Family Weekend

James D. Walker, AR’00, and his family from Basking Ridge, N.J., were among the 1,220 who attended the barbecue picnic on Westhampton Green during Family Weekend, Sept. 20. With James are his mother, Lauren L. Walker; father, Dr. Bruce D. Walker; brother Andrew (in white cap); and sister Emma (blue cap).
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Robins Center 25th anniversary celebrated

In a place where presidents have debated and where basketball giants have fallen, University of Richmond faithful had a celebration last November.

The place was the Robins Center, the occasion the building's 25th anniversary. A sellout crowd, on hand to watch the Spiders take on the ACC's North Carolina Tar Heels, the No. 4-ranked team in the country, cheered at halftime for the memories and the family who had made the memories possible.

President Richard L. Morrill, H '96; Chancellor E. Bruce Heilman, H'86; and Athletic Director Charles S. Boone, R'60, unveiled a plaque celebrating the anniversary and thanking the E. Claiborne Robins family for making the building possible. E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86, accepted on behalf of the Robins family and saluted Spider fans for bringing the building to life. He also pointed out former men's basketball coach Dick Tarrant, working the game for WRVH radio, who was a part of so many successes.

Basketball is not the only success the building has known. In 1992, it was the site of the third presidential debate among George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. In 1993 the Robins Center played host to former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev, Colin Powell, Jack Kemp, Charles Kuralt and Walter Cronkite were among the speakers who visited the Center as part of the 1994-96 Richmond Forum seasons.

The Robins Center, which houses sporting and recreational activities, also is the site of University commencement every year. It was built in 1972 through the generosity of the Robins family, and the first basketball game was played Dec. 2, 1972, between Richmond and another ACC school, Maryland, coached by Lefty Driesell. The Terrapins won, 82-50.

Nine years later, however, the Spiders and Dick Tarrant began a 12-year run that would rack up 239 victories. It all began in the Robins Center with another ACC opponent, nationally ranked Wake Forest. This time the Spiders came out on top in Tarrant's coaching debut, 64-61.
"The memories created here in the past quarter century will never fade, nor will our appreciation to you," reads the commemorative plaque presented to the Robins family. Shown are, from left, UR Athletic Director Boone, E. Claiborne Robins Jr., Chancellor Hellman and President Morrill.

Ironically, current coach John Beilein won his coaching debut on Nov. 17, 1997, against yet another ACC rival, Virginia, 83-79 in double overtime.

The Tarrant and Beilein debuts have to rank among the all-time great games in Robins Center history, but there are others. Among them:

- A 59-57 win over Fordham in the first round of the 1985 NIT. Kelvin Johnson, R'85, hit a six-foot jumper with two seconds remaining for the win. (3/15/85)

- A come-from-behind 67-61 victory over David Robinson and Navy with the largest crowd in UR basketball history—9,673—literally rocking the Robins Center. (1/23/86)

- A 67-62 overtime victory against the nation’s No. 6-ranked team, Georgia Tech, in the championship game of the inaugural Central Fidelity Holiday Classic. Peter Woolfolk, R’88, scored 25 to pace the Spiders. (12/29/86)

- A 70-56 defeat of the Temple Owls in first-round NIT play. Ken Atkinson, R’91, scored 24 points before a near-capacity Robins Center crowd and a national ESPN audience. (3/15/89)

- A 73-71 win over No. 14 Georgia Tech, Chris Fleming, AR’93, hit eight of the 12 three pointers the Spiders made against the Yellow Jackets. (12/1/90)

Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64

UR’s Jepson School of Leadership and the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership at the University of Maryland at College Park held a symposium this fall to look at Dr. Burns’s book Leadership 20 years after its publication.

Part tribute—the University of Maryland had just renamed its academy, an international network of leadership scholars and activists, after Burns—and part critique, the conference examined where leadership educators have been and where they are going.

Burns, the Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of Franklin D. Roosevelt, was on a panel led by Ronald Heifetz, director of the Leadership Education Project at Harvard University. Heifetz said that he knew of no other institutions doing work on leadership as important as that being done at the Jepson School and the Burns Academy.

Burns, Woodrow Wilson Professor of Government Emeritus at Williams College, helped launch the Jepson School in the early 1990s when he was at UR as Jepson Senior Scholar.

Burns’s 1978 book is “the Bible, the Koran, the Talmud, the holy scripture of leadership studies,” according to Dr. Richard A. Couto, professor of leadership studies in the Jepson School. “You just don’t go to leadership studies seriously without going to that book.”

Couto, who was on the conference’s planning committee, says the “20” in the symposium’s title also referred to the age of most leadership students in the Jepson School. He says he and four students met five times over the summer to discuss the book (“We read it from cover to cover”) and to make contact with the scholars who were on the program.

The scholars, besides Burns and Heifetz, author of Leadership Without Easy Answers, included Barbara Kellerman, editor of Political Leadership: A Source Book; and Ronald Walters, author of Black Presidential Politics in America. The moderator was David Gergen, political commentator and editor of U.S. News and World Report.


(Couto expects to edit and publish the papers. For now they can be found at http://www.richmond.edu/~jepson/lds20.html)

Perhaps the most important members of the audience were students, according to Couto. “There was an electricity among them,” he says. “It was an incredible opportunity to have all those resources and a chance to sit down with people. It was the right blend of intellectual and personal exchange.” One student told Couto it was his “best day in college.”

Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64

LEADERSHIP AT 20

A Conference for and about Leadership

News & World Report.
When Dr. Uliana Gabara arrived on campus in 1987 to head the University's new international education program, she had her work cut out for her. "Nobody could tell me how many international students we had on campus," she remembers. "Nobody even knew how to distinguish them."

Ten years later, the office of international education has made its mark on nearly every facet of campus life. From an international studies major and exchanges with 17 universities abroad to the creation of an international house on campus and an increase in the enrollment of foreign students, UR's office of international education is ensuring that Richmond students will be able to succeed in a global world.

"Today education is considered a preparation for living and working in a more complex global world," says Gabara, who is now the University's associate provost for international education. "People who are going to be successful in the future have to know how to work across cultures."

Richmond students are learning to do just that by spending a semester abroad or by forming friendships with international students on campus. "At Richmond you can study and live with people from different cultures," Gabara says. "It is a way of... creating an international environment for students who don't study abroad and preparing those who do."

Students who do study abroad—about 10 percent—are increasingly expanding their horizons, including Latin America, Asia, Australia and Africa. Study abroad is not just about seeing the great cultural sights of Europe anymore. "During advising we look at the whole picture and talk to students about how they can parlay their experience abroad into opportunities, whether they be grad school, a Fulbright scholarship, or a career. Students are more savvy now about how study abroad can affect their future," says John Haddad, coordinator of publications and programs.

The University's 17 exchange programs create opportunities for faculty to teach abroad and allow students to enroll in foreign institutions. All students, including those on financial aid, can study abroad. "With the exchanges, UR financial aid travels with the student, making it more manageable for some," says Michele Cox, coordinator of international exchanges. "The exchanges we select complement our curriculum. They offer students an opportunity to take courses we don't offer."

Courses with significant international focus are now offered by nearly all departments. The international studies major, the fourth largest at Richmond, creates the opportunity to view the modern world through an interdisciplinary approach and to concentrate on either a region or major topic.

The office of international education works closely with other departments on campus to ensure that its programs reach the whole university community. For example, to coincide with the creation of a new Asia concentration within the international studies major—and the 50th anniversary of India's independence—a visiting professor from India is on campus this spring and there will be a series of cultural events focused on India.

"Everything comes back to the curriculum and the central mission of the University, which is education," Gabara says. (See essay, p. 52.)

In the past 10 years, the office of international education has itself grown from a part-time director and full-time secretary to a full-time staff of four and a number of undergraduate and graduate assistants. And the growth shows no signs of slowing down.

"Our aspiration is to be one of the top institutions in the country in the quality and quantity of international activity on campus," Gabara says.

Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW'93

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**Accent on international education**

International studies is the fourth largest major at UR

- 112 students are currently enrolled in eight concentrations
- About 45 international studies majors graduate every year
- The University of Richmond has exchange programs with 17 universities on five continents
- Three recent Richmond graduates are now recipients of Fulbright scholarships in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia
- The University experienced an 11 percent increase in the number of international students last year; there are 150 international students this year, the largest number ever enrolled
- During the past nine years, 30 percent of UR faculty from all schools have participated in university-sponsored seminars abroad
- UR's international film series is quite a success story
  - When it began nine years ago, it attracted barely a handful of viewers
  - Today, each film is shown three times to a full house, including many regulars from the Richmond community
  - More than 125 films from more than 40 countries have been screened during the series
- Since its establishment in 1995, Phi Beta Delta, the international honor society, has inducted 157 students, 10 faculty, three staff and two honorary members.
New faculty in international business

Daniels, one of the top scholars in the field of international business, was recruited to Richmond from Indiana University, where he served as director for the Center of International Business and Research.

Both Pfaff and Daniels, who have known each other professionally for years, have a dream of their own—to create at the University of Richmond one of the top five undergraduate international business programs in the United States.

International business “is one of our great opportunities at this time,” says Dr. J. Randolph New, business school dean. “We’ve developed a strong foundation in the international area over the past seven or eight years. With the opportunity to add two senior-level distinguished faculty specialists in that area this year, we are now in a position to make a major leap forward in the quality and reputation of what we do.”

Pfaff

Daniels

“All the courses are in place here,” Daniels agrees, “more so than you would find in most places.”

Both Pfaff and Daniels were impressed to learn that more than 50 percent of the business school’s faculty had international experience.

“Tha’t’s a very high percentage, especially for a school that has not focused on international business,” Pfaff explains.

That combined with a strong core of classes in international business, Richmond’s strong liberal arts programs with a foreign or international focus, and existing foreign exchange programs, are the pieces needed to make the international business program a success, they say. Pfaff and Daniels have the connections and the knowledge to make it a reality.

As holder of the Robins Distinguished Chair, Daniels will see to it that every business school student is exposed to international business by the time he or she graduates. “We serve both students who specialize in [international business] and business students as a whole,” he says. “All need a certain understanding of international business.”

Pfaff will work to set up international work exchange programs for students, an initiative that also will help bring more international students to the business school. “We want to serve the students’ needs in a way that serves the international business community’s needs,” he says. “We want to open up more jobs for them.”

Daniels points out another benefit: “As we increase the number of students we send abroad, we increase the whole international reputation of the University.”

Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW’93

Portfolios required in business

Beginning with the Class of 2000, all students who become business or accounting majors must submit portfolios as a graduation requirement.

The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business will be the first to require portfolios for all business majors, although several other business schools now encourage them for some majors, according to Dean J. Randolph New.

The idea, according to Dr. New, is for students to showcase their capabilities and skills in a vivid fashion, in much the same way architecture and art students have done for a long time.

A student might create a Web page, compile a loose-leaf binder, or produce a videotape that shows his or her talents and course work. Papers, projects and exams are fair game too, as are recommendations from a professor or employer. And creativity does count.

Business faculty believe the portfolio requirement will increase students’ skills in self-assessment, planning, personal development and job seeking.

It will enable them to “take control of their educational experience,” according to Roger R. Schnorbus, visiting instructor of management systems.

A student’s portfolio, according to New, must provide evidence of a student’s skills, capabilities and accomplishments in five areas:

• technology
• problem solving
• oral and written communication
• leadership, and
• professional and ethical behavior.

The competencies represent what the faculty believe are areas important in achieving career and life success. Students are free to add or delete from the list, however, or to construct a different one.

Although the portfolio will not be a requirement until 2000, the school held a student portfolio competition last year and is offering another this year, according to Schnorbus.

The contest’s judges will include faculty, alumni, and area business leaders, and the top prize is $1,000, with $500 and $250 going to the second- and third-place finishers, respectively. A $500 prize will go to the member of the junior class who submits the best portfolio.

Randy Fitzgerald, R’63 and G’64
Web manager hired

"Through the Internet, no one in the world is more than six-tenths of a second away from the University of Richmond.

"That is an incredible audience for the University," says William Flowers Jr., who began last November as the University's first Web manager. As Web manager, Flowers oversees the ongoing development of the University of Richmond's electronic presence. He helps UR's faculty, staff and students properly and effectively use the technology available to "publish to the world through the Internet and the World Wide Web. "We want to be sure we are conveying the messages we want to convey and reaching the people we want to reach," he says.

Flowers "will be improving the flow of the University's pages as well as coordinating the current pages," says Ellen Waite, associate provost for information services. Among other things, UR's Web pages make it easier for prospective students to learn about UR and how to apply.

In managing the technical, editorial and design aspects of the University's Web pages, Flowers provides support and resources to the many individuals and departments who create and maintain University pages. That includes helping make sure the home pages do what they are intended to do, and filling in the gaps so that the whole University is presented on those pages, he says.

Flowers brings to the University extensive technical skills in electronic publishing, having previously served as Web applications developer at Virginia Commonwealth University for seven years. In that position he managed educational and administrative projects including redesigning traditional classroom-based courses into Internet classes. Flowers also designed, developed and implemented a faculty multimedia lab at VCU.

His more than 20 years of experience also include working as an information center programmer for the Virginia Department of Taxation and as a proposal analyst for The Computer Company. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from VCU and a post-baccalaureate certificate in information systems.

Mary Fehrn Gravely, W'88

SCS appoints five full time

Five new assistant professors hired last fall are the first full-time faculty members at the University's School of Continuing Studies since the mid-1970s.

They are Dr. Ellen M. Walk, G'83; Dr. Daniel M. Roberts Jr., G'91; Walter G. Green III; Porcher L. Taylor III; and Dr. Richard Leatherman.

"This represents a significant commitment by the University to the students in the School of Continuing Studies," says Dr. James L. Narduzzi, dean of the school.

"It presents us with an incredible opportunity to enhance the already high quality of teaching taking place in the school."

The new faculty members coordinate the academic programs in which they teach in addition to carrying a full-time teaching load. Nearly all of the new faculty also teach in other schools on campus, says Narduzzi. "This further strengthens the interdisciplinary approach to learning and builds additional bridges between the various schools at the University."

Walk teaches in the School of Continuing Studies' information systems program, as well as in the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business. She has taught in the business school since 1993 and has also taught in the school's MBA program. For 10 years Walk worked for Philip Morris in research and development, information systems and plant operations. She has a Ph.D. in information systems from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Nationally known as the writer, producer and host of Public Radio's series A Moment In Time, Roberts teaches history in the liberal arts program of the School of Continuing Studies and undergraduate courses in the University's history department. A member of UR's faculty since 1991, he is president of Educational Broadcast Inc. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia.

In addition to teaching in emergency services management, the School of Continuing Studies' newest program, Green also works as the disaster coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Medical Services. The author of several books, Green is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He has earned an MPA from the University of West Florida, an MBA from Embry Riddle University and a Certified Emergency Manager designation.

Taylor teaches in the School of Continuing Studies' paralegal studies program. He also teaches courses at the T.C. Williams School of Law, at the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, and at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Taylor has practiced law in the private sector and in the military. He serves as a senior associate for the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of West Point and of the University of Florida College of Law.

Leatherman began teaching at the School of Continuing Studies in 1995 after more than 22 years as CEO of International Training and Consultants Inc. The author of four books, he teaches undergraduate courses in the school's human resource management program as well as courses in the graduate business school. He holds a Ph.D. in education, urban services and human resource development from VCU.

In addition to the five full-time faculty members, 95 part-time adjunct faculty are teaching at the School of Continuing Studies this year.

Mary Fehrn Gravely, W'88
Barber, Megna named All-America

Several University of Richmond football players were honored with individual awards following this fall’s 6-5 campaign. The most decorated were senior linebacker Shawn Barber and junior defensive tackle Marc Megna, who were both named All-America.

Barber, a native of Richmond, was named to the 1997 Burger King I-AA Coaches’ All-America Team; first team All-America by the Associated Press and the Sports Network; and third team All-America by Don Hansen’s Football Gazette.

Barber also was named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year and was chosen as the top defensive back/linebacker in the state of Virginia for Division I-A/IAA by the Touchdown Club of Richmond.

He started all 11 games at outside linebacker and recorded 94 tackles, including 56 unassisted tackles. He set a school record with 13 tackles for loss and registered six quarterback sacks, three pass deflections and three interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown. Barber caused one fumble, blocked two field goals and scored a touchdown on a pass reception on a fake punt. He played in the Blue-Gray Game and in the Senior Bowl in preparation for the 1998 NFL draft.

A native of Fall River, Mass., Megna was named first team All-America by Football Gazette and third team All-America by the Sports Network. Megna was also named first team All-Atlantic 10 and was selected as the top defensive lineman in the state of Virginia for Division I-A/IAA by the Touchdown Club of Richmond.

Megna set a school record and led the Atlantic 10 with 14 quarterback sacks.

He also set a Richmond record with 13 tackles for loss. He recorded 93 tackles on the season and had one interception, three pass breakups, three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick.

Richmond had several other players recognized by the Atlantic 10. Senior tight end Rahmaan Streater of Washington, D.C., was named first team All-Atlantic 10. Senior defensive lineman Steve Quander (Springfield, Va.), senior defensive back Lamont Neal (Charlotte Hall, Md.), and junior defensive back Winston October (Dale City, Va.) were selected to the All-Atlantic 10 second team. And sophomore defensive back Chris Anderson of Richmond was named third team All-Atlantic 10.

Under head coach Jim Reid, the Spiders’ 1997 season record was an improvement of four games over last season’s 2-9 mark. In other records, Richmond finished:

- first in the Atlantic 10 and 12th in the country in total defense, allowing 261.9 yards per game
- third in the Atlantic 10 and 12th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing 93.8 rushing yards per contest
- second in the league and 19th in the country in scoring defense, allowing 16.6 points per game
- second in the Atlantic 10 in pass defense, surrendering 168.1 passing yards per outing
- first in the Atlantic 10—and set a school record—with 60 quarterback sacks.

Surprise for Salisbury

A surprise reception in November honored Ruth Salisbury, make-up designer and adjunct instructor of make-up, who retired last spring after 31 years’ service in the theatre program. Held prior to the University Players’ performance of The Widow Claire, the reception attracted many alumni and included unveiling of a plaque honoring Salisbury in the make-up room of the Modlin Center for the Arts. Shown are, from left, Marti Browning Krupin, C’71; Ruth Salisbury; David Rosenberg, BR’96; and Salisbury’s daughter, Pam Philips.
Soccer honors earned

The University of Richmond women's soccer team completed its second season at the varsity level with a 13-8 record and postseason honors for several players.

First-year forward Brooke Sands of Dallas was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Mid-Atlantic region third team, becoming the first Richmond women's soccer player to be named to an all-region team.

Sands also was named first-team All-State by the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association, first-team All-Conference by the Colonial Athletic Association, and CAA Rookie of the Year.

Joining Sands for the All-State and All-Conference honors was Jaclyn Raveia of Fairfax, Va., a first-year back on the team. Sophomore forward Karsi Cronk also was named to the All-CAA first team.

Sands established UR single-season school records for most goals (22) and most total points (47). Her 22 goals ranked her first in the conference and fourth in the nation. Her total of 47 points was second in the conference and 13th in the nation, while her seven game-winning goals also were the fourth-highest total in the country.

With her 22 goals scored this season, Sands already is Richmond's career goal scoring leader and her 47 points rank her second on the school's career scoring list. She recorded two hat tricks and four two-goal games, and she holds the UR school record for most goals (4) and most total points (8) in a single game. She scored at least one point in 15 of the Spiders' 21 games this season.

In her first season, Raveia was one of the top defenders in the state. She anchored a Spiders' defense which recorded eight shutouts this season. She started all 20 games in which she appeared, missing one game because of an injury. Raveia recorded one goal and two assists for four total points.

Cronk, a second-team All-CAA selection in 1996, led the Spiders with 13 assists, a single-season school record. She ranked second on the team in both goals (6) and total points (25). She ranked second in the conference in assists (17th in the nation) and eighth in the conference in total points. She holds the school record for most assists in a game (3), which she did twice this season. The school's all-time leading scorer with 53 points (16 goals, 21 assists), Cronk scored at least one point in 12 of the Spiders' 21 games this season.

Pat McCarthy

Gold medals for Coach Peg Hogan

University of Richmond synchronized swimming coach Peg Hogan won a pair of gold medals in October at the 1997 Masters Synchronized Swimming Championships at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

She also was selected by U.S. Synchronized Swimming as its 1997 candidate for Master Athlete induction into the International Aquatic Hall of Fame. Four master athletes—one each from swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo—are selected by their national governing bodies for this prestigious award. The selection will be made by the International Aquatic Hall of Fame in 1998.

At the 1997 Masters Synchronized Swimming Championships were 231 athletes, ages 20 through the 80s, from the United States and Canada. Hogan was a member of the Octopi Masters Synchronized Swimming Team. She was joined by former UR assistant coach Laura Rich Soles, Virginia association judge Sue Bessette and Stephanie Grana Bemberis, W'90 and L'93. Hogan won a gold medal for figures and solos for the 66-69 age group. She joined with Soles to capture the gold in duet and the team placed fourth in the team competition. Bessette won silver in figures and solos for the 50-55 age group; Soles won silver in figures for the 45-49 age group; and Bemberis placed 10th in figures in the 25-29 age group. Bessette, Bemberis and Soles won the silver medal for trio.

Hogan began working with the University of Richmond water ballet club in 1976. Five years later, the club became the first varsity synchronized swimming team at UR and in the south region.

Phil Stanton
GENE L. ADREAN

Dr. Gene L. Adrean, a retired associate professor of Italian at the University of Richmond, died Nov. 6, 1997. He was 77.

A native of Florence, Italy, Dr. Adrean joined the University’s faculty in 1964 as an assistant professor of ancient languages. He taught Italian until his retirement in 1980.

Dr. Adrean was a co-organizer and co-director of the summer study abroad programs at the University in the late 1960s. He also was the former director of foreign programs at the Institute of Mediterranean Studies.

A graduate of St. Paul College in Florence, Dr. Adrean earned his Ph.D. in humanities from the University of Florence.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria H. Adrean, of St. Augustine, Fla.; and a son, James, of Mountain View, Calif.

L. HOWARD JENKINS

L. Howard Jenkins Jr., R’37, H’81 and a trustee emeritus of the University of Richmond, died Oct. 14, 1997. He was 84.

A native of Richmond, Mr. Jenkins was the former president of L.H. Jenkins Inc. Book Manufacturers, a school textbook manufacturer founded by his grandfather. The family-owned business was sold in 1967 but Mr. Jenkins continued as a consultant with the company until 1972.

From 1978 to 1981 he served as president of Book Manufacturers’ Institute of America, the national-international trade association of his industry.

Like his father, L Howard Jenkins Sr., who attended the University in the early 1900s and served as a UR trustee for nearly 50 years, Mr. Jenkins also was a longtime member of the UR Board of Trustees, serving for more than 20 years. He also served on the Board of Associates.

Mr. Jenkins and his family were generous benefactors of the University. His numerous gifts included the trustees’ suite in the Tyler Haynes Commons, named in honor of his father; the foyer and hallway in the E. Carlton Wilton Center for Interfaith Campus Ministries; and a classroom in Jepson Hall.

Earlier, his grandfather, Luther H. Jenkins, gave UR the Greek Theatre in 1929.

Mr. Jenkins also was a deacon and trustee of First Baptist Church, and he was former president of the church’s endowment fund. He was former president of the board of Children’s Hospital.

During World War II, he served as a first lieutenant in the Navy in Panama and at the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Scott Cunningham Jenkins; a daughter, Helen Jenkins Ryan; a son, L. Howard Jenkins III; and several grandchildren.

WARREN M. PACE

Warren M. Pace, B’43 and a UR trustee emeritus, died Nov. 6, 1997. He was 77.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Pace attended the University of Richmond with the Navy V-12 training program. At UR he was quarterback and captain of the football team in 1942, his senior season. He also was on the track team, was president of the Varsity Club, and was president of the campus chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honorary fraternity.

Mr. Pace served in World War II in the Pacific Theater, where he earned six battle stars. He received his business administration degree from the University in 1943 while serving on a destroyer in the Pacific Ocean.

After the war, Mr. Pace joined the Guardian Life Insurance Co. of New York in 1946, then was appointed a director of Atlantic Life Insurance Co. before becoming a senior vice president with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia in 1961.

He moved from executive vice president of Life of Virginia to president, then was named president of the Richmond Corp., Life of Virginia’s holding company, when it was formed in 1968.

Later he was president and CEO of Continental Financial Services Co. following the acquisition of the Richmond Corp. by the Continental Group Inc. in 1977.

After Mr. Pace’s retirement in 1979, he became an investment representative with Alex. Brown & Sons. In 1980-81, he was national chairman of the campaign that raised $7.5 million for the University’s Athletic Endowment Fund to endow football scholarships. He was inducted into the UR Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

Mr. Pace’s numerous directorships and trusteeships included the University of Richmond, Continental Financial Services Co., the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Old Equities Life Insurance Co., and Thalhimer Brothers Inc.

He was a member and former trustee of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, where he established an endowment fund.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Walton Pace, W’45, of Richmond; two sons, Warren M. Pace Jr. of Towson, Md., and Stephen G. Pace of Kitty Hawk, N.C.; two daughters, Judith Pace Smith of Camano Island, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial gifts may be made to the St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Endowment Fund or the Warren M. Pace Athletic Scholarship Fund at UR.
The year was 1986 and the University of Richmond was searching for a new president. Dr. Richard L. Morrill, president of Centre College in Kentucky, was high on the University's list of candidates. He was a young chief executive with impeccable credentials and an emerging national reputation. From his vantage point, the University was a lovely destination with its vast resources, beautiful campus and unlimited potential.

It was a job he couldn't say no to. But, when the University search committee contacted him and asked if he were interested, that was exactly what he said. Centre was in the midst of a major fund-raising campaign, no time to be looking for a new president. Morrill did not hesitate in turning away UR's overtures.
“It was a little frustrating,” Morrill would say later. “But I really did know what my duty was.”

As it turned out, Morrill’s sense of duty toward Centre elevated him in the eyes of those he spurned at UR.

“He said he couldn’t be a candidate, and I understood that,” says Joseph A. Jennings, R’49 and H’80, then rector of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the search committee. “I think it was a mark of character that he stayed to complete that capital campaign.”

Jennings and Morrill stayed in touch. Two years later, following the brief tenure and abrupt departure of Dr. Samuel A. Banks for health reasons, the University embarked on another presidential search. The trail led once again to Rich Morrill’s door. This time, he didn’t say no.

In the world of college presidencies, candidates don’t often get a second chance at plum jobs and institutions don’t often get a second chance at plum candidates.

Maybe, Morrill says, it was “providential.”

“You win some and you lose some,” says Jennings, now a trustee emeritus, “and I think we got a real winner in Rich.”

Morrill, 58, will end a decade as president of the University this spring. He will take a year’s sabbatical, spending much of the time in his beloved France, before returning to the University in fall 1999 to serve as University Professor.

During the past 10 years, Morrill has overseen astonishing change and advancement at the University. He is quick to point out that his fingerprints are not on every success; that trustees, faculty, staff and students have done great things; that he was fortunate to have the job at this particular, prime time in UR’s history; that he was downright lucky to have the support of “two of the country’s major philanthropists,” E. Claiborne Robbins, R’31 and H’60, and Robert S. Jepson Jr., B’64, GB’75 and H’87.

Even so, others contend it was Morrill’s style and leadership that positioned the University to take a giant leap forward. He was, they say, the perfect man for the job.

“Time and circumstance were right,” Morrill says. “And I think it was a pretty good fit.”

The fruits of the Morrill years are clearly visible.

The George M. Modlin Center for the Arts, the Jepson Alumni Center and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies will be physical reminders. The student body has grown in selectivity and diversity. Financial aid has tripled. Faculty salaries have risen dramatically. Every office, classroom and residence hall on campus has been wired for access to the University’s computer network and the Internet. The largest campaign in University history, “Unfolding the Promise,” raised $164 million—10 percent higher than the original goal—and wrapped up more than a year early. Alumni participation in giving has increased half again. The endowment has nearly tripled. And in 1992, the nation focused its attention on the University as it played host to a Presidential Debate among George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

Morrill’s most enduring legacy, however, might not be quite so obvious or quantitative.

“He’s raised the level of the school nationally in a huge sense,” says Austin Brockenbrough III, B’62, rector of the Board of Trustees, who has become a close friend of Morrill. “I go places now and people say, ‘Oh, yeah, the University of Richmond is a great school, it’s a Southern Ivy.’

“I think he’s built on the outstanding foundation that Dr. [George M.] Modlin and Dr. [E. Bruce] Heilman established. He’s taken it one step further, which is the role of a great leader. And I think he has been a great leader.”

Jepson, who has worked closely with Morrill on a number of major projects over the past decade, says Morrill “personifies leadership in almost any good way that you want to define it.”

“Very rarely in life do you have the privilege of working with a person who is both a visionary and a doer,” Jepson says. “I think in Rich, the University has been really privileged in having a president who not only can see the big picture and envision a greater University of Richmond, but who actually has the personal- ity and intellectual skills to make those dreams a reality. If you look at the progress of the Jepson School, if you look at the building of the Modlin Center for the Arts and the alumni center, you can see exactly what I’m talking about.
“He has that wonderful ability to garner support and to garner the resources to put his dreams into action. In my business experience, I have found it very rare that you discover an individual who has his intellectual prowess and his social prowess, as well—his social prowess being his ability to get the best out of people.”

All of this and Morrill is, as Jepson puts it, “a fabulous guy.”

“I’ve never spent a moment with him that I didn’t want to spend more time with him,” says Jepson, who considers Morrill a close friend. “He’s the kind of person, when you’re around him, time moves very rapidly. Wouldn’t we all like to be viewed that way?

“And you can’t talk about Rich without, in the same breath, talking about Martha [Morrill],” he continues. “We have been fortunate indeed to have the team. She in her own way is as exciting and as much responsible for the grace and charm of the place as he.”

Morrill came to UR with the reputation of being a skillful strategic planner, not the most glamorous of attributes but one that is critical for a university that has become a major player in higher education and aspires to go even higher.

Morrill made the planning process a collaborative effort, bringing together all constituencies of campus and having them look beyond their individual areas or disciplines to view the institution as a whole. The idea was to set a firm course for UR, not only determining lofty goals but figuring out how the University might get there. The point being: numbers are nice, stories are endearing and slogans are catchy, but they are no substitutes for clear, prioritized targets.

The result of one such strategic planning process was “Engagement in Learning,” a document that was 18 months in the making before being unanimously approved by both the University faculty and trustees in 1994. It is evidence, observers say, that Morrill’s methods have succeeded without question.

That plan covered areas such as projected tuition increases, endowment spending policy, faculty salaries and student diversity. Such a process allows the University to stay focused, says Dr. Zeddie P. Bowen, vice president and provost, who calls Morrill’s methods nothing short of enlightened.

Says Bowen, “Rich Morrill has an incredibly sophisticated grasp of the essence of higher education, its fundamental values and conflicts, how it works, and how it is funded. Most important, he has always maintained a clear focus on our fundamental mission—educating students.

“Sometimes institutions get in trouble when they don’t stay focused on their mission,” Bowen says. “It is seductive to follow short-term trends, fads or the pet projects of influential members of the campus. New programs can be added that dilute resources without strengthening the core.”

**Presidential Predecessors**

**ROBERT RYLAND**

1832-1866

Born: 1805 in Virginia

Education: Columbia College, precursor of George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Previous Occupation: Pastor of a Baptist church in Lynchburg

Highlights: Virginia Baptist Seminary moved to Columbia building in Richmond from Spring Farm

Richmond College chartered 1840

First degree awarded in October 1849

Society of Alumni organized in 1852

Endowment invested in Confederate bonds

Occupation by federal troops at close of Civil War
What good strategic planning and disciplined decision-making allow us to do is continuously improve our product—the educational experience of our students—in a way that can be sustained in good times or bad. We are in good times right now, but it is not reasonable to expect things to continue this way indefinately. Under Rich’s leadership, we are positioned to weather the next national or international financial storm and continue to improve.

Dr. Daniel J. Palazzolo, associate professor of political science, says the success of the past decade is the shared accomplishment of many, but Morrill deserves much of the credit for his planning abilities, the disciplined manner in which he set priorities and the tone he established for the University.

“The fact is,” Palazzolo says, “this place has been steered in the right direction.”

Morrill has received high marks for the way he has conducted the University’s business, raised money and inspired those who work with and for him.

He is warm and personable. Jennings describes him as “old shoe. He fit in very nicely in Richmond. He and Martha made themselves right at home.”

Morrill’s quiet warmth can be deceptive, however. His is a scholarly style that befits a man holding degrees in history and religion—but don’t mistake his quiet manner for a lack of conviction or doubt his abilities of persuasion.

Veteran broadcast journalist Paul Duke, R’47 and H’73, recalls meeting Morrill at a dinner party for Washington-area alumni soon after he became president. He remembers having “a quiet kind of intellectual conversation” with Morrill. Then it came time for the president to speak to the entire gathering.

“When he made his pitch for the University, he became a dynamo,” Duke says. “He really showed a lot of intellectual fire. I think that’s one way to describe him: he’s a man with a great deal of intellectual firepower and he knows how to use it.”

When Morrill took the UR job in 1988, a former colleague in Kentucky joked about his friend’s low-key, but effective fund-raising skills by saying, “You would want to buy a used car from Rich Morrill.”

H. Gerald Quigg, former vice president of development-university relations and currently senior consultant to the University, worked with both presidents, Heilman and Morrill. He says they both were terrific fund-raisers, although entirely different in approach.

“Heilman was a no-nonsense, go-for-it and close-the-deal kind of guy,” Quigg says. “Rich Morrill is the great cultivator. I don’t think, quite frankly, he enjoyed individual fund-raising as much as Bruce did. He didn’t like the hunt nor the chase, but he enjoyed the interaction with people on an intellectual level.”

Quigg and his long-time associate D. Chris Withers, who succeeded Quigg earlier this year as vice president of development-university relations, found out early in their relationship with Morrill that the new boss had a different style from the old one.

“When Rich first came, Chris and I, in our exuberance to make a good impression on him, devised a plan to introduce him to a lot of people in a short period of time,” Quigg says. “We kind of had him...
rushing hither and yon, meeting people in buildings downtown. We got through about one week of that, and I remember we were coming back to campus one day and he held up his hand and said, 'I've had enough of that.'

''He said he was more cautious and needed to do this more slowly, to know the people he was going to see . . .''

Besides helping to lead the successful capital campaign during his presidency, Morrill also opened doors for the University to national foundations, such as the Mellon Foundation.

"With his direct involvement, we were able to break into the major foundation area," Quigg says. "Before he came, we couldn't even get appointments."

One foundation-related coup at the University was the establishment in 1993 of the Bonner Scholars program of 100 scholarships for volunteer service. The $6.2 million grant was provided by the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation of Princeton, N.J.

Volunteer service has become a cornerstone of student life at UR during the Morrill era. Morrill has been supportive in a behind-the-scenes role, he says. The notion of community service fits perfectly into Morrill's grand view of higher education. He is, after all, the author of a book titled Teaching Values in College.

Within the curriculum, he has promoted more international studies, interdisciplinary programs and collaborative academic ventures. The faculties in each academic division have redesigned their educational programs and requirements, adding opportunities for student research and experiential and service learning. In addition, a new core course for all first-year undergraduate students has been developed. Morrill will be teaching that course when he returns from sabbatical.

"You learn best by being a participant and by making connections with items of knowledge in the broader movement of your own life," Morrill says. "I see us doing a great deal of that at Richmond."

One of Morrill's greatest triumphs was the opening of the $22.5 million Modlin Center for the Arts, the largest single construction project in the University's history. The center opened in 1996 to rave reviews from those on campus and off.

The arts center was "a slam dunk," says Judy B. Lankford, W'70, who was president of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association when Morrill first proposed the center.

"Out of his vision came a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts," says Lankford, a fund-raising consultant in Richmond. "What most of us thought would be just a wonderful physical structure for the arts has turned out to be so much more. It's turned out to be a real boost in the cross-disciplinary direction the curriculum's going. It's a great opportunity for students, and it truly is a community resource."

Seeing through projects of that magnitude is certainly one of the challenges of a college president. In hindsight, such endeavors might seem like sheer genius. At the beginning, though, there are often questions and even opposition.

| FREDERIC W. BOATWRIGHT, H'46 |
| 1894-1946 |
| Born: 1868 in West Virginia |
| Education: Richmond College, University of Halle, Germany; the Sorbonne in Paris |
| Previous Occupation: Richmond College instructor in Greek and director of athletics |
| Highlights: Ten women received degrees, 1912 |
| Westhampton College established, 1914 |
| Move to new campus, 1914 |
| Use of the new campus as a military hospital, 1917-18 |
| Name of institution changed to University of Richmond, 1920 |
| Evening school established, 1924 |
| Expansion and growth of resources |
| Navy V-12 program on campus, 1943-45 |
| Undergraduate student enrollment 1,444; total assets over $7 million |
| Boatwright became first chancellor |
Morrill encountered some of that with both the Modlin Center for the Arts and the Jepson Alumni Center, a $6 million project that involved moving an elegant old building across River Road.

Ed Eskandarian, a member of the Board of Trustees, marvels at Morrill's skill at dealing with the various campus constituencies.

"He has the ability to deal with these constituencies and bring them into agreement on a lot of subjects that are hard to get anybody to agree upon," says Eskandarian, chairman and chief executive officer of Arnold Communications Inc., in Boston. "He's been able to accomplish some controversial things, whether it's the building of buildings or the building of programs, changing the curriculum or building various sports."

Brockenbrough says Morrill is able to build consensus and avoid conflict because of the care he takes in making proposals.

"He really thinks things through carefully," he says. "Whatever he attempts to take on is well thought out and THE right thing for the institution. He's very thoughtful, so people tend to have confidence in what he proposes."

Still, Eskandarian, a top executive himself, says, "Being a college president is tougher than being president of a company, I can tell you that."

Palazzolo, the political science professor, agrees.

"A college president, especially at a place like Richmond where there's a big endowment, is under great pressures," he says. "Try to raise money in the Richmond community when you're the University of Richmond and everyone thinks you're rich. Try to deal with alumni who really want us to spend a lot of money on athletics. Try to deal with the faculty who see a skyrocketing endowment and want all kinds of program improvements. Try to deal with those kinds of pressures and then go to the board and say you've got to raise tuition."

"You're talking about a difficult job. What I like about Rich is that he understands the context, and he's still able to set priorities. The right priorities."

Morrill acknowledges it is impossible to keep everyone happy, particularly at a place such as UR where "there is a very real feeling that we can do whatever we set out to do."

"Having all of those possibilities, though... everyone expects to have more of everything every year, at a pretty dramatic level of improvement," he says. "So, the aspirations always outreach even our substantial resources."

Morrill jokes that for a guy with history and religion degrees, he has a knack for numbers and a pretty shrewd business sense.

Louis W. Moelchert Jr., UR's long-time vice president for business and finance and current vice president of investments, says Morrill is "extraordinarily talented" when it comes to University business, particularly the way the endowment works.

### Presidential Predecessors

**GEORGE M. MODLIN, H'71**

**1946-1971**

- **Born:** 1903 in North Carolina
- **Education:** A.B., Wake Forest University; M.A., Ph.D., Princeton University
- **Previous Occupation:** Professor of economics, Princeton; professor and chair of economics, University of Richmond; dean of UR's Evening School of Business Administration
- **Highlights:** Postwar surge in student enrollment, 1946
  - School of Business Administration established, 1949
  - University College established, 1962
  - 15 major buildings constructed
  - E. Claiborne Robins family gave $50 million, 1969
  - Undergraduate student enrollment 1,916; total assets more than $73.5 million
Rich Morrill has been a college president for 20 years. He has worked in three places, each of which has been sorry to see him go. He has enjoyed his time, earning acclaim along the way as a good leader. He says he is being exactly that by stepping aside.

"Part of being a good leader is knowing when to fold your tent," he said during a recent interview in his office.

He may be folding his tent, but he is not packing it away. He looks forward to traveling in France with Martha, to visiting the Louvre one day, London the next.

"I have a lot of interest in history and art," he says. "I like knowing stuff."

But he will no longer have to immerse himself in learning about endowments or other matters administrative. He will be able to pick and choose his topics from now on.

He looks forward to coming back to UR—"a place I love," he says—and teaching again. He looks forward to summers off, to not having every hour of every day planned for him. He is looking forward to going, as he puts it, "from Who's Who to who's he?"

He is not complaining—college presidents "get paid a good salary and get a nice place in the world," he says—but being the chief executive of an institution can be grueling. Every night, there's another commitment. Then there are breakfast meetings. Committee and boards. People to meet. People to greet. It's all part of the job. And it never ends.

"It was always pretty intimidating to have a conversation about the financial structure with him," Moelchert says. "He always knew what the answer was. He generally knew what the answer was before he asked the question. And I don't mean that in a negative way. He was just very aware, very keyed into things like that."

Adds Moelchert, "You could never want to work with anyone who's easier to work with. He's demanding, but in a very low-key, friendly manner."

Provost Bowen marvels at Morrill's grasp of the financial dynamics of the University and applauds his eagerness to educate the campus community about the institution's financial foundation.

"Many of our faculty and administration don't understand how complicated it is to provide the resources to operate a university like ours—and most don't really want to know the details—but Rich explains it all, the strengths and weaknesses, and freely answers any questions people have," Bowen says. "Few [presidents] are willing to share information so freely and openly."
"Presiding over events or making fund-raising calls or being the recipient of a lot of recognition and politeness and prestige because you're a president, those things don't motivate me very much. Those things are part of the job and I'm happy to do them, but my satisfaction comes in making things happen."

"I get the greatest joy out of being a catalyst for change, being in a position where you can try to influence events for very clear purposes. For me, it's educational transformation for students. That's my kick. I've always had an itch to see things get done."

Being a catalyst for change was a somewhat dangerous job description when Morrill first arrived on campus. There was still considerable grumbling among some critics that UR was changing too much too fast. Morrill understood that concern, knowing the school's roots as a small, Baptist institution. He didn't necessarily agree, but he understood. Much of that sort of unhappiness was silenced with the Presidential Debate in 1992, Morrill says.

"I think some people said, 'Hey, that's my alma mater; they've been talking about all of this prominence and leadership and, hey, there it is!' I haven't heard all of those same voices with quite as much fervor because I think people have a real pride in what this place stands for," Morrill says.

And he takes pride in having stemmed some of that criticism, in having opened the eyes of some critics to the value of what the University has been trying to do. To be, as he says, "an interpreter of that change."

"I've tried to pull the threads together," he says, "to see the fabric whole."

Such effective diplomacy is not lost on Paul Duke, the former host of "Washington Week in Review" on PBS. "He just comes across as such a solid, sturdy guy," Duke says. "I think he's been a class act."

Duke introduced Morrill at a farewell dinner in Washington a few months ago and said that Morrill, like the other successful UR presidents of the century, was the right man for the right time.

"I think the University was ripe for someone like Morrill who wanted to move the school forward academically and make it really one of the top universities in the country," Duke says. "It seems to me he's largely succeeded in that."

Now comes the chore of selecting Morrill's successor. One of the most difficult jobs on campus these days is held by Robert L. Burrus Jr., R'55, the UR trustee who is chairman of the presidential search committee. There is considerable pressure to duplicate the success of the 1988 search, which produced the comfortable fit that Morrill and UR have enjoyed.

"It'll take a real terrific president to follow Rich," says Burrus. "He came in at a time when the University was in a position to do these things and, as a result, his administration will be noted for very significant achievements in the annals of the institution."

And what sort of person is the search committee seeking?

"I think," Burrus says, "we're looking for a person who has characteristics like Rich Morrill's."

Bill Lohmann is a feature writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
### ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT TRENDS

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MAJOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

Major new construction
- E. Carlton Wilton Center for Campus Ministries | $1.4 million
- The T. C. Williams School of Law addition and renovation | 9.4 million
- University Forest Apartments, Phase V | 2.4 million
- Jepson Hall and Stern Quadrangle | 13.5 million
- Modlin Center for the Arts | 22.5 million
- Jepson Alumni Center | 5.5 million
- Richmond College Whitehurst facility (projected) | 2.7 million

Major renovations
- Freeman Hall renovation | .6 million
- Ryland Hall renovation | 1.2 million
- Robins Center repairs | 1.1 million
- North Court renovation (two projects) | 3.1 million
- Special Programs Building renovation | .6 million
- Gottwald Science Center renovation | 1.5 million
- Jeter Hall renovation | 1.4 million
- The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business renovation (projected) | 5.5 million
- Miscellaneous projects over $100,000 | 10 million
- Total | $82.4 million
Martha Morrill's unassuming manner and gracious personality were out in full force during the opening celebrations for the Jepson Alumni Center this fall. Dressed in her most elegant black silk dress, and carrying a pair of stylish heels, Mrs. Morrill slipped on her rubber mud shoes to make the short but sometimes soggy trek from the president's house to the alumni center.

BY JESSICA RONKY HADDAD, AW’93
She arrived early to survey the scene, changed into her heels and discreetly deposited her dirty mud shoes behind a potted plant. When she went to retrieve them at the end of the evening, they were gone. “I spent weeks trying to track them down,” she says, laughing at the memory. “I just recently got them back.”

Mrs. Morrill’s quiet persistence and immaculate attention to detail can likewise be seen throughout the Jeppson Alumni Center and Bottomley House, for which she served as chairwoman for the decorating oversight committee. The comfortably elegant and tasteful decor will stand as Mrs. Morrill’s legacy to the University when she and Dr. Morrill leave UR next fall.

“Mrs. Morrill has exquisite taste,” says Jane Stockman, W ’58, director of alumni affairs. “We were really blessed that she came forward to make this place outstanding.”

Mrs. Morrill agreed to head the committee made up of representatives from the community and University at the request of her husband. The committee was responsible for guiding the professional decorators, C. Dudley Brown Associates of Washington, D.C., and Kim Bruffy of Richmond, in the decoration of the Bottomley House.

“It was a difficult project,” she says. “The Jeppson Alumni Center is used by alumni, the Board of Trustees, and friends of the University outside of campus. We wanted something that the entire community would be very proud of, that would also be appropriate to the Bottomley House. . . . We never dared to hope it would [turn out to] be so functional and so beautiful.”

The end result is a stunning, yet cozy and intimate space as equally suited for meetings of the Board of Trustees as it is for old friends to catch up with a cup of tea in front of one of the many fireplaces.

“Mr. Jeppson had said he wanted [the alumni center] to be first class,” Stockman says. “Mrs. Morrill held out for what was best, but did not impose her will—she is a very gracious person.”

With the exception of the alumni center project, Mrs. Morrill has mostly stayed behind-the-scenes at Richmond. Instead, the former French teacher has focused her energies on a wide range of volunteer activities in the community.

She is vice president of the Washington chapter of the Friends of Vieilles Maisons Françaises, an international organization that raises money to benefit restoration projects in France and for scholarships for students and others to do preservation work. She belongs to a group that translates French letters for the Virginia Historical Society; is a docent at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and has served on the board of the council of the Virginia Museum; has been involved with the Arts Council and the Virginia Opera Advisory Board; is a member of the Woman’s Club, where she served on the program and membership committees; and is chairwoman for the arts committee for Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospitals.

Mrs. Morrill has also led numerous tours to Paris and the south of France, and in 1992 was director of the University’s French Summer Study Abroad in La Rochelle, France.

This past August, she and Dr. Morrill were honored by the French government during the University’s Convocation. Mrs. Morrill, a self-described “Francophile” and consummate arts enthusiast, received the Order of Arts and Letters for her contribution to propagating French arts and letters.

Not surprisingly, she counts the opening of the Modlin Center for the Arts as one of the high points of her 10 years at Richmond.

“The Modlin Center is a dream come true,” she says. “When we first came here, I kept wondering, ‘Where is the arts center?’ I had a vision of more for a university of this size. It is thrilling the way it has brought together all of the arts, and it’s most exciting to enjoy it and to see others enjoy it.”

Other favorite memories include the opening of the Jeppson School for Leadership Studies, the 1992 Presidential Debate at the Robins Center, and entertaining guests such as Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

“Former president Gorbachev and his wife were absolutely charming,” Mrs. Morrill remembers. “They were here on Easter Sunday. We couldn’t speak a word of Russian and they wouldn’t speak English. It turned out to be a lot of fun because we had a delightful interpreter.”

She says the Gorbachevs were personable, and very candid. They asked if the students serving the meal were paid to work or if they were volunteers, and were curious about the value of the president’s house.

Mrs. Gorbachev asked if she preferred store-bought cookies to homemade—Hillary Clinton’s comment about baking cookies had apparently made it to Russia.

After spending 10 years as Richmond’s own first lady and her previous experience at two other colleges where Dr. Morrill served as president, entertaining is second nature to Mrs. Morrill. “One year we did 42 events at the house,” she says. “That is a lot because we don’t do much in the summer. It is probably not the everyday pace of the American family. Sometimes it gets to be frenetic.”

Nevertheless, she praises the faculty, staff and students of the University of Richmond for allowing her family to live some semblance of a normal life. “People are so pleasant at this place, they are not intrusive at all,” she says. “People tend to respect each other’s privacy here.”

In addition to entertaining luminaries, the Morrills also have hosted numerous faculty and student groups in their home. Many French students have had the pleasure of visiting the President’s House for dinner and conversation—in French, of course. “It’s a hobby of ours,” Mrs. Morrill says.

Beginning in August, the Morrills will spend four months living in Paris, fulfilling a shared, lifelong dream. When they return, they will settle in a condominium a few miles west of campus. Mrs. Morrill plans to visit the University often.

“When you are so closely related to an institution, it just becomes a part of you,” she says. “We look forward to staying [in Richmond] and being associated with an institution for which we have a whole lot of affection.”

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Welcome Home

JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER is OPEN for BUSINESS

The portraits of men and women prominent in the life of the University over the past 167 years are all in place. The bright floral drapes cascade to the floor in the upstairs bedrooms, and a cozy fire crackles in the parlor fireplace, warming the comfortable sofa and easy chairs that surround it. Antiques and splendid reproductions grace every room, and on some nights, lights blaze from most of the 18 windows that look out on College Road and over the surrounding Westham neighborhood.

Ten thousand feet have already initiated the plush green carpet that winds through the conference and meeting rooms, the reception areas, the staff offices. The ribbons are all cut, the speeches all made. The Jepson Alumni Center is open for business, and UR alums finally have their long-awaited new home.

On the first weekend in October—Homecoming Weekend—a series of parties, receptions, lectures, tributes and a black tie gala celebrated the opening of the splendid new Jepson Alumni Center at UR. And, yes, in this instance, an 83-year-old home can indeed be considered new.

The heart of the alumni center is a stucco mansion designed in 1915 by renowned New York architect William Lawrence Bottomley. Bottomley designed the house, the first of 20 Bottomley homes in Richmond, to be built on a beautiful site overlooking the James River, directly across the road from the open fields of the new University of Richmond campus.

In 1995 the home’s owner, Richmond businessman and philanthropist William H. Goodwin Jr., donated it to the University. Then in March 1996 the 400-ton house was jacked up on 20 steel beams, pulled by a Mack truck and several tractors, and moved 1500 feet to its new corner of the UR campus.

For the next year and a half, thanks to an “enabling gift” from alumnus and former UR trustee Robert S. Jepson Jr., R’64, GB’75 and H’87, plus a vigorous alumni-led fund-raising campaign, extensive renovations were made to the original home and sizable additions were added at the back, including a dining and meeting room larger than the entire original Bottomley house.

“This was already a very, very large home,” says William B. Tiller, R’86, president of the Richmond College Alumni Association, “but the size of the finished alumni center was absolutely stunning to me. Even though I stood and watched the
EMPHASIS on ARCHITECTURE

Design on the University of Richmond campus was the focus of an Oct. 1 conference, "Cram, Bottomley and Gillette: A Symposium on Architecture and Design," during dedication events for the Jepson Alumni Center.

Featured were the lives and work of architects Ralph Adams Cram, who designed the original University of Richmond campus; William Lawrence Bottomley, architect of the Bottomley House; and Charles Gillette, landscape designer who worked with both Cram and Bottomley.

Taking part in the symposium were architectural historian Douglass Shand-Tucci, author of a recent biography of Cram; Gerald Allen, architect, lecturer and author; Selden Richardson, archivist of the Gillette collection at the Library of Virginia; and Edwin Slipes Jr., architecture critic.

Also available was an exhibition at the Marsh Art Gallery, "Circa 1914: The Gothic Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram." The exhibition included architectural drawings, photographs and designs from Cram's original buildings in his 1911 masterplan for the campus.

house being moved and spent a lot of time following the progress of the construction and renovations, I was amazed to realize how large the finished structure would turn out to be. Like so much at UR, it's not just the best you can envision, but more.

The space is needed, for the building houses three different operations under one roof: the alumni affairs office; a small, private bed-and-breakfast operation for University guests; and meeting and conference room spaces with priority given to alumni activities and events sponsored by the University.

The Richmond College alumni leaders headed by Tiller already have used various meeting rooms for a number of functions. They are holding their bimonthly meetings, for instance, most often in the Rosenbaum Conference Room, but when high-tech facilities are called for, they use the technologically first-rate Quigg Conference Room at the opposite end of the building.

Tiller also is pleased to have overnight facilities on campus for his out-of-town board members. With five guest rooms upstairs, a resident concierge and four day and evening concierges on call, kitchen privileges, and a ready continental breakfast, the Jepson Alumni Center is a very select West End bed-and-breakfast. While guest rooms are not open to the general public, they are available to those visiting on University business, with special consideration given to alumni.

Alumni associations already have made good use of those guest rooms, too, and utilized various other spaces for receptions and ceremonies. During the opening Homecoming Weekend, alumni joined with hundreds of Richmond citizens to attend a series of lectures on Bottomley and on UR architecture and, of course, to attend the various grand opening parties. Over a thousand alumni showed up just for the Saturday post-game open house.

UR alumni director Jane Stockman, W'58, is in heaven. "In years past we've had to hold our post-game parties in the Greek Theater and pray that it didn't rain," she sighs. "If it rained, everyone had to squeeze into Brunet Hall, which was very
tight for 400 and could never have accommodated 1,000. The Jepson Alumni Center is so spacious, so lovely, with—appropriately enough—all the comforts of home.”

Stockman is thrilled not just for the alumni and for the new ease of receiving and entertaining them, but for the day-to-day work environment that she and her staff enjoy as well. The entire north wing at the back of the building houses all the alumni offices. “We have our own committee room,” Stockman beams, “and an individual workroom. Imagine!”

If there is anything to keep Stockman and her staff from doing their best work nowadays, it is a fairly steady stream of visitors to the building, usually alumni who want to look around. Stockman finds it hard to resist giving the full tour. “What a glorious building,” the alumni say. And she says to them, “Welcome home.”

It’s hard to find anyone on campus who doesn’t love the Jepson Alumni Center. Martha Morrill, wife of President Richard L. Morrill, was instrumental in the furnishing of the house, working directly with the decorator and heading up the decorating committee (see story, pp. 20-21). A recent issue of the UR employee newsletter, Spider Network, shows her examining the antique dining room chandelier before it was hung. Household staff says she still stops in at least once a week to conduct a tour or check things out.

Another who had his hands and heart in the project was John H. Hoogakker, director of University facilities. From the beginning, Hoogakker shared the University’s determination that this new facility not be considered as simply additional campus space. A major part of its mission would be to extend UR’s presence into the Richmond metropolitan community.

“This is a real success story in terms of preservation,” Hoogakker says, “and in terms of accommodation as well. The University has a commitment to the city to maintain a ‘soft edge’ in our campus, to avoid harsh, institutional buildings confronting residential neighborhoods. The Jepson Alumni Center is totally complementary to the surrounding neighborhood, as well as to the traditional Collegiate Gothic UR architecture behind it, because we worked hard to make it so.”

Although the original house changed only in very subtle ways, the completed facility makes a transition in architectural style from front to back. “It is stucco on the side that faces the neighborhood, and brick on the side that faces campus. We needed to be respectful of Bottomley’s neo-Georgian design, but also make it friendly to the Collegiate Gothic campus, preferably without letting the building slip over into schizophrenia.”

Another huge challenge was to make sure the original house remained the dominant architectural element in the whole composition. “Basically we added five or six smaller buildings to it, but altogether, we added 23,000 square feet to the size. From the street, no one could begin to perceive that this structure is as large as it is.”

Hoogakker initially thought the University’s public relations and alumni offices were “engaging in pure folly” to publicize and promote as extensively as they did the original move of the Bottomley house across the road back in the spring of ’96. “There was so much that could have gone

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ROOMS named by ALUMNI


The Westhampton College Reception Suite given by the Westhampton College alumnae.

The Musick Office given by Robert L. Musick, R'69, in honor of his parents, Robert L. and Virginia B. Musick.

The Stockman Office given by the alumni associations of Richmond College, Westhampton College, the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, and the School of Continuing Studies, in honor of Jane C. Stockman, W'58.

The Quigg Office given by Betty Ann Allen Dillon, W'48 and G'49, in honor of H. Gerald Quigg.

The School of Continuing Studies Office given by the School of Continuing Studies alumni.

The Vaughan Conference Room given by Elizabeth and C. Porter Vaughan Jr., R'40.

The Rosenbaum Conference Room given by Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, W'54, and Robert S. Rosenbaum, R'52.

The Richmond College Library given by the Richmond College alumni.

The Rosenthal Living Room given by Fannie and Gilbert M. Rosenthal, R'47.

The Roberts Foyer given by Dorothy E. Roberts, W'40.

The Hartz Dining Room given by Carolyn Moss Hartz, W'58, and A. Ransome Hartz, R'58, in memory of his parents, Dennis W. and Dora Ransome Hartz.

The Eskandarian Seminar Room given by Wendy, W'90, and Jill, W'94, Eskandarian.

The Quigg Conference Room given by Ann Carol Marchant, W'67, and Robert E. Marchant, R'66, in honor of H. Gerald Quigg.

The Robins School of Business Gallery given by the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business alumni.

The Richmond College Class of 1947 Terrace given by the class in honor of their 50th reunion.


The Tate Bedroom Suite given by Ray M. Tate, R'65, in memory of his father, George Marshall Tate.

The Hunton Salon given by Caroline Hunton High and John Hardy High, B'60, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hunton IV.

The Stallard Bedroom Suite given by Frances Anderson Stallard, W'28 and H'75, in memory of her husband, Beecher Ernest Stallard, E'31.

In addition, many items used to furnish the Bottomley House were given by individuals and classes, as were trees and benches for the terrace, where individualized bricks are located.
Particulars:

JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER

The house portion of the alumni center was the first work in Richmond by William Lawrence Bottomley. It was designed for Colonel and Mrs. J.C. Wise in 1915.

The Bottomley House, when moved to campus, weighed 377.5 tons.

The facility sits on one acre of land.

The Jepson Alumni Center contains 28,300 square feet, of which the Bottomley House represents 5,350 square feet.

Slate for the center's roof, to match the slate on the original Bottomley House, came from Buckingham, Va.

The medallions on the campus side of the center have dates of 1915, the original construction date of the Bottomley House, and 1997, the date when the Jepson Alumni Center was completed.

The Jepson Alumni Center received a 1997 "Award of Merit" from the Association of University Architects and was noted in the December 1997 issue of Architectural Record.
wrong,” he recalls. “I was extremely nervous about that.”

But when 3,000 people turned out for “the ultimate tailgate party,” many of them in place by 7:30 a.m., Hoogakker realized that the new alumni center had become a community interest, and appropriately so. Community voices were heard, early on. “The criticism I heard most often was that we had located the house too close to College Road, but once the driveway and the landscaping went in, I didn’t hear that particular complaint again.”

He did hear from some on campus and off who said “the project was a fool’s errand, that you could build a new alumni house from scratch for what it would cost to move this one around and renovate it.” Hoogakker is delighted to report that “we have moved and restored the house for less than 60 percent of its replacement value.”

“And now,” Hoogakker adds, “we are left with a building of historic character and architectural significance, one that conveys a sense of place, one that says ‘You are in Richmond, Virginia.’ But just as important, we have retained a sense of family. This building was a place where people lived, and we wanted to retain the feeling of home. After all this work, that’s what we have: a home for a very, very large extended family.”

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Dying, Grieving, Faith, and Family: A Pastoral Care Approach  
DR. GEORGE W. BOWMAN III, R'50  
The Haworth Press, 1997  
Aimed at grief counselors, pastors, hospice specialists, hospital chaplains, mental health practitioners, educators and seminary students, Bowman's book brings an understanding of faith development, family systems, and gender and ethnic differences into their professional practice as they work with dying and grieving persons. A resident of Winston-Salem, N.C., Bowman is the retired director of Hospital Ministries, North Carolina Baptist Medical Center, where he had worked since 1966. He has provided pastoral care to dying and grieving persons for 50 years and has been a pastoral educator for more than 30 years.

The Sound of the Dolphin's Psalm  
ELIZABETH WAMPLER JARRETT, W'62  
Warwick House Publishing, 1997  
Writing under the pen name of Libby Lane, Jarrett recreates her work and research with autistic children, her adventures swimming with wild dolphins and the communication sounds of dolphins. The story of her own personal and spiritual journey and recovery from a violent experience also is told.

A resident of Lynchburg, Va., Jarrett has worked with music and children for more than 55 years. She helped found the New Vista School in Lynchburg and earned a master of education degree in counseling. For nearly 25 years she has worked with special needs children and with the concept that they may be helped by dolphin sounds.

Taboo Avenged  
GRIFFINT. GARNETT JR., R'36  
Brandywine Publishers, 1997  
A strange and forbidding murder at the National Theatre in Washington, D.C., leads Greg Morgan back to Bora Bora and to a series of unexpected discoveries and characters. Taboo Avenged is Garnett's second novel tracing the uncommon wartime and post-war lives of Morgan and other characters who served together on a World War II landing ship. An attorney in Arlington, Va., since 1940, Garnett served on two landing ships during World War II. He is the author of Sandcrapers and is a former columnist for the Washington Times Herald and former free-lance writer for the Richmond News Leader.

FACULTY BOOKS

Dragon Scales and Willow Leaves  
DR. TERYL GIVENS, associate professor of English  
G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1997  
The different ways in which we see things is celebrated in Givens' first book for children. It is the story of twins walking through the woods and how they view their surroundings from different perspectives. Jonathan's walk requires courage and daring to battle the forces of his imagination while Rachel takes a more scientific view, noticing all the details in nature.

A native of upstate New York, Givens holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature from UNC-Chapel Hill. He often writes stories for his six children.

Honey, Hush!  
Edited by DR. DARYL CUMBER DANCE, professor of English  
W. W. Norton & Co., 1997  
The vibrant humor of African American women is celebrated in this bold, unique and comprehensive collection. Dance's assemblage of contributors ranges from slave narrators to contemporary political commentators, from the earliest novelist to Alice Walker, from Moms Mabley to Whoopi Goldberg and from the blues singer to the rapper.
Clinton Webb, R., of Richmond, has been honored by Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity with an award named after him—the Clinton Webb Humanitarian Award. The annual award is presented to individuals or organizations who exemplify Habitat’s philosophy and endeavors. A trustee at UK, Webb also is a past recipient of the award.

I heard that Dr. C.P. Ford Jr., R’40, resides in Emerald Isle, N.C. He was our pediatrician in Fredericksburg, Va., when we lived in nearby King George County, Va.

After her husband, Lewis, died in 1980, Mary Elizabeth “Babe” Riley Sublett returned to the physical therapy world and became a manager in the home healthcare field, where she had years of experience. She retired three years ago and now volunteers for Meals on Wheels, local schools and the election board. She thinks living in a senior citizens’ condo development at Wildwood Springs in Bradenton, Fla., is great—no more lawn and house worries.

When W. Gordon Cousins, R’49, went to Florida last year, Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Garber, R’49, hosted an area alumni party at their home on St. Armand’s Key in Sarasota. Forty alumni attended, including Mary Elizabeth Riley Sublett.

Margarat Brittingham Lovig reported from California that she and her daughter Gerry went to Mexico last May. She and Larry also went to San Antonio, Texas, in June.

Jean Neasmitl Dickinson is making a remarkable recovery from serious surgery for an aneurysm last winter. With pool and exercise therapy, Jean looks almost like she did in her May Court days! She enjoys her beach house at Sandbridge, Va.

It was nice to see Kitty Lyle Jordan, W’40, last June when she visited her sister, Lois I. Mercer, W’39, and Howard, here at Cedartield. She and her husband, John Jordan, R’46, live in Berkeley, Calif. Their home overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge designed by Julia Morgan, who also designed the Hearst Castle, San Simeon.

My son Eddie had a fun encounter in Virginia Beach, Va., with Carolyn Doyle Saunders, W’46, of Lynchburg, Va., who summers there.

Sarajane Payne Arkesides and George live in Riverside, Conn. Their daughter Janie travels extensively throughout the United States as a trainer for the Junior League. George Jr. lives in Europe. Virginia Ambrose Howell, widow of Gibson Howell, R’39, has moved from Suffolk, Va., to Cedarfield Retirement Community.
Ann Phillips Bonfanti keeps alive with her painting at Imperial Plaza. She was delighted to see Ann Scby Jackson, W'45, at an art gathering. Mary Owen Bass attends Christ Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del., where her cousin William Owen has served as chairmain/organist since 1983. In July, I enjoyed a annual trip to the Nimrod Hall in beautiful Bath County, Va. My daughter Margaret and two of my sons, Randall and Stephen, joined me there.

One of these days I would like to have a column on our personal Westhampton memories—mainly just little accounts that had meaning for us. Start thinking and mailing.

Charlotte Dudley Patteson wrote a nice note. Remember what a gracious hostess she was for our early 41 reunions at her lovely home in New York. Virginia Lee Ball Bray moved back to Gloucester, Va., after her husband, Philip, died in 1995. Her daughter lives in Gloucester. Dottie Hewes McKinlay enjoys keeping up with the class through Class Connections. Her husband is retired.

Betty Keseec Rhodes has moved to Darlington, Md., to be near her son.

Anna Marie Rue Stringfellow spent the summer at her beach home, and she has recovered nicely from a tumble. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

Robert A. Gary III, R, an accountant in Delaltave, Va., was appointed to the Industrial Development Authority by the Middlesex County board of supervisors.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I had to hear about it second-hand, but I understand that our 55-year reunion was a smashing success. Eighteen of our classmates attended what is considered to be an “off-beat” reunion for once.

Some, like Jean Grant Andrews of Largo, Fla., came from afar. Lillian Jung, who was elected our new class president, traveled from Conrail Valley, N.Y. Others from a distance were: Annie Loike Walker Seacat of Pittsburgh; Betty MacMurphy Clark of Beverly, Mass.; Elene Flanagan Higginbotham of Annapolis, Md.; and Mildred Slavin Cordish of Pikesville, Md.

Traveling from various cities in Indiana were Wendy Wendling Cline and LaVerne Priddy Muse of Athens; and Peggy Vicars Early, our retiring president, from Waynesboro. From Vermont came: Ann Pavey Garrett, Ada Moss Harlow, who continues as our fund raiser, Rosaline Want Jacobs, Jayne Mair Massie, Lucy Burke Allen Meyer, Louise Hall Moser, Grace Norris Reese, Frances Calisch Rothenberg and Mary Grace Scherer Taylor.

The women’s 42 were joined by the 42 men and their guests for an “impressive” Boatwright dinner Friday night. I was also told the Saturday morning coffee in the Dinity for our classmates was “fun.”

Louise Hall Moser, mother of opera singer Thomas Moser, reported that her son’s performances included “Iloehmria” in Paris and “Palestina” in New York’s Metropolitan Opera with the Covent Garden Group from London. In Fall in London, his final role on the Met was in “Carmen” and “Ariadne.”

Ann Pavey Garrett and her husband, Karl, are joining their son Dick and his wife for a tour of Southern Italy and Sicily to visit places where Karl served during World War II. Ann and her daughter, Mindy, traveled to Hong Kong in late February. Ann reported the death of Lucy Burke Allen Meyer’s husband, Wally. Frances Calisch “Nooney” Rothenberg claims to be the only great-grandmother in the class. Her latest is great-granddaughter Kelsey Tate Rothenberg, born Jan. 20, 1997. She and Bill enjoyed an 80th birthday trip for him to the West Coast. They also gave her a huge party for her 75th in December 1996.

Wendy Wendling Cline and B.G. enjoy their three grandchildren—all residents—ages 9, and 7. Wendy is putting together the class photo album and would welcome candid from the 55th reunion.

Ethel Levine Bass and her husband, Milton, have joined the UR contingent now living in Cedarfield, Richmond’s newest retirement community, reports Mary Grace Scherer Taylor, who lives there with her husband, George. Mildred Slavin Cordish enjoyed a delightful weekend with Rosaline Want Jacobs and Bay in Colonial Beach, Va., for the reunion. She continues to enjoy duplicate bridge and real estate. Her son recently met Evelyn Clifton Wisowaty’s daughter, Joanne, at an Engineer’s Club party in Baltimore.

Evelyn reports that her “ole chum” Margaret Kalahan Tavener lives in Los Angeles, is a docent at the renovated Getty Museum in Santa Monica, Calif.

Jayne Mair Massie remains at the Grove in Hanover County, where she lives with horses, dogs and cats. She had two cataracts removed, resulting in 20-20 vision. (I had a similar fortunate experience with cataract surgery.) She and seven members of her late husband’s family were planning a visit to England to continue their research on the Massie genealogy. She also involved with Daughters of the American Revolution.

As for me, when I’m not writing about the arts, I’m doing everything from budgets to the need for a new school for a fairly new (and very lively) weekly in a small but affluent town, Easton, Conn., which is very near my home. It is the first time I’ve covered a story since I left the Richmond Times-Dispatch almost 45 years ago. I’m doing too good a job, because I now have competition from a larger newspaper. My husband is very supportive, as he always is as often as possible. Since I’ve taken on the class notes role for another five years, it is up to me to inform the readers of what brings you joy (or tears) in your retirement years. The class looks forward to its 60th reunion in the next millennium. That’s a time for everybody to come—2002.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Everyone is so busy that I only received two letters this time. The first came from Doris Mills Harrell, who celebrated Independence Day paying bills! Doris said both Ann Seay Jackson and Nancy Lazenby Stables visited Seattle this past spring. Doris planned to travel to Italy for three weeks in October. She teaches English as a second language and keeps up her water aerobics. Her mother, at age 98, underwent surgery. We wish her well.

Our second letter was from Mary Campbell Paulson. She and Jackson went on a land cruise in April to Jerusalem, Athens, Greece; and Istanbul, Turkey, and then on a ship cruise on the Aegean. In June they went to Montana for Jackson’s 60th high school reunion.

A few lines from my 1941 diary might be amusing. Oct. 21—Walked into the village, ate lunch with a girl from New Jersey, Natalie Heller (Natalie Heller Barnicle). Teachers are always confusing our names. Oct. 26—After dinner, Gladys and I took a long walk and came back with a few road maps of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Oct. 27—Took a trip of us had eaten in Nancy Lazenby’s room. Her mother put up a big box of food! (Girls, I even have the cute invitation stapled onto this diary page.)

That’s all for now from nearly 57 years ago.

I regret not being able to attend the mini-reunion in D.C. Next year Clark Howe will host one in Raleigh, N.C. If you have news, please send it before Feb. 15, 1998. Thanks.

Kimi Fujimoto
Durham, W’47, wrote to share stories with her classmates of her early life in a Japanese immigrant family.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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After a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary with children and grandchildren in Northern Virginia, Dottie Davis Whitington and her husband, Dick, took a cruise to the New England States, Nova Scotia and the Canadian provinces, just as they had done for their honeymoon. Congratulations.

Another cruiseing class member, Bev Ryland, chose a paddle wheel trip up the Ohio River to Charleston, W. Va., while Jackie Hodges Walker and Hank have been touring their favorite Virginia spots. Also traveling to Virginia last summer were Pat Husbands Berton and his grandchildren, Sam and Sarah. They toured St. John’s in Richmond with docent Frances Anne Beal Goode and visited with Connie Weisiot Rotwell and B.J. in Maryland. Bill retired from teaching at the medical school in Omaha, Neb., and is a professor emeritus doing volunteer research.

Connie and B.J. enjoyed their first trip to Paris. They went for the French Open at the Roland Gardiss complex and saw the tourist attractions as well. As planned, Frances Anne’s trip to Russia in May was one of the highlights of her life. They were in St. Petersburg and Pyatigorsk, and stayed with Russians, experiencing the culture firsthand.

Peggy Clark Bowdler and her sister Ann Clark Little, W’48, held a bridal shower for the first cousins in Sturbridge, Mass., in June. Frances Bleight Elliott and Dick were in Potsdam, N.Y., for vacation this past summer, returning for a family reunion in Wintergreen, Va.

Amy Hickerson Dalton and four friends went to Istanbul in September. They drove around the island and into a farmhouse bed-and-breakfasts.

Frances Newman Stevens and her husband enjoyed a vacation at Jekyll Island, Ga., with their son and his family. They then traveled to Carrolton, Texas, for their daughter’s wedding July 5. Their daughter wore the wedding gown Frances wore 46 years ago.

Barbara Bellouchi enjoyed a three-week tour of British Columbia in August with her son and his family. Barbara was among those who sent the news about Leilla Phillips Toone’s husband, Bob Toone, R’48.

Bob died of cancer at his home on Aug. 20. He was the first headmaster of Hanover Academy in Ashland, Va., having served from its opening in 1959 until his retirement in 1980. He was active in the First Baptist Church of Ashland. Many of us remember Bob from the 50th reunion, and I know I speak for us in sending Leilla our sympathy and love.

My thanks to all who wrote with news. Please understand that my letters are edited before publication and may not include all details. Also, no address changes are included in the magazine because of space constraints. So if I write that someone’s address has changed, please contact me or the alumni office for the new address.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Our long-awaited 50th reunion was last May. I hope all 39 of those who attended enjoyed the celebration.

After a reception and delightful dinner Friday evening, we were inducted into the FW. Boatwright Society. It was my pleasure to announce our class gift: along with the Class of ’46, we gave funds which were used for furnishing the Harvard Dining Room at the Bottomley House in the Jepson Alumni Center.
James M. Minor Jr., L. of Richmond, was recognized as a life member of the Virginia Bar Association at its 107th summer meeting on July 18, 1997.

From the Westminster Class Secretary
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We certainly have quality news this time, if not quality. Congratulations and best wishes to Emily Deirick Burklow who became Mrs. Robert Clouse on May 3, 1997. Her five children, eight grandchildren and Robert’s three daughters and two grandchildren attended. They met playing tennis, which they still continue, along with bridge, swimming and travel. They are now settled in Emily’s home in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Margaret Stone Cunningham and Jerry have moved permanently to WestPalms, Fla. Jerry works hands-on in the breeding and raising of greyhounds, while Peggy plays a lot of bridge and golf. Their son, Jim, manages the range for them, as they still have two years on the lease.

Margaret Sabine Brizendine and Chuck took an exciting Windjammer cruise of the British Virgin Islands. They also enjoyed a 25-day tour of England, Scotland and Wales in July. Since Chuck’s hip replacement, they are thrilled to be able to travel, and they plan to join us for our big reunion next May. We agree with Margaret that old friends mean so much as the years go by.

Many of us already have begun looking forward to our 50th. I hope everyone will make a huge effort to attend. Please let us hear from you in the meantime.

Lewis T. Booker, R and H77, a senior partner with the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams, was re-elected vice-president of Westminster Canterbury Foundation. He also serves on UR’s Board of Trustees.

Mack R. Draper, B. of Martinsville, Va., and his wife, Geraldine, planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 1997. He serves as president, treasurer and CEO of V.M. Draper Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Gateway Holland Stowman, W. of Richmond, was appointed to the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Gov. George Allen. She is co-owner of Varina Farms.

From the Westminster Class Secretary
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The summer of 1997 was a special time for vacations. Marianne Beck Duty and Lester enjoyed a trip to a Scandinavian countries, Germany and Russia. They also flew to Lapland, where they found Santa and his reindeer alive and well.

Barbara White Baldwin and her daughter, Lyn Bernard, flew to Barcelona, Spain, where they enjoyed a cruise ship for the Mediterranean. They also enjoyed Monaco, France; Malta; Rome; Sicily, Italy; and other islands. Going to Maui, Hawaii, were Barbara Coleman Augustine and Jim. Mary Howard Bent moved to Glasgow, Scotland, in June to attend the Rotary International Convention. Just before their trip they saw Wilda Whitman Oakley at a 50th wedding celebration.

Joy Bullot and her granddaughter went to Alaska to visit Joy’s daughter. Charlotte Westervelt Bispham and Brnd traveled to Turkey and Greece in the spring and spent the summer at Steamboat Springs, Colo. Also in Colorado was Frannie Chandler Long and family to attend the Air Force reunion and a celebration of Frannie’s nephew.

Claire Noren Griffin and Bob have enjoyed vacations in the New England states and a trip to the Caribbean before attending the lovely wedding of Hilda Moore Hankins and Dick visited Loma Linda Springs, Calif., and other California cities.

Gene Hart Joynor and Mary Anne Rees have been busy at work in the family business, Japs Head, N.C., with their families. The Outer Banks in North Carolina was where Lee Reeves Childress was in May. In June, she visited her son Earl and his family in Mt. Clar, N.J. Congratulations to Lee, who became our fund chairman. Let’s show her our support by sending in our contributions promptly.

Marianne Beatty and her husband spent their vacation in Virginia Beach, Va. Her only grandson started UR this past fall. He makes the third generation of the family to go there.

Janice Brandenberg Halloran and Charlie attended two Elderhostels in Florida. This past summer they went to New Mexico to visit family members.

Libby Givens Pierce and Buck took a trip last July to the Amish country. The highlight of their summer was a Globus tour bus of the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore.

Joanne Waring Karpff and Bill went to Hudson Valley, N.Y., and visited Saratoga Springs, Tarrytown, Hyde Park and Eleanor Roosevelt’s home.

The "travelers”—Clarence Rylund Price, Jean Tinsley Martin and Marylyn McGraw, W.S., and their husbands—took a trip on the Mississippi Queen last April.

Put Kelly Jordan and Alex spent a week at the beach in June and also visited Lakehead, Fla., in late April. They enjoy their new home in Martinsville, Va.

Mary Sullivan Allen and her husband enjoyed a three-week trip to England and Ireland, which was inspired by Mary’s writing of her family history. They also had a family reunion on Cape Cod.

Marty Lowry Greene and her family spent their 50th summer vacation on Lake Ontario. Marty

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John is visiting New York City last year. He visited his former home, where they visited their three daughters and grandchildren and enjoy living in a retirement community.

Bernadine Arey Clarke and John live in Washington state, where they visit their three daughters and grandchildren and enjoy living in a retirement community.

Lucia MacClintock Barbour visited New York City last year, went to the Kentucky Derby last spring, and last summer attended "Riverdance," an Irish production at Wolf Trap near Washington, D.C.

Joanna Maiden Owens' home was filled with lots of talk in June when Jean Bishop Porter and Lou Covington Randall visited. Bush and her husband live in Fort Myers, Fla., where she delights in going innovative parties for neighbors. Lou and Harry came from Oklahoma City and were on their way to Appomattox, Va., Lou's former home.

Mary Lee Rankin McCollough has retired as a high school teacher, and her husband, Tom, has retired from Duke U. They celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary with a cruise to Bermuda.

Audrey Lynn Moncure Jones has remarried. She and her husband, Welford, live in a condo in Windham near Richmond and enjoy golf. They were planning a trip to Scotland.

A nice note from Libby Rowe Wilson tells us she did a lot of counted cross stitch while her husband was in the hospital in Utah. He is now at home.

Terry Noble Yawter has been busy taking her oldest grandson to St. Christopher's School, which is a long trip every day from her home in Hanover County, Va.

June 18, 1997, was the date that Richmond members of the Class of '50 met for an informal luncheon at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. This annual event attracted about 15 of us. Clarice Ryland Price suggested that the class give money for a brick on the patio of the Jepson Alumni Center. Money from our class treasury supplemented the contributions made that day.

Carol Siegel Taub and Mel have recuperated from their automobile accident, which occurred in March when we had our mini-reunion at my Florida home.

Marty Arnold Kerns found our Westhampton campus so different when she attended a Presbyterian meeting there last summer.

Julie Wann Pittman and Al were excited about their plans to visit Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as a boat trip up the Volga River.

We regret to report that Nettie Lewis Whisnant's mother, who was 99, died this past summer. Our sympathy also goes to Dorothy Maddox Sykes, whose husband, Neil, passed away.

Shirley McKim Lovings, W., of Indianapolis, Fla., and her husband, Wade, went to Scotland last summer to buy their third white Boxer puppy. Their present Boxer, Argyll, is 10 years old. The Rev. Dr. Charles B. Nunn Jr., R., retired executive director of missions with the Richmond Baptist Association, was elected executive treasurer of the Southern Baptist Conference of Association Directors of Missions on June 16, 1997, in Dallas, Texas.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Eleanor Wright Woodward and Manning enjoyed a trip to Ireland. He has retired and they divide their time between homes in Hampton and Louisa, Va. Their oldest daughter practices law in Hampton; their son works as an electrical engineer in Maryland; and their younger daughter lives in Richmond. Eleanor and Manning enjoy their two grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Iby" Gill White performed in two piano recitals. She visited family in Missouri and her sister in Las Cruces, N.M. Iby and Don celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They enjoy being near their two grandchildren.

Last April, Helen Clark Hensley and Dick visited their son David and their two grandchildren in California. While on the West Coast, they also went to San Francisco and Muir Woods. Helen's mother has been visiting her; along with their children from Richmond and Raleigh, N.C. Their daughter Mary Helen went to Ireland and England, where she spoke at the British Chiropractic Association.

Now for news from some of the Richmond girls: Lea Thompson Osburn and Mary Lee Moore Visson vacationed in the Grand Cayman Islands in May. Lea also visited her family in Mobile, Ala., last Easter.

In April, Marylyn Cooper McGraw and Wally took a Mississippi River paddle wheel cruise from New Orleans to Memphis, Tenn. Jean Love Hanson and Chuck are delighted to have their daughter Karen back in the Richmond area. Betsy Bethune Langhorne and Lew took a vacation to Asheville, N.C., where they toured the Biltmore.

Paula Abernethy Kelton and John spent three weeks in northern Italy, staying in Florence for one of the weeks with Betty Munsey Spatz and Bob. Then they traveled to Venice, the Italian Alps and Lake Como. Paula reported that Frances Allen Schools gave a talk on the Fabergé eggs at a Philadelphia meeting of museum volunteers from Canada and the USA. Frances's son David was on late-night television in connection with his band.

I am sorry to report that Jane Lawson Willis lost her husband, David, in May. He had been ill since January. In August, twin sons were born to their son David and his wife.

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Friends who are fun and ever-so-true,
Leisurably walks by the lake,
Sprigtime piney woods, old trolley rides,
And a Greek Theatre party, too.

We'll even attend classes again at Alumni College -
but this time around, no homework!

Come back to your new home on campus
at the Jepson Alumni Center
Alumni Weekend
May 1-2, 1998
Dr. Robert B. Scott Sr., R. of Richmond, is vice president of geriatric services at the newly formed United HealthCare of Virginia, a statewide HMO.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Macon Day Banks and Tom are old hands at working out international home-exchange vacations. They toured Norway in July, and were very pleased with their waterside home in Oslo. Before they left for Norway they welcomed grandchild number six, Jessica, born June 7 to their daughter, Lisa.

Congratulations to Jane Gill Tombs, who earned a Ph.D. in rhetoric and professional communication from New Mexico State University on May 17, 1997. She was also inducted into the honor fraternity Phi Kappa Phi. Her research focused on state and local arts organizations and the way proposal writers respond to the guidelines for submitting requests. She has been quite active with the New Mexico Arts division in Santa Fe and will continue her work there this year.

In August 1998, Jane and Ave plan to move back to Northern Virginia, where he will be a political consultant. They became grandparents again in May. Susanah Lucille, their ninth grandchild, was born to Jonathan and his wife, Gretchen, in Lexington, Va. They have five grandchildren in Richmond, two in Raleigh, N.C., and two in Arlington.

Dr. Carlisle C. Crank, G. of Frost Royal, Va., died on June 30, 1997, after 40 years in the ministry. He served churches in Virginia and Maryland.

From the Westhampton Class Secretaries

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Joan Carpenter Baas, of Texas, took time to write her husband, Bob, a retired airline captain, was away at the Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in Convention. She wished she had been able to attend our 40th reunion and hopes to make the next one.

Although Joan suffers from muscular dystrophy, she is able to drive her van and has been working for the past 30 years as a volunteer caseworker for a United Way agency. She also is active in the service guild of her church and recently made a Battersea blanket for the communion table. She and Bob have two married daughters: Carole, who received her Ph.D. in bioengineering from Texas A&M 1990, and Fran, who has a master's degree in museum science and works at the Chicago Art Institute.

Mary Jo James Saavedra, Junction, Ariz., lives in Mexico and travels as an executive officer of DAR.

Peggy Smith King and her husband, Bob, are both retired and live in our same community. They missed our 40th reunion because they were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and trip to Italy, given to them by their children. They also went to Bermuda on a cruise with their best man and his wife.

The whole family—daughters Debbie, Sue and Robin, sons-in-law Jeff and Tracy, granddaughter Jordan and grandson Grant—spent Christmas ’96 with Peggy and Bob in Dallas. The Kings also enjoy golf and are active in their church. Peggy, an avid bridge player, has been working on her master points. We’ll look forward to seeing them in 2001.

Arlington Baptist took time to tell me that she and Bill are settled in their final home in Richmond’s West End and are ready for company. They have six grandchil-dren who are college-age daughter and three sons; son William has two daughters. Phyllis Gee Wacker has sold her home in Farmville, Va., and has bought land and will retire to Farmville, Va., where she spent her summers as a child, and is building a home. While waiting for her new home to be built, she is living in her brother’s pool house in Colonial Heights, Va. From there she had planned to commute to Hampden-Sydney College, where she is teaching psychology this semester.

Dr. Anne Carol Yoeman Malcolm and her family on the death of her father on May 12, 1997, in Richmond. I was Anne Carol at the funeral home with her family. Also attending were Joyce Still Gibson and Harold, R65 & 66.

Did you know that Ann Carol’s parents were the second half married at Cannon Memorial Chapel? The groom’s room and a stained glass window are named in their honor.

Nick and Anne Carol’s daughter Becky is a dance teacher at the U. of Washington in Seattle. Last May Ann Carol attended the high school graduation of her oldest grandson, Truman, son of daughter Ann Ross in Oklahoma. Truman now attends the U. of Oklahoma.

Helen Melton Lukhard spoke with Barbara Jinkins Keville when she and her husband, Red, were in Richmond last May. Helen also spoke with Margaret Gooch Vaughan at a dance review involving their grandchildren. The Lukhards love to take their grandchildren on trips. In 1997, they went to church in William and Tecion and Yellowstone national parks and Jackson Hole, Wyo., where they rode horses on a dude ranch. Helen and Dee also spent a week in Florida. She is very excited that her oldest grandson, Rebecca Nicholls, is in the Class of 2001 at Westminster College. Rebecca might be the first grandson of our class to attend U. If you know of others, please let us know.

The biggest news from the Garnett family is the addition of a new son-in-law. Our daughter Annie was married to David Berry on April 19, 1997, in a beautiful garden wedding. David is a network television producer for technology and Anne works with Singlet Bank.

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The Restoration of the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The Garner family has had its share of good news. Our daughter Ann was married to David Berry in April 19, 1997, in a beautiful garden wedding. David is a network television producer for technology and Ann works with Singlet Bank.

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English course and has been a teacher/moderator with a Canada-wide electronics writing program. She ran in the Gold Coast Half Marathon in Australia last summer and her school’s half marathon this past April. She and John plan to visit their son Randal in Tokyo this summer.

Carol Dickerson Kaufman has been busy conditioning her three Biton hounds each day and traveling around the country to keep them in top placements. Carol also writes a column and some poetry for a newsletter. Her son Tom is a partner in a law firm.

Ann Wagner Westbrook retired after 26 years of teaching high school lab biology. Her husband, John, also retired. They live in Jensen Beach, Fla., and enjoy the ocean and good weather.

Helen Melton Vandermark retired and enjoys quilting, traveling and babysitting. Her four children and 10 grandchildren live nearby. She also serves as secretary of the Williamsburg, Va., Kennel Club.

Carolyn Temple Jenkins is a licensed mental health counselor at the Shapard Staff Counseling Center. She also worked with Youth With a Mission. After 14 years as a widow, Carolyn married Charles Jenkins in 1992. They built a lovely house in Norfolk, Va.

Janet Butler Barker continues to enjoy her work in the chemistry department at Colorado College. Bob works for Lockheed at the space center. They have three adorable grandchildren.

We were all deeply saddened by the news that Jeannette Frye Tignor had died in May 1996 after a courageous battle with cancer. Our sympathy goes to Milton, their two children and grandchildren.

Next time, please write or e-mail with news of yourself and your family. Love to all.

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The Rev. James F. Davenport Sr., retired on July 31, 1997, from the Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore as associate pastor/music after serving more than 25 years. He served churches in Georgia and Virginia for 37 years. He and his wife, Patricia, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last June. They have four grandchildren. Plans for retirement include a mission trip to Moldova, where James will perform with the Singing Churchmen of Maryland. He will also serve as senior adult coordinator of the Middle River Baptist Church.

Robert C. Jackson, R, in August 1996, moved to Deerfield, Ill., where he accepted a position as senior director of mental health development and project management at the G.D. Searle division of Monsanto.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary CAROLYN MOSS HARTZ 6 Berkshire Drive Richmond, Va., 23229 The big news is our 40th reunion May 1-3, 1998. Let’s make it the best-attended and most eventful ever. Jane Stockman’s portrait will be unveiled then, so mark your calendars.

Lola Hall McBride was in Richmond last August visiting her daughter, Virginia, and attending the 40th anniversary of Joyce Garrett Tiley, W’57.

Gusa Sue Elmore Spruill is often in Richmond, visiting her sons Jay and Lee and working as a volunteer at the Virginia Museum.

Phebe Goodholladay has a daughter who lives in Hanover, Va., but between her job at Gynmes School, where she teaches art, and running a bed-and-breakfast, she hardly travels!

Frances Gray Adams echoed Phebe’s words. She has three children, four stepchildren and five grandchildren. She works as a computer technical support specialist in Cincinnati.

We extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to Carolyn Smith Yarbrough, whose husband, Dubray, died suddenly on June 27, 1997. Dubray was head of burn treatment at the Charleston Hospital in South Carolina. Sarah Ashburn Holder and I represented our class at his funeral.

Dr. Welford D. Taylor, R, and G’61, professor of English at U.Va., was appointed to the advisory board of Commonwealth Bank.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary GAIL MOLLIE COLEMAN 2306 Marilyn Drive Wilmington, DE 19808 In June 1997, Marian Gates Breeden and Ed departed aboard their Bristol 38 sailboat for New England. She is interested about the growth and direction her anyway boat takes.

Spring 1997 found Martha Jordan Chukinas in Nashville, Tenn., where she welcomed her daughter Mary Carol, a girl. Mary came home for two weeks in Oxford, England, with her son George and his family. She looks forward to restoring her mother’s old place on Roanoke Island, N.C.

Peggy Dulin Crews and Merrill reported their son Kevin’s marriage in April. Both Kevin and his wife, Connie, practice law in Miami.

A surprise fiesta birthday party was given for Anita Knipping Scott on July 6, 1997, by Anita’s daughter Katy and Kimberly. More than 50 family members and friends joined in the celebration.

Anne Goodwin Nelson has retired from the Escambia County School System in Florida, where she worked most of her career as a guidance counselor. She and her husband, Jack, enjoy the benefits of retirement in Lady Lake, Fla. An annual family reunion in Cape May, N.J., brings Jethane Flint Taylor back to the United States every summer.

She continues as an English teacher at Anne’s daughter Kim and Kathryn. More than 50 family members and friends joined in the celebration.

Barbara Lou Matthews Morrison continues as honores professor of speech and interpersonal communications at Kansas City Community College. She is working on a novel, Opportunity for Mischief, set in Richmond, the Midwest and the Northern Neck of Virginia. She also enjoys breaks and vacation at her condo on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. Her son, Eric, works in management in Seattle, and her daughter, Lynne, is a filmmaker working in Dublin, Ireland. A life-long dream was fulfilled this past summer when Bob and I spent two weeks in Italy. We extend our condolences to Marian Gates Breeden, whose mother passed away last July.

Manfred “Dutch” von Ehrenfried, R, St. Petersburg, Fla., joined Waddell & Reed Financial Services as a financial adviser. He is licensed to do business in many states for securities, annuities and life and health insurance. He formerly spent 7 years in aerospace and nuclear programs.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary LYN NAPP WIGGINS 4101 Duke Drive Portsmouth, VA 23703 Lorettia Hudgens Johnson’s daughter, Ann, was married this past summer in Raleigh, N.C.

Becky Greer and Anasdul and Gerry spent a weekend in June at St. Michaels, Md., with Linda Morgan Lemmon and Bob aboard “Lesmorne III,” the Lemmons’ new boat. The Van Ausdalls also spent a week in Maine with Mary Carter Sellers Dunn, W’61, and Jim.

Sarah Hudgens Rice spent some time last August visiting her daughter and family—especially her grandchildren—in Charlotte, N.C., followed by several days in Blooming Rock, N.C.

A premature thank you for some news letters to either Sarah or me prior to our Feb. 15 deadline.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary ANNE MILLS SIZEMORE 510 East Mississippi St. Liberty, MO 64068 sizemorea@william.jewell.edu Jessica Scarbrough Burmester and her husband, Ray, have been retired for more than a year and a half, but they retain busy schedules as advocates for people with mental disabilities.

Jessica completed a three-year term as president of the ARC of Northern Virginia, and Ray serves as president of the ARC of Virginia. The ARC is an advocacy organization for people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities.

Jessica and Ray also serve on a statewide group that focuses on the future role of state mental hospitals and training centers. She was appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to the Fairfax-Falls Church community service board, replacing Ray when his term expired.

In 1998, Central Fidelity Bank asked Anne Abbit Kerr to set up a statewide title insurance agency for the bank. The opening of this agency, which Anne continues to head, made Central Fidelity the first major bank in Virginia to offer such a service. Anne lives in Appomattox, Va., and has a daughter in law school at William & Mary and a granddaughter in graduate school at U.Va.

Daphne Shepard Mason teaches senior English in Farmville, Va., at the Quaqua School, where she chairs the English department. Her husband, Bob, has a pharmacy practice.

For the past eight years, Daphne, Parcetta “Patty” Dozier Mudd of La Plata, Md., Joyce Smith Allison of Fredericksburg, Va., Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn of Richmond, and Betty Wade Blanton Jones of Petersburg, Va., and their husbands have made a concerted effort to get together twice a year. Last February they met in Petersburg for a weekend with Betty Wade and Jerry, and in the fall met in Fredericksburg with Joyce and Ed.

Gwyn Barefoot Litchfield works as program coordinator of the education department at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Following Gerald’s death in 1984, Gwynn resigned from teaching American history at Trinity Episcopal High School and began working for the Historical Society when it opened its education department. Gwynn supervises docent training, teacher workshops, a summer teachers’ institute and student tours. She remarried in 1986.

A classmate whom Gwynn sees often because of her work is Suzanne Foster Thomas, who is not only on the board of trustees for the Virginia Historical Society but is also chairman of the education committee.

Betty Harold Collins, of Murfreesboro, N.C., retired in May 1995 after teaching physical education for 31 years at Chowan College. Ollie continues as Chowan’s assistant athletic director. Janet enjoys gardening and recreational swimming.

Jennifer Stokes Howe enjoyed a three-week trip last summer to research sites in England and Ireland. She attended a Roots ’97 gathering in Dumfries, Scotland, returning home just in time for her 40th high school reunion. She wrote that she will be staying home in Gloucester Point, Va., for several years just to enter her notes into the computer and to
George A. "Buck" Thornton III, B, of Corolla, N.C., joined Heilig-Meyers Co. as executive vice president of Rhodes Inc. after the two companies merged in January 1997. He had been a director of Heilig-Meyers since 1980, but resigned from the board to assume his new position.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The Class of ’62 had an excellent 35th reunion in May. It was good to see so many folks, of whom I hadn’t seen since graduation. We all looked as young and beautiful as we were; maybe those of you who could not be there to join us in this bit of self-congratulation.

Catherine Carr Elberston has taken early retirement from the U. of Florida and is now free to embark on more adventures, including applying for a job in Kenya. In the meantime, she enjoys visiting family and friends, including Libby Wampler Jarrett and Judy Accre Hansen, and spending the fall in Maine or Nova Scotia.

Shelia Shockat Parks sent word that both of her daughters were married this year, within five months of each other. Nancy Berkowitz Sokol, W’65, and her husband, Erni, celebrated the weddings with Shelia and her family. Shelia is director of the dental continuing education program at Emory U.

Jane Thompson Kemper, Julie Perkisson Crews, Judy Trunzo and Diane Light Riffer met at Judy Accre Hansen’s in Fredericksburg, Va., in August for our annual get-together. Trivia, with the U.S. Information Agency, was organizing a conference in South Africa which was held in October. Diane and John moved just four miles from their previous home to a townhouse so that they would no longer need to mow grass. Jude went to Oregon last summer to visit her daughter Kendal.

For me, I still enjoy my life on the farm in Haverhill, Mass., about 35 miles north of Boston. I work at Harvard Divinity School, and my annual July pilgrimage is to Cape Hatteras, N.C., for two weeks of southern sun and surf and, happily, no hurricanes this year!

ALUMNI LEGACY FAMILIES

One of Leitch’s close friends was David Snidow, B’75, who played doubles with him on the varsity tennis team. “We played in tournaments in Richmond and on the East Coast. Over the years we have continued to play tennis on a regular basis.”

Leitch graduated cum laude with a double major in finance and management. He continued his education with studies in advanced accounting and finance at Virginia Commonwealth University.

After a short stint as a tennis pro, Leitch obtained his CPA license and became an accountant. “The fact that I passed the tough CPA exam on the first try speaks well for the UR business school,” he comments.

Today Leitch is vice president-finance for Highway Express Inc., a $25-million, 280-employee, nine-office truckload carrier. He has handled the financial management for Highway Express for five years.

“That business in itself is a UR story,” Leitch says. “It was started in 1991 by Harwood Cochrane, who was then 77 years old. He and his wife are important benefactors of the University of Richmond. Prior to that, Cochrane had founded the successful Overnite Transportation Co. and then sold it.”

Before his current position, Leitch spent eight years in the advertising business. He has been a full-time accountant with a CPA firm and, early on, was associate accounting and financial manager of Hungerford Inc., a mid-Atlantic construction and oil company.

He and his wife, Eliza, live in Richmond with their two daughters, Corbin, 6 1/2, and Anne Peyton, 4 1/2. They are very involved in St. James’ Church and are proud of the fact that they are back in the church building — and it looks historically the same — after a fire which had gutted it three years ago. During the interim time, the Episcopal congregation has worshipped in the nearby synagogue of Beth Ahabah — “a fine example of one house of worship helping another,” Leitch says.

The sports theme continues with Leitch’s own family. “My wife once ran a 1-mile marathon,” he remarks proudly. “She thought maybe she would be able to do two or three miles. My dad was a tennis player and I still am. I also play softball on the church team.”

Being a fan, however, tests his loyalties. “It’s tough when I’m rooting for college teams. Do I choose UNC or Richmond?” he wonders. “In the recent basketball game [UNC 84, UR 65 on Nov. 19], I was pulling for Richmond all the way.”

Keeping tradition of athletics

John Taylor Leitch, B’75, wasn’t following family tradition when he enrolled in the University of North Carolina for his freshman year. But when a tennis scholarship lured him back to his hometown and the University of Richmond, he was.

Leitch’s family has been closely associated with the University for four generations. His mother, Adele, is a Pitt whose uncle, Mac, R’18 and H’74, was the legendary winning Spider coach and for 25 years the athletic director. Mac Pitt served as a basketball coach for 39 years and baseball coach for 20.

Mac’s son, Mac Jr., was student government president his senior year in 1942. He was varsity basketball captain his senior year and was on the varsity baseball and football teams. Both Mac Pitt and Mac Jr. are members of UR’s Hall of Fame. Mac Jr’s sister, Virginia, W’45, however, was more literary and married Guy Friddell, W’46 and H’70, the noted Virginia journalist.

The Pitt/UR relationship began with Robert Healy Pitt, H’05, who received a bachelor’s degree from Richmond College in 1878 and served as a trustee from 1895 to 1937. He was editor of the Religious Herald for nearly 50 years. Three of Robert’s four children, including Mac (Malcolm), were Richmond College alumni.

On the other side of John Leitch’s family was his father, Robert Edward Leitch, R’39, who was president of the Bottled Gas Co. of Virginia and served on the UR Board of Trustees in the early 1980s. Like Mac Pitt Sr. and Jr., Robert Leitch was named to UR’s Hall of Fame. Mac Jr.’s varsity baseball and football teams. Both Mac Pitt and

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BY BETTY SELLER Tylie, W’42

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**From the Westhampton**

**Class Secretary**

**Sally Abel Taylor**

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Linda Bradley Rae was elected chairperson of the Virginia advisory committee for the education of the gifted for 1997-98, and continues to work for Greenville County Schools in Emporia, Va., as director of gifted education/secondary education. She enjoys returning to U of R to attend advisory committee meetings often held on campus. Her daughter Carol, who works for Brown and Smith Architectural in Colorado Springs, Colo., spent a year in Naknek, Alaska. Linda and her husband, Carl, took advantage of the opportunity to visit Alaska while she was there.

Our 55th class reunion is coming up in 1999—less than two years away. Put it on your calendar, and let’s all plan to get together to celebrate! In the meantime, keep in touch.

**Shockey D. "Hap" Gardner, Jr.,**

of Richmond, was elected to the board of trustees at Elk Hill Farm Inc., a residential care center for troubled young men. He works as executive director of the Virginia Resources Authority.

**Joanne Hault Jennings, W.,**

of Venice, Fla., works as a teacher on special assignment in charge of curriculum and technology for Gardon (elementary) School. She also teaches computer and Internet classes for Sarasota County, Fla. She has a grandson, Joshua, born in December 1996, who joined a sister, Elissa, a **Anthony E. Troy, I.,** serves on the policy committee at the law firm of Mays & Valentine in Richmond.

**Dr. George E. Hoffer, R.,**

professor of economics, received the VCU School of Business Distinguished Professor Award.

**Donald N. Patton, W.,** was elected a vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He is with the law firm of Ostertag, Worman & Watkins in Newport News, Va.

**Betsy T. Uh, W.,** of Perkasie, Pa., reported the death of her father, who was 93. She continues...
interests are genealogy, historical research and reading.

Mary Ann James Christian became a grandmother in September 1996 with the birth of Timothy Lewis Cockes to the Rev. Don and Janine Christian Cockes. Vienna Baptist Church in Virginia honored Mary Ann last January for serving as organist there for 25 years. She also teaches piano privately. Her son Brent graduated from Va. Tech in May. Of interest to dorm alumnae: Miss Jackson lives in Washington, D.C., and celebrated her 90th birthday in November 1996.

### ALUMNI LEGACY

**FAMILIES**

### Serving UR in the sixth generation

Ever since 1832 when Robert Ryland became the first president of the Virginia Baptist Seminary—the forerunner of Richmond College—there has been a Ryland linked to the University of Richmond.

Seventy-eight descendants of Josiah Ryland, who was Robert Ryland's father and a trustee in the 1830s, have served. In addition to a president, the Ryland family has provided the college with trustees, administrative officers, professors, librarians, fundraisers, students and alumni.

William M. "Bill" Ryland, an attorney in Woodbridge, Va., is a member of the sixth generation since Josiah Ryland. Perhaps his son, William Jackson Ryland, just turned 8, or his daughter, Blair McIntock Ryland, 10, will represent the seventh generation at UR. A stepson, Todd Merchak, 17, is pursuing schools that offer engineering.

Ryland, '76 and L.79, speaks proudly of his experience as an English major at UR and as a law student at the T.C. Williams School of Law. T.C. Williams, he says, gave him a firm grasp of state and federal law. He referred to the UR law school as "pursuing the cutting edge of legal education" with its recent requirement that every student have a laptop computer.

"That was forward looking," he says, and it raised T.C. Williams' profile. We need to educate in creative and productive ways as the practice of law changes. I also hope the law school continues its leadership in top quality Virginia and federal legal education."

Ryland's legal education has served him well. As a lawyer married to a lawyer, he and his wife, Sally, partner their own firm, Ryland & Merchak. In his almost 20 years in the law, Ryland has worked three sides of the courtroom, from prosecutor to judicial administrator to private practice attorney.

He was particularly pleased with a recent felony embezzlement case involving a multi-billion-dollar bank in which the prosecution had asked for the maximum of 20 years' imprisonment. In his cross-examination, Ryland was able to reveal testimony to the jury that the bank had failed to complete its internal investigation and that his client, the head teller, was not culpable for the alleged theft. The jury agreed and returned a verdict of not guilty.

"That's an example of a case in which I was able to draw from my prosecution experience," Ryland explains, "so that the jury would not deliberate solely on the law enforcement perspective.

"You have to develop your own case independent of the police and the prosecutors. That's why it is so important that someone accused of a crime have a good, well-qualified legal defense. Just because someone is accused and indicted does not mean that he or she is guilty."

Ryland has successfully represented clients in varied matters including medical malpractice, personal injury, criminal defense, divorce, commercial leases and real estate, and estate planning and administration cases. Before establishing his own firm, Ryland served as assistant commonwealth's attorney in Prince William County for 10 years and as clerk of the circuit court for one year.

As an undergraduate, Ryland was an English major. He served as a senator in the Richmond College student government for two years; was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity; sang in the UR choir and the select Schola Cantorum under the direction of Dr. James Erb; and ran cross country for Coach Frank Hardy. Among the professors he particularly credits are Dr. Edward Pepie, R'32, who taught him English; Dr. John Rilling, history; and Dr. Jack Taylor, physics.

Dr. Garnett Ryland, an 1892 graduate who was UR's chemistry professor and department chairman for 28 years until his death in 1962, was Bill Ryland's grandfather.

"I can remember at an early age with my two sisters and three brothers visiting him on Sundays at his home on Boatwright Drive and running down the hill to the lake to feed the ducks. There were six of us and all except the youngest, Robert, attended the University of Richmond. While Robert graduated from other schools, he did attend a summer session at Richmond, so we claim him as an alumnus also."

Ryland's father is Charles H. Ryland, R'36, L'39 and H'71, who has served as a trustee since 1961 and as chairman of the UR Sesquicentennial Committee for 1980 and is an "unofficial historian" for the University.

Among other activities, Bill Ryland notes that he is a deacon at Manassas Baptist Church and has served as Northern Virginia representative to the Virginia Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. As an alumnus, he also was appointed to the T.C. Williams School of Law alumni association board of directors and continues to serve in UR's Washington, D.C., alumni chapter.

"The University of Richmond and its law school gave me a fine education," Ryland reports. "I am proud to have the Ryland name associated with them."

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Ralph L. "Bill" Asselle, L. of Glen Allen, Va., was elected to the executive committee of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce. He is with the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

Rod Cameden, R, mathematics department chairman at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Va., was selected by the College Board to grade advanced placement calculus examinations. He also coaches track and serves as meet director for both the indoor and outdoor Northwest Regional AA track and field meets. He is a member of the executive committee of the Virginia High School Coaches' Association.

Dr. W. Lance Conley, R, and his wife, Irene, enjoyed a game safari in Africa last summer and a trip to Sardina, Italy, and Corsica, France, this past summer. He is a tenured associate professor of English at Western Connecticut State U. and lives in Woodbury, Conn.

Earnest A. Huband, E and GB '77, of Richmond, earned the Certified in Financial Management professional designation from the Institute of Management Accountants.

Dr. Sharon Stagg Moya, W, and her family lived in Budapest, Hungary, for five years, and moved to Nanjing, China, where her husband had been transferred with his company. She is splitting this year between the family home in Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Nanjing until their youngest daughter graduates from high school.

John Thomas West IV, B, was elected president and chief operating officer of Richmond-based Craigie Inc. He joined the company in 1971 and has been a member of the board since 1974. In 1990, he became executive vice president. He was also re-elected to the United Way Services board of trustees, where he served as chairman of the 1997 campaign.

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*By Betty Sessler Tyler, W'42*
Virginia Howitz Hackney, L., with the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams, was elected to the board of Virginia Blood Services.

Marilyn Deans Keppel, G., was promoted to vice president at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Richmond. She has been with the firm since 1981 and had been an assistant vice president.

Milan “Mick” Sadowski, R., and his family moved to Louisville, Ky., after living in Northern Virginia for more than 25 years.

Laurens Sartoris, L., with Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association in Richmond, was elected to the board of Virginia Blood Services.

K. Marshall Cook, R., of Rockville, Va., joined Virginia’s Physician Network as chief operating officer and general counsel. He was formerly a state deputy attorney general and general counsel of the Medical Society of Virginia.

Beverley English Dalton, W., of Alexandria, Va., is chairwoman of Randolph-Macon College board of trustees. She owns C.W. English Construction Co. in Lynchburg, Va.

Ron Fink, R., was promoted to a senior strategist at Response Marketing Group. He has been with the company since 1994.

William Grogan, L., with the Richmond law firm of Grogan & Ayers, serves as a vice president of the Richmond chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Stephen Thomas Hall, R., of Poquoson, Va., proudly reported that his son, Ryan Christopher Hall, entered Richmond College last fall as a Bonner Scholar. Ryan’s uncle is Dr. Keith Burton Hall, R.75.

Mr. C. Joiner, Jr., of Chester, Va., received the Presidential Award of Excellence in teaching from President Clinton. She was chosen from about 50 teachers statewide for her outstanding contributions in the humanities and science teaching program.

W. Barry Hefele, R., was elected to the board of directors at Virginia Landmark Real Estate in Richmond. He also was elected to the business council of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

James A. Jacobs, R., of Chesapeake, Va., was named agent of the year for the Equitable Life’s Great Commonwealth Agency. He also received the Bronze Eagle Award, which placed him 27th nationally among the company’s 7,700 agents, and the Superior Achievement Award for 25 consecutive qualifications in the Million Dollar Roundtable.

Sally Sartoris Jan, G., head of reference for the Fort Myers-Lee County, Fla., public library, was appointed to the Reference and User Services Association’s standards and guidelines committee. She lives in Fort Myers.

Robert S. Ukrop, B., president of Ukrop’s Super Markets Inc. in Richmond, was elected second vice chairman of the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond. He also serves on U.R.’s Board of Trustees.

Frank B. Bradley III, B., is president of the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond.

Dr. Ron Carney, B., earned his doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern U. in February 1997. He works as vice president of administrative services at Thomas Technical Institute in Thomasville, Ga.

It was really great seeing everyone who attended the 25th reunion! And for those of you who didn’t, you missed a fun trip down memory lane. Who can believe that we have been out for a quarter of a century?

The weekend began on Friday night at the Westminster Deaneiy. Only the girls gathered there to catch up on what everyone had been doing. We invited them to join the guys from Richmond College and the business school last school in the evening at the old rectory.

During the day on Saturday, there was the traditional alumni luncheon, which was followed by campus tours via trolley cars. The culmination of the weekend was a dinner and dance in the Tyler Hardmons Commons. A fantastic slide show decked the walls during most of the evening. It was indeed a trip down memory lane as we each watched for pictures of ourselves back during our campus days. In addition, each table participated in a trivia quiz with questions that challenged even those with the best memories.

A total of 42 attended Friday night’s activities, and 109 were there for Saturday night’s festivities. All of us would like to thank the reunion committee, which was co-chaired by Ed Pruden, R., and Jere Hudson Mollen, for all their hard work.

At our Friday night gathering, we talked to some officers for the next five years: Anne Toole Norma, president; and Jane Scott McKendry, class fund chair; and Gayle M. Boileau and Libby Lynch Hessett, class secretaries.

Please send us your news!

Dr. Susan Stuart Brown, W., works as a director of Deloitte Touche in Chicago. She formerly taught at Cramton’s L.

Jeb R. Hocking, R., of Richmond, joined the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as director of communication services. He was formerly advertising manager with Southern States Cooperative.

J. Morris Newsom, B., is owner and president of New Garden Landscaping & Nursery in Greensboro, N.C.

James C. Ruchmann Jr., R., of Glen Allen, Va., was named manager of research for existing industry development at the Virginia Department of Business Assistance. He was formerly a senior economist with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and editor of Virginia Facts & Figures.

From the Westminster Class Secretaries

SPRING CRAFTS KIRBY

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She also met Frank Skinner, R’52 and H’85, from the Kilmarnock, Va., area. The couple’s strong friendship started near the end of the year when they were both given the Dean’s Award for excellence in class, and she says, “There are even two Spiders among the current 100 provisions of the Junior League.”

Ramsay also has gained a new appreciation for the University of Richmond and why so many in her family have chosen it for their college. The Edmonds/Gunter family ties span five generations, starting with Benjamin Thomas Gunter Sr., a noted judge, who graduated in 1845 and served as a trustee for Richmond College in the 1880s and 1890s. All of Judge Gunter’s six children attended the college. His son, Benjamin, who received his undergraduate degree in 1884, made history in 1891 when he became the first to gain his law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law. He later became a senator and also served as a UR trustee.

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Ramsay then moved over to Executive Adventure Inc., a growing Atlanta firm which teaches teamwork to corporate employees through retreats in the out-of-doors. She has been with the firm for the last 14 years. In 1986 she moved to Raleigh, N.C., opened a branch office and became general manager. She worked full time until her second child, George Edmonds, now 6, was born and since has become a full-time mother. Sort of.

In addition to being a mother, she is a part-time consultant for Executive Adventure, she fills a financial role for her husband’s benefit business and she does volunteer work on a grand scale.

On the board and president-elect of the Junior League of Raleigh, she is in charge of the provisional class which gives new members a year of training. She and her husband are very involved in a large Presbyterian church with a congregation of 4,000. She also is active in the Triangle, N.C., UR alumni chapter and in her children’s schools.

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Phyllis J. Lummus, 41, of Alexandria, Va., is director of health policy and public affairs at the National Association of Mental Health Plans. She joined the organization in 1986.

Gail D. Jaspene, 41, a director in the Richmond office of Smith & Wollensky, a national pharmacy and mail service firm, has been named as counsel in the Richmond office of Smith & Wollensky.

Helen B. Strong, 40, of Alexandria, Va., is director of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation. She is the Richmond-based law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Ball.

John C. Shea, 37, with the Richmond law firm of Marks & Harrison, was elected a vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Robin Roberton Stutz, 37, a Virginia judge, is a Virginia trial lawyer. She is the Richmond-based law firm of Marks & Harrison.

Richard B. Chess, 37, of Midlothian, Va., established a real estate investment consulting firm in Richmond. He was a candidate for James River Soil & Water Conservation in Chesterfield County.

Douglas Crockett, Jr., of Alexandria, Va., is director of Tidewater Towing Service in Norfolk, Va., and Mason Corp.

David Kall Gorkitz, 35, of Yorktown, Va., retired from the Army in 1995 and works as a training specialist with the York County, Va., human resources office.

Merlin T. Grim, 35, was elected secretary of Graje Inc. in Richmond, and also serves as a senior vice president and controller with the firm. He has been at Graje since 1985.

Robert D. Scobell, 34, serves on the policy committee at the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine.

Amanda Debussk, 34, of Potomac, Md., was appointed by President Clinton as assistant secretary for the U.S. Export Enforcement, effective August 1991.

John E. Hammar, 34, was elected a director of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation. He works at NationsBank in Richmond.

Kim Keen Harte, 33, enjoys being a homemaker in Reston, Va., where she lives with her husband, Keith, owner of Century 21 South Lakes in Reston and Sterling, Va.

Kenneth P. Powell, 33, with Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. in Richmond, was elected a director of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation.

Marty Boldin, 33, is director general at Pok-ta-Pok, a golf course in Cancun, Mexico, owned by Hazona Corp. of Japan. He and his wife, Denise, have three children: Samantha, 6; and Bradyn, who was born May 11, 1996. The two older children attend a bilingual school and are fluent in both Spanish and English. Marty enjoyed a visit with former US soccer coach Bill Hornan, G’78, who enjoyed a vacation in Cancun with his wife, Amy.

Carl A. Dehne, 33, president of Breakthrough Management Group in Virginia Beach, Va., also serves as part-time chief financial officer for Tidewater Towing Service in Norfolk, Va., and MASA Corp.

Gary W. Edwards, 33, a commander in the U.S. Navy, assumed duties as commanding officer aboard the fleet ballistic submarine USS Tennessee, homeported in Kings Bay, Ga. He has been with the Navy since 1979.

Steve Fogel, 33, was promoted to senior research analyst at Response Marketing Group in Richmond.

Pam Collins Grundmann, 33, works as a senior sales representative of Shering Plough in Norcross, Ga. She and her husband, Mike, have two children: Tyler, 5; and Carly, 3.

Staun Lambert, 33, of Midlothian, Va., and his partner, Bill Yates, B’S1, sold their company, Document Access Systems Inc., to BON Office Solutions, an office technology company. They founded DAS in 1990.

Virt Frick, 33, is the owner of Walker & Frick Construction Co. in Richmond.

Barbara McKay Jacobs, 33, of Beavercreek, Va., is a second-level master of divinity student at Union Theological Seminary. She served a 10-week internship at Shiloh United Methodist Church this past summer in Montpelier, Vt.

Dr. John E. Carmack, 33, is a partner at Forest Family Physicians in Forest, Va.

John M. Carter, 33, of Midlothian, Va., was elected senior vice president, law and employee relations, at Lawyers Title Insurance Corp.

Steven C. Delaney, 33, was promoted to executive vice president at Scott & Stringellow Inc. in Richmond. He is director of the capital markets department.

Doug Dunlevant, 33, of Richmond, qualified for the 1996 Million Dollar Round Table. He is with the Commonwealth Agency of the Life Insurance Co. of Virginia.

D. Edward, 33, is director of Tidewater Towing Service in Norfolk, Va., and MASA Corp.

Cyrus B. Gregg, 33, of the Richmond office of Church Mutual Insurance Co., was named 1996 Atlantic Division Sales Leader by Frank W. Hargrove Jr., L., of Ashland, Va., earned the Certified Insurance Counselor professional designation from the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia and the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors in Austin, Texas. He is with A.W. Hargrove Insurance Agency Inc. in Glen Allen, Va.

Brenda Herrington, 33, of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a representative for the American Lung Association in the Richmond area.

Ronald Thompson, 33, is director of the Virginia National Bank in Richmond.

John D. Whitlock, 33, was elected chairman of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia. He is with the Whitlock Group in Richmond.

Teresa Collins Dunbar, 33, works as director of social services at Manor Care Health Services in Bethesda, Md.

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Brenda Herrington, 33, of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a representative for the American Lung Association in the Richmond area.
Committed to fine dining

Although Sheryl Ann Robins, B’89, spent her freshman year in a dormitory named after her grandmother and graduated from a business school bearing her grandfather’s name, she insists her college experience was no different from anyone else’s. “Everyone treated me the same,” she says. “I was just really proud to be who I was, going there.”

Robins—the granddaughter of the late E. Claiborne Robins, R’31 and H’60, and his wife, Lora McGlasson Robins, H’73, and daughter of E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B’68 and H’86—seems to be following the path that has defined her family’s success. At age 31, Sheryl Robins is co-owner of the Fox Head Inn, an elegant restaurant located in a restored 1860s farmhouse in Goochland County about 20 minutes from downtown Richmond.

Robins purchased the inn with business partner and chef Robert Ramsey in 1993 after working for her father’s wine distributorship, the Robins Cellars, as warehouse administrator for about three years. The marketing and management major credits her father for getting her interested in the restaurant business.

“He would go on wine-buying trips to Europe and I went with him—it was the experience of a lifetime,” she says. “Part of his itinerary was going to the ‘finest of the finest’ restaurants. I had the great opportunity to dine in some of the best in the world.

“I give him credit for teaching me everything I know about fine dining.”

Sheryl’s commitment to excellence is evident in every nuance of the Fox Head Inn. Three intimate, fireplace-lit dining rooms seat about 35 diners for an expertly prepared four-course gourmet dinner five nights a week. Specialties of the house include classically prepared rack of lamb, lobster bisque and potato-crusted sea bass. Tuxedoed waiters, fine china, impressive wine list round out the experience from the diner’s point of view. I do everything based on being the diner because that’s where my experience lies.”

“‘It was where I really wanted to go and I’m definitely glad I did,’ she says. ‘I was just so proud of everything my grandfather had done there and just so proud to be part of that legacy.’

At Richmond, Robins was a charter member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, a member of the International Association of Business Communicators and was on the Homecoming Action Committee.

An occasional college friend drops by the restaurant from time to time and Robins also finds former professors among her customers. “It’s neat having regular customers you knew from school who were influential in your life,” she says. “It gives them a chance to see what you’ve accomplished.”
by the Richmond Circuit Court as
deputy commissioner of accounts
for Richmond's Manchester
Division.
Matt Potts, R, of Richmond, was
promoted to associate creative
director of Cadmos/O'Keefe
advertising agency. The agency was
the only Southeastern agency to
win one of $5 ANDY awards at the
International ANDY awards
sponsored by the Advertising Club
of New York. He was copywriter on
the winning magazine ad for
Inbal Foods.
Bonnie Stotsky Salzman, L, opened
Salzman Mediation Services in
Richmond. The company provides mediation and
dispute resolution services for
businesses, homeowners, and
management consulting.
She was formerly with the State Corpora-
tion Commission.
Holly Tute Schneidern, R, is
director of a physician recruit-
ment and development at
Maryland General Hospital in
Baltimore. She and her husband,
Scott, assistant vice president and
trust investment officer with
Mason Dixon Trust Co., live in
Columbia, Md.
Robin King Skinner, W, works as
director of professional sales at
Camelot Entertainment Sales in
Chicago. She and her husband,
Dave, live in Lake Forest, Ill., with
their son Kyle.
Brian J. Stomping, R and GB'96,
joined Pohlig Bros. Inc. in
Richmond as vice president of
marketing and sales. He had been
with Reynolds Metals Co.
Dr. Scott J. Stahl, R, has been
certified as a diplomat by the
American Board of Veterinary
Practitioners specializing in avian
practice. To qualify for the
certification, a veterinarian must
come from either a residency
program or serve six years of
clinical veterinary practice. He is a
1989 graduate of the Virginia-
Maryland Regional College of
Veterinary Medicine at Va. Tech
and practices veterinary medicine at
Pender Veterinary Clinic in
Fairfax, Va., where he is chief of
staff of the practice.
He also teaches avian and exotic
animal medicine at Tech's veterinary
school.
Sally Zehnder, W, and her
husband, Michael, moved from
Boston to Atlanta in late 1996. She stays at home
with their two children, Meredith, 2/1/2, and
Andrew, born in March 1997.

From the Westhampton
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Susan Hillsman Hurley asked me
to serve as class secretary for a
few years. Susan's husband, Ron,
held a fiber optics business in
Virginia Beach, Va., and they have
moved there with their sons
John, 3, and Mark, 1.
I feel fortunate to keep in touch
with you, but would love to
continue spreading the word about
other people's news. Too please write
or e-mail to the addresses above.
I work three days a week as a
paralegal with Hunton & Williams,
a large law firm in town. The
other days I am home with Grant, 5, and
Allison, 2/1/2.
Sue Eshleman Gregoire
and her family came east this
spring from their home in Portland, Ore.
She and her husband, Tom, and their
daughters, Hayley, 4, Emma, 2, and
Eris, who was born in January 1997, stayed with us
for a few weeks in early July, and they caught up
with old Richmond friends like
Courtney Stone Moses and her
husband, "Mo," Missy Mulett
Young and her husband, Sam,
R'82, from Lakeville, Conn., and
Missy Harp Harden, W'86.
She had a visit in July from
Carol Rulon and her new
husband, Ian, and they caught up
with former Richmond friends like
Steve Keebler, L, of Richmond,
who is director of the board of
the Fan Free Clinic Inc.
Colleen Brune Kammard, B
services as director of accounting at
Virginia Tech

Dr. Scott J. Stahl, R'85 is
chief of staff of the
exotic animal practice
at a veterinary clinic in
Fairfax, Va., and teaches
avian and exotic animal
medicine at
Virginia Tech.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth A. Pugh,
W, received her doctorate of
ministry degree with distinction
from the School of Theology,
Virginia Union U., on May 10,
1997. She earned her master's
degree of divinity at Andover
Newton Theological School in
Massachusetts and was ordained by the
West New Church in Danville,
Va. She is pastor of Grace-Baptist
Church in Richmond, which she
has served since 1990.

Taylor Ramsey, R, of Richmond,
was appointed to director of sales
at Richmond Yards. He was joined
in the firm since 1988.
Marguerite R. Ruby, L, was
named a partner in the law firm of
Hunton & Williams in Richmond.
Ellie Courno Womble, W
serves as vice president of
Central Fidelity National Bank in
Richmond. She joined the bank in
1986 and is manager of the
town office.

Dan Caldwell, B, qualified for the
club of the Central Virginia
Association of Jefferson Pilot
Insurance Co. He placed fourth
nationwide.
Sophia Laprinckinos Davis, W,
works as a special agent for the
Small Business Association in
Philadelphia. She and her
husband live in Lawrenceville, N.J., with
their daughter, Olivia, 1.
Sam Fairley, B, worked as vice
president of Tri-State Insurance
Brokers Inc. in New York City.
He and John Moreton and Joe
Noonburg, both R'87, joined
the American Indian Life
Tournament on July 26, 1997.
McKenzie Goldspurte,
worked for Prudential Life
Insurance Co. and served in the
national AIA Alumni golf
tournament on July 26, 1997.
McKenzie McElhenny
Goldspurte was director of
public relations and
communications consulting in
Richmond. Services include
public relations, special events,
community relations, crisis communications,
print and broadcast promotion
and public relations program
development.

Charlotte Habersstroh
Hartsock, W, moved to
Charleston, S.C., with her
husband, Langdon, an orthopedist at
Medical University of South Carolina.
They have two sons.
Mike Huenehenns, KB,
man of Janusk-Stenberg, Va.,
was named a director of group life
insurance sales for Prudential Health Care.
He was formerly marketing
manager of group insurance for
Aetna U.S. Healthcare.
Jennifer C. Lynch, W,
works at St. Andrew's Episcopal School
in Bethesda, Md., where she directs
public relations and designs and
edits school publications and
the school Web site. She also has
her own desktop publishing
business.

Maria Grady Murphy, W, works
as a media and events coordinator
at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan
& Arnoff, a law firm in Cleveland.
She and her husband, Jay, and
their son, Thomas, 1, live in
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
Elizabeth Stanulis Skilling, L,
was honored in the Richmond law
firm of Harman, Clayton Corriagin
& Wollin. She was honored for
litigation, concentrating on
product liability and insurance
coverage issues.

Peter S. Alcorn, GB, of
Richmond, was elected vice
president, estimating, at Kjellstrom
and Lee Inc., a general contractor.
He was formerly chief estimator
with the firm. He was also elected a
vice president of the Richmond
district association of Associated
Contractors of Virginia.
Anthony A. Damiani, R and
L, 1991, opened Damiani &
Damiani, a law firm in Old Town,
Alexandria, Va. They concentrate
on personal injury, malpractice,
commercial and criminal litigation
and corporate representation.
Anthony and his wife, Patty, have
two children: Lindsay, 6, and
Anthony, 3.

Daniele Evans, W, worked as
assistant director of West Coast
recruitment at Lafayette College in
Redding, Calif. He and his wife,
Susanna, have a daughter, Abigail,
born June 18, 1997.

Dr. Kevin S. Flanigan,
completed his residency on
June 30, 1997. He and his
wife, Kelly, and their children, Shane, 3, and
Meghan, 1, moved to Wayne,
where he opened a primary care
practice.
Jennifer Posey Hills, W,
received her MBA degree from
Duke's Fuqua School of Business.
She works as a senior consultant in the financial
advisory services group at Ernst
Young in New York City. She and
her husband, Mark, live in
Summit, N.J.

Dr. Mary-Margaret James, W,
earned her doctor of medicine
degree from Mayo in May 1997 and
entered a residency in pediatrics at
Carolinas Medical Center in
Charlotte, N.C. She also holds a
doctor of pharmacy degree from
Mercer U. School of Pharmacy.
Dr. Kelly McKern, W,
completed her Ph.D. in materials
science and engineering from
Northwestern U. in Evanston, Ill.
She completed a fellowship
working on Capitol Hill with
Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman on
science and technology/policy-
related issues. She works as a
science policy coordinator at
Sandia National Laboratory in
Albuquerque, N.M.

Sylvan Learning Systems in
Baltimore. She and her husband,
Craig, live in Towson, Md., with
their son, Patrick Craig, born

Dr. Rand Kienze, R, is a
pediatrician in Pauli, Pa.
Chyrstal Neal Linson, R,
is an attorney in private practice in
Minneapolis. She and her husband,
Romain, have a son, Connor, 1.
Linda Boggs Payne, W,
is an attorney with the law firm of
Michael Magazine & Associates
in Colorado Springs, Colo. She and
her husband, Mark, live in Laguna
Beach, Calif, with their children,
Dylan, 2, and Matthew, 1.
Living in two cultures

When tracing her family tree, Elizabeth Gassman Chéron, W'93, finds more than 50 relatives over five generations who have graduated from, taught at or served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Richmond.

Among Chéron's UR ancestors have been the Rev. George William Hurt, Class of 1888; Dr. Clodus H. Willis, R'14, R'55 and a former professor; Edward F. Overton, R'31, former dean of the summer school and chair of the education department; and her parents, Kenneth Gassman Jr., B'67, and Mary Bolling Willis Gassman, W'57.

But Chéron insists that it wasn't family ties that made her consider applying to UR.

"If anything," she says, "I was afraid to go to UR. I thought that if I went to Richmond I would have to marry my Ring Dance date." Chéron's mother and father went to Ring Dance together, and other relatives who found mates at the University included her grandmother and grandfather, her great-grandmother and great-grandfather, and a great-aunt and great-uncle.

"Finding a husband was not part of my college plan."

That college plan was part of a carefully laid-out map of her future that she made for herself before entering college.

"I was going to go to a relatively small but well-known school with a basketball team that had played in the NCAA tournament within the past five years," she recalls, adding that the basketball part may have been a bit silly, but she was a big fan. "After graduating with a degree in economics I would go to the London School of Economics for a master's degree."

UR's size, reputation and basketball history (the men's basketball team reached the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1988 and played in the tournament in both 1990 and 1991) fit her plans exactly. She became a University Scholar, majoring in economics and minoring in philosophy and psychology.

Among professors whom Chéron recalls with particular fondness is Dr. Clarence Jung Jr., professor of economics emeritus, who also had taught her father. Chéron took Jung's econometrics class, which she says was "very difficult, almost devilish. But Dr. Jung was always there when his students needed help. He taught me so much."

She says she also learned a lot serving on the Westhampton College Honor Council. "Hearing and prosecuting cases taught me that there are many times when right and wrong are not clearly defined, not everything is black and white and not everything turns out the way you think it will."

That realization helped when during her senior year Chéron realized her future might be diverging from her plan. It wasn't that she was thinking about marrying her Ring Dance date — "he was just a good friend" — it was the acknowledgment that she didn't want to go to graduate school.

Instead, after graduation she went to work for Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C. It was during a three-week job training session she met Paul-Ernst Chéron, of Versailles, France, who worked in Andersen's Paris office. A transatlantic courtship went on for a year until November 1994 when Elizabeth decided to move to France so that she could learn to "speak the language and learn the culture."

She enrolled in the Alliance Française, a school internationally known for its intense method of teaching French. In five months, she had a "hard-earned diploma" with honors and was "basically fluent."

In April 1995, Elizabeth and Paul-Ernst traveled from France to Richmond, where they were married in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Upon returning to her new home in Versailles, Elizabeth set out to find work in a Paris job market that was overflowing with bilingual French English speakers and had a near-20 percent unemployment rate in her age group.

After more than a year of searching, Chéron found a position as an assistant in the political-military department at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. "My work there was enthralling and great fun," she says. "I got to see the decision makers and their interplay."

But when her son, Paul, was born in March 1997, Chéron left her job. "I never thought I’d be happy as a stay-at-home mom," she admits, "but I am. I want to teach my son to speak, read and write French and English fluently and to learn both cultures. I guess with doing that and running a household, I’ve got a full-time job at home cut out for me."

While she is happy living in France, Elizabeth Chéron says she would like to live eventually in the U.S. She and her future husband plan to return to the States next fall when her husband attends graduate school. Beyond that, Chéron says she doesn't have a very well-defined plan for her future.

"I've learned those kinds of plans don't always work out but that the unexpected turns your life makes can be far better."
Joseph Baratta, R, an attorney with Baratta & Goldstein in New York City. Scott I. Bembiser, R, and L'93, of Richmond, has opened a law firm with his wife, Stephanie Grana, W, and L'93. The firm is called Bembiser & Grana. Courtney McNair Bolger, W, works in the manager of business development at Fairfax County, Va., Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Herndon, Va., with their daughter, Elizabeth, born May 29, 1997. Mary Delicate, W, was promoted to senior information specialist at Response Marketing Group in Richmond. She joined the company in 1990 and previously was a research librarian.

Steve DiGioia, W, works as mid-Atlantic manager for YH Line, an international transportation company in Washington, D.C., which she helped launch in 1995. Hugh Little, G, a CPA, joined Coopers & Lybrand in the financial advisory services group in Richmond and Washington, D.C. He and his wife have three daughters.

Peggy Offerdal Lloyd, W, works as a school psychologist in the York County, Va., public schools. She and her husband, Rob, and their baby son, Jack, live in Newport News, Va. Tim Miller, R, a Midlothian, Va., company employee, was promoted to commercial lines underwriter of Royal Insurance. Walter J. O'Brien III, R, of Glen Allen, Va., joined Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in the equity trading department. He formerly was with Smith Barney in New York City.

Maxwell Rhodes Ramsey, R, of Richmond, was elected moderator of the 1998 General Assembly of the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He is a second-level master of divinity student.

Laura Pitetti Reimer, G, graduated from Villanova U. in December 1996 with an MBA degree and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma. She was awarded the excellence in management award for excellence in business administration at the master's degree level.

David Shelton, B, works as a senior sales representative at Union Camp Corp. He and his family planned to move from Texas to Virginia this past summer. Margaret "Megan" Short, W, has been director of membership at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond for two years. She formerly was director of development for the Valentine Museum and capital campaign manager for the Red Cross.

Mary Gately Miles Upson, B, of Virginia HealthSource in Richmond, earned the Certified Coding Specialist professional designation, which includes procedural and diagnostic coding, from the American Health Information Management Association.


Pam Payonkewatz Watson, W, of Richmond, resigned from teaching in Henrico County, Va., to stay at home with her two daughters. Amber Keating Zielinski, W, graduated from Boston U. with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She and her husband, Rob, live in Shaker Heights, Ohio, with their son, Benton, born July 17, 1997.


Angela Booth Moskow, B, works as a district sales manager for Hoochst Marton Rousell in Long Island, N.Y.

Robert S. Moskow, B, is an associate with the law firm of Farrell, Fritz, Caenmerley, Cleary, Barrosky & Ararmento in Uniondale, N.Y. He and his wife, Angela Booth Moskow, F'90, live in Floral Park, N.Y., with their son, Bobby, born Nov. 6, 1997. Cynthia White Olmsted, W, was promoted to long term case coordinator at the Charles County, Md., department of community services. She and her husband, William Olmsted, L'91, live in La Plata, Md., with their two sons.

Lance Y. Potter, B, moved from New York City to Los Angeles to pursue an MBA at the U. of Southern California.

Dr. Hilary R. Smith, W, received her Ph.D. in English history from U.Va. on May 18, 1997. Her dissertation focused on issues of "community and belonging" in England between 1520 and 1640. In September, she started teaching for the priesthood of the Episcopcal Church at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

Kate Thorbahn, W, was promoted to vice president, account services at Marchese & Barone Inc., an advertising agency in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Stuart Salshbury, F'88, live in Wallingford, Pa., with their daughters, Emma, I.

Anthony F. Vittone, R and L'93, joined the Richmond-based law firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish in the firm's corporate department. He formerly was with McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Michelle A. Wiles, W, was promoted to senior trip coordinator at Carlson Marketing International and transferred from New York City to Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Alisa Gayle Mayer, W, received her Ph.D. in Slavic languages and literatures (Russian and Czech) from Brown U. in May 1997. She received the Dr. Pronas A. Svekauskas Memorial Award for the best written and researched dissertation in Slavic languages and literatures for the 1996-97 academic year.

Brian J. McCormick, R, graduated from Rutgers U. School of Law in May 1997. He works as an associate with the law firm of Elliott, Beinher, Sidiowski & Egan in New Brunswick, N.J.

Dr. Kingsley N. Nelson Jr., R, received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in November 1996. He is doing postdoctoral studies at Yale in total synthesis and bio-organic chemistry. He lives in New Haven, Conn.

Rebekah Rendall, W, of Willow Grove, Pa., teaches preschool kindergarten in a Christian school in Philadelphia.

Dr. Elisabeth Rigby, W, continues teaching in New Orleans and was named head of the McGehee Middle School in 1996.

Dr. Thomas W. Young, R, continues his medical residency in pediatrics and internal medicine at MGH. He and his wife, Pierce Jonassen Young, W, live in Richmond.

Daven Kreidler, B, of Wallingford, Pa., wrote that she and her husband planned to move to Bergen, Norway, in the fall of 1997.

Dr. Scott W. Lester, R, completed his Ph.D. in organizational behavior from the U. of South Carolina in May. He works as an associate professor of management at the U. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Melinda Bassara, W, works as a television reporter in Richmond. She volunteers for Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Salvation Army's Project Bundle Up. Elizabeth McDonald Blythe, W, and her husband, Blake, moved to Louisville, Ky., where they are graduate students. She is pursuing a master's degree in teaching and plans to graduate this spring.

Amy SmithWiley, R, teaches third grade at S. Fayette Elementary School in McDonald, Pa. She and her husband, Rob Boyle, R, who is in his third year of teaching, plan to move from Pittsburgh, plan to return to Richmond next fall.

Marc Cram, B, works for Davenport & Co. in Richmond. He is a stockbroker and financial planner.

Kristine Dalaker, W and L'97, graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law in May 1997. She is an associate with the Richmond law firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish.

Christopher R. Delgazio, R, an attorney, is a senior associate in the real estate syndication department of Perkins, Smith & Cohen in Boston.

Michelle Desmond, R, received her MBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin and works in marketing for GTE in Atlanta.

Jenny Fitzgerald, R, graduated from Indiana U. School of Law at Bloomington last spring and practices law in Chicago.

Rebecca Snook Guthrie, R, teaches fourth grade for the Pennslyvania School District in Middletown, Pa.

Jeffrey R. Hatch, R, is an attorney in the JAG Corps with the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. His wife is Jennifer Crummer Hatch, W.

Jon Van Hoozer, R, was promoted to assistant vice president and senior commercial loan underwriting analyst at Financial Federal Savings Bank in Memphis, Tenn. He competed in the Memphis in May World Championship BBQ Cooking Contest with team members Meg Thomas, W, Steve Fitzgerald, R, James Hayes, F'90, and Charles Walter, BR'93.

Carrie Hallberg, B, GB'96 and E'96, was elected to the alumni board of The Claremont Robins School of Business. She is an associate with the law firm of Hirschler, Flescher, Weinberg & Gox in Richmond.

J. Carter Houghton, R, is a graduate student of the MBA program at U. Va.'s Darden School. Amy C. Joyner, W, completed her fourth year as an English teacher at Northwood High School in Prince, N.C. In May, she was voted teacher of the year by her school faculty.

Thomas W. Young, R, continues his medical residency in pediatrics and internal medicine at MGH. He and his wife, Pierce Jonassen Young, W, live in Richmond.
Christine Holliday Menand, W, works as program coordinator at the U. of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.
Carla Morgan, W, moved from Philadelphia to Newport News, Va., where she joined Tidewater Physical Therapy as a physical therapist.
Patricia Pflaum Mottley, W, works as a school psychologist with the public schools in Chesterfield County, Va.
Christine Pooni, W, works as an inside sales representative, account manager, at Mid-Atlantic Inc. One perk of the job is that her office is located in Camden Yards in Baltimore, home of the Orioles.
Robert Nelson Rose Jr., B, received an MBA degree from the Darden School at U.Va. on May 18, 1997. He works at US West Corporate Services.
Jennifer Meade Rother, B, works as a communications consultant at Prudential, where her husband, Bryan, also works. They live in Old Field, N.J.
Arthur Smith, C, of Chester, Va., joined Mellon Mortgage as branch manager. He formerly was with First National Mortgage.
Brooke M. Smith, R, joined the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobkins as an associate.
Julie Browne Vanderwuy, W, works as an account executive at Clarke American check printers, covering Arizona and New Mexico. She and her husband, John, live in Sedona, Ariz.
Jon Yunker, R, is a graduate student at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz.

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Thank you to all who attended the successful fifth-year reunion in May. It was wonderful to see so many of our classmates together once again.

As a result of helping with that committee, I have been asked to be the secretary for the class which we now will have to call “the youngest of the old graduates.” But, honestly, I think I was asked to be secretary so that IR could be politically correct. They tell me that I am the first-ever male class secretary.

My responsibilities will include helping out the news and notes section above as well as keeping the class updated on future events. (For example, mark your calendars now for the Strawberry Hill Races Tent Party—April 11.) Please feel free to contact me at either my home or e-mail address to relay any news. The class looks forward to hearing from you.

Kimberly Johnson Askin, AW, worked as a training and development consultant at Merck & Co. in Whitehouse Station, N.J. She and her husband, John Askin, BR, live in Howell, N.J.

Tod P. Beiger, BR, graduated in May 1997 from Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest U. He works for Deloitte & Touche in the valuation services and corporate finance group in Atlanta.

Lynn M. Broggs, AW, graduated from Pace U. School of Law in May 1996. She works at Intel Data Technologies Corp. as a contracts manager in New Milford, Conn.

Jennifer Morris Cave, AW, received her master’s degree in early childhood special education from VCU in August 1996. She teaches at Watkins Elementary School in Chesterfield County, Va.

Kevin M. Chiu, BR, graduated from Rutgers Law School in May 1996 and passed both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams. He has worked as an associate in the litigation department of the Philadelphia law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath since September 1996.

Jennifer Anne Clarke, AW, is a graduate student at East Carolina U. Deborah Schaud Deich, BW, works as an associate at Radian Research Inc. in Lafayette, Ind.

Kerry Depew, BR, works as a senior associate with Coopers & Lybrand in Richmond. He serves on UJ’s Young Graduate Program steering committee as co-chair of the fifth-year reunion.

Mequill Green, BR, opened an insurance agency in Richmond and offers auto, home, renter’s and life coverage through the Farmers Insurance Group of Cos.

Rudy Karkosak, AR, was featured in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on July 7, 1997, as the owner of Rudy’s Exotic Mushroom rooms, a business he started in February 1994. He supplies more than 60 Virginia restaurants in Richmond, Charlottesville and Williamsburg with portabella, shiitake, oyster, crimini and enoki mushrooms. He also imports wild mushrooms from the Northwest and Europe.

Dr. Timothy Keenan, AR, received his degree from SUNY Syracuse College of Medicine in May 1997. He started a family practice residency in Wilmington, Del.

Mike King, AR, was elected to senior vice president at Wheat First Butcher Singer in Richmond. He joined the company in 1994 and works in over-the-counter trading.

Jennifer Maras, AW, was promoted to senior research analyst at Response Marketing Group in Richmond.

Anne D. McDougall, GB and L, of Glen Allen, Va., was elected secretary of Prison Family Support Services Inc. She works at the Reciprocal Group.

Aimee Moore, AW, graduated from Teachers College, Columbia U., with a master’s degree in curriculum and teaching. She taught for three years in New York City and moved to Charlotte, N.C., where she teaches second graders at Charlotte Country Day School.

Mary Beth L. Nash, GB, of Glen Allen, Va., serves as treasurer of Prison Family Support Services Inc. She works at Signet Bank.

Lynn Palmer, AW, graduated from the U.Va. School of Law in May 1996. She worked as a judicial clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Albert Bryan Jr. in Alexandria, Va., before joining the law firm of King & Spalding in Washington, D.C., as an associate.

Jeremiah T. Rupert, L, is a major in the Marines. He served a six-month deployment in Sierra Leone in West Africa, as a member of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Since May 30, 1997, U.S. citizens and other foreigners have been evacuated from Sierra Leone at the request of the U.S. State Department.

Kevin Michael Sweeney, AR, has been teaching English in Japan.

Hayward Taylor, L, of Richmond, serves as a vice president of the Lakeside Business Association. He is an attorney with the law firm of Taylor, Taylor and Taylor.

Dr. Carrie-llghan Wijesinghe, AW, graduated from MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine on May 23, 1997. She is a pediatric intern at East Carolina U. Medical Center in Greenville, N.C.

Gregory V. Woodford, AR, works as a credit analyst at Branch Cabel & Co. in Richmond.

Celene Elsstrom Wyman, AW, received her MBA from Georgia State U. in June 1996. She works as an accounting associate in Atlanta.
John M. Bogdan Jr., AR, was a general manager at Abercrombie & Fitch in Boston. One of his housemates is Dave Finney, AR.

Allison V. Burris, AW, spent last year in Mexico studying Spanish at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara. She returned to Delaware this fall.

Thomas J. Clark, BR, was promoted in May 1997 to accounting team leader of Working Capital Company’s container board packaging division in Bowling Green, Ky.

Terri L. Collins, BR, received her law degree from the Dickinson School of Law on May 31, 1997. Brian P. Comerford, AR, works as a market support manager for DSR Senator Agency in Atlanta. Molly Murphy Comerford, BR, works as a senior analyst for Coca-Cola Co. and is pursuing her MBA degree in finance at Georgia State U.

James Locker, AW, works as a color graphics manager at Ikon in Richmond.

David A. Damiani, L, and his brother, Anthony A. Damiani, FS, and L, opened Damiani & Damiani, a law firm in Old Town, Alexandria, Va. They concentrate on personal injury, malpractice, commercial and criminal litigation and insurance representation.

Michael D’Angelo, AR, completed his master’s degree in physiology at MCV. His plans included attending medical school at MCV this fall.

Michele Dellaripa, AW, teaches third graders in New York City.

Sara Ehresunde, AW, plans to graduate from LSE School of Management this May.

Kymberly Vaissse Howard, AW, is in her third year of teaching kindergarten at St. Joseph School in Herndon, Va.

Gregory K. Kay, BR, works as a real estate agent of Wedgwood Properties Inc. in Richmond. He specializes in residential sales.

Rebecca S. Krysko, AW, works as a consultant with Merger Global Inc. in Arlington, Va. She occasionally travels to Bangkok, Thailand, for an ongoing project. She received her master’s degree in international economics from George Washington U. in May 1997. Her roommates are Becky Abell and Andrea Shultz, both AW ’93.

Megan LaBant, AW, worked at Polo Jeans Co. in New York City, but left this past summer to pursue an MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth.

Abby Johnson McCallister, AW, received a master’s degree in special education from the U. of Maryland, Eastern Shore, in May 1997. She works as a special education teacher of elementary students in Salisbury, Md.

Daniel T. McGrorey, L, is an associate attorney in the law firm of Poirier, Reilly & Bello in King of Prussia, Pa.

Terry R. Moncure, C, was elected a vice chairman of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association. She works as credit manager at Pleasants Hardware in Richmond.


Elizabeth S. Ware, BR, was named assistant vice president and federal funds portfolio manager of Central Fidelity National Bank in Richmond.

Kristen Freeman Yankee, AW, and her husband, Jon Yankee, R192, moved from Hawaii to Glendale, Ariz., where he attends graduate school.

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Noreen Covino is a technical recruiter at Capital One in Richmond. Leigh Ecker is a first-year medical student at MCV.

Jennifer Guebret, BR, moved to Chicago, where she continues to work for Hewit & Associates.

Bevin Doletski Murchie is a third-year pharmacy student at MCV. She lives in Richmond with her husband, Peter Murchie, AR196, a second-year dental student at MCV.

Jennifer Steinberg teaches second graders at Fair Oakes Elementary in Henrico County, Va.

Jennifer Bramson, AW, lived abroad for a while and is now back in the U.S. living in Fairfax, Va.

Mark Budzinski, BR ’95, was drafted in the 21st round by the Cleveland Indians. He is the starting center fielder for the Indians in Kinston, N.C.

Andrew Byrd, AR, completed his primary training at the U. of Marine Aviation School in Pensacola, Fla.

Laksani G. Challa, L, joined the Richmond-based law firm of Mezzullo & Mcdiandish, where he practices in areas of employment and family-based immigration.

Karin Schmidt Depew, BW, works as a senior associate at Cooper & Lybrand in Richmond.

Jennifer Z. Elsner, AR, received her BS degree in chemical engineering at the University of Virginia and her MBA degree in finance at the Darden School of Business.

Jennifer Brannen, AR, works as a marketing associate for Children’s Wear Digest in Richmond.

Rebecca Fleming, AW, works as a retirement pension benefits administrator for Pension Service Inc. in North Haven, Conn.

Shelley A. Francis, AW, moved to Atlanta in June 1997 and works for SouthTrust Banks. She is looking for a job in the healthcare industry.

Adrienne Hall, AW, hiked the 2,150-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine and is writing a book about backpacking for women. She lives in Boulder, Colo.

Harris B. Huttin, BR, works as a business development manager for the western region at Technology International Inc. in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Amber Kavanough, AW, works as an assistant buyer at Neiman Marcus in Dallas.

Tara Laskowski, AW, is pursuing both an MBA and a master’s degree in international management at Arizona State U. and Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management. She lives in Tempe, Ariz.

C. Lewis Lloyd Jr., BR, was promoted to treasurer at Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in Richmond. He has been with the firm since 1972.

Kristen M. Neale, BW, of Arnold, Md., spent six months working in London.

Suzannah Shivney Nosal, AW, enjoys staying at home with her 15-month-old daughter, Ana. Her husband, Tod, works as director of restaurant operations for Manchester Marketing in Richmond.

Harry Nowotny, BR, works for Janssen Pharmaceutica as a sales representative around Gothenburg.

Stacy Ostapkow, BW, started her second year of medical school at SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Deana Romeo, AW, works as a pharmaceutical representative for Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Lower Bunks County, Pa.

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Lynn Aprahamian, AW, teaches fourth grade at Crestwood Elementary in Chesterfield County, Va.

Jeff Biedell, BR, works as a merchandising analyst at This End Up Furniture Co. in Richmond.

Joann Adell Carr, AW, works at Don Rich Associates in Richmond.

Julie Elizabeth Decazio, AW, received her Certified Health Education Specialist designation and works as an applications consultant in the radiology group of MEDITECH in Canton, Mass. She is pursuing her MBA degree in health care administration.

Jennifer Susan Dick, AW, is a first-year medical student at the U. of Washington, and a resident in radiology at the University of Washington.

Matthew A. Dillin, AR, is a graduate student at the University of Washington.

Jennifer Z. Elsner, AR, joined Chapman Advertising Inc. in Richmond as an account executive. She formerly was with Gibbs & Soell Public Relations in Raleigh, N.C.

David Tashjian, AR, is a social studies teacher at Sadlebrook High School in Sadlebrook, N.J.

Betsy Tielecke, AW, joined the marketing team at Crestar Bank in Richmond as a product analyst. She formerly was with the marketing department of First Union National Bank in Charlotte, N.C.

Jeanne L. Tioka, BW, is a third-year student at the U. of Toledo College of Law. Last summer she worked as a law clerk at the Toledo office of Baran, Piper, Turkowski, Fitzgerald and Thiers.

Jeff Wajszczuk, AR, works as a music inventory analyst at Circuit City in Richmond.

Christine Weidman, AR, works as a contract analyst at Merck & Co. Inc. in West Point, Va.

Kate Zanni, AR, of Swampscott, Mass., received his MBA degree from Bentley College and is a first-year law student at Wake Forest U.

Luis Gonzalez, AR, is a software engineer at the U. of Virginia. He is working on the development of an Internet-based software system.

Brian P. Comerford, AR, works as a senior financial analyst for Coca-Cola Co. and is pursuing his MBA degree in finance at Georgia State U.

Jennifer Montgomery, AR, is a senior consultant at KPMG Peat Marwick in Richmond. She specializes in corporate risk management and financial strategy.

Jason B. "Dj" Knapp, BR, works as a consultant for the automotive industry, in Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

David R. Lavallee, BR, moved to Greenwich, Conn., where he works as a research analyst at Greenwich Associates, a strategic consulting firm in the financial services industry. He supports consultants through research and client contact for the firm’s investment management team.

Jeffry Lay, C, joined Chambers, Dunhill & Ruble Co., a capital markets group based in Beverly Hills, Calif. He manages the firm’s office and serves as vice president. He formerly worked for T. Rowe Price Stable Asset Management Inc.

Dave Lucado, BR, of Midlothian, Va., was named a principal at Timmons, an engineering firm in Richmond. He has been with the company for six years and works as department manager of its institutional site development.
MARRIAGES

1948/Emily Deitrich Burklow, W, and Robert Goase, May 5, 1997, in Richmond, Ky. Included in the wedding party were Emily’s five children and one granddaughter. The couple lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn.


1992/Jennifer Anne Clarke, W, and John T. Pickard, June 21, at Patten Chapel at the U. of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Included in the wedding party were Shelby Morrow and Marilyn Holland Wood Thompson, both W92; Beth Vann, BW93; and Lauren Yeatts, JW93. Jenn Ingram Bennett, AW93, kept the bride’s place in the wedding party.

1993/Dr. Carrie Ghegan, W, and Dr. Hiran Shwens Jiwage, June 50, 1997. The couple lives in Greenville, N.C.

1993/Kimberly Johnson, W, and John Askir, BW93, June 7, 1997, in Indiana. Included in the wedding party were Genie Larae True, BW93, and Ted Beegle, BW93.

1994/Bethany Kline and Brian Smith, all W94. The couple lives in Fairfield, N.J.

1994/Kathryn Hansen, JW, and Greg Eden, AR95, June 22, 1997, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Rebezahl Lissiter Delco, Lisa Garver Compton and Heather Brown, all JW94; Christopher DeForco, AR95; and Margaret Wolfe, BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.


1994/Bethannah Barnes, AW, and Wes Tylka, BW, April 5, 1997, in Clifton Park, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were Ann Moore, JW93; and Brian Womble, AR98. The couple lives in Green Brook, N.J.

1994/Carrie Baumann, AW, and John Borcherds, JW, Aug. 9, 1997, in Columbus, Ohio. Included in the wedding party were Shana Gratton, JW95; Rachel Reams, AW94; and Jim Riley and Pat McCarthy, both AR94. The couple lives in Richmond.

1994/Patricia Ann Phaup, W, and Kevin Wayne Mittel, June 21, 1997, in Franklin, Ky. Included in the wedding party were Amy Smith Pritchard and Kristin Suess, both W94; T. J. Crocker, William Pritchard and Dusty Rhodes, all AR94; and Lee Batten, BR95. The couple lives in Richmond.

1994/Jennifer Amy Chiappetta, JW, and Andrew Jon Herch, JW, April 19, 1997, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were bridesmaid Kristin Almond Phelps and vocalist Kathy Ann Esposito, both JW94; groomsmen Matthew Zemon, JW94; and readers Patricia Dunn, BR92, and Jeffrey Waggener, JW95. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

1995/Andrea Daley, BW, and Brent Bell, AR, June 28, 1997, in Alexandria. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer Hesner and Cristine Lipcomb, both JW94; Courtney McConnell, JW94; Erka “EJ.” Olson, BW93; Josh Engelman, AR94; and Kevin McCann, Ronald Butterfield, and John Brad Hill, all BR94. The couple lives in Richmond.

1995/Devoit Beilotski, AW, and Peter Murchie, AR96, July 19, 1997, in Philadelphia. Included in the wedding party were Rebezahl Lissiter Delco, Lisa Garver Compton and Heather Brown, all JW94; Christopher DeForco, AR95; and Margaret Wolfe, BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.

1994/Kathryn Hess, JW, and Jeff Deihl, JW96, Aug. 3, 1996, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Rebezahl Lissiter Delco, Lisa Garver Compton and Heather Brown, all JW94; Christopher DeForco, AR95; and Margaret Wolfe, BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.

1995/Sarah Caton, AW, and J. Chris Owens, AR, Aug. 16, 1997, in Franklin, Ky. Included in the wedding party were Amy Smith Pritchard and Kristin Suess, both W94; T. J. Crocker, William Pritchard and Dusty Rhodes, all AR94; and Lee Batten, BR95. The couple lives in Richmond.


1994/Leni Williams, AW, and TJ. Crocker, AR, June 28, 1997, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were maid of honor Pam Madry, AW94; Tracy Riewe, BK93; Heather Kraijewski, AW94; Jenny Loceland, AW97; and Jeff Edmont. Matt Joyce and best man J. Chris Owens, all AR94. The couple lives in Richmond.

1995/Heather Homan, BW, and Richard Patterson, June 21, 1997. Included in the wedding party were Lisa Harrel, BW95; and Susan Gabler, Rebecca Fleming, Laura Russell and Bobbie Niblo, all BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.

1995/Karin Schmidt, BW, and Kerry Depew, BR95, July 7, 1997, at Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were bridesmaids Amanda Graham, AW93, and Laura Douglas, BW95; and groomsmen Brian Muldowney, BR95, and Gregory Schmidt. The couple lives in Richmond.

1996/Katharine Wolfe, BW, and Thomas Smith, AR96, July 1997, at Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Rebezahl Lissiter Delco, Lisa Garver Compton and Heather Brown, all JW94; Christopher DeForco, AR95; and Margaret Wolfe, BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.

1996/Karen Wolf, AR97, and David Green, AR, June 25, 1997, at Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were Rebezahl Lissiter Delco, Lisa Garver Compton and Heather Brown, all JW94; Christopher DeForco, AR95; and Margaret Wolfe, BW95. The couple lives in Richmond.


1997/Pam Collins Grundmann, B, and her husband, Robert, a daughter, Carly Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1996. She joins a brother, Tyler, 5.

1982/Vicki Wright, B, and his wife, Patricia, a son, Vincent Samuel Vitt, Nov. 18, 1996. He joins a sister, Meredith, 4.

1981/Laura Addicott Parrett, W, and her husband, Bruce, a daughter, Megan Lynn, April 24, 1997. She joins a sister, Emily, 2/2.


1982/Sarah Halpern Flowers, W, and her husband, David, a son, James Walter, July 9, 1997. He joins a sister, Caroline, 12.


1930/Thomas Chesaault Yeaman, R, of Richmond, May 12, 1997. He was a retired CPA.

1931/Abner A. Werner, R, of Plano, Texas, April 9, 1996. He was a CPA and president of the accounting firm of Werner, Williams and Co. in Dallas.

1932/William C. Decker, R, of Richmond, March 2, 1997. After earning a degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was an engineer at DuPont for 35 years before retiring in 1970. He was a member of Ginter Park Baptist Church.

1935/Edna Louise Nofsinger Ballou, W, of Virginia Beach, Va., Aug. 11, 1996. She was a retired elementary school teacher who taught at both Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Va., for more than 20 years. She also was a member of Galilee Episcopal Church.

1930/Ruth Gopen Powell, W, of Richmond, May 10, 1997. She earned her master’s degree in 1933 and taught in the public schools in Richmond and Halifax County, Va.

1933/Herbert West Stocker, W, of Charlotteville, Va., July 3, 1997. She was a former Latin teacher and interim academic dean at St. Catherine’s School in Richmond. She earned her master’s degree from U. Va. and did graduate work at the U. of Michigan and the School of Classical Studies at the American Academy in Rome. For four years she taught in Goondach, Va., before joining St. Catherine’s, where she worked more than 30 years. In 1976, she was elected to the national Cunn Land Society by St. Catherine’s.

1942/William Edmund “Bud” Bristow, R, of Richmond, June 15, 1997. He was president of Bristow Lines of Richmond, Va., for 40 years. In 1946, he founded another trucking company, Bristow Lines, Inc., and retired as an employee of the Department of Trade and Industry. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II and became a decorated fighter pilot. After the war, he became a charter member of the Virginia Air National Guard, was deputy commanding officer and director of the Virginia Air Transportation Agency, and was a member of the Virginia National Guard.


1950/Holt Hawkins Bradley Jr., R, of Richmond, June 28, 1997. He was the retired chairman and CEO of GoodMark Foods Inc. and was a partner owner of the Raleigh Cardinals Baseball Club and Jesse Jones Sports Group. He attended Harvard Business School’s advanced management program, was a former trustee at St. Mary’s College and served on the board of the Virginia Bank and Trust Co. in Raleigh.

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1978/Dennis M. Hallerman, G, of Richmond, Oct. 1, 1996. He was chief librarian and archivist at the Library of Virginia, where he worked for nearly 20 years. He was active in state and local agencies and historical repositories. He also worked at Best Products Co. Inc. as a member of the micrographics division and for the Virginia State Library.

1989/Judith Davis, J, of Newport News, Va., Dec. 3, 1996. A special education teacher, she was named head football coach at his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High, in Waldorf, Md., in 1996. She also worked at Best Products Co. Inc. as a member of the micrographics division and for the Virginia State Library.

1956/Evelyn Moore Werner, W, of Chattanooga, Tenn., July 6, 1996. She was a former executive secretary at Smith Elevator & Manufacturing Corp.

1957/Dr. Danby Randolph, R, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., January 1997. He had been a surgeon at Medical U. of South Carolina in Charleston.

1961/Patricia Claverius Goodman, W, of Richmond, Aug. 7, 1996. She was an active member of the Westhampton Garden Club, served on the Woman’s Auxiliary Board of the Retreat Hospital and was an active volunteer for the Henrico County Christmas Mother.

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We are all familiar with the appeal of round numbers, of measuring time in decades, centuries and millennia. Perhaps because history and time proceed in ways which we can neither predict nor control, as we look back—or forward, as we are doing with the ominous year 2000—we settle for the illusion of control derived from our ability to measure time.

And so we look back at the process of the internationalization of the University of Richmond at the end of 10 years since the creation of the office of international education in the summer of 1987: a good time to stop and think, and a period long enough to call for a pause.

The balance between tradition and change is a "hot" issue in higher education. International education is most often seen as an element of change, a departure from tradition. I would like to question this assumption.

In order to do this, it is useful to go back to the origins of this University. I remember how pleased I was to learn that, less than three years after creating a seminary for the education of Baptist ministers, our founding trustees changed their minds. They concluded that, before being trained for the ministry, future pastors needed to begin as students of what we would now call the "liberal arts."

Liberal education is still the center and the heart of this institution, and of higher education in the United States. More than in any other country, and despite current pressures toward ever greater professionalization, higher education in the U.S. is still conceived first and foremost as an education for citizenship and for freedom from received notions and commandments, not merely as training for a career.

Here a step into the much more distant past is useful. While it became a part of the political, social, and intellectual experiment known as the United States of America, liberal education has its roots in ancient Greece and Rome. As Martha Nussbaum’s new book, Cultivating Humanity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education, eloquently demonstrates, we owe the concept of liberal education as democratic, comprehensive and, very importantly, international not to some fashionable present-day academics, but to Socrates, Aristotle and Seneca.

It was their ideas which over time defined a good education as one which prepares students to become enlightened, active citizens, citizens of the world, who are “liberated” from the narrow confines of the culture into which they were born.

In reaction some will, of course, raise the obvious objection that “the world” inhabited by the Greeks and Romans was much smaller than ours. But even detractors would have to agree that it was not necessarily more homogeneous. The fact that we accept the ancients’ ideas of education, citizenship and even of the world, rather than their applications of these ideas, is after all not that different from the way we treat the founders of this country whose concept of “all men being created equal” we accept while applying it very differently than they did:

to women as well as men, to people of color, to those who do not own land.

Are we, then, breaking with tradition when, taking note of the ever more globalized world, we strive to internationalize this University, its curriculum and its community? Surely not. I would propose that we are, in fact, attempting to do better, more fully, what the founders had set out to do: to offer students an education which, by developing their abilities and the habit of critical self-examination, will liberate them from the constraints of narrowly defined “tradition.”

By helping them to acquire knowledge and a sensibility attuned to other cultures and people, this education will allow students to accept the realization that they will have to live and work in a world ineluctably global, one in which all kinds of issues, from climate and population to business and trade, from security and health to technology and creative property rights, can be addressed and solved only through international negotiations, rather than through conflict and power.

Creating an education which is truly international is a complex matter. It requires not only new institutional structures, but also new skills, and what is perhaps most difficult: new habits of mind.

As the articles on pp. 4-5 demonstrate, we have made significant progress on the way to becoming an international university. We have more courses with international content, more opportunities for students to study abroad and for faculty to become more internationally active, more foreign students and visiting faculty on campus, more cultural and academic events focused on issues facing the world today.

We also have a long way to go and must maintain the momentum of internationalization, if we are to keep in step with the ever-changing world and with the challenges which Richmond students will have to face as its citizens.

**By Dr. Uliana F. Gabara**

Gabara is associate provost for international education and the founding director of the University’s office of international education.
Jepson Alumni Center dedicated

The 22nd annual Post-Game Party was held this year at the Jepson Alumni Center. Many of the traditional Homecoming Weekend events were held at the center.

Alumni of the University of Richmond went all out to show their support for the Jepson Alumni Center Campaign. Nearly 1,900 donors contributed $7,079,895 to build the center, which now serves as home to UR's alumni.

Officially kicked off in October 1996, the campaign was chaired by Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87, for whom the center was named.

The 491 alumni center shareholders—classes, alumni and friends of the University who gave $200 or more to the campaign—are recognized on a shareholders plaque near the entrance to the center's Dining Pavilion.

Bricks engraved with quotes and names of alumni and friends can be found on the Richmond College Class of 1947 Terrace outside of the Dining Pavilion. In the most successful direct mail campaign ever conducted at UR, 763 bricks were sold in just one month.

Throughout the Jepson Alumni Center visitors are reminded of the generosity of all those who supported the project.

A SAMPLING OF ENGRAVED BRICKS

WHERE WE BEGAN
SCOTT BEMBERIS
SEG-BEMBERIS

A brick on the terrace of the Jepson Alumni Center, purchased by Scott Bemberis, B'89 and P'93, and Stephanie Haine Grana Bemberis, W'90 and P'93.
Naming opportunities

Many renovated spaces in the business school will be named in honor of donors. Naming opportunities still remaining include:

- Faculty office renovations: $5,000
- Student study rooms: $20,000
- Traditional classrooms: $50,000
- Auditorium-style classrooms: $65,000

For more information on naming opportunities, contact the development office at (800) 480-4774, ext. 6.

Business school campaign kicks off

In an effort to keep up with the dizzying pace of change in the business world, the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business has made a commitment to providing cutting edge technology for its students by undergoing a dramatic renovation which will produce a "smart" building fit for the 21st century.

Renovations to the business school include 10 electronically enhanced classrooms which will be wired with computer connections at each seat to enable students to plug in laptops and have direct access to the University’s network and the Internet.

A $5.5 million Campaign for Technology supporting the renovations was kicked off Dec. 2, 1997, at a luncheon hosted by campaign chair David L. Heavenridge, B’69, and Dr. J. Randolph New, dean of the business school. The campaign is expected to last through December 1998.

Classroom renovations will be completed for the fall 1998 semester. All other renovations are scheduled to be completed by March 1999.

Past Presidents Club forms

The Past Presidents Club at the University of Richmond has been formed to recognize the past presidents of the University’s five alumni associations.

Created to honor the valuable leadership role the past presidents have played in guiding the alumni associations, the club also will provide those individuals with an opportunity to continue their involvement with the University.

Former presidents of the Westhampton College, Richmond College, the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, the T.C. Williams School of Law and the School of Continuing Studies alumni associations are eligible to be members.

Alumni awards

Seven alumni and a member of the University’s Board of Associates were honored Homecoming Weekend with 1997 Service Awards. Joe Buhrman, R’77; John Clarke, B’73; Rich Johnson, B’73; Bob Staples, C’72; and Sally Wood, W’69, G’70 and L’80, were honored for their leadership as alumni era chairs of the Alumni Center Campaign with the 1997 Educational Fundraising Awards.

Nancy Semonian, W’87, founder and chair of the steering committee of UR’s alumni chapter in Boston, received the Spinning the Spider Web Award for her alumni involvement beyond the Richmond area.

The Distinguished Young Grad Award was given to Julie D. McClellan, W’87, L’90 and GB’90. McClellan was honored for excellence in her career, community service and service to the University.

The 1997 Volunteer of the Year award was given to John Shreves, senior vice president and general manager of WWBT and a member of the University’s Board of Associates. Shreves was honored for making possible the extensive media coverage given to the October 1996 opening of the Modlin Center for the Arts.
Calling all members of the Class of '48!

The Westhampton and Richmond College classes of '48 already have pledged more than $62,000 toward a 50th reunion campaign goal of $100,000. Reunion weekend is May 1-2, 1998, so it's not too late to help your classmates make this outstanding 50th reunion gift to UR. For more information, contact Sydney Smith in the development office at (800) 480-4774, ext. 3.
JEPSON ALUMNI CENTER

At the heart of the new alumni center complex is the Bottomley House. Featuring a spiral staircase rising from the entrance hall. See story on p. 22.