Richmond’s Pew Partnership is changing communities across America

One at a Time

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Former Spiders Sean Casey, AR'99, and Brian Jordan, R'89, met in Boston last summer at Fenway Park for the 1999 All-Star Game. Jordan, an outfielder for the Atlanta Braves, has been one of the top run-producers in the National League this season. He had a single and a walk in two plate appearances in the All-Star Game. A two-sport standout at Richmond, he spent three seasons playing professional football with the Atlanta Falcons and was an alternate on the 1992 Pro Bowl Team.

A first baseman for the Cincinnati Reds, Casey is one of the top hitters in the National League. He grounded out to shortstop in his only at bat in the All-Star Game. While a Spider, he led the nation with a .461 batting average.

Richmond was one of just five colleges to have two alumni on All-Star rosters, joining Arizona, Oklahoma State, Southern California and Stanford.
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Guides cite Richmond’s quality, value and beauty

For the sixth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the University of Richmond the best master’s level university in the South. The ranking was included in the magazine’s annual “Best Colleges in America” issue, which was published in August.

Once again, Richmond was first among regional colleges and universities in the South—those offering a full range of undergraduate and master’s level programs, but awarding few doctoral degrees.

Although gratified by the top ranking, President William E. Cooper notes that the categories in the *U.S. News* ratings are based on inaccurate comparisons.

“The system compares dissimilar institutions under misleading headings,” he says. “Richmond is truly a national university, with greater geographical diversity than many public universities categorized as ‘national’ by *U.S. News*.”

The special issue also named Richmond to its list of “Great Schools at Great Prices.” Richmond has been included among the nation’s best in every issue since *U.S. News & World Report* began its survey in 1983.

In other good news, the September issue of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine ranked Richmond the 12th best value in private colleges and universities, tying with Princeton and Dartmouth, among others. “When is a prestigious school a great value?” the magazine asks. “When it’s affordable, too.”

Also, *Princeton Review’s Best 331 Colleges, 2000 Edition* ranked Richmond’s campus as the most beautiful in the nation. Richmond also was ranked No. 5 in the guidebook’s quality-of-life rating, which measured students’ overall happiness with their college.

“Students rave about the quality of education here,” the review notes, with this quote from a student: “Richmond’s professors are very accessible and personal. They excel in their respective fields and are excellent facilitators and scholars. My experience at U of R has been fabulous.”

All the kudos in recent years could help explain this year’s surge in interest from prospective students. About 6,200 applications—a record number—were received for admission this fall. The previous record was 5,900 applications for the class that entered in 1993, the year after the 1992 presidential debate was held on campus.

Additionally, more students than anticipated accepted Richmond’s offer of admission. As a result, a first-year class that was expected to be 800 students is actually about 890 students.
Richmond Quest 2000 begins in January

The Richmond Quest for the nature of truth is taking shape, led by a steering committee of 22—faculty, staff and students—who are commissioned to make the Quest an academic reality on campus.

Dr. James H. Hall, professor of philosophy and director of the steering committee, says the top goal is to involve the entire University community, through course work as well as major events “above and beyond the ordinary.”

The Richmond Quest officially begins in January 2000 and will last three academic terms. Questions for the next Quest will be solicited during spring semester 2001, and the second Richmond Quest will officially begin in the fall of 2002.

The University is giving Quest 2000 solid financial support. Ten grants of $2,500 each will be available to faculty members to develop interdisciplinary courses related to the Quest question, “Is truth in the eye of the beholder?” Five other grants of $1,000 each may be awarded to revise existing courses.

Other funds will be reserved as “topping-off money” to help departments fund otherwise prohibitively expensive programs that relate to the Quest theme. Additionally, 25 grants of $500 each will be awarded to Quest Scholars, who will be students working collaboratively with faculty members to produce tangible works related to the Quest theme.

Also, at least three major events will be organized. Tentative plans include an examination of the Thomas Jefferson/Sally Hemings paternity issue; a forum focusing on the historical relationship between the truth and humor, featuring prominent comedians; and a symposium on truth in the media, news and advertising.

"Is truth in the eye of the beholder?"
Athletic director Boone will retire next spring

More than 40 years of association with Spider athletics will conclude next spring when Chuck Boone, University of Richmond director of athletics for the past 22 years, retires at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year.

“This is a very special place for my family and me,” Boone says. “I appreciate the support I have had from the administration, trustees, faculty, and especially the coaches and staff.”

Boone, R’60, has been a student-athlete, coach and administrator since he came to Richmond as a student in the fall of 1956. A native of Covington, Va., and an education major, he was a member of both the football and baseball teams, and was an all-star and captain in each sport. In 1960, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Chargers, but he chose a career in professional baseball.

After spending six years in the New York Yankees organization as a player and coach, Boone returned to Richmond in 1967 and became director of athletics promotions, then assistant director of athletics in 1972. During a term as head baseball coach from 1972-76, Boone compiled a 96-56 record.

Named director of athletics in 1977, Boone has presided over two decades of tremendous growth and change for the athletic department.

Generating the most publicity during Boone’s tenure has been men’s basketball. The men’s squad has participated in six NCAA tournaments—reaching the Sweet Sixteen in 1988—and four NITs.

Also during Boone’s leadership, the football team has won two championships and earned three I-AA playoff bids, while the women’s basketball squad has enjoyed four consecutive 20-win seasons, two Colonial Athletic Association titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances.

Additionally, the baseball team has won two straight CAA championships and has been to the NCAA Tournament for three consecutive years. The men’s golf team advanced to the National Tournament this spring, placing 30th in the nation.

The men’s soccer team and women’s tennis team also have appeared in postseason play in recent years, while synchronized swimming competes nationally every year.

There also have been tremendous improvements in facilities under Boone’s direction, including the Robins Center, the University of Richmond Stadium and Pitt Field. With its outstanding facilities, Richmond has served as host to NCAA championships in football, men’s and women’s basketball, and soccer.

Boone was instrumental in securing Richmond’s conference affiliations. He also has been active at the national level, having served on the NCAA’s executive committee and other committees.

Boone and his wife, Alice Clement Boone, W’60, have two children: Kimberly, W’89, and Charles S., Jr. “Chip,” R’91.

A committee is conducting a nationwide search to select Boone’s successor. The University of Richmond Magazine will carry a retrospective article on Chuck Boone’s career in a future issue.

Phil Stanton

Modlin Center season features 25 world-class events

The George M. Modlin Center for the Arts maintains a complete calendar of speakers as well as art, dance, film, music and theatre events at the University on its World Wide Web site.

This year’s season offers more than 25 world-class performing arts events in the Modlin Great Performances Series; five main-stage productions presented by the University Players and University Dancers; 22 free music performances through the music department; and 14 major exhibitions.

Visitors to the Web site also may request a brochure, get ticket information or send comments. Visit the Modlin Center for the Arts online.

www.arts.richmond.edu/modlinarts
Values and leadership are focus of Jepson Forum

Values, religion and leadership are the focus this fall of the annual Jepson Leadership Forum, bringing to campus journalist Bill Moyers, visionary children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, among others.

The speaker series, sponsored by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, is designed to explore how religion and personal faith intersect with public life.

First in the series was a discussion on diversity and pluralism, culture and faith titled, "Understanding Each Other." National Public Radio's religion reporter Lynn Neary led a conversation in September among scholars and clergy, which included Dr. Azizah al-Hibri, professor of law at the University and an expert on Muslim women.

Coming up are:

**Marian Wright Edelman**, advocate for children, on Oct. 20 in the Modlin Center for the Arts. Founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, Edelman has worked from a spiritual foundation to launch a movement in support of children in need.

**Bill Moyers**, producer of "Genesis," "Amazing Grace," "Listening to America" and other television broadcasts, on Nov. 17 in the Modlin Center. Moyers has helped engage a national conversation about religious belief, the nature of faith, and relationships.

**Elie Wiesel**, Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, on Dec. 1 in Cannon Memorial Chapel. His personal experiences led him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world.

Forum events, each beginning at 7:30 p.m., are free and open to the public. For more information, call (804) 287-6627.

Ralph Nader will keynote first philanthropy summit

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader will be on campus this month to speak at Richmond's first Summit on Philanthropy, which will consider the question, "Does present-day philanthropy meet tomorrow's needs?"

Addressing the issue from the scholarly perspective will be Robert Payton, professor of philanthropic studies at Indiana University. Participants will hear the viewpoint of a philanthropist from Corella Bonner, chairman of the board of the Bonner Foundation.

The inaugural forum in a biennial series, the Summit on Philanthropy is funded by the Quigg Endowment at the University of Richmond and there is no cost for participants. Designed especially for CEOs, board members, college presidents, chief development officers and nonprofit organization leaders, the Summit on Philanthropy takes place Oct. 24-25.

For more information, telephone (804) 289-8444 or e-mail dcarter@richmond.edu.

Distinguished faculty honored this fall

1999 Distinguished Educator Awards

- **Dr. Stephen L. Addiss**
  - Professor of art history

- **Dr. Hilquias B. Cavalcanti**
  - Associate professor of sociology

- **Dr. David H. Dean**
  - Associate professor of economics
  - Also a Distinguished Educator in 1994

- **John G. Douglass**
  - Associate professor of law

- **Dr. Kathleen M. Hewett-Smith**
  - Associate professor of English

- **Dr. John D. Treadway**
  - Professor of history
  - Also a Distinguished Educator in 1985, 1988, 1991 and 1995

New endowed chair holders

- **William Binford Vest Chair of History**
  - Dr. Robert C. Kenzer

- **Irving May Chair in Human Relations**
  - Dr. Ted C. Lewellen

- **MacEldin Trawick Professorship in Psychology**
  - Dr. Andrew F. Newcomb

Reappointed chair holders

- **Floyd D. and Elisabeth S. Gottwald Chair in Chemistry**
  - Dr. Richard W. Topham

- **Clarence E. Denoon Jr. Professorship of Science**
  - Dr. Valerie M. Kish
Artist and visionary
Theresa Pollak turns 100

Leaders from the Richmond arts community gathered to celebrate with legendary artist and teacher Theresa Pollak, W‘21 and H‘73, on her 100th birthday, Aug. 13, 1999.

Paying tribute were representatives from two universities and three art galleries, along with Richmond Mayor Timothy Kaine, who proclaimed that day Theresa Pollak Day.

"With Virginia Commonwealth University, we proudly acknowledge you as our patron saint of the arts," said University of Richmond President William E. Cooper in a letter read by Richard Waller, director of the University's Marsh Art Gallery. Pollak taught art part time at Westhampton College from 1930 to 1935, and later founded the School of the Arts at VCU, where she taught for 40 years.

Bringing greetings from VCU were Dr. Richard Toscan, dean of the School of the Arts, who credited Pollak for her "vision of how to teach art"; and Ted Potter, director of VCU's Anderson Gallery, which owns 90 drawings and 40 other works of art from Pollak's eight decades of work. Also speaking was Beverly Reynolds, Pollak's dealer.

"This is a joyous occasion that celebrates achievements by many people, not just me alone," Pollak said in response. In particular, she credited Dr. Henry H. Hibbs, former dean of the school that became VCU, who "gave me a free hand to do whatever I thought necessary."

The University is honoring Pollak this fall with an exhibition, "Theresa Pollak and Her Influence: A Centennial Celebration," showing at the Marsh Art Gallery through Dec. 11. The exhibition features 16 of Pollak's paintings along with a selection of paintings by artists who have taught painting full time at the University: Jeanne Campbell, Melissa Weinman, Ephraim Rubenstein and Erling Sjovold.

For more information, call (804) 289-8276.

Recent grad Bagwell returns to teach

It's understandable if the new professor in the psychology department is at first glance mistaken for a student. It wasn't that long ago that Dr. Catherine L. Bagwell, AW’94, was taking tests instead of administering them. Bagwell, whose specialty is youth aggression and violence, has returned to Richmond to teach.

"We wanted someone who was committed to excellence in teaching and research, and who wasn't interested in pursuing clinical practice," says Dr. Andrew F. Newcomb, chair of the department and Bagwell's mentor during her undergraduate years. "Nearly a dozen other top-ranked schools were looking for the same type of candidate, and they all sought Catherine."

Bagwell, who grew up in the Richmond area, entered the University in the fall of 1990 as a Virginia Baptist Scholar. She was a standout student, winning numerous awards for her research as an undergraduate, including the John Neasmith Dickinson Award in Psychology. In addition to study and research, she also volunteered with the Carver Promise program, which pairs children from low-income homes with students at area colleges.

After graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, as well as the most outstanding student in psychology, Bagwell proceeded to Duke University on a prestigious James B. Duke Graduate Fellowship. She received a master's degree in psychology in 1996 and a doctoral degree in May 1999. She also completed a 12-month internship at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Along the way, Bagwell published several papers and book chapters with Newcomb, including "Children's friendship relations: A meta-analytic review" for Psychological Bulletin and The Company They Keep: Friendship in Childhood and Adolescence for Cambridge University Press.

In 1997, Bagwell received a national research service award from the National Institute of Mental Health to support completion of her dissertation, "The friendship relations of antisocial boys." She also won the American Psychological Association dissertation award. "When Catherine elected to join our faculty, we felt like we had won the lottery," Newcomb says.

Laura S. Jeffrey
Eckert named to head public relations

Brian H. Eckert has been named the director of media and public relations, a new position in the University communications office. He will manage the public relations and alumni publications programs.

"Brian's exceptional media experience, contacts and remarkable energy promise new levels of visibility for Richmond in the national media," says Kimberley G. Bolger, executive director of communications. "Ultimately, that will enhance admission, faculty recruitment and fund raising."

Eckert comes to the University with 23 years of journalism experience, the last 10 in public relations.

A graduate of Wake Forest University, he served his alma mater six years as assistant vice president for public affairs. During that period, Eckert's work won national awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the Admissions Marketing Report and EdPress, and he served two terms as president of the College News Association of the Carolinas. Most recently, he was executive consumer affairs representative to the CEO of US Airways in Arlington, Va.

Earlier, he worked for 15 years in newspaper, radio and television positions in New York and New Jersey, and he also served as public relations director in a North Carolina public school system. He has been a writer, editor, photographer and television anchor-producer.

During 1988-89, he studied journalism and international relations as a Reuter Fellow/ Rotary Scholar at the University of Oxford.

"To me, there is no more important, enjoyable and needed work than communicating the great things taking place in higher education," Eckert says. "Doing so for a university of Richmond's substance is a dream come true for any public relations professional."

Tenure and promotions announced

Faculty members receiving tenure and promotions

Dr. Jennifer A. Cable
Associate professor of music

Dr. Elisabeth Rose Gruner
Associate professor of English and women's studies

Dr. Philip D. Rubin
Associate professor of physics

Faculty member receiving tenure

Dr. John T. Gupton
Professor of chemistry

Faculty members receiving promotions

Dr. Joanne B. Ciulla
Professor of leadership studies and Coston Family Chair of Leadership and Ethics

John G. Douglass
Associate professor of law

Dr. Jimmy D. Kandeh
Associate professor of political science

Faculty fellowships noted

Studying criticism of art, photography

Dr. Margaret Fields Denton, associate professor of art history, is spending the academic year as a Florence Gould Fellow in the department of art and archaeology at Princeton University. She will continue her research on 19th-century French photography and its development as an art form, the language of art criticism, and photography's relationship with painting.

Defense award

Dr. Gerard P. Gilfoyle, associate professor of physics, has been awarded a 1999-2000 American Association for the Advancement of Science Defense Policy Science and Engineering Fellowship and will spend the academic year working in the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Gilfoyle is one of 70 who received fellowships through the AAAS program, which is designed to introduce outstanding scientists and engineers to government service.
Behrens coaches U.S. field hockey team

Shelly Behrens, University of Richmond field hockey coach, helped the United States win a silver medal in August at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. As the assistant coach for the U.S. National Field Hockey Team, Behrens was in charge of video scouting and coaching goalkeeping.

The United States, which is ranked eighth in the world, lost 5-2 in the finals to Argentina on Aug. 4. Argentina, ranked fourth in the world, earned the gold medal and an automatic bid to the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

"It's not a minus to win a silver medal, to come in second," Behrens says. "But it certainly was disappointing because it wasn't what we set out to do."

The United States won five of six games and allowed only two goals heading into the finals. Both goals were scored by Argentina, who handed the U.S. team its only loss, 2-1, before they met again in the final game.

Behrens does not know whether she will remain with the U.S. team as it seeks to qualify for the Olympics, but she plans to decide by January. The team will travel to England in March with hopes of qualifying for the Sydney Games.

"It's been invaluable for me as a field hockey coach, and really invaluable for what I think I can bring to our team," says Behrens, who graduated in 1988 from Old Dominion University after attending on a full athletic scholarship. "For me, it has been a privilege not only to represent Richmond, but also to represent our country."

Wherever her travels take her next summer, Behrens says she is happy with what she has already achieved.

"It was the thrill of a lifetime, an absolute thrill," she says.

Rebecca Johnson, AW'00

Follow your favorite Spider teams with up-to-date scores on the athletic department site on the World Wide Web. You'll also find the latest athletic news as well as links to live coverage through broadcast.com.

www.richmond.edu/athletics

Four drafted in 1999

Richmond's success on the baseball field last spring brought another NCAA Tournament bid and launched four players into professional baseball.

The Spiders had four players selected in the 1999 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, the most Richmond players ever taken in one draft.

All-American pitcher Casey Burns, BR'00, was selected by the San Diego Padres in the supplemental round following the first round of the draft. He was the 41st overall selection.

All-American second baseman Nate Rewers, AR'00, was taken by the Cincinnati Reds in the 43rd round. He was First Team All-CAA for the second consecutive season, leading the league with a .413 batting average. Rewers is Richmond's career leader with 828 at bats, 285 hits and 214 runs.

As CAA regular season champions, the Spiders made the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year and for the fourth time in the past five seasons. Richmond was the No. 2 seed at the Winston-Salem Regional and finished as the runner-up to top-seeded Wake Forest. Under head coach Ron Atkins, Richmond was 41-17 overall last spring and 15-5 in the CAA.

Phil Stanton
Lecture series focuses on Bill of Rights

Rodney Smolla, the University’s Allen Professor of Law and a nationally recognized constitutional law scholar, is coordinating a series of public lectures on campus this fall, “The Bill of Rights, the Courts, and the Law.”

The lectures at Richmond are part of a statewide series of 50 public discussions held in 10 communities, sponsored through the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. Using landmark Supreme Court and state court cases, the public discussions will focus on important constitutional issues.

At each site, the series begins with an overview of the Bill of Rights, its history, political legacy and contemporary importance. A casebook containing the cases under discussion in the series is available free to all participants.

Richmond’s series of five lectures began in September with Smolla on “Free Speech and the Dark Side of the First Amendment,” followed by a discussion with civil rights leaders and lawyer Oliver Hill, H’94, on “Racial Equality and the Civil Rights Movement.” In early October, scholar and journalist Garrett Epps from the University of Oregon discussed freedom of religion.

Coming Nov. 10 will be Claire Guthrie Gastanaga, former deputy attorney general in Virginia, discussing gender discrimination and same-sex schools. On Nov. 22, attorney Sam Garrison will discuss gay and lesbian rights issues.

The series is sponsored by the University of Richmond School of Law, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the Jepson Leadership Forum in cooperation with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. For more information, telephone (804) 289-8186.

Dr. Matilda Chalkley

Dr. Matilda Frazee Daughtery Chalkley, a longtime physician and instructor of hygiene and senior seminars at the University of Richmond’s Westhampton College, died Aug. 8, 1999. She was 82.

A native of Louisville, Ky., she graduated from high school at the age of 15 and received an undergraduate degree at Ward Belmont College in Tennessee before entering the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She earned a medical degree in 1941, becoming one of the first female graduates of the school.

Around 1950, Dr. Chalkley became the first female physician hired to attend to women students at the University’s Westhampton College. She also was an assistant professor of physiology and hygiene, teaching a seminar on marriage and family to Westhampton seniors. She worked at the University for more than 20 years.

An inveterate traveler, she visited all but two countries around the world, often lecturing about her travels when she returned home.

She is survived by her husband, four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frances Anderson Stallard

Frances Anderson Stallard, W’28, H’75 and a University trustee emerita, died Aug. 15, 1999. She was 91.

A consummate volunteer, Mrs. Stallard served in leadership positions in her community, church and alma mater for more than 50 years. As president of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association, she directed the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the college’s founding in 1964. She joined the Board of Trustees in 1965, serving until 1979. Mrs. Stallard received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the University in 1975 and the Westhampton College Distinguished Alumnae Award in 1979.

She also was an active volunteer for numerous civic and arts associations in the Richmond area, serving as president of the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club, the Institute of Mediterranean Studies and the Elizabeth Kates Foundation. She was a member of the board of the English-Speaking Union and the YWCA, and a member of the council of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

A member of River Road Church, Baptist, she served as president of the Woman’s Missionary Union and as church historian, and was a member of the statewide WMU board.

Mrs. Stallard was the widow of Beecher Stallard, L’31, who served as a delegate to the General Assembly.
Improving the success odds in America’s communities

One at a Time

BY HOLLY TIMBERLINE

“I wish I had a million kittens,” says the wistful little boy in the old children’s tale. “A million kittens? How would you take care of them all?” asks his friend.

“One at a time,” replies the boy.
One at a time. When considering a project of magnitude, one at a time—one city, one program, one child—is always the best way to proceed. That's a lesson that the Pew Partnership, whose goal of civic change is of the highest magnitude, has put into practice.

The Pew Partnership, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia and administered by the University of Richmond, was established seven years ago to investigate and invest in solutions to the problems that threaten to overtake communities: poverty, crime, lack of affordable housing, violence, teen pregnancy and more. Since 1992, taking one step at a time, the Partnership has launched three separate initiatives to identify and test problem-solving strategies across the country.

"What I've learned is that you can change attitudes," says Bruce Long Fox, director of Rural America Initiatives in Rapid City, S.D. "With a defining mission and values, you can impact a community." Long Fox's group received Pew money during the Partnership's first initiative, the Civic Change Project, to take on a mentoring and youth peer-counseling program.

The Civic Change Project began in 1992 and focused on cities with populations between 50,000 and 150,000. The Partnership's dynamic executive director, Dr. Suzanne W. Morse, says that her group was especially interested in smaller American cities. Those cities are manageable sites to work with, she explains, yet they serve as microcosms of bigger cities in terms of poverty, crime, teen pregnancy and other factors.

The Partnership identified over 100 eligible cities, ultimately choosing 14 through a competitive application process. Each city named a project to be undertaken, and in 1994 the Pew Partnership awarded each up to $400,000 over a three-year period. In 1996, after another competitive process, eight of the 14 cities received an additional year of funding at $50,000.

Long Fox's Rapid City group, Rural America Initiatives, typifies groups the Pew Partnership sought to support with this first initiative: those that knew what their communities needed and had the vision and motivation to provide it, but needed funding. Pew provided financial and technical assistance, trusting the city's community leaders to direct the project and produce results.

The support of a national partner like Pew raised RAI's profile and credibility and suddenly, doors opened for the group. "[Before], we were locked out of funding flows locally," Long Fox recalls. "But things seemed to change.... We got in on funding, training and other local initiatives. It gave us a voice in the community."

RAI's project was a dropout-prevention program targeted at Native American youth. The group began its work with students in fifth and sixth grades, and over three years, the dropout rate went from 54 to 22 percent. Thanks to the work RAI did with Pew's support, Long Fox says, the group was able to win some federal funding to continue its efforts. Furthermore, for the first time in 50 years, RAI was granted membership in the local chapter of the United Way. Progress continues in Rapid City: the current dropout rate hovers around 18.6 percent.

This door-opening experience is common to Civic Change participants. The $6 million investment the Partnership made in its 14 Civic Change cities eventually leveraged an additional $27 million in public and private funding for the cities.

But it never seems to be enough. Long Fox and others have
had difficulty sustaining their programs since the conclusion of the Civic Change Project. Long Fox describes a hectic, scrambling process to continue obtaining funds through other sources.

Then again, that’s the way things have always been in this corner of the world. “Everybody whined when the money disappeared,” Long Fox says, “but when you live by grants, you come to expect that.” In spite of the scrambling, and in spite of all the work still undone in his community, Long Fox is buoyed by the transformation he witnessed. “It sure made me a lot more positive,” he says. “Instead of seeing things the way they were, I saw them the way I wanted them to be, and worked toward that....[Civic change] is possible and I do think it is worthwhile.”

Pew Partnership Director Morse agrees. With the Partnership’s efforts, she says, “We’re going to change the success odds of all American communities.”

Morse is no stranger to leadership or civic-change efforts. Her most recent papers are “Building Collaborative Communities” (in the Pew Leadership Collaboration series) and “Building Civic Capacity” (for the Association for the Study of Higher Education). She also has published articles in The Journal of Leadership Studies, National Civic Review and other scholarly publications. Morse serves on several boards, including the board of directors of the Topsfield Foundation and the board of advisers of the Hart Leadership Program at Duke University. She also served on the national board of Campfire Inc.

Morse also was a fellow in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond, and she is presently a visiting professor, teaching a course in collaborative leadership. Students in her class benefit from the Pew Partnership connection.

“What’s valuable about a program like this on a campus is that you bring it into your teaching,” she says. Some of her students have met and been inspired by Becky Anderson, who heads HandMade In America, a revitalization effort in Western North Carolina initially funded by the Civic Change Project and successful beyond anyone’s expectations (see p. 16).

Abby Goldenberg, JW’00, says meeting Anderson and learning about HandMade taught her the value of looking at your own community from a different perspective to solve civic problems. “There’s so much there that you don’t even realize,” she says. “You have more than you think.”

Richmond students have served as Partnership interns, and the group is highly valued by the University administration.

Dr. William E. Cooper, University president, says: “The Pew Partnership provides us with opportunities to play a role in working with a number of localities nationwide to develop and evaluate efforts designed to improve our quality of life.” Chancellor and former University president Dr. Richard L. Morrill was crucial to the design and implementation of the Pew Partnership programs. He currently serves on the national advisory board of the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative.

Morse believes that the Partnership also benefits by making its home at Richmond. “We felt like the University of Richmond was a place where this kind of research could flourish,” she says, largely because of the innovative leadership study program at the Jepson School. “It’s an innovative place where ideas can bloom.”

The Civic Change Project ended officially in 1998. But in some ways, that was just the beginning. The information supplied by that first project informed the next Pew effort: the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative. “We realized that one of the issues facing all communities was leadership,” Morse says. “We needed more leaders at the table.” So, she set about to get them.

The Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative was established in 1996, also by The Pew Charitable Trusts. This project was aimed at communities that wanted new leadership and whose central city population was between 150,000 and 400,000. Seventy-five cities fit that description, and 64 of them applied—a response rate the Partnership found especially encouraging for new leadership development.

The 10 communities chosen were given a multifaceted challenge designed to make them re-examine their ideas about leadership: Select 20 community leaders every year for three years who are not the “usual suspects.” Figure out how to change the decision-making process by incorporating other viewpoints, and figure out how to deal with the obstacles to changing leadership.

The Partnership promised training, team-building opportunities and skill-development workshops, and planned to bring together all 200 civic entrepreneurs at two annual events: a four-day Civic Leadership Institute in the fall and a three-day institute in the spring.

Among that group of 200, Morse notes, there are 50 different ethnic groups represented. “[The program] has awakened the
diversity that was there,” she says. The PCEI helps empower this diverse group to make important changes in their communities—changes that will benefit everybody who lives there. Morse believes that the complexity of today’s challenges calls for this representative cross-section of citizens to lead civic change, rather than letting a powerful few make decisions for the masses. As she says so simply, “Leadership is not a pyramid, it’s a plaza.”

Leadership Anchorage, an Alaska program that uses the humanities to help community leaders address civic leadership issues, is just one successful effort that resulted from PCEI. Housed at the Alaska Humanities Forum, the program’s overall goal is to involve greater numbers of ethnic and cultural minority citizens in civic activities and decision making. Together, this group works to make Anchorage a better place to live.

Leadership Anchorage comprises a mix of “ordinary” citizens who are learning how to incorporate the program’s tenets into their lives. Michael Livingston is an Anchorage police officer who works to prevent underage alcohol and tobacco use and to increase the diversity within the police department. Dawn Dinwoodie is an Athabaskan Koyukon Indian, an active volunteer in Anchorage’s Native community, and a board member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Anchorage. Carlton Smith is president and CEO of Kootznoowoo Inc.; his experience with PCEI has led to his involvement with a collaborative effort in Angoon, Alaska, that is bringing stakeholders together for the first time.

PCEI is teaching these and other participants to see and use the untapped resources in their communities. In the process, they learn not only to accept diversity, but to embrace it. Janie Leask, another Anchorage civic entrepreneur says, “This has been one of the most frustrating processes I have ever been a part of...and I wouldn’t have missed it for anything.”
One of the basic tools of the Pew Partnership's approach to civic change is networking. Why should one city build a program from scratch, when another comparable city has already built a similar, successful program? The Partnership helps put city leaders in touch with each other so that they can learn from one another's triumphs and mistakes.

For instance, Bruce Long Fox of Rapid City's Rural America Initiatives was a workshop leader at one of the PCEI Civic Leadership Institutes. Drawing upon his experience creating mentoring and peer-support programs for Native American youth in his city, he delivered a talk, "Using Culture as a Way to Engage Young People in the Past and Future."

Rebecca W. Rimel also spoke at a Leadership Institute, sharing her vision as president and CEO of The Pew Charitable Trusts and presenting "Citizen Leadership for Democracy." Rimel has enthusiastically supported all of the Partnership's programs, and had this to say about the PCEI in the 1997 Civic Partners report: "This country's greatest challenge is to renew its spirit of civic responsibility and to develop more fully its public stewardship....The Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative is a remarkable effort to reinvigorate and expand leadership in and for our communities."

Rimel also spoke at a gala dinner on campus last spring in honor of President Cooper's Investiture. "Leadership is taught by example," she said. "It is also taught by leaders like Bill Cooper who understand the role that higher education must play in preparing our citizens for a lifetime of civic participation. Our democratic health depends on our continuing to learn that lesson."

**And the lesson** does continue. With the Civic Change projects still active in 10 of the original 14 cities and PCEI-trained leaders all around the country, another group might sit back and rest on its laurels. Not this group.

Morse says the leadership-development effort of the PCEI led the Pew Partnership to wonder what strategies were really working over time to solve community problems. The Partnership's latest program, "Wanted: Solutions for America," calls on the talents of university researchers around the nation to help find out.

"Wanted" is designed to identify, document and celebrate effective strategies for dealing with community issues. This past May, from over 100 applications, the Pew Partnership and the "Wanted" national advisory board selected 19 examples of successful solutions to community problems related to housing, jobs, at-risk youth, health care and other areas in both large and small cities.
Success stories submitted to the "Wanted" program run the gamut. One program reduces infant mortality in rural Aiken County, S.C. Another helps end family homelessness in Los Angeles. Yet another trains low-income women for careers in highway construction in Richmond, Ky. What they have in common is that each has managed to deal effectively with some of the nation's toughest challenges.

Every "Wanted" community will be matched with a local researcher from a college or university, and a national research team will ultimately synthesize and help analyze the results. Though the "Wanted" communities will receive no grant funding, they will benefit from the researchers' documentation of their programs, sharing what they've learned at national conferences, and the increased visibility of their efforts. Local and national researchers will convene in November to officially kick off the initiative.

Results will be compiled and distributed to those who need them, with each case study grounded in a larger context. One of the challenges, Morse acknowledges, is how to give enough of the right kind of information for people to succeed on their own. "We're looking at every conceivable way to get the information out in a format people can use," Morse says. She envisions these final reports being "short, pithy and action-oriented," for instance, "Here's what to do on Monday."

Listen to Morse explain the three Pew Partnership initiatives and the light comes on: These efforts can quite literally rebuild our country, one community at a time. Morse compares the Pew Partnership and its three programs to General Motors making different types of automobiles. "They may be working on three different models," she says, "but they're all making cars. Our three models are about making better communities."

As the Pew Partnership prepares to square off against life in the 21st century, Morse's confidence in the Partnership remains high. "Our dream and our hope is that it will change the way America's communities operate," she says. "We think it can."

Holly Timberline is a Richmond-area free-lance writer.
"The reason I love Pew so much is that they took a huge risk with us," says Becky Anderson, executive director of HandMade in America. "We weren't even an organization, we were just an idea."

Maybe so. But every great artwork, discovery or business started as a twinkle in somebody's eye, and this group is no different. Anderson nabbed a Pew Partnership grant during the Civic Change Project in 1993, for the proposal to revitalize Western North Carolina by cultivating its handcraft industry. She gathered businesspeople and craftspeople—"the ties and the tie-dyes," as she calls them—and went to work.

The group determined guiding principles early on. One says, in part: "Everyone is welcome to participate, from the first-time hobbyist to the full-time, one-of-a-kind design professional craftsman and/or any interested citizen of the region." Leadership was carried out in a similarly inclusive way. There wasn't a board until six months into the work, when the group formed task forces to elect one. One clockmaker was elected when he stood up in his overalls at a meeting and said, "I've never been on the board of anything, but I want to serve on this board."

Says Anderson, "It was so bottom up, it wasn't even funny."

In 1994, HandMade commissioned a study of the economic benefit of handcraft to the area and found it to be $122 million. This figure reinforced the significance of craft as a regional industry and underscored the importance of the group's work.

Among other projects, HandMade has published *The Craft Heritage Trails of Western North Carolina*, a guide to several hundred craft studios and galleries throughout the region. The guide includes potters, weavers, woodcarvers, blacksmiths and others, and helps to promote both tourism and the arts.

The work of HandMade in America has banded together this cluster of small towns, Anderson says. They mentor each other's young artisans, help rebuild each other's homes after floods, even lend money from one township to another.

"That's how you effect civic change," she says. "You develop a system where people must work together."

Our mission is to celebrate the hand and the handmade; to nurture the creation of traditional and contemporary craft; to revere and protect our resources; and to preserve and enrich the spiritual, cultural, and community life of our region.

HandMade in America mission statement
Charleston-area parents were frustrated. Children who used to just cross the creek to get to school were now being bused 20 miles away, and moms and dads didn't like it one bit. "They were losing a sense of community," says Kim Barber Tieman, director of the Family Resource Center. "They felt unconnected."

To complicate matters, many of these areas were places with high poverty rates and low levels of parental involvement. Some area schools were on academic probation, and children's attendance was spotty.

Tieman and her staff recognized the need for social services and community centers in the area. They envisioned starting a center at Elk Elementary School, which had recently absorbed four other schools. The Pew Partnership's Civic Change Project thought that was a fine idea, and granted the Family Resource Center funding and assistance to start three family resource centers.

Tieman and her group appealed to parents: "We know you aren't happy with the school consolidation. But it has happened. Let's make it as good as we can." And they did exactly that.

Available services include academic-enrichment programs, developmental programs for preschoolers, parent education, health education, day care, and a resource directory that can hook parents up with everything from a Boy Scout troop to the La Leche League.

The Elk Elementary center is now open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, and 180 children enrolled in summer programs there. "It really is a community school," says Tieman.

"I learned that people are more resourceful than you might imagine. Sometimes it just takes a lot of asking.... and people often rise to the occasion."

Kim Barber Tieman, Family Resource Center director

"People really feel like they own it...and they aren't mad anymore." Tieman says many grants are "categorical, cookie-cutter" approaches, and don't take into consideration the needs of specific communities. "Of all the grants I've received over my lifetime, Pew was the most accepting of community input and decision-making," she says.

The initial Pew funding started three centers. Now there are 10 in four counties, along with 60 formal partners and 15 satellite centers, according to Tieman. "I learned that people are more resourceful than you might imagine," she says. "Sometimes it just takes a lot of asking.... and people often rise to the occasion."
She has spent more than half a century writing for children and teaching them and essentially devoting her life to them, and Jane Belk Moncure never ceases to be amazed at what they can do or what they will say.

Take the time she spent a few minutes speaking to a class of first-graders. A few days later, she received a batch of thank-you notes. “Thank you for coming to our school,” wrote one child, “and telling us everything you know.”

Everything? Well, not quite. Moncure, W’48, still laughs over that one. She is modest to a fault, but not even Moncure could persuade you to believe she could dispense a lifetime of knowledge to a bunch of 6-year-olds before lunchtime.

This is a woman, an early childhood educator, who is perhaps the University’s most prolific author with more than 300 children’s books—over 30 million copies—in circulation. Her books have been translated into at least five languages and are currently sold in 10 countries. Kids in Malaysia know her work. It boggles her mind.

By Bill Lohmann, R’79
Photos by Steve Exum
"I never believed my books would be read by lots of children," Moncure says. "I was writing them for the children in my classrooms."

If young children have lived in your home in the past 30 years, chances are they, too, are familiar with Word Bird, the dragon who rides in a wagon, or one of Moncure's other popular, friendly characters.

At 72, Moncure is in no danger of slowing down and remains quite willing to learn new tricks. Some of her books now are accompanied by CD-ROMs, she has written text for World Wide Web sites, and she has participated in video teleconferencing with schoolchildren. She recently embarked on an intriguing Web-based project in which she works with children, parents and teachers at an elementary school in a tough part of New York City from the comfort of her home in Seven Lakes, N.C. She has an e-mail address, and she's not afraid to use it.

She has influenced generations of children all over the world, helping them learn to read and write. The most important thing you should know about Moncure, however, is that everything she has done—the writing, the teaching, the dispensing of all she knows to first-graders—has been from the heart.

"I love children," Moncure says. "I'm just an ordinary person trying to do what I can to make the world a little better."

Which brings us back to another child from Moncure's life, a kindergartner in her class years ago, who learned to read before her classmates. Moncure asked her, in admiration, how did she learn to read?

"She said, 'Well, first I loved it!'" Moncure remembers, shaking her head and smiling at the recollection. "You've got to love it."

Moncure loves it.

Jane Belk was born in Orlando, Fla., and grew up in Richmond, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. She learned early about helping people. During the Depression, people would show up at the family's door, needing food or shelter or simply encouragement to weather a personal storm.

Along with generosity and compassion, she also learned an early appreciation of books.

She still fondly recalls trips to the Richmond Public Library with her mother. The children's section was in the windowless basement and the tall stacks of books created what looked to a little girl like "word windows." It is an image that stuck with Moncure and a phrase she still uses in her books.

Her writing was inspired by a kindergarten teacher who insisted her pupils learn to tell stories as well as read them. Moncure wrote her first story in that class. Her career was launched, and so was her life's direction.

After high school, she enrolled at Westhampton College. There was never a doubt. Her older sister, Lillian, was already there; her younger sister, Barbara, was coming.

"That was just our college," Moncure says. Her education was interrupted, however, by an opportunity to help someone:

They dealt with orphans and other children who had lost everything but their parents. For Jane, the experience was eye-opening and life-changing.

She recalled in particular a Finnish girl, maybe 8 or 9, whose parents had been killed when the Russians invaded their small town. She took all that she had left in the world, the family cow, and began walking down the road to Helsinki.
Along the way, a family adopted her as their own.

Moncure never forgot the courage of the little girl or the compassion of the family that rescued her. Today, the story remains fresh in her mind. Then, it helped shape her future.

"I knew then what I wanted to do," she said. She wanted to help children.

She came home four years later, but her classmates at the University were long gone. She finished her degree in elementary education across town at Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University). She and Dr. James A. Moncure, R'49, married in 1952 and moved to New York, where he pursued his doctorate and she earned her master's degree at Columbia University and taught nursery-schoolers and kindergartners.

Her first book, *Pinny's Day at Play School*, was based on her work in New York. In 1955, it was one of The New York Times' top 100 books for young children.

In 1954, the couple returned to Richmond, where Jim became a professor of history at the University and later dean of University College, and Jane taught at a nursery school. She was among the pioneers in early-childhood education who in 1956 formed the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education, which established the first statewide standards for teachers of young children. She served as its first president.

"We wanted to give children a chance to have a good beginning, a really good beginning," she says.

When their son, James II, was born in 1957, Jane opened her own nursery school out of their home on the edge of the University campus. It was a perfect melding of her private and public duties.

"She could stay home with Jimmy and help educate other people's children," says Jim Moncure. Her fee per child? A dollar a day.

In the ensuing years, Moncure taught children how to read and write and prospective teachers how to teach them. Her philosophy was simple: "Children can fly until you clip their wings." So she urged her youngest pupils to make up their own stories. They could all be authors, she told them. The sky was their limit. Hers too, although she didn't quite realize it. She continued to publish, shelves around the world: books focusing on language and child development, arts and crafts, science and values. She's won numerous awards. She's opened lots of minds.

When she was a little girl, Jane would spend summers on her grandparents' farm in South Carolina. One of the happy, lasting memories of those visits was a red ceramic bird that hung on the sun porch. Every few days, the hollow figure would magically be filled with pennies and nickels and dimes and peppermint sticks. Her grandfather would shake the bird, and the grandchildren would scramble for the coins and candy.

Years later as a teacher, Moncure came up with a similar concept called Word Bird. She constructed a Word House where Word Bird lived. She would shake the house and printed words would fall to the floor. Her pupils would scramble for the words. If they could read the words, they could take them home. Later, Word
Bird became the subject of stories Moncure created for her pupils and later still a series of her books.

Like Moncure's other books—many of them written as part of an ongoing series such as Magic Castle and My First Steps to Reading—Word Bird books were fun to the child's eye but based in solid scholarship and personal experience.

Teachers have found Moncure's books useful tools in the classroom and their author inspiring with a personal touch.

Madelyn Smith, a teacher at Richmond's Raymond B. Pinchbeck Elementary (named for the legendary former Richmond College dean), discovered the Word Bird books in the school library a few years ago. Her kindergarten pupils loved them.

"I really saw their reading improving," Smith says. She took their enjoyment a step further and had them write their own Word Bird stories. They invited their parents and read their books at an open house. Then they placed their homemade books in a big box and mailed them to Moncure to thank her for her stories.

A funny thing happened. Moncure called from North Carolina. "She said, 'How about if I come visit your classroom?'" Smith says. "I was ecstatic. I just couldn't believe a real author was coming for the children to meet."

And in the classroom? "She was vivacious and effervescent and enthusiastic," says Smith, who has taught for 32 years. "Mrs. Moncure is so effective with children. She comes alive with a group of children. You find authors who are alive in print but do not have that closeness, that rapport with children. But she does. It's amazing."

Moncure is every-one's grandmother: kindly and genuine and always looking out for the children.

She's still that way.

Her latest project involves a group of third-graders in New York City. Corporations have donated computers so that the children will be connected by technology to teachers at school, parents at home, and resources on the Internet. The idea is to improve communication between parents and teachers, to make education a community endeavor.

Moncure is serving as a long-distance resource for parents and teachers, available at a moment's notice by e-mail. It's a one-year pilot program.

"We're going to see if it will make a difference for the children by the time they enter the fourth grade," Moncure says.

Making a difference is all she's ever tried to do. At an age when most people are retired, Moncure continues to press ahead. She still speaks at seminars and conducts workshops. She still writes. She's still interesting. She's still interested.

"You never stop learning," she says.

"Learning is lifelong."

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Bill Bohm, R'79, is a feature writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
Dan Roberts, the creator and host of public radio’s “A Moment in Time,” does not have many moments in time to spare. When he’s not teaching history in the liberal arts program of the University’s School of Continuing Studies or undergraduate courses in the University’s history department, he’s preparing to share slices of history nationally through his radio program.

Each two-minute segment—and there have been 1,200 of them since January 1994—used to take eight hours of Roberts’ time. He’s passed along some of the research and writing duties to students, but any time formerly consumed by those activities is now devoted to promoting the program. Roberts spent a month on the West Coast this summer, meeting with public-radio station managers in Washington, Oregon and California to persuade them to carry the show.

“The way you sell a program is, you call them up and you badger them until they carry it,” Roberts says with a grin. “That’s just about the way it’s done.”

Roberts isn’t in it for the money; indeed, except for Garrison Keillor and those guys on “Car Talk,” no one is making much money in public radio. Rather, Roberts is committed to the show because he believes it is an important national vehicle for communicating information.

“A Moment in Time” does precisely what we do here at Richmond, which is teach
people the humanities," says Roberts, who once wrote in the University of Richmond Magazine about an "alarming ignorance" among Americans concerning the influence of the past on current events.

Bill Clough, program director of KEDT-FM in Corpus Christi, Texas, agrees with Roberts. "In an age when today's youngsters think LP records, manual typewriters and the Vietnam War are all ancient history, it's important to have a program like 'A Moment in Time' that helps to keep history alive," Clough says.

"Those in possession of an understanding of the past need to get that information out," says Roberts. "Professional historians must continue to produce clear and accurate historical work, but they also must be willing to get that work out to a wider audience."

A calling

If "A Moment in Time" sounds like a calling to Roberts, that would be appropriate given his background in the ministry. Both his grandfathers and many of his uncles were ministers. When Roberts was in high school, he made what he calls a faith commitment to become one as well. Yet after graduating from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree in history, Roberts took a detour through the U.S. Army.

"All the men at my school were in ROTC," Roberts says. "And it was in the middle of the Vietnam War. I felt it was better to go in as an officer, because I probably would have had to go in anyway" as a draftee.

Roberts spent a year as a company executive officer at the U.S. Army Training Center in Fort Knox, Ky. After, he volunteered for service in Vietnam, where he served as a platoon leader and liaison officer. He received a Bronze Star for meritorious service and after completing his tour of duty, left the service in 1971 at the rank of first lieutenant. He also got married that year.

After leaving the service, Roberts entered Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a master of divinity degree in 1974, then spent the next several years pastoring Presbyterian churches in Tennessee and South Carolina. He also did some graduate study in church history at Vanderbilt University. Along the way, he and his wife had three children: Heather was born in 1974; Kate, in 1976; and Daniel, in 1978.

In the summer of 1986, Roberts served as guest chaplain of the U.S. Senate. Yet, the demands of his profession were taking a toll on his family life, and Roberts believed a teaching career might be a better fit. He took leave from the ministry in 1987 and entered the University of Richmond as a graduate student in history. He received a master of arts degree in 1990 after writing his thesis, "London on the Eve of War, 1642."

In 1990, newly divorced, Roberts began doctoral studies at the University of Virginia. He lived in the Richmond area and commuted to classes in Charlottesville, working as a teaching assistant at U.Va. By the fall of 1992, he also was teaching at the University of Richmond as an adjunct professor. Still, it was tough making ends meet, and Roberts began exploring creative ways to make money.

"What does a minister do to support three teen-agers when he can't preach?" Roberts says. "I surveyed my skills and abilities," which included singing and playing the piano, organ and guitar. "I needed to do something that would allow me to go to school during the day and work at night. So I developed a side career as an entertainer. I played piano and sang American standards, jazz, show music.

"I played in most of the major hotels in Washington, and I even had an agent," Roberts says. "I had a pretty good living, as a matter of fact. But it was always a means to an end. I could get in, play, make some money and get out."

Chance meeting

It was during one of his nightly piano gigs that Roberts struck up a conversation with a senior producer for National Public Radio's Morning Edition. Unexpectedly inspired, Roberts asked the producer if he could put together some commentary for the show; she agreed. The commentary received favorable response, and he and the producer established a professional relationship.

Roberts was further inspired. "I thought, 'Maybe there's a hunger for a more systematic approach to the teaching of history,'" he recalls. "Then, driving to Richmond from D.C. in the middle of the night [after another piano gig], I began forming the idea. By the time I got to Ashland, I had pretty well laid all of this out, in my mind."

What Roberts had in mind was a program he originally called "A Minute in Time." In the fall of 1993, he discussed his idea with Dr. John L. Gordon Jr., chair of the University history department, and several other colleagues at Richmond. Then he set up a meeting with Steve Clark at Richmond public radio station WCVE, 88.9FM.

Clark liked what he heard, and kept in touch with Roberts when Roberts traveled to London to continue work on his dissertation. When Roberts returned in December 1993, he began writing. Clark, now also the technical director and producer of "A Moment in Time," taught Roberts the nuts and bolts of radio broadcasting.

"We went on the air in January 1994," with programs airing three days a week, Roberts recalls. The show was put on the National Public Radio satellite and by March 1994, an outlet in South Carolina began airing it. A month later, the U.S. Armed Forces Network started airing the program on its outlets, enabling "A Moment in Time" to be heard around the world.

"'A Moment in Time' is a terrific show that offers information in such a palatable way that listeners don't know they're getting educated," says Rick Crawford of Armed Services Radio.
Roberts' show also is heard internationally on Voice of America. The program, played five times a week on almost 500 broadcast outlets, is enjoyed by approximately 2 million listeners every day. (There's also a Web site: www.amomentintime.com.)

Jim Meyers, program director of KVPR-FM and KPRX-FM in Fresno, Calif., explains why he started carrying "A Moment in Time": "I wanted to replace a two-minute natural-science feature that wasn't making much of an impact on listeners. Or, to be less polite, it had gotten boring. 'A Moment in Time' had content that would be of real interest to our listeners, and the style of writing and delivery fit very well with NPR's 'Morning Edition.'

"Dan Roberts sounds authoritative without being pretentious," Meyers adds. "And according to our listener comments, he inspires people to want to know more. We've carried 'A Moment in Time' since 1995 and have received a fair number of comments about it—but not a single complaint."

Roberts received his Ph.D. in history from U.Va. in 1997, the same year he became a full-time faculty member at the University of Richmond. His radio program has become a valuable educational tool, not only for listeners but also for students in his classes.

These "research associates" prepare briefing files of potential topics for "A Moment in Time." The files include notes from books, scholarly articles, encyclopedias, historical journals and other reference materials; and a three- to five-page analysis of the topic complete with names, dates, relevant details, and the student's own ideas about interpretation and how to approach the subject.

Roberts likes to take each state alphabetically and examine its history, in particular searching for stories that shed light on the contributions of women and minorities. Recent shows have explored former first ladies Frances Cleveland, Caroline Harrison and Lucy Webb Hayes; the Black Sox and television quiz-show scandals; and the impeachment of Andrew Johnson.

Roberts' history students are not the only ones on campus learning from the experience. Students in marketing classes have helped devise strategies to bring "A Moment in Time" to a wider audience. Volunteers from the community and interns are also welcome to help out on any aspect of the show, Roberts says.

"I sense a real pride at Richmond in this project," he says. "Colleagues have told me that at academic conferences and meetings they attend, people will walk up and say, 'Isn't your school the one that does that little history show?' That's very gratifying to me. I just think that's neat."

### Pied piper

Roberts has become a pied piper of sorts, drawing people who believe in his cause to help him. "Dan has a distinctive and rare ability to formulate complex materials into clear and succinct reports that capture listeners' imaginations," says Gordon, who has searched out financial contributions to keep the momentum going.

"In a brief moment, an interest in and knowledge of history is sparked and advanced. 'A Moment in Time' is a wonderful example of public history, bringing the work of academic historians to the public arena."

The University is the program's major underwriter, but recently Virginia's giant electric utility corporation, Dominion Resources, signed on for a multiple-year underwriting commitment.

"Dominion Resources is committed to contributing to philanthropic causes, especially in the area of education," says William C. "Bill" Hall Jr., B'75, vice president for external affairs and corporate communications. "This program is a perfect educational vehicle, and supporting it meshes well with our corporate business strategy of being out in front of the top tier of decision makers. We've found 'A Moment in Time' is well known and highly respected in any city where public radio airs the show."

Hall adds, "I'm an avid listener of public radio myself, and I think the show is a great way to pick up history. Dan Roberts is a natural storyteller."

Patsy Arnett, a local public relations and marketing consultant, is another supporter. Arnett was driving along River Road one day when she heard Roberts' "A Moment in Time" segment about George Westinghouse. Coincidentally, Arnett had been searching for someone to write a book about Westinghouse that the company could use as a public-relations vehicle. Arnett arranged a meeting with Roberts and, after an animated lunch, not only hired him for the Westinghouse project but also volunteered her expertise for growing "A Moment in Time."

Roberts is juggling more than just his academic workload and the demands of the radio show. He writes newspaper columns and op-ed pieces on current events and how they relate to history, and he lectures to the public. He has developed other history-based public-radio shows, including "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Milestones in African-American History," which will air again during February 2000.

"I love what I do," Roberts says. "I concentrate not just on my own field—early Modern England—I have the privilege of examining all the wonderful work being done by both public and academic historians on a wide variety of subjects."

"He is a legitimate historian, and his enthusiasm is contagious," says Marvin Granger, general manager of Yellowstone Public Radio in Billings, Mont., whose four public radio stations and 28 translators air "A Moment in Time" throughout Montana and Wyoming. "Each program is like an exciting tidbit from the past, whetting listeners' appetites to look further into things. That's what public radio is all about."

"The program gets your attention," Granger adds. "And it's obvious to listeners that it has Dan's attention."

Although Roberts is satisfied with the public radio forum, he is making plans to branch out into commercial radio and perhaps even television. "Public radio is like preaching to the choir," he says. "Why not history on MTV? I am unashamedly ambitious for the creative teaching of history."

Laura S. Jeffrey is the editorial assistant for the University of Richmond Magazine.

Would you like to hear Dan Roberts' "A Moment in Time" on your local public radio station? See the enclosed card for details.
Juvenile Justice System: Law and Process
MARY CLEMENT, L'90
Butterworth-Heinemann, 1996

An introduction to the juvenile justice system, this comprehensive college textbook draws upon the disciplines of law, sociology, criminology and social work. Among topics explored are child abuse and neglect, crimes against children; process for delinquent youth; and child custody and support.

Clement earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Washington State University and taught criminal justice at Virginia Commonwealth University while pursuing her law degree at Richmond. She is the author or editor of eight other books.

Clement recently retired from teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University and moved to Nashville, Tenn., where she plans to continue writing and working as a counselor.

Spectator Sports Made Simple
DAN BARTGES, G'72
NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, 1999

Sporting events are not much fun if you don’t understand what’s going on, reasons Bartges in his latest book (the first was Winter Olympics Made Simple, which was published in 1997). Here, he takes five team sports—baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey and soccer—and three individual sports—bowling, golf and tennis—and devotes a chapter to each, describing play action, rules and strategies.

Bartges is a writer, painter, photographer and consultant who spent 13 years working for the Martin Agency in Richmond, most recently as a senior vice president and management supervisor. He is married to Kelley Hollbaugh Bartges, L'85, director of the youth advocacy clinic at the University of Richmond School of Law.

100 Years of Wall Street
DR. CHARLES GEISS, R'68
McGraw-Hill, 1999

No other ‘street’ in the world is as intense, intriguing and influential as Wall Street. This book gives readers a decade-by-decade eyewitness account of the Street’s colorful past, people and events, beginning with the first stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange and ending with the bull market of 1999.

A professor of finance at Manhattan College in the Bronx, N.Y., Geiss is also the author of the New York Times bestseller, Wall Street: A History, and 10 other books. He holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and he did post-doctoral work at both Yale and Oxford universities. Earlier, he worked as an investment banker in London.

Celebrate Richmond
COMPILED AND EDITED BY F. WAYNE DEMENTI, B’66, AND ELIZABETH DEMENTI; NARRATIVES BY CORRINE HUDGINS DIETZ PRESS, 1999

Members of the Dementi family have been recording images of the city of Richmond since 1924. In this book to celebrate both the end of the century and the history of the city, photographs reflecting a “then-and-now” perspective were selected from more than a million negatives. Several images of University of Richmond buildings, both old and new, are included. The foreword was contributed by noted author Tom Wolfe, a Richmond native.

Dementi retired from Bell Atlantic before becoming president and chief financial officer of Dementi Studio in 1997.

Deliberate Intent: A Lawyer Tells the True Story of Murder by the Book
RODNEY J. SMOLLA, ALLEN CHAIR PROFESSOR OF LAW CROWN BOOKS, 1999

Early in 1993, Lawrence Horn hired a contract killer to murder his former wife, their severely brain-damaged son and their son’s nurse. The man he hired used a book called Hit Man as an instruction manual for the murders. After Horn and his hired gun were convicted of murder, the victims’ families filed an unprecedented wrongful death suit against Paladin Press, publisher of Hit Man.

Approached to represent the victims’ families in the civil suit against Paladin, Smolla initially declined the case, believing that it would contradict his abiding belief in the First Amendment. Yet after reading Hit Man, Smolla changed his mind. His dramatic and ultimately successful argument that Paladin was not entitled to immunity under the First Amendment stunned the legal world.

Smolla is a noted constitutional scholar and the author of Suing the Press and Jerry Falwell v. Larry Flynt.

Islam: Origin and Belief
DR. EMBRY C. BOGLE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PRESS, 1999

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, and more than half of the world’s Muslims now reside outside of the Middle East, writes Bogle in the introduction to his book, which is meant to provide an overview of the
Leading Organizations: Perspectives for a New Era
EDITED BY DR. GILL ROBINSON HICKMAN, professor of leadership studies
SAGE Publications, 1998

Organizations are entering a century marked by unprecedented changes in technology, political and economic systems, and societal demands, Hickman writes in the book's introduction. These changes call for leadership that helps an organization to perform effectively in a highly dynamic environment. The book's essayists—who include Alvin Toffler, John W. Gardner and Peter F. Drucker, among others—focus on contemporary leadership concepts in the organizational context.

Hickman is the author or editor of several other books, including Teaching Leadership for a Diverse Society: An Approach to Including Diversity in Introductory Leadership Courses and Managing Personnel in the Public Sector: The Department Manager's Role.

The War for Independence and the Transformation of American Society
Dr. HARRY M. WARD, William Binford Vest Professor of History, emeritus
UCL Press, 1999

As the Revolutionary War was establishing a nation, Americans were defining themselves at a time of divided loyalties. In his latest book, Ward examines the social dimensions of the American Revolution. He elicits aspects of wartime society that have largely been neglected, hoping to stimulate interest in further investigations.

Ward is the author of 12 other books, including Colonial America, 1607-1763 and The American Revolution: Nationhood Achieved, 1763-1788.

Tribes of Benjamin
Dr. JON MICHAEL SPENCER, Tyler and Alice Haynes Professor of American Studies and professor of music
Harriet Tubman Press, 1999

A brilliant young man named Benjamin has a white Jewish mother and a black Christian father. In this novel, Benjamin becomes a member of the Nation of Islam after leaving home, subsequently rising to a prominent position of leadership. His murder becomes the focus of a leading expert in theological criminology.

Spencer, the author of 12 nonfiction books, also teaches in religion, leadership and international studies.

ATHLETICS
★ Frank X. Gagliano, R'60, Georgetown University's head track and field and cross-country coach, has been named the 1999 NCAA Division I Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track Coaches Association. It marks the second time that Gagliano has been honored as coach of the year; he also received the award in 1991.

In his 16 years at Georgetown, Gagliano has produced 131 men's All-Americans, three Olympians, and a 1997 World Championship bronze medalist. His men's teams have posted six top-six finishes at the NCAA Indoor Championships, including a second-place finish in 1991. Also successful in the classroom, his teams hold a 100 percent graduation rate.

Gagliano was assistant coach for the U.S. men's team at the 1997 Outdoor World Championships in Athens, Greece. In 1993, he was head coach for the World University Games track and field team. He previously coached track at Rutgers University and Manhattan College in the Bronx, N.Y.

GOVERNMENT
★ William B. Early Jr., R'65, has been appointed chief financial officer of the General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. He was named deputy CFO in February 1998, and had served as director of budget since 1979.

In 1994, Early received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive for sustained superior accomplishments in the management of U.S. government programs. Two years later, he received the National Distinguished Service Award from the American Association on Budget and Program Analysis.

LAW
★ Rodney M. Poole, B'69, has been elected president of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys for 1999-2000. A member of the organization since 1990, he also has served on its board of trustees.

He is partner in the Richmond law firm of Poole & Poole, which offers a range of legal services with a focus on adoption, surrogacy and assisted reproductive technology. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia.
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...?

Help locate missing classmates

With 32,000 Richmond Spiders busily working and living around the globe, there are a few we haven't been able to keep up with. Perhaps they moved and forgot to tell us. But there may be classmates still in contact with them who can help us reconnect.

Listed here are nearly 1,200 Richmond alumni with whom we've lost touch. They cannot be reached by mail or telephone with our existing information, so they don't receive the University of Richmond Magazine, reunion information or any other news from the University. If you know the address or phone number for anyone listed here, please let us know.

And when you yourself move, change your name or get a new telephone number, please remember to notify us.

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[Names of Richmond alumni are listed, with dates from 1914 to 1957.]
Thomas H. Austin, R., of Richmond, enjoyed a 45-day cruise on a container ship to South Africa.

MARGERY MOORE MILLER
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Ed and I went to St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Va., to the ordination to the priesthood of my cousin, Sagar Gravatt. We planned to go to Detroit in July to visit my daughter, Lucy Taylor.

James R. Harris, R., of Rumson, N.J., the retired president of Lucent Technologies, was awarded the George R. Stibitz Computer Pioneer Award. The award has been given to pioneers in the computer industry, including the designers of the ENIAC computer, the inventors of the integrated circuit, and the inventors of the microprocessor.

Preparation of an issue of The Collegian in the University's print shop (The Web, 1949)

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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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This spring, I celebrated the marriages of two of my children. On April 15, 1999, Nancy Ruth Moore Merhige and Donald Thomas Watts were married in the courthouse garden in Easton, Md. They live in Annapolis. On May 16, Joan Carol Eddleton and John Roger Tyler Moore were married in the garden of St. James the Less in Ashland, Va. Their marriage was blessed in the church service. They live in Ashland.

1937

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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The Class of ’42 is saddened by the loss of Rosalie Want Jacobs, who lived in Colonial Heights, Va., and was one of our most active members. She died of a heart attack on April 20. Her granddaughter, Ellen Leigh Jacobs, had just been presented our class scholarship for the second year by class treasurer Ada Moss Harlow. Rosalie’s husband, Bay, was one of ’42’s star athletes. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Virginia Parker Dozier, better known as “June” or “Parkey,” wrote from the West Coast. She entertained Louise Hall Moser’s opera-singing son, Thomas Moser, when he performed in San Francisco as Peter Grimes in the opera of the same name. He is already engaged for San Francisco for Die Meistersinger in September 2001.

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Rose Ware Koltukian Wallace, W., of Sarasota, Fla., continues with the Sarasota Branch of the American Association of University Women and especially enjoys the book-discussion group. She and her husband, Jim, enjoyed a week in Massachusetts in April.

1943

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
MARY WARNER STEPHENSON
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Our 55th Westhampton reunion was a five-year highlight for those of us who attended. The festivities began on Friday evening at the Bootwright Society dinner, where the new University president, Dr. William E. Cooper, was the keynote speaker. Those attending were: Billy Jane Crosby Baker, Demie Brown Blair, Evermond Hardee Daniel, Mildred Cox Goode, Mary Alderson Graham, Dorothy Monroe Hill, Betsy Rice, Ann Burcher Stansbury and Molly Warner Stephenson.

The weather, flowers and campus were beautiful all weekend. We toured the campus on Saturday and were thrilled with the new Jessep Alumni Center. As we entered the center, we were proud to read the brass plaque on the Graham Loggia telling us this was a gift from Mary Alderson Graham and Betsy.

Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper was there in the morning but had to leave early for a wedding. After a gourmet picnic lunch on the terrace of the center, several of us searched for the tiles donated by Lucy Garnett Lacy and Gene Shepard Keever. Then, those of us who could crouch down to do “rubbings” of the tiles. Class of ’44 business was handled during a delightful tea at the home of our president, Demie Brown Blair.

Our 30th reunion. Some of the news from the scrapbook: Anne Gordon Nebelt could not attend the reunion due to an out-of-town wedding. Lucy Garnett Lacy had expected to be with us. She was pleased that Dr. Cooper is a native of her hometown of Lancaster, Pa. Mary Alderson Graham is happy that all four of her children live nearby. Millie Cox Goode still plays golf and tennis in spite of back surgery. Evermond Hardee Daniel was named Woman of the Year for 1997 in her hometown. She is pleased that her daughter Lindsay now lives in Richmond. Helen Curtis Patrick’s daughter Dale was also at Westhampton celebrating her 30th reunion.

Battler Stansbury and Warren have moved to a retirement community in Williamsburg, Va., called Patriots Colony, and are busier than ever. Kathleen Sanderson Culpepper now lives in Wake Forest, N.C., after being in Japan for 30 years and serving as a missionary with her husband. Natalie Lunn has retired after 55 years of practicing pediatrics in Petersburgh, Va. Phyllis “Fifi” Smethurst is busy and enjoys her computer, but she travels very little these days because she is on oxygen.
The Jepson Alumni Center was a great location for dinner on Saturday. We shared a delicious buffet with the Class of 1939. After dinner, our class moved to a parlor for a social hour. Norma Sanders Graney and Ed joined us for the dinner. She continues to recover from the stroke she suffered last fall.

Mary Bowden Felger and Ted arrived for a time-share vacation on the Outer Banks, N.C., to swell the crowd at Billy Jane’s Sunday brunch. It was a “just right” ending to a beautiful weekend. The food was delicious, and we had her lovely clubhouse all to ourselves.

I have enjoyed being class secretary and pass the pen gladly to Evermond. Please send her your news promptly. Her address is: Evermond Hardee Daniel, 101 Forest Hills Drive, Monroe, N.C., 28112-2412.

Jane’s Sunday brunch. It was a Richmond, another in North reunion the best! Compare it with a had not attended a reunion for We had an outstanding class 50 years ago, this summer in Padua, Italy, as a Richmond, VA 23229.

William Satterwhite, R, of Lakeland, Fla., has been working on his golf game, and has aspirations of making the Senior Tour in 2001.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The Westhampton College Alumnae Association’s Richmond Club spring luncheon was the source of most of this letter’s news. In attendance from 47 were LaVinia Watson Reilly, Gin Ellett, Lena Thornton Small, Helen Cole Richardson, Nancy Richardson Elliott, Shirley Davis Sanford and me. It was held in the Jepson Alumni Center. LaVinia Watson Reilly has been on the East Coast for several months, but she is still officially a resident of California. Her vacation plans included a European trip in May, plus a cruise along the Danube.

Gin Ellett was to have cataract surgery in the spring, followed by a trip to Europe in June. I saw in our local paper that she won a tri-color award for a needlework Nativity. The event was the Turkey Woman’s Club 50th anniversary art show. Congratulations!

Lena Thornton Small and Holmes spent an April vacation in New Mexico with a son and his family, including four grandchildren. Lena will lead the Suffolk-Franklin-Smithfield group of Westhampton College alumnae this year. Congratulations to her.

Frances Coles McClennan’s son was married in Alexandria, Va., in April. The reception was held in Old Towne in the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee.

Helen Cole Richardson is proud of a granddaughter, who is a sophomore at Boston U. and was privileged to spend six weeks this summer in Padua, Italy, as a special student.

Shirley Davis Sanford’s four daughters are proud of a granddaughter who lives in Richmond, another in North Carolina, one in Florida, and one in Connecticut.

Ollie Menefee Stirling and I enjoyed a phone visit. On May 20, she began a voyage on a Sea Clipper, with only 122 passengers. I believe she started out in Lisbon, Portugal, went up the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel, and visited Holland and the British Isles. Sounds like a fabulous trip.

A final note: I am sad to report the death in early July of Marion Huske Moonan, our May Queen. She died after a brief illness. We extend our sympathy to her daughter, Susan, and three granddaughters.

Betty Hengyeveld Bradshaw continues to do well after her mastectomy on March 15. She was fortunate that neither radiation nor chemotherapy was needed, as the cancer had been contained and was all gone. At her writing, summer had come to Fayetteville, N.C., and gardening had to be done early before the heat of the day.

Elizabeth Wilburn Hooker, Jean Moody Vincent (first reunion attendance in a long time) and Elaine Leonard Davis decided an informal luncheon gathering, off premise, would be novel. So all classmates were invited to luncheon hosted by Beth at her house. Guest hosts “Randy” Mann Ellis, Audrey Bradford Sape and Jane Dennis McManigal welcomed. One of the highlights was the presence of Susan Dickinson Hurt. She, too, had not attended a reunion for many a year. Such stamina and fortitude she displayed making the effort to attend, as she is recovering from a stroke. Everyone enjoyed visiting with her.

During this time, we attended an informative lecture, which was requested by class members, on the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and athletics today at the University. Many went on to gala picnic at the new Jepson Alumni Center. They then made their way to Beth’s, too.

Saturday evening, the joint cocktail and dinner gathering was a huge success. During the evening, a video played, reflecting college days from 1948-49. It was accompanied with music of the same era. The program was a nostalgic “remember when” talk, song and piano presentation done by Richmond’s own Dan Roberts.

Betty Evans Hopkins played mistress of ceremonies for this event, and executed it with great poise. She was an excellent chairwoman for our 50th. Many thanks go out to her.

Now for a word on those who made that extra effort to come from a distance: Jean Brennan Fisher, Framington, Conn. (this was Jean’s first trip back to Richmond in 50 years); Jean Harman Sponaugle, Glen Rock, N.J.; Gilda “Randy” Mann Ellis, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. (she had just recovered from a hip replacement); Beverly Stahl, Sarasota, Fla. (she was her first trip back to Westhampton in 50 years); and Alida Martin Nofsinger, Newark, Del.

Mitzi Verra Williams’ husband, Jack, had just retired from teaching physics for 50 years. At Wake Forest’s graduation, he was honored for all he did (I was there). We all got to meet Cynthia Patrick Ott’s delightful new husband. Both Audrey Bradford Sape’s and Barbara Rhodes Barker’s husbands were not well enough to attend. They are in our thoughts.

Also, Mary Haskell McKenzie had to cancel her plans, because her husband became ill in New York while on a business trip. We hope he is improving. Jane Dennis McManigal did want everyone to know that her son had just had his sixth son. They now have a substitute for their basketball team. I hope you read the articles in the last Richmond magazine on Randy Mann Ellis and Elizabeth Hsu Lee. We are proud they are in our class and our friends.

We had an outstanding class 50 years ago, so it really should be no surprise that so many have done well and that we, as a class, were able to return something to our alma mater. The anonymous challenge gift of $500,000 and the $1 million that Marcus Weinstein gave spurred an incentive for giving that set all records for a university class! The amount exceeded $2,750,000. Our Westhampton class had a 64.6 percent participation in giving, which is remarkable.

We also set a precedent in establishing the F.W. Boatwright Society Scholars Program, which we hope other 50th reunion classes will continue to support. Our moment in time will last a long time.

The Rev. Dr. George W. Bowman III, R, of Winston-Salem, N.C., enjoys a busy retirement volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, a hospice and a soup kitchen. He founded the hospice, which is one of the largest in the United States.

Dr. Flora J. Zbar, W, assistant professor of English at the U. of South Florida in Tampa, delivered her paper, “The Vampire ‘Family’: A Study in Dysfunction,” at the 25th annual meeting of the International Association of the Fantastic in Literature. She spent five weeks in England for research and vacation this past summer.
James S. Howell, B, of Charlotte, N.C., and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8, 1999. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Evergreen Mutual Funds.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Paula Abernethy Kelton's daughter Mary and her husband have adopted a 10-month-old boy from Russia. He is grandson No. 7 for Paula and John. They had a wonderful trip to Spain in April. They visited friends in Madrid, and then traveled to other cities. Also in April, Paula was at Wake Forest, where she visited with Mizel Vera Williams, W '49, her "big sister."

Helen Clark Hensley and Dick vacationed in Switzerland and Austria in June. Helen reported that Jeanette Amerhold Brown has joined the Piedmont Arts Association in Martinsville, Va., where she and Helen get together every month. Helen also had news about the Gates twins, whose mother died on Easter. Cornelia Gates Dobyns lives in Blacksburg, Va., and Cordelia Gates Turner lives in Kansas City, Kan. In May, Charlotte, Bob and I enjoyed a 10-day trip to Denver to see the children. We all drove down to Santa Fe and Tiao, N.M. Next, we toured southwest Colorado.

Marygroon Cooper McGraw and Wally also traveled west, where they toured Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon.

Marilcy Murray Rishell and Rish spent two weeks with British friends touring Northern England and Scotland. Their hosts drove and instructed them as they traveled almost 1,000 miles through their ancestral countries. After their trip, they went to Harrisonburg, Va., where Marilyn witnessed the birth of their 15th grandchild, Olivia Ann, who is the fifth child of their youngest son's family. Their daughter in Virginia has six children, and their older son in California has four girls. I agree that we are all blessed with our children and grandchildren.

Our youngest grandson, Ryan, one of seven, will start school in the fall, and our oldest, Daniel, 16, is driving. I can believe it! When I'm not being "Soccer Grandmom" or going on trips with Holson, I have been presenting travelogues for the Shepherd Center here in Richmond. Last year at a lunchon that the Shepherd Center has annually for its workers, I had a nice visit with Frances Wessells, who has been teaching modern dance there.

At our time in life, good health is especially good news. Peggy Dietrich Shackelford, still in Richmond, enjoys good health and likes to play golf and swim laps. Do you suppose there's a connection there? Peggy was a medical receptionist and is now retired. Her husband, who is also retired, unfortunately is in poor health and unable to travel. They have five grandchildren. Their daughter, a William and Mary graduate, is an accountant. Their son, a graduate of the Air Force Academy and former test fighter pilot, is a full colonel.

Joan Perlin Ruby is "blessed with five self-sufficient children and four brilliant, handsome grandchildren." She, like the rest of us, seems to reserve the most extravagant superlatives for her grandchildren? Joan used to spend summers in Israel, but her husband's health no longer allows that. They now spend summers at Virginia Beach. The rest of the year, she is involved in a variety of volunteer activities, including editing a bulletin that is distributed nationwide and raising money for Hadassah.

Velda Harrell Agee, a kindergarten teacher who retired three years ago, volunteers in church, school and community. She sews and gardens, beautifying the wooded area where they built their retirement home in Kyesville, Va. "Best of all," she said, "we have more time for our grandchildren!"

Betty Andrews Rhudy, who lives on St. Simon's Island, Ga., and her husband, Bill, spent January vacationing on Aruba. Their son, Billy, is now vice president of Manchester College in Indiana. Unfortunately, Betty shared some bad news as well: Bill was diagnosed with cancer, and has had surgery and chemotherapy. Our prayers and best wishes for your rapid recovery, Bill.

The Rev. Charles W. Gibson, B, of Richmond, completed work as interim pastor of Jahnke Road Baptist Church. On June 1, he joined Effort Baptist Church in Palmyra, Va., as interim pastor, his sixth interim pastorate since his retirement in 1992.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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The Class of '52 would like to express their sympathy to Georganna McTeer Cooke, whose husband died around the first of June this year.

Marilyn McMurray Rishell and Rish spent two weeks with British friends touring Northern England and Scotland. Their hosts drove and instructed them as they traveled almost 1,000 miles through their ancestral countries. After their trip, they went to Harrisonburg, Va., where Marilyn witnessed the birth of their 15th grandchild, Olivia Ann, who is the fifth child of their youngest son's family. Their daughter in Virginia has six children, and their older son in California has four girls. I agree that we are all blessed with our children and grandchildren.

Alumni serve alma mater
29 alumni families serve as host families to 57 international students
750 alumni serve in the Alumni Career Network, offering career advice to current students
300 alumni are members of the Alumni Recruitment Committee, assisting the admission office all over the United States
70 percent of all first-year students were entertained in their home areas around the nation by 22 different alumni chapters and clubs

I can't tell you how wonderful it was to hear from so many of you this time. Whenever a message comes, the mailbox or computer seems to take on a special glow and so do I. (We have to take our thrills where we can get them.) Remember, I'm sending letters and self-addressed postcards at random, but it would be great if you should beat me to the draw. Thanks for keeping in touch with your classmates, because we really want to know about you.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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We were back and were better than ever before—our Class of '54 45th reunion was well-attended, and the camaraderie was as evident as it always has been. We think our Richmond classmates who planned our activities, Friday night's dinner at the beautiful, new Jepson Alumni Center was a real treat, and on Saturday night we enjoyed the Deeney with our husbands. In the five years that have passed since our last reunion, there have been many retirements, numerous grandchildren born, wonderful trips taken and unfortunately, deaths and a lot of health problems within our group. On April 30 and May 1, though, most of the talk was happy talk. Attending one or both events were Elizabeth "Betty" Rosenberger Allen, Costello "Cos" Washburn Barnes and Harry, Marcella "Marcel" Hammock Bullock, Sara Sherman Cowdred and Lush, Beverly Priddy Derr, Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey and John, Sue Perry Downing and Tom, Beverly French Dunn, Nancy Graham Harrell and Walter, Edith "Edie" Jackson Jones and Winton, Ola Hill Krueger, Nancy E. Lay, Betty Mozingo Lucas, Billie Bryan Mackey and Laura Mapp.

1954

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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The Class of '52 would like to express their sympathy to Georganna McTeer Cooke, whose husband died during the first of June this year.

Margaret Anderson Morris and Orrin enjoy retirement in Rockdale County, Ga. He is active in the Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts, and Margaret helps him with some of the children's art activities. She also enjoys teaching English as a second language at the local library and at their church. They have three grandchildren: Sarah in Orlando, Fla., and Aubrey Lynn and Kevin in Albuquerque, N.M.

When Betty Schaefer
Gladsden wrote in May, she and Jack were in the throes of moving back to Morehead City, N.C., after leaving two years earlier to be nearer to their autistic son. She has been painting for years, of large liturgical art, and she is scheduled to have a show in the Salisbury Waterworks Museum in 2000. Sounds exciting! Congratulations, Betty!
Also attending were Beverly Burke McGehee, Claire Milhiser Rosenbaum, Jane Betts Schmitt and Irwin; Ruth Zehner Seibold and Harry; Jo Sue Leonard Simpson, Lucy "Polly" Newman Smith and John Ran. Jane Gill Tombs and Averett, Barbara Bull Tull, Nancy Baumgardner Werner, Shirley Ward Wingfield and Benjamin, and Nancy Harvey Yuhase and Bill. We were joined as always by our class sponsor, Mary Jane Miller.

Nancy Graham Harrell and Walter returned home from Holland just in time for the reunion, and left in June for a two-week trip to Italy and London. Nancy Baumgardner Werner left the reunion to attend Elderhostel programs with her husband. Mary Jane Miller went to Greece in May for a long-anticipated trip.

We thank Beverly Priddy Derr for agreeing to stay on as class president. As some of you know, Beverly lost her husband, Charles Franklin Derr, in February after a lengthy illness.

Beverly French Dunn will replace Nancy Werner as class chair, and I will attempt to replace Nancy Harrell as class secretary. Many thanks to both Nancy.

The Hon. George F. Tidey, B'58, and R'62, who retired.

The Rev. Edward Willingham, R, of Southfield, Mich., retired in July from the Christian Communication Council of Metropolitan Detroit Churches after 36 years of service. He served the last 22 years as the council's executive director. His wife, Angie Pettit Willingham, W'57, retired at the same time as associate director of the council, where she had served for 11 years. He serves part time as intermin minister for the First Congregational Church of Wayne, Mich., and is a Web designer for a growing number of local congregations:

www.users.aol.com/edwilling/churches.htm

Dr. William Powell Tuck, R, was selected as one of the 1999 recipients of the Medallion, the highest award given to a volunteer board member by the Boys and Girls Club of America. He has served as president of the Lumberton, N.C., board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club since 1995. He also announces publication of his eighth book, A Glorious Vision.

Blessings on Margaret "Peggy" Smith King, who enjoys using her computer and e-mail and sent me a communication. She would like e-mail addresses for other classmates.) She and her hubby, Bob, spent lots of time doing genealogy research on the computer, and they also travel. Last year, they went to Hawaii and cruised the islands, then crossed back to the mainland. They have also been to Bermuda and several places in Europe recently.

When she is not computing or traveling, Peggy enjoys playing golf and tournament bridge. They have three well-spoiled grandchildren and report being typical grandparents who enjoy going to visit and bragging about the two boys and one girl.

Perhaps some of you who have a bit of spare time on your hands (of course no one does) would be willing to send a note to Anne Stuart Hartz Garnett, who enjoys using her computer and sending out e-mail addresses for our classmates.

John Markham, B, owner of Markham Burial Vault Service in Richmond, was named treasurer of the board of directors of John Tyler Community College. He has served as president of the Lumberton, N.C., board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club since 1995. He also announces publication of his eighth book, A Glorious Vision.

Gerald O. Vaughn, R, of Charlotte, N.C., continues progressing in the shot put circle and won the 1999 USA Track and Field Masters National Indoor Shot Put Championship for his age group. His 48-foot and 1-inch throw last year put him in world-class status. He works as a recruiting consultant at Joseph Crews Partners.

R. D. "Buster," Ward, R, a professor of the arts at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., received the Department of the Arts Fine Arts Prize, which is given annually to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in the area of fine arts. He will be retiring this year after serving on the faculty since 1958. He received his master's degree from the U. of Illinois, and his Ph.D. from the Catholic U. of America.

Violet Moore Neal retired after more than 30 years of teaching. She hopes to visit her Richmond daughter, Crystall Neal Libon, W'66, and grandson Connor more.

The department of surgery of the Medical U. of South Carolina dedicated the Danbee R. Yarbrough III Burn Unit in May as a memorial to Danbee R. Yarbrough, R'57, husband of Carolyn Smith Yarbrough.

Jean Anderson Farmer's husband, Peyton Farmer, R'56, has retired as a judge in Caroline County, Va. She continues to sell real estate.

Alumni representatives at inaugurations

The following individuals served as University of Richmond delegates at presidential inaugurations between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 1999.

James F. Bowen Jr., R'69 • 250th anniversary of founding and opening convocation at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Helen Outen Owens, W'70 • South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

Michael V. Almanstan, R'88 • State University of New York - College at Potsdam

Charles Franklin Derr, in March. The Class of '60 filled an entire table. What a wonderful afternoon and to top that, I was able to gather some news!

Audrey Nuckolls Reynolds, Jeanette McWilliams Welsh and Em St. Clair Key represented our class at Miss Gregory's memorial service, which was held in Cannon Chapel in June 1998. That brilliant professor will bring fond memories to many of us, especially the history majors.

Becky Grissoem Van Aalst and Linda Morgan Lemmon, along with husbands Gerry and Bob, planned a summer trip to England. After spending several days in London, they planned to rent a cottage in the Cotswolds and then tour that entire region.

Another trip planner was Em St. Clair Key. She planned to celebrate her June retirement by traveling in Switzerland for three weeks.

Millie Bagley Bracey joined us for the luncheon and brought us up to date on the politics of South Hill, as she continues to serve on the town council. In addition to her civic responsibilities, Millie continues to teach at the high-school level and never misses a day visiting her mother, who is in a nursing home. Millie and Penny’s daughter lives in Washington, D.C., and is an attorney in the U.S. Patent Office.

Judy Cyrus Johnson has the difficult assignment, in her retirement from teaching, of e-mailing all her friends and having lunch with her other retired associates.

Alice Clement Boone's son is teaching history under the supervision of Audrey Nuckolls Reynolds in Hanover County. He will soon be without Audrey's expertise, however, as she planned to retire in August.
Jean Stonestreet Lloyd, of Richmond, and her husband, John, bought a condo in Venice, Fla., where they spend their winters and play more golf. They went on a trip to the Northwest and cruised to Alaska.

Raoul L. Weinstein, R, serves as 1999 president of the Lakeland, Fla., Association of Realtors. He and Jack W. Frettwell Jr., R, ski together at least every other year. Last winter, they skied at Lake Louise in Banff, Canada.

John bought a condo in Venice, Fla., where they spend their winters and play more golf. They went on a trip to the Northwest and cruised to Alaska.

A. James Kauffman, L, of Midlothian, Va., was elected to the advisory council of the Salvation Army’s Adult Rehabilitation Center. He is a partner in the Richmond law firm of Taylor, Hazen, Kauffman & Pinchbeck.

Sybil Stevens Hundley and her husband agree that their move from Fairfax County, Va., to a farm outside of Fincastle, Va., was a major change, but they enjoy retirement. Their daughter received a degree in violin performance from Roanoke College and will continue her violin studies at the graduate level.

In June, I attended my 40th high school reunion and had the opportunity to talk with Patricia “Pat” Cordle Maxey and her husband, Winstonton; and with Mary Jane Newton Brown and her husband, James. Mary Jane is still with the Virginia Department of Education.

Joyce Sanford Brittingham and her husband, Jim, live in Beavercreek, Ohio, where he retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years of service. She has enjoyed volunteering, teaching music part time, directing children’s choirs, being a soloist with a baroque ensemble as well as being a mom to Laura, 27, who was married in October 1998. William S. Burton, R and L’66, joined National Alliance as a legislative attorney in May. He lives in Potomac Falls, Va.

Brenda Wade Gordon, W, of Richmond, served as president of the Alliance of the Virginia Dental Association, the state dental organization for spouses. She and her husband, Pete, visited Japan while their daughter, Kendall, taught high school English there. Their son, Scott, practices employment discrimination law in Richmond.

Charles A. Hartz, R and L’69, of Richmond, joined the Farmame Law Firm.

Billie-Lynn Lassiter Mercer, W, and her husband, Jim, of Fredericksburg, Va., celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, James “Wright” Mercer III, born March 4, 1999, to their son Jim and his wife, Denise.

Nancy Holland Miller, W, and her husband, Tykey, built a new home in Richmond. She continues to volunteer with the Court Docent Program and the Richmond Lawyers’ Auxiliary. She continues to serve as a judge in the Henrico General District Court. Their daughter Amy graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law and joined a law firm in Atlanta. Their daughter Melissa attends the Medical U. of South Carolina, and their son, Brent, works at Wheat First Union in Richmond.

Dr. Wesley R. Monfalcone, R, of Cassellbery, Fla., has been serving as director of clinical pastoral education at Florida Hospital in Orlando for the past four years. He and his wife, Rebecca, became grandparents on Sept. 1, 1998, to Mary Allison.

Donald N. Patten, R, is president-elect of the Virginia Triallaws Association. He is with the law firm of Doss, Womark & Watkins of Newport News, Va.

Dr. Susan Pepper Robbins, W, adjunct professor of rhetoric at Hampden-Sydney College, received the Cabell Award at Hampden-Sydney’s commencement ceremony in May. The award is given to a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the education of Christian young men. She also received the John Brooks Faqua Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is given annually to five superior classroom teachers selected by the previous two graduating classes.

Beverly Davis Walters, W, of Richmond, retired from teaching and serves as an elder at St. Giles Presbyterian Church. She works with the healing ministry and the Stephen ministry, and also pursues her interest in art. She and her husband, Bill, have been married almost 35 years. They have three children: Brandon, Ben and Barrett.

Lisa Coleman Wood, W, and her husband, Frank, married in 1995, and she moved back to Richmond from Charlottesville, Va., to be with him. She and Frank enjoy traveling, and working with Andrew’s Buddies Inc, a nonprofit organization devoted to finding a cure for spinal muscular atrophy. She also serves with the Virginia Museum Council and works part time for Robertson Marketing Group.

William A. Young Jr., L, with the Richmond law firm of Spinelli, Winnig & Shaia, is a member of the Arbitration Associates Inc. panel.

J. Edward Betts, L, was named to head the communications group of the Virginia Bar Association. He is with the Richmond law firm of Christian & Barton.

Ruth Ann Carter Carmody, W, of Annandale, Va., continues to work as senior manager, network administration at WINSTAR. Her responsibilities include trunk administration and the telephone number administration system.

Bill Early, R, of Arlington, Va., received a degree in violin from the University of Virginia, and she moved back to Richmond Palmetto Leadership at CU. He also served as a judge in the Henrico General District Court.

Many thanks to Margaret Broser Almond for her help with the New Year’s resolution for our class.

Margaret and Hilton welcomed their first grandchild, Emma, born on April 30, 1999. Emma’s mom is Kristy Almond Pinn, W’94. In September, Hilton Jr., a firefighter for Henrico County, was married to Julie M. Willcox, W’91, on the beach at Emerald Isle, N.C.

Gerald O. Vaughn, R’57, won the 1999 USA Track and Field Masters National Indoor Shot Put Championship for his age group.

Darlene Morgan, W, has been enjoying increased independence and has built up her strength by working out at a gym. She drove from Roanoke, Va., to several retirement parties for colleagues in Northern Virginia. She also went to Palm Springs, Calif., and March and spent a week in Las Vegas. She plans to spend this coming winter in Palm Springs.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

Frances Pitchford Griggs
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Daniel Wilkins, B, and GB’74, of Richmond, was profiled in the Metro Business “People and Places” section of the June 7, 1999, edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He is the owner of Dan Wilkins and Associates as well as Race Car Enterprises of Virginia Inc.

Jo Keller Sieverdes, W, teaches kindergarten at Clemenson, S.C., Montessori School. She and her husband, Dr. Christopher M. Sieverdes, ’66, celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Ann Carol, to Timmily Murray on Oct. 24, 1998. Their son John is a senior at Clemenson U., and their son William is in high school.

Linda Graham Butler, W, moved to Williamsburg, Va., two years ago. She is a former teacher, and her husband is a high school principal.

Diane MacEccan Harris, W, of Abingdon, Va., manages a friend’s business part time. Her husband, Warren, is a college English teacher. Their son Colin is at Columbia U., and their son Jeremy is at Duke U.

John F. Howell, B, of Honolulu, retired from GTE and serves as president and CEO of a local nonprofit agency that helps children. He has enjoyed living in Hawaii for almost 30 years.

Dulce Hernandez Lawrence, B, of Richmond, continues to teach Spanish at Richmond High School. One of her daughters, Lilja, got married at Cannon Memorial Chapel on May 16, 1999. Marilyn R. Lipsitz, W, completed her 30th year of teaching for the Richmond City Schools.

Robert L. Musick Jr., R, served as one of the judges for the 1999 Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year award. He is with the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins.

William C. Neubauer Jr., R, works with the U.S. Customs Service in Plantation, Fla. His son, William III, graduated from Georgia Tech in March.

Andrea Caulbe Newsome, W, of Waynesboro, Va., retired in April after 29 years of government service. She has two children, Andrew, 17, and Ginna, 13.

Rodney M. Poole, R, of Richmond. See Alumni Notables, p. 27.

David M. Sheppard, B, of Richmond, was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Mortgage Co. of James River Inc., a mortgage subsidiary of James River Bankshares Inc. He was formerly with Central Fidelity Bank.

Susan Donaldson Simmons, W, of Evans, Ga., works as director of development for the Alzheimer’s Association. She and her husband, Eric, vice president for Marcal Paper Mills Inc., have three children. Amy is a nurse in Arlington, Va.; Craig graduated from college in May; and Keith is a student at Biola U. in La Mirada, Calif.

Robert S. Uckrop, B, was elected co-chairman of the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond. He is president and CEO of Uckrop’s Supermarkets Inc., and is a University of Richmond trustee. He and his brother, James, were inducted into the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame in May.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

BONNIE BANSBERRY

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The following news was sent in by Susan Agee Biggs, who gathered information from our scrapbook and phonathon. Forty-three of us gathered in the Deanery on Friday night and talked non-stop for four hours. This news is from those who sent greetings but couldn’t be with us for the reunion.

Marilyn Flynn Link spent much of the year recovering from a knee injury that she incurred in a student-faculty soccer game. Rather than dwell on her injury, she reported that the facility won—first time in 10 years! She and Bill both work at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She teaches biology and serves as head of the sciences in the school’s residential program. He works in the art computer lab for the distance learning program.

Segar Jones Kite sent greetings from Luray, Va. She takes classes at Virginia Tech and took a three-week Antruk tour of the West, receiving college credit. She has three daughters in college.

Diane Bowar Edwards sent greetings from Fort Lewis, Wash. Diane Bowar Hardy said hello; her two boys are grown and still at home. She continues to teach high school math in North Carolina. Karen Richardson Dick does substitute teaching. She was pleased to let everyone know that she has two grandchildren.

Florence Ann Packard Thomas sent greetings from Norton, Ohio. Ada Herrin Thompson has a son at Wake Forest and a daughter at Vanderbilt. Sandy Rice Childress works at VCU in the registration office. Nan David Clarke is happy in her new home on 10 acres with cows in the pasture.

Polly Winfrey Griffin, W’73, has become the registrar at Dartmouth College.

Mary Bull Shafer Brauerberger has been ill and is at the Branden- mill Convalescing Home in Richmond. She taught at J. Sergeant Reynolds for 27 years and moved to Virginia Tech five years ago.

Voyonne Bowman says she’s alive and well at the beach—Virginia Beach, Va. Kathryn Elizabeth Scott sent greetings from Tallahassee, Fla. She teaches English for grades 10-12 and had just returned from visiting her stepson in California.

Kate Hardy Sakowski sent greetings from her brand-new cottage in Delaville, Va. She has two grandsons. Gail Waddill Grubbs was attending her son’s graduation during our reunion. She is vice president of marketing for Chancellors Marketing Group, a broadcasting and media company. Kit Spoons Hogue sent greetings from Burke, Va. She celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary on April 12. She has two children and works for the federal government in statistics.

Nancy Jo Srb Lowry sent her hello from San Antonio. She serves as the University’s recruitment person for her region, and goes to several college nights each fall. She does public-relations work and also works for political campaigns. Her daughter, Elizabeth, 20, is at the U. of Texas. Daughter Katherine, 16, has just gotten her driver’s license.

Kathy Shapiro Wootton sent greetings from Tucson, Ariz. She works part time for Sylvan Learning Centers. Her two daughters are in college, majoring in elementary education and family studies.

Pamela Thompson Tidaback works part time. Her daughter is a graduate student at UNC, majoring in toxicology.

John S. Barr, Jr., was named to head the section on honoring members and judges of the Virginia Bar Association. He is with the Richmond-based law firm of McGate Woods Battle & Beetle.

Judy Baughan Lankford, W, is president-elect of the Central Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. She is with the firm of Landlord & Associates.

R. Larry Lyons, B, of Powhatan, Va., was elected president of the Virginia Association of Community Banks. He is the president of Central Virginia Bank in Powhatan.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

The following news was sent in by Daughters Katherine, 16, had just graduated from Leysin International School. Her stepson, Gavin, is in California. Her son John graduated from Leysin International School.

Mike Musick, ’66, has been ill and is at the Brander-Gifts Convalescing Home in Virginia Beach, Va. He is president of the Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year award. He is with the Richmond law firm of Spinnella Owings & Shaia.

Robert S. Ukrop, B, of Richmond, was elected to the advisory council of the Salvation Army’s Adult Rehabilitation Center.

Thomas O. Bondurant, R and U’, was named to head the substance abuse section of the Virginia Bar Association. He is with the law firm of Bondurant & Benson in Roanoke, Va.

Geoffrey D. Cahill, R, was named as outstanding broker of the year by the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia. He is with Commonwealth Underwriters Ltd. in Richmond.

James A. Hewitt Jr., B, and his family moved to Williamsburg, Va. He elected for early retirement and received the 1999 Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year award. He is a finalist in Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year award. He is principal and vice president of Sycom Technologies.

Thomas Shockley, R, was named to the board of directors of John Tyler Community College Foundation. He is president of Technology Leasing Concepts of Midlothian, Va.

FROM THE WESTHAMPTON CLASS SECRETARY

SPRING CRAFTS KIRBY

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Many thanks to those who answered my e-mail pleas for news this time. Please note above that my e-mail address has changed. I also accept news by snail mail, phone and psychic connection.

Betty Rodman Harris and Scott have had a busy spring. Their son John graduates from Leysin American School in Switzerland in June. They went to graduation and spent some time traveling in Switzerland and France before coming home. As of this writing, John had been accepted at Tulane University.
Managing 19 titles in magazine publishing

Iowa does not sound like the land of opportunity for media professionals but Gayle Goodson Butler, W’73, has carved an exciting career for herself there. She works for the Des Moines-based Meredith Corp., one of America’s leading media and marketing companies. The corporation is probably best known as the publisher of Better Homes and Gardens and Ladies Home Journal magazines.

Butler has reached the top ranks at Meredith: She is executive editor of the Better Homes and Gardens special interest publications group. This year, Goodson will be directly responsible for 46 issues of 19 titles in the furnishings and building areas, including Decorating, Kitchen and Bath Ideas, Window and Wall Ideas, and Christmas Ideas.

“The moment I started in magazine work, I knew I had found the right career,” Butler says.

As president of the Westminster College Government Association during her undergraduate years, Butler was accustomed to taking charge. The native of Danville, Va., credits Richmond’s coordinate system with helping her and other women develop leadership skills.

Butler also found inspiration through Joe Nettles, who taught journalism at the University. “He really helped me focus on journalism as an area of interest,” she says. “He helped me gain confidence in my writing skills. He was a hands-on teacher, and a mentor to many.”

After being named to Phi Beta Kappa and graduating magna cum laude with majors in political science and journalism, Butler moved to Washington, D.C. She worked for U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., (no relation) as his press secretary, writing speeches and newsletters and serving as media liaison.

It was an exciting time to be in the nation’s capital; Butler was a member of the House Judiciary Committee, which was holding hearings on whether to impeach President Richard M. Nixon. Butler lived in an apartment with a Westhampton friend and met her future husband, Scott, who lived in the same apartment building.

Gayle and Scott Butler were married in July 1975. A few months later, Gayle Butler left the congressman’s office to work for Potomac Electric Power Company. She started as media relations representative, and then was promoted to manager of publications.

By 1982, Butler was expecting a baby and Scott, a Nebraska native, had a job opportunity in Iowa. Any concerns about her career were abated when Butler learned that Des Moines was home to the mighty Meredith Corp., which specializes in magazine and book publishing, television broadcasting and integrated marketing. Company revenues in fiscal year 1998 exceeded $1 billion.

In 1983, after moving to Iowa and giving birth to a daughter, Butler went to work for Meredith. She began her career as a media representative, developing a national media-relations program for the company’s real estate service and other in-house clients.

After two years, she became associate building editor for Better Homes and Gardens, a national magazine with a circulation of more than 7 million. She managed major editorial projects including the construction of a show home. Then it was on to the senior furnishings/building editor position for Better Homes and Gardens books.

In 1987, Butler’s second daughter was born. Butler decided to work part time so that she could spend more time with her family. She produced and edited articles for Remodeling Ideas magazine.

In 1991, Butler left Meredith Corp. when Scott received a promotion to Charlotte, N.C. She started her own company, Gayle Butler Editorial Services, and served as a special assignment regional editor for Meredith Corp. She also wrote and produced stories for other national consumer and trade publications, primarily in the home building and remodeling area.

Butler and her family moved back to Iowa in 1995 when she was offered the job of editor for Remodeling Ideas. In 1996, she added management to her list of duties when she became responsible for the editors in charge of the other building titles: Building Ideas, Kitchen and Bath Ideas and Country Kitchens.

The next year, Butler was promoted to managing editor for the entire special interest publications group and in November 1998, she was promoted to executive editor for the group.

“I love the idea that our magazines help readers shape homes that are comfortable, beautiful and a haven for their family lives,” she says.

As Butler herself proves, skills, not location, are more important in a career. She notes that since most media companies are moving to a multimedia presence, it’s essential for undergraduates interested in the field to get a good background in multimedia.

Finally, “master a subject area,” says this veteran of the home-building, remodeling and decorating field. “It’s getting harder and harder for a generalist.”

By Laura S. Jeffrey
They're on the way!

Your University of Richmond alumni directory is nearing completion and copies will soon be shipped. They are scheduled to be released in late November 1999. If you reserved a copy of the directory during the verification phase of the project, you should receive it two or three weeks after the release. If you have a question about your order, or if you wish to place an order, please contact the publisher directly.

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To those who returned their questionnaires, many thanks for your cooperation. And to those who ordered a copy of the directory—enjoy!

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**1974**

Wendy Denison Church, W, is owner of Capitol Hill Service Inc. She is a member of the Board of Associates.

**1975**

Lucinda "Cindy" Briggs, W, is owner and president of All Dogs Playkool, which has two locations in metro Richmond and provides day-care and grooming for dogs.

**1976**

John W. Daniel II, L, joined the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine as a partner. He specializes in constitutional law and counseling.

**1977**

Richard B. Williams, B, was recognized for his service and contributions to the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia. He is president of the Virginia Bar Association. He is with the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins.

**1978**

Joanne Bowman, B, catalog librarian for Henrico Public Schools, was chosen by the American Association of University Women as one of five gift honorees. Funds raised by the Richmond branch of AUW will be given in their names to the AUW Educational Foundation.

**1979**

Dr. William "Bill" S. Dodson Jr., R, earned his dentistry degree from the U. of Florida in June 1998. He and his wife, Yvonne, and their children, Zack and Jessica, will make their fourth mission trip to Haiti this year. After he completes a specialist's degree in endodontics at the New York U. College of Dentistry, they hope to return to Virginia.

**1980**

Russ Rainer, R'81, executive director of Russian Immigration Services, runs two orphanages in the Chernobyl-contaminated zone in Belarus.

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David E. Beck, B, was named vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He joined the bank in 1984, and was named operations officer in 1995 and assistant vice president in 1996. His responsibilities include overseeing cash and fiscal services, payment services and check-processing departments.

Laurie Hooper Fisher, V, of Baltimore, enjoyed a "Girls' Weekend" in March in Charleston, S.C., with classmates and fellow alumnae Bernadette Douthey Harris, Sonya Harrow Morrison and Cassie Bailey King, all W, and Carolyn Fleming Spencer, Betsy Lindsay Goode and Robin Kilgore Henderson, all B. The occasion was to celebrate their 40th birthdays and long friendships. They all missed Beth Forward Burgess, W, who was absent due to giving birth to a new baby.

Hugh T. Harrison III, L, was named to head the real estate section of the Virginia Bar Association. He is a partner in the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins.

Scott Millburn, L, of Seattle, joined AdRelevance, an Internet start-up firm, as president of business development. He was formerly a partner in the law firm of Preston Gates & Ellis.

Russ Rainer, R, is executive director of Richmond-based Russian Immigration Services. His service runs two orphanages in the Chernobyl-contaminated zone in Belarus. He hopes to open eight orphanages with up to 130 children each.
Alice Fear White, W, of Charlotte, N.C., works as a clinical nutrition specialist at Carolinas Medical Center.

1982

Phyllis C. Katz, L, is a member of the Arbitration Associates Inc. panel. She is associated with the Richmond law firm of Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller.

John D. Whitlock, L, of Richmond, was elected president of the board of directors of The Family Foundation. He is president of the Whitlock Group.

1983

Virginia H. Grigg, L, joined the Richmond law firm of Christian & Barton. She works in the firm's trusts and estates department.

Don Isenburg, B, was promoted to financial vice president at A&T Network Services. He and his wife, Joanne, and their three sons live in Long Valley, N.J.

Dr. Victoria Mitchell Payne, W, received her doctor of medicine degree from Wake Forest U. School of Medicine in May. She is a resident in psychiatry at Duke U. Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Marie Blaze Thayer, B, is a homemaker in Shellburne, Vt. She and her husband, Rick, have three children: Hunter, 10; Holly, 6; and Harrison, born Dec. 7, 1998.

1984

J. Russell Pentress IV, B, a partner in the law firm of Goss, Meier, Pentress in Norfolk, Va., was certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, which honors trial lawyers nationally who have achieved trial verdicts and settlements of more than $1 million. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, and their daughter Anne, 1, live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Frances Lewis, H, of Richmond, was recognized by the Richmond Washington & Lee U. alumni chapter for her philanthropy with W&L's School of Law.

Cindy Driver Loman, W, works as community news editor at the News & Record in Greensboro, N.C. She and her husband, Dan, have two sons, Morgan, 6, and Brodie, 4.

Co-anchoring news on Philadelphia TV

As a senior at Dover High School in Delaware, Ulysses S. “Ukee” Washington III, R’80, received a number of visits from college basketball recruiters. The year was 1976 and he was both first team all-state and Delaware co-player of the year. He was the seventh leading scorer in Delaware history with 1,305 points. He also ran track and broke the state record in 110-meter hurdles.

Ultimately, the star athlete chose the University of Richmond because it was close to his father’s side of the family in Buckingham County, Va. And, ironically, he made only a handful of visits to his cousins over the four years he spent at Richmond—he was too busy studying and playing basketball.

Growing up in West Philadelphia, Pa., Washington also was connected to his community in a musical way. He was a member of the elite Philadelphia Boys Choir, which “took me halfway around the world—Russia, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Denmark and Mexico.” Today, he’s connected in an even more visible way, as the very popular co-anchor for Eyewitness News at Noon and the evening news for KYW, the CBS affiliate in Philadelphia. It’s an exaggeration to say he got his start at Richmond.

When he wasn’t on the court playing big guard, a position now known as shooting guard, co-captain Washington spent time on the Coach Lou Goetz sports show on WTVR-6. “I started out there and got involved, hoping I might get into journalism,” he says. His work on the TV show not only gave him great experience, but it earned him academic credits. “One thing led to another,” he recalls, “and at the end of my senior year I was doing the weekend sports report at Channel 6. I was lucky and very fortunate.”

Recalling his days spent here, Washington speaks fondly of several individuals who made his stay here memorable. He remembers basketball coach Carl Slone: “He offered me the scholarship.” And then there was Dr. Emory Bogle in history, who wanted him to go into law, and Elizabeth McLaughlin in mathematics who, he says, really cared about her students.

Also, he developed a special relationship with Bill, C’76, and Ginny Brazier, his local “foster parents”—at the time, out-of-town basketball players were assigned a local family to keep tabs on them. “I’d go over to their home for a meal or to a movie. They’d call my parents and let them know what was going on.”

After graduating from Richmond with a degree in journalism, Washington stayed on at Channel 6 for 10 months. Next, he got a job as sports director at WBBH-TV in Fort Myers, Fla., followed by a position as sports anchor at WSB-TV in Atlanta.

In 1986, Washington returned to his hometown to join the KYW news team as a sportscaster. Being a big fan of basketball and football, Washington has thoroughly enjoyed his career. “I love reporting on golf and hockey. I covered the Flyers for 10 years,” he says. He also hosted “Rap Around,” a Saturday show for teens.

Ten years later, he made the switch to the news desk. At the time he had been covering sports at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m., when he was switched to co-anchoring a new expanded morning show, “News 3 This Morning,” which began at 5:30 a.m. His new Wake-up time—3 a.m.—had been his bedtime during his career as a sportscaster.

Having successfully made the transition from sports to news, he now co-anchors the “Eyewitness News at Noon” with Pat Carroccchi and “Eyewitness News at 5 p.m.” with Dawn Stensland. He says he relishes opportunities to get out of his office and meet people, not necessarily celebrities, but just everyday viewers. “I do a lot of anchor work, but still like to get out and report.”

One of his most interesting assignments was on-location, live reporting from the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. Away from home in Wilmington, Del., where he lives with his stepson and wife Laurie, for three solid weeks, Washington spent 20-hour workdays doing feature stories on Philadelphia athletes involved in the games. In keeping with his penchant for music, he has also hosted his station’s live telecasts of the Philadelphia Orchestra in addition to other specials and programs.

So, nearly 20 years later, is Washington glad he chose Richmond over other schools who courted him with basketball scholarships? “Without question,” he says emphatically. He recently got together with 12 of his college friends for a weekend at the Hyatt in Richmond. “Now we’re all on e-mail and it’s easy to stay in touch.” Plus, with true school spirit, he says, “Whenever I see someone here or on the road with a Richmond sticker, I always give them the Spider sign!”
Richard Pearce II, B, is a vice president at First Union National Bank in Allentown, Pa. He and his wife, Kristen, and their daughter, Nicole, 1, live in Northfield, Pa. He enjoys playing in and winning the annual Spider golf tournament at Lehigh Country Club with Jim Martin, B, who has finished second for the seventh straight year.

Brent B. Staunton, B, was promoted to national account manager with Hoechst Marion Roussel Inc. He and his wife, Stacy, and their son, Austin, relocated to Kansas City, Mo.

Donald A. Steinbrugge, B, works as a managing director for Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management in Los Angeles. Much of his free time is devoted to competition in triathlons.

Eric M. Whiteley, B, joined Intersil Information Systems as senior accounting manager in Lanham, Md. He was formerly with Chemical Manufacturers Association as assistant controller in Arlington, Va.

Craig Alvey, B, was elected associate vice president of Nationwide Global Holdings Inc., while continuing as director of Asia business development for the Columbus-based firm. He lives in Hong Kong.

Tracey Warner Foutz, W, enjoys staying at home with her son, Colin Boy, born Dec. 17, 1998. She and her husband, Roy, moved to Roanoke, Va., two months before Colin was born.

Bernard W. Mahon Jr., B, of Fredericksburg, Va., was promoted to president of Union Investment Services Inc., a subsidiary of Union Bankshares Corp.

Bonnie S. Salzman, L, is a member of the Arbitration Associates Inc. panel. She is a mediator with Salzman Mediation Services.

John Sarrett, R, was named PGA Professional at Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond. He was formerly with the Country Club of Maryland in Baltimore.

Carolyn T. Sizemore, B, of Glen Allen, Va., has been named vice president, financial planning, at CSX Corp. She joined the company in 1989 and was senior director of performance measurement.

Carmen Vacchian, B, works as vice president and department manager at Merrill Lynch in Plainsboro, N.J. He also is in his third semester of the Columbia Business School Executive MBA Program. He and his wife, Garth, live in Madison, N.J., with their four children: Lauren, 9; and triplets Carmen, Anthony and Andrea, 2.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I attended the wedding of Ann Smith in March. She married Daniel Scavilla in Bryan Mawr, Pa., and immediately moved to Zurich, Switzerland. Dan will be working for a few years for a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary. Also attending were classmates Jeannie Nicosiz Arida, Beth Hart, Melissa Coggleshall Carey, Helen Grove and Kathy O'Hara Stevens.

Beth Hart accepted a position with the Baltimore Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice. She assists the director in a community crime-prevention program. She has completed a master's degree in criminal justice from the U. of Baltimore. She and Helen Grove visited Ann Smith Scavilla in Switzerland this past summer. I visited Kathy O'Hara Stevens and her husband, Mike, to see their new home in Columbia, Md., and to meet their second son, William Patrick, born on June 15.

Alison Tufts Morfi sent me an e-mail. She and her husband, Thor, live in Atlanta, Va. She is a manager of training and installations for MICROS Systems, Americas, which develops and installs software for the hospital industry. Her husband is a resident director at Marymount U., so the two of them live on campus.

I spoke to Susan Hosteller Davenport, who is serving a two-year term as president of the board of trustees of the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood. She had been a board member for about six years. She and her husband, John Davenport, B'S, have three daughters: Frances, 8; Ellen, 5; and Margaret, 1. John is a fund manager with Mentor Investment Group, a subsidiary of First Union Bank.

Susan told me that Carol Woodside and her husband, Tony Byrne, had their first child, a son, Jackson, born this past spring. They also moved from Washington, D.C., to Maryland.

I hope to see you at our 15th reunion April 28-29, 2000!
Couple works in L.A. entertainment industry

Linda Grasso, B’84, and Charlie Koones, R’84, grew up in the same Bethesda, Md., neighborhood and met in the eighth grade, but they weren’t good friends. Later they both chose to attend the University of Richmond, where they began a friendship that grew into a long-time romance. Fifteen years later, they are married, have two children and enjoy dual, high-powered careers in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.

Today, Koones runs the domestic publishing operations of entertainment news icon Variety, while Grasso can be seen internationally on E! Entertainment Television covering show business.

Looking back, Koones recalls his time at Richmond as exhilarating. “Richmond was the right fit for me—I absolutely loved it,” he says. And that’s exactly how he feels about his chosen profession. Of his position at Variety, he says, “I consider myself lucky. I’ve got a career that’s challenging and stimulating. I’m enormously proud of our products.”

An English major with a minor in Spanish, Koones was president of the Richmond College Student Government Association. “Richmond was great because it allowed you to do so many things. It was the right size and offered a classic liberal arts education with good professors.” In particular, he remembers history professor Dr. Emory Bogle, who has ended up doing what doesn’t escape Grasso, a journalism major, “The truth of the matter is that I’m a really curious person and, doing one-on-one interviews, you get to sit down with a person and ask them anything you want. Over the years, she’s interviewed the likes of Harrison Ford, Tom Hanks, Michelle Pfieffer, Meryl Streep, Leonardo diCaprio, and George Clooney. She’s hosted several E! specials on the Oscars, the Emmys and the Golden Globes, and she serves as primary back-up anchor for E! Entertainment Television.

Almost all the while, Grasso and Koones maintained their long-distance relationship. Finally, after a 10-year courtship, the couple married and Grasso relocated to New York City. There she landed a job at WNBC, the top station in the nation’s No. 1 broadcast market. Six months later, however, Koones was asked to move to Los Angeles to head up Variety’s marketing department.

As director of marketing, Koones helped develop, design and market a new slate of Variety and Daily Variety special issues. As a result, advertising revenues doubled in less than three years.

Once in Los Angeles, Grasso began reporting for local Fox-TV affiliate KTTV, eventually covering the ’94 Northridge earthquake and wildfires, and the O.J. Simpson trial. When the couples’ first child was born, Grasso realized she needed a change. “I really got into journalism to do stories on interesting people and things. But in most big cities, so much of the reporting focuses on crime. Not to mention the mandatory 12-hour days. It just wasn’t fair to the baby.”

Determined to have a more balanced life, Grasso landed a job as a correspondent with E! Entertainment Television in 1996.

“It’s such a fun job,” she enthuses. “The bottom line is that I’m a really curious person and, doing one-on-one interviews, you get to sit down with a person and ask them anything you want.” Over the years, she’s interviewed the likes of Harrison Ford, Tom Hanks, Michelle Pfieffer, Meryl Streep, Leonardo diCaprio, and George Clooney. She’s hosted several E! specials on the Oscars, the Emmys and the Golden Globes, and she serves as primary back-up anchor for E! News Daily and E! News Weekend.

Also in 1996, Koones became associate publisher at Variety. And, just two years later, another promotion: U.S. publishing director, in charge of all domestic business operations.

Though they work in the same field, and often find themselves attending the same events—from the Oscars to the Cannes Film Festival—Grasso and Koones try to leave work at the office. The irony of who has ended up doing what doesn’t escape Koones. “I was the English major and she was the business major, but she’s ended up on the editorial side and I’m on the business side of things.”

And although their jobs can be glamorous and exciting, Grasso says, “The truth of the matter is that what we really enjoy, fight for, and covet is our time at home in Encino with our sons, Charley (4) and Nicholas (2).”

BY ELIZABETH COGAR
Charles E. Wall, L., is a shareholder in the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins.

Andrea Amoore, W., was named account supervisor at the Martin Agency in Richmond. She was formerly a senior account executive, and has been with the agency for three years.

Teresa Comunale Cinnamond, W., took a six-month maternity leave from her work as an attorney in the New York City office of Morrison, Mahoney & Miller to stay home with her son, Will, who was born in April. She and her family live in Huntington, N.Y.

Heather O'Donnell, W., moved into a 150-year-old house in Lynn, Mass. She has worked for the past five years with the Fund for Public Interest Research in Boston, and serves as campaign director of this nonprofit environmental watchdog group.

James M. Daniel Jr., L., and GB'92, became a partner with the Richmond law firm of Crews & Hancock.

Dr. Damon W. DeArment, R., is an orthodontist with Goodloe & DeArment D.D.S. in Winchester, Va.

Laurel Crabtree Driscoll, W., works for S & H U.S. Insurance Co. in Atlanta as a senior account executive in the national accounts division.

Carolyn Munzer Gibson, W., of Richmond, resigned as a marketing specialist to stay at home with her daughters, Catherine, 2, and Virginia, 1.

Scott Gibson, R., works as an account manager for Cisco Systems Inc. in Richmond.

Michael B. Glotz, GB, of Richmond, left Cестar Bank to become CEO of Experient Technologies.

Ann Gaskins Hemp, R., of Glen Allen, Va., was promoted to vice president, benefits accounting at Heilig-Meyers Co. She formerly was director of benefits reporting.

Rob Inlow, B., and his family relocated to Chicago, where he is manager of recycled fiber for Forest James Corp. and is pursuing his MBA. His wife, Wendy Keller Inlow, W'88, enjoys staying home with their sons Ryan, 5, and Colin, 3.

Shannon Kennan, W., of Harrisonburg, Va., earned a master's degree in college student personnel administration and counseling psychology from JMU, where she works as the coordinator of university information. She formerly taught second grade for five years.

Michael McKenney, R., of Callao, Va., was elected president of the 15th Judicial Circuit Bar Association. He is a commonwealth's attorney in Northumberland County.

Angela Booth Moskow, B., works as a promotional manager in the advertising department of Hoestch Marquis Roussel in Overland Park, Kan. She oversees cardiovascular and metabolism products for the firm.

Robert S. Moskow, B., moved to Overland Park, Kan., with his wife, Angela Booth Moskow, B., and their children, Bobby and Anna. He joined the law firm of Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Sholtz, where he specializes in commercial, construction and employment litigation.

Elizabeth O'Connell Sullivan, W., moved from Fort Rucker, Ala., to Alexandria, Va., in May.

Robin C. Thomas, W., of Sarasota, Fla., enjoyed a "Spring Break" in Naples, Fla., with Linda Sperry Kent, W., and her baby, Will, and Elizabeth Vail, W'90. She also enjoyed her visit with Suzanne LaVigne in Charlotte, N.C., in February.

Alison Jayne Anderson, W., works as a Web developer and Web master at Virginia Information Providers Network in Richmond. One of the highlights of her job includes being the Web master of Virginia First Lady Roxanne Gilmore's "A Commonwealth of Knowledge" site at www.knowledge.state.va.us/.

David Henderson, B., joined Charter One Mortgage as manager of the finance and accounting department. He and his wife, Amy, live in Richmond with their son, Justin.

John Carter Houghton, R., earned his MBA from the Darden School of Business at U.Va. He works as a product line manager for Corning Inc. in Corning, N.Y.

Brett W. Schnauffer, R'91, won awards for front-page design from the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists.

Melanie Lawrence Rapp, B., with KPMG Peat Marwick, was elected a vice president of the Richmond chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Hugh E. Aaron, L., of Mechanicsville, Va., was accredited as a certified professional coder by the American Academy of Professional Coders. He practices health-care law with Healthcare Regulatory Advisors Inc., in Glen Allen. He is also president of Coding & Documentation Specialists Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in physician and outpatient coding issues.

Colleen Quig Bratsch, B., completed an internship at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband, Jeff, moved to Newark, Del., where she is serving a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Christiana Hospital.

Dr. David H. Bradley, AR, moved to England in January to do research at the London School of Economics for his doctoral dissertation. He is working on a Ph.D. in political science at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Richard Barton Campbell, L., joined the Richmond law firm of Mezzullo & McAnally as an associate in the energy and telecommunications practice group. He was also named to head the administrative law section of the Virginia Bar Association.

W. Elisabeth K. Kristiansen, AW, was promoted to marketing program manager for the developing markets industry solutions group at Xerox Corp. She is responsible for Latin America, Africa, Middle East, Eastern Europe, China, Hong Kong, Russia and India. She is working on an MBA from the U. of Connecticut and lives in New Canaan.

Stephen R. Lomico, BR, earned an MBA in September 1998 from George Mason U. He works as an assistant vice president and branch manager at United Bank in Fairfax, Va.

Amy Claffe McNamara, AW, teaches in the Fairfax County public school system. She and her husband, Kevin McNamara, AR, live in Oak Hill, Va.

Elaine "Scott" Goodwin Moore, AR, joined the office of the attorney general in Richmond.

Shelly Mowerow, W., was named southeast/southwest editor for Southern Accents magazine based in Birmingham, Ala. She was formerly managing editor of Arthritis Today magazine.
Mark H. Murphy, AR, works as a psychologist senior for the Department of Juvenile Justice. He works closely with juvenile offenders at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center. He and his wife, Kari Zack Murphy, W'92, live in Midlothian, Va., with their daughter, Alexandra.

Dr. Linda C. Raeder, G, of Richmond, received her Ph.D. in political theory from Catholic U. of America in Washington, D.C. Susan McCormick Scarborough, BW, works as a financial adviser at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. in Towson, Md.

John Simkins, AR, of New Kent, Va., works as an environmental engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Susan Priolo Simkins, AW, earned a master's degree in teaching at Mary Baldwin College in December 1998 and teaches in New Kent, Va., where she lives with her husband, John Simkins, AR.

Jodie Mullen Stanley, AW, works as a senior marketing analyst at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. in Towson, Md.

Brenna Marie McCarthy Berger, AW, and her husband, Joseph, moved to Friedman, Germany, in January, where he is stationed in the military.

Brooke Taylor Calcius, JW, is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education and American government at U.Va., where she works in the president's office.

Tracey N. Young Hartman, CBW, of Alpharetta, Ga., enjoys staying at home with her daughter, Johnna Elizabeth. Her husband, Michael, is a senior sales consultant at i2 Technologies.

Kristin Knight Patterson, BW, works as an investment executive at Duin Rauscher Inc. in Kansas City, Mo. She and her husband, Evan, live in Fairway, Kan.

Eric Radziejewsk, AR, is founder and owner of Infusion Body Art NYC, a body-art company that creates temporary tattoos and body paintings for the movie, theatre and fashion industries. Some of his work appears in Prada and Sean Puffy Combs ads and Votogores magazine.

Brad E. Schwartz, GB, of West Point, Va., joined the Bank of Richmond as senior vice president, CFO and COO. He was formerly with Citizens and Farmers Bank.

By Laura S. Jeffrey

Taking a stand at the Boston Globe

As a journalist, Joseph P. Williams, R'84, is accustomed to seeking out reliable sources. Yet in the summer of 1998, he found himself on the other end of the reporter's notebook.

Williams was assistant city editor at the Boston Globe, which had fired an award-winning columnist for fabrication. Williams had supported the move. "I'm a trained journalist," he says. "It's the No. 1 rule. If you make stuff up, you've got to go."

Two months later, another columnist at the Globe was suspended for using material without attribution. Williams and other staffers were angered that this columnist had merely been suspended. Though beloved by many readers and powerful in the national media, he had long been suspected of "borrowing" ideas for his columns. Moreover, race and gender seemed to be factors in the events: The columnist who had been fired was an African-American woman, while the suspended columnist was a white man.

Williams and others believed that Globe management had handled the incidents inequitably. The situation became national news as the suspended columnist appeared on talk shows to defend himself, and publications focusing on the media reported on every detail. Satellite trucks began camping out in front of the Globe offices, broadcasting live reports of the latest developments.

Finally, Williams called an informal meeting with other Globe staffers upset about the situation. They decided they could no longer remain silent. With Williams "leading the charge," as he says, they consented to on-camera and newspaper interviews.

"I know it may sound corny, but I did it because it was the right thing to do," Williams says. "I wasn't worried about my job," he adds with a chuckle, "though perhaps I should have been."

Williams emerged unscathed from the incident. (Not so the columnist: He finally was forced out after still more reports of fabrication and plagiarism surfaced.) Williams remains city editor for the Globe's metro news section, responsible for coordinating and directing daily, breaking news.

Williams's latest career move is simply the next step in an already impressive career for this self-described Air Force brat, who graduated from high school in Chattanooga, Tenn. Williams entered the University undecided between careers in medicine or journalism. He jokes that bad grades in biology persuaded him to pursue the latter.

Williams also says he received strong guidance from Steve Nash, journalism coordinator and associate professor. "I owe my career pretty much to him," Williams says, explaining that Nash "really pushed me" not only to do his best, but to pursue and land an internship with the Nashville Tennessean.

During his undergraduate years at Richmond, Williams played varsity football, and was a staff writer for The Collegian and a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. "It was great to be at such a small university," Williams says. "There was a lot of individual attention. But there weren't a lot of other black people, either students or professors. If I could have changed anything, that would have been it."

After graduating in 1984 with a double major in English and journalism, Williams became a reporter at the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He covered Hanover County, metro police and metro courts during his tenure. He also returned to the University from time to time to talk to athletes and minority students about the transition to the working world.

After seven years, Williams was ready for new challenges. "I wanted to work for a bigger paper, to see how good I really was," he says. "I wanted to see if I could play with the big boys."

Williams became a reporter at the Miami Herald, working as a general assignment reporter, weekend assignment editor and criminal courts reporter, among other beats. He was working as the daily assignment editor in the Herald's Broward County bureau when he learned he had been awarded a prestigious Neiman fellowship.

Neiman fellowships were established at Harvard University in 1938 as a way for journalists to broaden their intellectual horizons. Each year, 12 American journalists and up to 12 international journalists are chosen for the honor. Williams spent the 1995-96 academic year at Harvard, studying issues related to race and the judicial system.

After completing his fellowship, Williams returned to Miami for six months before moving once again, this time to the Boston Globe. Williams began working there in January 1997 and columnist controversy notwithstanding, has steadily progressed in his career.

Williams's success has meant giving up a daily byline as he manages and edits the work of other reporters. One day he might want to return to writing, he says, perhaps even crafting a novel.

In the meantime, he's enjoying working his way to the top. When asked about his goals, Williams毫不犹豫 states that he wants "to run the world—or at least report on it."
Nicole Watson, AW, of San Carlos, Calif., works for a genetics research firm in the Bay Area, where she has lived for the past four years.


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Melissa Lesher left her job in corporate public relations at AT&T. She is marketing communications manager in the financial services group at Andersen Consulting in New York City. She lives in Hoboken, NJ.

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Renee D. Antolik, GR, was promoted to vice president, investor relations and financial reporting, at AMF Bowling Inc. in Richmond. She is responsible for communications with shareholders, bondholders, analysts and other constituents. She also handles internal and regulatory financial reporting for the company.

Brett Arp, BR, was promoted to corporate marketing strategist for Fairfield Communities Inc. in Orlando, Fla. He develops and evaluates the firm’s short- and long-range marketing plans.

Edward Barousse, AR, was elected president of the Student Bar Association at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Laura E. Beucher, AW, works as an occupational therapist for the New York City Board of Education and lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Allison C. Burling, AW, moved to Williamsburg, Va., in July. She took business classes during the summer to prepare for graduate school at William and Mary.

Stefanie J. Eastman, BW, of Glen Allen, Va., was elected secretary of the Richmond chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. She is with KPMG Peat Marwick.

Jeanne Vitka Gordon, BW, graduated in May from Case Western Reserve U. with an LLM in taxation. In November, she passed the Ohio Bar.

Dr. Steve Gordon, AR, graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry in May and works at Eyemasters in Cleveland. He and his wife, Jeanne Vitka Gordon, BW, live in Parma, Ohio.

Amy Halvorsen, AW, works as a training specialist at Selective Insurance in Trenton, N.J.

Bradford B. Harris, BR, works as an implementation consultant at Computer Associates Inc. in Tampa, Fla.

Katie Massa, AW, is a co-founder of “Subway Soaps!” a theatre group that presents weekly soap opera skits on New York’s No. 1 train. She and co-founder CeCe Pleasants were discovered by the Associated Press, and stories about them have appeared in various newspapers.

Jennifer A. St. Onge, AW, transferred to Denver, where she continues to work for the Martin Agency, a Richmond-based advertising and PR firm. She was also promoted to senior account executive.

Emily F. Sullivan, AW, joined Comcast Advertising Sales in Richmond as a promotions coordinator.

Adrian L. Tarquino, BR, was promoted to business manager at Computer Associates. He and his wife, Kim, live in Bethesda, Md.

Jennifer Hill Demmin, AW, of Norfolk, Va., works in communications at Operation Smile, the international volunteer medical services organization that repairs facial deformities in needy children around the world. She participated in Operation Smile’s World Journey of Hope ’99, which treated 5,000 children in 18 countries in nine weeks.

Matthew Ellinghaus, AR, still lives and works in Charleston, S.C. He does not live in New Jersey, as was wrongly reported in the last issue.


Ted B. Clark, BR, moved to Augusta, Ga., as an administrative resident for Columbia-Augusta Medical Center. He is working toward a master’s degree in health administration at MCV.

John R. Cline, Jr., of Mechanicsville, Va., joined the energy and environment practice group of the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine.

Erin Dugan, AW, completed her first year of law school at U.Va. During the summer, she worked in the Office of Civil Rights for the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Lauren P. Fitzgerald, JW, and Melissa Reese, JW,

Tara Messmore, JW, has been working in San Francisco with Andersen Consulting and lives in Arlington, Va. Tara and Traci Margolis, BW, were the first University visitors to see Laura Hollister, JW, in her new home in Seattle.

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GeNienne A. Samuels, BW, works as a management consultant with Bell Atlantic and is a dedicated Washington Redskins cheerleader and dancer for the Washington Redskins.

Philip M. Rogers, AR, of Plandome, N.Y., earned an MBA in June 1998, and works as a sales and trading associate on the institutional bond desk at NationsBank Montgomery Securities in New York.


Lisa M. Stevens, JW, a leadership consultant in Boston, has written one screenplay, one children’s book and two songs. She and Lauren P. Fitzgerald, JW ’97, are writing a sitcom.

Katie A. Wolf, AW, returned to Boston from her solo adventure in Guatemala last June.

Christopher M. Turchuck, JR, was elected to the board of directors of Metro Richmond Coalition Against Drugs. He works as director of Millwood School in Richmond. He also plays in his dad’s band, Dad’s Old Playboys.

Benji Sloan, AR, earned a master’s degree in exercise science from Murray State U., and was selected from more than 300 applicants to serve a one-year internship with the assistant athletic trainer with the New York Jets football team. He lives in Hempstead, N.Y.

Derek Smith, AR, completed the coursework for a master’s degree in communication from North Dakota State U. He works as an assistant sports information director at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.

Kimberly Woodward, AW, moved from Richmond to Raleigh, N.C., where she works as an underwriter for CIGNA Healthsourc.

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Garr Stephenson, BR, works for NDC GROUP Inc., a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. He spends his free time doing martial arts, rock climbing and investing. Jennifer "J.T." Henry, JW, works as a software engineer at Bell Atlantic and lives in Arlington, Va., with Lauren Fitzgerald, JW, and Melissa Reese, JW.

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Please notify us if you have information about any of the alumni listed on pp. 28-30.
Jennifer Marie Roberts, AW, is a graduate student in clinical/developmental psychology at the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Meredith Ryan, AW, works as a corporate writer at SIGNA in Philadelphia. She lives in Lakeland, Fla. Jennifer Marie Roberts, AW, is a graduate student in clinical/developmental psychology at the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Meredith Ryan, AW, works as a corporate writer at SIGNA in Philadelphia. She lives in Lakeland, Fla.

Shawn Barber, BR, is a starting outside linebacker for the Washington Redskins and enjoys developmental psychology at the Providence, R.I. Included in the wedding party 1999, in Atlanta. Included in the wedding party 1999, in Atlanta.

Asger Asgeirsson, AR, transferred after his sophomore year to Boston College. He works on project at Bell Atlantic in Arlington, Va. He lives in Alexandria with Jeff Copeland, BR. Mike Tipple, AR, and Scott Pfeiffer, BR.

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1986/Mary Liano Zambri, B, and her husband, Sal, a daughter, Sophia, Nov. 20, 1998. She joins sister Samantha, 2.
1987/Lauren DeLaurentis Brown, W, and her husband, Jeff Brown, R'S5, a daughter, Olivia Lee, May 18, 1999. She joins sister Mary Mason, 4, and brother Graham, 3.
1987/Sophia Lamprinakos Davis, W, and her husband, Ed, a daughter, Hayley Grace, April 24, 1999. She joins sister Olivia Nicole, 2.
1987/Craig W. Flinn, a son, Adam, 7, and Brandon, 5. Marie, April 21, 1999. She joins sisters Samantha, 2, and Rachel, 4.
1988/Stephen Giampietro, B, and his wife, Lio, a daughter, Cameron William, Jan. 19, 1999. He joins sisters Delaney and Devon, 3.
1988/Elizabeth Baldwin, W, and her husband, Wayne, a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, April 24, 1998. She joins brothers Adam, 7, and Brandon, 5.
1988/Nancy Elliott McKinley, W, and her husband, Timothy Winn McKinley, R'S8, a son, Alden Butler, Jan. 7, 1999. He joins sisters Rebecca Winn, 7, and Elizabeth Baldwin, 2.
1988/Mark C. Stevens, B, and his wife, Lynn, a daughter, Kyle David and Ryan Thomas, Nov. 23, 1998.
1988/Debbie Inlow Stullard, W, and her husband, Wayne, a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, April 24, 1998. She joins brothers Adam, 7, and Brandon, 5.
1989/Eloise Mieleno Gallagher, B and GB'97, and her husband, Dennis, a son, Brian Philip, April 12, 1999.
1989/Colleen Cleary Hohman, B, and her husband, Tom Hohman, R'S8, a daughter, Leanna Elizabeth, April 6, 1999.
1989/Susan McVoy Martin, B, and her husband, Lewis, a daughter, Abigail Lynn, Feb. 6, 1999. She joins sister Rachel, 2.
1989/Barbara Warren, W, and her husband, Michael Foster, R'S8 and L91, a daughter, Sydney Eliza, Jan. 11, 1999.
1990/Alessa Freitag Malloy, B, and her husband, Andy Malloy, R'S9, a daughter, Kyleigh Alexa, March 18, 1998. She joins brother Tyler Martin, 4, and sister Mackenzie Hart, 2.
1990/Angela Booth Moskov, B, and her husband, Rob Moskov, B, a daughter, Anna Gayle, May 11, 1998. She joins brother Bobby, 3.
1990/Mica Post, W, and her husband, Keith Obergfell, a son, Sebastian Harris Post Obergfell, Feb. 16, 1999. He joins sister Michelle, 2.
1990/David Henderson, B, and his wife, Amy, a son, Justin Bayne, Feb. 20, 1999.
1990/Donna Fugett Jeter, W, and her husband, Robert Jeter, R'S2, a daughter, Olivia Noelle, Jan. 14, 1999. She joins sisters Tort and Broder Jordan.
1991/Amy Eisenhauer Thompson, W, and her husband, Brian Thompson, B, and a daughter, Olivia Walls, April 1, 1999.
1992/Kari Zack Murphy, W, and her husband, Mark Murphy, AR'S5, a daughter, Alexandra Lizbeth, April 25, 1999.
1993/Julie Byrd Cassidy, BW, and her husband, Tom, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie "Ellie," April 9, 1999.
1993/Karen Fallin Wilson, BW, and her husband, Bryant Wilson, R'S2, a daughter, Abigail Maclean Wilson, June 2, 1999. Proud grandmother is Alma Louis Oliver Wilson, W64.
1994/Jeann Rotondi Feely, BW, and her husband, Martin Feely, B'S1, a son, Declan James, April 21, 1999.
1994/Kristen Almond Phelps, BW, and her husband, Doug, a daughter, Emily Margaret, April 26, 1999. Proud grandparents are Dr. Hilton Almond, R'01, and Margaret Almond, W63.
He served as a past president of the Virginia Meatpackers Association, and was known for his years of volunteer service to the Virginia Home.

1932/Dr. Fletcher Johnston Wright Jr., R, of Petersburg, Va., Feb. 13, 1999. He was a retired physician who also served as the director of Virginia Blue Cross & Blue Shield for a term. He received a medical degree from U.Va., where he also served his internship. During World War II, he served as a major in the Medical Corps. Throughout his career, he also served on many community boards of directors and as president of many medical associations, including the Medical Society of Virginia, American Medical Association and the Virginia Academy of Family Practice. From 1968 to 1973, he was a member of the Petersburg City Council and was appointed vice mayor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Petersburg.

1933/John A. Currie, R and F, of Richmond, June 9, 1999. 1934/Grace Rowland Wells, W, of Richmond, July 18, 1998. She was the curator who helped build the Valentine Museum’s internationally recognized costumes and textiles collection, which is recognized as the largest collection in the South. She assumed the curator’s post in 1952 and served until her retirement 33 years later. She formerly worked as a model for New York. She helped establish the Henrico County Public Library system and was a charter member of the Virginia Guild of Needlewomen, the American Needlepoint Guild, the Societies of America and England, and the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club.

1935/Nan Owen Manning, W, of Arlington, Va., Nov. 30, 1998. A retired school counselor, she specialized in special-needs children. She received a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from George Washington U. and began her career as an English teacher at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington. Later, she resumed her career in 1959 and worked as a counselor until her retirement in 1988. She was a former president of the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers, a member of the School Board Advisory Committee for Curriculum, and a former chairman of the board of the Arlington YMCA. In 1959, she received an Outstanding Woman in the Field of Public Service Award from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. In 1977, she was named Woman of the Year by the Arlington Kiwanis Club. She also served as a Sunday school teacher at Clarendon United Methodist Church.

1936/The Rev. Bernard Marshall Whitehurst, R and G'37, of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., Oct. 27, 1999. 1937/Ethel Eubank Gold, W, of Katy, Texas, March 24, 1999. She was a former teacher and librarian who served as organist in her church for 39 years. At the age of 62, she went back to study music at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va. She served as a volunteer with a literacy program and as a nurses’ aide.

1937/Hazel Neale Kononoff, W, of Miami, Oct. 27, 1998. 1939/ Frank Spencer Cosby, R, of Richmond, Feb. 15, 1999. He was an insurance executive and served as a vice president of Marsh & McLennan at the time of his retirement. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in North Africa, and participated in the invasion of Sicily, the D-Day invasion of France and the Battle of the Bulge, earning Silver and Bronze stars. He was a member of the Richmond Kiwanis Club and Commonwealth Club, and served as a past president of the Boatwright Society. He was an early member of River Road Church, Baptist, where he assumed many leadership roles.

1941/Edwin V. “the Colonel” Balch, R, of Richmond, Feb. 28, 1999. He retired from West Engineering as pilot of the company airplane. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, and earned his wings in 1941. He was stationed in the Aleutians and England with his P-51 squadron. He retired in 1964 as a colonel.

1943/The Rev. Charles A. Watkins, R, of Roanoke, Va., Nov. 29, 1998. He served as a Baptist minister for 59 years in Arlington and Roanoke, Va.; Hawaii; and Tabernacle Baptist in Salem, Va., where he retired in 1982. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He led the formation of Windsor Hills Baptist and supplied the pulpits of 51 area churches. After his retirement, he also served as interim pastor in several churches. In addition, he served on a number of boards, including the Virginia Baptist General Association, the Hawaii Baptist Convention and the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association. Volunteer activities included Hospice and the American Red Cross.


CHINA, TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES:
TUG OF WAR

"Ultimately, the best strategy to ensure our security and to build a durable peace is to support the advance of democracy elsewhere," declared President Bill Clinton in his 1994 State of the Union Address.

However, critics argue that Clinton's policy toward China continues the realpolitik pattern established in the 1970s without a companion policy of effectively promoting democratization in China.

Since Richard Nixon's "opening" of the People's Republic of China and Jimmy Carter's derecognition of Taiwan, the United States has maintained a policy that consists of three principles:

- Compliance with a "one-China" policy
- Pragmatic development of relations with both Beijing (diplomatically) and Taipei (informally), and
- Commitment to the peaceful settlement of the Taiwan issue.

The "one-China" policy dates back to 1972. In the Shanghai Communiqué, the United States "acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China."

At that time, a combination of factors—the need to court Beijing as an anti-Soviet counterweight, the insistence by Beijing and Taipei that there was only one China (each claiming to be the rightful one), and that neither was a democracy—allowed the United States and China to "agree to disagree" on this thorny issue. But Taiwan was left out.

Much has changed. China's strategic importance to the United States ceased with the end of the Cold War; in fact, some now warn of a "China threat." China's brutal crackdown of the 1989 Tiananmen movement deeply affected America's conscience. Meanwhile, Taiwan evolved into a vibrant multiparty democracy. In short, none of the conditions existing in 1972 still remains. Yet, the United States has clung to "one China."

Over the years both China and Taiwan have sought to alter this delicate balance. For the United States, maintaining this fragile framework has become increasingly difficult.

Thanks to Beijing's growing power and assertiveness, Washington's "one-China" policy has gradually tilted toward Beijing. This trend was formalized by Bill Clinton's remarks in China in 1998: no U.S. support for Taiwan independence; "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan"; and membership for Taiwan (rather than China) in intergovernmental organizations. That the United States opposes membership for an economic powerhouse—the world's 11th largest trader with the third largest foreign exchange reserves—in the International Monetary Fund and World Bank approaches absurdity.

Meanwhile, democracy has inspired Taiwan's 22 million people to demand greater international living space and the right to determine their future. They now view the "one-China" dogma imposed without their assent as a straitjacket.

Between China and Taiwan, economic interactions have flourished in recent years. Yet growing economic integration has not narrowed their widening political gap.

These two nationalisms—Beijing's to establish sovereignty over Taiwan (with force if necessary) and Taipei's to prevent it—clash into occasional crises.

When China fired missiles and conducted mock invasions in the Taiwan Strait in 1996 during Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, the United States dispatched two aircraft carrier battle groups to the region. Tensions subsided. The United States subsequently nudged the two sides to begin dialogue and reconciliation.

However, tensions quickly resurfaced last summer when China furiously attacked Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui's declaration that Taiwan would henceforth deal with China on "special state-to-state relations" basis.

To most Americans, this emotional spat seems comical. After all, hasn't Taiwan functioned independently of China since 1949—with its own government and military? The People's Republic of China has never ruled Taiwan. So what's wrong with stating the obvious?

Telling the emperor that he wears no clothes has a happy ending in the fable. But in the world of high politics, truth can be deadly, as the current China-Taiwan row demonstrates. Deeply mired in this Cold War legacy, the United States increasingly finds itself in the unenviable position of siding with a dictatorship while snubbing an ally whose own transformation has vindicated American values.

After 50 years of the division of China into two governments and ways of life, and over one century of Taiwan's separation from China proper, is Taiwan a nation-state or a Chinese province, awaiting Beijing's rule?

The architects of the "one-China" fantasy assert that this make-believe world, albeit imperfect, has maintained peace in the Taiwan Strait since 1972 and has benefited all parties: Beijing, Washington and Taipei. They worry that Taiwan's democracy may derail U.S.-China relations and lead to war.

Should the United States placate Beijing by reining in Taiwan's democracy? Or should it encourage Taiwan's democracy to become a catalyst for a democratic Chinese union? Fresh thinking on this generations-old dilemma is urgently needed.

By Dr. Vincent Wei-Cheng Wang
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