt to balance the two."

Dr. Jeffrey Riehl, associate professor and conductor of the University Choir and Schola Cantorum, explained, "In

the conservatory setting, students are largely focused on the study of a single instrument, but here they can explore more widely."

They can also be a part of a touring group and see the world—Schola Cantorum has performed at dozens of venues, including Italy and Slovenia. Next spring, the select chorus will sing at the Vatican.

Diverse opportunities in college are what got him where he is today, said Christopher Marks, R'92, Syracuse University's organist and associate professor at its Setnor School of Music.

"I was playing jazz, taking piano, studying the organ, doing electronic music, a little composition," said Marks, winner of numerous piano competitions and the Eastman School's Harold Gleason Emerging Artist Award. "I think that kind of variety is vital to a professional musician. As you go and get jobs

[in music], you are asked to do so many kinds of things."

The exploration is not limited to music majors. "All of our music appreciation courses end with students doing something active," Anderson stated. "I taught a course on Stephen Sondheim's musicals to non-music majors, for example. We opened up every session by singing Sondheim songs from the musical we were studying that week. The kids loved it. Some told me later that they joined the [University Choir] because they hadn't realized they liked to sing."

The same thing has happened with student-led a cappella groups, which have proliferated on campus.

Director of accompaniment Dr. Joanne Kong said, "A large percentage [of performers] are non-music majors. There are so many gifted students at the University of Richmond; even though

**"The music department does two things, always has done two things. It teaches majors...and it includes doctors and lawyers and businessmen who will always cling to music as a source of their humanity."**

**— Richard Becker**

Dr. Gene Anderson, with a Ph.D. in music theory and 21 years of music education under his belt, reflected recently on an enlightening presentation he attended at an academic conference in Canada. The topic was an erudite examination of the Sex Pistols.

*The what?*

"As I sat and listened to this very learned paper," said the chair of the University's music department, "I came to regard the music from an entirely different perspective."

The University of Richmond's Department of Music will turn 50 in a few months, but it is getting younger all the time. While it will train more classical instrumentalists and mezzo-sopranos than ever, the curriculum is centered on musical diversity. From contemporary composition to jazz combos, electro-acoustic festivals to the scholarly Neumann Lectures, the department makes room for all sounds, even the rancorous *oeuvre* of Sex Pistol punk rockers Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious.

"We're growing ... expanding in certain areas," Anderson said, noting the department record of 45 music majors this year.





## The Beckerath: regal and revered

You hear it spoken of in hushed tones, in mythic terms. Organists the world over know of it, instrument history majors gush over it. The Beckerath Organ at the Henry M. Cannon Memorial Chapel was built by three German workmen over the course of nine weeks in 1961.

Its regal keyboard was prepared by Rudolph von Beckerath with the logistical assistance of Professor Emerita Suzanne Kidd Bunting and then-music director Dr. John White. Recently restored, it contains more than 1,000 pipes in assorted sizes made of tin, wood and lead.

Christopher Marks, R'92, the University Organist at Syracuse, returned to campus in October to perform a recital on the esteemed instrument, the same one on which he took lessons years before. He tried to put into words what makes the Beckerath so special:

"First of all, there's the room. The room is very much a part of any organ because of the way it interacts with the space, and [Cannon Chapel] is just a marvelous room to have an organ in.

"The installation itself is designed more or less specifically to perform music of 17th and 18th century Germany, which is Bach and a number of other composers.

"The Beckerath Organ was really on the cutting edge of trying to recreate an earlier historical style of instrument-building. That field of historical instrument recreation is really in vogue right now, but [the Beckerath] was probably one of the first and best of its kind."

— DON HARRISON

they may be pursuing another major, they have a strong background in orchestra or band and want to continue that."

Stories abound of non-majors who, after soaking up elective music offerings, ended up joining the choir, drumming for jazz-rock quartets, becoming classical music critics—altering their career tracks.

"It is a challenge sometimes," said Riehl of instructing, even conducting, non-majors. "But I'm generally impressed with the students. If they don't have a natural musical talent, they aren't afraid to work hard and to achieve. As a teacher, that's all you can ask for."

Associate professor Jennifer Cable, director of vocal studies, said courses designed specifically for the voice major, such as an opera workshop, prepare students well to pursue graduate programs in music.

Another benefit for Richmond students, Cable said, is that "wonderful singers, accompanists and coaches visit campus each year—not only to perform, but also to work with students, either in a master class situation or a question-and-answer session."

"This is the only teaching job I've ever had. I said I was going to stay three years, but it just kept getting better and better," said associate professor Mike Davison, hours before hopping a flight to Cuba, where he recently took 11 students from a variety of disciplines to hear the authentic Cuban clave beat.

"Dr. D," a University of Wisconsin graduate with a background in classical and jazz trumpet, started Richmond's jazz program 17 years ago. He credits the department's eclectic adjunct faculty for its popularity and influence among students.

Davison admits that jazz music was a hard sell in the early days of the department. "I'm told that they used

to have signs on the practice room door that said, "No jazz or rock 'n' roll to be played here," Davidson laughed. "This was a Baptist school, after all, quite conservative, and for a long time, it was strictly piano and vocal. Tradition!"



Elizabeth Zell, a Lancaster, Pa., senior, surveys one of the 30,000 recordings housed in the music library

And what do the longtime traditionalists think? Do songwriting courses like "From Cole Porter to Kurt Cobain" muddy the so-called academic well?

Associate professor Becker, who has performed concert repertoire and his own music at dozens of prestigious places, said no. "I have friends who are afraid that rock 'n' roll and MTV have taken over the world. But, on the contrary, the more experiences that young people have [with whatever musical genre], the better they'll be able to listen to other stuff."

Anderson, a clarinetist and leader of The Academy of St. Boatwright on the Lake, a Dixieland jazz ensemble made up mostly of moonlighting Richmond faculty members, said the

music department strives to train students' ears "to listen in new ways."

Nearly a half century from its founding, the Department of Music's goals remain the same, even though the sounds have changed, according to Becker.

"The music department does two things, always has done two things. It teaches majors ... and it includes doctors and lawyers and businessmen who will always cling to music as a source of their humanity." Becker added, "We hope to provide an environment that enables

students to see themselves not as elitists, not as popular culture followers, but as human beings ... with some depth and some understanding of history, of the arts, and most importantly an understanding of themselves."

## Chiming with the times

PHOTOGRAPHY

Graduates depart Richmond with visions of campus landmarks and even recollections of some scents from D-Hall or the Gottwald science labs. But what's the No. 1 sound in their memory banks?

More than likely, it is the twice-daily tolling of the Boatwright bells.

"There's something about the sound of bells—the playing of a tune on the bells even more so," said Sam Holland, R'56. "It makes you stop, listen and reflect."

That is the case even if the sound is computer-generated, Holland contends, as opposed to the manual pulling of cast-iron clappers. Those who bother to look up at 12:30 or 5 p.m. each day will see that the sound comes from a set of speakers mounted on Boatwright tower.

Holland, district manager for Schulerich Carillons Inc., is responsible for the sophisticated 10-year-old system of digitally sampled electronic bells. Music professor Joanne Kong is responsible for song selection. She's the one to blame if "Let It Snow" happens to chime on a 70-degree sunny day in December. The selections are made on a seasonal basis, she said.

"[The process] is a lot simpler than it seems," said Kong, who goes up in the tower only about four times a year to insert song-selection cards. They range in composition from Rodgers & Hammerstein to The Beatles and in topic from general appropriate-for-the-season melodies to specific University of Richmond tunes.

On rare occasions, such as Sept. 11, 2001, Kong—with Holland's help—has disconnected the programmed music and played live from a keyboard that is located in the tower. Holland said that up until recent years, the *Alma Mater* was played live the night before graduation.

Recalling when the chimes rang throughout the day to signal class changes, he said he would like to see the system put to more frequent use. "It's one of the intangibles the University leaves with its graduates."

— ANNA BARRON BILLINGSLEY

Joanne Kong and  
Sam Holland



# Hit Man

*Steve Buckingham takes the music and scores*

By Don Harrison

A decade or so ago, Steve Buckingham, R'71, received a wake-up call—through the mail. The Nashville-based musician-producer-music executive opened a package to find inside something he had not expected: a Grammy for co-producing a gospel LP by The Winans.

"I had been so busy that I was completely unaware of [winning] it," he said. "My wife said, 'That should tell you something.'"

At that point in his varied career, the soft-spoken Richmond native—the University of Richmond's most commercially-successful musical export—had been working non-stop in the studio and corporate boardroom for 20 years. Buckingham, the workhorse behind 27 No. 1 hits, shaped the careers of artists as diverse as Dionne Warwick, the Chieftains, Tammy Wynette and Big Bird.

But overseeing "product" as a vice-president of CBS Records, one of the most prominent record labels in the world, left Buckingham unfulfilled. The industry was changing for the worse—"It was less about music and more about business"—and he was an artist at heart.

"I vowed that my criteria were going to be two things. I wanted to make records I wouldn't be embarrassed to have played at my funeral, and I wanted to work with people I wouldn't mind taking a long car trip with."

Buckingham even thought about moving back home to Virginia—"and doing God knows what"—when he got a call that changed the course of his career. On the line was superstar Dolly Parton, then a CBS artist.

**Parton:** "At that time, [the label] wanted to push younger country stars, and they were dropping the established artists no matter who they were. And they wanted me to do stuff I didn't want to do, work with people I didn't like."

**Buckingham:** "She told me, 'I want to make a real country record, but all of the bigwigs say I can't do it.' I thought, 'Jeez, if you can't trust Dolly Parton to make a country record ... [laughs].' She asked, 'Can I do it and will you help me?' I said, 'Of course you can, and of course I will.'"

The disc, "Eagle When She Flies," ended up going platinum, and Parton—to Buckingham's shock—credited him on the LP as co-producer, paying his production fee

out of her own pocket. Their working friendship was sealed.

"As smart and as talented as he is," Parton said, gushing during a recent telephone interview, "he'd be worth a billion dollars if he played the games that some in the business are willing to play. He loves the music, and he's always been a classy guy. He believed in me as a songwriter, an artist and a person."

Parton, who plays by ear and can't read music, says that Buckingham's tonal acumen has been an essential component of her success. "He's so smart musically, he can write up a string chart, arrange, figure out chords ... he can do everything."

Like many, it surprises her that Buckingham never took music courses while in college. As a sociology major (with a psychology minor), he was already a working musician when he attended classes at Richmond. Playing guitar for the popular beach music band, Ron Moody and the Centaurs, "I was so busy making a living at music that I didn't have time to study it. Practically every moment away from campus was spent playing. Usually on weekends and holidays we were gone."





Images from far left to right: Buckingham with Dionne Warwick in 1980, recording an album for Arista; with Dolly Parton recording "Little Sparrow," August 2000; with Dolly in front of Boatwright Library, January 2000; at the 2001 Grammy Awards after winning Best Bluegrass Album, "The Grass Is Blue"; recording "Honky Tonk Angels" with Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette in Nashville, February 1993; at New York's Hit Factory with jazz guitarist Martin Taylor and sax player Kirk Whalum, June 1999.

Moody, R'71, and his band would play frequently on campus, too—soulful white kids backing up R&B acts like The Impressions and Jackie Wilson in Millhiser Gym.

Buckingham had unlikely supporters.

"A number of my [Richmond] professors would write notes for me to miss class following holidays because I was out of town performing or in recording sessions." How did he juggle his lessons? "Looking back, I don't know," he said, chuckling. "I can remember studying a lot in hotel rooms."

After graduation, he became an in-demand studio musician, eventually emerging as a producer with a unique claim-to-fame. "The first song I ever produced [Alicia Bridges' "I Love the Nightlife"] became a #1 pop hit, a worldwide smash," he said 26 years later, still in disbelief.

He has been on the fast track ever since, coordinating soundtracks like *Honeymoon in Vegas* and *Sesame Street's* "Follow That Bird" (the first of his four Grammy awards), putting his "new traditionalist" stamp on 11 platinum and 19 gold albums and discovering—among others—Mary Chapin-Carpenter, Ricky Van Shelton and Alison Krauss.

His eclectic production work crosses genres, cultures and countries: Don Henley, Gregg Allman, Shirley Caesar, Merle Haggard, Norah Jones, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Emmylou Harris, Ricky Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Linda Ronstadt. Buckingham's is a staggering resume, a nonstop hit parade.

He credits his Richmond education for his success. "I learned how to compartmentalize my thinking while at Richmond," he said. "What I do as a producer, musician ... encompasses not just charts or arrangements but a whole host of things. I have to juggle a lot of balls. Do I draw from things I learned? Absolutely!

"Whether you majored in music or sociology, you couldn't help but be exposed to the creative atmosphere on that campus."

Today, as vice-president of the independent Sugar Hill and Vanguard labels, the 53-year-old Buckingham has finally achieved his two goals. He's producing sounds he can proudly take to his grave, alongside artists (like Nickel Creek, Sinead O'Connor and others) he does not mind traveling long miles with.

"Steve does his work the right way, the decent way," Parton said. "At the major

labels, they just want hit records and money and Steve is about the quality of the music ... and the quality of life. He cares about and protects artists. He'll stand up for them even when he's not their manager."

In what is probably the ultimate tribute to Buckingham, Parton has followed her longtime collaborator away from the major record labels, and she has thrived.

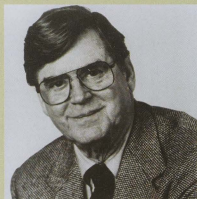
"It was God's will," she said of her recent Buckingham-produced "comeback" CDs on Sugar Hill, "The Grass Is Blue," and "Little Sparrow." The releases stunned critics with an evocative, earthy sound and netted Grammys in 2001 and 2002, reviving Parton's indomitable musical career yet again.

"As long as I'm in this business," said a determined Dolly, "I will always work with Steve Buckingham. I'm going to go where Steve is."



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## Twilight Zone paved path for The Waltons



The first time Earl Hamner, R'44, arrived in Los Angeles, he carried along a hatbox and high expectations.

The hatbox contained an ordinary Virginia land turtle owned by his son, Scott. Hamner's family would join him later.

The high hopes were the result of a lifetime devoted to writing. With books, live television show scripts and radio shows to his credit, writing for Hollywood

seemed the logical next step for the Virginian who grew up in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"To my dismay, I quickly learned that according to just about everyone, I was not qualified to work in Hollywood. It was the ultimate evidence that I was a stranger here. I had never written film!" he recalls in the introduction to a new book, *The Twilight Zone Scripts of Earl Hamner*.

Hamner approached Rod Serling, originator of *The Twilight Zone* television series. They had crossed paths briefly on two occasions. Although he had never written science fiction, Hamner outlined two stories and sent them to Serling. A positive response put Hamner on the path to write a total of eight scripts for the program. Serling later noted in an interview with *The Los Angeles Times* that Hamner was a "young writer you'll hear from someday."

The book contains all eight Hamner scripts. Several include additional dialogue and extended or altered scenes that were never filmed. Also included are an extensive interview with Hamner conducted by freelance writer Tony Albarella and Albarella's commentary on each script.

In his most critically acclaimed script, "Jess-Belle," Hamner sets a gothic plot of love and witchcraft in a rural folk tale setting. The heroine, Jess-Belle, obtains the love of her life, Billy-Ben, at too high a cost—by becoming a witch who must change into a black leopard each night at midnight. In appealing to the old granny witch who made the deal, Jess-Belle tells her she cannot live that way.

"Take the man you bargained for," Granny tells her.

"Don't you think I want to?" Jess-Belle replies. "But how long do you think I'd keep him if he found out what happens when the clock strikes twelve? That's the worst of all. Not knowin' what I'm goin' to do. Wakin' when it's over and not knowin' what I've done."

In the book, Hamner noted that his work often has "an underlying moral tone." That may be partly due to his educational background, according to

the book, which goes on to say that Hamner could afford college only because the University of Richmond offered him a scholarship.

"It was after I arrived on campus that I realized I had applied for and received a ministerial scholarship. I left the University to join the Army during World War II and did not return to continue my unwitting pursuit of the ministry. The world may have lost a fair to middling preacher but gained a good writer!"

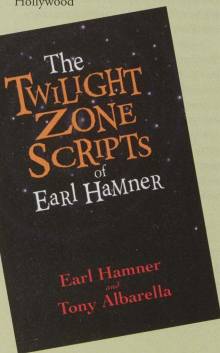
Hamner says his *Twilight Zone* work opened doors for him in Hollywood. He later created the Emmy Award-winning series *The Waltons* and wrote or produced several other television movies and series, including *Falcon Crest*, which ran for eight seasons.

—LINDA N. EVANS, W'71

## Contributions sought for Burhans' retirement package

Chaplain David D. Burhans has announced that he will retire in June 2004 after 30 years of service to the University. As a gift to our readers—and to Dr. Burhans—we would like to publish a collection of your recollections. Maybe he married you. Maybe he set you on a course of community service. Or maybe he inspired you on Sunday mornings.

Please send in any memories you would like to share. We will use as many as we can in an upcoming issue of the magazine. Make them brief, and send them via mail or e-mail to Anna Billingsley, *Richmond Alumni Magazine* editor, Maryland Hall, Room 104, University of Richmond, Va. 23173, or [abilling@richmond.edu](mailto:abilling@richmond.edu).



## Literary luminary

The Library of Virginia on Nov. 14 honored Louis D. Rubin Jr., R'46 and H'74, for a lifetime of achievement as novelist, publisher, critic and teacher. His award presentation was the climax of a gala event at the library honoring Virginia authors. A highlight for Rubin was a reunion with college and lifelong friend, Guy Friddell, R'46 and H'70, who introduced him. Their friendship dates back to the days when both served stints as editor of *The Collegian*.



Louis D. Rubin, Jr., R'46 and H'74 with Guy Friddell, R'46 and H'70

The author or editor of more than 50 books, Rubin founded the celebrated creative writing program that bears his name at Hollins University and also started Algonquin Books in Chapel Hill, N.C. Rubin influenced a generation of fellow Southern authors, including Lee Smith and Annie Dillard.

— RANDY FITZGERALD



Kathy Panoff, the first executive director of the Modlin Center for the Arts, came to Richmond in 1995 from Cincinnati, Ohio. She has spent most of her professional life working in the arts, as a performer, teacher and, finally, an arts administrator.

In addition to managing the Modlin Center and its extensive programs, she teaches arts management.

### Q. What drew you to Richmond?

A. I was at a place in my career where I was looking for a new entrepreneurial challenge. I felt confident I could make a difference here. There was so much potential, and the ingredients for success were at my fingertips—an incredible new facility, great arts faculty, a supportive administration, funding, and an on- and off-campus community hungry for new arts programming.

### Q. What matters most to you?

A. Two things: that I do a good job mentoring the next generation and that as many UR students as possible become lifelong patrons of the arts.

### Q. What keeps you awake at night?

A. Making sure I'm always meeting my own standards of excellence.

### Q. What would people be surprised to learn about you?

A. That I don't live this glamorous life that people fantasize about...I don't go to cultural events on my nights away from the Modlin Center...I don't rub shoulders with the glitterati. I'm just a regular person who loves her down time. The perfect day: hanging out with my dogs, taking long walks and enjoying my sleepy Church Hill neighborhood.

### Q. Who inspires you?

A. My students—they have little epiphanies every day, and it's a joy to watch. And to think I might have had something to do with the light coming on, well, there's nothing more fulfilling.

### Q. What is the secret to your success?

A. I put relationships first no matter who I am dealing with—students, my staff, faculty, artists, alumni, donors or patrons. Life is a relationship-based enterprise.

### Q. To what do you aspire?

A. I just want to make a difference every day. Richmond has provided me an environment in which I can do that, and I am so grateful. With any luck, my students—the next generation—will take the skills they have learned from me and do it better than I ever could have imagined.

### Q. For what would you like to be remembered?

A. Great civilizations are judged by the arts they leave behind. I would like for the arts to be healthier tomorrow because of the work I have done today.





## From Osceolas to Spiders: Origins of Richmond Baseball

Excerpted from  
"Baseball at Richmond  
College, 1874-1920,"  
by W. Harrison Daniel,  
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Professor of History,  
Emeritus

Although some areas of the South had organized baseball teams before the Civil War, baseball did not come to Richmond until after that conflict. By the early 1870s several local amateur teams were formed, and in 1874 a baseball club was organized at Richmond College.

The local press noted at Richmond College that a baseball game between the college club and the Olympic club was played at The Fairgrounds on March 21, 1874, and resulted in a 22-21 defeat for the college club. Shortly thereafter, two baseball clubs formed at Richmond College—one, the "Rangers," seems to have been a temporary organization; the other club was named the "Osceolas." In 1876, the Osceola nine began what would become an annual affair—home and away games with Randolph-Macon College in Ashland.

In this initial contest, the Richmond Osceolas were victorious 11-6. It was reported there was "fine playing on both sides" of the game, which lasted for one and one-half hours—a game in which there were several "bruised hands and broken fingers" among the players. This was before gloves and mitts were manufactured for baseball players.

In the spring of 1878, Richmond College defeated the Randolph-Macon club 17-10 on the Richmond College home ground, which was located near the intersection of Ryland and Broad Streets. Later that spring, the Richmond College team journeyed to Ashland for a return game with Randolph-Macon. The Richmond College team departed Richmond by train and arrived in Ashland about an hour later. The weather was clear and warm.

The local press reported that the Randolph-Macon students were "exceedingly kind and hospitable." The Richmond College *Monthly Musings* reported that the day "was charmingly spent" and that many "pleasant acquaintances were formed." Although the Richmond College men lost the game, it was noted that they were in "good spirits."

In the spring of 1879, the Richmond College *Messenger* noted that "baseball season has opened" and that baseball was "all the go on the campus." The editor declared baseball to be "one of the most enjoyable out-door games, as well as being fine exercise," and urged every student, "young or old, single or married" to join a baseball club. It was also noted that the Richmond College baseball players had discarded their old orange and black uniforms and acquired new uniforms, which were "very pretty."

The new uniforms consisted of blue pants "with white stripes, belts, straw hats with blue bands, and white shirts."

By 1880, the Richmond College baseball club had abandoned the name Osceolas. Early in this decade, the local press began to refer to the college players as "Colts:" young, agile and "frisky" men. From the early 1880s, the Richmond College baseball team annually played home and away games with Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney colleges, the Medical College of Virginia, William & Mary, VMI, and usually the University of Virginia.

In 1891, the College Athletic Association imposed a one dollar athletic fee on all students. Until this time, baseball players at the college were responsible for their own equipment and transportation. Shortly thereafter, the Association proclaimed that members of the football and baseball teams were each to be allowed no more than four days absence from classes and that students who played baseball were required to have a grade average of 80 in three classes.

The Richmond College baseball team had no playing field of its own until after the college moved to its Westhampton campus in 1914 and erected a stadium, at the cost of \$43,305.92. This facility became the home field for football, baseball, track, and other sports.

The *Richmond Dispatch*, on May 3, 1893, reported that the Richmond College Colts defeated Keswick College 11-1. Several weeks later, following commencement at Richmond College, a number of the college baseball players joined with several amateur baseball players in the city and formed a club, which took as its name the Richmond College "Spiders."

In adopting the name Spiders for their Tri-City entry, the college men and their colleagues chose a name familiar to baseball fans. From 1890 to 1899, the entry of Cleveland, Ohio in the National League (the only major league at the time) was known as the Cleveland Spiders. One of the members of this club was the baseball immortal, Denton "Cy" Young, a pitcher who would accumulate a career record of 511 wins.

At the beginning of the Richmond College baseball season in the spring of 1894, "the team discarded the name Colts and adopted the moniker used by the Tri-City entry of the past season, Spiders. The *Richmond Dispatch* of March 24, 1894, reported "yesterday the Richmond College Spiders defeated the visiting Leigh University nine 14-7." The Richmond College baseball club was known as the Spiders from 1894 on and the other college teams—football, basketball and track—also adopted the



BASEBALL TEAM 1915

C. H. Blankenship, C.; C. C. Cox, P.; H. Robinson, P.; N. R. Ancarrow, 1st B.;  
 J. R. Logan, 2nd B.; M. U. Pitt, 3rd B.; L. S. Liggan, S. S.;  
 J. H. Wiley, L. F. (Capt.); F. E. O'Neill, C. F.; N. T. Crossley, R. F.;  
 R. I. Johnson, Mgr.; F. M. Dobson, Coach.

moniker. By the close of the decade, the college yearbook was named "The Spider."

In the opening decades of the 20th century, the Spider baseball schedule fluctuated between 12 and 16 games a season. During those years, there were two team members who later became legends at the institution—James Hundley "Hun" Wiley and Malcolm Upshur "Mac" Pitt. These men were teammates on the 1915 Spider nine; Wiley's position was shortstop and Pitt patrolled the "hot corner," third base.

Following graduation, Wiley obtained a master's

degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. From 1921 to 1940, he and his wife, Elizabeth Ellyson, W'18, (author of the *Westhampton College Alma Mater*) were missionaries to China where he taught at the American Baptist College in Shanghai. In the 1940s, the Wileys returned to the United States and, in 1944, he joined the University of Richmond faculty as a professor of sociology. He taught at the University of Richmond until his retirement in 1968.

Several years after his graduation, "Mac" Pitt returned to his alma mater as a member of the coaching staff. In 1935, he was appointed baseball coach, a position he held, along with that of athletic director, until his retirement in 1971. During his tenure as baseball coach of the Spiders, his teams compiled a record of 426 wins and 256 losses.

Wiley and Pitt were among the first athletes to be awarded varsity letters, which the athletic association created in 1915. The letter was a 7-inch scarlet "R." A player was required to participate in at least two-

thirds of the teams' games to be eligible for a letter.

In 1920, the state granted the Board of Trustees of Richmond College a revised charter, which created the University of Richmond. The story of baseball at the University of Richmond would trace the course of the Spider nines through Mac Pitt's career and on to the present.

— W. HARRISON DANIEL  
 For a complete version of Dr. Daniel's piece, "Baseball at Richmond College, 1874-1920," log on to <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/magazine/winter2004/>

# CLASS Connections

## KEY

School of Arts and Sciences: **A**  
Robins School of Business: **B**  
School of Continuing Studies: **C**  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: **G**  
Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of the Robins School of Business: **GB**  
Honorary Degree: **H**  
Jepson School of Leadership Studies: **J**  
University of Richmond School of Law: **L**  
Richmond College: **R**  
Westhampton College: **W**

The Magazine uses **W, B or R** to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For those graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year will be used. We will continue to use abbreviations for those with law, graduate or honorary degrees and those who graduated from the School of Continuing Studies, regardless of their year of graduation.

## 1932

**Alice Sallee Lyons, W**, is living at Morningside of Hopkinsville, an assisted living facility in Kentucky.

## 1935

**Helen Caulfield Hoffman, W**, was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters by Virginia Wesleyan College, where she is trustee emerita and has served on the board for 38 years. Hoffman was first elected to the college's board of trustees in 1965, just four years after its founding, and was named secretary to the board in 1967. She also is a co-founder and past president of the Women of Wesleyan—organized in 1967, the college's longest serving support group.

## 1940

**Dr. Milton Ende, R**, received the STAR Award from the Medical College of Virginia. He was also selected for the Virginia Commonwealth University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society, in the alumnae category for his "gift to humanity."

## 1941

**Naomi Lewis Pollicoff, W**, lives in Berkeley, Calif., where she continues to do printmaking. She and her husband, Leonard, visited New York to see their son, daughter-in-law, and two great Chinese grandchildren, Anna, 8, and Jane, 2. Her granddaughter, Lea, lives in New York, where she works for a nonprofit company and is studying for a master's degree in city planning.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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It was good to have news from **Mary Alice "Smitty" Tilson**, who has made an excellent recovery from hospitalization in the Spring. She had a glorious Mother's Day when her four daughters and seven grandchildren came from as far away as Kansas and Arizona to celebrate with her. She is busy

tutoring math (sixth grade through calculus) and is involved in at least five activities at her church.

The news of **Marion Rawls Waymack's** death on June 7, 2003, was received in time for a few classmates to attend her memorial service. She was remembered with great appreciation by some of her former drama students. Our 45th reunion booklet carries a delightful account of Westhampton memories by Marion with several references to **Helen Dodd Driscoll**. Our sympathy goes out to Marion's loved ones.

A recent phone call to **Mary Owen Bass** found her content in her retirement location and staying busy as usual.

**Antonette "Toni" Wirth Whitset** has arranged for the beautiful scrapbook prepared by **Margaret Brittingham Lovig** for our 60th class reunion to be stored at Boatwright Library. Toni requests that classmates send pictures from the reunion to her so that the scrapbook will be up-to-date.

**Helin Martin Laughon** expressed her personal appreciation to the University for the honorary doctorate bestowed upon her husband, the **Rev. Fred Thomas Laughon Jr., R'37**. Helin and her daughter, Neli, have had a hobby grow into a profession. As silhouettists, they have traveled to distant places and met some interesting and influential people.

## 1942

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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We were sorry to hear of the death of a classmate, **Virginia Parker Dozier**, on July 15, 2003, in Los Altos, Calif. **Louise Hall Moser** called to let us know. She and Virginia kept in close touch as they had the same birthday and roomed in "Bai Alley" at school. Virginia majored in Latin and graduated *summa cum laude*, teaching Latin for years afterward.

With four children, Virginia was the grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of three. Louise visited her friend last year as Louise's son sings with the Vienna State Opera in Austria and was performing in San Francisco. Louise's other son is a museum designer. Her daughter created and sold jewelry in Charlottesville, but now works for an architect.

**Ann Pavey Garrett** reported that **Wendy Cline's** husband, **Bernard Cline, R**, passed away. Also, **May Thayer Holt's** husband, **Douglas M. Holt, R'44**, who accompanied her to many class reunions, passed away.

In Fredericksburg, **Alice Gray Simpson Newcomb** reports that her old English sheep dog keeps her busy, as well as many volunteer activities, including a homeless shelter board and an emergency family group for children. She takes in babies for up to three weeks at a time. She also works in the nursery each Sunday at Fredericksburg Hospital. Her son lives in Mechanicsville, Va.

**Frances Badenoch** said that she is no longer teaching physical education in Hawaii. She lives in a retirement community outside Santa Rosa, Calif., called the Valley of the Moon.

As for me, I vacationed at Glacier National Park in Montana with 16 relatives at Rising Sun. My twin grandsons are at college this year, with one at Virginia Tech and the other attending Lehigh in Pennsylvania. My granddaughter from Texas, Carolyn, attends the University, and lives in Keller Hall.

This column needs more news! Call or write.

## 1944

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

**Billy Jane Crosby Baker**  
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**Betsy Rice** called to alert us that there is a picture of Jessica Abee, our scholarship recipient for 2002-03, on page 4 of the Summer 2003 issue of *Richmond Alumni Magazine*. Jessica was the student graduate speaker.

There was a picture of Betsy and several other Westminster Canterbury residents with ties to Children's Hospital in the summer issue of the hospital's newsletter. They toured the

hospital and saw the growth and all the changes that have occurred over the years. Betsy's aunt, Josephine Sherrard, was night supervisor there for 34 years.

**Mildred Cox Goode and A.W. "Steve" Goode Jr., R'42**, attended a private reception and dedication of the Mary A. Graham building of the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic on the Virginia Youth Life Campus in Kilmacock in July. Started in 1993, the clinic has grown and moved several times since and is now in a new and lovely building, **William "Bobby" B. Graham, R'43**, was a major supporter.

In answer to **Neil White Gillespie's** daughter's request for memories of her mother, Skeel called with a story. When he was a navy pilot stationed near Bali (population around a million), he commanded a Jeep and went to a store to buy some hose for Mildred. He saw an American-looking lady checking out and speaking Portuguese. He said, "Could you be Mrs. White?" And she said "You are Steve Goode!" He went home with her for a delicious dinner, toured the mission school the Whites ran, and had a delightful evening.

**Juanita Tiller Elmquist** stays busy at home, at her church and at the Shepherd's Center. She lives in Richmond.

**Demie Browne Blair** has done a lot of traveling. In April she visited her nephew, niece and their new baby in Tokyo, Japan, where both parents work at the British Embassy. It was a wonderful time to visit as the cherry blossoms were at their peak. From there, she went to Melbourne, Australia, to visit old friends. Her friends drove her across the country to Sydney, where she attended a fascinating conference and stayed for a little sightseeing. On their way back to Melbourne, the friends dropped Demie off at Canberra to visit more old friends. The trip lasted five weeks.

She barely had time to repack before leaving for Brazil for the 50th celebration of Most Reverendment. In July, she attended a conference in Switzerland and was there two weeks. Coming home planning to relax, she instead went to Fort Myers, Fla., for the funeral of a longtime friend, but did stay on for several days there to rest.

Do let me hear from you.

## 1945

Thanks to President William E. Cooper's decision to award honorary degrees to veterans who had their Richmond education interrupted by the war, **Charles Whitney Calkins Jr., R**, finally earned his undergraduate diploma from the University of Richmond. The conferring of Dr. Calkins' degree at commencement this spring comes after 60 years of serving both his country and local residents with his medical expertise. Halfway through his undergraduate education, he was transferred out of the University by the Navy V-12 program and enrolled in the Medical College of Virginia. This was part of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps to provide accelerated officer training at American colleges and universities in support of the war effort. He graduated as a lieutenant junior grade which is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the Army. He never went back to finish his undergraduate degree because he was too busy with medical school, surgical training and his practice in Waynesboro, Va.

**Dr. Norman Ende, R**, received the STAR Award from the Medical College of Virginia. He was also selected for the Virginia Commonwealth University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society, in the alumnae category for his "gift to humanity."

## 1946

**Louis D. Rubin Jr., R**, is the recipient of the Library of Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award. He was the founder and president of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill and was on the faculty at Hollins College and UNC-Chapel Hill for many years. He lives in Chapel Hill, where he continues to write and publish books.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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**Mary Frances Bethel Wood** sent word that one of our classmates who attended Westhampton for a year, **Mary Sue Shipman Downs**, died June 10, 2003, at her home in Summit, Pa. All of us send our sympathy to her family.



**Frances Anne Beale Goode** again hosted her August reunion for the "Bat Eagle Gang" and a few others at her cottage in Deltaville. **Jean White Robeson** and her daughter, **Taffy Anne Beverly Ryland**, **Calley Goode Jackson**, **Lelia Phillips Toone**, and I enjoyed having lunch with her and visiting at her place on the Rappahannock River.

We had such a good time that Lelia, who is chair of our next reunion, is considering an interim reunion this spring. You may already have heard from her by the time this news arrives.

Allen and I had a great trip to Costa Rica, taking my daughter, Susan, with us. We drove ourselves and it was quite an experience—not dangerous, but bumpy and slow traveling. It is a wonderful country with such emphasis on conservation and so many friendly, helpful people. We our turn to take the Chesapeake in our Tartan, "Magic."

Hope you are all well and happy. Please keep me in touch.

## 1947

### From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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**Ollie Menefee Stirling** has returned from a trip to South Carolina. The occasion was the wedding of her granddaughter, Ashley, her first grandchild to be married. On the way back, she visited friends from the Stirlings' Family Corps days who are now living in North Carolina.

Some of you may have seen the article in the Richmond newspaper about Lewes, Del., where I live and **Marie Walthall Lesieur**. Ollie.

**Virginia "Gin" Celeste Elliott** took a trip on the Ohio River aboard the American Queen, visiting Pittsburgh and Louisville. She also enjoyed a cruise on Lake Michigan.

**Betty Tinsley Andrews** and **Dick** have a grandson, who graduated from high school this summer. Now he is settled in at Virginia Tech. Betty and Dick attended Dick's service reunion in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Frances Coles McCleennon** visited **Nancy Richardson Elliott** and joined us for lunch at the Virginia Museum. During the summer, Frances welcomed a new granddaughter, Abigail.

## 1948

**William Semple Kirk, R.** of Richmond has had multiple surgeries on his knee and hips. He is being well taken care of by his wife, Vicki.

### From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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As I write this, it is hard to imagine that you will be reading it in December, but being in touch with you has already made this a fun job!

**Jo Pittman Hoover** has shared some great photos of the 55th reunion. Jo continues to sing in her church choir, which has performed here and abroad.

**Emily Smith Powers** taught through this past year. She learned about her inoperable cancer only six weeks before she died, but her courageous spirit persisted until her death at her home on August 23, 2003. We cherish the memories of Emily at the 55th reunion.

**Virginia Kreyer** had an accident in July in Minnesota for the national conference of The United Church of Christ, where she was being honored. We trust that she has recuperated satisfactorily back home in Williamsburg. She is pleased with completion of the first draft of her autobiography.

**Judy Barnett Seelhorst's** farm home in Kentucky is a place of warm hospitality to friends and family! Her family reunion at Carver Caves State Park meant that "19 different personalities can get along." Judy's grandson attended a four-week physics and astronomy summer science academy at the University of Pennsylvania. What pleasure for Judy to have a grandson interested in her field! Judy's youngest son is a minister in Louisville and a granddaughter studies with the Louisville Ballet. Judy, along with other papers, has been enjoying a research paper shared by **Carroll Alley, R.** with his former physics classmates.

**John Morris Shea's** flight to London was quite novel. Her suitcase did not make it there so she continued on a four-week holiday in Tenerife without it. Two months later, it was returned, arriving on a cruise ship from Barcelona to Miami. The carefully packed suitcase was still intact!

Author and educator **Jane Belk Moncure** and her husband, **Dr. James A. Moncure, R'49**, attended a family reunion in the mountains of Virginia. She wrote: "As we age along this awesome journey of life, our families and friends wind the circle." She is active at Twin Lakes Center and at Elon University, and is now creating a Web site.

An e-mail from **Alice Goodman** signaled her venture into computer science. We hope to hear from you

often, Alice. She made note of the election of **Mary Cross Marshall** as president of the Class of '48. Thanks to Mary for taking the helm!

**Margaret Elliott Ownby** sent the sad news of the death of **Russell Elliott Wiley**. Following an illness of several years, Russell died on June 3, 2003, in Alexandria, Va.

**Frances Stuart Bailey** and husband, **Rolen C. Bailey, R'49**, visited Disney World with children and grandchildren, "making it a great trip." They ended their trip in Charlotte at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meeting.

**Marian Thompson Stevens** shares a discovery: "Even though I have CDs and audio and visual tapes, I miss the old music. To play my records, I bought a portable player for under \$130. Playing old music brought something back to life in me. Then I discovered the thrift stores are overflowing with the kind of music you can't get now, practically giving it away! It is like bringing color back into a black and white world to hear these songs in our terrorized, over-stressed world. Takes you back to your senses!"

Speaking of music, I have been rediscovering the cello, taking lessons and playing with a group of Cello Chums when invited to perform. How about six cellos in ensemble!

Please be in touch at any time. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

## 1949

### From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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When I wrote this at the end of the summer, I was on my way to Maine. Our deadlines for submission of news are so early. I apologize for how outdated the information is by the time you read it.

**Mary Louise "Lou" Winn McCutcheon** and Ben still enjoy their boat and is getting a great deal of time sailing. Retirement has been good for both of them, and they are really getting the most out of it these past few years, spending time traveling and seeing friends. Lou is playing lots of bridge and both are now playing golf together. Lou has been attending a golf school. However, she has developed arthritis in one wrist and is unable to play tennis now, which is an activity she has enjoyed since her college days. A great deal of the time, she is in a brace. Frequent trips to Philadelphia to see their grandchildren are very much on their agenda.

**Catherine Smith Spratley** and Warren are doing quite well and are becoming "homebodies" and enjoying family and friends. **Kakie** plays bridge with **Ida Eanes Patrick** and **Cynthia Patrick Ott** several times a week.

**Jan Noudy Vincent** went to visit Ida for several days and they saw some Westhampton gals in the Hampton area. Ida has now moved to The Chesapeake retirement home in Newport News.

I see **Catherine "Kitty" Wyatt Townes'** sister sometimes at bridge parties or tournaments, and she informed me that Kitty still enjoys seeing her friends and going to church. She is in Stafford House, which is the old Stafford College in Danville.

It has been years since I have seen **Ann Elizabeth Moran**, even though she lives in Richmond. Last week she was directing a bridge tournament in which I was playing. Ann looked wonderful and is busy enjoying her retirement.

**Frances Robinson King** is doing beautifully after her recent knee replacement and is sorry she waited so long before facing this operation. Frankie said to tell those in need of this surgery not to make her mistake in waiting and also to stay at a rehab center for a period of 10 days afterward. I agree—this is extremely important! She and her committee are making 55th reunion plans.

By now you have received some advance notice of reunion dates and activities from the University. Please start making plans to attend. I believe we will find this reunion very meaningful.

## 1950

### From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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It is my sad duty to report the deaths of two classmates, **Clarice Ryland Price** died March 2, 2003, and **Joyce Betts Pierce** died May 14, 2003. To their families, I would quote Chaucer: "For we die nothing but to share thy grief, and make it easier to bear."

In June, a group of classmates met at **Rosa Lou Soles Johnson's** home near Kilmarnock for a reception and had lunch at the yacht club.

**Mary Howard Holloway** and Bill joined a small Richmond travel group for a delightful tour of the Canadian Atlantic provinces. Following the trip, they had great fun at the Holloway family reunion attended by 155 people at the old family church.

**Mokey Rounds Holloway** and Dick enjoyed the great golf course at Seaview, N.J., while staying at their apartment.

**Libby Givens Pierce** and **Bucky** and **John Tinsley Martin** and Roy attended an Elderhostel

in Natural Bridge, Va., studying the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Libby and Bucky also attended an Elderhostel in Marietta, Ohio. One of the participants was the president of Marietta College, **Dr. Jean A. Scott, W'68**.

**Lenore Greenberg Siegel** and George spent a week on the southern California coast, where they enjoyed perfect weather and magnificent scenery. The Siegels also like spending time at their cottage in the Adirondack mountains.

**Lucia MacClintock Charbott** took a pilgrimage following Anglican roots and visited seven of England's stately cathedrals.

**Marianne Beck Duty** and Lester enjoyed a trip to Anchorage and Seward and then took a southbound glacier cruise.

**Marjorie Parson Owen**, a sports enthusiast, tries to see all the softball games of her grandchildren, ages 9 to 16. The family also took several trips to Virginia Beach.

**Neil Ford Brill** has slowed down her traveling but still managed trips to New Jersey, San Francisco and Phoenix, where her Sweet Adelines group sang in international competition.

**Lorraine Feinberg Kaplan** and Paul, their daughter, Marcia, and their dear friend, **Jackie Berz Petroff, W'49**, took a cruise that departed from Chile, sailed around Cape Horn and north along the coast of Argentina, ending in Buenos Aires. Their "Argentinean son" (an American Film Service exchange student who lived with them in New Jersey from 1975 to 1976) and his family drove 15 hours from their home in northern Argentina to see Lorraine and Paul.

**Helen Lamphaktis Kostyal** and **Dick** took a trip to Cape Hatteras to join their daughter and family on vacation and continued on to Myrtle Beach, S.C. Helen also attended the Daffodil Festival, in Gloucester, Va., with **Barbara White Balderson**.

**Wilda Whitman Oakley** enjoys a docent at the Naval Shipyard Museum in Portsmouth.

**Barbara Coleman Augustine** retired after 17 years as administrative assistant at the Lawinville Retirement Residence in McLean, Va. She was honored with lots of parties and received many cards.

**Margaret Alexander Anderson** was elected to the Boatwright Society board of directors, joining **Claire Martin** and **Gene Hart Joyner** and **Jan Tinsley Martin**. Others attending the Boatwright Society dinner in May included **Joanne Waring Karpel** and **Bill, Barbara White Balderson** and **Loretta Margaret Alexander Anderson, Gene Hart Joyner** and **Floyd, Doris Balderson Burbank** and **Bonny, Fannie, Sutton Oliver** and **Raymond, Helen Lamphaktis**

## The man behind the glass



For **Albany D. Grubb**, a summer job as a janitor launched a lucrative career.

Grubb, R'64, seized an opportunity. He went on to pioneer processes now in use worldwide to produce the glass windows preferred by builders for modern homes and office buildings.

Those innovations deposit thin metallic coatings on glass, resulting in highly energy-efficient windows, said Grubb, who earned a B.S. degree in physics.

"In the wintertime, they retain the heat in the building and in the summertime, they reflect the solar energy out, helping keep the inside of the building much cooler," he said. Building codes for new residential construction now require windows with such coatings in nearly all of North America, Grubb noted.

"My whole career has been built around the education that I received at the

University of Richmond," said Grubb, born in Danville, Va., and raised in Richmond. "We had some wonderful professors. It certainly shaped the rest of my life."

Grubb's entry into the glass coating and films field began the summer after his junior year at the University. His future father-in-law, who was police chief in Silver Spring, Md., knew the personnel director at Johns Hopkins University, and that connection led to Grubb being hired as a janitor at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

"They didn't have any technical openings," Grubb said. "I took the job with the hope that something would turn up." It did.

During the summer, a senior researcher at the lab, working on thin film coatings for a secret Navy missile program, had an emergency appendectomy, "and because I had a physics background, they asked if I would fill in for him the rest of the summer."

That summer experience led to a job after graduation from Richmond with Libby-Owens-Ford glass producers in Toledo, Ohio. In 1974, Grubb joined a Berkeley, Calif., firm then known as Aircro Temescal. He eventually became president of Aircro Coating Technology, from which he retired in 1992. In his early years with Aircro, Grubb helped develop procedures and equipment for depositing thin coatings on glass that other manufacturers now use.

He remains active in the field as a consultant and as majority owner of an architectural glass coating plant in Iowa.

He lives in Walnut Creek, Calif., with his wife Tanya, who received her B.S. degree in retailing from the former Richmond Professional Institute—now Virginia Commonwealth University—in 1965.

—Beverly Orndorff

appreciates the great benefits of living in Manhattan, including theater and restaurants. She also likes traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

**Mary Bowles Flanagan** and Robie claim to live quiet lives with occasional deck parties. Their home in Columbia, Va., is located on a lake, across from Flanagan's Mill.

**Joanne Waring Karpf** and Bill traveled on a University alumni trip to California, starting in San Francisco and going to Yosemite National Park, Monterey, Carmel, the Hearst Castle, Solvang, Los Angeles and San Diego. The Karpfs had visits from **Jan Tinsley Martin** and Ray.

**Tish Earl Fanz** and Harry attended a niece's wedding in Vermont, followed by a visit to Cape Cod with Harry's sisters and family.

**Terry Noble Vawter** volunteers in her church in jobs that can be accomplished sitting down. Terry says warm water therapy is very helpful.

**Ludie Hickerson Wiley** and her sister, Amy, took a cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. A University group boarded in Budapest, going to Amsterdam.

**Hilda Moore Hankins'** granddaughter, Rebecca Chandler, is a first-year student at Westhampton. Her mother is **Laura Lee Hankins Chandler, W'74**.

**Claire Noren Griffin** and Bob had a wonderful time on Nantucket with their children and grandchildren. Claire is still working part-time and stays busy with church and as a volunteer at Melrose Hospital.

**Charlotte Westervelt Bisham** and Brud took a trip to Paris. They celebrated Brud's 80th birthday in Las Vegas with their children and grandchildren.

Condolences to **Louise Triplett Fridley** on the death of her husband and to **Barbara Beattie Fanney**, whose 96-year-old mother died in April.

## 1951

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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**Helen Hansley** writes that she and Dick attended an Elderhostel week on the beautiful Penn State campus. Dick received the Virginia Exchange Club's Distinguished Virginia award at the convention in Hampton. It was a treat for them to see "Buddy" and "Anne Rosser's" son, Aubrey Jr. A lot of "mystery swapping" occurred.

**Kostyal** and Dick, **Lee Reeves Childress**, **Barbara Coleman Augustine** and Jim, and **Jan Tinsley Martin** and Roy.

Robin and Jim Meador-Woodruff traveled from Ann Arbor, Mich., with their 10-month-old, Aiden, to visit grandparents "Piggy" **Wells Meador** and Ray in Florida.

**Mary Sue Mock Milton** and Cecil enjoyed a two-week trip to Spain.

**Maryanne Bugg Lambert** and Pete attended the graduations of three grandchildren this year.

**Margaret Buck Wayland** and Lee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In their honor, their children have given furnishings for a prayer garden at their church in Danville, Va.

**Lou Covington Randall** and Harry joined all the Randall family in Houston for the baptism of the youngest grandchild. Lou and Harry also met **Joanna Malden Owens** and Russell for lunch in Abingdon, Va. Other visitors to Joanna's included **Jean Bishop Porter** and **Joe, Bettie Lane Barnhill Bragg** and **Ann Neblett James**.

**Nancy Harrison Davis** made a visit to the Westhampton campus. She and Jack often travel from their home in South Carolina to see their daughter in Calhoun, Ga.

Summer for **Barbara Lee Jones** and Harry included family reunions and their annual beach week with all the family.

**Judy Lending Myers**, a widow and retired medical librarian,

**Paula Abernethy Kelton** wrote that husband, John, suffered a spinal cord injury on a family beach trip in June. He has made a remarkable recovery and they appreciate the support from college friends who visited, including **Jan Slaughter Hardenbergh** and **Friman** and **Betty Munsy Spatz** and **Bob**. Other classmates who were very supportive were **Helen Hensley**, **Elizabeth Dudley**, **Janet Johnson**, **Frances Schools** and **Bobbie Yagel**. Last fall, the Keltons moved to The Pines, a lovely retirement center in Davidson, N.C.

Some of our classmates enjoyed a mini-reunion at the home of **Jane Lawson Willis**. They were **Jan Love Hanson**, **Betsy Bethune Langhorne**, **Lea Thompson Osburn**, **Margylyn Cooper McGraw** and **Charlotte Herink Sayre**.

Most of the same group met again at Margylyn's new home and were joined by **Charlotte Houchen Decker** and **Mary Lea May**. Mary Lea and Ed traveled to Hilton Head, and I was joined with **Millie Wright Outten** and **Joe** on the trip home.

**Frances Allen Schools's** son, David, appeared recently on the *David Letterman Show* and on the *Tonight Show* with *Jay Leno*. He is a member of the band *Widespread Panic*.

**Norma Streever Craig** and husband, Norm, flew to England this summer and explored London and Stratford-upon-Avon, where they attended the *Royal Shakespeare Theatre*. They also traveled to Edinburgh and York, but especially enjoyed the beauty of the special Lake Country.

My husband, Robert, our son, Frank, and I traveled to the Canadian Rockies via Calgary. Robert didn't want to vacation anywhere hot so this certainly filled the bill when it snowed on July 5 on our way to see the Athabasca Glacier. Jasper National Park was my favorite, but it was all a delightful, scenic trip.

Please respond when your group leaders write or call. We really do want to hear from you.

## 1952

**Sarah Barlow Wright**, W, entertained two houseguests, **Kathlene Cooke O'Brien**, W, and **Shirley Winfield W'54**, in Smithfield last summer. They strolled the historic town of Smithfield and had a full day at the Marine Science Museum and Virginia Beach oceanfront.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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**Mary Ann Coates Edell** writes that the Richmond contingent met with **Alice Lynch**, executive director of alumni affairs, and selected two recipients to receive the Westhampton College Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarship. **Mary Ann** presented the award and was very impressed with the selections that **Sue, Bertha** and **Ida** made. One of the recipients is **Emily Patrick Maloney '06**, a business major. Her grandmother is **Ida Eanes Patrick, W'49**, and **Cynthia Patrick Otte, W'49**, is a great aunt. **Emily** has many relatives who finished at Westhampton, including her mother and sister. **Emily** writes, "I am absolutely thrilled to be a recipient of the Westhampton College Class of 1952 Scholarship. I thank you and the other members of your class for your most generous financial support. I consider myself very fortunate to have the privilege of attending the University of Richmond, and with your assistance this is possible."

The other recipient is **Amy Marie McCullen, '04**, a journalism and criminal justice major. **Amy** is not receiving any help financially from her parents. She is a remarkable young woman who is financing her education through books, loans and outside jobs. It will be interesting to follow her after graduation. Her application was fascinating, outlining leadership roles, collegiate activities, accomplishments and community service.

**Sue Peters Hall** and **Mary Ann Edell** attended the Boatwright Reunion Dinner in May and sat with **Isabel Sanford Rankin** and her husband, Hugh. Can it be a whole year since our 50th reunion? Our class plaque is prominently displayed on the back wall of the chapel and is easily seen as one exits after services. **Mary Ann** writes, "Have you heard that the yearbook will no longer be published? One more tradition gone forever and such a loss!" **Alice Lynch**, in response, said, "Although 'The Web' won't be produced in the same format next year, a yearbook for seniors will still be produced by the WC and RC senior class officers. It will include a head shot of all seniors and photos and articles from the year. It will be a condensed version of 'The Web.' She firmly believes that in a few years—perhaps with the recruiting of some outstanding freshmen who worked on their high school yearbooks—The Web, as we all know and love it, will return."

**Wendy Hayes Eastman, B'76**, writes, "Did I tell you that the reunion hotel was changed this year to the Embassy Suites? **Alice** said she's heard from several alumni that they LOVED it. Your class helped!" **And Wendy** passes on information about screensaver photographs of the campus. I didn't realize you can download it from the Web site! Here is the address: <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/alumni/screensaver.html>

**Marilyn McMurray Rishell**, and her husband, **Rish**, celebrated their 50th anniversary with all their children and spouses and 16 grandchildren. They hosted a party for more than a hundred guests and had a marvelous time. Their oldest grandson will be married soon. **Rish** and **Marilyn** were traveling to West Point; he has been asked to speak to graduate students about his role in the Korean War. He is especially honored to be asked as he didn't attend West Point. They attended other veteran get-togethers this past fall.

**Anne Gibson Hill** says that she thinks we all need a "retreat." Would you agree?

**Henrietta Dow Vinson** writes: "The National Senior Olympics were completed today, and I am happy to report that I won a silver medal in tennis. I played singles and mixed doubles in the 70-74 age group. I got to the quarter finals in the singles before losing. In mixed doubles, my partner, **Earl Allen**, and I won four out of five matches to reach the finals. We lost a good match in the finals but received

## Henry A. Shockley, R'55, retired from Boston University and now lectures at California State University in political science and international relations.

the second-place award, a very beautiful silver medal. I was so happy and just to compete in a national event and to win a few rounds. To actually win a medal was a great thrill. Thanks to all of you who have offered support and interest in my competition. It has been a long time through many local and state qualifiers, but I am a happy camper tonight." We all congratulate her, and only wish we could have been there!

**Sarah Barlow Wright** sent articles about **Eleanor Persons Hays** (Feb. 27, 2003) and **Janet Storm Penney** (April 3, and 10, 2003) published in the Virginia Baptist newspaper, *The Religious Herald*.

**Addie Edick Comegys** sent an article from the *East Side Monthly*, in Providence, R.I., about a project developed by **Lou Angell Soukup's** daughter, **Nancy Hamlin Soukup**, pastor of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John, and writer and editor at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University. **Nancy** is working on a "historic revival" that's considered one of the most dramatic and successful in the country. The Benefit Street Community. She is taking oral histories of those who have lived in this area and hopes to produce a video.

**Harriett Stubbs** writes, "Nine Brazilian educators arrived next week for a workshop here in Raleigh; then to Grandfather Mountain for another week, where we are joined by Finnish teachers and others from different states. I am excited... and overworked! Am planning to be in Brazil most of September."

The photographs of the mini-reunion from **Adelle Henri** and **Bertha** are wonderful! I am looking over them again and getting ready to put them away until we get together again.

As I wrote to one classmate, we laughed and giggled; we giggled and laughed. Such fun and such a good time! We were all surprised at the continuing and strengthening bonds over time. As someone said, it was the most fun she had ever had at a reunion—and to think we had to wait 51 years for this to happen!

## 1953

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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"Our reunion was terrific!" "Our deepest appreciation to our Richmond classmates who helped to make it so delightful!" I really regret missing our 50th. "Are we having a 55th class reunion?" That's the spectrum of response to our celebratory milestone. If we did it again at 55, another enthusiastic crowd will surely show up.

But for now, '50' is the operative number, as witness the cluster of golden anniversaries also celebrated in summer 2003. In June, **Fay Kilpatrick Gillespie** and **Arthur** enjoyed a 50th wedding reception given by their children at their church, with **Margaret Anderson Morris** and **Orrin** observed the occasion at a gathering with their two sons and their families from Albuquerque and Orlando. **Margaret** was too modest to mention her drawing, but her note to me was written on heavy paper with a very beautifully detailed pink lady's slipper on the cover. On the back of the card were printed these words: "Wildflower Sketches in Colored Pencil by **Margaret Morris**." Inspired work, **Margaret!**

In August, **Valda Harrell Agee** and **Coan** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a week-long family retreat, sharing their love of the North Carolina mountains with their entire family, including five grandchildren. **Jo Deter Sullivan** and **Bill** partied in Richmond, and guests **Harriet Wheat Fralin** and **Cotton** commemorated their 50th in September.

It's impressive to see the friendships that have persisted over the half-century of our lives since Westhampton. **Beth Carpenter Browne** and **Winston**, who spent some time in New England this past fall, attended both the Sullivan and Fralin anniversary celebrations. **Bob** had lunch one day in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., with **Lou George Wolfe**, who was visiting her mother, and spent another day with **Harriet Wheat Fralin** in Smithfield, Va., while the men played golf. **Richmond** folks opened their hearts and homes to old friends during the reunion. **Marietta Carr Glascock**, along with **Patty Thompson Stoy** and her husband, stayed with the Fralins.

On an earlier trip to Dallas, **Betty Lee Miller** had visited **Betty O'Bannon Cull** and **Ralph**, and then, during the reunion, the three of them stayed with **Betty Montgomery Marsh** and **Cecil**, where the "girls" had a two-night pajama party. When it was all over, **Betty O** and **Ralph** continued the celebration on the way home to Texas with a stop to visit their son and his family in Ohio.

**Mary Hurt Winston** says her stay in Richmond with **Jane Wilcox Council** and **Phil** during the reunion was "the thing on the card."

**Pauline Decker Brooks** declared it a "joy and delight" to be **Skippy Grant** Peltier at her guest.

**Peggy Dietrich Shackelford** and her guest, **Carla Waal Johns**, had a wonderful reunion-within-the-reunion. And after it was all over, **Bettie Kersey Gordon** visited **Jane Wilson Rolston** and **Holmes** in Colorado in August, to relieve the whole event once more.

Grandchildren are a gratifying theme for many of us. **Alice Warner Matthews** retired after 33 years in social work administration, supervision and community resource development. She says she loves her Sunday nights, free of pre-Monday morning anxieties. Her six grandchildren, ranging from a sophomore at Virginia Tech to a 9-month-old baby, are all within traveling distance.

**Jo Frieda Hull Mitchell** and **Jack**, who live in Mechanicsville but enjoy kayaking and canoeing at their river home in Urbana, are parents of three and grandparents of five.

**Nancy Fling Fowler** has enjoyed cross-country drives with her family, once in 1999 and again in 2002, to absorb the beauty of the United States. Back at home, she keeps busy following the sports activities of four grandsons.



**Betty Williams Potter** reports that their three daughters, spouses, and all six grandchildren treated her and Dean to a wonderful week at Duck, N.C. They even planned and served the meals, and took lots of family photos on the beach. Says Betty, "It doesn't get better than this!"

**Page McCray Miller** and Jimmy live in Norfolk, Va., where Jimmy still practices law. Besides traveling, they enjoy the company of their two daughters and four grandsons, for whom Richmond is home.

**Bettie Kersay Gordon** enjoys her job as director of children's ministry at St. James United Methodist Church—a pleasure that begins at home, with Drew, 5, and Will, 3, the children of her son, Stuart, and his wife, **Anne Bond, W'88.**

**Betty Etcheberger Allen**, who continues to teach piano and enjoys traveling in the summer, has 11 grandchildren, all of whom live in North Carolina.

**Doris Johnston MacEwan** and **Barbara Anne Watkins Beale** are unique among our class in their own ways—Doris has twin daughters and Barbara Anne two great-grandchildren. Doris reports that when her girls, who live in Canada (Alberta and Ontario) with the two sons-in-law and three grandchildren, are all present for a family reunion, "Our little house on the Big Orange Rocks" (not that things are ever dull there, Doris heeds (or cheers on) her husband, Mac, who has worked on setting up at least half of the 26 Somerset Steam & Gas Engine Association "Pasture Parties," an annual charity that takes place on property adjacent to this in Somerset.

Doris, happy to be a Virginian again, committed from Orange each year for our reunion. Barbara Anne was accompanied at our reunion dinner by her daughter, Becky, who earned a doctorate in education from the University of Virginia and is now supervisor of special projects for the Caroline County School Board. They have bought a vacation home at Chincoteague and love to go there whenever they can.

**Faye Kilpatrick Gillespie** and Arthur had a second reunion this summer, as well as their Amateur Radio Club's annual Field Day, when members competed to make the most contacts with other amateurs around the world on power they generated themselves.

Going back to work is some people's idea of a good time. **Betty Montgomery Marsh** reports that, thanks to a week of training at the computer, she had fun working as a secretary for a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly during the last session. She will hold the position again for a second year.

**Carolyn Carter Birdsong** has a similar position for the 2004 session of the General Assembly.

Meanwhile, she is not letting any grass grow between seeing old friends at the reunion and touring England, Wales, and Italy through the School of Continuing Studies, she and her husband continue renovations of their cottage on the Chesapeake Bay.

And I after two weeks with my daughter and granddaughter in France, began my third year as an adjunct professor in English at Pace University in New York City.

## A.E. Dick Howard, R'54, was appointed by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner to the board of trustees of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Just as she had promised at the Deanery breakfast, **Jane Wilson Rolston** reports that, despite the excitement of the day, "I truly thought of our class as I stood in the Chinese Room of Buckingham Palace on the occasion of Prince Phillip's presenting Holmes with the 2003 Templar Prize." The Rolstons are using the very substantial prize to endow the Holmes Rolston III Chair of Science and Religion at Davidson College, Holmes' alma mater.

While **Carla Mae Johns** and Bill were in Vienna, he completed a research project in geology. They enjoyed a performance at the Vienna State Opera. In the fall, they attended Bill's class reunion in Wooster, Ohio, where he graduated from high school and college. Carla's mother, who is 94, moved into an apartment that Carla and Bill built for her at their home. There are now three planets in the house—and three pianists!

**Marilyn Bowlin Gordy**, who shows her little Gorgi in dog shows, enjoyed a great trip with Alumni College Abroad to Umbria, Italy, last spring. She also had a week's reunion in Myrtle Beach with her cousins, Hank and **Charlotte Houchins Decker, W'51.**

**Jane Palr Kilpatrick** writes that their trip to Maine, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick was lots of fun, even when the week on the schooner, Mary Day, in

Penobscot Bay. That week "proved that six days without a bathroom can still be endured," June observes. Why did she go? "For love," she says. "But I did notice that we were the oldest people on board and will remind someone of that if he suggests doing it again."

Both **Betsy Williams Roberson** and **Alice Gardner Wilson** expressed regret at having to miss the reunion. Betsy was laid up with arthroscopic knee surgery at the time. And Alice, who ordinarily enjoys church activities, swimming and a fitness class, interrupted everything for a just-the-two-of-us beach trip with her oldest daughter, Debbie is a professor in Wake Forest's graduate program in counseling education and had just returned from three weeks in Vienna, where she facilitated an intensive program for 12 graduate students.

**Joan Perlin Ruby** was a delegate to Hadassah's national convention in New York City during the summer and attended an education conference at Ohio State University. All 16 members of the Ruby family planned to celebrate Thanksgiving in Savannah with her oldest son and his wife. As for the Richmond reunion, Joan's son, **David R. Ruby, L'83**, and his wife, **Marguerite R. Ruby, L'86**, enjoyed the Boatwright Society dinner with us. Their response to meeting their mom's friends confirms Joan's assessment of the whole affair: "I have loved this reunion weekend. We are a terrific bunch!"

Since the reunion: **Betty Montgomery Marsh** and Cecie's daughter, Deb, was diagnosed with an extremely rare type of lung cancer, BAC, short for bronchioalveolar, is peculiar to nonsmokers and doesn't respond to chemotherapy. But the family is optimistic because Deb is making a good recovery from surgery and has been accepted into a study for this particular type of cancer at Sloan-Kettering in New York. Our sympathy goes out to **Edgar "Bill" Williamson Jordan, R**, on the death of his wife and our classmate, **Nancy Carpenter Jordan**, on Aug. 25, 2003.

**Joseph E. Brooks, B'S1**, husband of **Pauline Decker Brooks**, died suddenly on June 26, 2003. He was a former vice mayor of the city of Richmond and a much loved and revered member of the Richmond City Council at the time of his death. Pauline and their daughters are in all our thoughts and our hearts. Pauline had planned to serve as president of her Woman's Club this year.

Our love and sympathy also go to **Lila Jeanavenport Bosley** on the death of her husband, **John J. Bosley, B'S4** and **L'S7**, on Aug. 28, 2002. John, who attended the University on a football scholarship, helped create the National Association of Regional Councils in 1967. At the time of his death, he was both general counsel and deputy executive of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

## 1954

**A.E. Dick Howard, R**, was appointed by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner to the board of trustees of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

**J. Vaughan Gary Jr.**, has been elected to the board of directors of The Shepherd's Center of Richmond.

## 1955

**William O. Dillard Jr., R**, has retired, for the second time, after serving as chaplain at the Woody Fernald Home for 13 years. He now enjoys being home and spending time with his family, which includes his wife, Joyce, two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

**Henry A. Shockley, R**, retired from Boston University and now lectures at California State University in political science and international relations.

*From the Westhampton Class Secretary*

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**Myra Embrey Wormald** and Bob, who live in Potomac, Md., have been visiting grandchildren while their children traveled. It hasn't always been easy. Last winter, their daughter's five sons came down with stomach flu, followed by strep throat. Soon after, the furnace failed. On a more positive note, Myra and Bob have been doing their own traveling. They attended a "homebuilders' convention in Palm Springs, Calif.; visited relatives in New England; and toured Scandinavia, Russia and Germany. They welcomed 25 for the annual family reunion in Duck, N.C.

**Ginnie Swain Saunders** and **Ashley of Solebury, Pa.**, joined **Richmond Alice McCarty Haggerty** and a group of Boston-area friends for a week together in Maine.

**Grace Phillips Webb** and Newton were away from Richmond so much during the summer that they welcomed solitude at home this fall. They celebrated their wedding anniversary at the beach.

Speaking of wedding anniversaries: **Carlene Shuler Saxton** and **Henry** who live in Orange, Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June at the Charlottesville Omni with their two sons and their wives, seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Everyone helped assemble a scrapbook of photos and other memorabilia. Festivities culminated in a slip show of their 50 years together. Surprises included an arrangement of flowers with the same blooms Carlene carried in her bridal bouquet.

**Barbara Turner Willis** of Richmond and **Margaret English Lester** of Martinsville scheduled their annual get-together with **Jackie Kilby Brooks** on Jackie's "turf" in Fairfax, Va. Entertainment included flamenco dancers at Wolf Trap Farm and a tour of Middleburg, Upperville and Berryville. **Walter** will play hostess in 2004 for a beach getaway. She also often chauffeurs her mother, 90, to visit her grandchildren.

**Em Menefee Johnston** and Bill, like the rest of us in Richmond, were weary of summer's rain, heat and humidity and eager for cool weather and football. They were excited about plans to go to Ohio for the reunion of Bill's 390th Bomber Group.

I expect to see more classmates now that new shopping centers have opened in Richmond. Stony Point Fashion Fair is just five minutes from my condominium. Please send me your latest e-mail address. We need better communication as our 50th reunion draws closer. Note that my home and e-mail addresses are at the top of this column.

## 1956

**Walter Patrick Lysaght, R**, and his wife, Edie, who live in Boston, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2003. For their anniversary, they cruised to Alaska and then drove from Seattle to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park and Mount Rushmore. Accompanying them were Betty and **Donald Brent Williams, B'S3**. A celebration for Walter and Edie was held in Fairfax, Va., hosted by the families of their four children and nine grandchildren. Other University alumni attending were Shirley and **Erik R. Christensen Jr., B**, and Lee and **William H. Reynolds, R**.

**Ann Pepper Oppheimer, W**, won first place in the Virginia Press Women's 2003 Communications Contest for the *Folk Art Messenger*. She also received the Distinguished Alumna 2003 Award from the Westhampton College Alumnae Association's Richmond Club.

## 1957

**Bryant W. Baird Jr., B**, has been elected to the board of directors of the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Foundation.

**Robert P. Wyatt, R**, has retired from full-time ministry and has had seven interim pastorates. He is now serving as the interim pastor of Lawrenceville Baptist in Virginia. He is the editor of a forthcoming book, *The Centennial History of the Petersburg Baptist Association 1906-2006*.

# 1958

**Nelson Lewis St. Clair Jr., R.** has retired from Riverside Health System as president after 42 years of service. He and his wife have a small farm that keeps them busy, and he does consulting work and is involved at the University.

**Patricia Anne Winship, W.** moved back to Richmond, where her two sons and six grandchildren live. Her older daughter and two grandsons live in New York, and her youngest daughter lives in North Carolina. She has been busy with trips to New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

*From the Westhampton Class Secretary*

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Our 45th class reunion was wonderful, and we would like to thank our Richmond classmates for all their hard work. **Carolyn Moss Hartz** deserves much credit for serving as our class secretary for many years. We really appreciate her great effort in collecting our news to help us keep in touch. I was appointed to serve for the next five years. I will be mailing you a letter and questionnaire soon so that I can update all of your information.

Many of our classmates have retired, but they all seem to be staying active. **Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains** is enjoying retirement and spends much of her time volunteering at church or spending time at the river with her husband, George.

**Emily Damerel King** stays busy and enjoys her work as a tour guide for the Richmond metropolitan area.

**Annette Hasty Walton** lives in Chesterfield, Mo. She and her husband enjoyed a week at Cape Cod last summer. They celebrated their 41st anniversary by taking their children and families to Fort Walton Beach, Fla. for a week.

**Eddie Knippling Lake** volunteers with United Community Ministries in the Washington, D.C., area and is secretary for the Blair Mitchell Employment Center. She is also helping with Howard Dean's presidential campaign. In her spare time, she has become an avid bridge player.

**June Hunter Adams** is enjoying living close to her two daughters and their families near Purcellville, Va. She has kept her horses and helps with the 4-H horse shows. She retired from public school teaching a number of years ago, but now teaches Spanish to several home-schooled students.

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# 1959

**Nancy Nelson Tweed** lives in Ravenel, S.C., which is not far from Charleston. She enjoys having one of her daughters and grandchildren close by. She volunteers at some of the historic houses in Charleston and works part-time at a visitor center. She and Fred had a wonderful trip to Hawaii last summer.

**Shirley Hill Bishop** regretted that she could not be at the reunion, but is happy to announce the birth of her youngest son's second child, Catlin Maria Bishop, who was born that day. Shirley stays busy selling real estate in Northern Virginia.

**Mary Sue Pilcher Pierce** has retired from teaching special education in the Savannah Public School system but continues to substitute some. She was excited that she was able to hike the Appalachian Trail with her son.

**Anne Hite Owens Hubbard** and Otis were sorry they missed the reunion, but enjoyed their trip to France.

**Carolyn Moss Hartz** and **A. Ransome Hartz, R.** went to Russia last summer on a two-week cruise with her sister, **Laura Moss Nelson, W'60**, and her husband, **Nickie**. Carolyn continues to be a very successful real estate agent in Richmond.

**Violet Moore Neal** enjoys playing tennis and spending time with her family after retiring from teaching at a community college in South Boston.

**Kay Crawford Trimble** and **Bob** have moved to Hendersonville, N.C., where they are involved with the arts community and are supporting the formation of a contemporary ballet company in Asheville.

Please let me know your news!

**Jerald F. Moore, R.** has been elected vice chairman of the board of directors of the Virginia Credit Union.

*From the Westhampton Class Secretary*

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It is with much sadness that I report that **Sue Riley Lambiotte** passed away July 20, 2003. Sue was a teacher and educator in the school systems of Shenandoah County, York County and Newport News, Va. She gave generously of her time, helping students and student-athletes reach their potential. She enjoyed keeping up with the lives of the students who passed through her classroom. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Butch, and to her family.

**Nancy Hopkins Phillips** retired from the faculty at Lynchburg College and is on the board of the Literacy Volunteers of Nelson County, where she trains and assigns tutors. She and Bill traveled through the Midwest with a trailer, covering more than 7,000 miles. They have two college-age granddaughters and two younger grandchildren, ages 3 and 1.

Nice to hear from **Bev Wine Bowers**, who teaches at a private school for LD and ADHD children. She and her twin daughters traveled to New England to attend music festivals in Rockport, Maine. One of her 4-H horses lives in New Jersey, where her husband is a research chemist at Colgate. The other daughter is an artist in Virginia, where her husband is a professor at Eastern Massachusetts University. Bev has three grandchildren.

**Nancy Taylor Rowe** was featured in the *Tidewater News* as an outstanding president of the Franklin Southampton Community Concert Association. Membership has doubled since she took over. (Nancy is very modest about her accomplishments. She did not send me this article, but her friend did.) She is on the hospital auxiliary and serves on the altar guild at her church. Nancy had a fun trip to the Indy 500 as a guest of Philip Morris. She had her picture taken with the winner Gil deFerran.

**Nelson Lewis St. Clair Jr., R'58** has retired from **Riverside Health System** as president after 42 years of service.

**Grace Lane Mullinax** and her husband stay involved with activities at the Medical College of Virginia, now Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine. She attended an art workshop last summer.

It was nice to hear from **Peggy Yarbrough Boulden**, who lives in Venice, Fla. She had a visit from **Eileen Cordie Harris** and **Peggy Shearin O'Brien**. Another visitor was **Mabel Cosby Shupe**, who spends the winter months in Jupiter, Fla.

**Karen Diedrich Gardner** and her husband, who is a surgeon, continued their mission work in St. Lucia during May.

**Mary Ann Williams Haske** and her husband are grandparents again. Ethan was born in Indonesia, and Reed was born in Richmond.

**Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist** and Jerry vacationed with children and grandchildren on Hatteras Island, N.C., and also spent time in Chesapeake, Va. with his son and family. The two of them planned to also spend some time in Hilton Head, S.C.

**Pet MacDonald Allen** writes that during the Rose Festival she won the "Best New Rose Garden" in the city of Portland.

**Annette Osborne** and her family enjoyed a week at Ocean Isle, N.C. A Southwest trip was planned for the end of the summer. I always enjoy Annette's visit in March for the Key Biscayne tennis event.

**Garry Moore Coleman** and her husband visited their nine grandchildren in Atlanta. She and her husband spent time at Blackwater Falls State Park in West Virginia. They planned to be students again this fall with classes at the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

**Eileen McCutcheon Hollans** reported the birth of her second grandson.

**Jackie Connell Atkinson** and her husband enjoyed taking their grandchildren to Disney World. They also flew to Copenhagen for a cruise on the Baltic Sea, visiting several Scandinavian capitals and St. Petersburg.

**Jehane Flint Taylor** and her husband spent five weeks in England and also visited Paris. One of the highlights was visiting Virginia Woolf's house in Sussex. Jehane has been a fan of Woolf's novels since first reading her work in Dean

Roberts' class. During the summer, Jehane read Borges' poetry in Spanish and English at a poetry reading in Cape May, N.J.

**Laverne Watson Edwards** and her husband are enjoying their grandchildren, ages 1 to 3. Daughter Rebecca is a history professor at Vassar College. Son Tim works at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Laverne joined her husband, Bobby, for a judicial conference in Roanoke, Va., and had brunch with **Cary Hancock Gilmer**.

**Sibby Haddock Young** and her husband, **Paige Allan Young, Jr.** are enjoying their grandchildren, Paige Allan Young III and Grant Michael Fell. Sibby highly recommends the trip she and her husband took to Porte Vallarta, Mexico.

My sister, **Barbara Dulin Potts**, and I along with her two daughters, enjoyed a weekend in Key West, where we attended a wedding on the beach. Barbara also visited me when she attended the Key Biscayne tennis event. The Potts family enjoyed a vacation in Sky Valley, N.C.

My husband, Merrill, is busy with his new business, a golf wholesale company that ships club parts all over the world. We find time for golf, tennis and our grandchildren. Our newest grandchild is Joseph "Joey" Ryan Crews, born to Kevin and Corrie, in Naples, Fla., in March 2003.

Jerie Bunting Jr., a professor in the physical education department at Westhampton and our 1959 class sponsor, died. Our sympathy goes out to Augusta.

Everyone, please make plans to attend our 45th reunion in the spring of 2004.

## 1960

**Richard J. November, B.** has been elected to the board of directors of the Richmond Jewish Foundation.

## 1961

**Robert J. Buffman, M.** was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He played for the Spiders from 1957-1960.

**Sidney H. Greer, R.** was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to the discipline board regulating surveyors and engineers in Florida. He was also appointed to the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the central east coast of the state.

## 1962

**Joseph M. Teeley, R.** has been elected to the board of directors of the Greater Richmond chapter of The Alzheimer's Association.

**V. Anne Clodfelter Tucker, W.** has retired from teaching and is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her grandchildren. She is planning trips to New York and Scandinavia.

## 1963

**James M. Paxton, B.** has been elected first vice president of the board of directors of the Greater Richmond chapter of The Alzheimer's Association.

*From the Westhampton Class Society*

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I have taken over the duties of reporter for our class. Please send me all your news, and I will see that it gets into the magazine.

## 1964

**John N. Moreau, R, G'71,** has been elected to the board of directors of Special Olympics Virginia. He is with Collegiate School in Richmond.

**Russell O. Siler, R.** has retired as director of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs, the federal public policy advocacy office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and his wife, **Audie Billich Siler, W.** a high school guidance counselor, live in Leesburg, Va.

**William J. Howell, B.** was elected speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. As speaker, he also serves as chairman of the House Rules Committee and chairman of the Joint House and Senate Rules Committee. He and his wife live in Fredericksburg.

## 1965

**Coleman Bennett Yeatts, Jr., R, G'67,** has retired after 16 years as a Pittsylvania Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge. In April, he was honored at a reception sponsored by local legislators and the Pittsylvania Bar Association.

## 1966

**William I. Greenwood, Jr., R.** has participated in 12 short-term mission trips. He spent time in Europe and the Middle East and helped reorganize the Baptist Jerusalem House Library. His time in and around the Old City of Jerusalem and other Biblical sites helped prepare him for the Old and New Testament survey classes he teaches as a senior adjunct professor for Gardner-Webb University at three of its 15 satellite centers.

**Robert Patrick Webber, R.** is a professor of mathematics and computer science at Longwood University. His wife, Kim, teaches

**Linda Powers Massaro, W'68,** was named a chair of the e-government, homeland security and information technology department at the Information Resources Management (IRM) College, National Defense University.

Spanish at Hampden-Sydney College. They have two daughters and one son. Caroline is a senior at William & Mary; Diana is a junior in high school and Tom plays junior varsity football and soccer.

## 1967

**Louis Mills Markwith, B, G'67,** is CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of the Virginia, which is headquartered in Richmond. The organization provides services and education related to kidney disease throughout Virginia and West Virginia.

**John B. McCinty, R, G'73,** is headmaster of Benedictine High School in Richmond. He spent nearly 30 years as a teacher and administrator in Henrico County, most recently as principal of Godwin High School.

**Charles B. Walker, C.** has been elected to the board of directors of Virginians for High Speed Rail. He is the retired CFO of Albemarle Corp. and is currently a consultant for the company.

## 1968

**William C. Bosher, R.** has joined the board of directors of River City Bank, located in Mechanicsville, Va.

**John A. Kendall Jr., R.** retired from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools after 35 years of teaching senior high school English, the last 22 years as department head of language arts at Miami Sunset Senior High School.

**Linda Powers Massaro, W.** completed her term as president of Executive Women in Government (EWG). The new president was sworn in at the U.S. Supreme Court by the Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor, who is also a member of EWG. Linda was named a chair of the e-government, homeland

security and information technology department at the Information Resources Management (IRM) College, National Defense University. The mission of the college is to provide master's level educational programs to information technology leaders in the Department of Defense and civilian agencies.

**Ralph "Wertz" Wertenbaker Turner Jr., R.** was one of seven people featured in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for 25 years of completing the Richmond Marathon. He is pastor of Beth Carr Baptist Church in Madison, Va., and serves as a captain in the Chaplain Corps of the Naval Reserve. His wife, **Ann Greene Turner, W'72,** is client operations manager for a financial planning firm. They visited their son, Baker, in Italy last summer, where he is stationed as a Navy supply officer. Their daughter Katherine is a nursing student at UVA, and daughter Elizabeth is in high school.

**John T. West IV, B.** has joined the board of governors of the Virginia Home for Boys. He is retired from Craigie Inc.

## 1969

**John W. Kirk, B.** is senior vice president and CFO for River City Bank in Mechanicsville, Va.

**Raymond D. Vaughan, C.** is secretary-treasurer of the board of directors of the Virginia Credit Union.

**Jane M. Williams, W.** is a member of the board of directors of the Bay Trust Co. She and her husband, Dan, live in Northumbria Land County, Va. They have two grown sons.

## 1970

**Joseph C. Bristow Jr., R.** runs Backstage Inc. in Richmond. He and his wife, Suzanne, have three children, Chris, Stephen and Andrew.

**Stephen F. Browder, R.** and his nephew took a trip to Amsterdam last spring.

**George D. Varoutos, R, L'73,** received the 21st annual Robert J. Arthur Distinguished Service Award from the Arlington County Bar Association.

## 1971

**Geoffrey Jennings Weekley, R.** has joined the Richmond Hill as finance manager. He is retired from Reynolds Metals.

**Charles C. Wright, R.** heads the Charles C. Wright Insurance Agency Inc., located in South Hill, Va., and has resided in Mecklenburg County for nearly 20 years.

*From the Westhampton Class Society*

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**Emily "Em" W. Zehmer** lost most of her vision a year ago due to corneal deterioration and complications from diabetes. She continues her work at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division with the aid of voice-assisted software and the overwhelming support of her friends and colleagues. Over the summer she underwent a corneal transplant at Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute. It will be some time before she can see, but the prognosis is good.

Em, I know I speak for the whole class when I send you my very best wishes for the recovery of your eyesight. All of us will be thinking about you during the next few months.

**Linda Corday Simmons, G'B'84,** and her husband, Louis Tuzi, live in Amelia Island, Va., where she is a mortgage finance consultant and a novice golfer. With both an M.B.A. and Ph.D. in business administration, Linda has worked in a number of places, including NASA in Houston. She has also worked in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Minneapolis and in Europe, where she taught for Boston University.

**Katherine "Kathy" Neal White** and her husband, Bill, live in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., where she is a teacher and curriculum coordinator. Two of their sons, Brian and Neal, live in Atlanta, and their third son, Matt, is a senior at the University of North Carolina.

**Dorothy Susan Boland, G'B'84,** works for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency in Richmond. She has been looking at log cabins in the mountains near Asheville, N.C., as a possible retirement site. Dorothy writes under the nickname "Thea," and her latest novel, whose working title is *Alligator Hearts*, is in New York City with her agent. She recently spent two weeks at Anam Cara, a writers' retreat in West Cork, Ireland.

**Pat Burton Temples** and her husband, Roger, live in their vacation cabin in the mountains of Greene County while their new house, which is nearby, is under construction. After living in Richmond for 16 years, they enjoy golfing and being with their friends in the area.

**Anne Ryland Sica** lives in State College, Pa. She and her husband, **Alan Meyer Sica, R.** a professor at Penn State University, have three sons.

**Margaret D. Williams,** who lives in Culpeper, Va., attended a wedding at Cannon Memorial Chapel during the summer and noticed a number of changes since college days: air conditioning, carpet and stained



glass windows! Margaret went on a tour of the Canadian Maritime Provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The Coast Guard Eagle was docked in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the time, and the group had a chance to tour it.

**Frances S. Pollard** lives in Richmond and works for the Virginia Historical Society, where she is director of the library, a scholarly research library for Southern history. Frances has a 24-year-old son who works for Virginia Commonwealth University and an 18-year-old son who attends James Madison University.

**Terril Bailey McKenzie**, who lives in Virginia Beach, is a lawyer who specializes in criminal law and domestic relations. Her son, Ricky, graduated from Seton Hall University. She was at The Homestead recently and while there ran into **Cheryl Blankenship Jenkins** and **Mary Elizabeth "Bet" Harrell Neale**.

Friends—if you change your regular or e-mail address, please don't forget to tell me. Thanks!

## 1972

**Nancy Boykin, R**, has lived in the Philadelphia area for more than two years and has made several bike trips through the parks in the region.

**Robert L. Hinson, B**, has been employed with Raymond James Financial Services for nine years. In July, he moved from Atlanta to the Tampa Bay area after being named vice president of business development.

**George D. Varoutsos, R'70 and L'73**, received the 21st annual **Robert J. Arthur Distinguished Service Award** from the **Arlington County Bar Association**.

**Michael E. Keck, B, GB'76**, is a member of the Richmond Sports Backers board of directors. He is a senior vice president for Bank of America.

**Bernhard H. Schopper, R**, visited Munich last year for the first time in 30 years. He met with old school buddies at Oktoberfest.

**Willard "Skip" D. Tharp, C**, was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. He is owner and chairman of Carder-Tharp Funeral Home Inc. in Bedford, Va.

## From playing field to workplace, winning is the goal

As goalie of the women's field hockey team at Richmond, **Judith Olton Mueller, W'61**, spent four years preventing other women from winning. For the last 27 years, her goal has been to help women win.

In June, she stepped down from her day-to-day responsibilities as executive director of The Women's Center in Vienna, Va., but remains president and chair of the nonprofit organization's board of directors. And she recently launched The Advisory Network, a global women's and family services consultancy.

Her interest in counseling developed after graduating from Richmond. As a young wife and mother, the English major and fine arts minor began volunteering at a Washington, D.C.-based organization that helped women find their career paths.

"It was an exciting time to be in Washington," said Mueller. "I was being trained to counsel people who were going back to work and I was learning life skills planning." The life skills knowledge came in handy. "I realized that my own marriage was probably going to end, and I [had to] sustain myself and two little girls."

At a friend's urging, Mueller enrolled in a master's program in counseling psychology at George Washington University. She also began working at a local women's counseling center. She eventually founded The Women's Center, which provides legal, financial and professional counseling to approximately 80,000 women annually.

With funding from major corporations, foundations and the federal government, more than 650 counselors, graduate students, mentors and volunteers at the Women's Center offer low-cost counseling and educational programs that Mueller describes as "the safety net many women need in life's transitions."

In addition to planning annual fundraising events that have attracted such luminaries as Madeleine Albright, Paula Zahn and Katherine Graham, Mueller started one of the region's first formal mentoring programs for professional women.



WYNNE SCARBERRY

For her accomplishments, Mueller received at Homecoming this year an Alumni Award for Distinguished Service. She also was a 2002 A&E *Biography* Community Hero, one of 10 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Reflecting on her experiences at the University, the former Westhampton College Board of Governors member said, "It was the right place at the right time for me in my life. Richmond allowed me to be a lifetime learner inside and outside an academic environment."

— *Alissa Mancuso Poole*

**Thomas Jackson Vazey, C.**, has been honored by The Interactive Marketing Institute of VCU's School of Business with the creation of a scholarship in his name.

**Collins Denny White Jr., R.** is director of publishing at ASIS International in Alexandria, Va., which publishes the award-winning *Security Management* magazine.

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Thanks again to all of you who continue to keep in touch. Keep those e-mails coming!

**Susan Clarke Schaefer** received the Staff Chair's Legislative Achievement Award at the National Conference of State Legislatures in San Francisco. She was recognized for her achievements as staff vice chair of NC's standing committees.

**Carolee Dykes Hall, W. G76.** is enjoying her position on the new unified alumni board for the University and continues to teach English at J.R. Tucker High School in Richmond. Her husband, **Fredrick H. Hall, B71.** is still with Wachovia in the wealth management division. Her daughter, **Kristen B. Hall, '02.** is a drug representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Virginia Beach, and her son, Camden, is an accountant for Performance Foods in Richmond.

It was good to hear from **Jean Unmack Brumback, B8.** She and her husband, **Fredrick I. Brumback, R.** have been married for 32 years. They live on Roanoke Island in the Outer Banks of North Carolina on two highly landscaped acres with a greenhouse/conservatory. Last spring their home was on the local home and garden tour. All of this, in addition to a new border collie puppy, keeps them very busy. Fred travels a lot with his company, Joan creates Elizabethan costumes for area performers.

**Mary Louise "Ludi" Stopps Webber, Kathy McDorman Goyne and Margaret League S. Clair** recently had lunch with **Blair Hall Martin.** Blair and her husband have a place in Key West, Fla. Kathy and her husband just completed a house near White Stone on the Rappahannock River near White Stone, Va.

**Nancy Boykin** and her husband planned to work together on a play this fall in Philadelphia called *Alarms and Excursions*, a farce about the effects of technology on everyday

life. Her family took a nine-day trip into the wilderness of Canada where they canoed and backpacked for 80 miles.

**Carla Buchholz Martin** responded to our request for alumni information for the first time so it was particularly good to hear from her. Her only child headed off to college at Lees-McRae this fall. Her husband, Lewis, is taking a well-earned sabbatical from Martin and Raynor PC, where he is a senior partner. They planned on traveling after delivering their freshman to college. Carla was recently laid off

**Gina Sgro Farrissee, W'78,** has made the rank of one-star Army general. Of the 882 generals in the military's four branches, only 34 are women. She was sworn in by her father, **Robert L. Sgro, R'56,** a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, at Arlington National Cemetery.

from American Airlines after a 30-year career. She was formerly a TWA flight attendant.

**Diane Tarkington Biehn** also sent in some news for the very first time. E-mail is great! Diane has been teaching school, mostly fourth grade, for 25 years. She sees a lot of Susan's 16-year-old daughter, Claire. Diane is now a grandmother by her daughter, Carrie Asher, and husband, Steve. Lee Victor Cox was born on June 11 after his mother had coached two softball games! Carrie is a captain in the Air Force and is an ROTC instructor at Virginia Tech. Steve is an engineer and small business owner in Blacksburg. Diane's son is a lieutenant in the Navy, where he is the weapons officer on a guided missile cruiser. His wife, Barbara, works for the Justice Department.

**Rachel Pierce Newell** and her husband, Wayne, are planning a vacation in Canada. She recently went on a mission trip to Welch, W.Va. Her daughter Margaret is teaching first grade in a charter school near Boulder, Colo. Daughter Mary is working in public relations for Feld, a company that promotes and produces Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus and Disney on Ice.

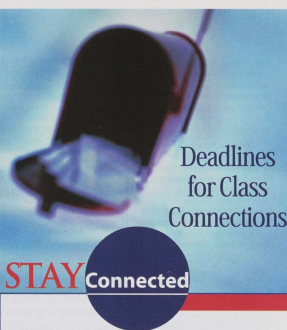
**Judy Samuelson Shapleigh** and her husband, **James Lloyd Shapleigh, R74,** went to London to visit their daughter, Allison, who is studying abroad her junior year. They spent two days in Paris. Judy continued her travels back home in June with a trip to Duck, N.C. She also attended a UR alumni event at Wolf Trap, where they saw the Beach Boys in concert.

**Elizabeth Marshall Cook, '03,** daughter of **Saline Stone Cook** and **K. Marshall Cook, R'71 and L74** was a varsity swimmer for four years, setting new records in the 200 IM and 200 back and achieving senior national qualifying times in a number of events. She was named the Atlantic 10 Swimming Student Athlete of the Year in 2003 and is now a first-year student in the School of Dentistry at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Sallie and Marshall's older daughter, Sarah, is an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Their third daughter, Susan, is a senior at Collegiate School.

Sallie continues in her position as chief medical officer for the Virginia Health Quality Center and was elected president of Virginia's Improving Patient Care and Safety, a statewide coalition of health care associations. Marshall is a partner with Hirschler, Feltcher and specializes in health care law.

Judy and I met for lunch recently to celebrate our summer birthdays. She talked about seeing some of you at Dean Keith's funeral and how nice the service was. I am getting geared up for a very busy school year. Our daughter, Anna, is a fourth-year student at U.Va., where she is a political science major. She has really enjoyed her experience playing basketball there. Our twins, Emily and Erin, will be seniors in high school at Midlothian. I can't imagine getting two ready for college at the same time. Our son, Brett, is an engineer in Richmond and also is a 2nd lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Coincidentally, he recently bought a house near Judy's son, Taylor. I am still teaching math at Midlothian High. Walt continues to work for Rohm and Haas. Judy and I want to hear from more of you, so please take the time to e-mail either one of us. By the time you read this, it will be Christmas and almost 2004. Our hopes are for a wonderful holiday with good health and happiness for you and your family. Keep in touch!



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## 1973

**Francis Michael Howarth, R.** and his wife, Jeanne, enjoyed a getaway in St. Thomas last winter. He sings in a choir and Gideon's Call, a men's group, and is becoming more serious about playing guitar.

**Charles Frederick Stevens, R.** was promoted to the corporate executive management team of Goldman Promotions, one of the largest promotional products companies in the U.S. He lives in Crownsville, Md.

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**Cynthia Summers Caldwell** and a business partner purchased Kelly's Gift Shop at Richmond last year. The store has moved from the Village Shopping Center to Patterson Avenue, near Libbie. Cynthia invites any Westhampton grad to drop by, show some indication that you were a student (or clip this note), and you will receive 10 percent off any item in the store.

**Carol Reeder Throckmorton** was on the East Coast this summer visiting colleges with her younger daughter, Whitney. Whitney spent some time at the University of Maryland for a student leadership program while Carol spent the weekend with **Kelly Hardy** and Jack. They had a "mini-reunion" with **Sharon Foster Burdick** and **Rick and Maryann Ryzack Besterline** and **William Hale Casterline, R.**

Kelly reports that the girls never stopped talking and the guys didn't know what hit them.

The population of "Barberville" in Fluvanna County is growing. **Lynn Moncure Barber** and **William T. Barber Jr., B.** have been joined by their son, Matt, and his wife, Shannon, who moved from Jacksonville Beach to join the family real estate appraisal business. Matt is an informational technology specialist and has taken a load off Lynn work-wise. Lynn sent me pictures of her two beautiful horses.

**Sally Voris** wrote that she was one of 16 people from around the country awarded a grant from the National Storytelling Network for that she created and ran the Patapsco Valley State Park.

**Jeanie Nicholson Veith** and family have had a busy year. Husband Jon was deployed for 110 days during the Iraq War, working 16-hour days. Jeanie kept the home front going with all of the normal responsibilities and her job, which was made more interesting because most of her four clients are military personnel and their families. Because her travel agency was so on top of customers' needs, it was awarded the "Best in the Air Force." Jeanie is also still very involved with pregnancy and adoption counseling as an American Red Cross volunteer. Son Joe still has his luxury used car dealership in Germany and recently sold in gliders. Son Jerry is at Seattle University majoring in philosophy and psychology.

Grace Turner, daughter of **Martha Pomeroy Turner and Perry Everett Turner Jr., R'72**, has moved back home to Goodland County and is now the legislative affairs director for the Virginia chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The Turners' son, **Rett**, spent the summer in Washington working for Ducks Unlimited and returned to Hampden-Sydney this fall. **Maribeth** is in high school.

**Judy Roberts Willis** wrote to say how much she and Craig enjoyed our reunion. The Willis family has been busy with house renovations and a trip to Amelia Island. Judy has been singing in a Sweet Adeline chorus. **Sam Stevens** planned to get back into soccer in the fall after having knee surgery. Cleve worked at numerous Atlanta summer rock concerts.

The Kirbys have had a busy summer helping Lee get her new home settled. PJ spent another eight weeks at sea on military maneuvers so she needed some help from Mom and Dad. Christopher had a wonderful cross-country tour with his band, the highlight of which was their annual visit to their "Midwest mom," **Gayle Goodson Butler**, in Des Moines. They have now visited all of the major cities in the U.S. and all but three states. The band toured Europe over the summer.

**James P. Brady, R'85**, is founder of Payerpath Inc., a Richmond company that provides online claims-management services for the healthcare industry. It won the Emerging Company award from the Greater Richmond Technology Council.

We are grandparents! Hannah Caroline West was born Aug. 29 and is without a doubt the most beautiful of God's creations. It's amazing!

## 1974

**Diane Price Chartrand**, W, received a Fulbright teaching exchange to England for this school year.

**David Edgar Sellers III, R, G'77**, teaches at the local high school, community college and Mary Washington College, and he reads exams for the International Baccalaureate on the side. He and his wife, **Pam Heflin Sellers, W'75 and L'77**, live outside of Fredericksburg, Va. Pam is counsel for a title insurance company and also teaches at Mary Washington.

## 1975

**R. Mitchell Fore, R**, serves as technical director in the department of dance at UNC-Greensboro and works with Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, **Judy**, have two children: Eric attends UNC-Chapel Hill, and Meredith is a high school junior who continues to cultivate her photography talents.

**Nancy Heilman-Davis, W and G'77**, and members of her class celebrated their 50th birthdays together in Italy. They traveled a villa in Florence and spent a week eating, cooking, shopping, sightseeing and catching up. The group included **Elleyn Watts Foltz, Judy Forest Newlin, Debbie Blankinship Edlund, Diana Blackburn, Joan Davanzo, Karen Hutchison Wimish, Cindy Lowe Rynning, Martha Vallis Mullin and Martha Schoonover**.

## 1976

**Marjorie Whiteside Farquhar, B**, has been named to the gold tier of the Inner Circle at New England Securities.

**Paul E. Galanti, GB**, has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner to the Board of Veteran Services. He is a retired commander, U.S. Navy.

**Brooks E. Hatch, R**, is a sports writer at the *Corvallis, Ore., Gazette-Times*, and he won first place for best sports story in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association 2003 Better Newspaper Contest.

**William "Bill" A. Howard Jr., R and GB '82**, has joined Fiserv Health as executive vice president of marketing. He will be based in Richmond.

**Annie Deedee McEntee, W**, changed jobs and now travels to New York occasionally, where she enjoys attending Broadway shows.

**Glenn T. Milligan Jr, GB**, has been named chairman of the Hanover County School Board.

**Robert McLean Potter, B**, is editor and publisher of *Pinellas News*, a weekly newspaper, in St. Petersburg, Fla. He and his wife, **Mary**, have a mountain retreat house at Lake Lure, N.C.

**Stephen H. Rosser, R**, lives in Southampton, in the little hamlet of Flanders, near Riverhead in New York.

**Maura Soden Loftus, R'78**, is busy putting together cast, crew and financing to shoot a film based on a true event involving the Virginia gentry and an 18th century murder. The cast will include **Christopher Lloyd, Richard Chamberlain and Harry Connick Jr.** She has also made appearances in *Spy TV*, *To Tell the Truth* and *Three Sisters*. She had a recurring role on the NBC soap opera, *Passions*, and on *The Practice* and has done voice-over work.

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In news from the city of Richmond, **Becky Ligan Guschik** and her husband **John F. Guschik, R'75**, celebrated their 25th anniversary in July. Becky is going to London with the Freeman High School marching band and her oldest son, for the Queen's Jubilee parade on New Year's Day!

**Claudia Tyner Offutt-Banks** moved into a new house last spring. Her oldest son graduated from Elon University and is working full time; daughter Gwen is living in Malibu, Calif.; Diana is at the University of Miami; and son Jeffrey is a high school junior.

**Rebecca Hancock Powers** wrote that she was meeting up with **Susan Moomaw Humphreville** and **Wendy Haynes Eastman** at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs to pamper themselves and catch up.

"Life in Austin is delightful!" Her son, **Brad**, went to Haiti last summer to help build a school, while **Claire, 13**, was involved in a drama camp.

**Marcia Andrews Swenck** writes that she had a six-month spell of bad health but, with lots of prayers and wonderful medical attention, the is ready to get back to work and a normal life! First son **Derick** graduated from WMI and is an engineer in training in Richmond. Second son **Andrew** is studying engineering at Virginia Tech. Youngest son **Richard** is eager to enter high school and take over his brother's rooms at home! She reports that the whole family is really into lacrosse: her husband, **George Frederick Swenck Jr., R'73**, coaches in middle school, while all three sons have experience playing, starting and/or coaching at all levels.

**Beth Coram Sears' son, Scott**, is in the Air Force and will be stationed in Germany. Daughter **Molly** is a sophomore at Christopher Newport University and son **Taylor** is entering sixth grade. Husband **Don** and Molly spent two weeks in Uganda on a mission trip with their church. Beth, who works with Ideal Health, writes that it is exciting to help people improve their health with customized nutritional supplements.

I spent a few weeks at my house in western North Carolina and had some visitors for a long weekend during the summer: **Peggy Lu Watson, Bonnie Ritchie and Karen Kennedy**. We toured the Biltmore Estate and the city of Asheville one day and then traveled many back roads to visit some real country crafters. One evening, we went to the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville to see a delightful rendition of *Steel Magnolias*. We all knew the ending but still got the sniffles!

## 1977

**Janet Hopkins Davis, W**, has taken up the game of golf. Her family traveled to San Francisco and the Bay Area, followed by a family reunion in Sun River, Ore.

**Jackson E. Gaylord Jr., R**, is district director of the Boy Scouts of America, serving southern New Hampshire.

**Ronald C. Nelson, B**, earned his master's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He also received his company's sales manager of the year award for the second consecutive year.

**Kenneth Lee Powers, R**, and **Wanda W. Bond** were married on March 7, 2003.

**Alan Webb Schwartz, B**, is president of Webb Management Inc., a state-licensed general contractor in Florida. He is also a founding member of the Rotary Club of Coconut Grove. He and his wife, **Kathryn**, have four children: **Kacki, 11**; **twins Burgen and Webb, 8**; and **Chandler, 4**.

## 1978

**Daniel S. Alexander, R**, and his wife, **Heddi-Ewing Alexander, W'79**, moved to Aquia Harbour in Stafford, Va. They have two children: Erin graduated from Virginia Tech and is engaged; Justin graduated from Potomac Senior High School and is in the Army.

**Gina Sgro Farrissee, W**, has made the rank of one-star Army general. Of the 882 generals in the military's four branches, only 34 are women. She was sworn in by her father, **Robert L. Sgro, R'56**, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Daniel Stephen Keenan, R**, is director of Marine training and education at Supply School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Johnson. He also teaches biology and chemistry at the local community college.

**Maura Soden Loftus, R**, has been busy putting together cast, crew and financing to shoot a film based on a true event involving the Virginia gentry and an 18th century murder. The cast will include **Christopher Lloyd, Richard Chamberlain and Harry Connick Jr.** She has also made appearances in *Spy TV*, *To Tell the Truth* and *Three Sisters*. She had a recurring role on the NBC soap opera, *Passions*, and on *The Practice* and has done voice-over work.

**Robert J. Ravelli, R**, received a call to be an extra in the TV series *Hook*. Last year he went to Australia and visited Sydney, Perth, Fremantle and Melbourne and saw wild kangaroos.

**David Ellis Sutton Jr., R**, received his M.A. in applied psychology with a specialization in rehabilitation counseling from New York University. He is beginning his Ph.D. in couples and family therapy at Drexel University.

## 1979

**Gregg Alan Hillmar, R**, teaches at Randolph-Macon College and continues to design for theaters. He has opened nine shows in five different theaters in the past year. He also does exhibit lighting for the Library of Virginia and works with the Science Museum. His wife, **Caroline Pentelton Hillmar, W'80**, and his daughters have discovered horses and are taking weekly horseback riding lessons.

**David Allen McGrann, R**, and his wife, **Katherine Sinsel McGrann, W'83**, and their children, **Maggie and James**, spent time at Nags Head, N.C. last spring. He works in Richmond for GMAC Commercial Mortgage and is on the board of directors of the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.



## Rocket scientist propelled to pinnacle of profession

**William C. McCorkle's** business card carries the notation, "When it takes a rocket scientist . . ." The phrase hints at McCorkle's quick wit as well as describing his job.

McCorkle's remarkable career spans the last half-century, a period of extraordinary development in technology and international affairs. The Tennessee native went on from the University to become director of aviation and missile research at the U.S. Army Research and Development Command at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

There, McCorkle, R'50, oversees one of the military's most important and productive laboratories. Its primary mission is to provide engineering support on scientific and technical programs for aviation and missile technology.

From Chinook helicopters to missile defenses such as the Patriot, McCorkle—who has earned international recognition in missile technology—continues to serve on the front lines of research and development.

"We're very involved in projects supporting the troops" in the field in the Middle East and elsewhere, he said.

Though his career has been linked to the military, McCorkle never served in the armed forces. In fact, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict, but someone up the chain of command arranged for a deferment so McCorkle could continue his work on a key rocket ballistics program.

In recent years, he has overseen the building of a \$1 billion state-of-the-art facility at Redstone.

McCorkle's Richmond roots are deep. His mother attended Westhampton College, and his father graduated from the University in 1926.



Based on a half-century of experience, McCorkle recommends the liberal arts to those who would pursue careers in science.

"Physics at Richmond was an excellent general education that exposed me to so much," he said.

If there is a skill he wishes he had mastered early, it is typing, McCorkle said with a chuckle. He is a rocket scientist who hunts and pecks. "Engineers did not type back then. Who would have guessed that the keyboard would become the access point for almost everything we do?"

Despite the occasional battle with a new computer program, McCorkle is comfortable with technology's advance.

"People ask me when I'm going to retire, and I don't know," he said. "I guess my motivation is that I'm having fun. I work with people who are totally absorbed in their work. We love what we are doing."

—Rob Walker

**Alan J. Zakin, R.**, and his wife, Barbara, had a son, George Stevens, on Oct. 24, 2002. Alan continues to practice law and run a government affairs firm in Florham Park, N.J.

### 1982

**David Hutton Easley, R.** and his wife, Lolly, adopted a daughter, Elizabeth Jeanne, born on March 3, 2003.

### 1983

**David B. Kern, B.** has been elected to the board of directors of The Richmond Ballet.

**David Bradford Schofield, R.** started his own privacy protection business, Safeguard Shredding, which performs mobile document destruction services in the Washington area. He and his wife, Gretchen, live in Oakton, Va., with their two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily.

### 1984

**Gregory Adinolfi, B.** was promoted to commander and assigned to the Naval Reserve Navy Command Center Unit 106, which is located at the Pentagon and supports the Navy Operations Center.

**Thomas "Tad" Allen Davis, B.** and **G'86**, and his wife, Kristin, had a son, Jack Thomas, born on March 7, 2003.

**Joseph V. Gregory II, R.** is general manager of the Denver branch of Inter-Tel Technologies.

**Jonathan Hood, R.** is in business for himself. He and his wife, Margaret, have two children: Madeleine, 4, and Jonathan, 7.

**Maria O. Tabb, W.** has been named first vice president of mutual funds and annuities at Davenport & Co. in Richmond.

**Kathleen E. Wattis, W.** traveled to Egypt recently.

### 1985

**James P. Brady, R.** is founder of Payerpath Inc., a Richmond company that provides online claims-management services for the healthcare industry. It won the Emerging Company award from the Greater Richmond Technology Council.

**Timothy R. Carlson, R.** and his wife, Johnnie, have three elementary school-age children. In addition to his part-time photography business, he is involved in church choir, community theater and Rotary.

**Anne Amsam Daley, W.** and her husband, Tim, adopted a daughter, Lily Mae Zhu, on June 4, 2002. She was born Sept. 10, 2001, in China. They live in Winchester, Mass.

### 1980

**John H. Settle Jr., B.** and **GB'85**, is senior vice president and private adviser in the private client services division of SunTrust Bank, Central Virginia.

**Cathryn Walczak Walsh, B.** is enjoying being home full-time. She volunteers at church, school and with the Philadelphia Boys Choir. She and her husband, **Thomas M. Walsh, R.** have two children. Meredith is a

high school sophomore, and Connor is an eighth grader. Tom practices law at Parker, McCay and Crisculo, where he heads the litigation department and is the hiring partner. The family loves to travel and recent trips have included Montreal, Cape May, the Outer Banks, Gettysburg, France and Italy.

**Michael Owen Wells, R.** and **L'85**, has joined a new law firm, Smith, Miller & Wells P.C. in Midlothian, Va. He has also formed Virginia Patriots Inc., a nonprofit group that develops, casts and produces living history interpretations and theatrical events. They have

been selected to be the managing company of the St. John's Church Patrick Henry re-enactment, starting its 29th season. Michael lives in Midlothian with his wife, Sally, and son, Andrew.

### 1981

**Stirling Edmunds Jr., B.** was appointed to the Virginia Commonwealth University Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Richard A. Elliott, B.** is head of employee benefits operations for the 42 offices of Willis of North America. His wife, **Shana Gaultrey Elliott, W.** continues to practice dentistry two days a week. The couple has three daughters: Brooke, 15; Maddie, 11; and Carly, 8.

**Grace Schneckenburger Parker, W.** has three children and three guinea pigs that keep her busy. She is a Sunday school teacher and loves attending the theater.

**Donald L. Pickard, GB**, is city manager for Gastier, Miss.

**Darlene Frances Slater, W**, and Charles Adrian Herod were married July 19, 2003. Included in the wedding party was **Sue Slater Salameo, W'80**. The couple resides in Ashland, Va.

**Christopher K. Smith, R**, lives in Spain and works with a team there to start churches for people in their teens, 20s and 30s.

**Jacqueline M. Thomas, W**, is a vice president at Global eXchange Services, providing business-to-business electronic commerce solutions. She and her husband, Jon, and two-year-old daughter, Taylor, and 11-year-old stepdaughters, Candycye, live in Beltsville, Md.

## 1986

**Mark J. Caplan, R**, and Karen Schupak were married Sept. 23, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Christopher P. Bivona, R**, and **Joseph E. Silver, B**. Mark is an orthodontist in Millburn, N.J.

**Kiera G. Hymnien, B**, moved from Atlanta to Washington to become senior vice president of marketing for the National Geographic Channel.

**Leslie Taylor**, who has been with McAleen, Va.-based Capitol One since 1987, has been promoted from group manager to a special operations director.

## 1987

**Lauren DeLaurents Brown, W**, has been elected president of Commonwealth Family Foundation in Richmond.

**Dolly Robertson Herron, W**, and her husband, David, had a daughter, Gracie Cass, on May 3, 2002. She joins John Forrest, 10.

**Alan W. Middleton, B**, wrote a paper that won the McGraw Hill Irwin Distinguished Paper Award at the 2003 annual meeting of the Academy of Finance.

**Richard A. Nable, R**, is publishing a book, *Searching For Evil and the Perfect Donor*, which is a collection of true crime stories.

## 1988

**Jennifer Dees Davis, W**, and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Katherine Yessa, on March 5, 2003.

**Lisa Shortall Dweille, B**, has joined The Steward School in Richmond as director of finance.

**Patricia Sullivan Fleming, W**, is a vice president in the technology and operations organization of Bank of America in Los Angeles, Calif. She and her husband, Larry, have a daughter, Taylor, 7, and a son, Chase, 5.

**Viviane C. Galloway, W**, has completed her thesis for her MFA and is designing a play.

**David J. Holleran, G**, was named superintendent of schools for Mathews County, Va.

**Kelly Kirkpatrick, W**, and her husband, Peter Fiske, had a daughter, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Fiske, on June 25, 2003. They live in Oakland, Calif.

**Michael E. Mendelson, B**, has sold his company, Allgap360, to Appix, a subsidiary of Advanced Technology Systems Inc. He is now a vice president of Appix.

**Linda J. Schaefer, W**, and Dennis Cameron were married in September 2002. The couple lives in Baltimore. She earned an executive MBA from Loyola College and is the director of corporate relations for the American Heart Association.

**Jeffrey Allen Wagner, R**, works for NetBank, an Internet-only bank. He lives in Atlanta.

## 1989

**Erwin M. Matthews**, his wife, Lisa, had a son, Eric Christopher, on Oct. 16, 2002. He joins Isaiah, 7.

**John Gregory Morrisait II, R**, spent nearly a year in Cambridge, England, where he was on sabbatical at Microsoft's European Research Lab. While there, he and his wife, **Tanya Toivonen Morrisait, W'91**, traveled with their family on numerous trips around the English countryside.

**Kara Dey Short, W**, and her husband, Charlie, live in Rumson, N.J., with their four children: Phoebe, 5; Camryn, 4; Spencer, 2; and Samantha, 14 months.

## 1990

**Stephanie Grana Bemberis, W, L'93**, was elected president of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Park Association.

**Michael A. Calandra, B**, and his wife, Tara, had a daughter, Brenna Regan, on Dec. 27, 2002.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Dechert Gilmore, W**, and her husband, **Andrew T. Gilmore, B'89**, had a son, Gray Lawrence, on June 4, 2003. He joins Owen, 3.

**Sara Foz Predmore, B**, moved last summer to Yerevan, Armenia.

**Selena "Trudy" HoSang Sanderson, W**, and her husband, **Patrick J. Sanderson, R**, and **L'95**, had a daughter, Kylee Jordan, on May 20, 2003. She joins Kaitlyn, 2.

**Martin W. de St. Pierre, R**, left Northern Trust in Chicago to return to Naples, Fla., as a principal with Private Capital Management. He and his wife, Emily, had a daughter, Olivia Irene, on July 18, 2003.

**Christopher D. McFadden, R**, and his wife, Mary, had a son, Jacob Portugal, on April 23, 2003. He joins Nate, 2.

**Michele Adams Mulligan, L** and **GB'99**, and her husband, John **William Mulligan, GB'00**, had a daughter, Katherine Gildea, on March 11, 2003. She joins Connor Patrick, 2.

**Karla E. Peters, W**, was elected secretary of the board of directors of the YWCA of the midland.

**Jennifer Twachtman Reilly, W**, is the speech and language expert on the Autism Today Web site, an international resource for autism spectrum disorders that receives more than 300,000 hits per month. As part of a team of resident experts, she answers questions from people all over the world.

**Elva Angelique Van Deventer, '97** moved to Albany, Ore. She is a business development associate for SIGA Technologies, a biogenomics firm specializing in creating vaccines and drugs for human health and biowarfare defense.

**Suzanne Elizabeth Salter, W**, moved to Sydney, Australia, where she is employed with Westpac as head of sales for equity derivatives.

## 1991

**Alicia J. Curry, W**, was promoted to senior vice president at Smith Barney, a division of Citigroup. She is director of marketing for the firm's private client planning services department.

**Andrew Tomlinson Davis, B**, completed his M.A. and teaches high school English in Nashville, Tenn.

**Benjamin H. Dickerson, R**, teaches seventh grade English and social studies. He and his wife, **Ellen See Dickerson, W**, had a daughter, Victoria Lynn, on April 14, 2003. Ellen is taking a year off from graduate school and plans to return to Rutgers in the physician assistant program in the spring.

**Barbara E. Gibson, G**, has been elected president of the board of directors of the Richmond Public Library Foundation.

**Raymond C. Hainthcock Jr., R**, received a 1991 distinguished achiever designation and certificate from the Richmond Association of Realtors.

**Kevin G. Kendall, R**, and his wife, Carolyn, had a son, Kyle David, on Jan. 3, 2003. After teaching gifted elementary students for the past six years, Kevin has graduated to the middle school gifted education team and teaches English to seventh graders at Jones Magnet Middle School in Hampton, Va. He is also a varsity soccer coach at Bethel High School and still plays trombone in a jazz big band.

**Karen Beth Lucas Mitscherlich, GB**, and her husband, Bernie, had a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on June 25, 2003. She joins brother Jerry, 15.

**Kelly Freeman Warfel, W**, and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Dylan McKenna, on July 6, 2003.

**Louise Kay Childs Woodside, W**, and her husband, Nevin, had a daughter, Lowrie Childs, on Jan. 2, 2003. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

## 1992

**Elizabeth Braswell Bell, W**, and her husband, Gustavus, had a daughter, Elizabeth Sides McIntosh, on July 19, 2003. She joins Gus, 2.

**John Stephen Berry, R**, and Tamara Herdin were married June 7, 2003. Included in the wedding party was **John B. Hubbard, '93**. Stephen is an attorney with Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers LLP in Atlanta.

**Carla Morgan Bushay, W**, and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Sophia Morgan, on May 31, 2003.

**Elizabeth "Kent" Porterfield Duffey, W**, and her husband, **Peter Sinclair Duffey, L'96**, had a daughter, Eleanor "Ellie" Buchanan, on March 22, 2003.

**Robert Theodore Jeter Jr., R**, received his M.S. in workforce education from Penn State University. He is training systems manager for the North Carolina Department of Justice and lives with his family in Raleigh.

**Susan McLeskey Kiefer, W**, and her husband, James, had a daughter, Sarah Renee, on April 28, 2003.

**Lisa Tripp Knoble, W**, and her husband, Christopher, had a daughter, Sarah Nicole, on May 12, 2003.

**Kristine Dalaker Kraebel, W** and her husband, Thomas, had a daughter, Erika Hanson, on May 5, 2003, in Singapore.

**Cynthia Jean Paces, W**, and her husband, **James H. Carter, W, R'91**, had a daughter, Mariel Paces Carter, on Jan. 5, 2001. They live in Ewing, N.J. Cynthia received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of history at The College of New Jersey.

**Jennifer Esway Smith, W**, and her husband, **Brooks M. Smith, R**, had a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, on March 11, 2003. Brooks is an attorney

with the environmental team at Hutton & Williams. Jennifer retired from Michael Baker Jr. Inc., where she was a planner. They live in Richmond.

**George J. Wan, R**, has joined McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, a division of Johnson & Johnson, as director of medical & regulatory affairs in Fort Washington, Pa.

## 1993

**Monica Berquist Budzinski** and her husband, **Michael J. Budzinski, '95**, had a son, Joshua Joseph, on Sept. 10, 2002. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

**Jill Morgan Burton** and her husband, **Steven Burton, R'91**, had a daughter, Marissa Morgan, on June 30, 2003. They live in Scotch Plains, N.J.

**Andrew Espinoza** is a board-certified internal medicine physician and has completed an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Meisha Mogelnicki Carey** and her husband, John, had a daughter, Alexandra Graco, on Jan. 2, 2003. They live in Alpharetta, Ga.

**James P. Gallagher** and his wife, Susan, had a son, Michael Joseph, on Jan. 11, 2001. Jim has joined United Capital Partners, an investment company managing three Asian-Pacific hedge funds. He and his family live in New Jersey.

**Kristen Greenwood Hebert**, and her husband, **Kevin Hebert, B'87**, had a son, Elliott Dekrois, on May 22, 2003. He joins brother Chase. They live in Middletown, Va.

**Bernadette Coogan Hess** and her husband, John, had a son, Rory O'Donnell, on April 25, 2003. They live in Norwalk, Conn.

**Jennifer Howell Johnson**, and her husband, Matt, had a son, Connor Howell, on Nov. 23, 2002. They live in Alexandria, Va.

**William T. Johnson** served nine months in Kuwait and Iraq earlier this year as a company-level commander in the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Andrew F. Olsen** and his wife, Sarah, had a daughter, Emma Walker, on May 12, 2003. She joins brother Tyler. 2. Andrew is co-publisher of *Times/Review* Newspapers on Long Island's North Fork.

**Megan Callahan Ryan** and her husband, Tom, had a son, John Robert, on May 15, 2003. They live in Roswell, Ga.

**Donna Pickering Shomo** and her husband, **William Porter Shomo Jr.**, had a daughter, Samantha English, on June 17, 2003. She joins Will, 3.

## 1994

**Thomas J. Clark** received his MBA from the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University. He continues to work in corporate development at Republic Winston-Salem Insurance Company in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Michael Peter Geiser, '98,** is a *cum laude* graduate from Harvard Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. He will spend the next year as clerk to the Hon. Jerry E. Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in Houston, Texas.

**Steven L. Duckett Jr.** and his wife, Virginia, had a daughter, Paige, on Aug. 28, 2002. They live in Clifton, Va.

**Aaron J. Heffron** joined Market Connections Inc., a market research consulting company in northern Virginia as director of public sector research. He and his wife, Jennifer Chiappetta Heffron, live in Springfield, Va.

**Melissa A. Leshner** lives in New York City, where she is a marketing manager for Accenture.

**Melissa C. Luck** and her husband, William Payne, had a son, Benjamin James, on March 14, 2003. He joins Nathan, 2.

**Pamela Madry Ludwig** and her husband, Steven, had a daughter, Madeline Sims, on May 28, 2003. They reside in Franklin, Tenn. Pamela owns and operates A Moment's Peace Salon and Day Spa and works part-time as a hospice nurse.

**Jennifer Mumhart** and Scott Boyd were married May 16, 2003. **Keturah Swanson** was maid of honor. The couple lives in Washington, D.C.

**Christopher D. Swanson** was elected president of the board of directors of the Association for the Support of Children with Cancer.

**Elizabeth Auction Thaler** and her husband, Jeff, had twins, Ashley Elizabeth and Carson Scott, on March 22, 2003. They join brother Brendon, 2. She works part-time as an occupational therapist.

**Laura Yeatts Thomson** moved to Tacoma, Wash., because of her husband's transfer to Fort Lewis. She is a substitute teacher.

*From the Westhampton Class Secretary*

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**Noreen Covino LaBene** works for Capital One in McLean, Va. She and her husband live in Reston.

**Tori A. Perkinson** and **Ashley W. Long, '93,** were married June 14, 2003, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. **Tricia Perkins Cole, '97,** and **JAMES Douglas Cuthbertson, '93,** were included in the wedding party. Tori and Ashley live in Richmond.

**Arthur Chadwick White** works for St. Jude Medical as a sales representative for heart valves. He lives with his wife and daughter in Atlanta.

## 1995

**Jeffrey R. Arndt** and his wife, Isabelle, live in Avignon, France, but have plans to move to Washington, D.C.

**Jennifer P. Beers** is director of public relations for Seagull Software, a mid-size software company specializing in B2B integration. She lives in Atlanta.

**Jennifer Gates Earle** and her husband, Chuck, had a son, Mason Connor, on April 28, 2003. He joins Ben, 2. They live in Richmond.

**Nicole Ehrenzeller** and Robert Quinn were married Sept. 27, 2001. **Aimee Swenson, '94,** was in the wedding party. The couple resides in Suffolk, Va., where she works as an applications programmer with the U.S. District Court.

**Gregory Ryan Hoffman** finished his emergency medicine residency in Columbia, S.C. He moved with his wife, Missy, and daughter, Hagan, to Greenville, S.C., where he will practice.

**Patricia Flatley Lagrant** and her husband, Jim, had a daughter, Sophie Rose, on May 21, 2003. They live in Oxford, Pa.

**Maria Maggipinto** and Eric Joel Kaplan were married June 29, 2003. She is a senior advertising executive at WeddingChannel.com in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Travis W. Miller** has joined Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, N.C., as vice president in charge of support departments.

**David W. Mitchell** has accepted a job in the San Diego office of Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes and Lerach LLP.

**Brad Swartzwelder** has earned certified financial planner designation and is an investment advisor for American Express Financial Advisors in Richmond.

**Amy Tanner Wilborn** completed a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and began an anesthesiology residency at the University of Virginia.

## 1996

**JoEllen Moore Abraham** received a master of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. She is in her second year of an M.D. program at George Washington University.

**Craig Cameron Collins** and his wife, **Edie Paul Collins,** both began new positions this year. He is the laboratory manager and environmental health and safety coordinator at Randolph-Macon College. She has finished her first year as an art teacher for Henrico County Schools. They live in the west end of Henrico with their two sons, Eben, 4, and Yossi, 2.

**Julie Elizabeth DeAgazio** and **Michael Kinney** were married May 2, 2003. She is a behavioral health educator for a medically supervised weight management program in Quincy, Mass.

**John Paul Eldred** is a senior engagement manager with Naviant Consulting in Richmond, where he specializes in corporate restructuring and litigation consulting.

**Maureen Fagan** married Daniel Frink on June 22, 2002, in Lynchburg, Va. The couple lives in Richmond.

**Rachel Paine Fuller** and her husband, Graham, live in Nashville, Tenn. They moved from San Francisco, Calif., where she worked for three years as a graphic designer for an advertising agency.

**Jennifer Anne Giancola** earned her Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Pennsylvania. She works at Abt Associates Inc., a policy research firm in Washington, D.C.

**Jonathon Harold Lack, L.** lives in Anchorage, Alaska, and serves on the boards of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska and the Alaska Humanities Forum.

**Maria Chavez Levy** and her husband, Lawrence, had a son, Alex John, on Dec. 20, 2002.

**Courtney Llewellyn Wood** and **Billy F. Whitt Jr.** were married June 21, 2003. They live in Manassas, Va., and she works at McLean Bible Church.

**Christine O'Neill Yost** completed her residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and is joining a primary care pediatrics practice.

## 1997

**Elva Angelique Van Devender** and her husband, Tye Dodge, moved to Albany, Ore. She is a business development associate for SIGA Technologies, a biogenomics firm specializing in creating vaccines and drugs for human health and bio warfare defense.

**Sean Erik Eliert** was promoted to vice president at Davenport & Co. He works in the public finance department.

**Elizabeth Ann Cahoon LePere** and her husband, **Bryon Keith C. LePere,** had a daughter, **Mary Callais,** on Aug. 14, 2003. She joins Nathan, 1. Bryon has accepted a call as senior pastor of Big Island Baptist Church in Big Island, Va. Annie is at home with the children while she completes her master's degree at the Medical College of Virginia.

**Coleen Lynam MacGreevy** and her husband, **David Cyrille MacGreevy,** had a son, **Gavin Cyrille,** on May 6, 2003. David works as an investment banker for Chalmers Capital Partners. They continue to reside in Manhattan.

**Jennifer Nitroso** is the morning news anchor for WNCN-TV, the ABC affiliate in Peoria, Ill. She is pursuing a meteorology degree from Mississippi State University.

**Emily Anne Proskine, '99,** earned a master's degree in international policy from the Monterey Institute and moved to North Africa. She is a Boren fellow working on her Arabic and researching Tunisian women's organizations.

**Katherine Hendrix Resch** and her husband, **Andrew David Resch, '99,** had a daughter, **Elisabeth Gall,** on April 2, 2003. They live in Rochester, N.Y.

**George L. Smith III** was promoted to vice president in the research department of Davenport & Co.

**William H. Turner Jr.** and **Kara L. Gilmore** were married Aug. 2, 2002. He teaches at Mill Springs Academy in Alpharetta, Ga., where he received the teacher of the year award. Last summer he was director of the school's summer camp, and he spends his extra time restoring his 1977 VW bus.

## 1998

**Benjamin Roswell Bates** earned a Ph.D. in speech communication at the University of Georgia and was appointed associate professor in the School of Interpersonal Communication at Ohio University.

**Ashley Elizabeth Broom** and **Kevin Martin Lynn** were married June 8, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Amy Ellis Skeels** and **Lauren Hobbs Dean.** The couple lives in Washington, D.C. area.

**John James Downer** and **Naomi Rae Prechel** were married May 24, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Dan W. Brodman, '09,** and **Kevin Matthew Hass.** The couple lives in Orlando, Fla.

**Codic Christian Fortemps** has returned from his native land of Belgium, where he served two years in the Paix Armée (Peace Army) helping poor children throughout the European Union. He is working with the Big Brother program in Provincetown, Mass., while applying to graduate school.

**Michael Peter Geiser** is a cum laude graduate from Harvard Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. He will spend the next year as clerk to the Hon. Jerry E. Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Houston, Texas.

**Brook Warren Gustafson** and his wife, Sara, had a son, Mason Ford, on May 14, 2003. He joins Phillip, 4, and Taylor, 2. They live in Richmond.

**Herbert Benjamin Lockyer** and his wife, Danielle, had a daughter, Emma Rochon, on July 29, 2003. He is employed as a corporate tax accountant with Wawa Inc. and is attending Villanova's Professional MBA program on a part-time basis.

**Kelly Lynn Loyce** received her M.A. in English from Arizona State University. She and her husband, Corey, live in Phoenix, Ariz., where she is director of student leadership at Phoenix College.

**Paul Jules Pacheco** is lead project manager for a voice and data wide-area-network solutions provider in Needham, Mass.

**Jessica J. Ramesch** is working for Carnival Cruise Lines. She joined the company as a cadet and is now an officer.



## Riding informatic wave to Ivy-League shore

**Carrie Greenlee Stevens** and her husband, **Todd Miller Stevens**, '97, had a son, **Will**, on Feb. 8, 2003. They reside in Durham, N.C.

### 1999

**Katerina Angelique Backus** is completing a pediatric residency at Shands Medical Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**Michal D. Baxley** and Jennifer R. Blackston were married June 7, 2003. The couple live in Columbia, S.C., where he is completing a residency in psychiatry at the Palmetto Richard Memorial Hospital.

**Ashley Lynn Baynham** spent the summer as an associate at the law firm of Cadwelder, Wickesham and Taft. She is completing her last year of law school at Northwestern.

**Edward F. Cole III, GB**, was promoted to vice president at Davenport & Co. He works in the public finance department.

**Suzanne Marie Conning** attained the rank of captain before leaving the Army in May. She had tours in Korea, Arizona, Afghanistan and Kuwait. She lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and works as an agent for First Command Financial Planning.

**Megan Boyd Graham** and Scott B. Watson were married June 14, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Tracie Hope Bergman** and **Misty Jill Willard**. The couple resides in Atlanta, where Megan is employed as director of youth programs at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She received a master of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

**James Russell Haskin** and **Christopher John Hunt** have started *Wandermore*, a record company. The Web site is live and their compilation disc is available for sale.

**Kristin Renee Kaplan** graduated from the University of Miami with a master's degree in physical therapy. She is associated with a private practice in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Kelley M. Kazor** and Brian Smith were married in June 2003. She graduated from medical school and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular biology at the Medical College of Ohio.

**Molly Wright McElroy** is pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**Emily Grace Plenge** and **Jason Richard Stapf**, '00, were married July 26, 2003. She is a consultant with Accenture in Washington, and he is a consultant with Accenture in New York City.

With an eye toward integrating the understanding of macroscopic physiology and microscopic biology, **Dr. Olga Troyanskaya, '99**, develops novel algorithms for interpretation of diverse biological information.

In other words, she is a data processor. "I try to make sense out of biological data" is the way the Ivy League professor and researcher described her work.

Her resumé puts it a little differently: "The goal of my research is to bring the capabilities of computer science and statistics to the study of gene function ... through integrated analysis of biological data from diverse data sources—both existing and yet to come."

"It's like having a car that you can't take apart," Troyanskaya said in a recent interview from her office at Princeton University's Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics. "You take all the data you are able to collect and try to put together how the car runs."

Troyanskaya, who earlier this year earned her doctorate from Stanford University in biomedical informatics, is riding the crest of a wave that combines genomics and biotechnology. It is a new field, she said. "There is so much data and so few people to interpret it."

She was stunned at the reception her resumé received.

"I had no idea the yield would be so good," Troyanskaya said. She had more than 10 solid offers for faculty positions at top-notch schools.

A native of Russia, Troyanskaya attended high school in Northern Virginia and decided to stay in this country for college. "When I visited Richmond," she said, "I was totally in love with the school." She was grateful for the international student scholarship she received here.

"If I would have gotten the same opportunity at any other school, I would have gone to Richmond." She added, "Richmond was exactly the right environment for me. I developed confidence there."



The *summa cum laude* graduate said she had opportunities she would not have had elsewhere. "I conducted a research project of my own with Dr. John Hayden as a freshman."

She caught the attention early on, not only of Richmond faculty members, but also of President William E. Cooper. He said, "I could tell at our first Phi Beta Kappa luncheon that Olga was a brilliant star in the making, likely to achieve mightily in coming years."

Troyanskaya's ambitions lie beyond landing a position at a prestigious university. "I hope I can help the world," she said. One aspect of her research involves the cellular content of genetic systems, including those whose malfunctioning becomes the basis of genetic disorders, such as cancer.

"The problems in biology are just amazing," she said. "And I can see how to try and solve them."

For more information about Troyanskaya, visit <http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~ogt/>

— Anna Barron Billingsley

**Emily Anne Proskine** earned a master's degree in international policy from the Monterey Institute and moved to North Africa. She is a Boren fellow working on her Arabic and researching Tunisian women's organizations.

**Amy Michele O'Neill** and **Joshua Marc Gilbert** were married June 14, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Christine O'Neill Yost**, '96, **Alison O'Neill Hess**, '94, **Christopher B. Hess**, '94, and **Jason Keith Sartori**, '97. The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va., where Joshua is pursuing an MBA at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

## 2000

**Amy Leigh Chichewicz** works for Crown International Marketing as sales representative for the eastern region. She lives in Mahwah, N.J.

**Kim Kukuski Doyle** graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law. She and her husband are stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska. She has joined the law firm of Birch, Horton, Bitterner and Cherot, working primarily in telecommunications and commercial transactions.

**Melissa Marie Eager** is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Eli Lilly and Co. in Richmond.

**Ming Quan Freer** is pursuing a master's degree in international relations at the Brussels School of International Studies in Belgium. The graduate program is affiliated with the University of Kent at Canterbury in the U.K.

**Justin Samuel Gung** received a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

**Thomas Moore Hayes IV** is with the law firm of Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson in New Orleans.

**Paul David Knothe** graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Darius A. Johnson, GB**, was promoted to vice president in commercial banking at Bank of America.

**Rachel Carin Burns Kraft** and her husband, Tom, had a daughter, Rebecca Emily, on Feb. 12, 2003.

**Margaret E. McDermid, GB**, is vice president of the board of directors of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Educational Foundation. She is senior vice president of IT and CIO with Dominion in Richmond.

**Richard Quashne III** was promoted to Southern U.S. regional manager with Strategic Diagnostics Inc. in Newark, Del. He is also pursuing an MBA at the University of Delaware.

**Carolyn T. Smith** and **Jonathan D. Elmi** were married Aug. 9, 2003. She is a speech pathologist in northern Virginia, and he is an associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington, D.C.

**Christine L. Thorp** and **Matt Gullfoyle** were married June 28, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Alison Smith Hansroth** and **Samantha Ann Kjaerbye**. Christine has been accepted to a graduate program in social foundations of education at the University of Virginia.

**Patricia Lynn Waller** and **James Brian Henderson** were married June 28, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Christina Shانه**

**Garner, Jamie Lynn Bigelow**, '01, and **Jennifer Kristen Apple**, '03. The couple resides in Beaverdam, Va.

**Catherine Lee Kirby West** and her husband, Paul, had a daughter, Hannah Caroline, on August 29, 2003. They live in Chesapeake, Va.

**Eric Mitchell Wilborn** earned a juris doctorate from Northwestern School of Law Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. Eric plans to practice employment law.

## 2001

**Monika R. Alston** completed her M.A. in speech communication at Pennsylvania State University, where she has been admitted to a Ph.D. program. She teaches public speaking and serves as adviser to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. As a result of that work, she received the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member Award at the 2003 PSU Greek Oscars ceremony.

**Rebecca Bremer** married John Booth on Oct. 11, 2003. The couple resides in the Richmond area.

**Carolyn Marie Burke** and **Harold Reed Orogrosky** were married June 7, 2003. The couple lives in Richmond.

**Sean Patrick Drummond** is completing a master of divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is youth director at Fallsington United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Va.

**Nicholas P. Favret** has joined Bearing Point as a management analyst in Arlington, Va. He lives in Alexandria.

**Chandra Mitchell Lane** earned a master's degree in college student personnel administration at James Madison University. She has been

hired as an academic and career adviser at MU and will advise undeclared freshmen and serve as liaison to the College of Science and Mathematics.

**Michael C. Ward** is a senior copywriter for circuitcity.com. He also does stand-up comedy and writes movie reviews on a freelance basis.

## 2002

**Whitney Buckholz** and **Jason Matthew Hatcher** were married July 12, 2003. Included in the wedding party were **Bonnie Marisa Grysko**, **Katelyn Elizabeth Lafferty**, **Karen A. Lewis**, **Barrett Matthew Emerick**, **Thomas Bagley Lawrence III**, **Brian M. Letourneau**, '01, and **John Daniel Marsh III**, '01. Whitney teaches at Ward Elementary School in Henrico County, and Jason is employed by Deloitte & Touche.

**Shenee L. Haskell** is assistant director of annual giving at The Madeira School.

**John N. Hill** is pursuing a master of divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He also works as a youth minister at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

**Nicole Kristina Sedule-Ross** is director of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program for the Hopewell Police Department.

**Ryan McKeon Russo** is an assistant account manager with Willis of New York in the marine department. He lives in Hoboken, N.J.

**Gretchen R. VanGetson** is a doctoral student in school psychology at the University of Minnesota and also works as a research assistant at the National Center on Educational Outcomes. She lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

## 2003

**Julie Bevevoing** is employed in the development office at the McCarter Theater in Princeton, N.J.

**Josh Carlton** is vice-president of marketing for Chapel Hill-based Broadwick Corp., a provider of Web-based e-mail list management software.

**Melissa S. Freeman** and **Michael W. Coleman**, '02, were married in Winston-Salem, N.C. Included in the wedding party were **Steven E. Vecchione**, '02, **Benjamin T. Rhem**, '02, and **Jake B. Emerson**, '02. Both Melissa and Michael are pursuing law degrees at Louisiana State University and careers in international and maritime law.

**Theresa Rose Goulde** is attending law school at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

**Marianne Kinney** is a fourth grade teacher at Chalkley Elementary in Chesterfield County, Va.

**Jacob William Palumbo** and **Jennifer Anderson** were married June 21, 2003. He teaches biology and physical science at Annapolis Area Christian School in Maryland.



## Reunion Weekend April 30–May 2, 2004

Reunions for classes ending in 4 and 9

If you have questions or would like to help with your class reunion, please call the Alumni Office at (804) 289-8841.

# IN MEMORIAM

**1921/Frances Vaughan Feglia, W.** of Richmond, Jan. 25, 2000. She retired from the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and did volunteer work in Kentucky, Mississippi and Mexico for many years after that. She was a member of Westhampton United Methodist Church.

**1926/Florence Mae Boker, W.** of Clearwater, Fla., Aug. 6, 2003. She was a retired supervisor of choral music in the Arlington County school system. An honorary member of the American Choral Directors Association, she was widely sought by music groups and was active as a guest conductor, clinician and speaker.

**1926/Marian Marsh Sale, W and G'62,** of Richmond, Feb. 13, 2000.

**1927/Emma Saxon Rowe, W.** of Louisville, Ky., Sept. 6, 1999.

**1927/Louise Allen Wright Slughter, W.** of Richmond, May 9, 2002.

**1928/Kenneth A. Bradshaw, R.** of Richmond, May 10, 2003.

**1930/Garland F. Palmer, R.** of Wilmington, N.C., April 29, 1989.

**1931/Lelia Elizabeth Roemele Chandler, W.** of Harrods Creek, Ky., Aug. 4, 2001. She was a former Garden Club of America flower-show judge, and a member of Glenview Garden Club, Colonial Dames of America and St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church.

**1932/Russell J. Urquhart, R.** of Porterville, Calif., Oct. 15, 1999.

**1933/Robert P. Fox, R.** of Naples, Fla., Jan. 22, 2003. He retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp. as assistant controller in the tax division. He held master's degrees from Columbia University and Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He was a former member of First Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., where he served as chairman of the board of trustees.

**1933/George A. Shetter, R.** of Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 27, 1999.

**1934/Helen Cunningham Laney, W.** of Charlotte, N.C., Nov. 24, 1999.

**1934/Herman Koslow, R.** of Richmond, Aug. 23, 2002.

**1934/Virginia Stuart Sanford Brian, W.** of Houston, Texas, Jan. 26, 2003.

**1935/John G. Worsham, R.** of Richmond, Nov. 29, 1998.

**1935/Evelyn Wycoff Eure, W.** of Dauphin, Pa., Jan. 20, 2001.

**1936/Beulah Gregory Thorpe, W.** of Virginia Beach, Feb. 18, 2003. She was a member of Baylake United Methodist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and Thorngood Garden Club.

**1936/Paul H. Kubik, G.** of Cleveland, Ohio, April 29, 2003. He was an American Baptist minister and served several churches in Ohio, as well as numerous interim pastorates. He also served as the administrator of The Baptist Home of Ohio.

**1937/Marguerite Paxton Hall, W.** of Roanoke, Va., Nov. 17, 2001.

**1938/Alfred W. Maner, R.** of Columbus, N.C., Nov. 22, 2002.

**1939/Aubrey C. Duffer, R.** of Orange, Va., June 22, 2003. A dentist for 41 years, he was a Fellow of the Virginia Dental Association. He was active at Orange Baptist Church, serving as trustee and chairman of the board of deacons. His civic work included terms as president of the Orange Chapter of the American Cancer Association and the Orange Lions Club.

**1939/Charles R. Guthrie Jr., R.** of Richmond, July 23, 2003. He served during World War II in the dental corps of the Navy in the South Pacific and attained the rank of commander. He was a dentist in private practice for many years and a member of the part-time faculty of the Medical College of Virginia Dental School.

**1939/Mary Mae Chalkley Shiftett, W.** of Richmond, July 29, 2003. She previously worked at the University of Richmond School of Law and was a volunteer for many years at Retreat Hospital. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Women's Club and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

**1939/Mary Garland Wilson Brookes, W.** of West Point, Va., March 30, 2003. She retired as a teacher at West Point High School and was choir director of St. John's Episcopal Church for many years.

**1940/Alice Warren Ames, W.** of Asheville, N.C., May 16, 2003. She was a civil servant whose work educated the public on the health hazards of smoking. She was a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

**1940/Robert D. Ham, R.** of Richmond, Dec. 31, 2001.

**1940/Dorothy Duke Madden, W.** of Falls Church, Va., March 6, 2003.

**1940/Jason Melvin Salsbury, R.** of Boca Raton, Fla., May 4, 2002.

**1941/John H. Locke, R.** of Roanoke, Va., July 3, 2003. He was a retired attorney from Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, the law firm he founded in 1948.

**1941/Mary Elizabeth Riley Sublett, W.** of Bradenton, Fla., March 29, 2000.

**1941/Marion Rawls Waymack, W. G'74,** of Richmond, Va., June 7, 2003. She was a teacher for many years at Huguenot and Douglas Freeman high schools.

**1942/Virginia Parker Dozier, W.** of Los Altos, Calif., July 15, 2003.

**1942/Alvin P. Long Jr., R.** of Portsmouth, Va., July 29, 2003.

**1943/Shirley Huxter Corson, W.** of Newport News, Va., Oct. 29, 2002.

**1944/William Boswell Chandler, R.** of Richmond, Aug. 2, 2003.

**1944/Douglas M. Holt, R.** of Richmond, June 1, 2003. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and a B-17 pilot and later served in the Virginia Air National Guard.

**1944/Wallace Bagby Postat, R.** of Gloversville, N.Y., March 14, 1998.

**1947/Douglas B. Goforth, R.** of Bowling Green, Va., Oct. 26, 2002.

**1947/Barbara Ann Rock Hardy, W.** of Winter Haven, Fla., May 12, 2000.

**1947/Alvin E. Mann Jr., R.** of Roanoke, Va., July 19, 2003. He served in the Army during World War II.

**1947/Carolyn Storm Pattie, W.** of Huntington, W. Va., May 9, 2003.

**1947/Philip L. Weinstein, R.** of Orlando, Fla., June 18, 1998.

**1948/Peter C. Buffington, R.** of Huntington, W. Va., April 9, 2002.

**1948/James E. Rayhorn, R.** of Richmond, Dec. 11, 2002.

**1948/William Y. Roper Jr., R.** of Richmond, July 9, 2003. A World War II veteran, he had retired from Sears, Roebuck & Co. He served as president and secretary of the Richmond Golf Association and was a past master of Tuckahoe Masonic Lodge #347 AF&AM.

**1948/Russell Elliott Wiley, W.** of Alexandria, Va., June 3, 2003.

**1949/Douglas M. Deringer Jr., R.** of Kinross, Va., May 26, 2003. He was a World War II veteran with the Army Air Corps. A retired account manager with Package Products and former vice president of W.M. Brown and Son. A former sports writer, reporter and columnist, he wrote for several newspapers and magazines and was founding president of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

**1949/Bernie O. Snoddy, R.** of Jupiter, Fla., March 25, 2002.

**1949/Joyce Parrish Willis, W.** of Richmond, Feb. 7, 2003. She was the clinic attendant at Tuckahoe Elementary School for 22 years.

**1950/Edward J. Fox Jr., G.** of Shaker Heights, Ohio, May 11, 2001.

**1950/Ralph S. Matthews, B.** of Richmond, Dec. 29, 2000.

**1950/Morrison S. Taylor, B.** of Fairfax, Va., May 13, 1998.

**1950/Robert L. Wood, R.** of Danville, Va., Oct. 10, 1998.

**1951/Paul E. Roberts, R.** of Chester, Va., April 17, 2001. He served in the Army during World War II in the European and Pacific campaigns. He retired as co-owner of Clinic View Pharmacy in Hopewell, Va. He was a member of Chester Baptist Church.

**1951/William G. Way Sr., R.** of Winchester, Va., April 10, 2002. He served during World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He practiced pediatric medicine until his retirement. He was a member and past president of the Winchester Memorial Hospital Medical Staff. He worked at the Free Medical Clinic from its beginning and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church.

**1952/Charles S. Goodrich, B.** of Arapahoe, N.C., Dec. 23, 2000.

**1952/Parker S. Hooper, R.** of Ahoskie, N.C., Jan. 20, 2001.

**1953/Larry Gus Bambacus, R.** of Fairfax, Va., April 16, 2000.

**1953/Robert C. Markham, R.** and G'54, of Richmond, April 27, 2001. He was a retired professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University and a solo law practitioner.

**1953/Benjamin Burr White, B.** of Richmond, March 19, 1999.

**1954/Leonard F. Winslow Jr., R.** of Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 31, 2001.

**1955/General Ray Tolbert, B.** of Charlottesville, Va., July 21, 2003. He was a former social worker at the American Tobacco Co. in Richmond for 35 years and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church.

**1956/Alice Holladay Combs, W.** of Niceville, Fla., April 13, 2003. She was a former social worker at the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

**1957/Linwood P. Tenney, R.** of Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 25, 2001.

**1959/Sterling Usher Carneal, R.** of Mechanicsville, Va., May 3, 2003. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by Goodyear Tires, both in Richmond and in Martinsville. He owned and operated Carneal's Drive-In Restaurant with his family for 35 years.

**1959/Norman M. Goodloe Jr., B.** of Virginia Beach, Va., March 23, 2001.

**1959/Susan Riley Lambiotte, W.** of Newport News, Va., Nov. 10, 2003. She was an educator in the Shenandoah County school system, as well as several schools in Newport News and York County, Va. In 1993 she established the Kumon Math and Reading Center in Poquoson.

**1959/Edward O. Santucci, W.** of Richmond, Feb. 16, 2001.

**1959/William A. Stanley, R.** of El Prado, N.M., March 6, 2000.

**1959/Louis E. Thorpe, B.** of Richmond, June 18, 2003. A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the Navy and the Marines.

**1960/Charles E. O'Rear, G. GB'64,** of Arlington, Va., Feb. 8, 2000.

**1961/Donald Wayne Laine, R.** of Virginia Beach, Va., Nov. 17, 2000.

**1962/Irvin Lee Gladding, R.** of St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 2, 2003.

**1962/Burt L. Harris, R.** of Newport News, Va., Nov. 11, 1999.

**1962/Forrest E. Perrin Jr., B.** of Hanover, Va., Jan. 16, 2003.



**1964/John J. Bradley, G.** of Aurora, Colo., June 6, 2003. He was a career soldier and veteran of three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He retired as a lieutenant colonel at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center.

**1964/Donald Buchanan Dunbar, B.** of Wilson, N.C., July 26, 2003. He spent 25 years in hospital finance in North Carolina. During his career, he served in leadership roles on the state and national level for the Healthcare Financial Management Association and received a Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement.

**1964/Charles E. Walton Jr., R, C'B9.** of Richmond, July 5, 2003. He was retired from Black and Decker Corp. He was a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church as well as a former commander and active member of the Longstreet Camp in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**1965/Carolina Hudnall Manning, W.** of Davidson, N.C., July 30, 2003. She was a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and was director of the histocompatibility laboratory. She was an active member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

**1965/Richard N. Thompson, R.** of Chesterfield, Va., May 2, 2003. He was vice president of business banking with BB&T and previously was with SunTrust.

**1966/Robert M. Duke Jr., B.** of Richmond, Aug. 1, 2003. He was a member of the Central Virginia Football and Basketball Officials' associations for more than 38 years and also officiated in the ODAC Conference. He was an avid golfer and a founding member of Stonehenge Golf and Country Club.

**1967/Thomas Leroy Hurt, B.** of Richmond, April 17, 2003. He was a public accountant in Richmond until his retirement.

**1968/Granville "Jay" M. Johns Jr., R.** of Virginia Beach, Va., July 28, 2002. He was a retired lieutenant commander in the Navy and worked for Resource Consultants Inc. He was also a volunteer fireman and a cardiac technician.

**1971/Robert Ray Conklin, C.** of Hanover, Va., May 24, 2003.

**1972/Duncan C. White Jr., C.** of Lynchburg, Va., July 2, 1998.

**1976/Rudolph G. Hetzer III, R.** of Naperville, Ill., December 1999.

**1976/James W. Parrish, R.** of Lorton, Va., Jan. 30, 1999.

**1976/Steven P. Powe, R.** of Roanoke, Va., June 10, 2003. He was self-employed with Alamo Supply Inc. of Radford and Roanoke.

**1977/Martha Watters Sampson, G.** of Barboursville, W.Va., Dec. 6, 2000.

**1977/Paul Sarver Sutton, R.** of West Point, Va., May 3, 2003.

**1984/Thomas E. Hinds, R.** of Richmond, Jan. 26, 2003.

**1993/William E. Coge, GB.** of Nashville, Tenn., July 26, 2002. He was a principal at Masters Capitol Research and a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church.

**2001/Valerie Kay Hardy** of Tyler, Texas, Aug. 5, 2003. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was recognized with the Margaret L. Ross Award for best graduate in English at Westhampton College. She received her master's degree with distinction from Georgetown University in May 2003.

**2001/Heather Anne Smucker** of Dinwiddie, Va., June 29, 2003.

**2005/Jeffrey Scott Robertson** of Richmond, Oct. 14, 2003. He was a junior journalism major who was killed in a car accident while returning to campus after fall break.

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Associate professor of English  
and women's studies

## A Dickens of a Christmas

There is no Christmas tree in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The feast-day meals vary: cold beef at Fezziwig's, roast goose at the Cratchits', a turkey that the reformed Scrooge buys for his clerk's family. No gifts are exchanged.

Yet, it is in Dickens' Christmases that we recognize the seeds of our own: an almost thoroughly secular celebration of family and philanthropy that nonetheless retains a trace of its Christian origin.

Charles Dickens did not invent Christmas, but he might as well have. His tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's Christmas Eve transformation, first published in 1843, has shaped our ideas about Christmas for over a century and a half.

Christmas did not become a central holiday in the Christian tradition until the medieval period. That's when Christmas celebrations were melded onto the pagan tradition of celebrating the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year and the day that marks the return of the sun and the eventual rebirth of spring. The Yule log, the wassail bowl, mummers' plays, and traveling bands of carolers all date back to this early period.

The 17th-century Puritan revolution, however, ended all public Christmas celebrations in England. The Puritans objected to the paganism of the solstice celebrations folded into the celebration of the nativity and preferred to emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus over his birth.

By the time of *A Christmas Carol* nearly 200 years later, however, a variety of Christmas traditions were being re-established in England: the first Christmas card was commissioned in the same year that Dickens' story was published. While Puritan objections to Christmas no longer held sway, other objections remained.

Like some other Victorian writers and thinkers, Dickens saw utilitarian businessmen as the new puritanical threat to England. The utilitarians' focus on facts—often translated into an emphasis on cash—led, like the Puritans' rejection of ornament and

celebration, to a joyless suppression of imagination and spirit.

Ebenezer Scrooge offers a caricature of Puritan objections to Christmas, arguing not on religious grounds but on economic ones. Christmas is "humbug" because he can't convert it into a cash value, can't see the point of a celebration without a profit-motive. Scrooge hates Christmas because he cannot figure out how to make money off it; ironically, by helping to reinvent Christmas as a secular celebration, Dickens may have assisted in commercializing the season.

Today's Scrooge might still resent giving a day off at Christmas, but he'd make up for it by working his retail clerks until midnight Christmas Eve—enabling last-minute shopping—and bringing them in the day after Christmas to process returns.

Dickens punishes the latter-day Puritan with a vision of life without love, without imagination, without hope. In three visions of Christmas, Scrooge revisits his past and recalls the importance of family and friends to his happy childhood. He sees, in the present, the warmth and love that infuse the Cratchit household despite their poverty, and the scorn his nephew—son of his beloved deceased sister—feels for him in his emotional impoverishment. Finally, in his vision of the future he witnesses his own unmoored death as well as the death of Tiny Tim, the weakest and most loving of the Cratchits.

Scrooge's spiritual odyssey re-enacts the Christian journey from birth to death and rebirth, without ever mentioning Bethlehem, Mary or the infant savior. Instead, Scrooge undergoes a secular conversion and establishes Christmas once again: a Christmas of family celebration and feasting, good works and good food.

That's the Christmases we all recognize—although, like Scrooge, we may find it more in our past than our present, Dickens' present to us, then, is this glimpse of a childlike pleasure in Christmas—a pleasure we may, like Scrooge, carry forward into our adult lives.

But Dickens' pleasure in the season is not without its attendant pains; while Scrooge gets the chance to redeem himself, not all of Dickens' Christmas characters do.

Far more typical, perhaps, is Pip of *Great Expectations*, whose Christmas dinner is pure torture. Pip, an orphan child being raised by his sister and brother-in-law, has just been accosted in a graveyard by a convict. Terrified, Pip has stolen food to feed the man; he spends much of Christmas dinner fearing that his theft will be discovered and the rest of it listening to his Uncle Pumblechook's discourse on Pip's sinfulness, his ingratitude, and even his surprising resemblance to the Christmas spread's roast pig.

With his brother-in-law Joe surreptitiously lading extra gravy onto Pip's plate at each attack, poor Pip almost suffocates in an agony of guilt and gravy, interrupted only by the arrival of the police, searching for the escaped convict.

Ghosts, graveyards and gravy; convicts and Cratchits—to Dickens, Christmas is all these things. Scrooge's childlike pleasure is balanced by the real child's pain; the adult's regrets are redeemed by his turn to the present, and to presents.

Freely admitting the mixed emotions with which we all confront our Christmases, Dickens reinvented the season we celebrate now.

### What's your vantage point?

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Michael D. Cirillo, system vice president for MBNA Mid-Atlantic, presented to Brenda Fogg, W'87, of alumni affairs, and Louis Love, MBS'85, of business affairs, a check representing the University's royalties from the new affinity credit card program.



**Chips off the 'ole block**

Members of the Class of '07 with Spider parents and/or grandparents gathered for dinner during freshmen orientation.



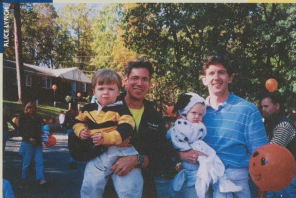
**Heady handshake**

Daniel Ayalon, the State of Israel's ambassador to the United States, visited the campus in October and met with President William E. Cooper.



**Women in the Know**

Singer, composer, cultural historian and activist Bernice Johnson Reagon delivered the keynote address at the University's third annual "Women in the Know: The Power of Knowledge in Our Lives" conference Sept. 13. The professor of history at American University is also known for her performances with *Sweet Honey in the Rock*.



**Trick or Treat Street**

Sponsored by sororities and fraternities, this event attracted ghosts and goblins, as well as some alumni, and raised money for Habitat for Humanity. Don Steinbrugge, B'84, with his son, Chas; and Charlie Pold III, B'87, with Charlie IV.

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# Homecoming 2003



Celebrating his 20th anniversary as the University's mascot, "Spidey" continues to delight fans, especially the younger ones.

## V-12 Reunion



Gilbert "Rat" Rodgers, R'47, right, who spearheaded the reunion effort, entertains Jane Stockman, W'58, former executive director of alumni affairs; and Gilbert Rosenthal, R'47.

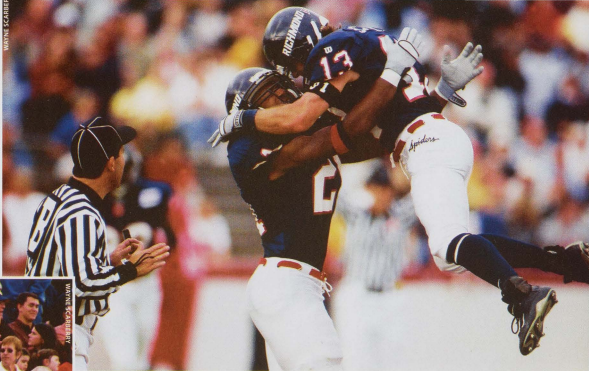
Former state Sen. Elmon T. Gray, left, with Mary Tanner and Surry P. Harrison.



## Alumni Awards Dinner



Recipients of the Alumni of the University of Richmond Award for Distinguished Service: James R. Harris, R'41; Judith Olton Mueller, W'61; and Richard S. Johnson, B'73.



Wide receiver Jake Schools, '04 (#13), celebrates with running back Lamont Jones, '05 (#24).



Fans spur Spiders to victory over VMI.

### Kick-off celebration on Westhampton Green

Mark Guarino, R'84, chats with Suzanne Cronin Hendricks, W'85.



Linda Noell Harris, W'71, kicks up her heels with Rick Naschold, B'75.

### Pre-game barbecues

Sarah Shear, '01, shares a laugh with Bo Pisko, '98.



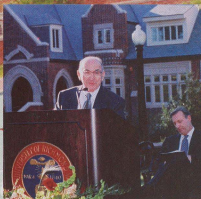
Continuing Studies classmates catch up. Martha Stacy, left, and Lois Willis, both members of the Class of '02.



# Weinstein Hall Dedication



On a glorious day in October, Marcus and Carole Weinstein and their clan, along with University officials, had the honor of cutting the ribbon for the official dedication of Weinstein Hall.



Marcus Weinstein shared at the dedication the importance of having dreams and touching lives.



After the dedication and a gala dinner, Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman delivered the first Brown-Alley lecture.

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