Richmond's Quest

“Our future is in the hands of our imagination”

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Joint effort leads to Habitat house dedication

Just a few hours after a crew of University of Richmond students put the finishing touches on the landscaping, Gloria Wallace took possession of a new house in Richmond's Church Hill neighborhood on April 17.

The house was a joint effort of Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity, the Robins Foundation, and University of Richmond students, faculty and staff. Other volunteers came from high schools, businesses and Virginia Commonwealth University.

A brief ceremony brought well-wishers, including Dr. William E. Cooper, on the day following his Investiture as the eighth president of the University of Richmond. He saluted the joint effort as an example of a partnership that really works.

"I was on site to work the first day of spring break, and watched as those assembled began to make progress toward what we see today," he said.

"The University has distinguished itself with its consistency of support. This is the University's 12th house in 12 years; Habitat knows it can depend on fund-raising and labor from the University's students, faculty and staff to raise a house per year. The $20,000 raised for this year's house means almost $300,000 has been raised by our students."

Although the relationship between Habitat for Humanity and the University is 12 years old—and Richmond Habitat's director, Timothy P. Holtz, R'91, is a former student volunteer—this house in Church Hill represented the first time the University and the Robins Foundation had together provided all the financial support for a building. The Robins Foundation, which makes grants to nonprofit organizations to improve the lives and opportunities of Virginians, also had worked previously with Richmond Habitat.

A major source for the student funds was the 12th Annual University of Richmond Century Bike Race held in April. This event plus others have helped the chapter raise about $20,000 annually for Habitat. Richmond students have raised more money for Habitat than any other college or university chapter in the nation.

Besides providing funds, the campus Habitat chapter also provided workers, says Jonathan Petro, AR'01, a member of the chapter's executive board.

"We had a good turnout," he says, with an estimated 120 students working on the home. "A lot of students like this type of work because it's hands-on. You can go out for one day and make an impact. In five hours, you can build a big part of a house."

The hard work and commitment from the University made an impression on Alyssa H. McBride, community resource coordinator for Richmond Habitat.

"It was impressive to see those kids and staff members come out to work while others were on spring break at places like Key West," she says. "There they were at a Habitat site, swinging hammers, cutting wood and pitching in. It really was great!"

Edward R. Crews

Photos by Joy Paul

1 New homeowner Gloria Wallace and her daughter and niece, with President Cooper and the Robins Foundation's Bill Roberts
2 Dr. Cooper and Elaine Bucheimer, AW'00
3 The Rev. Terry Raines, Richmond's Baptist Student Union director, with Paul Denton, AR'02
Richmond's other
Dr. Bill Cooper

His specialty? Lizard behavior. A professor of biology at Indiana University/Purdue University at Fort Wayne, he has over 150 publications on behavior and ecology in scientific journals, and has been doing field work in southern Africa in recent years.

Both Bill Cooper's say they've encountered name twins before. "When I was at N.C. State doing a postdoctoral fellowship, I mistakenly got mail for another William E. Cooper who was an ecologist," says the Indiana Dr. Cooper. And President William E. Cooper (that's "E." for "Edwin") has had his share of mix-ups as well. In an e-mail to Alumnus Cooper he related one instance: "While I was a professor at Harvard, a more senior professor in the business school there with the same name would get my mail and phone calls occasionally and vice versa. Once I received a special congratulatory call for an award he won but only realized that fact halfway through the conversation. He and I joked about it all."

Bill Cooper of Fort Wayne says he hopes to meet President Cooper this summer on a pass through Richmond.

"Few other instruments can trace their history via live performances like the trumpet," Davison says. "This conference was truly a celebration of our instrument."

The conference featured performances by trumpet ensembles from Brazil and France, groups from universities across the United States, and the U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble led by Clark Terry. There were international guest artists, like Nikolas Eklund from Sweden, considered the No. 1 baroque trumpet player in the world, and Christina Stewart-Bowden, the grand champion trumpeter from Australia.

All told, there were 15 concerts in four days, many of them sold out to audiences from the community. As many as 1,000 participated in the conference or its performances—teachers and students from high schools and colleges, symphony performers, jazz musicians, and even a few Richmond alumni trumpeters.

Working with Davison to run the conference were 20 University students and 15 others from the community. One student, Ryan McCaffrey, JR'00, had worked on the conference all spring semester, completing an internship for the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Students performed in the concerts, helped with airport transportation, and assisted a technology team putting each day's events on the trumpet guild Web site (see www.trumpetguild.org).

"It was a wonderful opportunity for them to hang out with the world's top artists and teachers," Davison says. "When you do that, you realize that you can become great, too."

Dorothy Wagener
Members of the Class of 1999 heard from three leaders during ceremonies of the University of Richmond's 169th Commencement in May.

Speaking to the bachelor's degree candidates was Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, H'92, a member of the Board of Trustees whose son Christian was among the 739 graduates in his audience, and who is best known as commander-in-chief of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Virginia Supreme Court Justice Lawrence L. Koontz Jr., L'65, addressed the 139 degree candidates in the University of Richmond School of Law, and former Virginia attorney general Mary Sue Terry, W'69 and H'86, spoke to 60 graduates in the School of Continuing Studies.

"I don't believe there is any such thing as a born leader," Schwarzkopf said in a rousing speech. "What is important is that you think of yourself as a leader; and if you think of yourself as a leader, you truly will be a leader."

The single most important ingredient of leadership, he said, is character. "Everything else in your life can be taken away from you, but only you can give away your integrity. Integrity is truly the window into your soul."

Schwarzkopf also reminded the graduates that "leaders lead people, human beings with hopes and dreams," and that they should always "do your own thing plus one"—one other thing to help someone else.

The United States of America is "still the greatest nation on the face of this earth," he said, and "beginning today, America is you. You will be the leaders of the 21st century in this great country of ours."

After the keynote address, President William E. Cooper awarded Gen. Schwarzkopf the University's first President's Medal for his "exceptional and meritorious leadership." Schwarzkopf already holds Richmond's first honorary Doctor of Leadership Studies degree.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Alma F. Hunt, who served as executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention for 26 years; Richard L. Sharp, chairman and CEO of Circuit City Stores Inc., and a member of the Board of Trustees; Gilbert M. Rosenthal, R'47, former chairman and CEO of Standard Drug Co. and also a Richmond trustee; Dr. Grace E. Harris, provost and vice president for academic affairs of Virginia Commonwealth Uni-

versity; and Marsha Johnson Evans, national executive director of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Trustees' Distinguished Service Awards went to Susan Gunn Quisenberry, W'65, a member of the Board of Trustees who has held many leadership positions within the University; and to Dr. Zeddie Bowen, who is retiring after 16 years as Richmond's vice president and provost.

At the law school commencement, Justice Koontz advised graduates to balance their legal work with community efforts, and to beware of the demands of their profession. The law "is not a game, a contest to be won or lost," said Koontz, who received an honorary doctor of laws degree. "It is a matter of personal dedication to integrity. Never let stress or the demands of your profession tempt you to take a shortcut."

At the School of Continuing Studies ceremony, held for the first time in the Robins Center, Terry said she felt many of the graduates knew "that life can be hard and disappointing," but reminded them that "we can choose how we respond to opportunity, and we can choose how we respond to adversity."

The school's 1999 Distinguished Faculty Award went to James M. Helms III, R'74, an adjunct professor, who has taught speech communications for many years. Earnest Huband, C'68 and GB'77, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award (see p. 26), and the Jean H. Proffitt Student Service Award went to Marcia Englert, C'92 and C'99.

Also speaking Commencement weekend were student speaker at undergraduate commencement, Raegan L. Williams, JW'99 and a Bonner Scholar; and University chaplain Dr. David D. Burhans and student speaker Bogdan M. Fleschiu, BR'99, at baccalaureate services.

Dorothy Wagener
To say that Olga Troyanskaya made the most of her college career is like saying the University of Richmond campus looks pretty good in the spring. Not only did Troyanskaya achieve Phi Beta Kappa-level academic success with a 3.96 GPA, but the computer science and biology double major participated in everything from student government to the guitar ensemble and water polo club.

A native of Moscow, Troyanskaya first came to the United States in 1994 as an exchange student at Woodbridge High School in Virginia. She enjoyed her experience so much that she decided to attend college in the States, and like many other students, was attracted to the University because of its beauty. An international student scholarship and Jepson international scholarship made it financially possible for her to attend.

Troyanskaya, who began learning English in second grade and who attended a specialized language and economics high school in Russia, found her transition to Richmond to be an easy one. She says she took full advantage of extracurricular activities because, “In Russia, school is where you go to study. There are no clubs, no sports.”

She served as a Westhampton College senator for a year, sat on Westhampton College Honor Council, was involved with the on-campus rescue squad, was president of the Computer Science Club, and helped start a guitar ensemble. She also worked in the modern language department as a teaching assistant in Russian her first two years.

At the same time, Troyanskaya managed to excel in an academically challenging double major and complete an honors research project in computational biology (see p. 23). She is headed to a doctoral program at Stanford University.

Troyanskaya, who visits her parents in Russia about twice a year, is sad to say goodbye to Richmond and says, “It really feels like I’m leaving home.”

Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW’93

As the most outstanding student at Commencement this year, Troyanskaya carried the University Mace and will have her name recorded on it.

Olga Troyanskaya, AR’99 with host parents Caryn and Andrew Collier

Dr. Karen Newman to head business school

A professor and former associate dean at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University has been named dean of Richmond’s E. Claiborne Robins School of Business.

Dr. Karen L. Newman, who has taught in the McDonough School since 1984 and who served as associate dean for graduate programs there from 1993 to 1996, was named in May after a four-month search. Dr. J. Randolph New, Richmond’s dean for the past five years, has returned to the classroom. Newman was a visiting professor at the Czech Management Center in 1997 and 1998. She also served on the faculty of the Management Development Program for Central and East European Executives from 1991 to 1993.

Calling Newman “the perfect choice to continue the momentum built during Dean New’s leadership,” President William E. Cooper describes her as “a distinguished teacher-scholar who will provide effective and dynamic leadership to our business school.”

Newman is the author, along with Stanley D. Nolan, of the book Managing Radical Organizational Change, published last year. She also has been the author or co-author of more than 35 scholarly articles and book chapters.

Newman earned a Ph.D. in behavioral sciences and an MBA from the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business. She earned a bachelor’s degree with honors in economics from Purdue University.

Randy Fitzgerald, RG’63 and G’64

Fall speaker series

“Understanding Each Other”—a discussion on diversity and pluralism, culture and faith—will open the 1999-2000 Jepson Leadership Forum on Sept. 22. National Public Radio’s religion reporter Lynn Neary will lead the conversation among scholars and clergy. Panelists will be:

• Azizah al-Hibri, an expert on Muslim women and professor of law at the University

• Jack Spiro, retired rabbi who teaches at Virginia Commonwealth University

• Ben Campbell, Episcopal priest who founded a non-denominational retreat center

• John Kinney, dean of Virginia Union University’s theology school and the Cadmus Leader-in-Residence for the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Other speakers scheduled for the Jepson series include journalist Bill Moyers on Nov. 17 and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel on Dec. 1. For details, call (804) 287-6627.
Six new trustees elected

Six new members elected to the Board of Trustees began serving their four-year terms July 1. They are:

**Suzanne Borum Baker, W'64**, volunteer on several community service boards in the Winston-Salem, N.C., area, including the Salvation Army advisory board and the YMCA Camp Hanes board. A former elementary schoolteacher, she is married to Leslie M. "Bud" Baker Jr., R'64, president and CEO of Wachovia Corp.

**Dr. Isam E. Ballenger**, professor of Christian mission and world religions at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He came to the seminary from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, where he served as vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

**Dr. William C. Bosher Jr., R'68**, superintendent of Chesterfield County Schools in the Richmond metro area. Previously, he served as state superintendent of public instruction, appointed by Gov. George Allen, and as superintendent of Henrico County Schools.

**Dr. Brian L. Hawkins**, president and CEO of EDUCAUSE, an international nonprofit association in Washington, D.C., dedicated to transforming higher education through information technology. Earlier, he held several posts as an academic administrator at Brown University, including senior vice president for academic planning and administrative affairs.

**Rebecca C. Massey**, civic volunteer in the Richmond area and former president of the Maymont Foundation. She and her husband, William E. Massey Jr., president of the Massey Equipment Co. and the Massey Foundation, are the parents of William E. Massey III, AR'99.

**Paul B. Queally, R'86**, general partner with Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe in New York City. Previously, he was general partner with Sprout Group, a venture capital firm. He has been a member of the University's Board of Associates.

Spider golf goes to NCAA nationals

The University of Richmond men's golf team secured its first invitation to the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships after finishing in eighth place at the three-day NCAA East Regional Golf Championship at the par-71 Rhode Island Country Club in Barrington, R.I. The top 11 teams in the region secured bids to the NCAA Championships. Richmond registered a 19-over-par team total of 871 after posting a final round total of 1-over-par 285 to advance to the 1999 NCAA Championships. At the national championships, held June 2-5 at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., the Spiders finished 30th in the country.

In the regional tourney, senior Chad Moseley led the way for the Spiders, notching a three-day total of 214 (73-70-71). Moseley completed action in a tie for eighth place.

After carding back-to-back rounds of 73, freshman Ryan McLain concluded action in a six-way tie for 18th place at 216 after registering a final round one-under-par 70.

Junior Ken Macdonald authored rounds of 75-73-73 for a three-day total of 221, placing him in a tie for 53rd place. Macdonald is Richmond's leader in stroke average this spring (73.5), and Moseley is second (74.2).

Richmond's finish continued the program's unprecedented run of compiling a top-10 finish in each of its eight spring tournaments. The Spiders also have collected six top-five finishes this spring.

Andrew Blair
Three graduates turn pro

Three 1999 graduates are headed into professional football.

Selected in the 1999 National Football League Draft in April were defensive lineman Marc Megna, AR’99, and offensive guard Eric King, BR’99. The New York Jets chose Megna in the sixth round, while King was a seventh-round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs. In addition, fullback Matt Snider, AR’99, was signed as a free agent by the Carolina Panthers.

With 74 tackles for the Spiders last season, Megna was part of a defense that led the Atlantic 10 in rushing, passing, total defense and scoring. Among his post-season honors, he was named First Team All-America by The Sports Network, Second Team All-America by the Associated Press, and Outstanding Defensive Lineman in Division I-AA by CBS SportsLine.

King was named to the 1998 Burger King Division I-AA Coaches’ All-America Team, selected by the American Football Coaches Association. He anchored an offense that set a school record with 2,676 rushing yards during the regular season. King also was named First Team All-Atlantic 10 and was named the top offensive lineman for Division I-A/1-AA in the state of Virginia by the Richmond Touchdown Club.

Snider carried the ball 39 times this past season for 190 yards and one touchdown, averaging 4.9 yards per carry. He also had 12 receptions for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

Dr. David C. Evans, professor of history and associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, died June 11, 1999. He was 59.


Joining the Richmond faculty in 1973, Dr. Evans also taught Japanese and served as an associate dean. He studied in Japan in 1985-86 on a Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship and was an exchange professor in 1994 at Japan’s Saga University.

Dr. Evans held three degrees from Stanford University: a bachelor’s in history, a master’s in Japanese language and literature, and a Ph.D. in Asian history. A native of Bakersfield, Calif., he had served in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1966.

**Dr. Rose Marie Marcone**

Dr. Rose Marie Marcone, professor of Spanish who had been a member of the Richmond faculty since 1964, died June 7, 1999. She was 60.

A specialist in Hispanic literature of the 20th century and the Golden Age, Dr. Marcone served as chairman of the modern foreign languages department from 1971 to 1983. She also served as chairman of the academic council and senate, and was a consultant to the Virginia Department of Education on language-program development and teacher certification.

Dr. Marcone earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish from Mary Washington College and a Ph.D. in Spanish and Italian from The Johns Hopkins University. At Johns Hopkins she held a Woodrow Wilson fellowship, a Gilman fellowship and a University fellowship. She was a native of White Plains, N.Y.

**T. Justin Moore Jr.**

T. Justin Moore Jr., H’88, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1979 and a member of the Board of Associates from 1979 to 1992, died April 24, 1999, at age 74. He was former chairman and chief executive officer of Virginia Power and a co-founder of Richmond Renaissance.

Dr. Henry H. Stewart Jr., professor of sociology and urban studies, died May 26, 1999. He was 61.

Dr. Stewart joined the faculty in 1966 and had served as chairman of the sociology and anthropology department from 1979 to 1997. He also had served as chairman of the urban studies program, chairman of the faculty council, and adviser to the Minority Student Union.

Dr. Stewart had been a consulting sociologist for the South Richmond Association and for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority’s Management Demonstration Program evaluation team. He also had been chairman of the board of the Richmond Black Student Foundation and a director of the Richmond area chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

A native of Windber, Pa., Dr. Stewart held a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.; a master’s degree in sociology from Mississippi State University; and a Ph.D. in sociology from Florida State University.
RICHMOND'S Quest

Bold initiatives, synthetic thinking, primacy of student learning
On April 16, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., Dr. William E. Cooper was ushered by a procession of faculty into Cannon Memorial Chapel, to be invested as the eighth president of the University of Richmond before an audience of staff, students, well-wishers and his family. Precisely as the ceremony began, a brisk spring wind banished threatening rain clouds and delivered a day of stunning beauty.

Describing himself as a somewhat reluctant participant, Cooper steadfastly refused all attempts to fashion the event into a coronation. He insisted the day be a celebration of the University and of learning by showcasing ambitious student and faculty symposia. Other highlights included a campus-wide picnic, where the winners of the Richmond Quest were announced, and the unveiling of a life-sized statue of the late E. Claiborne Robins, whom Dr. Cooper describes as the person I have never met but so often miss.

Cooper’s tribute to Robins, along with past presidents, the board, the faculty and staff, echoes his oft-stated belief that 170 years of stellar achievement, our triumphs over adversity and the increasing national recognition for the University portend—in fact, demand—more of the same spirit of relentless improvement and pursuit of excellence. He believes this is our duty to those who have given this magnificent institution into our care.

Here, in excerpts from the speech he gave that morning, we offer Dr. Cooper’s celebration of all that is excellent and admirable about our University, and his spirited rallying cry that for all Richmond’s successes, we yearn for more, along with his belief that Our future is held in the hands of our imagination. This was a day that captured ours.

**Investiture address**

by Dr. William E. Cooper

Our history is replete with individuals who built this institution with a combination of courage, tenacity and devotion. We began in 1830 as the Virginia Baptist Education Society. The resolve of early faculty members—Robert Ryland, Jeremiah Jeter, Bennett Puryear—reminds us that a great enterprise starts small and requires tremendous energy, with individuals of great character standing first and foremost among the key ingredients.

In 1895, 27-year-old Frederic Boatwright was selected as president. He would serve Richmond for 51 years. He appointed May Keller, the dynamic dean of Westhampton College; he met the region’s need for a hospital during World War I. He moved the campus from its downtown location to the magnificent setting we enjoy today, one of many masterstrokes of foresight and daring.

More recently, the University has soared under the guidance of George Modlin, Bruce Heilman and Richard Morrill. Each launched initiatives that admirably serve our enduring interests. And each has continued to contribute mightily to the life of the University by serving as chancellor after many years of distinguished leadership as president. Their abiding dedication to Richmond is rare in higher education, and speaks to the character of this community and to the character of these men.

Each president succeeded because each encouraged the best efforts in so many others. I am stirred by our champions: James Thomas, who gave funds in 1873...
to help restore stability to Richmond College; E. Claiborne Robin, whose gifts transformed a heroic university with modest resources to one that now attracts students from throughout the world to work with an outstanding faculty; Robert Jepson, whose gifts allowed us to pioneer a degree-granting School of Leadership Studies, the first of its kind in the nation, and whose gifts in theatre and the alumni center provide facilities that uplift all who enter.

Each person who serves and studies here matters greatly, and the camaraderie and spirit of all contribute to the development of the best within each. Our tangible assets and achievements are considerable, but our intangible assets are far greater. These assets include our core values of humility, respect, honesty, freedom of inquiry, and service to others. What matters most in the end is never numbers and rankings but the lives we touch, the friends we cherish, the contributions we make. At Richmond, I am happily surrounded by individuals who appreciate this basic truth.

Our recent champions include our board members, led by our rectors: Lewis Booker, Carlyle Tiller, Jack Jennings, Austin Brockenbrough, Robert Burrus. Each has given tirelessly to help this University develop into one of the world's finest. Their spirit of philanthropy, community, hard work, wisdom and honor is one that infuses our campus. We demonstrate with our Bonner Scholars program and with participation in efforts like Habitat for Humanity and the Carver Promise that magnanimity and service to neighbors reside at our core.

The truest test and measure of our success as a university is in the quality of our people and our programs. We count among our faculty women and men who are succeeding by anyone's measure—with inspired teaching and enlivened research. Students participate actively in research and similar creative endeavors here, and their discoveries benefit themselves and future students. Many academic fields are still in their formative years, and the research of today provides much of the substance of what will be taught tomorrow.

As we all engage our computers and cell phones, VCRs and fax machines, we should remember that none of these inventions would be ours without Maxwell's equations on electromagnetism, formulated in 1864, nor without the long series of intermediate discoveries and inventions that Maxwell's equations launched. If we expect the next round of inventive motherlodes in the future, we must nurture basic creativity now. The most fundamental discoveries rarely make the daily news, but they ultimately change what is news forever.

Our graduates have distinguished themselves as corporate leaders, judges, legislators, doctors, inventors, teachers, tenors, an astronaut, parents, citizens of Richmond, citizens of the globe. In the realm of achievement, Richmond delivers more than it promises. Our reality exceeds our rhetoric. Our reputation is well earned and ascending. I salute each of you for what you have accomplished in building this special university. Words cannot convey how grateful I am to serve among you.

For all Richmond's success, we yearn for more. Universities are alive, much more the organism than the inanimate object. We must grow and stretch. Before coming here, I was convinced by this board that Richmond has an appetite for greatness, poised to take its place among the brightest stars in the constellation of America's institutions of higher learning. We are blessed with a substantial endowment and a spectacular infrastructure. Our students are talented and earnest. Our faculty and staff view the learning opportunities of our students as their utmost concern. Forward momentum favors us, and we have a responsibility to fulfill our potential.

Our general objective is straightforward and broadly agreed upon. We want to be the very best small, private university we can be, with student learning as our centerpiece. We want to attract and nourish students and faculty who are forever curious. We want programs that represent a broad spectrum of academic subjects, and we want some of these programs to be sufficiently distinctive to earn us the role of becoming not simply a place to study such topics but the place.

These aims require the best of our collective efforts, in two major styles. The first is continuous improvement, often referred to as the "brick-by-brick"
approach. We must seek to improve every course, enhance every hour. A member of our landscaping staff, Robbie Kuykendall, illustrates this approach for us all. When asked one parched summer day why he was so determined to revive some azaleas, he replied emphatically, “Because this is my patch.” Each of us has a patch, and we must cultivate it to the utmost.

Second, our efforts must include a few carefully chosen, bold initiatives. We must envision opportunities of enormous consequence in the way Mr. Robins and Mr. Jepson envisioned beyond what others could see. Richmond has been bold in the past—the moving of our campus, the establishment of innovative programs—and in future days we must be as true to our heritage of innovation as to our heritage of preservation.

It is vital that we have both continuous improvement and a few well-chosen initiatives throughout our journey. Earlier this year, we began a university-wide dialogue in which we asked three basic questions:

- What will the University of Richmond become?
- How will we accomplish our objectives?
- And how will we and the world know we are accomplishing them?

We are in the midst of this strategic planning process throughout the campus, and I am pleased that your ideas have been adventuresome and well-considered. Three major task forces are now being assembled with broad representation to examine key facets of the University, to determine primary objectives and action steps to guide our future in the coming decade.

We will develop strategies and tactics for how we will recruit and develop our faculty, students and staff.

We will analyze our programs to determine the best mix of opportunities that represent a broad spectrum of learning yet capitalize on distinctive linkages among diverse areas of specialization. And we will enlarge our resources, through ongoing operations and philanthropy, so that we can accomplish the objectives envisioned for our people and programs while maintaining the financial discipline that has allowed Richmond to be recognized as a “best value” in the world of private higher education.

We will carefully examine any and all program opportunities, from innovative advanced-degree programs to first-year courses. And as we plan, we will pursue a few new initiatives on an experimental basis.

For example, we have launched a project known as the Richmond Quest to capture some of the coherence among our schools. Much academic scholarship is dominated by reductionism, and such an approach has played a powerful role in discovery, in endeavors as diverse as literary theory, microeconomics and polymer chemistry.

As knowledge gained by analysis continues to expand at an explosive pace, it is vital that the gains of academic specialization are not lost to the centrifugal forces of fragmentation. In the realm of biology, for example, the tools of analysis have allowed us to take ourselves apart right down to our genetic code, allowing new insights and consequential applications, yet this knowledge challenges us to be made whole.

Our goal for the Richmond Quest is to engage our academic community in a year-long conversation to flesh out answers to questions that feature not only analysis but also synthetic thinking, critically needed as we try to make sense of all the pieces of understanding that reductionism brings.

The question must be broad enough to challenge our collective imaginations, sufficiently multi-dimensional to productively engage us in a year of meaningful discussion and debate. Our campus will be the primary site for this conversation, but the Internet will also permit us to extend the Quest worldwide. At the simple level, the Quest will succeed as students learn to ask incisive questions. At the most complex level, it will succeed only when our solutions lead to pioneering discoveries and insights that will benefit civilization.

I believe Richmond is the right size to study daunting questions of this sort on a university-wide level. In ventures like this, we can play a role not easily achieved by either larger research universities or smaller colleges.

In the large research university, interdisciplinary efforts can flourish, but it is often difficult to cross-fertilize academic specialties because of the enormous size and authority of individual departments and schools. In the small college, collaboration comes naturally in close quarters, but an insufficient number of specialties are well-represented.

The research university and the small college earned their places long ago as the two most well-established prototypes of higher education, and our region benefits greatly from examples of both, with whom we enjoy collaborations to meet a variety of goals. But being not quite of either type, Richmond must look to make a special contribution in its own fashion.
At the beginning of this academic year we launched the Quest and solicited questions from faculty, students and staff. Interest from the national media confirmed our sense that a synthetic approach with broad campus participation fills a need in higher education and beyond. The winner was first featured in the *The New York Times* on Sunday, April 4.

The question that will be ours to solve during the 2000 calendar year will be, "Is truth in the eye of the beholder," submitted by Larina Orlando, a senior from Warrenton, Va. The question is disarmingly simple, yet complex in its outreach to the numerous academic areas represented among our schools (see article, p. 14).

**The Quest** includes three attributes that might well characterize other initiatives in coming years. First, it involves calculated risk and unending challenge, offering large academic payoff if successful but minimal downside. Second, it invites widespread participation. And third, it has a universal quality, allowing it to be transported for use elsewhere.

My own study of the history of universities suggests that these three characteristics typify some of the major institution-wide advances that have helped build pre-eminent universities, and we aim to employ them here. Put conversely, programs like the Quest are designed to combat those aspects of risk-aversion, paternalism and insularity that conspire to promote complacency at the expense of contribution. A great university never rests because learning never rests.

As I indicated to the committee that organized this investiture, I stand before you a somewhat reluctant participant. I believe that the most effective beginning for a new president is to show up early at work the first day and dig in without fanfare. Ritual and ceremony have their place in the academy, but they do not begin to convey the excitement of learning and discovery that mark our enterprise. If today is special, it is special more as a reaffirmation and extension of the work we began together many months ago, based largely on a vision I inherited from you. This vision will be sharpened and extended by the strategic planning process now being framed throughout our campus.

In the months since my arrival, I have identified a range of proposals, based on an analysis of our comparative advantages and on discussions with many of you. In the spirit of encouraging scrutiny, let me enumerate a few of them here.

My view of Richmond suggests that we should more closely link our teaching with our research, providing students with plentiful opportunities to actively participate in creative works that ignite the zest for learning. Student research and creative works cultivate the durable abilities of reasoning, analysis and synthesis, of problem finding as well as problem solving, abilities that will outlast any specific information or training. These abilities will render our students indispensable as increasingly sophisticated technologies displace many roles our graduates once performed. These abilities will enable each graduate not only to make a substantial living but to build a remarkable life.

Secondly, I believe we should more closely connect the efforts of our various schools to develop programs that capitalize on our unique arrangement of offerings, providing a special blend of competencies. The integrative approaches featured in the Richmond Quest and in our unique Core Course for first-year students represent two attempts to help foster such cohesion. We need to continually refine these efforts and develop others.

Thirdly, I believe we might do well to consider inviting a small group of postdoctoral fellows to our midst, selecting individuals who yearn for the kind of personalized learning we offer, who, having just completed their own doctoral training, are bursting with new ideas and sharpened skills, and who seek to learn in turn from us. Postdoctoral fellows at Richmond will have no ordinary postdoctoral experience. They will be heavily engaged in student learning, perhaps including opportunities in our Core Course and the Quest. Some advanced doctoral students seek just such opportunities, and we aim to meet this need in a fashion that benefits all. The history of discovery indicates that the postdoctoral years immediately following the Ph.D. are among the most fruitful for major breakthroughs, with examples ranging from James Watson and DNA to Noam Chomsky and transformational syntax. It seems no accident, and
we want our students to participate alongside such pioneers.

Fourthly, the Core Course and the Richmond Quest might be further enhanced by linkage with each other and with capstone projects in a student's final year.

These are a few of my proposals for Richmond, selected because I believe they might offer sustaining value and enable us to attain the highest level of achievement. My greatest delight will be to abandon any of them for better ideas you might offer that set us on an even brighter course. Like any initiatives at a university, these proposals will only flourish if faculty and students bring them to life. Accordingly, these proposals should be treated as openings for dialogue. As many of you have learned, you can count on me to give you ideas; in turn, I count on you to send them back to me better than I imagined.

Whatever plans we devise and ultimately agree upon together, we must implement even better than we plan, steadfast in our aims but flexible enough in our approach to welcome the grandeur of serendipity. As a small private university, unencumbered by the constraints of enormous debt, deferred maintenance, financial volatility and political turbulence, we stand independent and nimble, and these precious assets must be employed at every turn in charting a future that brings forth our best.

The guiding design feature for our efforts will be the primacy of student learning. Students are more than our customers—they are our young colleagues and our dear friends for life. Our efforts must be singularly geared to their welfare. Our classes will remain small to facilitate active learning. We will strive to admit students who are dedicated to building lives, not merely accumulating credentials, students whose values guide their behavior and whose behavior is not merely respected but admired.

As choices multiply in future years, values will matter more than ever. Richmond has a responsibility to open its doors to people from a variety of value systems and faiths, to promote self-understanding and tolerance, and to cultivate in our students a level of excellence in spiritual and moral development that matches their academic achievement. Through a host of campus activities, from the artistic to the athletic, from Balanchine to basketball, whenever we assist our students in weaving dimensions of character into integrated personalities, we help prepare them to live fully and serve greatly.

I cannot achieve what I envision for Richmond, but our students and faculty can, and they deserve all the encouragement we can supply. The linkage among classroom instruction, projects that emphasize intentional learning, and student participation in research and similar creative efforts is vital to our future. With faculty and students working together on leading-edge issues, we reveal the special advantages of our highly personal and residential university. Our campus activities should be so vibrant that everyone comes to appreciate that here is a campus whose members daily use the Internet, but whose richness of experience extends well beyond and deeper within.

As future technological advances give us more information and more choice, Richmond must meet the need for more understanding, more coherence, more wisdom. People, not computers, will continue to be the prime movers of civilization so long as we remain the askers of incisive questions, the finders of great problems, the generators of creativity. The University continues to be a place where creativity and wisdom meet in exchanges between real people in real places and times; for the same reasons the medieval university survived Gutenberg, its future counterpart will likely survive Bill Gates.

At today's end, we gather in Stern Quad to unveil the statue of E. Claiborne Robins. How fitting to end this day by honoring the man who so encourages us all. Many of you received his encouragement in person. I was not given that opportunity in this life. Mr. Robins is for me the person I have never met but so often miss. Thankfully, I do receive his encouragement daily through you.

We honor him today because he embodies the soul of this university. Few institutions are so nobly influenced by a single individual. We walk in Mr. Robins' lengthened shadow, grateful to have any small hand in extending its reach. And yet, from everything you have taught me about him, I sense him nudging us to step outside his shadow a bit, to make our own way, building on what he and you have wrought.

Our future is held in the hands of our imagination. We have an opportunity at Richmond to achieve cohesion amid complexity, to coalesce what most yearns to be coalesced—academic specialties with each other, instruction with research, truth with friendship, humility with drive, achievement with character. Let us resolve to unite them all.

To request the full text of Dr. Cooper's lecture address, please call the president's office, (804) 289-8756, or send a message to menocer@richmond.edu.
Larina Orlando's question about the nature of truth offers an integrative approach to year-long investigation

Is truth in the eye of the beholder?

That's the question that made senior Larina Orlando $23,390 richer and earned the University an April 4 New York Times exclusive.

Orlando wrote the question in response to a campus-wide competition launched by President William E. Cooper, who was in search of a question that could be addressed in a meaningful way over a year by students, faculty and staff and off-campus speakers in all departments, all programs, all divisions of the University. He called the unique competition and the year-long pursuit of answers "The Richmond Quest."

Dr. Cooper announced in The Times article that Orlando's question had been selected by a committee of faculty and students from 593 entries. He announced last November that he was offering free tuition and room and board for a year to the winning student or the cash equivalent to a winning senior.

The Quest will formally begin in January 2000.

In a rationale accompanying the question, Orlando said: "We need only consider the recent presidential impeachment proceedings to see that the truth is just as elusive in this information-dominated modern age as it was in the time of Socrates. To answer the question, we must establish a universal definition of truth, examine the available methods for arriving at the truth and deal with the concept of how observational bias influences our understanding of the truth."

The faculty winner, announced at the Richmond Quest luncheon during Dr. Cooper's Investiture April 16, was Jim Rettig, University librarian. His question was, "How do individuals, groups of individuals and organizations determine that they have sufficient information to make a decision?" He won a summer research grant.

In his rationale, Rettig said: "The question lends itself to a wide range of approaches through various disciplines. For example: Faculty and students in philosophy and religion can explore its dimensions in moral decision making... Law faculty and students can explore how it relates to the use of precedents and legal principles... Business students and faculty can explore the ways it affects behavior that in the aggregate affects national economies."

The staff winner was Diana Vincelli, assistant director of corporate and foundation relations, for her question, "What is the role of creativity in life?" Vincelli won a $2,500 grant to be used by her office.

"We generally understand creativity as an ability to produce works of art—paintings, drawings, sculpture, music, poetry, drama, fiction, film, photos," Vincelli said in her rationale.

"But what is the creative spark—the originality of thought—in business leaders, political figures, mathematicians, scientists, philosophers, lawyers or judges—all of whom work in fields not considered 'art' where original thought might be called something other than creativity?"
The University community also will be invited to submit written answers to Orlando's question. If the author of the winning answer is a student, he or she also will receive a free year at Richmond. If the winner is a faculty member, the prize will be a summer research grant.

Orlando in her rationale said each university department will probably raise its own set of secondary questions, such as: "What is the relationship between metaphor and truth?" (English); "Can democracy exist in an environment of absolute truth?" (political science); "Is absolute truth best obtained through empiric observation?" (natural science); and "Will the truth set us free?" (religion).

Also, "Is truth self evident?" (philosophy); "Does truth transcend cultural boundaries?" (social science); "Is mathematics the natural language of truth?" (mathematics); and "Is art a higher form of expressing the truth?" (the arts).

"Judges noted that Ms. Orlando's base question is 'disarmingly simple,' " Cooper says, "yet her rationale was particularly well reasoned to meet our criteria of breadth and depth." The judges also sensed, says Cooper, that the "expanded discussion of truth—its nature, its utility, and its changing role in civilization—would be a fitting topic for our first Quest year."

"The question lends itself to a broad range of topics that occupy center stage in academic circles," Cooper adds. "The role of truth also seems to be shifting somewhat in matters of public discourse and decision making, so we think it is an appropriate time for the academy to highlight this question and its broader implications."

Cooper believes the Quest will become one of the University's "signature programs."

"I see us not only doing it every year," he says, "but expanding it. We want to be the place that tackles big questions and answers them in a way that links our different schools and colleges."

If Orlando's question is "fitting" for the Quest's first year, as Cooper says, Orlando herself is a most fitting winner of a competition that puts a high value on intellectual inquiry. She reads Greek philosophers in ancient Greek; performs Scarlatti, Debussy and Mozart in solo piano
recitals; and plans to study French language and literature in the M.A./Ph.D. program at the University of Virginia.

"It somehow didn't seem fair to choose a graduate program taught just in the English language," she laughs.

Orlando, from Warrenton, Va., is a philosophy major with minors in ancient Greek and French. She describes herself as committed to learning in a "quiet and sincere way."

She entered Richmond as a music major, thought about English but finally opted for philosophy. Literature professors "extract philosophy from novels," she says, and she decided she wanted her philosophy "straight and hard-core."

"It was a question of wanting ideas in pure form," she says. "Philosophy is a rigorous program, and you can't give your professors any junk and expect to get away with it."

As a University Scholar, Orlando got to choose her own curriculum, which has been heavy on the humanities. That has been wonderful for her, but it led to some interesting conversations with her father, Dr. Michael M. Orlando, a pathologist at Fauquier County Hospital in Warrenton, Va. (Larina grew up in Warrenton and graduated from Fauquier High School.)

Dr. Orlando, who has M.D. and Ph.D. in biology degrees from Georgetown University, believes that science courses give students very little of the philosophical questions behind experiments, and that humanities courses don't deal enough with science. Dr. Orlando and his daughter were very interested in her Philosophy of the Mind course, which had a humanities basis but touched on some of the science of the mind.

So when the Orlandoos received a post card from Cooper (who is himself a cognitive scientist) urging all students and their parents to think about a large question that would unify the campus in a year-long pursuit of answers, Larina naturally started developing her own. The prize was nice, she thought, but the excitement of the intellectual pursuit was just as important to her.

"Mom got the card over Christmas break," she says. "It was red bordered, and I still have it. Dad and I immediately began to talk." Larina thought the concept of the Richmond Quest sounded very much like the conversations she and her dad always seemed to be having.

When she sat down to compose the question, she says she wanted to get people thinking about the educational process as a whole: "I was trying to come up with a question that would get people to think about how we approach each discipline and where it fits into the grand theme.

"I realized that one of the current attitudes that truth is relative seems to be in conflict with what goes on in education. Math and science think they are coming up with truths. I just came up with a question that has a poetic thrust that might get people to think."

Orlando thinks the concept of the Quest will change the University of Richmond. "It might not work at a larger school, but at Richmond [with 2,900 undergraduates] if it's incorporated into every course, not just one or two or three, if students and faculty take it seriously, it could take off on a very large scale."

"My friends have been very enthusiastic and supportive," she says, "and for the most part, the rest of the student body reacted in a similar way. Many students have said that they like the question because it can work in any discipline, and that it's a good question for the 20th century, when truth seems to be a hazy concept."

Orlando has kept up with her music, even though she is not majoring in it. "I'm considered an honorary music major," she says. In fact, she won the 1997 Student Concerto Competition (piano), is a member of the music honorary society Phi Kappa Mu, and has given junior and senior piano recitals.

She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa; Golden Key National Honor Society; Phi Sigma Iota, the international foreign language society; and Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honorary.

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Daunting questions examined on a campus-wide basis, envisioned as a hallmark of Richmond by President William E. Cooper in his Investiture address, were evident in a series of faculty-led symposia on the afternoon of April 16.

Visitors could choose from six sessions on topics ranging from the environment to faith traditions. They heard faculty members from all schools at the University as well as students, trustees, alumni, community activists, business leaders and other experts.

Following is a sampling from the symposia.
Faitb Traditions
Voicing: communicating, hearing, understanding.
De-voicing: losing your voice, being silenced.
Religious voices of the Buddhist, Native American, Protestant, South-African Jew, Catholic, Muslim, Hindu. "Am I seen? Am I heard?"

A dramatic rendering of some of those voices by two students, Mary R. Richerson, AW'00, and Natasha E. Smith, AW'99, opened the symposium, "Voicing and De-Voicing: Faith, Diversity and Democracy." Chaired by the Rev. David F.H. Dorsey, associate chaplain to the University, the symposium included views of four scholars from different faith traditions.

Religious and ethnic differences can easily tear a society apart, agreed several panelists. Rabbi Hillel Levine from the Center for Judaic Studies, Boston University, spoke of individuals being "pitted against each other" and not understanding why.

Dr. Azziah al-Hibri, professor at the University of Richmond School of Law, cautioned against indifference to persecution and oppression around the world. "With technology, it is no longer possible to be uninvolved," she said.

Tolerance is one response to diversity, said Dr. Welton Gaddy, executive director of the Interfaith alliance. But even better is to "move beyond tolerance to a stance of mutual respect" through education. "Both religious faith and an academic education involve crossing boundaries," he said.

Further, "we all come from traditions that say to love your enemies," said al-Hibri.

The role of religion at a great university was examined by the Rev. Ben Campbell, pastoral director of the Richmond Hill ecumenical retreat center in Richmond. The true religious quest would be "concerned with the great social, political and economic realities of the day," he said. Further, "a real Christian university would be absolutely committed to the search for truth."

Transitions to Democracy
What is democracy? Is it the ideal? Why has it failed in many parts of the world? These and other provocative questions were raised during a spring lecture series on campus called "Transitions to Democracy Around the World: Realities and Solutions." An afternoon symposium on Investiture day provided a forum to continue discussion on the topic.

Dr. Urina Gabara, associate provost for international education, was the panel chairman. Other participants were Dr. Joan Bak, associate professor of history and international studies; John Gallini of Richmond's Peace Education Center; Dr. Douglas Hicks, assistant professor of leadership studies and religion; John Paul Jones, professor of constitutional law; Dr. Kapanga Kasongo, associate professor of French; Jeremy Rhoades, AR'99; Meena Venkataramu, JW'00; Dr. Vincent Wei-Cheng Wang, assistant professor of political science; and David Weiss, AR'01.

Rhoades, who has interned with Amnesty International, pointed out that democracy is a process. Other panelists agreed. They added that new political arrangements in the world might be called democracies, but they are likely to be different from many Americans' perception of what democracy is.

Responding to a question from an audience member, Wang said the success of democracy should not necessarily be measured by national voting statistics. Lively participation in city council, school board and town meetings across the United States proves the democratic process is alive and well, he said.

Citizenship
Despite gloomy statistics tracking the fall in civic participation by many Americans, there are stirrings of renewal, stated Suzanne W. Morse, executive director of the Pew Partnership for Civic Change.

She presided over a symposium, "A Rebirth of Citizenship in America," with panelists Dennis Hartig, managing editor of the Norfolk Virginian Pilot; Chris Gates, president of the National Civic League; and Edward M. Fouhy, executive director of the Pew Center on the States and editor of stateline.org, a project that tracks public policy developments in the states.

Morse noted signs of renewal, among them the growth of evangelical church congregations even though attendance at mainline churches has declined; and record numbers of young people volunteering in their communities, even though their turnout at the polls is dismal.

"The rebirth of citizenship is absolutely critical for the future of our country," she said.

Gates noted that while national polls have uncovered reservoirs of anger and distrust on the part of many Americans, he sees a rebirth of democracy occurring in many communities.

Americans are redefining what it means to be a citizen, Gates asserted, with pragmatism appearing to be the prevailing doctrine. For example, the fastest growing grass-roots group in the country is Neighborhood Watch.

Ouhy described how The Pilot has become one of the handfuls of newspapers around the country that are experimenting with the ideas of civic journalism.

"We're trying to establish a new model [of political journalism] that is more analytical and problem-solving," he said.

The Pilot considers a candidacy as akin to a job application. It places its readers in the position of citizens hiring a manager for their local government based on experience and qualifications rather than on 30-second television spots.

Ouhy, a veteran journalist who has recently set up shop on the Internet, said that the coming of new information technologies, combined with the accessibility of the World Wide Web, represents a "seismic shift" in the way people communicate and get information.

These resources will make it possible for people to communicate with like-minded others and to empower themselves, Fouhy asserted.

"Information is the oxygen that sustains democracy," he said.

The Environment
The idyllic photographic images of Blue Ridge flora and fauna contrasted sharply with associate professor of journalism
Stephen Nash’s grim words. Human intrusion, deforestation, and the introduction of dangerous exotics all pose serious dangers to the ecosystem of the Blue Ridge, a mountain chain 550 miles long that encompasses national parks and forests in six states.

Threats to the environment and possible defenses were the topic of the symposium “Addressing New Environmental Challenges: How Do We Learn? How Can We Respond?”

Nash, who has written numerous articles about the environment and is the author of Blue Ridge 20/20: An Owner’s Manual, was followed by Phillip Cramer, AR‘97, now a law student at Vanderbilt University. Cramer called for an interconnected approach to problem solving to match the interconnected nature of environmental problems. He also said it was wise to empower as many groups as possible so that many would have a stake in improving the environment.

Dr. Peter Schuhmann, assistant professor of economics, discussed environmental problems as the result of market failure and the “tragedy of the commons.” He suggested economic incentives for those who act in a positive way to improve the environment, and serious disincentives to those responsible for environmental woes.

The symposium was chaired by Dr. Michael Allan Wolf, professor of law and history, who listed some slogans that he said reflect many Americans’ attitudes toward the subject of the environment. They included “Beware of instant environmentalists,” those whose motivations are likely to be selfish and temporary.

### FINANCIAL MARKETS

When J. Alfred Broaddus Jr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, talks about the future, people listen. At the Investiture-day symposium Broaddus offered a hopeful prediction: The current revolution in financial markets is likely to continue.

Austin Brockenbrough III, managing director of Lowe, Brockenbrough and Co. Inc. and a University trustee, agreed. This great bull market should go on awhile, he said, driven by forces that include technology, globalization, demographics and low inflation.

Still, Broaddus hedged, “Forecasting always makes me nervous.”

Brockenbrough and Brockenbrough, B’62, were among panelists discussing “Financial Markets in the 21st Century.” They were joined by Mike Epstein, director of quantitative trading with Sherwood Securities, and Paul T. Sweeney, B’86, director at Salomon Smith Barney Inc. Dr. John H. Earl Jr., associate professor of finance, chaired the symposium.

The consistently low inflation rate is one of the most important components of the recovery, Broaddus said. Low inflation has allowed the lowering of interest rates and has freed money for expansion, new investment and spending for new technology.

But “inflation is not dead,” and the Fed must maintain its “anti-inflationary credibility,” he said.

Among the distinguishing features of this revolutionary economy, Broadus and Epstein agreed, is the broad ownership of stock. The market has gone from elitist to democratic.

The U.S. economy should benefit from higher growth in developing nations, Broaddus added. Brockenbrough raised concerns that the recovery could be damaged if problems in the Pacific Rim and Latin America continue.

While Japan’s apparent recovery is good news, the changes that are likely to take place in a unified Europe could have dynamic results, Brockenbrough said. With one currency, sharp cuts in tariffs and freedom for manufacturers to move freely to cheaper labor, inflation in Europe is likely to drop, and it will be more competitive with the United States.

### TECHNOLOGY

With computers ubiquitous in American life, colleges and universities face the challenge of integrating technology into classrooms, curricula and research, and developing these tools for collaborative learning.

“We are entering an era of shared ideas, shared creation and shared space,” said Ellen Waite-Franzen, associate provost for information services.

The challenge was the focus of a symposium held in technology-friendly Jepson Hall, “Future Technologies: Implications for Higher Education.” The panel included Waite-Franzen; Richard L. Sharp, chairman and CEO of Circuit City Stores and a University trustee; and Dr. Andrew F. Newcomb, professor of psychology, who uses technology in his teaching, Ellen Walk, information systems program director in the School of Continuing Studies, chaired the session.

Newcomb predicted a shift from teacher-centered learning, in which teachers deliver information to passive students, to information-centered learning, in which teachers direct students who become more active in finding, assimilating and applying information, often working together.

In this new environment, Sharp said, universities “will need to do a better job of defining and measuring quality. Technology is going to make education more competitive, so we must be able to measure how well we are doing.”

Panelists also addressed the role “community” will play in higher education’s future.

On one hand, students will be able to sit at the computer in the residence hall and see a lecture by a Nobel laureate, reach for resources in university libraries across the country, and pass research projects instantly to colleagues, professors and friends all over the world.

“How many universities will be needed?” Sharp asked. “Will only the strong survive?”

Newcomb responded that creating learning communities on campuses like Richmond’s will be vitally important.

Within those communities, he said, “Students will use more inquiry-based learning. They’ll ask questions and get answers. They’ll create high-quality scholarship which they’ll share with one another.”

Contributing to this article were Ed Feusty, editor of statuesque.org, Dr. Michael Allan Wolf, professor of law and history, University of Richmond, free lance writer Rich Walker, and Trevor Young in the office of international education.
Sharing SCHOLARSHIP

Students communicate what they’ve learned through research and creative endeavors

The annual student symposium “is an example of what the University does best: engage students in learning,” says Dr. Scott Allison, associate professor of psychology and organizer of the event for the past several years. “It’s a terrific showcase of collaborative work between students and faculty members,” he adds. “And it was special this year because Dr. Cooper was willing to use his day to showcase student work.”

This year, 110 students participated in the symposium, held April 16 as part of Investiture day events. Students presented their work visually, through poster presentations; or orally, through 15-minute talks.

“By planning, carrying out and sharing the results of their research and creative activity, student presenters not only add to their own knowledge and sensibilities, they also help the school realize higher intellectual and cultural aspirations,” says Dr. David Leary, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

The symposium “is always really exciting and a day of great pride,” Allison says. “And it’s quite humbling for me, as a professor, to see how well the students handle themselves.”

Three students received outstanding research awards for their efforts, and two others received outstanding arts awards. Meet the award-winning researchers and hear from a representative sample of other students about their projects.

A light-hearted approach to art

Amy R. Osborne, AW’99
Outstanding Arts Award

Amy R. Osborne's subjects are not the traditional flowers or fruit. Instead, the senior art major calls upon Tickle Me Elmo dolls and Peeps, those bunny-shaped marshmallow Easter treats, to serve as her muse. She does not merely paint or photograph these popular products, but instead combines printmaking techniques with computer-generated imaging. Though the result is award-winning artwork, the artist's primary goal is to unwind.

"Through art, I've been able to let go of my stress," Osborne says, adding that viewers are not supposed to find any deep meaning.

Instead, she says, her works "are meant to be seen as reflections of my sense of humor." Osborne's art was displayed in the Marsh Art Gallery in April as part of the senior thesis exhibition for the University's seven graduating studio-art majors. Her thesis, titled "Just Kidding," included Peeps in a pond; "Elmo in Stitches," an image of the stuffed animal cut and then sewn back together; and "Splat," a piece showing Elmo face down on the ground.

"I'm not making any serious social or political statement," Osborne says.

Osborne, of Long Branch, N.J., was planning a visit North after graduation, but her future plans are up in the air. She says she'd like to stay in the Richmond area and find a job where she'll be able to utilize her artistic talents, not to mention her sense of humor.

Laura S. Jeffrey
Deadly changes in the brain
Margie Lhamon, AW’99
Outstanding Research Award, Natural Sciences

Cellular changes deep in the brain can lead to the deadly glioblastoma, an aggressive brain tumor often fatal within months. University Scholar Margie Lhamon, AW’99, joined surgeons and scientists at the Medical College of Virginia researching the mechanism that transforms normal brain cells into cancer cells.

Lhamon’s task was to confirm previous indications that a molecule in messenger RNA present in normal cells is also present in lesser amounts in cancer cells, and then to identify a possible product of the gene the mRNA represents. Her work involved gene sequence analysis, PCR (or polymerase chain reactions) and northern blot analysis.

Advised on campus by Dr. Valerie Kish and Dr. Jeff Elhai in the biology department, Lhamon worked off campus in a neuro-oncology lab at MCV. She’ll continue research in neuroscience in a fully funded M.D./Ph.D. program at Duke University, one of seven similar programs to which she was accepted.

A native of Lima, Ohio, Lhamon conducted biological research during three semesters and two summers at Richmond. She also studied music and philosophy, and studied German in Austria for a summer. And she volunteered once a week as an emergency medical technician with the Lakeside Volunteer Rescue Squad.

With a major in biology and a minor in philosophy, Lhamon has become fascinated with the theory of language as related to the two disciplines.

“We can use science to discover many new things,” she says, “but you must frame your question in a way you can answer it. And you must be able to communicate what you’ve found.

“That’s the real value of the student symposium—it forces students to communicate their research to others.”

Dorothy Wagener

Discovering an activist
Amanda Garrett, AW’99
Outstanding Research Award, Humanities

Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are perhaps the most familiar names in the women’s suffrage movement. Yet Richmonder Adele Clark is equally worthy of recognition, says Amanda Garrett, an honors student in history with a double major in political science. Garrett, herself a Richmonder, wrote a 50-page paper on the life and accomplishments of the relatively unknown suffragist.

Garrett pored over Clark’s papers, which are housed at nearby Virginia Commonwealth University. She learned that Clark was an active leader in the fight to grant women the right to vote. While neither Anthony nor Stanton lived long enough to see women obtain that right, Clark did. She was in her late 30s in 1920, when the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed. Clark went on to found the Virginia League of Women Voters. She died in 1983, at the age of 100.

“Studying this woman made me realize how difficult it was for women to gain what most Americans perceive to be a basic right,” Garrett says. “The next time I vote in an election, I will not take this exercise of expression for granted.”

Garrett, who has a minor in women’s studies, is returning to the University in the fall. She will work in the history department as a teaching assistant while pursuing a master’s degree in history.

“I feel it is imperative to know and understand the history of my gender,” Garrett says, adding, “Women’s history needs to be understood by men as well.”

Laura S. Jeffrey

Bringing early music back to life
Mark Graves, AR’99
Outstanding Arts Award

For his senior seminar project as a music major, Mark Graves brought together all his experience in music history, composition and vocal performance. Selecting an original score for solo bass voice by 17th-century composer Henry Purcell, he prepared a modern transcription, then sang it at a recital in April.

The name of the work was “The Resurrection,” and Graves’ task was to bring it back to life.

“The original score looks very different on the page from modern music,” Graves says. “The conventions of music notation were different. It has only a solo line and a bass line, from which the accompaniment would have been improvised.”

Graves learned that this type of sacred music was often performed in private homes of the period. He fleshed out the accompaniment in 17th-century style, and added the typical ornamentations to the vocal line.

To complete the semester-long project, he wrote a paper and rehearsed for the performance with his adviser, Dr. Jennifer Cable, on harpsichord and Matthew McCabe, AR’02, on cello. At the recital he gave a short lecture on his findings.

“I’ve always been interested in old things,” says Graves, a native of Grafton, Va., who also considered a history major. Bringing early music to life may become a significant part of his career, as Graves heads to a Ph.D. program in musicology at Duke University next fall.

“There’s so much we don’t know about how it was performed,” he says, “but there’s something about the lasting nature of music that it still has the power to speak to us so many years later.”

Dorothy Wagener
On being “high and humble”

Cheri Beth Harlan, AW’99
Outstanding Research Award, Social Science

The topic of how individuals present themselves to others intrigues Cheri Beth Harlan, a psychology major with a minor in education. She’s particularly interested in how people reveal their accomplishments without appearing to be “too high on themselves.” Her project for the student symposium explored this topic.

Harlan, of Rockville, Va., conducted several pilot studies, then proposed that individuals might use one of four tactics to reveal their accomplishments while simultaneously appearing humble about them. The tactics are accomplishment dropping, which is steering a conversation to a point when it’s appropriate to bring up the accomplishment; downplaying, which is revealing the accomplishment but adding a statement such as, “Others have achieved the same thing”; environmental engineering, which is displaying the award on a wall or bookcase; and social engineering, or having a third party reveal the accomplishment.

Harlan examined scenarios and videotaped interactions before determining that environmental engineering and downplaying were the most effective ways of being “high and humble.” She also discovered that the perceived status of the individual played a role in the outcome. Low-status figures who engaged in humility created a more favorable impression than high-status figures doing the same thing.

Harlan was accepted to present her findings at two conferences for national psychological associations. Meanwhile, she is completing requirements at Richmond for a master’s degree in teaching, and may follow with doctoral studies in school psychology.

Classical Studies

Women Poets in Ancient Greece and Rome

Many people are not aware that Sappho is not the only female who wrote poetry during Greek and Roman antiquity. My research uncovered 28 additional female poets. I examined why so little of their work survives, and discussed how women were represented in the poetry of men. I really valued the experience.

Fenmilta Poole-Christian, AW’00
English and classical studies major

Dance

When I was a little girl, I begged my mother to let me take ballet. Twelve years later, I am still dancing, both ballet and other styles. In addition to pushing me past what I thought possible for myself and serving as a break from academic pressure, dance provides me with incredible friendships. When offered the chance to perform a new dance at the symposium with a group of my friends, I could not pass up the opportunity.

Laura S. Jeffrey

Biology

The Role of Melatonin in Flagellar Regeneration in Chlamydomonas reinhardtii

My project looked at the way melatonin affected flagellar regeneration in Chlamydomonas reinhardtii, a single-celled alga with two flagella that are used for movement. I found that high levels of melatonin enhanced flagellar regeneration while low levels impeded the process. I was not expecting this but was excited that these unexpected findings could be used as a springboard for new investigations.

Kelly Kazor, AW’99
Biology major, English minor
Entering M.D. program at Medical College of Ohio

Chemistry

The Regulation of Iron Metabolism

The purpose of my project was to identify transport proteins that may regulate the absorption of iron by the small intestine. Maintenance of proper iron levels in the body is necessary for a number of functions. Most importantly, iron is essential for the transport of oxygen in the blood. This work will increase understanding of iron metabolism, and might provide insight for treating some disorders.

Brian Laudorn, AW’99
Chemistry major
Pursing doctorate in biochemistry at Cornell University

Education

Autistic Features in Children with Joubert Syndrome

Joubert Syndrome is a rare, neurological condition affecting the part of the brain that controls balance and coordination. Initial research findings have suggested a link between anomalies in this area and autistic behavior. I was interested in determining whether the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales could be used to screen children diagnosed with Joubert Syndrome for autism, so that educators would be able to assess the best instructional approach and classroom for autistic children.

Bobby Thielecke, AW’95 and CS’98
Master of teaching in elementary education
English
Visual Pleasure and Moral Decay: The Lost Generation Actress

My paper explored the portrayal of the actresses in four Lost Generation novels: F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *Tender is the Night*, John Dos Passos’ *Manhattan Transfer* and *The Big Money*, and Nathanael West’s *The Day of the Locust*. I was struck by the fact that the actresses in these novels were beautiful yet shallow and morally depraved. The Lost Generation actress is not valued for what she has to say, but for her beauty. The portrayal of the actress in these four novels is a powerful social critique about the allure of visual pleasure and the ensuing moral decay for both the gazer and gazed upon.

Erin Poole, AW’99
English major

Math and computer science
Method for Identification of Origins of Replication and Genes Regulated by DnaA in Bacteria

My main academic interest is computational biology, a powerful combination of computational sciences applied to complex biological problems. The goal of my project was to develop computer programs to identify the origin of DNA replication in bacterial genomes. This is important not only in pure biological research but also in medicine, as it could be used to design drugs to target replication in bacteria.

Olga Troyanskaya, AW’99
Double major in biology and computer science, minor in mathematics
Enrolling in graduate school at Stanford University in the doctoral program in medical information sciences
(See also article, p. 5)

Health and Sport Science
Perceived Appropriateness of Assertiveness and Aggression in Sports

We surveyed 800 university students to study the perceived appropriateness of aggressive behavior in male and female athletes. Our main findings were that male subjects viewed aggressive behavior in male athletes as more acceptable than aggressive behavior in female athletes. Female subjects, however, viewed aggressive behavior as negative regardless of the athlete’s gender. I was interested in this subject because I play lacrosse and volleyball.

Marjorie Wagner, AW’01
Sociology and criminal justice major, Spanish minor

Physics
Computer Simulations for an Eta Photoproduction Experiment at Jefferson Lab

I am working in the area of particle physics research. I had no interest in physics at all until Dr. Michael Vineyard asked me to do some research with him. Seeing how great an opportunity this was, I accepted his offer. We often work at Jefferson Lab, a particle accelerator in Newport News.

Joe Gardner, AW’00
Physics major

Modern languages
Enough for Me, My Heart: Remember Boris Vian

With the goal of writing a play illuminating the life and works of French author Boris Vian, I began researching the man’s life and reading nearly all of his works. As the project progressed, I realized just how unknown Vian was compared to his contemporaries such as Sartre and de Beauvoir, and how unfortunate this fact is. His death at age 39, coupled with a controversial series of sexually and violently explicit novels, seemed to automatically ensure that Vian would forever remain the best-kept literary secret of the 20th century.

Matt De Cunto, AW’99
Theatre arts and French major

Speech communications
The Role of Parental Input Concerning Lexical and Morphological Acquisition in Children

I studied what kind of impact parents have on a child’s ability to learn language. The hypothesis we tested was that through connectionist principles, early sensitivity comes through the speech that children hear from their parents. I love work that involves children, and I am intrigued by how they learn.

Kelley Dugan, AW’00
Psychology major, Spanish and sociology minors

Theatre arts
“Lloyd’s Prayer”—Lighting Design and Beyond

I discussed my lighting design for the play “Lloyd’s Prayer,” which was performed in October in the Jepson Theatre. I focused on how the design evolved throughout the production process and the way others influenced it. I later looked at how it changed as I entered it in a design competition as part of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, which we hosted in February.

Adam Travis, JR’99
Leadership studies and computer science majors
In the lengthening afternoon shadows of Investiture day, the University community gathered to honor its late legendary benefactor, E. Claiborne Robins, R'31 and H'60, by dedicating a seven-foot-tall bronze statue of him on Stern Plaza.

“We all stand in the shadow of Claiborne Robins,” said Elaine J. Yeatts, W'64, G'89 and vice rector of the Board of Trustees, who recalled being “awestruck” at meeting Mr. Robins for the first time as a new trustee 25 years ago.

Trustee Lewis T. Booker, R'50, H'77 and chair of the statue committee, noted that everyone on the committee had known Mr. Robins. He said their goal was to “portray Mr. Robins as looking over this campus,” observing the progress made possible by the transforming gift of $50 million from the Robins family in 1969 as well as a continued spirit of generosity.

Other tributes came from speakers representing alumni, faculty and students.

“I know why I chose the University of Richmond,” said Michael W. Cammarano, AR'00. “I wonder how the young Mr. Robins felt in 1927 when he decided to attend. “The important thing is not how he chose the University for the first time, but how he chose it again and again.

“Without his contribution, I could not possibly have seen the kind of university I saw three years ago when I first visited,” Cammarano said.

“We can only hope that 20 years hence this school will be better for our being here” as it was for Mr. Robins’ presence, he said.

Responding for the Robins family was E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68, H'86 and a trustee, who spoke of his father’s dream that the University would become “better than it already is.”

The statue captures Mr. Robins’ humanity and his likeness, concluded President Cooper, but “the University itself is his truest monument.”
E. Claiborne Robins
1910-1995
Alumnus, trustee, benefactor

"To these tributes, the entire University community adds, in celebration, its gratitude for his optimism and contagious enthusiasm."

THE SCULPTOR

Sculptor Stanley Bleifeld is best known for the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. He has won many awards for his work, including several from the National Sculpture Society. A graduate of Temple University, he holds the B.S.Ed., B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees and served as the Tyler School of Fine Arts Fellow. In 1997 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts.

Danielle Fiedler, granddaughter of sculptor
Stanley Bleifeld, with Robins statue
**ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

⭐ **F. Amanda DeBusk, W'78**, is assistant secretary for export enforcement at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. She is among the highest ranking women in federal law enforcement, overseeing a staff of more than 150 agents, analysts and investigators in eight field offices around the country.

Before assuming her commerce post, DeBusk was a partner in the international trade department of O'Melveny & Myers in Washington, D.C. In 1993, she traveled to China as part of a delegation sponsored by the U.N. Committee for Trade and Development.

During her undergraduate years at the University, DeBusk was president of the Westhampton College Government Association. She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating with majors in political science and speech communication, she continued to Harvard Law School, where she received her law degree in 1981.

A member of the University’s Board of Associates since 1994, she lives in Potomac, Md., with her husband, son and twin daughters.

⭐ **Kenneth M. Gassman Jr., B'67**, is senior vice president of Davenport & Co. of Virginia. As a retail securities analyst, he follows major regional and national retailers as well as in-home retailers and consumer goods producers. He has been widely quoted in national publications including *Forbes* and *Business Week* and was named an “all-star analyst” by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Before joining Davenport in 1991, Gassman was senior vice president at Wheat, First Securities Inc. He has served as chairman of the University’s Annual Fund and as a member of the alumni board for the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business.

His community activities include involvement with United Methodist Family Services, Guardian Place Housing and the Central Richmond Association. He and his wife, Mary-Bolling Willis Gassman, W'67, are the parents of three daughters, including Elizabeth G. Gassman Cheron, W'93. They live in Glen Allen, Va.

⭐ **Janice R. Moore, L'81**, is assistant general counsel with Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corp., the world’s largest supplier of natural gas. In this capacity, she travels several times a month across the world, particularly to Japan and the Philippines.

Previously, she was senior counsel, employee relations, for Mobil Oil Corp., and was employed with Hunton & Williams on two occasions in the 1980s. From 1983 to 1986, she was an assistant professor of law at the University, teaching basic federal tax, and legal research and writing.

Moore was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Goucher College, Md., her undergraduate alma mater. During her years as a law student at the University, she was a member of the McNell Society, a group of students in the top 10 percent of the class. She also received the Charles Norman Award, which is given by the law school faculty to the best all-around graduating student. She is a member of the Law School Association board of directors, and has one daughter.

⭐ **Nelson Lewis St. Clair, R'58**, is president and chief executive officer of Riverside Health System, a nonprofit organization that operates three acute-care hospitals; the largest free-standing physical rehabilitation hospital in Virginia; seven long-term care facilities; two continuing care retirement communities; and a health club.

St. Clair attended the University on a football scholarship, and also played baseball. After receiving an undergraduate degree with a major in sociology, he continued on to the Medical College of Virginia, where he earned a master’s degree in hospital administration in 1961.

He has been a member of the University’s Board of Associates since 1995. He also has served as president of a local alumni chapter, and as a member of the Richmond College Alumni Association board of directors. He lives in Williamsburg, Va., with his wife, Patricia. They have three children.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES**

⭐ **Earnest A. Huband, C'68 and GB'77**, is a retired senior vice president of Signet Banking Corp. He previously worked at Reynolds Metals, Old Dominion Truck Leasing and Bank of Virginia. He has earned certified public accountant and certified financial management designations, and is also a chartered bank auditor.

Huband is a former president of the National Association of Accountants, and was president and a board member of the Richmond chapter of the organization. He also was national president of the Institute of Management Accountants. He has taught in business schools at Virginia Commonwealth University and at the University of Richmond, where he twice received the Outstanding Lecturer award. He and his wife, Maxine, live in Richmond. They have two children.
From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Our love and sympathy to the family of Hattie Habel Moschler, who died in January.

Hattie gave one of her attractive primitive paintings to hang in the alumni office.

Theresa Pollak, W, of Richmond, was featured in the September issue of Richmond Magazine. The magazine named its excellence in the arts awards the Pollak Awards, because the editors were inspired by her "artwork, her teaching, her friendships and her legacy, which touches many generations of artists."

Louise Eubank Gray, W, of Saluda, Va., received the Pride of Middlesex Award from the Middlesex Rotary Club in March at a banquet held in her honor. She was honored for being "a lightning rod in the development of the Middlesex County Historical Museum as well as for her teaching and writing."

Margaret Bri1ingham Logan, of Virginia Beach, married James Lambert. They are the parents of Christine Pollak and four grandchildren.

Mary Owen Bass is recovering satisfactorily after being injured in an auto accident last Thanksgiving Day. She lost her beloved sister, Nan, who had been an outstanding leader of her Westhampton Class of 1935.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig gave a gift to the college, which she says is in appreciation for all that Westhampton gave to her. Surely many of us feel that same gratitude. Margaret asks that we keep the 60th reunion in our thoughts, send items for the class scrapbook, and support our class scholarship.

Helen Martin Laughon is enjoying traveling with her daughter and grandson, and also visiting with them in Charleston, S.C. Wouldn't we all enjoy seeing again the 200-year-old house her family restored?

Martha McCabe Walker shares exciting news. After 24 years of widowhood and rearing three children, she married Wesley Walker last October in Smithfield, Va. Her life is "good, comfortable and blessed."

Sarajane (now Sally) Payne and her husband, George Arkedis, planned to attend two graduations of grandsons in the spring: Jim from Notre Dame, and Bob from high school in Atlanta.

Eleanor Kindell Miller spent Christmas vacation in Florida with daughters Lyn and Leslie and their spouses, and four grandchildren. This was a particular treat for all since Lyn and her family had lived in Saudi Arabia, and granddaughter Erica had been in school in Switzerland.

Virginia Wood "Woodsie" Hawkins traveled in 1998, and was looking forward to attending the wedding of one granddaughter and the college graduation of a second granddaughter.

Lois Cook Noble reports many exciting travels with her husband, Joe, who is a museum director.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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As the year 2000 nears, we salute our class members who established the Class of 1936 Scholarship, which is given to first-year female students. The market value is almost $200,000. We salute the growing list of winners who have graduated: Carrie Smith, JW'95; Wendy Scarborough, AW'96; Emily Hill, AW'97; Carrie Greenlee, JW'98; Cheri Smith, AW'98; and Dana Prestandrea, AW'99.

Dr. Alice Turner Schafer, our very special fund-raising chair, and her husband live in Lexington, Mass., closer to family and friends. They and their cats miss Virginia's climate.

Jacquelin Warner Warren reports a joyful year volunteering with the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach. Jackie worked with costumes, props, directing and stage management. She also worked as a dresser, and was involved with a presentation of the complete works of Shakespeare.

Jackie's career was in the field of clinical psychiatric counseling and social work. She is counseling two groups of adults who were molested as children.

Jenny Kirk Lennox spent several days visiting Margaret Bowers Gill.

Christine Vaughan Troxell, W'37, retired from public school teaching, and her husband, Bill, retired from the school's music department. They enjoy family, church and traveling. They are great-grandparents of Christine Taylor Adams of Newport News, and Carleigh Elizabeth Luck and Peyton Luck of Ashland, Va.

Christine and Frances Bowers Jones grew up living next door to one another through college.

Frances, a Norfolk, Va., resident, is retired from directing a choir and playing the organ in her church.

She continues to give private piano lessons. It is likely that there are other lifetime friendships in our class.

We are saddened by the death of Margarette Abbot McGuire, of Marakin-Sabot, Va., who died in March. She is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Paul Wallington, R, of Norfolk, Va., retired as pastor of Park Place Baptist Church. He continues serving at various speaking engagements.

So great to hear from some of our classmates; now we hope we'll hear from all of you by our 60th reunion. We have checked on Elizabeth "Its" Holden Slipet, and her "Retrospective" will open in October at the Eric Schindler Gallery in Richmond.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Helen Weinfeld Shapiro, W, of Richmond, underwent heart surgery in June 1998. Her children were with her during her recovery.
Jeanne Pebworth Gammon fell last October and broke her left thigh and left wrist, which has been especially troubling since she is left-handed. Her husband, Charlie, had knee-replacement surgery in September, so they both went to rehab at Manor House, their retirement community in Seafood, Del. They were recovering well and planned a spring motor trip with their trailer.

Jeanne talked with Cora Lynn Chaffee Goldsborough, who flew to her older sister’s home in Madison, Wis., at Christmas and met her two children from California there. Jeanne also said that Lola Carter Goodell moved to Spokane, Wash., from Flagger Beach, Fla.

There has been some confusion about the identities of people in our reunion picture. Jeanne said the person identified as Julia Willis (No. 25) is Betty Scheer Packer, and that No. 20 is Bunny Rosenfeld Sofer. I hope this isn’t too confusing, and that this information is correct.

At Christmas, Nancy Todd Lewis and her husband, Bigg, took 12 grandchildren and their parents to Disney World. Nancy and Bigg still live in Gvetteattal, N.C., but they moved across the field to a smaller home. Their daughter, Jackie, and her family moved into their original home.

Frances Anne Beale Goode forwarded news of Pat Hubbard’s retirement. Pat and her husband, Bill, went to Philadelphia to see their daughter Pamela and her family. They also went on a 2,500-mile trip west with two of their grandchildren. Bill continues his volunteer work at a hospital and his church. Pat, also involved at church, is a hospital volunteer in the surgery waiting room. Pat underwent disc surgery from an injury suffered a few years ago on a roller coaster. We’re not sure how long she’ll be in the hospital and in the recovery room, but she’s doing well and looking forward to a speedy and complete recovery.

Amy Hickerson Dalton spent two weeks in Greece last September. She was planning a trip to England and Wales in June, and her oldest grandson will join her in Wales. In August, her entire immediate and some extended family will gather at Sandridge Beach, a tradition they have enjoyed for 18 years. Dottie Davis Whittenberger and her husband, Dick, went to Rehobeth Beach, Del., with their sons and grandchildren last summer. Soon after Christmas, they left for the Banana River, where they have a house. They returned to Virginia in June.

I talked with Gale Abbott when I was in Richmond for a Rotarian’s Winter Assembly meeting in February. She and Don went to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at the end of September. She was most excited about her granddaughter, Brooke, who was accepted to the University of Richmond. She will be the third generation in the family to attend. Gale was also excited about the birth of two grandchildren: Laura, born to Doug and Vanessa in Washington, D.C., and a second girl born to Paul and Donna.

Congratulations to all!

Calie Goode Jackson teaches a dental histology course and lectures part time at MCV. She went to Sanibel Island in March, and is planning a trip on a small boat at Elderhostel in Alaska.

Allen and I enjoyed a motor trip to Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. We toured many magnificent antebellum homes and even stayed in some. In the Cajun wetlands, we stayed in a trapper’s cabin. We also went to the Natchez Pilgrimage up the Mississippi to Vicksburg.

If you have an e-mail address, please let me know.

Elizabeth McLaughlin Szaaf, W, of Seminole, Fla., and Tex enjoyed a 21-day trip aboard a four-mast sailing ship on the Atlantic.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Betty O’Brien Yeatts caught me up on her children. Oldest son Janie and his wife, Liz, are into canoes and kayaks. They are also buying a summer cottage in northern Michigan. Daughter Kate, who is with General Motors’ research center, has been transferred to Anderson, S.C. Son Will and his wife, Lois, live near Betty and Joe. I had a wonderfully informative letter from Howie Bingham Kiser. After having lived in one house for 35 years, she, her daughter and grandson David have moved into a beautiful, big house (she sent me a picture). Their new home is in the Princeton area in West Trenton, NJ.

Howie continues to volunteer at her church and maintain their home. Lisa is public relations officer for the Pennington Prep School and teaches some. She also is a substitute organist and sings in the church choir. I was especially interested that she writes letters for the Princeton (Simpson Weekly)—17 letters a year, and I have to write only four David is equally busy, as are all ten graders. His activities include junior varsity basketball, piano, and singing in the school choirs.

My last note from Susie Guard Woody said that she and C.L continue to make the yearly P-47 reunions. The last one, in Texas, made possible visits to Houston and Dallas.

Incidentally, for your information, I am not allowed to put street addresses in my newsletter. If you need the address of a classmate, call the alumni office: (604) 289-8743.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Doris Moore Shea and Emily Smith Powers visited Millicent Hutcherson Taylor and Sim in Northern Virginia last fall. During Thanksgiving week, Doris and friends went to London. In December, Doris became a grandmother to Caroline Elizabeth Ennis, a daughter born to her youngest son and his wife. On New Year’s Day, Doris and some other friends flew to Maui, Hawaii, for two weeks and were there during their month-long visit.

Susanne Loever Peernen enjoyed a luncheon before Christmas at the Virginia Museum with seven other ‘48ers. She and Frances Orelline Lembury stepped by to see Alice Goodman on their way back home from Richmond. Suzanne is finishing a term as lay leader of her church in Stanhope, Va.

Frances Stuart Bailey and Rolan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in May 1998. Rolan retired from being a certified public trainer for 25 years, and has been a part-time mission consultant with Virginia Baptists. Frances is delighted with the bright colors she now sees since her cataract surgery on both eyes in November.

Margaret Sabine Reizelonde spent five weeks touring New Zealand in November. Son Bill and Joy Hague were married that month at the Don Cesar at St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. Martha’s husband, Chick Swartz, performed the ceremony. Martha’s son Jimmy was ring bearer, and Anne’s Merien and Danielle were flower girls.

Betty Hengerveld Brashaw underwent a mastectomy in late February/early March and is doing well.

Judy Barnett Seelhorst had cataract surgery on her second eye (the first eye, six years ago). Some astigmatism resulted, and the results were not as successful as the first time. She and Art kept their grandchildren, and Judy became reacquainted with the Girl Scout cookie routine. She has also taken on Junior Church, which started out as a temporary endeavor but has seemingly become permanent.

Judy heard via Mary Jane Spey Shread and Janice Conant McCoy that Wilma Lunn suffered a heart attack and stroke and was hospitalized. Wilma is out of intensive care but was concerned about what to do after hospitalization.

My two sons, Sid in California and Jim in Texas, and their families (grandsons ages 5, 4 and 1, and granddaughter, 7) came to Tulsa for Christmas for two weeks. I spent two weeks in mid-February in Oakland, Calif., helping out with grandsons ages 4 and 1, and went back out there for the second week of March to help again. The last 10 days of March, I cruised the Panama Canal, Acapulco to San Juan, with three others from Tulsa.

Richard C. Tutwiler Jr., R, of Prince George, Va., retired in January 1998 as an environmental health specialist with the Virginia State Health Department. His fourth grandson, Reid Sutherland Tutwiler, was born in March 1998.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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When the Class of ’48 members read this news, we hope they will realize that our 50th reunion is less than a year away and begin making their plans to return for this very special occasion. Our class members are still busy traveling, as shown by Louise Covington Randall and Harry, who visited Colorado, Wyoming and Virginia as well as Branson, Mo., where they attended the Christmas shows. A special joy to them was the arrival of a little boy, Shae, in the home of Jon and Michelle Randall in November. In May 1998, Ellen Largent Perlman and Al spent two weeks at Montecatini Terme near Florence, Italy, at an Elderhostel. Unfortunately, Ellen broke a bone in her foot and was on crutches for a brief time. They also attended a George Bernard Shaw festival in Canada in late summer.

Joyce Gustafson Crawford and Doug did a lot of sightseeing in the United States, starting with an early spring trip to Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. In May 1998, they spent two weeks traveling the coast of Maine. In August, they visited five East Coast major league ball parks (fulfilling one of Doug’s dreams). They also went to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Lenore Greenberg Siegel and George enjoyed a trip to Europe in the autumn, but Lenore broke her left knee in London. She returned home for surgery and therapy. It was good to see her and George when Libby Ginsens Pierce and Bucky joined them in February for dinner with Ellen Largent Perlman and Al at Delray Beach. During the winter, all three couples are in the same area of Florida.
Meet Dr. Cooper

In his first year of office, President William E. Cooper has visited 11 cities where he met alumni from 14 chapters and clubs (see map, p. 48). Next year he’ll be on the road again to visit as many other chapters as possible. If Dr. Cooper hasn’t been to your chapter yet, watch your mail for an announcement about an upcoming event and plan to attend.

A folk dance cruise around New Zealand with a side trip to Sydney, Australia, added to the great life of Bernadine Arey Clark. She and her husband, John, in October, they were in Virginia, where Barbara White Balderson and Doris Balderson Bunk have just had a lunch with Bernie. After the Clarkes left Virginia, they attended a Shakespeare festival in Oregon and then an Elderhostel.

Frances Sutton Oliver and Ray had gone to Covington, Va., with their grandchildren to see the high school where Frannie taught. Terry Noble, Bawter & Terry was teaching in Covington at the same time.

Louise Hickerson Wiley went to New Zealand, Australia, Costa Rica and three Elderhostels in the United States, where she took her grandchildren to New Zealand.

Julie Witt Pimm and Al went to China and also visited an Elderhostel in her hand.

Janice Brandenburg Halloran and Charlie visited their daughter in New Mexico and went with her to California and Las Vegas.

How good it is to hear that "B" Covington O’Flaherty traveled to North Carolina last Thanksgiving for a family celebration with her 97-year-old mother, plus her sister and brother.

Hilda Moore Hankins and "Deck" went to Florida in January, but he was unable to play golf because he slipped on the ice during Christmas and broke a small bone in his hand.

Neil Ford Bell spent part of the Christmas holidays in Nashville, Tenn., and then traveled to Florida in January. Also going to the Orlando area were Wilda Whitman Oakley and Dick, who went to visit their son Brett and his family.

In Florida this past winter were Kitty Rosenberger Garber and John, who spent January in Naples. They enjoyed having Peggy King Nelson and Earle as guests.

Barbara Brann Johnston and her husband, Louis, had a thrilling trip to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., this year. They enjoyed seeing the floats being built and watching the parade.

A three-week cruise around the Cape of Good Horn made for a special trip for Ginny Brinson in early 1990.

Virginia Sims enjoyed the Maymont Flower Show in Richmond this winter and served as a volunteer there.

Jean Tinsley Martin has been busy for the past two years as president of Tri-Club in Richmond. In late March, her son Rusty got married. Quite a few members of our class attended the wedding.

Joyce Betts Pierce enjoys attending Shepherd's Center Open University, and asks if anyone can tell her more about the Feldenkrais program. Her son Stan and his family moved to Richmond, where he works at Capital One.

With Margaret Alexander Anderson, our class president, Joyce has done a great job increasing alumnae contributions from our class. In 1998, we were fourth in the number of contributors. Isn’t that great! Have you given this year? If not, please send in your contribution right away.

In early December, Clarice Bylant Price and Janice Brandenburg Halloran went on the lovely Chapel Guild House Tour in the Richmond area. Also on campus, a volunteer group of Westhampton alumnae, the Chantelaines, gave tours of the Bottomley House of the Jepson Alumni Center. Three members of our class are in this group: Doris Balderson Burbank, Barbara White Balderson and Clarice Bylant Price.

Are there others from our class?

The grandson of Helen Lampathakis Kostyal and Dick has won a national competition in music, and will go to Rome this summer for two months to sing in operas. Brandon is a senior at VCU and has won previous honors.

Ruth Morrison Bain enjoys having her family for fall football weekends, as she lives in Charlotteville, Va.

Cathy Krause Keeney and her husband had a wonderful family reunion when all 32 members from many states met. Cathy has moved to Arnold, Md., near Baltimore.

We were sorry to hear that the last three years have been so difficult for Win Schanel Mitchell and her husband, Bill, who has had a number of heart surgeries with long periods of recuperation. Bill is beginning to feel like his old self. They moved into a smaller home in Greensboro, where the U.S. Senior Golf Tournament is played.

Win reports that her sister Jeanne Schanel McKenry enjoyed a cruise to the Hawaiian islands last summer and is moving to Hickory, N.C., to be nearer her daughter, Win. Jeanne and Lucia MacClintock Barbour hope to come back for our 50th reunion.

Penn Wilks Fitzgerald and her husband are proud of their son Steve, who has received a call to be the senior pastor at FreeMason Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va.

Ann Borey James enjoys attending classes. She has a grandson who is a sophomore at Auburn.

Our sympathy goes to Emma Tillman Kaye, whose husband, Leslie, died in September 1998 in Richmond.

And, we also send our sympathy to the family of Martha "Marty" Arnold Kerns of Winchester, Va., who died in January after a six-year battle with cancer. Marty was with our class only a short time but will be fondly remembered.

She had been active as a member and volunteer of the Girl Scouts, the Presbyterian Church, the Democratic Women’s Club, the Shenandoah Arts Council and many other organizations.

Helen Lampathakis Kostyal and her daughter Karen enjoyed an interesting barge trip on the inland waterway from New Orleans to Galveston in December. Joyce Betts Pierce and Jack went with Doris Balderson Burbank and Bandy to Bermuda in August.

Nan Johnson Adams is renovating her family home, "Hobson’s Choice." The Brunswick County Historical Society included the home on its winter house tour this year.

Claire Noren Griffin wrote about the birth of her new grandchild, the Griffins’ seventh grandchild. All of them are under the age of 12 and enjoy visiting the home of their grandparents.

Does anyone know the address whereabouts of Louise Lynham Gravitt? Please notify us of any changes of address so that you will be sure of receiving news of our 50th reunion.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I am sorry to report the death of one of our own, Gather ine "Kitty" Bunting Boman, who died in October in Winston-Salem, N.C., after a six-month illness. She is survived by her daughter, Karen, and two sons, Gregory and Chris.

On another sad note, Betty Bethune Langhorne lost her mother in January. She was 94, active and in relatively good health until shortly before her death. Betty and Lewis’ son Tom began a new job as a writer for the "Spamalot" Herald Journal.

Helen Clark Hensley and Dick’s daughter Mary Helen is a doctor of chiropractic medicine in Philadelphia. Their son David is stationed in Tuscon. Their other children and grandchildren visited over Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Dick enjoys leading a Thursday morning Bible study group for men.

Frances Allen Schools was in Baton Rouge, La., last October to visit her niece and nephew. They all drove to New Orleans, where they were joined by Nancy Taylor Johnson and attended a concert by Frances’ son David. Later, David performed a sold-out audience at the Mosque (now Landmark Theatre) in Richmond. Nancy went to Australia and Fiji last fall and then to Acapulco in February. Also in February, Frances and Betty Munsey Spatz and Bob joined Nancy at her home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a few weeks. The four of them visited Miami Beach and Coral Gables. Frances said that Paula Abernethy Kelton and John were in Richmond during the Christmas ice storm.

In January, Mary Lee Moore Vinson and Charlotte Houchins Decker visited Jane Lawson Willis. Also, Jean Love Hanson and Chuck visited their daughter Page in Savannah, and then drove to Fort Lauderdale and St. Augustine.

Charlotte Berrink Sayre and Lea Thompson Osburn enjoyed a vacation in the jungles of Costa Rica, where they camped at the base of an active volcano, had a close encounter with crocodiles, and zoomed from tree top to tree top by cables and body harnesses.

Maryglyn Cooper McGraw and Wally enjoyed a tour of the Greek Isles, Israel and Turkey.

In February, Mary Lee Moore Vinson celebrated Valentine’s Day with a dinner party for some of the Richmond group: Maryglyn and Wally, Betsy and Lew, Jean and Chuck, Jane Willis, Charlotte Sayre, Lea Osburn, and Bob and me.

The Rev. Charles W. Gibson, R, and his wife, Jean, moved from Amelia County to Chesterfield County, Va., in January. Since his retirement in 1992, he has served as an intentional interim pastor at four churches.

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Betty Williams Potter and Dean have a new grandson, William Smith Blake, who was born in October. He is the third son of daughter Jane. Their daughter Becky is also the mother of three. Their youngest daughter, Deane, a VCU graduate in fashion design, owns and operates a gift shop in Virginia Beach. Betty and Dean have visited every state now except Hawaii.

Marion Wilkerson Ingersoll, B’55, has been teaching overseas since her retirement. She spent two years in China, one year in Poland, and one year in Italy.

Two months before this issue’s deadline, I spun a wheel and sent out 20 letters with self-addressed stamped postcards. By deadline, five classes had responded. Not the return I’d hoped for, but I shan’t give up and will send 20 more this time, and so on until all of you have received a nudge to share your news.

Charles A. Mink, R, retired and moved back to Richmond from Houston.

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Dr. Walter C. Jackson III, R, became dean of Campbellsville University School of Theology in Kentucky. He was formerly senior professor of pastoral care at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and associate director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville.

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S.W. Finley II, R, of Midlothian, Va., retired as a chemist from Whitehall-Robinson in Richmond. Dr. L. Arnold Frederick, R, of Richmond, planned to retire from his urology practice in July. He and his wife, Jane, a retired schoolteacher, W’58, enjoy traveling, playing golf, and spending their summers at the beach in Sandbridge, Va.

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Betty Brinkley Hayward enjoys playing tennis, helping run the various tournaments in the Madison, Wis., area, and working with the booster club, which supports the university women’s tennis program. Betty continues her needlework and learning about her new computer. Her husband, John, enjoys his garden in the summer and bowling with a senior league. In June, Betty and John made their usual trip to Topsail and Ocean Isle, N.C. Their daughter, Jane, lives in the Boston area and has designed a 150-page booklet on organ transplants for the hospital where she works. Their son, Dave, bought his first house in Denver, where he works in the marketing department at Security Life and looks forward to ski season.

Our 50th R.IsDBNullwoman, Eliza Hubble Severt, thanks everyone for their support. She says if we continue our generosity, she anticipates the realization of our dream of establishing a scholarship. She is excited about taking on this project.

Remember to designate your check for the “Westminster College Class of 1956 Fund.” Eliza also chairs the fund raising for her local community college, and serves as vice president of the hospital’s board of trustees.

Betty’s husband, Jim, is an avid Virginia Tech fan. The end of December found them both in Nashville, Tenn., to witness Tech’s victory in the Music Bowl. They both enjoy tennis and volleyball and spent a week in London, attending Wimbledon. Their son, Lawrence completed their research for his Ph.D. in June and works in internal medicine at MCV and McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. Their son Jim remains in Washington as chief of staff for Virgil Goode, a Virginia representative to the U.S. Congress.

Doris Huffman Moore was excited about a two-week trip to Italy, which she and Bill had planned for May. More later.

Helen Melton Lukard and Dee cruised for a week in November on “Disney Magic” off Cape Canaveral and Nassau.

Mary Moore Mullin Mowery and Al spend most of their time traveling and entertaining family and friends.

Ann Morris Earl reported a wonderful Christmas with all three of her sons home for the holidays. Congratulations to Dottie Stiff Price and Madison, whose daughter, Katie, W’89, is set to graduate and sent them with their third grandchild and first grandson, Samuel Dylan Taylor, in January.
Grandchildren seem to be a primary focus for many classmaters. On the back of a darling picture of Lilian Stephenson Stroud’s “three delights,” she wrote of how they love each other more as they grow older.

In January, Ann Carol Yeaman Malcolm celebrated 25 years as director of the Grove Senior Choir. Still committed to her dollhouse shop, she helped create the local miniature club’s award-winning brownstone apartment building. In Los Angeles, Jamie Smith Vega writes, produces and hosts The Jane Vega Show, in which she has VIPs as guests on television twice a month.

Did you know we have two Chateaines in our class? Chateaine, French for “lady of the chateau,” is a new group of alumnae in Richmond who serve as hostesses/hosts of the Bottomley House of the Jepson Alumni Center during special events. We’re proud to have ’66 represented by Janet Knoblo Jones and Helen Melton Lukhardt.

Lillian Stephenson Stroud’s grandchildcesccomloheaa

“Ignite” Benedum Boroak, Sarah Ashburn Holder and I basked in the accolades given our classmaters. Her retirement this year prompted another concert in her honor in May. Our class gift of her portrait was also presented to her 38 years as a faculty member of the University’s music department.

Sue Hudson Parsons’ husband, “Beau” Buford Parsons, retired in June as a Henrico County judge. They are looking forward to time in their condo on the Rappahannock River.

L. Page Ewll Jr., R, is CEO of Richmond Window Corp. His son, L. Page Ewll III, R ’95, serves as president of the company and was appointed to the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia.

The 101-year-old aunton Roanoke, Va., took her first flight on a friend’s private jet to 101 Ducelair Drive, Millwood, Va., December 15 by

From the Westminster Class Secretary
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Welcome back to the states, Jelaine Flint Taylor and Sarah Ann! After almost 20 years of living and teaching in Argentina, the Taylors are getting settled in their home at Cape May, N.J.

Getting a jump on the season, Marian Gates Beneden and Ed flew to St. Lucia with friends and sailed on their friend’s boat to Grenada and back. Stops along the way included Bequia, St. Vincent and Carriacou.

Jeanie Rice Hodder and Bob continue to work for Hodder Neural Networks, but took time off this spring to enjoy their new sailboat, a 37-foot Pacific Seacraft. From Florida, they were planning their daughter’s wedding, with the bride-to-be in California and the wedding in Connecticut.

A 12-day trip to Israel was enlightening for Eileen Cordie Harris last spring. Tour host was Harold Affett, R ’88. July found Eileen and Ed at the Great Lakes Christiano Bible School in Wisconsin.

Celebrating her granddaughter’s second birthday in Nashivlle, Tenn., and her grandson’s fifth birthday in England highlighted Martha Jordan Chukunas’ spring. She also loved visiting her 101-year-old aunt on Roanoke Island, N.C., where Martha is restoring her mother’s homeplace.

A scenic retreat led Margaret Spencer Hernandez and Jos to rent a 1700s cottage in the Cotswolds, England, in May. Ban home, she serves on the national board for a Navy charity, which helps elderly war sailors. Their children gave them a special 40th anniversary gift in December: a weekend in Little Washington, Va. and

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Tommie Baer, R’60, former president of B’nai B’rith International, was an official observer at the trial of an accused war criminal in Zagreb, Croatia.

The John Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C., hosted a great Elderhostel week last spring that was enjoyed by Sue Sybert Allen and Ray. Sue took a course in Danish embroidery, and Ray took a writing course. In October, they attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, Tenn.

Eleanor Dickson Campbell is finding a new challenge with her full-time position at the Institute of Clinical and Outcome Research at MCV in Richmond. We extend our sympathy to her family as Eleanor’s dad passed away in June 1998.

Her own learning center in Paaquon, Va., keeps Sue Riley Lamb bite busy while Butch works in the city attorney’s office in nearby Newport News. Their daughter was married in Charlotte, N.C., in March.

Pat MacDonald Allen and Dick explored Greece and Turkey in May 1998, and attended Dick’s American Medical Association meeting in Hawaii in December. Pat wrote a grant proposal for the Denver Rose Society, and was successful in obtaining $1,000 for an extensive lending library of color slides of roses that grow well in Colorado. The grant will assist speakers who present educational programs to horticulture and community groups.

Cary Hancock Gilmer and Don are pleased to have sold their ServiceMaster franchise, and they continued as consultants through March. In May 1998, they took a cruise of Alaska with extra days in Vancouver and Victoria in Canada.

Nancy Kippes Hughey and Ray are still waiting for the promised “extra time” retirees have earned. Nancy continues to enjoy her church choir, handbells and bird watching. Ray’s interests include woodworking, photography, construction, and serving as a computer consultant.

Anita Knipling Scott and Fred went to Wisconsin, Vermont and North Carolina’s Outer Banks. Anita also went to a family lodge near Christiansburg, Va., with school friends. Happy days to all, and congratulations to our new class secretary, Peggy Dulin Crews.

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Tommie Baer, R, of Richmond, received the Virginia First Freedom Award in January from the Council for America’s First Freedom. He was honored for his work as president of B’nai B’rith International from 1994 to 1998. He also is a founding member of the Religious Leaders Middle East Dialogue, and is chairman of the Richmond Jewish Community Holocaust Commemoration. In March, he was an official observer at the trial of accused war criminal Dinko Savic in Zagreb, Croatia, and was interviewed on 60 Minutes.

Ernie Caska, R, of South Dennis, Mass., retired in January 1997 and spends his winters on Sanibel Island, Fla.

Richard J. November, R, of Richmond, received the Boys & Girls Club of America medallion for his efforts to fund the B-BAT Teen Center through the bank’s Charity Golf Classic. He is president of Continental Development Corp.

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Loretta Hudgins Johnson, who lives in Raleigh, N.C., visited in Portsmouth, Va., with Sarah Hudgins Rice. They enjoyed a day together in Williamsburg.

Em St. Clair Ray is a new mother-in-law. Son Stephen was married in October in Manassas. Em was happily planning her retirement at the end of this school year.

Judy Cyrus Johnson retired from the teaching profession in June 1998.

Nancy Rae Taylor Owen is assistant principal at Varina High School in Henrico County. I had the pleasure of seeing Mary Lou Walden Wagner. She and I were both in the midst of renovating our homes, and we practically bumped into each other among the sinks and tubs. Mary Lou lives in Newport News and is another recent teacher retiree. The Virginia public school system is going to have difficulty functioning!

From the Westminster Class Secretary
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At Suzanne Kidd Banting’s last concert in Cannon Memorial Chapel, Coral Sue Emlor Spraul, Emily Damerel King, Jean Huddig Frederick, Dottie Goodman Lewis, Eugenia

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The Hon. Marvin C. Hillman Jr., R., serves as judge in the 26th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in Harrisonburg, Va.

Anne Mills Sizemore, W., of Liberty, Mo., received the 1998 Anne Robb Townsend Award for philanthropic service. She was honored for her work on behalf of William Jewell College, and as a volunteer with her church and community. Her husband, Dr. W. Christian Sizemore, R'64, is president of William Jewell College. In her role as first lady she plays hostess to at least three groups a week in their home. She serves on the board of Immocolata Manor, the Assistance League of Kansas City, the Nelson Atkins Museum Chinese New Year committee and the Midland Bank advisory board.

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Clarence W. England III, B., of Huntington, W., Va., was elected to his fourth year as a member of the executive committee of the U.S. Golf Association. He served as president of the West Virginia Golf Association from 1986 to 1996.

Faye Dixon Taylor-Hyder, W., of Chesterfield, Va., retired early from Philip Morris as a process analyst. Her son, Trey, graduated with a degree in chemistry (like both his parents), and her daughter, Ashley, graduated with a degree in biology.

Nene Pence Teller, W., of Glen Allen, Va., was elected president of the board of directors of the Richmond Public Relations Association Chapter, Public Relations Society of America. She is president of Teller Marketing Resources.

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Dr. Nancy Sharp Dickinson, W., her husband, Rick Barth, and their two children, Catrina, 14, and James, 16, moved to Chapel Hill, N.C., in August 1998, where she became the executive director of the Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work, UNC-Chapel Hill. In addition, her husband received a chained professorship.

Clarence W. England III, B., of Huntington, W., Va., was elected to his fourth year as a member of the executive committee of the U.S. Golf Association. He served as president of the West Virginia Golf Association from 1986 to 1996.

Faye Dixon Taylor-Hyder, W., of Chesterfield, Va., retired early from Philip Morris as a process analyst. Her son, Trey, graduated with a degree in chemistry (like both his parents), and her daughter, Ashley, graduated with a degree in biology.

Nene Pence Teller, W., of Glen Allen, Va., was elected president of the board of directors of the Richmond Public Relations Association Chapter, Public Relations Society of America. She is president of Teller Marketing Resources.

David William Tull Sr., B., retired as resident agent in charge of U.S. Customs in December. He lives in Sahuarita, Ariz.
J.L. Butner, K., of Washington, D.C., took early retirement from Philip Morris Inc., where he was operations manager for Indonesia. He and his wife live on the Outer Banks, N.C. They have three daughters: Kim, 29, director of parks and recreation for the City of San Francisco; Jennifer, 22, a senior/master of education degree student at U.Va., and Jany, a second-year student at VCU.

Dr. Carolyn Edmunds Thomas, W., of Richmond, was elected first vice-president of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

Dale Patrick Brown, W., former president and CEO of Sive/Young & Rubicon in Cincinnati, took a sabbatical to pursue her interest in creative writing. J. Lynnwood Butner, R., of Richmond, joined the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles as assistant commissioner for motor carrier services. He formerly served as state traffic engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Connie Booth Collins, W., of New York, does research and writes articles for More Magazine, a new publication by Ladies Home Journal. Eugene M. Desvergne, L., of Richmond, was elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He works for Reynolds Metals.

Dr. John M. O’Bannon III, R., was elected chairman of the Richmond Academy of Medicine. Michael Riley, L., was named chairman of the board of trustees of Commonwealth Catholic Charities. He is with the law firm of Midkiff & Hiner.

Patricia Mallory Row, W., continues to work at the Richmond Times-Dispatch as calendar editor. She and her husband, Steve, are “empty nesters” for the first time.

Daughter Sarah graduated from U.Va. in May 1998 and works in Atlanta, and daughter Keeya is a freshman at Va. Tech.

of Richmond, joined Mortgage Co. of James River Inc. as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He was formerly with Central Fidelity Bank.

Stephen R. Stahl, R, and GB’82, of Richmond, joined Victoria Insurance Group, a subsidiary of the St. Paul Cos., as a marketing representative. He was formerly with Manulife Financial.

Ed Wyatt, GS, was elected first vice president of the South Carolina City/County Management Association, and to the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. He serves as city manager in Wilson, N.C.

John S. Barr, L, was elected to the board of directors of the American Heart Association’s Richmond council. He is with the law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Spencer Lauterbach, R., of Glen Allen, Va., was named project manager for the Richmond office of Solution Software Inc. He was formerly with Florida Software Systems.

Leila Baum Hopper, W., of Richmond, was selected as one of 142VNC’s Outstanding Women in 1998 for her work to protect abused and neglected children. As director of Virginia’s Court Improvement Program/Foster Care and Adoption, she created a nationally recognized program that seeks to find each foster child a permanent adoptive home within two years of being placed in foster care.

Steven D. Wonnack, B., of Richmond, was elected by the CPA firm of Goodman & Co. as president of their executive committee and a managing partner. He is a member of the Va. Society of CPAs and the Va. Health Care Association.
Alexis Campbell, W, works as a real estate legal assistant at the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine. She and her husband, Bob Bontanti, live in Chesterfield, Va., with their children, Sarah "Campbell," 3, and Alex, 1.

Karen Fugate, W, works as a human resources generalist at Scottish Rite Hospital in Richmond. Thomas M. Gates, R, of Richmond, was elected a trustee of the Museum of the Confederacy. He works at First Union National Bank.

Leslie George, R, of Chesterfield, Va., changed the name of his golf course architectural firm from Colonial Golf Design Inc. to George Golf Design Inc. His course, the Colonial in Williamsburg, was recognized as "one of the top 10 daily fee golf courses in America." Also, Golf Range & Recreation Report named his first executive course, Sundance in New Braunfels, Texas, as "one of the best practice facilities in the Southeast."

John E. Hammer III, GB, was elected vice president/awards of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation. He works at NationsBank in Richmond.

Kenneth E. Powell, I, was elected president of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation. He works for Legg Mason.

Michael H. Terry, R, of Glen Allen, Va., was named chairman of the real estate section of the Richmond-based law firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen.

Staying involved in civic affairs

In the 50 years since David Clay, R'49, graduated from the University of Richmond, he has never forgotten the words of former Richmond athletic director Mac Pitt, who taught a young men's Sunday school class at First Baptist Church. "He always said that the error of commission is always possible when you are trying hard," Clay remembers. "But he would not stand for an error of omission. I think in life that is so true."

Clay's lifelong commitment to community involvement is evidence of this belief. Since he and his late wife, Sophia, moved to Salisbury, N.C., in 1952, there's not an organization in town that hasn't benefited from Clay's boundless enthusiasm. As a Jaycee he helped revive the county fair, eventually becoming president of the State Agricultural Fair Association. He ran bucket brigades for the March of Dimes, collecting spare change to help fight polio. He headed the YMCA's capital campaign for a youth center, was president of Salisbury's Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Economic Development Council, Merchant's Association and Downtown Action Committee. The Salisbury Jaycees named him their Young Man of the Year in 1954.

He was president and director of Salisbury's Civitan Club. He's held virtually every layman's position possible at Salisbury's First Baptist Church. He even served two terms on Salisbury's City Council, winning every vote in the east ward—a feat that had not been accomplished before and has not happened since. And this was just in his spare time from running his insurance agency, Riley-Clay Turner Insurance, and raising a family of four daughters.

Even since he "retired" in 1993, Clay has not slowed down. As a partner in his insurance firm he had set the mandatory retirement age at 70, but when the day came for him, he could not believe it was time to leave his career. "I had decided early on that you need to set a date because there are those who reach a certain age and become a drag on the family," he says, after recently visiting campus for his 50th class reunion. "Back then we had a lot of tempoary buildings, old barracks where we had classes. I remember the drama department had an old playhouse up on the hill behind the library. The contrast between that and what is over in the fine arts building [now] is unbelievable."
Robert L. Thalhimer, GB, of Richmond, joined the Community Foundation as associate director. He formerly served as deputy director of the Science Museum of Virginia.

Chris Vick, R, of Midlothian, Va., was promoted to vice president of C & F Mortgage Corp. He was formerly a senior loan officer.

John J. Howerton, R, of Lynchburg, Va., works as area sales manager with Wachovia Corp. He and his wife, Mary, a travel consultant, have two daughters, Alex, 5, and Tyler, 3.

Sally Sartain Jane, G, was promoted to Fort Myers, Fla., regional librarian in December. She was formerly head of reference in the Lee County library system, and a past president of the Southwest Florida Library Network. She served as an adjunct faculty member of the U. of South Florida’s School of Library and Information Studies, and is a reviewer for Booklist’s Reference Books Bulletin. She also chairs the standards and guidelines committee of ALA’s Reference and User Services Association.

James V. Meath, L, of Richmond, was re-elected a vice president to the board of directors of the law firm of Williams Mullen Christian & Dobkins. He serves as chairman of the firm’s labor, employment and employee benefits department.

Walter R. Trobaugh III, president of MacPayless in Harrisonburg, Va., has recently developed three properties: a 72-lot subdivision of single-family homes, a 100-unit retirement community and a 68-unit duplex community.

Dr. Benjamin Thomas Watson III, R, a dentist in Newport News, Va., received the Academy of General Dentistry Mastership Award in July 1998 in Boston.

Stephen E. Baril, L, of Richmond, was appointed to the Criminal Justice Services Board by Virginia Gov. James Gilmore. He also was named chairman of the John Tyler Community College Foundation Board. He is a partner in the litigation department at the law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobkins.

Stephen T. Barron, R, his wife, Bernice, and their 21-month-old daughter, Daniela, moved from San Antonio to Fort Worth, Texas, where he joined Ashley Outdoors as a national sales manager.

Stephen W. Cody, R, works as an attorney at the law firm of Gray, Miller, Patterson & Cody in Lancaster, Pa. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Sarah, 4, and Thomas, born in July 1998.

Paige W. Foster Jr., R, an investigative lieutenant with the Chesterfield, Va., police department, was assigned as unit commander of its crimes against property service.

Robert Kunz Jr., R, of Chesterfield, Va., was elected vice president and director of infrastructure at Landamerica Financial Group Inc.’s corporate headquarters.

Brent Thompson, R, of Sandston, Va., owns Carytown Cleaners and Varina Cleaners. He enjoys playing golf. Linda Stamper Wheeler, W, and her husband, Ed, bought a home in Norfolk, Va., where he is a family physician in the Navy. She enjoys volunteer work for Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia, and leads a den at Cub Scout summer day camp. They have two children, Virginia, 13, and Calvin, 10.

Roger L. Williams, L, of Richmond, is a principal in the law firm of Williams, Lynch & Whitt.

Laura Hooper Fisher, W, of Richmond, and six classmates went to Charlottesville, Va., in March for a girl’s weekend to celebrate their 40th birthdays. Included in the group were Betsy Lindsay Goode, B; Sonja Harrow Morrison, W; Brenda Doss Dyes Harris, W; Carolyn Fleming Spencer, B; Robin Kilgore Henderson, B; and Cassie Bailey King, W.

James G. "Skip" Goodwille, L, serves as president of the Richmond chapter of the Association of International Technology Professionals. He works at Consultis Information Technology.

Thomas P. Grant III, G, of Spotsylvania, Va., joined Virginia Community Bank as vice president of sales and marketing. He serves as the Fredericksburg area manager. He was formerly with First Union Bank.

Frank D. Hargrove Jr., R, of Charles City, Va., is manager of the Hanover County circuit court clerk. He is president and chief operations officer of A.W. Hargrove Insurance Agency Inc.

Peter T. Humbert, R, was elected mayor of the incorporated village of Anville, N.Y., in March 1997 for a four-year term.

Mark S. Paulin, B and L ’87, joined the Richmond law firm of Smith & Jensen. He was formerly an assistant attorney general in the real estate and construction section of the civil litigation division of the office of the attorney general.

Linda Flory Rigby, L, was promoted to general counsel, corporate secretary and senior vice president of Crestar Bank in Richmond.

Rahab Butti Seigle, B, continues to work as a manager at Starrie Max. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Vienna, Va., with their children, Nora and Eric.

Beverly Warner Snukals, L, of Richmond, was elected vice chairman of the board of directors of the Central Virginia chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Donna Stroup, GB, of Richmond, was named assistant vice president at Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. She was formerly an information security officer.

Deborah Allen Talley, B, of Emporia, Va., was promoted at the accounting firm of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, where she is responsible for tax and corporate accounting for clients in the Emporia area.

Brenda Marshall Thompson, W, works as a year 2000 compliance officer for Crestar Bank in Richmond. She and her husband, Brent Thompson, R ’80, have two daughters, Brittany, B, and Brooke, 4.

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Promoting the visual arts

Randy Mann Ellis, W'49, was in the minority when she attended the University of Richmond. “There were very few Northern girls,” says the Philadelphia-area native. “It was a learning experience being around all the Southerners. I learned from them,” she says with a laugh, “and they learned from me.”

Ellis then recalls a recent conversation with a woman she met in an aerobics class in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. The talk turned to college, and Ellis mentioned her alma mater. “The woman said, ‘I’m trying to get my daughter in there; would you write a letter?’” Ellis says, amazed at the coincidence. “In my day, no one from the North had even heard of Westhampton.”

So much time has elapsed that Ellis doesn’t remember how she learned about Westhampton College, or even why she decided to attend. Fifty years later, however, she remains glad that she did. Her undergraduate education provided a solid foundation upon which to build her career. Today, she is not only an active artist, but also a key arts administrator in her community.

“I received my first art education at Westhampton,” Ellis says. “After I graduated, I went on to further training. But it all started down at Westhampton.”

Ellis arrived on campus in 1949 as Gilda Mann but quickly became known as Randy, her middle name, to avoid confusion with another Gilda. She and some other first-year female students lived on the men’s side of campus while construction continued on the women’s side. “It was not the usual Westhampton experience,” she notes. Freshman girls who wanted to date had to be chaperoned by members of the junior class, “a double date, in other words.”

Ellis recalls that Jeanne Campbell, who studied under Theresa Pollak, W'21 and H'73, and taught studio art at the University for nearly 40 years, was particularly encouraging of her work. After Ellis graduated, she returned to the Philadelphia area and married Dr. Richard Ellis, an ophthalmologist. They have four daughters and three grandchildren and in June celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

During the five decades since receiving her undergraduate degree, Ellis also studied at the University of Michoacán in Morelia, Mexico, and the Tyler School of Fine Arts at Temple University, among others. Her career as an arts administrator included serving as president and vice president of the Artists Equity Association, a national advocacy group for professional artists. She also served as president of the association’s Philadelphia chapter.

Ellis also served on the visual arts panel of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, worked with the Rosenbach Museum and Library, and was on the executive board of the arts council of the Young Men’s and Young Women’s Hebrew Association. For the past 12 years, she has served as the fine arts committee chair of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. The committee administers the authority’s Percent for Art program, which requires that one percent of construction costs for city buildings be designated for public art.

Ellis also is a prolific painter, printmaker, papermaker and most recently, photographer. She has had one-person exhibits and participated in group exhibitions in museums and galleries throughout the United States and Mexico, and at the U.N. Women’s Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. Her works are included in collections at Harvard University, the Museum of the Mexican American Cultural Institute in Mexico City, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., among others.

In 1976, eight of Ellis’ acrylics and seven silk-screen prints were displayed in the University’s Modlin Fine Arts Center to coincide with Homecoming. University officials who arranged the one-person exhibit “treated me so well,” Ellis recalls. “I was delighted to have that opportunity.”

Some of Ellis’ shows have featured manipulated photographic images of wildlife she encountered during her travels. A recent excursion to Spain and France to view prehistoric cave art undoubtedly will influence future works. That’s because change seems to be the constant thread through Ellis’ art. She once said about her one-person exhibit at the University, “Take a look at these paintings because 10 years from now, you won’t see me creating the same kind of artwork. Being static is the worst thing in the world for an artist.”

Ellis returns to the Richmond area about every five years to keep up with those Southerners who have become lifelong friends, and to visit the University that had such a profound impact on her life. “The broad experience of a liberal arts education has held me in good stead my whole life,” Ellis says. “If I had attended art school instead of Westhampton, I wouldn’t have been exposed to the humanities and other subjects. It was a very enriching background.”

BY LAURA S. JEFFREY
Robert E. Walker, R, of Reede ville, Va., earned the LUTCF designation from the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Karen Moore Hartman, B, of Roanoke, Va., resigned from Norfolk Southern as manager of business development to pursue a master’s degree in counselor education at Va. Tech. Her husband, Ben, is a limited partner with Edward Jones Investments.

Bradford A. Johnson, R, works as a commercial real estate broker in Greenville, S.C. He and his wife, Tami, have one son, Austin, 6, and a daughter, Katelyn, 3.

Ray Lupold, L of Petersburgh, Va., was elected a vice president of the law firm of Marks & Harrison.

James A. McCauley, L, of Richmond, was elected a vice president of the law firm of Marks & Harrison.

Mitch Moore, R, joined JMU in April as vice president for development and alumni affairs. He and his wife, Sharon Boyle Moore, ’84, have three children: Virginia, 7; Alan, 5; and Rachel Marie, born in January.

Nell Dorsey O’Neill, B, and her family moved to Darien, Conn., where her husband, Tim, works as an equity analyst at Soundview Financial Group. They have four children: Robert, 10; Grace, 8; Hannah, 2; and Jack, 1.

Nancy Sawyer-Day, W, of Chadds Ford, Pa., serves as Christian missionary and advisor for Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Del. She and her husband, Bryan, have a daughter, Heather, 5.

John M. Sherman, R, of St. Louis, works as vice president of Paragon Life, a subsidiary of General American Life Insurance Co. He and his wife, Pat, have a son, Jack.

Carole Leary Jones, B, teaches fifth grade in Chesterfield County, Va. She and her husband, Cliff Jones, R’82, and their family live in Midlothian.

Denis G. Klisz, GB, of Richmond, joined Virginia’s L. Phlipott Manufacturing Extension Partnership as project manager in New Jersey.

Kirk Schroder, B and B’87, an attorney with the law firm of LeClair, Ryan, is president of the Virginia State Board of Education. Diane Hotchkiss Tillier, B, received her MBA from Richmond in May 1998. She works for a tax and accounting firm in Mechanicsville, Va., and lives in Glen Allen with her husband, Norm, and their three children: Jennifer, 10; Matthew, 3; and Samantha Mae, born in October.

Lynne Jones Blain, L, of Richmond, became a partner at the law firm of Hamman, Claytor, Cottin-Wallace. She specializes in the defense of medical malpractice, product liability and worker’s compensation litigation.

Leslie Heath Lawrence, W, works as director of client services at Millennium Direct. She and her husband, Gregory Lawrence, B’85, and their son, Heath, live in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Robt. D. Peitzsch, R, a senior research scientist doing bioinformatics in the genetic technology and cancer group of Pfizer’s central research. He and his wife, Mary Fossett, an assistant professor of religion at Wake Forest, both formerly worked at Emory U.

Brad Johnson, R, works as a vice president in the mortgage loan department of First State Bank in Jacksonvile, Tenn. He also serves as a crewman for Terry Mullins’ top fuel dragster, and bowled an ABC-sanctioned 209 game in October.

Catherine E. Nash, L, of Midlothian, Va., was named client services director for the Legal Information Network for Cancer.

Colin P. O’Keefe, R, received his MBA in finance from Northeastern U. in April 1998. He works as an asset manager for Boston Financial, a real estate investment firm in Boston.

Dr. Robert M. Peitzsch, R’84, is a senior research scientist doing bioinformatics in the genetic technology and cancer group of Pfizer’s central research.

Judy A. Davis Poore, B, of Glen Allen, Va., was promoted to senior auditor at Henrico County’s department of internal audit.

Susan E. Schalles, L, of Ocean City, N.J., works as director of the National Association of Credit Management.

Kristina Rhomberg Simson, W, who works as international coordinator for Young & Rubicam Europe in Paris, enjoyed a visit last summer with Constance Parramore, W, who went to France with her family. She also enjoyed seeing Laura Robinson Young, W’86, who went to Paris last December. Kristina works with another Richmond graduate, Stricker Walker, R’95.

Philip C. Welde, R, is vice president of First Union Foundation in McLean, Va. He and his wife, Becky, live in Vienna, Va., with their sons, Philip, Jr., 3; and Ben, 1.

Gerrit Fries Besselaar, R, as a portfolio manager for Richmond Investment Advisors Inc. His wife, Cindy, works as a decorative painter. They live in Hopewell, N.J., with their children Olivia, 3, and Nicholas, born in December.

Brian Bolcar, B, of New York, received his MBA from William & Mary in May 1998. He joined Merrill Lynch & Co., where he works in their institutional sales equity derivatives association.

Douglas H. Downs, R, joined SIG Combicimp in Columbus, Ohio, as director of human resources for the company’s North and South American operations. He was formerly human resources manager for a division of Abbott Laboratories.

John A. Galatariotis, R, has been working the past six years in institutional sales for T. Rowe Price Associates. He lives in Baltimore with his wife, Donna; and their children, Catherine, 6, and Hank, 3.

Mike Huennekens, GB, of Manassas-Sabot, Va., works as director, group life, at Prudential Life & Disability. He was named a committee chairman of the board of directors of the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists, Richmond chapter.

Dorothy Bolton Kitten, W, of Brentwood, Mo., took leave as an international marketing manager for Protein Technologies International to stay home with her son, Jack, who was born in January.

David Lyons, B, vice president of Howe Brubaker & Co. in Richmond, was elected vice president of the board of directors of the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists, Richmond chapter.

Kevin J. O’Connor, R, works as a senior associate with the law firm of Lums, Danzis, Drasco, Postman & Kleinberg in Richmond. He specializes in commercial litigation, life and health insurance law and appellate practice. He and his wife, Judy, live in West Caldwell, N.J., with their three sons: Patrick, 5; Timothy, 3; and Kevin, 1.

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Michelle McDonnell Reichow, R, works as a trial attorney for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York.

James C. Skilling, L, of Richmond, joined the law firm of Butler, Clark, Williams & Partele. He specializes in general insurance defense.

Chris Ashley, R, works as director of outside sales and marketing for Barrington Capital in Alexandria, Va. Jeffrey Burden, L, joined Credit Bank in Richmond last year as a vice president and financial adviser. He also serves as head of the Virginia Commandery of the Medal of Honor Society for the U.S. descendants of Union Army officers.

Daniel E. Lynch, L, is a principal in the Richmond law firm of Williams, Lynch & Whitt. His wife is Alice Dunn Lynch, W’85, the University’s associate director of alumni affairs.

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Directing a medical laboratory

Lasting friendships and carefree times did not define the college experience of Elizabeth Kwang-Hsin Hsu Lee, W'49. Distanced by language barriers, her main focus was to get an education. "I spent all my time studying," says Lee, a native of China. "I was a little lonely, yes, but very busy studying."

Though Lee's years at the University were intense, they were not without treasured memories. She recalls that Dr. J. Stanton Pierce, her organic chemistry professor, "always made games and fun out of learning, and gave us candy bars for prizes." Dr. Robert F. Smart, she says, "made biology such a lively subject." Lee also spent many Saturday afternoons in Dr. Garnett Ryland's home, learning how to play the piano from Mrs. Ryland and discussing her academic achievements. "The Ryland family took me in," she says. "I am forever grateful."

Lee had come to Richmond through the efforts of her father, Cheng-Yeung Hsu. The son of a Baptist pastor, he had met an educator he had met while in the United States. Lee, a native of China who had come to the United States in 1948, eventually grew by two more children, was forced to leave their home in Kunming, near the Burma Road, and she became interested in studying medicine. "I went to summer school every year so that I could shorten my education," Lee says. "Becoming a doctor takes so many years, and I wanted to hurry it up."

With China falling to communism, Lee's father came to the United States in 1948. Eventually, he sent the rest of the family. Hsu taught at Cornell and then at Hampton University in Virginia, where he was head of the physics department. He died in 1951.

Lee, meanwhile, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at the University, and also sang in the choir. She completed her undergraduate degree in 1949, one year ahead of schedule. She was accepted at the Medical College of Virginia but was unable to get financial aid. "Just as I had no apparent way to turn, God opened a door," Lee says. The University of Michigan offered her a generous scholarship if she were to study microbiology.

So Lee gave up her dream of becoming a doctor and moved to Ann Arbor, Mich. She received a master's degree in microbiology, and then went to work at the University of Michigan Medical Center. In 1954, she married Harry Lee, a structural engineer and native of China who had come to the United States as a teenager. They adopted a baby boy in 1962 and named him David.

Lee was supervisor of the microbiology laboratory and also did some teaching, research and development during her 38-year career at the university's medical center. She retired in 1988, and now spends her time traveling, gardening, participating in aerobics, and taking care of her husband, who is recovering from a stroke. She also is a doting grandmother to her 10-year-old grandson, Andrew.

Lee has made two visits to Richmond in the five decades since receiving her degree. Each time, she was amazed at the growth. "I was trying to show my husband my dorm once, and we got lost."

She also is pleased with the growing presence on campus of students from other countries. "When I was there, we had one ABC girl—that's American-born Chinese—one student from Hong Kong and me," she says. "Michigan had lots of foreign students at the time. They even had three Chinese student clubs on campus."

And though her son has undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Michigan, Lee hopes her grandson will continue the family tradition. "I told Andrew just the other day, 'Maybe you will go to the University of Richmond,'" Lee says.
Jeffrey P. Hamm, R, is working as a broker at C.H. Robinson Co. in Ashland, Va.

Kathryn A. Good, W, is pursuing her Ph.D. in applied linguistics at Boston U. She earned a master's degree in German at UNC-Chapel Hill. She teaches German at BU, and English as a second language at Suffolk U.

Kenneth A. Gudrenoth, B, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is a specialist with Blazer Electric. He enjoys living in the mountains with his wife, April; their daughter, Spencer Ann; and their son, Travis Allen "Tag," 1.

A professional calf roper, Ricky Hyde, AR'93, was ranked fourth in world standings this year.

Jeffery V. Brand, B, was promoted to first vice president at Scott & Stringfellow in Richmond.

Brian R.M. Adams, L, of Richmond, became a director at the law firm of Smith, Bain & Bus in Richmond. He specializes in creditors' rights, and commercial and bankruptcy law.

Kathy Saatkamp Angioliotti, B, continued to live in San Francisco with her husband, T.J. They completed the California International Marathon in Sacramento in December. She works for the Leukemia Society.

I. Ellen Bradley, W, assistant director of publications at Richmond, was named the 1998 Volunteer of the Year by the Richmond chapter, International Association of Business Communicators. She also won the award of merit in the newsletter/corporate cist and general manager of Brown Distributing Co. in Richmond.

Gregory S. Thomas, B, of Washington, D.C., joined Nordstrom's East Coast corporate office as a financial banker.

Amy Henderson Wetzel, B, works as a financial analyst for Kenney Nash Corp., a medical device company, in Exton, Pa.

Angela D. Whitney, B, works as in-house counsel and general manager of Havana '59 restaurant in Richmond. She submitted her application for a vacant Richmond city council seat.

Hugh Aaron, L, of Mechanicsville, Va., was elected vice president and secretary of the board of directors of the Richmond Area High Pressure Center. He works at Healthcare Regulatory Advisors. J. Brannan Atkinson, AR, assistant to the Richmond city manager for public information, earned professional designation from the Public Relations Society of America.

Jennifer Anne Clarke, AW, received a master's degree in experimental psychology from East Carolina U. in May. She will begin a Ph.D. program in social psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill in August.

Ricky Hyde, AR, moved back to Conway, Ark., where he is a professional calf roper. He won first place in the National Finals Rodeo in December in Las Vegas. At this writing, he was ranked fourth in world standings. His rankings can be found on the Internet at www.prorodeo.com.
Kevin Leach, AR, received a master's degree in 1996, and is completing his Ph.D. in molecular biology at VCU in Richmond. Clay Kannapell, AR, joined Step 2 Corp. as production planner. He moved from Wooster to Hudson, Ohio, with his wife, Crystal Lehman Kannapell, W'92, and their children, "Davis" Clay, 2, and Sarah "McCaul," 1.

Michael P. King, AR, was promoted from senior vice president to a director at First Union in Richmond. He continues to trade NASDAQ stocks. Vishwa Bhargava Link, L, works as a senior attorney in MCI Worldcom's law and public policy office. She and her husband, Eric Link, R'98 and L'97, live in Bethesda, Md.

C. Anson Matthews, C, of Richmond, was named human resources manager at the Library of Virginia.

Amy Bashian McCoy, AW, received a master's degree in education from Hofstra U. in December 1997. She works as an educational consultant for Jostens Learning Corp. in Miami.

Dr. Jean Frank O'Banion, AW, graduated from Southern Illinois U. School of Dental Medicine in June 1998. She practices general dentistry in Cleveland. Her husband, Mark, also is a dentist.

Jeremiah I. Rupert, L, a major with the U.S. Marines, completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group. He participated in multinational exercises and visited southern European countries as well as the Ukraine, where he was involved in various community relations projects.

Baldwin Smith, AR, and his wife work for Campus Crusade for Christ in Nashville, Tenn. His territory involves 28 area campuses.

Margaret H. Smithers, L, was named vice chairman of the Commonwealth Catholic Charities board of directors. She works at Fort James Corp. and lives in Mechanicsville, Va.

C. Randolph Sullivan, L, was elected to the board of directors, Legal Information Network for Cancer. He is with the law firm of Hunton & Williams in Richmond.

James B. Trivette Jr., BR, of Richmond, was promoted to vice president at Scott & Stringfellow. He is a junior NASDQ/OTC trader.


BY BETTY SESSLER TYLER, W'42

ALUMNI in the CLASS OF 1949

Studying vision for the Navy

When Dr. Saul M. Luria entered the University of Richmond in the Class of '49, he was not a big man on campus. He was only 15 years old, pushed along in the Richmond school system because of his brightness.

"I was a kid among the returning veterans of World War II who, under the GI Bill, were in their 20s and even 30s," he recalls.

He did join a fraternity, Phi Alpha, and took a major in chemistry. It was in his junior year that it was discovered he was color blind and was unable to do the colorimetric titrations required in his laboratory courses. After achieving a degree in chemistry anyway, he completed a year of graduate work in biology at Richmond but midway through the year, was encouraged by a psychology professor to switch to that field.

Luria, known to his friends as "S.M.", received his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955 and went on to major accomplishments in experimental psychology. His primary work was in the area of visual perception, though he also had experience in human factors psychology.

After 35 years of living in the Groton, Conn., area and working with the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, where he became head of the vision department and served as chief scientist, Luria sees his most important achievement as the research that resulted in low-level white lighting in place of red lighting on submarines.

His efforts also developed the specifications for escape lighting on naval helicopters and new specifications for the sunglasses worn by the Marine Corps. Most recently, he has done research on the intelligibility of sonar displays as well as the validation of computer-assisted aids to medical diagnosis.

His research has appeared in more than 200 publications, over 100 of them in peer-reviewed journals. He also has written chapters for introductory psychology texts and for a recent book published by Plenum, Use of Color in Electronic Displays.

He also taught courses in research psychology at the University of Connecticut, University of Rhode Island, University of New Haven and Connecticut College.

Early on, just out of graduate school, he joined the Army with a career in mind but decided it was not for him.

Although he has spent a lifetime working in the field of vision, Luria claims it had nothing to do with the color-blind factor. "Friends are always joking with me," he admits, "because my whole lifetime seems to have been geared to vision. I have two sons with careers in vision. One is an optometrist, one who examines the eyes, and the other is an optician, one who makes eyeglasses. Both live in the Boston area. My wife, Honi, and I have one granddaughter."

The Lurias now live in Boynton Beach, Fla., and it was at a meeting in that area that Luria was drawn back to the University of Richmond for his 50th class reunion this spring.

"I had always loved the campus," he says, "and when I was invited to a cocktail party [in Florida] introducing the new president, Dr. William E. Cooper, to University alumni, I enjoyed the party so much that I decided to go to the reunion. It was a beautiful campus when I studied there and is even more beautiful now. I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion and may even attend the 55th also."

As for his new relaxed life in Florida, where his wife has family, Luria says he gardens a bit, does some volunteer work and reads a lot. He quotes a friend who says, "I don't know what I do all day but it takes all day to do it."
Marion McCauley Earnhardt, AW, earned a master's degree in the physician assistant program at Emory U. She works for a general surgery group in Atlanta.

Scott Feely, BR, was promoted to manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Richmond.

April M. France, AW, joined First Bank Data Corp as a programmer/analyst in Boulder, Colo. She enjoys the kick boxing.

Jennifer Chiappetta Heffron, JW, joined the National Mental Health Association as director of public policy in the health-care reform department in Alexandria, Va. She provides training, consulting, policy analysis and advocacy product development to support public system reform.

With dual master's degrees in arts and business administration, Sarah Torason, JW '96, works for the Honolulu Symphony.

Michael Wann BR, is a project manager at Teligen Inc. He and his wife, Michelle Kingston-Wann, BW, a sales representative for Ethicon Endo-Surgery, live in Arlington, Va. A. Chadwick White, AR, of Gordon, is elected to director of the board of directors to the Ethicon Inc., where he is responsible for a $4-million territory of west Tennessee, western Kentucky and northeastern Arkansas.

Paula Thompson Wood, AW, lived in Castellon, Spain, where her husband, Kenny Wood, '95, played basketball this past season. They and their daughter, Kayla, born in January, moved to Washington, D.C. in May.

Dr. Robert W. Zehner, AW, received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the U. of Chicago. He accepted a post-doctoral research position with Innovative Technologies in Murray Hill, N.J.

Dawn M. Ziegenthal, AW, joined the Winston-Salem Journal in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she covers two towns in Forsyth County. She was formerly with the High Point Enterprise.

Jennifer Hummer, BW, is pursuing a clinical doctorate at the U. of Colorado School of Nursing in Denver, and works part time at CU School of Medicine as an assistant to the director of the primary care curriculum.

Ina S. Nicosa, AW, coaches women's basketball at JMU in Harrisonburg, Va. She formerly played professional basketball in Europe.

Susan Trible Pitts, C, and her family moved from Virginia to Peoria, Ill., where her husband works for Caterpillar as a sales representative. She stays home with their sons, Charlie, 2, and Brandon, 1.

Michael S. Reed, AR, was sworn in as a Maryland attorney in December. He also completed his first sky dive at the Hartford Aviation Center.

James F. Smith, BR, is a captain in the U.S. Army, and serves as the intelligence officer for an armor battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Gregory W. Thomas, BR, of Media, Pa., was promoted to commercial lender in November for Keystone Financial Bank. He manages a business banking loan portfolio for a region of eight community banking offices.

A. Chad Thompson, BR, was promoted to account executive II at Martin Public Relations in Richmond.

Blythe L. "Buffy" Bailey, AW, of Vero Beach, Fla., travels with her kayak as an instructor and safety kayaker for various rafting companies. This past year, she lived and worked in Switzerland and Nepal.

Jennifer Peery Bramson, AW, lives in Centreville, Va., and is studying electronic graphic design.

Christine M. Burns, AW, works as a clinical assistant/translator for Rolin Medical, a disease management company in Phoenix. Amanda Clark, AW, lives in New York City, where she is the production stage manager of Blue Man Group.

Christopher N. Crowe, LW, joined the Richmond law firm of Mezzullo & Sadowski as an associate in the real estate section.

Gabrielle DuBois, AW, graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania Law School in May. In September, she will begin a association with the law firm of King & Spalding in Washington, D.C.

James P. Gallacher, BR, works as head of business development for Investors Communication Business in Richmond. He and his wife live in Midlothian, Va.

Kristan Hoffman, AW, earned a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers in May. She works as a consultant at the Burkhart Group, a fundraising and development firm.

Ryan Hoffman, LW, finished his third year at the U. of South Carolina School of Medicine. Robert Horton, BR, is pursuing his Ph.D. in social psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill.

R. Amber Kavanagh, AW, moved from Dallas back to Richmond, where she works for the University's development office.

Eric Klass, BR, works as a financial adviser at PalmettoWeber in Tampa, Fla.

C. Lewis Loth Jr., GB, treasurer at Scott & Stringfellow in Richmond, was promoted to first vice president. He joined the firm in 1972.

Pamela Mortimer, AW, works as an associate attorney in the probate department of Gamble, Hartshorn and Johnson Co. in Columbus.

Bradford Patten, LW, is pursuing a master's degree at VCU in Richmond with a concentration in information systems.

Stacy Jones Patten, JW, graduated from William & Mary law school in May 1998 and passed the July 1998 Virginia Bar Exam. She works as a law clerk for the federal magistrate judge in Richmond.

Jennifer St. Onge, AW, was promoted to account executive II at Martin Public Relations in Richmond.

Martha Thompson Stoops, AW, of Paxton River, Md., enjoys staying at home with her daughter, Emily, and her husband. Betsy Tielieke, AW, who earned a master's degree in teaching, works for the University of Virginia.

James Michael Caia, BR, works for a medical association in Richmond.

Michael A. Caskey, BR, works for a medical association in Richmond.

Steve Duckett, AW, and his wife, Virginia, live in Fairfax, Va., where he is an attorney with a small litigation firm. He specializes in criminal law, and she is an attorney for Westlaw.

Anne Bruce Ahearn, G, was promoted to senior associate at Carter Ryley Thomas Public Relations & Marketing Co. in Richmond.

Travis Allison, AR, Richmond, and his band released their second original 12-song CD in February. They perform up and down the East Coast, and played on campus for Labor Weekends.


Dr. Wesley A. Bowman, AW, is a first-year resident at Baylor U. Medical Center in Dallas and specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Jennifer T. Cromwell, AW, passed the national and state boards, and works as a veterinarian at Windsor Animal Hospital in Cranbury, N.J.

Caryn Herlocker Meade, AW, and her new husband are both pursuing Ph.D.s in psychology at the U. of Georgia.

Jim Bentley, AR, works with Human Resource Solutions as a human relations specialist in Dallas.

Kevin Leach, AR, lives in Richmond and is completing his Ph.D. in molecular biology at VCU after receiving a master's degree in 1996.

Greg Kasy, AR, works for the United Way with Homeward in Richmond. His program supports homeless men, women and families in the city, and assists them in finding resources.

Cathy Floyd, LW, lives in Chicago and works as a policy analyst. She also works for Government Finance Review magazine.

Gratton Smith, BR, is a new business sales representative with Shared Medical Systems.
Andrea West Wortzel, L, was elected to the board of directors of Legal Information Network for Cancer. She is with the Richmond-based law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Carole Ann Zahnemey, AW, works as a promotions manager in the marketing communications group at Lucent Technologies in Warren, N.J.

Angela C. Summers, AW, of Kennett Square, Pa., is a graduate student of veterinary medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania.

Andrew M. Younus, BR, is pursuing his MBA/BA degrees at William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Elizabeth Bassett Hines, BW, works as a sales representative for Kraft Food Company, and travels to stores in the greater Richmond area for promotional and merchandising activities.

Deborah Anne Hopper, AW, works as a tropical plant technician at Rollings Greens Inc. in Clinton, Md.

Kim Hubbard, BW, works as a product manager for Clorox Blue/CON/KNY Active & Juniors in New York.

Jessica Anne Jackson, AW, works as a photography assistant at Polo Ralph Lauren in New York.

Daniel Jean Janner, AW, of Longwood, Fl., is a family services counselor for the Florida State Department of Children & Families.

Amy Jones, JW, works as a human resources manager at First Union National Bank in Charlotte, N.C.

Merilee Elizabeth Karr, JW, of Columbus, Ohio, is pursuing a master's degree at Erasmus U. Rotterdam School of Management in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Jeff Kaufman, BR, works as an accountant at Arthur Andersen in Fairfax, Va.

Benjamin Keller, AR, is a graduate student of German linguistics at the U. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Steven Knerr, BW, works as an accountant at KPMG in Richmond.

Crystal Dawn LaVoie, BW, is a staff auditor at Ernst & Young in Richmond.

Kerry Lynn Law, BW, works as an accountant/consultant at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Arlington, Va.

Elle Lavoie Little, BW, works as a graphics intern for 2100 Productions, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Madison, Wis.

John William Lomas Jr., AR, of Alexandria, Va., works for Andersen Consulting.

Bridge N. Long, JW, joined the Richmond law firm of Marks & Harrison.

Jennifer Mascardo, AW, is a graduate student of international health and development at the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington U. She works part time at AID/YOCA, an international agricultural cooperation consulting firm.

Jason Taylor Morris, AR, works as a technical recruiter for Aerotek Inc. in Glen Allen, Va.

Molly Moyer, BW, works as a media buyer at Grey Advertising in Richmond.

Hillary Hayes Norris, AW, is pursuing a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at Louisiana State U. Medical Center in Shreveport.

John Scott Piferic, BW, works as an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.

Anita Fitzgerald Puri, AW, works as a staff analyst at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.

Anna G. Rich L., of Richmond, joined Lawyer's Staffing Inc. as director of candidate development.

Janice Marie Romano, AW, works as a systems specialist at Capital One in Glen Allen, Va.

Beth Anne Rose, AW, is an English teaching assistant at L'Academie de Lyon/College du Boisdale Rive in Firmney, France.

Ted Schmierer, BR, of Trenton, N.J., works as a research analyst at Bloomberg Financial Markets.

Kelly J. Schoeffel, AW, is a graduate student of social psychology at U.Va. in Charlottesville, Va.

Leslie M. Selfrehner, AW, works as an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.

Reed Matthew "Matt" Shafer, BR, of Alexandria, Va., works as an analyst at Andersen Consulting.

Caroline "Lindsays" Skiles, JW, works as a customer relations manager at Capital One in Richmond.

Dennick Matthew Skeels, BW, works as a staff accountant at the CPA and consulting firm of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland in Richmond.

Christi Spann, AW, works as an administrative assistant at the Denver Center Theatre Co. in Colorado.

Anna Malinda Tant, AW, works as a consultant in Management Systems Inc. in Fairfax, Va.

Katie Tichacek, AW, works as a program analyst, congressional and public information officer for the DEA in Washington, D.C.

Karen Whittmore, BW, works as a lab analyst at T. Marzetti in Columbus, Ohio.

Katherine Marie Willis, AW, is a law student at Texas Tech U. School of Law in Lubbock.

MARRIAGES


1993/Dr. Michael Reynolds Terry, BR, and Christina McNam, June 7, 1997. They live in Guerne, Ill.

1990/Cris Holliday, BW, and Eric Hollekum, Nov. 21, 1998. Included in the wedding party were Amy Holliday, BW '97, Elizabeth MacAllister Thurman and Lisa Jerome, both W90; and reader Suzie Besson Negan, B90. The couple lives in Seattle, Wash.


1997/Anthony B. Kuntzman, JW, works as a sales engineer at Kuntzman, Kuntzman, Inc. in Richmond.

1993/Christopher R. Terry, R, works as a partner at Wiliams & Williams, both W92. They live in Richmond.

1992/Andrew Stevens, BW, and Darren Chestang, Oct. 3, 1998. Included in the wedding party were Leslie Robinson, B92; and Jocelyn Johnson and Korrinda Marks-Williams, both W92. They live in Plainfield, N.J.

1993/Mark B. Bosh, BW, and Brett McElyea, Nov. 20, 1998. Included in the wedding party were Jabez S. Lewis, A93; and Jeralynn Strother, both W93. They live in Venezuela.


1991/Carolyn B. Green, BW, and Brian C. Becherer, Aug. 28, 1998. Included in the wedding party were Mark B. Frank, B92; and Allison Marks-Williams, both W92. The couple live in Richmond.

1999/Colin J. Caswell, BW, and Carol M. Caswell, May 22, 1999. Included in the wedding party were Robert Anderson, B92; and Elizabeth MacAllister Thurman, both W90. They live in Richmond.


1989/Kathleen Murnih Nittolo, W, and her husband, John, a daughter, Grace Kristina, June 12, 1998. She joins siblings Lindsay, S, and Jade, K.
1989/Maurice E. Seyfried Jr., AR, and his wife, Michael, a daughter, Allisun Edmonds, R, a daughter, Allison, June 12, 1998.
1998/Susie N. Hare, B, and her husband, Barry L. Ward Jr., R'30, a daughter, Kali, Sept. 6, 1997.
1998/Pam Vechts Besselar, R, and her husband, Ross Welgenhausen, a son, Xyle, June 9, 1998. He joins sister Alex, 2.
1998/Teoni Laniapii Walsh, W, and her husband, Nicholas, a daughter, Nicole Irene, July 9, 1998.
1998/Patricia Harrison Patton, W, and her daughter, Enory, Nov. 5, 1998. She joins sisters Lindsay, S, and Stephanie, 2.
1997/Marketta Blake Todd, L, and her husband, a son, Frank, Sept. 8, 1998. He joins two brothers.
1998/Chris Ashley, R, and his wife, Betsy, a son, Alexander Evan, Jan. 21, 1999. He joins brother Christopher Allen, 4.
1989/Megan Cooper Milton, W, and her husband, Mark, a daughter, Sarah Anne, Feb. 18, 1999.
1989/Michelle Kingston, B, and her husband, Michael, a son, William Lowe, Jan. 6, 1999. He joins brother Parks, 2.
1995/William J. Critch low, B, and his wife, Craig, a daughter, LaSalle, June 30, 1998.
1929/Watkins M. Abbott, R. and L. 31, of Appomattox, Va., July 15, 1968. A conservative Democrat, he was Virginia’s fourth district representative to the U.S. Congress for four decades. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of Appomattox Bank and was a founding member and former president of the Virginia Commonwealth Alumni Association.

1929/Elizabeth Chandler Cox, W., of Rome, Ga., Nov. 8, 1998. She was a former teacher and librarian. She served as a librarian at Charleston High School from 1959 until 1972. She was a member and deacon of the First Christian Church of Rome.

1931/George A. Glass, R., of Bedminster, N.J., March 19, 1996. He was a member of the Richmond Chapter from 1957 until 1966. He was a former director of the Richmond Chapter, Richmond, Va., Jan. 18, 1999. She was a former elementary school teacher who began painting after her retirement. She exhibited her works at various local art shows. She taught grade five at Pine Grove School in Amelia before her marriage, and resumed teaching in Chesterfield County in 1948. She taught at Old Broad Rock Elementary School, New Broad Rock, for the next two years. She then taught at elementary schools. She retired in 1973 from teaching second grade at Franklin-Swansboro Elementary School in Richmond. A charter member of the First Baptist Church, she wrote inspirational poems, many of which were set to music by the church organist.

1932/The Rev. Leonard David Carmack, R., of Jefferson, Md., Jan. 9, 1997. He was a retired pastor who served First Baptist Church of Brunswick in Maryland for 30 years. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1936. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Mardela Springs, Md., from 1953 to 1941.

1932/The Rev. Fred Harcum, R., of Jefferson, Va., Nov. 7, 1998. He was a retired minister who served almost 28 years at Lebanon Baptist Church until his retirement from full-time ministry in 1969. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and began his career in Clinchport and Wise, Va. He served at Morgantown and Flint Hill Baptist churches simultaneously and for eight years in Chilhowie. After his retirement, he served as a supply preacher.

1933/Dr. Abraham Meyer Jacobson, R., of Roanoke, Va., Jan. 22, 1999. In 1939, he was one of the first physicians in Roanoke to have a desegregated office. He received the 1995 Roanoke Humanitarian Award from the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He received his M.D. from MCV in 1936, and served in the Army Medical Corps from 1943 to 1946. He practiced internal medicine in Roanoke from 1947 to 1989, and continued his nursing home medical services from 1989 to 1995. He was a fellow of the Israel Freeland Lodge of B’nai B’rith, and a 60-year member of Beth Israel Synagogue.

1934/Victor E. Wakefield, R., of Roanoke, N.C., Sept. 8, 1998. He was a former professor at the University, excelling in football, baseball, basketball and track. In 1985, he was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame, and continues to hold Richmond’s records in football for the longest interception return for a touchdown and longest punt return for a touchdown. He was an advertising executive who worked at Parade magazine from 1968 until his retirement in 1978. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.


1934/Dr. Harvey Pollard Long, R., of Alexandria, Va., May 28, 1998. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Army during World War II, and continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until 1971. He began his career as a pharmacist officer in 1939 in Roanoke, Va., and transferred to Alexandria in 1950. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the retired Federal Probation Officers Association.

1935/Roger D. Brown, R., of Richmond, Dec. 20, 1998. He was a retired Air Force colonel, and retired in 1974 from the Virginia State Health Department as director of biologics and drugs.

1935/Dr. Edwin Starke Farley, R., of Roanoke, Nov. 27, 1998. He was a retired executive secretary and public relations manager. He graduated from the executive program at Cornell U. and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He served as president of the Sales and Marketing Club of Richmond. He also served as the executive council of the Robert E. Lee Council Boy Scouts of America and helped develop Camp Brady Saunders. He also helped develop the Tuckahoe YMCA in Richmond. He was a member of Kiwanis Club of West Richmond for 43 years and a member of River Road Church, Baptist.


1936/Amy O. Smethers, R., of Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 6, 1999. She retired from Textron Inc., and was active in her community. She graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1942 and remained in the Naval Reserve until 1955, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. She served during World War II aboard the USS Pensacola and the USS Fall River. She worked with Bausch and Lomb Optical and Texas Instruments before joining Textron. She served on many national and civic boards.


1937/John E. Orschel, R., of Alexandria, Va., July 19, 1998. He was a former director of the National Catholic Conference of the U.S. Post Office.

1937/Henry D. Zimmerman Jr., of Virginia Beach, Va., Dec. 9, 1998. He was president of Virginia Material Handling Corp. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received seven Bronze Stars. He served on the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach and held other posts as well. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach and held other posts as well. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach and held other posts as well. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach and held other posts as well.


1939/Leon J. Lazarus, R., of Baltimore, Jan. 9, 1996.

1940/Mary Sue Carter Patterson, W., of St. Petersburg, Fla., 1965/Albert E. Olney, Jr., a former director of children's theatres in New York summer camps, and served as director of the Westchester Players in White Plains, N.Y. He acted and directed in little theatres in Virginia, South Carolina and New York. Before her marriage in 1950, she worked as a reporter and feature writer for the Columbia Record in Columbus, S.C. She accompanied her husband, Eugene Patterson, editor emeritus of the St. Petersburg Times, when he attended the United Press International agency in London, and they also lived in New York City, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

1940/William M. Robinson, R., of Chester, Va., Dec. 27, 1998. He was a retired U.S. Army colonel who served 31 years and earned the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. He also retired from the Prudential Insurance Co. in Petersburg, Va., and was a former owner of Robinson's Grocery Store. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Richmond and was a past president of the Petersburg Lions Club. He also was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

1941/Robert William Durrett, R., of Laurens, S.C., Nov. 5, 1998. He was a former managing attorney on Sanoco Products Co. in Hartsville, S.C. He was a former director and president of the Mystic Conn., Chamber of Commerce and Mystic Community Center.


1941/James W. Gordon Jr., l., of Richmond, Jan. 10, 1999. He was a real estate attorney and was a member of Florence, Gordon and Brown. Previously, he taught English in France and worked in Scotland for the U.S. Foreign Service. He was a lifelong member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

1941/Dr. William Sanford Terry Sr., R., of Richmond, May 29, 1998. He was an internist in Portsmouth, Va., until his retirement in 1991, and a former president of the State Board of Health. He earned his medical degree from MCV in 1943, and served as an intern during World War II at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. He then commissioned a lieutenant junior grade in the medical corps of the Naval Reserve, and later served as chief of the contagious disease unit at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth during the Korean War. He served as president of the State Board of Health from 1975 to 1976, and was chairman of the department of medicine at Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth. From 1974 until his retirement in 1991, he was an assistant professor at Eastern Virginia Medical College.

1941/Dr. Joe Wheeler Higgins Jr., R., of Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 21, 1998. He was a dentist for 48 years until his retirement in 1987. He graduated in 1947 from MCV with a DDS degree and moved to Jacksonville to begin his practice. He served in the military prior to dental school and again during the Korean War, where he earned the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force. He provided dental services for 17 years to indigent children through a clinic he founded, and was given an award from the Florida Boys Ranch, where he provided services from 1965 to 1980.

1942/The Hon. Ligon L. Jones, l., of Hopewell, Va., May 30, 1998. First elected to the House, he was a judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit from 1962 until his retirement in 1981. Previously, he was commonwealth's attorney for Hopewell and a member of the House of Delegates. He served in the Navy during World War II.

1943/Claude Montreville Whitehead, R., of Richmond, Feb. 7, 1998. He was a retired partner in Whitehead-Leach Construction Co., which he co-founded in the mid-1950s. His family founded Whitehead Brothers Wholesale Grocers in Richmond in 1921, and he later became a partner in Whitehead-Harding Wholesale Grocers in Emporia, Va., from 1959 to 1990. He served in the U.S. Army Corps during World War II.

1944/William J. Mears, R., and U.S., Dec. 29, 1998. He retired from Noland Co. after 25 years of service. He was a member of Branch's Baptist Church.

1944/Mary Cary Addison Pence, W., of Front Royal, Va., April 8, 1997.

1946/James H. Barnes, R., and L.72, of Columbus Falls, Mont., Oct. 15, 1998. He taught at the University in the 1950s and 1960s and then worked in the Richmond area for the University of Chicago. He was a bombardier and radar observer during World War II.


1948/Dr. William R. Tabor, R., of Higg, Va., Jan. 9, 1999. He was a former director of international clinical research at A.H. Robins pharmaceutical company, and helped establish research centers around the world. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and earned his medical degree from MCV in 1952.

1949/Dr. David T. Oberg, R., of Richmond, Dec. 18, 1993.

1949/Andrew L. Oberg, R., of Richmond, June 22, 1998.

1949/Leo Saunders, R., of Mechanicsville, Va., Sept. 17, 1994. He was president of Cigar Supply Co. from 1965 until his retirement in 1991. He began his career in the tobacco industry as a buyer, and served as vice president of Tobacco Merchants Corp. before joining Sanford Tobacco Co. as vice president. He served in the U.S. Navy and was an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

1950/Thomas H. Oxenham Jr., l., of Richmond, Apr. 6, 1999. He was an attorney for more than 30 years, specializing in trial law. After his retirement in 1985, he became a judge for the Virginia Supreme Court. He was active in the business until his death. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ and taught adult Sunday school for many years. In 1970, he received a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Supreme Court and was given a plaque for "lifelong service to the historic Virginia."

1950/Roger T. Williams, l., of Virginia Beach, Va., May 9, 1998. He was a former U.S. District attorney in Norfolk, Va.


1951/Milton Dudley Calfee, B., of Princeton, Va., Jan. 30, 1999. He was a former manager of the city of Chesterfield that had more than 30 square miles of Chesterfield County.


1952/Johnson B. Vaden Jr., R., of Midlothian, Va., Jan. 3, 1999. He retired from Noland Co. after 25 years of service. He was a member of Branch's Baptist Church.

1953/Janet Johnston Parsons, W., of Savannah, Ga., Feb. 7, 1999. She was a mathematics teacher and served as chairman of the mathematics department at Visitation Academy High School in St. Louis from 1976 to 1995.

1953/Beverly Nolet Rhodes, R., of Virginia Beach, Jan. 21, 1999. He was a former program supervisor for the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services. He once served as president of the West Richmond Optimist Club and was active in community organizations.

1954/Macon Day Banks, W., of Millbrae, Calif., Nov. 9, 1998. He was a former teacher and was a mathematics who retired in 1950. She and her husband served with Project Hope in Hangzhou, China, in 1987 and 1988, where she taught English to post-graduate pharmacists. He is a member and former moderator of the Congregational Church of San Mateo, and served on a number of boards and committees. She also taught in the churches school and participated in community volunteer activities.


1955/Woodie Marshall Tuck, B. and B.E., of Richmond, Nov. 17, 1998. He had his own law practice and was involved with the West Richmond Businessmen's Association.

1955/Patsy Lee Kelly Clark, W., of Elizabeth City, N.C., Feb. 8, 1999. She was an elementary school teacher in Chesterfield County, Va., before moving to Maryland.

1960/Clarence Eugene "Gene" Fox Jr., B., of Yorktown, Va., Jan. 26, 1999. He was a cost engineer for 33 years at Newport News Shipbuilding until his retirement in 1993. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the Baptist Church.

1961/Clarence B. Neiblett Jr., l., of Richmond, July 18, 1998. He practiced law in Richmond for 34 years, and served as a substitute judge for 27 years. He was a Virginia State Police lawyer for four years before earning his law degree.


1962/Dr. Philip Calvin Lee Jr., l., of Richmond, Feb. 28, 1999. He had been a professor of biology at Roanoke College since 1965. He received his Ph.D. from Va. Tech.


1965/The Hon. John N. Faliks, L., of Gloucester, Va., June 16, 1998. He served for eight years as judge of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and was a substitute judge for 18 years. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and University of Richmond Law School Association.

1970/Patsy L. Serrson Gordon, W., of Richmond, April 17, 1999.


1993/Thomas E. Willeto, l., of Fancy, Va., Sept. 4, 1998. He was a patent lawyer at Oliff and Berridge in Alexandria, Va.

1995/Thomas W. Biello, G., of Troy, Ala., Nov. 28, 1998. He was assistant athletic director at Troy State U. He was listed in Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges in 1987, and was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1996. He was a player, coach and umpire for Fishkill Little League.
Excerpts from Ms. Rimel's remarks at a gala dinner April 16 honoring President William E. Cooper's Investiture.

We all remember how personal experience helped us understand the importance of a commitment to broader civic good and public responsibility. Bill Cooper has spoken of being a young man in Lancaster, Pa., and making a field trip to the state capital in Harrisburg to see the state legislature in action. He credits that experience with showing him the importance of public service and the role that individual citizens and academy can play in public policy and our shared civic goals.

I remember being in first grade in Charlottesville, Va., when they closed the public schools rather than integrate them. I saw first-hand the terrible problems of discrimination and the heroic efforts of some to right past wrongs. I also saw public leadership and civic courage at work again in 1969, when the all-male admissions policy of my alma mater, the University of Virginia, was being challenged. Women were admitted. It was the right thing to do and the best thing for Mr. Jefferson's university.

Leadership is taught by example. 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 teach that lesson.

"Cheats, crooks, no-good bums": These are words that, according to surveys, citizens most often use to describe elected leaders. This indicates that cynicism is wide and deep. The longer we have this view, the harder it will be for anyone to remember a time when we found trust, truth, faith and credibility in our leaders—not merely politics, but private and corporate life.

At the Pew Trusts, we spend a lot of time and effort in trying to reconnect, engage and inform the public about their roles and responsibilities as citizens. Much of our work, like yours, tries to bring young Americans into the fold of good citizenship.

The circumstance with young people is paradoxical. They already shoulder their share of civic life: 37 percent of them volunteer time to good causes. However, it's another story on the political side: only three percent of them get involved in politics. It's marginally better on election day: less than 20 percent vote.

Oddly, they seem to have divided the civic world into two continents, one made up of nonpolitical activities like volunteering, and the other consisting of traditional political activities such as voting, letter-writing and grassroots organizing. The first, they embrace; the second, they treat with cynicism and disgust.

Young people didn't invent this cynicism; they learned it from the adults they see. Too often, adults have told them that their vote doesn't matter, that they ought to be skeptical of anything that involves government or public issues or creative thinking for the social good. So it's no surprise that young people might be disaffected. They heard it long enough, and adults have reinforced it often enough, that they believe it.

This attitude is a tragedy for democracy. It forebodes a catastrophe waiting to happen. It undermines the political foundations of this republic.

At the Trusts, we believe that the coin of the realm is information. Information empowers. The public craves relevant and reliable information, and we believe that people will get involved if they have a vested interest in the outcome. Like you, we try to facilitate that involvement and help get Americans, young Americans too, back in the game.

Clearly our work has significant parallels with the kind of creative challenges Bill Cooper has put forward for this university.

Bill talks about his ambition to "take the University of Richmond to the world and bring the world to Richmond." What better way to engage and excite the Richmond community than the Richmond Quest. And what more fundamental question than, "Is truth in the eye of the beholder?"

Many truths we hold in common. This great experiment in democracy is built on that understanding. We understand our roles as civic stewards—we understand our rights and, even more important, our responsibilities to give both publicly and privately of our time, talents, treasures.

The historian David McCullough has said that in times of peace and prosperity we build cathedrals. Why not make ours a commitment to civic life and public service for every American? The University of Richmond has accepted this quest, this calling, in large part because of the enlightened leadership of Bill Cooper. I extend my congratulations and best wishes on this exciting journey...and Godspeed.

The Pew Charitable Trusts support two major projects at the University of Richmond: the Pew Partnership for Civic Change and the Pew Center on the States.
Scholarship established

A new merit-based scholarship established at the University will enable an entering Virginia student each fall to attend Richmond at public-rather than private-university tuition rates.

The Minnie Roth Weinstein Memorial Scholars Program has recently been established by Marcus M. Weinstein, R'49, with a $1 million gift in memory of his mother and on the concurrence of the 50th anniversary of her death and the 50th reunion of his graduating class.

Weinstein's gift is included in the record-breaking Class of 1949 reunion gift (see p. 50).

Beginning in the 2000-2001 academic year, an incoming first-year student at the University will be awarded a scholarship approximately equal to the difference between Richmond's tuition, fees and room and board, and the tuition, fees and room and board at highly selective public colleges and universities in Virginia. The student who wins the scholarship must be legally domiciled in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Weinstein Scholarship can be held for a maximum of eight semesters as long as the student remains enrolled at Richmond and maintains good citizenship and a minimum GPA of 3.0.

For more information, contact the admission office, (804) 289-8640, or the financial aid office, (804) 289-8438.

On the road with Dr. Cooper

President William E. Cooper is eager to meet as many alumni as he can. In his first year he visited 11 cities, where he met alumni from 14 chapters. Next year he plans to continue on the road, visiting 15 additional alumni chapters. Watch for an announcement about an event in your area—and meanwhile, Dr. Cooper invites messages from alumni by e-mail to wcooper@richmond.edu.

Forum on Philanthropy

The Quigg Endowment at the University of Richmond announces

A Summit on Philanthropy
"Philanthropy: The State of the Art"
Oct. 24-25, 1999
The inaugural forum in a biennial series

Speakers include:

RALPH NADER, public citizen and consumer advocate
CORELLA BONNER, chairman of the board, Bonner Foundation
ROBERT PAYTON, professor of philanthropic studies, Indiana University

To receive an invitation and more information, call (804) 289-8444 or e-mail dcarter@richmond.edu.
Investiture Festivities

Gala dinner...
President William E. Cooper and his wife, Dr. Clarissa S. Holmes

Art in the afternoon...
Dr. Cooper at the senior art thesis exhibition

Newly invested...
Jayne and Robert Ulrep, B'69, admiring the presidential chain of office

Gathering to celebrate...
Fannie Rosenbal, Jean Neasmland Dickinson, W'41, and Gilbert M. Rosenbal, R'47, at the gala dinner

Around the table...
Dr. Anthony D. Sakowski Jr., R'65, and Dennis A. Pryor, B'66, at the gala dinner
The Class of 1949 set new records this year for a 50th reunion class. The group was so large that when they came back to campus to be inducted into the Boatwright Society, dinner had to be held in the Heilman Dining Center, the only facility on campus that could handle a gathering of 400.

The class was generous, too. Their 50th reunion gift totaled $2,569,000, by far the largest ever for a golden anniversary reunion class. Included in the total are the $1 million Weinstein scholarship gift (see p. 48), an anonymous $500,000 challenge gift for a scholarship, and funds to establish the F.W. Boatwright Society Scholars Program.
**Making a rubbing**

Dorothy Monroe Hill, W'44, makes an impression of a brick on the Jepson Alumni Center patio during the picnic.

**Boatwright Society**

President Cooper greets Dr. Richard E. Humbert, R'41 and G'47; Mildred Cox Goode, W'44; and Mary Humbert at the Boatwright Society dinner.

**Boatwright dinner**

Four hundred attended the Boatwright Society dinner in the Helman Dining Center.

**'80s alumni**

Sharing memories are Amy Barry Houghton, Genevieve Lynch DeBree and Jennifer Richards Merritt, all W'89.

**Former Westhampton faculty**

Visiting with alumni were Mary Jane Miller, Frances D. Wegeles and Augusta Chapman Bunting, former physical education faculty members in Westhampton College.

**Together at the picnic**

Among the 750 guests at the alumni picnic were Laura Lee Hawkins Chandler, W'74, celebrating her 25th reunion, and her father, James P. "Deck" Hawkins Jr., R'49, celebrating his 50th reunion.