Richmond's vigorous eighth president takes a hands-on approach
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1946-1971

Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, H’86
1971-1986
Interim 1987-1988

Dr. Richard L. Morrill, H’96
1988-1998

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School of Continuing Studies (formerly University College)
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of
The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business
Honorary degree
Jepson School of Leadership Studies
The University of Richmond School of Law
Richmond College
Westhampton College

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ON THE COVER:
*University of Richmond's eighth president, Dr. William E. Cooper, with a live Peruvian pinktoe tarantula (Avicularia urticans)*

*Photo by Doug Buerlein*

*Photo opposite by Thomas Kojczek*
Roush named president of Centre College

Dr. John A. Roush, former vice president for planning and executive assistant to the president at the University of Richmond, has been selected as president of Centre College in Danville, Ky. He took office on July 1.

In announcing the appointment, Centre College trustee chairman J. David Grissom described Roush as "energetic" and "knowledgeable," adding, "We are confident he is the person to lead Centre into the 21st century."

Roush believes he brings to the Centre presidency a sense of passion about quality, a sense of vision about a liberal arts college and what it can become, a deep commitment to young people and most importantly, a real zest for life.

He plans to focus on three areas—admissions, financial aid and faculty compensation—while continuing to build on Centre's reputation for undergraduate achievement.

A private liberal arts college of about 1,000 students in central Kentucky, Centre is experiencing growth in enrollment, endowment holdings and academic strength. Retiring UR President Dr. Richard L. Morrill served as Centre's president from 1982 to 1988.

Roush is the ninth UR administrator or faculty member to become a college president in the last 20 years. The most recent was former political science professor Dr. Thomas R. Morris, named president of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va., in 1992.

An Ohio native, Roush received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University—where he was a three-time Academic All-American in football—and master's and doctoral degrees from Miami University in Ohio. He served in administration at Miami University for nine years before coming to UR in 1982.

"UR is a place of possibility and dreams. One can't be at a place for 16 years and not be shaped by it."
—John Roush

Though Roush looked forward to taking charge at Centre, he says that what he will miss most at the University of Richmond are the people, especially the students, because he has enjoyed watching them grow.

"UR is a place of possibility and dreams," he says. "One can't be at a place for 16 years and not be shaped by it." He cites as his "great friends and mentors" Morrill and Chancellor E. Bruce Heilman, the two UR presidents he worked with, as well as many others, particularly among his fellow senior administrators.

Susie Miller Roush, active in community and public school affairs, and their younger son, Mark, will remain in Richmond for Mark's senior year of high school. Their older son, Luke, is a rising junior at Duke University. The Roushes will make their complete move to Centre next summer.

As John Roush moves on to new challenges at a new college, he says that his motivation remains the students, because he sees education as a transforming experience. "It is important for me to be involved in a place that can change lives," he says—one like Centre College and the University of Richmond.
Think prepaid tuition plans are limited to state universities? Think again. If all goes well for Tuition Plan Inc., private schools will soon be in on the game.

This new nonprofit organization, made up of independent colleges and universities — including the University of Richmond — hopes to be able to offer prepaid tuition certificates, good at all the member colleges, by 1999.

Herbert C. Peterson, B’64, UR’s vice president of business and finance and a member of TPI’s board of directors, explains that the plan will be sold in $1,000 increments. Each $1,000 certificate will guarantee a certain percentage of the future tuition at one of the member schools. The percentage will vary from school to school, and will increase over time. The percentage of tuition the certificate covers is guaranteed, Peterson says, with all financial risks borne by the schools.

“Between parents and grandparents, families can purchase certificates over several years,” he says. “The certificates don’t all have to be bought at once.”

More than 50 institutions currently belong to TPI, and Peterson expects to see that number reach 100 by December.

“Long-term we want to have hundreds of schools with a broad range of academic requirements so that there will be a place for everyone,” he says. “Students must meet the admission requirements of the member schools to which they apply.”

TPI is currently working to change legislation to gain the same tax advantages offered to investors in state-sponsored prepaid tuition plans.

The benefits of a private prepaid tuition plan are many, Peterson says. Not only does it broaden the market of people who have the resources to be able to pay for an education at a private school, but by doing so it alleviates the demand on the financial aid funds of the participating schools.

“To the extent that more people are able to provide for themselves, grant and other money is more freely available to those who cannot,” he says.

The certificates will be transferable to siblings and even cousins, Peterson says. There is a five-year minimum investment period and refunds will be available with the investor suffering the minimum penalty prescribed by law.

Nineteen states currently operate prepaid tuition plans, with 750,000 participants investing about $3 billion. By 2005, all 50 states are expected to offer such plans, with an estimated 2 million participants investing $6.5 billion dollars.

“[TPI] came from the idea that although the state plans are good—and Virginia’s is very good regarding private schools—they cannot accommodate the higher cost of private institutions,” Peterson explains. “The concern is that private schools are at a disadvantage. What we were seeking with this plan is a level playing field.”

— Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW’93

The University of Richmond was included among “America’s 100 Most Wired Colleges” as Number 76 in the second annual “most wired colleges” feature on the online Yahoo! Internet Life publication.

The authors took into account various aspects of electronic services provided on campuses, including infrastructure and social life, but the primary focus was on academic uses.

A chart for each of the 100 institutions reported whether it offered such services as online registration and online transcripts (which UR does) as well as percentages of classes requiring online work (40 percent at the University).

The listing can be found on the World Wide Web at www.zdnet.com/yil/content/college/
Three prominent speakers delivered keynote addresses during ceremonies of the University of Richmond's 168th Commencement in May.

President Richard L. Morrill delivered the address to the 766 bachelor's degree candidates May 10, as he concluded his 10-year presidency at the University.

The same weekend, 60 degree recipients at the School of Continuing Studies heard from Robert S. Jepson Jr., B '64, GB'75 and H '87, chairman of the board and CEO of the Kuhlman Corp., and one of the University's greatest benefactors; and Judge Richard S. Arnold, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, addressed the 160 degree candidates in UR's School of Law.

"The Class of 1998 has made its mark on the University of Richmond, and Richmond has made its mark on you," Dr. Morrill told the graduates. To examine "the enduring impact of a collegiate institution," he turned to images of the University's campus.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Leslie M. "Bud" Baker Jr., R'64, president and CEO of Wachovia Corp; Pascal Gérard Joël Chainganeau, head of instruction at the Académie Diplomatique Internationale and chief administrator of a group of French universities with which UR has exchange agreements; and Marita S. Golden, professor and senior fiction writer in the Graduate Creative Writing Program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Baker was recognized for leadership in corporate America and his community; Chainganeau for dedication to international education, and Golden for leadership in the cause of African-American literature.

Outgoing rector of the Board of Trustees, Austin Brockenbrough III, B'62, received the Trustees' Distinguished Service Award in recognition of outstanding service to the University.

In his address at the law school commencement, Judge Arnold challenged the 160 graduates to look inside themselves. "Every problem begins with an individual and every solution begins with an individual," he said. "Try to pay more attention to people."

Also speaking during the ceremony was student speaker Wendell L Taylor, L'98, Student Bar Association president for 1997-98, and faculty speaker Gra-
Three named trustees

Three new members have been elected to the University of Richmond's Board of Trustees. The Hon. James C. Roberts, L'57, Jeremiah J. Sheehan and the Rev. William G. Wilson Jr. began serving their four-year terms July 1.

Roberts, an attorney with Mays & Valentine since 1957, has been a substitute judge for the Henrico County, Va., General District Court since 1967. A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and the T.C. Williams School of Law, Roberts won the Charles T. Norman Medal as the best graduate in law in 1957 and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

He has served on the boards of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Richmond Police Benevolent Association, among others, is a member of the MCV Foundation and has been chair of the University of Virginia School of Nursing’s advisory board.

The winner of the first Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award by the Virginia State Bar in 1993, Roberts is listed under four categories in The Best Lawyers in America. He has served as president of both the Richmond and the Virginia bar associations.

Sheehan, who graduated from Hunter College in New York, has been the chairman and CEO of Reynolds Metals since 1996. He joined Reynolds in 1988 as head of the can division and became executive vice president of consumer packaging and products in 1990.

Three years later he was promoted to executive vice president of fabricated products and was named president and chief operating officer in 1994. Before joining Reynolds, Sheehan was president and general manager of Continental Can Co., where he worked for 24 years.

He has served as chairman of the board of Keep America Beautiful and as director of Union Camp Corp. and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Sheehan has been active at the University of Richmond as a member of the business school’s executive advisory board.

The elected chairman of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board of the Baptist General Association for 1997-98, Wilson is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Va. His service to Virginia Baptists has included a term as first vice president of the Baptist General Association, serving as a member of the Religious Herald board of trustees and as chair of the Virginia Pastors’ Network.

Wilson holds degrees from Murray State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky. He also served as pastor of Farmville Baptist Church and as minister with youth and recreation at the First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C. He is a member of the Waynesboro Rotary Club and is a co-founder and board member of the Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity.

Robert L. Burrus Jr., R'55 and chairman of McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe, was elected the board’s new rector. Elaine J. Yeatts, W'64 and G'89, the senior regulatory analyst for Virginia’s Department of Health Professions, was elected vice rector.

Faculty members receiving tenure and promotions

Dr. Azizah Y. al-Hibri
Professor of law

Dr. Hilquias B. Cavalcanti
Associate professor of sociology

Dr. Rafael Omar de Sa
Associate professor of biology

Dr. Claudia Ferman
Associate professor of Spanish

Mary L. Heen
Professor of law

Dr. Kathleen M. Hewitt-Smith
Associate professor of English

Dr. Kapanga M. Kasongo
Associate professor of French

Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick
Associate professor of economics

Dr. Joseph E. Obi
Associate professor of sociology and international studies

Dr. William T. Ross
Associate professor of mathematics

Dr. Anthony P. Russell
Associate professor of English

Dr. Miranda E. Shaw
Associate professor of religion

Dr. L. Carol Summers
Associate professor of history

Faculty members receiving tenure

Dr. G. Scott Davis
Associate professor of religion

Dr. Robert C. Kenzer
Associate professor of history and American studies

Dr. Gill R. Hickman
Professor of leadership studies

Rodney A. Smolla
Professor of law and holder of the George E. Allen Chair in Law

Dr. Thomas Wren
Associate professor of leadership studies

Faculty members receiving promotions

Kelley H. Bartges
Associate clinical professor of law and director of the Youth Advocacy Clinic

Dr. Elaine Traynelis-Yurek
Professor of education

Dr. John Treadway
Professor of history
Fellowship, grant noted

Studying coups in West Africa

Dr. Jimmy D. Kandeh, associate professor of political science, has been awarded a sabbatical fellowship from the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. The grant, to be administered by the University of Richmond, will support Kandeh’s project “Coup from Below: The Militariat and State Power in West Africa.”

“Unlike the first wave [in the '60s and '70s] of military coups in Africa, which were carried out by disaffected senior officers, coups in the contemporary period have been mostly led by military subalterns or the militariat,” Kandeh says. “By focusing on what the militariat does when it rules, this study hopes to contribute to our understanding of the changing dynamics and functionality of violence in African politics.”

The project will culminate in a book, as well as several articles to appear in political science and African studies journals. A native of Sierra Leone, Kandeh is the author of several books and articles on African and Caribbean politics and the political economy of underdevelopment.

Equipment for non-science majors

Students with little more than high school chemistry experience now are using new, sophisticated scientific equipment in a new course designed specifically for non-science majors who need to fulfill their natural science requirement.

Dr. Stuart C. Clough, R’65, and Dr. Christopher L. Stevenson, chemistry department faculty, have received a $33,000 award from the National Science Foundation toward the purchase of equipment for the course, Chemical Structure Determination, an introduction to how chemists determine the structures of compounds. The grant, matched by the University, will enable the purchase of an infrared spectrophotometer, an ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer, and a gas chromatograph interfaced with a mass spectrometer.

In the new course, designed by Dr. Emma Goldman, students are required to use collaborative problem-solving skills as they gain first-hand experience in using technology to solve scientific problems. With the new instrumentation, they identify unknown samples, which may include common substances such as ibuprofen and aspirin, food additives such as BHA and BHT, and environmental chemicals including pesticides.

The new instruments also are used in the very successful annual chemistry workshop for high school teachers and students offered by the department each May.

Baseball in NCAAs third time in four years

The University of Richmond baseball team recorded its second-highest win total in school history with a 41-17-1 mark for the 1998 season. The Spiders captured their second consecutive Colonial Athletic Association title and advanced to the NCAA Regionals for the fifth time in school history and the third time in the past four years.

The Spiders were off to a strong start with an overall record of 28-8-1 and a 14-5 mark in the CAA by mid-April. They did not lose more than two in a row during the first 37 games of the season.

Entering the CAA Tournament, the Spiders had a 36-15-1 overall record and were the No. 2 seed with a 15-6 conference mark. They topped No. 7 Wilmington 5-2 in the first round. Richmond received an outstanding pitching performance from sophomore righthander Mike Smith in the second round against No. 3-seed James Madison. Smith went 11 innings, a tournament record, with four hits, one run, three walks and nine strikeouts as the Spiders outlasted the Dukes 6-1.

Top-seeded VCU was UR’s third-round opponent. Junior Mike Dwyer was the winning pitcher and the top hitter, hitting a pair of two-run homers to lead the Spiders to an 8-4 win over the Rams. Richmond then overpowered Old Dominion 12-1 in the most lopsided championship game in CAA history, Dwyer was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Richmond was the No. 4 seed in the South 1 Regional in Gainesville, Fla. In the first round, the Spiders fell behind 9-0 to No. 3-seed Baylor after five innings. UR then scored four in the sixth, three in the seventh, one in the eighth and four in the ninth as the Spiders surprised the Bears 12-10. Junior shortstop Jeff Kenney belted a three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth to give the Spiders the win.

The Spiders faced No. 2-seed Wake Forest in the second round. UR had defeated the Demon Deacons 4-0 earlier in the season. Richmond led 4-3 heading into the eighth inning, but Wake Forest scored twice in the eighth and once in the ninth and took the 6-5 win. UR met host Florida in the third round and the Gators routed the Spiders 15-3, ending Richmond’s season for the second consecutive season.

“It was a very satisfying season,” says UR head coach Ron Atkins. “I am very proud of our players. I am proud of the hard work and effort they put forth. We hope this will be the cornerstone for seasons to come.”

Among many post-season honors, first baseman Dwyer and junior second baseman Nate Rewers were named first team All-CAA. Senior outfielder John Wagler and senior third baseman Jeff Wood were named second team All-CAA. Freshman outfielder Nic Jackson was named to the All-Regional team. Dwyer, who set UR and CAA records with 24 home runs this season, was named first team All-East Region and third team All-America.

Phil Stanton
Seniors Lesia Bilak and Bridget Merrick comprised Richmond's No. 1 doubles team this past season and had one of the best years in UR women's tennis history. The pair was ranked No. 13 in the nation and was one of the top 32 duos in the country who were invited to compete for the national championship on the campus of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Bilak and Merrick fell in the first round, losing in straight sets to the No. 1 doubles team of Dawn Ruth and Stephanie Nickitas from the University of Florida, 6-4, 6-1. The Gators had won the national team championship earlier in the weekend, capping off an undefeated season, and their doubles tandem entered the tournament as the top-ranked team in the nation, having won back-to-back national titles.

Despite the loss, Bilak and Merrick had an outstanding senior campaign. They won the Rolex Indoor Eastern Championship in November and reached the quarterfinals at the National Championships in February. They were named first-team All-Colonial Athletic Association and compiled a 31-5 record during their senior season.

In fall action, Bilak and Merrick also won doubles titles at the N.C. State Wolfpack Invitational and the Old Dominion Invitational. They compiled a 17-2 fall record.

In spring action, the duo compiled a 14-3 record and at one point had a 13-match winning streak. The pair was ranked as high as No. 9 in the nation and finished the year ranked 13th. They then capped off their season by being named the senior female athletes of the year by the University of Richmond Spider Club.

Richmond's women's tennis team competed in the NCAA Regionals for the second consecutive year. The eighth-seeded Spiders fell to top-seeded William & Mary 5-1 in Blacksburg, Va., in May.

Pat McCarthy, AR'94

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**Dr. Frances Wheeler Gregory**

Dr. Frances Wheeler Gregory, professor emerita of history at the University of Richmond, died May 17. She was 85.

Dr. Gregory taught at the University for 50 years. She joined the faculty of Westminster College in 1950 and became a full professor in 1966, retiring in 1980. She served six years as chairman of Westminster College's history department and helped create the history honors program.

In 1987 the history department honored her with the creation of the Francis W. Gregory Award, which is given annually to the best graduate in history at Westminster College. A member of many professional organizations, Dr. Gregory was elected an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Dr. Gregory was the author of *Nathan Appleton, Merchant and Entrepreneur: 1779-1861*, published in 1975 by the University Press of Virginia. For her research on Appleton, a Boston merchant, politician and capitalist, she received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and a grant from the Society of the Cincinnati.

She wrote and co-wrote a number of historical articles including the essay "The American Industrial Elite in the 1870s: Their Social Origins," which appeared in the 1962 book, *Men in Business*.

A native of Montclair, N.J., Dr. Gregory held a bachelor's degree from Sweet Briar College; master's degrees from Columbia University and Radcliffe College; and a Ph.D. in American history from Radcliffe.

Dr. Gregory was a member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Richmond.

She is survived by a niece, Mary Gregory Hardy; a nephew, Richard H. Gregory III; two great-nieces and a great-nephew. Gifts in her honor may be made to the Frances W. Gregory Award at the University.

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**Dr. William S. Woolcott**

Dr. William S. Woolcott, the D.A. Kuyk professor emeritus at the University of Richmond, died April 18. He was 76.

Dr. Woolcott joined the University's biology department in 1955. He was appointed to the Kuyk Chair in 1980 and remained in that position until he retired in 1992.

A graduate of Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, Dr. Woolcott earned a master's degree from George Peabody College, now a part of Vanderbilt University, in Nashville. He taught biology for four years at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and graduated in 1955 from Cornell University with a Ph.D. in vertebrate zoology.

A specialist in ichthyology, Dr. Woolcott was the curator of the University's research fish collection. In his 37 years at the University of Richmond, he conducted research and authored more than 60 scientific publications. His research continued even after retirement, when with Dr. Eugene Maurakis he co-produced a videotape, "Phylogenetics Systematics," which is used as an educational tool at a number of museums and universities throughout the world.

A recipient of UR's Distinguished Educator Award, Dr. Woolcott also served as coordinator of the graduate program in biology and as chairman of the faculty research committee.

He was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Society for American Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and the Virginia Academy of Science. Dr. Woolcott was a member of River Road Church, Baptist, and was a former board member of the Maymont Foundation and the Virginia Nature Conservancy League.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Gilbert Woolcott, of Richmond, and two daughters: Neil W. Powell of Goldsboro, N.C.; and Catherine W. Edwards of Richmond.
President Bill Cooper brings an element of surprise. Of a college president, you expect the incisive intelligence, the wit, the dignity. But these qualities are delivered not from the comfy chair, with fingers steepled contemplatively, but during what many might consider an aerobic workout. "I pace," he explains as he begins a circle around the room which grows, as his thoughts and ideas flow and refine, to something like a vortex.

BY RANDY FITZGERALD, R'63 AND G'64
His ready energy and bias for action accompany a dialogue that leaves no doubt that Bill Cooper is at Richmond to learn, to lead and to have some fun. He chose the presidency at Richmond over another offer because, “this community, this team is going somewhere.” He believes that the University of Richmond sits at a pivotal juncture where nothing less than a full-out quest for discovery, growth and creative achievement—a collaborative process he calls “a grand adventure”—will do.

**His experiences and credentials** have prepared him well for the journey.

Dr. William E. Cooper has been associated with some of the most distinguished universities in the nation. He was an undergraduate at Brown, a graduate and post-doctoral student at MIT and a professor at Harvard. He also has been a dean at Tulane and an executive vice president at Georgetown.

So he knows something about quality in higher education, and he has enjoyed breathing the rarefied air of Cambridge and beyond.

But while those universities are still full of adventure for him, they are not the be-all and end-all. “The first time you meet a Nobel Prize winner, it's very exciting,” he says of his MIT and Harvard days. “But these institutions have so many notable scholars that you soon realize the achievements of any one individual will not appreciably influence their course.”

The fact that individual achievement counts so much here is one of the reasons Bill Cooper chose Richmond. “Faculty members and administrators who have come here over the last several years have seen that opportunity to make a difference as well,” Cooper says.

Cooper has experienced how colleges and universities can transform individuals nearly all his life. “I practically grew up on the campus of Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa.,” he says. “Many of my friends were children of F&M professors. That’s how I grew to admire academic life.”

One professor whom Cooper saw as a role model took him to the state legislature in Harrisburg. “John Pittinger gave me a feel for government circles and how an academic perspective can play a role in crafting legislation.

“It was a wonderful upbringing. I would not be in academics today had I not breathed that atmosphere at a young age.”

Neither of Cooper’s parents was a college graduate, but both parents instilled in him the values of hard work and high expectations. His late father William managed a shoe store, and his paternal grandfather was a minister. His mother Mildred, who still resides in Lancaster, worked for state and federal government agencies.

**As a student** at Brown University, Cooper was taught by Peter Eimas and Sheila Blumstein, two of the foremost leaders in the psychology of speech, who introduced him to cognitive science. “I delved into my discipline sparked by these professors,” he says.

After getting both bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Brown in 1973, he went on to get a Ph.D. in cognitive science from MIT in 1976. After a postdoctoral fellowship at MIT, he became a faculty member at Harvard and later at the University of Iowa. He has authored or co-authored five books and more than 100 scholarly articles on brain mechanisms involving speech perception and production.

In 1989 he became dean of the faculty at Tulane and began to hone his administrative skills. The change suited him. “I always held broader interests,” he says. “I liked to pick up a New Yorker or read about a chemistry experiment. Administration lets me use all
my intellectual interests. It has helped to satisfy my appetite for learning as much as I can about many different fields.”

To put it simply, Cooper loves learning, loves all things academic. “Loving what you are doing gets you through the rainy days. That’s the thing that tends to drive successful presidents. They just believe so much in what they’re doing for the program they will walk through whatever they have to walk through. I know the presidency can be a grueling job, but you do it because you love what you do.”

**COOPER HAS MADE**

Cooper has made a careful study of university presidential leadership. His presidential role models include scholars who became presidents like James Bryant Conant of Harvard, Henry Wriston of Brown and John Kemeny of Dartmouth.

The title of Conant’s autobiography, *My Several Lives*, summarizes the appeal he has for Cooper. “He was a faculty member in chemistry, tapped to be Harvard’s president, and later, ambassador to Germany, all fascinating career chapters in a very full life. Conant helped to build Harvard with an uncanny ability both to devise grand strategy and attend to key details during implementation.”

Brown’s Henry Wriston, another favorite who wrote an autobiography, was a historian and the first non-Baptist president of Brown. “He led a number of major initiatives, transforming a university with a fairly modest profile into an academic dynamo.”

Kemeny at Dartmouth was a pioneering computer scientist. As a faculty member he developed the BASIC computer language in the 1960s, and as president his initiatives included ushering in coeducation at Dartmouth.

These presidents were faculty members who made real inroads in their scholarly fields. Cooper believes they’re apt models for higher education.

While he believes that having a “personal feel for what faculty lives are like is crucial to being a president,” so is an understanding of students. Cooper is anxious to open his doors to them. “We’re here for the students. We want to know what works for them and what can be improved.” *Discussion, cooperation and collaboration* are words Cooper uses and means.

He also values interacting with boards, noting he has learned a lot from CEOs, attorneys, and others who make up the ranks of boards of trustees. “They bring wonderful perspectives.”

Cooper has been impressed with the membership of Richmond’s Board of Trustees and Board of Associates. He finds them “dedicated and very earnest about their responsibilities” and believes “they are crucial for the success of this university.”

He also believes that a president in any university has “a unique responsibility to be the principal fund raiser.” To do that, “you learn as much as you can about academic needs. You find out what the priorities are. Then you go through a continuous learning process by exchanging views about priorities with donors.”

**PEOPLE WHO KNOW** Cooper bet he will be a terrific president in the tradition of his role models.

Father Leo O’Donovan, president of Georgetown University, says of his former executive vice president for the Main Campus: “He has brought to Georgetown strong leadership, innovative ideas, and a commitment to excellence. Dr. Cooper is a hands-on leader who has shown an especially strong commitment to diversity, and has a unique ability to collaborate with faculty.

“In addition, he has a bold vision of the future of higher education, and excels at long-range strategic planning. The strengths that served Dr. Cooper so well at Georgetown no doubt will allow him to thrive at the University of Richmond as well.”

Dr. Theresa Soufas, dean of the faculty of the liberal arts and sciences at Tulane who worked with and then succeeded Cooper there, agrees: “I’m quite excited. This is a great match.”
“His legacy here is very strong. He hired very strong faculty members, who are the basis of our excellent curriculum, research and teaching and put in place a strong support system. I could point to every single department.”

“Certainly he has the background, the experience to take on academic administration, both personally and professionally. I predict great success for him and a very happy outcome for the University of Richmond.”

What about Cooper’s style as president? “I try not to take myself too seriously,” he laughs. “I try to make people feel comfortable, and I am open to different perspectives.”

Cooper is reluctant to talk about himself, but when pushed will say he is “matter-of-fact, accessible, a quick study, willing to agree to disagree.”

Soufas corroborates Cooper’s self-portrait: “All of my faculty colleagues would agree that he is very accessible, always able to meet to discuss issues. He is a good listener with strong analytical and interpretive skills. He also has the ability to inject sensitivity and humor and to create a level of comfort in difficult discussions.”

As another Tulane colleague put it during the search process, “He’s brilliant but humane.”

One of Cooper’s biggest tests came four or five years ago, Soufas says, when he was asked by the president to chair an initiative called Tulane 2000. “There were a number of financial issues that needed to be resolved. It was a huge responsibility he had to shoulder for the entire academic year as well as holding down the deanship.”

Cooper agreed that that time was a test of his leadership abilities. “We were simply overburdened financially. We had to make some hard decisions to trim in some areas in order to be able to grow in others. It’s difficult to keep morale high in the face of those challenges, but Tulane and other universities have been strengthened by such discipline and teamwork.”

**Dr. Bill Cooper and his wife, Dr. Clarissa Holmes**

Dr. Clarissa S. Holmes, also were attracted to Richmond because the community seemed a great place for their two daughters, Ashley, 11; and Courtney, 6. “There is a high quality of life for families here,” Holmes says.

Holmes, who is nationally known for her research on children with diabetes, will be professor in the department of psychology in the College of Humanities and Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, with affiliate research professor appointments in the departments of pediatrics and psychiatry in the VCU School of Medicine.

Holmes and Cooper met when they were both on the faculty at Iowa, and they have spent their married life as a dual-career couple. Obviously the odds for both to get positions at the same university are enhanced at larger schools and some compromises have to be made, but “it has always worked out,” Holmes says.

The city of Richmond happened to have both a smaller private university and a large research university, ideal for the couple. Holmes, who has been an academic colleague of Cooper, is very proud of her husband: “I am his biggest fan. He deserves to be president, and I’m glad he has this opportunity. Richmond is fortunate to have a president who is responsive, open and dedicated and who has such a clear view of the big picture.”

They are a close-knit family, playing each other in tennis and basketball, with an elaborate handicap system to make the teams even. Courtney, for example, is allowed some liberal bounces in both basketball and tennis. She recently made her first basket in game conditions with a Richmond women’s basketball camp basketball, Cooper reports. Both girls are excellent swimmers, and both play piano.

The family enjoys eating out. The kids often argue for the Silver Diner, a ’50s place with a glowing jukebox. Mom and Dad like Pulcinella’s, an Italian restaurant where opera is performed once in a while,
I was at 14.” The realization, however, came after her death, and he never got to meet her.

He did become a poet, though, writing in earnest at Tulane. “Discovering that I could write poetry was a wonderful experience. It’s a different mindset.”

He “takes notes on all sorts of things,” in a diary and is fond of saving poems or snippets of poems in folders.

Some of his poems are on scientific discovery, some are very place-oriented, or Tachibana, for Japanese food. They also go to plays, music and dance recitals and art exhibits.

Their family house in McLean reflects their international interests: African, Asian, Egyptian and European art.

At Georgetown Cooper bestowed honorary degrees on Kim Dae Jung of South Korea and Fidel Ramos, president of the Philippines, and met other international leaders like Chile’s Eduardo Frei. Being able to converse with world leaders, many of whom are extremely well educated, has given him “faith in the world order,” he says.

If Cooper’s warmth and administrative skills belie the stereotypical image of the researcher, his being a poet completely bamboozles those who like to pigeonhole people.

He started writing poetry after his 1984 trip to Brazil as a Fulbright scholar. He became acquainted with the work of poet Elizabeth Bishop in the little mining town of Ouro Preto, Brazil, where she lived for many years. He further discovered that when she was at Harvard, she lived next door to Cooper. “She was at 16 Chauncy Street; and some are very person-oriented, he says. Some are about Brazil, some about his childhood. There is one about a childhood friend who died in Vietnam. There are poems about his daughters in their early years, their “early verbalization,” “their fractured logic” that interests the scientist in him.

Taking notes or writing scraps of poems can be “a wonderful antidote to administrative life. I can see William Carlos Williams [the New Jersey poet who had a full-time medical practice] writing notes between patients. People would never guess that I write poetry when I’m doing administration.”

After his appointment was announced on May 11, Cooper spent one or two days a week on campus meeting with faculty leaders and administrators before starting full-time on July 1.

“The big question now,” he says, “is what are those bold strokes that would enhance further development of the University in years to come? Do we spend more on programs already in place, or do we develop new ones?
"We don’t have deficits, huge deferred maintenance, huge debt like many colleges and universities. Some schools operate year to year, but we have a very strong profile financially. We have balanced present needs with future prospects, and we need to continue to do that."

"The test for new programs," he says, "is whether they represent the best academic investments we can make for the long term."

Cooper feels that one of the ways to determine a university’s direction is to study institutional models. The Williams model, for example, focuses primarily on undergraduate education. The comprehensive universities have Ph.D. programs.

Richmond focuses on undergraduate education, but it also has some master’s level programs, some professional schools. "That’s an unusual model," he admits. "Should we become great by developing the comprehensive master’s university model? Should we have a few vanguard Ph.D. programs? How should we build the best possible learning community, in which all our programs mutually reinforce one another?"

These are but some of the questions he poses for University-wide discussion. "The academic world is not a one-size-fits-all. Whatever course we decide to take, Richmond has to be true to Richmond."

Cooper has studied the history of the University of Richmond and is enthralled with the foresight and overwhelming generosity of heroes throughout UR’s existence.

"For an institution of Richmond’s size, to have donors such as the Robins family, the Jepson family, joined by so many others, is truly remarkable," he says. He’s also impressed with the strong morale and the strong alumni base. "Richmond is an institution that never stands still. That’s the mark of all great universities."

Even before the big gifts, that characteristic was one of the hallmarks of Richmond, Cooper feels. "How dedicated the founders were to shepherd the institution’s resources through lean times, to the point where it was possible to make the giant step enabled by E. Claiborne Robins in 1969. None of the excitement of the last 30 years would have been possible if earlier leaders had not built such a fine university."

There were the "heroes who moved the campus from downtown." That was a "pioneering effort," Cooper says. "Some people must have thought that act was folly, but it was truly visionary."

Prior to being approached, Cooper had known of Richmond through stories about the Robins gift, through two UR students he and his family knew, through Richard L. Morrill’s reputation as a strategic planner. "I knew Richmond was on the radar as a rising university known for high-quality programs, but I didn’t know it in depth."

Enter trustees Robert L. Burrus Jr., R’55, chair of the search committee; Rector Austin Brockenbrough III, B’62; and faculty member Dr. Jane M. Berry, associate professor of psychology. The trio called on Cooper in Washington to discuss the presidency, and Cooper has been impressed with the University’s people ever since.

"It was obvious how deeply they care about the University of Richmond. They gave me some in-depth information to read, and ever since I have been struck with how Richmond is built to last. The possibility of being its president stood out as a special opportunity."

When asked how it feels to become a member of the Spider family, Cooper smiles and replies, "It is an honor to be associated with a species so well known for creating something larger than itself." With that he circles the room once more and is out the door.

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The learning curve

Each student experience arcs in a way as unique as the individual.

Five graduates share their ride.

The college experience should be transforming or re-affirming, inspirational or humbling, dramatically motivational or enlightening—in some cases larger than life—to do its proper job. We examine the Richmond experience through the eyes of five recent graduates of the Class of '98. As one told us, "For me, four years here meant change on a large scale—exactly what I hoped for when I came. If you don't get your degree feeling to some extent transformed, you blew the experience."

By Barbara Fitzgerald
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In the drive down to Richmond from her home in New York in the fall of 1994, incoming UR first-year student Michele Walls—a member of the first generation of her family to attend college—sat in the back seat and listened with good humor to a familiar conversation between her mother and father.

Mr. Walls, a retired New York City police officer, and Mrs. Walls, a secretary, were discussing once again their daughter's prospects for a successful college experience, recalling what a joiner and doer Michele had been during her years of high school back in Hawthorne, N.Y. “Everyone's going to know her at Richmond, too,” said Mr. Walls. “She's going to do all kinds of great things and really make a difference there.”

“Oh, Michael,” said Michele's more realistic mom, “don't you put that kind of pressure on her. In an environment as large as the University of Richmond, you know she's not.”

Four years later, one sunny Sunday this May, Michele Walls graduated from the University of Richmond as an English major with a list of activities and honors nearly as long as the credits on NYPD Blue.

It included membership in six different honorary societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board; membership on the judiciary council, debate team and class cabinet; and service as a student admissions representative and a language tutor. She also was a scholarship recipient and vice president and president of Golden Key honorary society. She had breathed new life into a long-defunct pre-law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, and then became its president for three years. And now, she was savoring the prospect of her first year at Harvard Law School. “Well,” laughs Walls, “since I was here, I thought I might as well get my money's worth.”

Walls says that during her four years at UR, “I had this absolutely amazing stuff going on around me all the time, and I just resolved that I was going to do anything and everything that even remotely interested me. I wanted to attend every campus event, get involved in a lot of areas and activities, and not miss a thing.”

She didn't. From plays to debates to sporting events, Walls was there. “I never would have thought during that ride down here,” she says, “that one day before long I would be standing around at a reception chatting with E.L. Doctorow, but I was. I would never have thought that professors would end up being my friends, but they are.”

Those professors, Walls says, are the “most wonderful thing about the University. When I gave tours to prospective students, I always told them that.” As “the perfect example” of an outstanding UR professor, “one who challenges you so much both in and out of class,” Michele mentions Dr. Suzanne Jones, who taught several of her English classes.

“When my parents sold my childhood home and I was sad, she was the one I went to talk to. She got to know all about my family, my boyfriend. How many universities are there where a professor would know so much about a student?”

Walls, who came to Richmond with a Coca-Cola Scholarship and credits a series of jobs, scholarships and financial aid for getting her through, says she found her classmates equally supportive. “You hear horror stories about competition at college, but I've never encountered a warmer, more supportive group.

“As I got to know more people, it was obvious that everyone had their own hurdles, their own different kinds of problems.”

Walls' first big project—the one she terms “the mark I'm leaving on the University”—was Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity she brought back to life. “I had tossed law school around in my head my whole life,” Walls says, “but I had a lot of questions. I felt the fraternity would be a valuable resource, but I had no idea whether I could really get it going. One thing I learned here, though, is that almost anything is possible, if you put enough effort behind it.”

So when the student activities office told her she'd need 15 potential members to revive the pre-law fraternity, she came back with 24. Similarly, when she got a job calling for her to work 10 hours a week, she worked more than that in overtime. And once she settled on her career, she turned her sights to Harvard Law.

“I didn't go to a high school that cranks out kids for Ivy League schools,” Walls says. “The fact that I came here would have been enough, but Harvard does have a nice ring to it. I would like to go back to my high school now and tell them all that they have no idea what's available to them out here, if they're willing to go for it.”

After her impressive list of accomplishments as an undergraduate, Walls says she just wants “to blend in” at Harvard. “Now that I'm going to law school, I don't expect to have time for anything else. This time I'm the one who doesn't want to put any pressure on myself. “At least,” she adds, predictably, “until I have a little while to adjust.”
When Bartolini decided in his thirties to go to college and prepare himself for starting his own hospitality business someday, Morgan was completely supportive. “Having a husband as a full-time student has been a dream,” she says. “He was often home during the day, and I could always call on him for help with Massey and for emotional support. I’ve really gotten spoiled in the past few years.”

Bartolini actually began his degree at Virginia Commonwealth University in downtown Richmond; but after determining that he was capable of doing college work, he decided that he wanted a more traditional college setting in which to do it. At that point he transferred across town to UR, from which he graduated in May, majoring in finance and accounting.

“This experience,” he says, “has been tremendous. I learned something new every day I was here.” Bartolini was a little concerned coming in, knowing he was probably one of the oldest students on campus—including many of the graduate students. “The student body,” he says, “has been wonderful to me. They are refreshing young people here, very bright, competitive students.”

“I knew I was in a different category from most,” he laughs, “when I started getting double mail—things addressed to me, and things addressed to the parents of myself.”

Not only were his fellow students far younger, but many of his professors were younger than he as well. “But I was always receptive to what they had to teach me,” he says, “and many, many days I was the last person to leave class, staying a few minutes longer to learn one more thing.”

His professors say Bartolini was an excellent example for the younger students, not only totally receptive to learning but focused and mature. He has served as one of the more popular language tutors during his UR years, making good use of his fluency in Italian and French.

“It came here with the maturity and the practical experiences out in the world,” Bartolini says, “but I lacked the intellectual challenges, and I have found those in abundance. My leadership class was invaluable, for instance—it should be required in the business curriculum.”

“I’ve also learned to communicate far better, to get my message across. Public speaking used to be terrifying for me; but with all the class presentation you have to do here, you either get over it or spend years being terrified.”

A dean’s list student, Bartolini actually finished all his degree requirements a year ago, but stayed on an extra year “just to enhance my degree and my possibilities,” and because there were still many things he wanted to learn. “I’ve loved every minute of it,” he says.

He has already started work at a regional CPA firm and expects to be in an MBA program in the next five years. “Now that I’ve had this experience,” he says, “I can’t stand not to be learning.”
When a video about the University of Richmond arrived at the home of Markita Boney in Hampton, Va., she felt sure she had found her destiny. "It was so beautiful," she says. "It fit exactly with the picture in my mind of what college was supposed to be.

"When I came to UR on CIGNA Scholars Weekend, I was really impressed. People here knew all about me and were ready to discuss my plans and my options. 'I don't know how I'm going to pay for this,' I said when I got back home, 'but I want it bad.'"

Boney had made a checklist of things she hoped to find at the school she would attend, and the University of Richmond offered everything on her list, except for one item: an African dance company. "When I asked about that," she remembers, "they said casually, 'No, we don't have that, but you can start one if you'd like.'"

So the very first semester Boney thought she'd call their bluff. "I went to see Myra Daleng in the dance department and she was excited and set me on the path. Then I went to see Dr. Len Goldberg [vice president for student affairs], who told me how to go about it and offered support from his own budget. [Westhampton] Dean Pat Harwood and Linda Pugh [in student activities] and Dr. Tinina Cade from multicultural studies all got involved, and faculty members—and this is still first semester, you understand.'"

Like Michele Walls with her pre-law fraternity, Boney lined up a formal roster, got officers elected, and wrote a constitution. Second semester the Ngoma African Dance Company was born. "By April," she beams, "we were giving a performance in front of the library. I thought that was absolutely amazing, and after that, I knew students could do anything here. By my sophomore year, I was trying to run the school."

Just about. Boney's accomplishments included membership in Phi Beta Sigma, the freshman national honor society; varsity debate team; UR Forum Debate; the presidency of the Ngoma African Dance Company and presidency of the Multicultural Student Union; Student Affairs Committee; umoja UR Gospel Choir; and member of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. She was a CIGNA Scholar and a Bonner Scholar; and she received recognition (twice) by Omicron Delta Kappa, once as founder of the dance company and again as a campus leader—all this while she was still just a sophomore.

Boney marvels that she could accomplish so much so fast in what she calls "the most conservative environment I have been in in my whole life." She puzzles over what she sees as a wide divergence between the way faculty and administration support diversity and new ideas, and the reluctance she found in the student body to embrace either.

"If there was something I needed to do here, I went directly to the administration or the faculty and knew it would happen. It didn't matter who I needed to talk to—somebody's door was always open. The only barrier I ran into was from the students.

"If I had something that required student approval rather than simply administration support, I knew it would be a longer, harder, and less likely process—and it always was."

Nevertheless, Boney feels that each incoming class gets a little more open to new ideas. "And I must say by the time my class got to be seniors, we had all learned a few things."

"I know I've grown and learned about myself because I had to. If you're the only black person in a class, you're forced to look at your identity. Are the things that I have held to be important just superficial? Was it possible that after years of believing people should be proud of what they are, that I had never really embodied that thought?"

Boney, a leadership studies major, says it's a good thing she didn't come to UR for the social life "because I didn't fit into that scene at all." Nevertheless, she has good friends and doubts she would have been able to accomplish anywhere else what she has achieved here.

"I wouldn't trade my UR experiences for anything," she says. "I learned so much here. Professors said to me early on, 'Don't just read what's in the syllabus. Reach outside the class, outside yourself.' And I've done that. I've read and studied what I wanted. Before, I had always just done what I had to do to get the 'A.'"

One of her outside quests led her to find her family's tribe in Ghana. Others led to travel all over the country, from a visit to New York with the debate team to a Native American reservation in Texas.

Still another quest led away from her long-planned career in law. "I worked at both the law library and a law firm while I was here," she says, "and many of the attorneys I talked to just weren't happy. They had chosen law to pursue truth and justice, and ended up bound by the letter of the law instead. So I changed directions and took a job in the Philadelphia office of CIGNA."

This was an interesting choice for Markita since she came to UR first on a CIGNA Weekend and held a CIGNA scholarship her entire four years. "The company has been an integral part of my college life," she says. "It seems appropriate to move on with it."
When Vinnie Olivieri heard that President Richard Morrill was retiring this summer, he and a classmate decided that since they were graduating in May and unemployed, they might as well apply for the job. So, tongue-in-cheek, the two announced their candidacy in a regular column in The Collegian, where they frequently highlighted some of the challenges they saw on campus and suggested what they could do as president of the University to meet them.

"My columns were always the first step in problem-solving for me," he notes. "When I first came here, I hated the place. There was no one similar to me. If I had gone to a larger school, I kept thinking, I would have immediately found a group of people exactly like me and fallen in comfortably with them.

"But then I realized that would have been considerably less of a learning experience and a pretty shallow four years. It's so small here that you can't blow somebody off because they disagree with you. You keep running into them. You have to deal with the problem."

Identifying the problem is one of the things Olivieri thinks he has done best here. "I think, for instance, my columns raised some issues that needed to be raised," he says. "I tried to consider things in a humorous way. Actual solutions are harder."

Olivieri found some, though, during his college years. "My friends here ended up being much more diverse than I would ever have thought. I have some who are religious and some not at all; some Democrats, some Republicans; one who's going into the Marines. There's a lot to be said for going inside the person and not just judging from what's obvious."

Olivieri—a math major and music minor with a concentration in education—is himself a surprise, a good deal more serious-minded in person than his humorous column would indicate.

"If I have a regret," he says, "it's that I didn't do more to take advantage of all the chances for service here. One thing I did do and am proud of was to become a 'safe zone' for gay, bisexual and lesbian students, someone they could talk to and be comfortable with. I wish I had done more, but I guess my life's service will be my teaching."

Olivieri has hardly been idle. His honors at UR range from being named the Most Significant Contributor to the school during his sophomore year, to membership in seven honorary societies, including ODK and Golden Key. He also was one of the assistant producers of the University's latest admission video, and was chosen to give the student baccalaureate address at graduation.

In music and theatre he's done everything: sound design and original music for four University Players productions; and sound operations for visiting artists in the Modlin Center for the Arts. He's acted, directed, produced and stage managed other productions, and composed music for the University Dancers.

He cofounded Actual Bells Are Missing (a coed a cappella singing group), sang in the Schola Cantorum and the University Choir, played in the University Orchestra and the UR Wind Ensemble, and directed the percussion ensemble.

Now he's working professionally as resident composer of the Richmond Shakespeare Festival sponsored by Encore! Theatre Co. (and run by UR alumni), and his original music will travel with one of the Shakespeare productions across Virginia this summer.

He has, he says modestly, "run into a string of good luck and opportunities that most people don't get," including the chance to become a working professional in sound design.

He leaves UR "with a math major, a music minor, and a license to teach in 37 states." More than that, he leaves with an acceptance to graduate school at the Yale School of Drama.

His sister will be coming in as a first-year student this fall. Has she seen his admission video? "She doesn't need to," Olivieri says. "She's a lot like me. She'll be very comfortable here."
Mary Mittell didn’t set out to graduate with four majors. “I took what I was interested in,” she says, “and it turned out I was interested in a lot.” Mittell graduated in May with majors in English, Spanish, philosophy and women’s studies, and was recognized at Commencement as the Westhampton College recipient of the Clarence J. Gray Achievement Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership.

She also was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and selected as the student speaker for the pre-graduation candlelight ceremony. Mary attended UR on a full scholarship and graduated with a 3.8 average.

But the accomplishment she’s most proud of is her work with WILL (Women Involved in Living and Learning), a four-year program of women’s studies, co-curricular activities on gender issues, and interaction in a student organization, all designed to foster self-confidence and self-awareness in women. Mittell was WILL president her senior year and says her participation in the 120-member organization “made all the difference for me. It made my college experience a transformational one.

“I’m far more of an activist now than I would ever have dreamed of being in high school,” she says. “I believed many of the same things then, but I would never have had the confidence to say, debate those beliefs. At UR, I found myself actually calling up administrators to tell them what I thought about things.”

And when she wasn’t calling, she wrote. “It was WILL that gave me the confidence to tackle issues head-on,” she says. Sometimes the efforts paid off and other times she was happy just to have planted a seed. One of her unsuccessful campaigns was a push for the University to provide a daycare program for its employees. “It’s a glaring lack” in a place that wants to be a family-friendly community, she says. “And it would be good for students to have the opportunity to work with such a program, too.”

Now Mittell is ready to tackle bigger problems in the world at large. With a college record of achievement, participation and leadership that would open corporate doors all over the country, Mary is focusing right now on making a difference.

This summer she has accepted a position at a homeless shelter for undocumented immigrants in El Paso, Texas. Eventually she will become an RN and ultimately a midwife—a career choice to which her WILL studies led her. Unlike so many of her classmates who felt pressured to line up a job, Mary is no longer in a hurry to get where she’s going. “I’m pure potential,” she says. “I’m leaving this University feeling that I can do anything.”

In addition to WILL, Mary credits her confidence to “the other best thing about the University, no hesitation: the faculty. So many of them are just brilliant in the classroom. And I really appreciate the contact I had with them outside the classroom, too. When I think of people I will never forget here, half of them are faculty and staff. That’s kind of remarkable, isn’t it?”

As an example of outstanding faculty, Mittell mentions Dr. Patricia Patterson, coordinator of women’s studies. “I never even had a class with her,” Mary says, “but our paths crossed on a project, and she ended up being a mentor and a constant support. It’s odd that this woman who never taught me has been such a great influence on me, but I’m not sure it’s all that rare at Richmond. That’s one of the nice things about this place.”
When Carolyn R. Martin began working at the University of Richmond in 1973, she had no plans to be a "career woman." She was 25 and her job as secretary to the executive assistant to the president was just that: a job, a source of income. She didn't have a college degree and she hadn't really considered trying to get one, since she was past the traditional college age.
"We often underestimate our capacity to learn and grow," says Martin, who has come full circle with her latest appointment at the University. She is the new executive assistant to the president, the very position for which she was a secretary 25 years ago.

Not only has Martin, C'86, made a successful career for herself during the 23 years she has been at Richmond, she is the first female on the University's senior staff. And, after 10 years of taking classes while working full time, she has her college degree, having concluded early on that her future would be limited without one.

A Richmond native, Martin says she didn't develop a long-range plan for her life prior to going to work. She did, however, have a strong work ethic and a desire to do things well, thanks to her parents. "They instilled in me by their example that hard work was necessary just to maintain the status quo and that getting ahead required even more effort."

Martin began working at the University shortly after the $50 million gift of the E. Claiborne Robins family, when the Robins' expectations of greatness for Richmond were taking hold.

"Along with so many others at the University, I adopted Mr. Robins' vision that we were going to achieve great things," she remembers.

When then-President Dr. E. Bruce Heilman asked Martin to join his office staff, she accepted the secretarial position, moving up during the next 11 years to become Dr. Heilman's administrative assistant. Working with Dr. Heilman is one of the highlights of Martin's career at Richmond. She says his energy, enthusiasm, persistence and optimism were key in transforming "problems" into "opportunities for success," and she credits him with having had a great effect on her life.

"Dr. Heilman chose good people to work with him and never failed to acknowledge how important their efforts were in moving the University forward," Martin says. "He never failed to celebrate the successes, yet he used those moments as opportunities to set the mark higher, both for himself and the University. I knew how important it was to do things right; he taught me the importance of doing the right things."

Chancellor Heilman is quick to credit Martin for her own accomplishments. She developed very successful relationships in the University community and beyond during her years in the president's office, he says. "She always assumed responsibility above and beyond the call of duty. In my 40-year career, I don't know that I've ever had anyone work for me who has done a better job than Carolyn Martin."

It was while she was working for Dr. Heilman that Martin earned both her associate's and bachelor's degrees in applied studies from the University. In 1986 she left UR to become a financial planner but two years later she was asked to return as director of University services, where she oversaw telecommunications, purchasing and event scheduling for the campus.

Louis M. Moelchert, Jr., vice president of business and planning, says Martin was asked to return because of her extraordinary capacity to deal with many different issues at the same time and because of her exceptional management skills.

When the Presidential Debate came to the University in 1992, Martin was an integral part of the steering team. Working day and night, she led the team that handled all of the communications requests for the debate and was responsible for the media center. "It was an awesome experience to be a part of the debate and to see the University host that international event in a world-class way," she says.

Most recently, as director of network and telecommunication services, Martin was responsible for both administrative and student telephone services, network services and the computer operations center.

"Carolyn Martin knows how the University works," says Dr. Zeddie Bowen, vice president and provost. It was this, along with her knowledge of the president's office and the Board of Trustees, that made her the obvious choice for the position of executive assistant to the president, he says. "She is well known and highly regarded in the University community."

Martin succeeded Dr. John Roush, who left to become president of Centre College (see story, p. 2). In her first few months on the job she has helped make Dr. William Cooper's transition to the University a smooth one. She advises the new president on matters involving the institution's various constituencies, represents him and the University in educational and civic associations, and serves as a liaison with the Board of Trustees.

Martin says she feels a great sense of accomplishment and gratitude when she looks at how far she has come. "I've been able to take advantage of wonderful opportunities. It has made me incredibly resourceful. "And most importantly, the people I have had the privilege to work with at Richmond are proof that we achieve very little ourselves. It is when we work together that we truly succeed."

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A program entitled "The Roaring '20s Revisited"
Mon., Oct. 5, 8 pm
Camp Concert Hall

Chris Kilmartin in "Crimes Against Nature"
A humorous look at the social pressures inherent in being masculine
Tues., Oct. 6, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
Sponsored by the Richmond College dean's office

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago
Chicago's premier dance company returning to the University with a diverse repertoire
Mon., Oct. 19, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
"1998-99 Tucker-Boatwright Artists-in-Residence" (UR Cultural Affairs Committee)

Homer's "Odyssey"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Thurs., Oct. 22, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
Cosponsored by the UR Cultural Affairs Committee

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
Cosponsored by the UR Cultural Affairs Committee

Shakespeare's "Hamlet"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
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Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
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Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
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Shakespeare's "The Tempest"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
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Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale"
Aquila Theatre Company of London
A classic comedy with original live music, creative staging and spectacular movement
Sat., Oct. 24, 8 pm
Alice Jepson Theatre
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Marsh Art Gallery
Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 pm, and admission is free. The gallery is closed fall break, Oct. 10-13.

Consuelo Kanaga: An American Photographer
Work of the documentarian of African Americans, organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art
Aug. 21, 2007

Art for the University: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Marsh Art Gallery
Gifts to the gallery's permanent collection
Aug. 21 to Sept. 26

David Headley: Seashells Sonata
Four monumental paintings of seashells as human-scale architecture
Aug. 21 to Dec. 12

Witness to Our Century: An Artistic Biography of Fritz Eichenberg
Organized by Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery
Sept. 25 to Dec. 12

On back cover: Alexander Calder American, 1898-1976,
"Blue Moon," n.d., color lithograph, 23 x 30 1/2 inches.
Marsh Art Gallery, University of Richmond.
Web: www.suarts.vcu.edu

For information on admission, see page 15.
The Art of Public Speaking
SAJJID ZAHIR CHINOY, AR '96

"A Question of Culture," the address given May 12, 1996, by Chinoy at the University of Richmond Commencement, is reproduced in its entirety in Stephen E. Lucas' text on public speaking. The address is the first in the appendix of speeches for analysis and discussion which also includes speeches from Martin Luther King Jr., AIDS activist Mary Fisher, actor Alan Alda and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Lucas introduces Chinoy's address by saying: "Seldom does a student commencement address upstage the featured speaker — especially when that speaker is a Pulitzer Prize winner from Harvard University.Yet that is exactly what happened when Sajjid Zahir Chinoy spoke to his fellow graduates...." (The address was reprinted in the Summer 1996 issue of the University of Richmond Magazine.)

A native of India, Chinoy attended Stanford University where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in economics.

The Best of Watercolor: Painting Textures
DIANE HICKMAN JACKSON, W '62
Rockport Publishers, 1997

Jackson's still life watercolor, "Rhapsody," has been published in The Best of Watercolor: Painting Textures, a book of juried watercolors from today's best contemporary watercolorists. She is one of 120 artists selected from 4,000 entrants for their outstanding ability to paint textures with watercolor. The book is one in a series of four on specific watercolor techniques.

Jackson has been painting full time for 15 years. Although she also works with acrylics and pastel portraits, her primary medium is watercolor. For many years she has been competing in national shows and in the Virginia Watercolor Society, where she has obtained artist's membership.

The winner of a "Best in Show" award in an international competition at the Fraser Gallery in Georgetown, Jackson will be doing a solo exhibit at the gallery this September and October. She also has been published in Watercolor Magic magazine and is regularly featured at the University's Arts Around the Lake.

HUB CITY CHRISTMAS, SPARTANBURG WRITERS TRIM THE LITERARY TREE
DR. N.E. LASSITER, R '63
Holocene Press, 1997

Lassiter's story, "The Christmas Saw," is one of a collection of holiday stories written by Spartanburg writers and edited by Betsy Teter and John Lane. It is a moving story of how we often don't understand that which we don't know. In it he tells the true story of Sam, an old man in Spartanburg who lived in a home filled with bats and dogs, a man whose living conditions and appearance made him the laugh of the town. Sam offered to play music at the church Christmas gathering and stunned the congregation with the beautiful music he played on an old steel saw.

The senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, S.C...for 13 years, Lassiter has served four churches in South Carolina in his 25 years in the ministry.

Laughing, she added, "It's all in the timing."

Players, the Men Who Made Las Vegas
A.D. HOPKINS, R '65
University of Nevada Press, 1997

Hopkins contributed two chapters to this book of biographies about the men who shaped Las Vegas.Edited by Jack Sheehan, the book gives readers stories of the men whose ideas established this gambling mecca of the world. Hopkins wrote a biography about Benny Binion, who was the first to take million-dollar bets, giving players the chance to win "big time," and who was the inventor of the World Series of Poker. He also wrote about Jay Sarno, the creator of Caesars and Circus Circus.

An investigative reporter and historical writer, Hopkins is the special projects editor for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1969. He began his career in the newspaper business more than 35 years ago as a copy boy at the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
Sixth Ezra: The Text and Origin
DR. THEODORE A. BERGREN, associate professor of religion
Oxford University Press, 1998

Bergren’s text provides the first complete critical edition of 6 Ezra, which for- tells the terrible catastrophes that will ravage the earth and predicts that the only ones to be saved will be those who remain faithful during persecution. Sixth Ezra offers a detailed analysis of the text and addresses issues of social setting, provenance, date, religious affiliation and recensional history.

A specialist in early Jewish and Christian apocryphal and pseudographical writings, Bergren is also the author of Fifth Ezra: The Text, Origin, and Early History and A Latin-Greek Index of the Vulgate New Testament.

Southern Odyssey, Selected Writings by Sherwood Anderson
DR. WELFORD DUNAWAY TAYLOR, R ’59 and the Bostwick Professor of English, and Charles E. Modlin, eds.
The University of Georgia Press, 1998

This collection of the best of Sherwood Anderson’s writings about the region where he spent the last years of his life provides the reader with Anderson’s perspectve vision of the South. More than 40 selections of journalism and fiction explore the people, the problems and the splendor of the South during the first part of this century.

More than a simple personal record of his years in the South, Southern Odyssey is a gallery of portraits which represent Anderson’s prose at its best.

Anderson, who lived from 1876-1941, was the author of Winesburg, Ohio and Horses and Men.

The Viper on the Hearth
DR. TERRY L. GIVENS, associate professor of English
Oxford University Press, 1997

Subtitled Mormons, Myths, and the Construction of Heresy, Givens’ book examines the ways in which Mormons have been portrayed in popular culture. It is the first full-length study to look at representations of Mormonism in popular fiction. It has been called “a wonderfully thought-through look at the interrelationships between fiction, religion, and the culture of humor/hostility.” Also the author of the children’s book, Dragon Scales and Willow Leaves, Givens has published several journal articles on Mormon studies, aesthetics and literary criticism.

ADVERTISING
★ Kevin S. Proudfoot, AR ’95, took top honors at the 22nd annual One Show, one of the country’s most prestigious advertising competitions, held in New York City in May. The show is sponsored by The One Club, an international organization of more than 1,000 art directors and copywriters.

Proudfoot and fellow Virginia Commonwealth University Adcenter student Matt Stein won the Gold Pencil, the show’s top prize; in a student competition of more than 400 entries from students from around the world. The winning entry by Proudfoot and Stein promoted the Pastamatic pasta machine with scenes of leisurely dining and the slogan, “Make time. Make pasta.”

Proudfoot also is one of fewer than 100 students worldwide whose work was displayed at the fourth annual One Club Student Exhibition in New York in May and June. Since receiving his master’s degree in communications from VCU in May, he and Stein have been creating and producing an NFL pro football campaign for ESPN through Weiden & Kennedy, an advertising agency in Portland, Maine.

COMMUNITY
★ Louise Eubank Gray, W ’28, was honored as the first Middlesex, Va., Citizen of the Year at the county’s 325th anniversary celebration in May, in recognition of her nearly 40 years as an educator in Middlesex and King and Queen counties and for her extensive volunteer work in the community.

She served as the first president of the board of the Middlesex County Museum, on the county’s library board and on the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundations board. A poet and author, she also has been active in the Virginia Writers Club. Among the books she has written or cowritten are A Patchwork Quilt, Reflections, Windows on the Past and Historic Buildings of Middlesex County, 1660-1875. In 1981, Gray was the recipient of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association’s Distinguished Alumna Award.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
★ Dr. John G. “Greg” Morrisett, R ’89, an assistant professor of computer science at Cornell since 1995, has been awarded a research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He is one of only 100 scientists nationwide who received the fellowship, which is awarded to help “young scholars of outstanding promise” set up laboratories for their research. Since the fellowships were established in 1955, 21 recipients have gone on to win Nobel Prizes.

Morrisett’s primary research interests are in the development and use of advanced programming languages, particularly in the use of high-level languages. He says the Sloan Fellowship will allow him to “explore language design and implementation issues for the next generation of computing and communication devices so that when we’re confronted with problems such as security issues we’ll have a better grasp on how to avoid some of the serious pitfalls.” A resident of Ithaca, N.Y., he received his Ph.D. from Carnegie-Mellon U. in 1995.
ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

★ Robert L. Burrus Jr., R'55, is senior partner and chair of the executive committee at McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe. He is active in the legal profession, in the community and at the University.

He began a career in corporate law after graduating from Duke University School of Law in 1958 and has been called a “corporate wizard” by Virginia Business magazine. He is a director of numerous corporations, including CSX Corp., Circuit City Foundation, Heilig-Meyers and S&K Famous Brands. Burrus’ many charitable involvements include the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Richmond Children’s Museum.

At the University he recently concluded service as chair of the presidential search committee and has just begun a term as rector of the Board of Trustees. He also served as chair of the Board of Associates from 1984 to 1989.

★ Richard Cullen, L’77, is a partner in the Richmond law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe. He was appointed in June 1997 by Gov. George Allen as Virginia’s 39th attorney general to fill the vacancy left following the resignation of James S. Gilmore III, who left to campaign for governor. Cullen served until January 1998, then returned to McGuire, Woods.

An active voice in state government, Cullen also was appointed to the Juvenile Criminal Commission, the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission and as co-chair of the Governor’s Commission on Parole Abolition and Sentencing Reform. At the national level, he served as special counsel to the Senate Iran-Contra investigation in 1987 and in 1991 President George Bush appointed him U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, a post he held until 1993.

★ Dr. Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, W’54, is a partner of and educational consultant for The Complete Exhibitionists, a company that produces exhibits for business and organizations. She is a former special education teacher, guidance counselor and principal.

Among her many professional and community accomplishments, Rosenbaum has worked as the bereavement care coordinator at St. Mary’s Hospital, as registrar of Beth Ahabah Museum and as director of the Airmobile project at the Science Museum of Virginia. She served as director of the University’s WILL program in 1985 and as interim dean of Westhampton College in 1985-86. She is the author of five books, including the history of Westhampton College, A Gem of a College.

A member of the University of Richmond’s Board of Trustees, Rosenbaum also was the recipient of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association’s Distinguished Alumna Award in 1990.

★ Sanders Thornley “Bud” Schoolar III, B’65, is owner and president of Ditch Witch of Virginia Inc. He has been recognized as a tireless supporter of the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business for years, and in 1992 he was named the University’s Volunteer of the Year.

As an alumnus, Schoolar has been active in fundraising, alumni activities, advisory capacities and outreach. He has served the business school as president of its alumni association, chairman of its annual fund, as a member of the dean’s advisory committee and as chair of the business partnership program. He is a member of the University’s Board of Associates.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES

★ Charles K. Trible, C’68 and L’71, is the manager of tax services for Financial Managers and Consultants LLP in Richmond. In 1972 Trible became assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the finance and tax group. From 1975 to 1984 he was auditor of public accounts for Virginia. He then joined Virginia Power, where he worked as assistant controller until 1996.

An active volunteer in professional and civic organizations, Trible has been chair of the tax policy committee of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond for more than 20 years and is active in Ginter Park Baptist Church.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD, WESTHAMPTON COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

★ Sally Yates Wood, B’65, G’70 and L’80, is a retired attorney with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She was a teacher before entering law school in the late 1970s.

At the University of Richmond she has served as president of the Westhampton College Alumnae Association, as a class fund chair and as a member of the annual fund steering committee and her class reunion committee. Most recently Wood led the Westhampton College alumnae campaign for the Jepson Alumni Center. She is active in the community, including serving as a senior warden at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Richmond.
Jan. 19, 1998. He remains active in Correctional Institute. She also celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June.

Alton E. Bridger, R, of Suffolk, Va., celebrated his 93rd birthday on Jan. 19, 1998. He remains active in the First Baptist Church and teaches men in the 75-78 age group. He also sings in the senior adult choir.

Louise Waller St. George, W, lives at London House in Portsmouth, Va. She hopes to return to her condo soon.

Lewis E. Chittum, R, of Gastonia, N.C., and his wife, Margaret, enjoy their retirement at Covenant Village. They planned to celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary in June.

Mary Tyler Prichard, W, of Black Mountain, N.C., in January began tutoring mothers at the Women's Correctional Institute. She also tutors a second grader.

G. Winston Crenshaw Sr., R, of Kilmarnock, Va., lives in Indian Creek Estates. He and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1, 1997. They have three great-grandchildren, six grandchildren and three children.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

RUTH ANN STEPHENS
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We congratulate the 1997 winner of our class scholarship, Miss Janine Miller of Quincy, Mass. Class members are being recognized for various reasons: Virginia Ingram Guest, of Kensington, Md., a resident of the Rock Creek Hills area, has been written about in a community newsletter. In addition to raising three children, she taught school in the science field and has shared her time in support of Girl Scouts, the Presbyterian church, a recreation center and a preschool program.

Dr. Maysville Owens Page received her medical degree in 1941. Her husband, Sidney, received his medical degree in 1938. They have three children and were noted as one of a group of dynamic doctors duos of MCV history who remain dedicated to medicine and to each other. Known to her classmates as Jane and "Boo," they married after her second year of medical school. She enrolled in medical school in Boston to be with Sidney, who was completing his internship. Jane served as a practicing pediatrician, and at one time was the only physician on call at the Methodist Children's Home in Richmond. She and her husband even saw patients in their home at night. Jane also served on the Social Security Disability Board.

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Dr. Alice Tomer Schafer of Ocala, Fla., reported that her daughter, Kitty, received a scholarship as top junior history who remain dedicated to medicine and to each other. Known to her classmates as Jane and "Boo," they married after her second year of medical school. She enrolled in medical school in Boston to be with Sidney, who was completing his internship. Jane served as a practicing pediatrician, and at one time was the only physician on call at the Methodist Children's Home in Richmond. She and her husband even saw patients in their home at night. Jane also served on the Social Security Disability Board.

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Caroline Shafer Essex passed away on Jan. 26, 1998, at Westhamp ton, Caroline was May Queen and she was a WAC with the rank of major. She had been ill for several years and lived the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Maryland.

Eileen Lloyd Maher, W, of Rockville, Md., received the lifetime award for her volunteer work in the arts from the City of Rockville. Last September, she was one of 250 people from 42 countries to attend a congress on art and communication at Keble College in Oxford, England.

Virginia Bugge "Buggie" Peek, W, of Ocala, Fla., reported that her oldest son, Eugene, was inducted into the U. of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame. Her youngest son, Albert, developed the Country Club of Ocala and is developing Lake Diamond Country Club there. Her oldest grandchild, Maegen, is a student at the U. of Florida, where she was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society and received a scholarship as top junior member.

From the Westhampton Class Secretaries

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Helen Smith Moss continues to teach weekly classes in stretching and toning to women of all ages in Richmond. Her son, Robert, is vice president of his engineering consulting firm. Her daughter, Kim, and her husband joined the parents of two other young women to give a
large debutante party for their daughter, Grazda.

In January, Jane Frances Davenport Reid was the guest speaker at a chapel service at the Heritage at Cedarfield, a retirement community in Richmond. Saddye Sykes Williams was one of the participants, and she and Jane visited afterward. Jane became a member emeritus of the Annabelle R. Jenks Foundation, having served both its predecessor, the Retreat Hospital, and the foundation for more than 40 years. She devotes a good deal of time to her autobiography, which she is writing for her grandchildren. She also continues giving tours at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and contributes articles to the Fanfare, a small newspaper distributed in Richmond’s Fan District.

Charlotte Ann Dickinson Moore sent the following report from the Washington area:

At the annual scholarship selection meeting, Maude Smith Jurgens, Dell Williams Smith, Margaret Brinson Reed, Doris Hargrove Kibler and Margaret Ligon Bernhart selected biology major Jennifer Neal, AR'38, and the daughter of '57 Westhampton graduate, as our scholarship recipient.

Margaret Ligon Bernhart reported that Libby Johnson Alvis lives at Virginia House in Arlington, Va. Margaret and her husband, Wesley, have enjoyed vacations visiting children and friends in North Carolina and Vero Beach, Fla. She and Charlotte Dickinson Moore recalled meeting by chance, along with Wes and Charlotte's son Jamesy, at the Kennedy Center. The Bernharts' granddaughter, Margaret Elizabeth, enters UNC-Chapel Hill this fall. Charlotte visited her daughter Seno, and family in Visalia, Calif., in June 1997 to see her UC-Berkeley granddaughter, Johanna, graduate from high school. In July 1997, Charlotte and a friend enjoyed a two-week Rhine-Danube cruise from Vienna to Florence.

Charlotte reported that she received a card from a prestigious Washington-area real estate firm stating, "You've got the keys to Real Estate know-how with Bella Jacobs, our own Bella Hertzberg Jacobs. Bella and Charlotte had lunch in the spring and discussed Bella's daughters in Alaska and Florida, as well as real estate.

Dr. Earl Fox, R'41, of Arlington, Va., serves as senior medical officer in the U.S. Coast Guard and as the senior officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. At present, he is the "last combat veteran of World War II who is still on active duty." He and his wife, Reba, have three sons, all married, and seven grandchildren.

Mary Alice Smith Tillotson, W, of Williamsburg, Va., continues to tutor mathematics and helps 18 students. She serves as treasurer of the WCL's Middle Peninsula Club, now known as the Three Rivers Club. She enjoys seven grandchildren ranging in age from a 2-year-old to a college graduate.

Helen Moon Cashwell, W, of Raleigh, N.C., wrote that she never dreamed as a student that her young cousin, Bruce Heliman, would someday become the president and eventually chancellor of UNC. She is indeed proud of him and his wife, Betty.

Barbara Fuller Cox, W, of Newport News, Va., stays busy with the Lifelong Learning Society at Christopher Newport College. She also enjoys St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and aerobics classes. She took a trip to Ireland last summer with Mildred Cox Goode, W'44, and her husband, Skeet Goode, R'42. She also visited her children and grandchildren in Atlanta and Oakland, Calif.

Helen Herrink Fix, W, of Cincinnati, and her husband, Jack, spent February 1997 in Hawaii. Her sister, Charlotte Herrink Sayre, W'51, joined them in April. They attended the 50th reunion gathering of PT boat officers in June and visited their daughters in Phoenix and the Mojave Desert.

In December, he played Dr. Lyman, the director of the Florida Theatre Park, Fla., retired as executive director of the Florida Theatre Conference on Jan. 1, 1998. The theatre organization gave him a lifetime career award. In December, he played Dr. Lyman, the old professor, in Theatre Winter Haven’s “Bus Stop.”

Thomas Eugene Zava, R, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., retired from Union Carbide in October 1984 after 40 years of service. He enjoys traveling and gardening. His son David works in breast-cancer research in California, and his son Bill is a financial analyst in Minneapolis. His daughter, Andrea, works as a division head with Lockheed Martin in Oak Ridge.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

MARTIN WARDER STEPHENSON
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Mimi Mill Erb and Dave attended three Elderhostels in 1997: one in Arizona's high desert country; one in Brunswick, Ga., and one at the J. C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, N.C. In June, they attended the destroyer USS Rowe reunion in Providence, R.I., and in September, they hosted the USS Laws reunion in Roanoke, Va.

Mimi's oldest grandson attends medical school in Davis, Calif. They attended his wedding in July. In December, she and Dave went to Munich and Vienna, where Dave sang with the Davidson College Presbyterian Church choir. It's hard to see when, but Mimi remains active teaching English to refugees.

Dot Monroe Hill and Stonie spent a white Christmas with their daughter and her family in Boston. They also sent along a lot of 44 news:

Evermond Hardacre Daniel underwent heart surgery in December and came through it fine.

Hurrriet "Happy" Patterson Ellis and Pierce went to Calagary to the wedding of their oldest grandson.

Ruth Van Ness Brust took two Elderhostels in 1997 — one to Sicily and one to Vancouver.

Rita Muldowney Copley, W, of Villanova, Pa., and her husband, Jack, enjoyed a trip to Hawaii. She is a tour guide at Historic Williamsburg, Va., and her husband, Ralph, N.C., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 1997. In October, she hiked the mountain at Machu Picchu, Peru.

Wanda Walton Pace's family are now in breast-cancer research in California, and her son Bill is a financial analyst in Minneapolis.

Norma Sanders Cranley and Ed spent their Christmas in Atlanta with daughter Sara, her husband and three grandchildren.

Phyllis “Fini” Sneathurst spent a wet Florida holiday at home on Longboat Key. At times she was unable to get off the island because of flooding.

My Christmas was also an El Niño one, but was very special as all of our grandchildren and their parents from California and Nevada were here for a week.

Denise Browne Blair reminds us all that by the time you read this, it will be less than a year until our 55th reunion!

Kathryn Mumma Atkinson, W, of Village, Pa., and her husband, Bob, enjoyed a trip to Hawaii. She is a tour guide at Historic Williamsburg, Va., and her husband, Ralph, N.C., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 1997. In October, she hiked the mountain at Machu Picchu, Peru.

Ruth Hiller Johnson P.O. Box 556 Amherst, VA 24521

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of Wanda Walton Pace’s husband, Warren, who died in November 1997; and of Doris Mills Harrell’s mother, who died in September 1997. Our deepest sympathies to Wanda and Doris. On a happier note, Doris went to northern Italy in October — a trip of a lifetime.

We all know how much skiing means to Alma “Bitsy” Rosenbaum Hurwitz, so we were sorry to learn that she pulled some foot ligaments, preventing any skiing last winter. Bitsy’s daughter Julia and a colleague received approval from the FDA to test a vaccine they developed against viral infection with replete “lethal personalities,” such as HIV. Let us hope!

Mary Campbell Paulson and Jackson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 1997 by revisiting Bermuda. Fifty years ago it was bicycles, but this time it was taxis!

Ann Seay Jackson and J.B. spent a week in November with their son Julian in the Christmas-decorated city of New York. They spent Christmas with their son Will in Seattle. Their 50th is this August.

Lottie Blanton Applewhite spent September through January mostly working in Europe. She attended a conference of editors of biomedical journals in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and also went to Budapest, Hungary, Switzerland and Denmark, where she visited the family with whom she had spent Christmas 50 years ago. She also went to Indianapolis to conduct another workshop. She planned to stay home this summer.

Our next deadline is Sept. 15, 1998. Please write, even if it’s past the deadline. I can use it and besides, I enjoy hearing from you.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

ALTA AYERS BOWER
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In May, “Ding” Lambeth Showell and Ralph concluded their year-long 50th wedding anniversary celebration with a luncheon/dance at a Chicago-area big band ballroom. They canceled a trip to Indonesia because of Ralph’s hospitalization and recovery from pericarditis, but they were able to travel to Turkey in November. Ding has completely retired from her
Delegates on the trip gave a surprise party for the Durhams for their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children also gave them a surprise party in August, and his mother, Mary Durham, 97, attended.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

Mimi Daffron Horgan
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This letter is filled with news received during the winter holiday season.

Carolyn Storm Patte enjoyed her retirement immensely. She retired eight years ago and lives in their two children, Page and Allen. She usually spends her summer vacations with Page and her family who live in Missouri. They spent last year’s vacation at Myrtle Beach (our favorite place).

“Howie” Bingham Kiser’s summer 1997 was a busy one. His grandson had reconstructive surgery on his knee in August. Howie, Lisa and David managed a trip to Alabama, visiting family and taking side trips.

Ollie Menefee Stirling had most of her family home for the holidays. Her granddaughter Caraline is a student at the U. of Notre Dame.

Betty O’Brien Veats and Joe take the most marvelous trips. Besides marrying off their son Will in April 1997 and coming to our reunion, they worked in trips to Washington, D.C., Jordan and Prague. They topped off last summer visiting England, Scotland and Wales.

Susie Guard Woody sent me a letter from Betsy Slate Riley. Betsy is pretty much confined to her home because of her allergies. She and Frank had their “big celebration” on June 28, 1997, with a luncheon which included children, grandchildren and extended family. Frank continues to teach Sunday school and to preach.

In closing, I would like to extend the sympathy of our class to Martha Henley Berkie on the loss of her mother in 1997.

Please let me hear from you. It has been a year since our 50th and I miss hearing from you.

Bobby Thulman, R. of Midlothian, Va., was inducted into the Hampden-Sydney Athletic Hall of Fame and the VMI Athletic Hall of Fame in November 1997, and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in February 1997. He was honored for his many successful years as a football coach. He coached for two high schools, two colleges and two universities.

Mary Copeland Hogue, W. of Richmond, moved to Heritage Oaks Retirement Center and enjoys the facilities and new friends.

John G. Perkins, R. of Crozier, Va., retired after 35 years of teaching music in Henrico, Gosford, Powhatan and the Richmond public schools. He was honored as the music director emeritus 1997 of the Richmond Concert Band.

Ben G. Triplett, R. of Bayonet Point, Fla., enjoyed a 35-day cruise from Athens, Greece, to Capetown, South Africa.

Mary Jane Fondor Gourley, W. of Pampa, Fla., enjoys a cruise tour every year. Last year, she and a friend went to Rome, the Greek Isles, Turkey, Bulgaria and the Ukraine. She and her sister and nephew traveled to Hawaii, California, Seattle, Vancouver and Toronto.

Louis A. Crescioli, B. of Springfield, Va., and his wife, Marjorie, went to California in December to attend their son Christopher’s graduation from Cal Tech.

Dr. Darrell K. Gilliam, R. of Chestertown, Va., retired from medical practice on Dec. 31, 1996.

Dr. James R. Sease, R., 61, is a widower in Harrisonburg, Va. He single-handedly took

Clarence Ryland Price, who suggested this donation.

Our class members stay busy with trips. Lou Covington Randall and Harry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Canadian Rockies. Lou also took a trip in November with her daughter to Virginia and the North Carolina Outer Banks. Ellen Largent Pearlman and I went on an Elderhostel to France and England.

Julie Wann Pittman and Al enjoyed a trip to Russia last September. Lucia B. McClintock went to Nova Scotia. Hilda Moore Hanks and “Deck” went to Sebring, Fla., with some other couples in January.

Charlotte Westervelt Bisham and her husband were in Palm Beach in May. Peggy Wells Mccandor and Bob enjoyed a trip to update New York in October. They also visited Gettysburg and the Amish country. Last spring, they enjoyed a trip with their daughter’s family in Michigan. Neil Ford went to the Southwest in August, and the West Adelines to Salt Lake City for international competition.

Bernadine Arey Clarke and John went to Australia and New Zealand in addition to taking trips to Virginia from their home in the state of Washington. Bernie and John enjoyed dinner with Barbara White Baldwin and Doris Baldwin Barbakbn while they were in Virginia.

Marianne Rounds Holloway and her husband, Dick, went to Las Vegas for the National Funeral Directors meeting and then flew to Phoenix.

Hilda Moore Hanks attended a luncheon at the home of Jane Lawson Williams, W’51, and saw Mary Lee Moore Vinson, W’51. In January, four of us met at the Delray Beach Country Club for lunch. Ellen Largent Pearlman, Carol Siegel Taub, Lenore Greenberg Siegel and Libby Givens Pierce.

It was a great fun chatting, plus making plans to return for our 50th in two years. Carol told us that Carol Siddlowsky Schep and Archie have a large older home in Elberon, N.J., and they hope to go to Florida this year.

Joanne Waring Karp, and Barbara Coleman Aungst, the husband’s welcome, Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy from Richmond for a formal dinner dance after a day of sightseeing at the Newport News, the new museum in Boston.

Mary Lowry Greene and Jack spent last summer at their place on Lake Ontario in upstate New York. It is good to have that Jack is improving after his stroke in February 1997.
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Faye Kilpatrick Gillespie, W’53, and her husband returned to China to teach English to teachers in July and August 1997.

Ruth Morrissey Bain retired from lab work at U.Va., and thoroughly enjoys her grandchildren. The most recent one, Maurice Burton, is the son of Ruth’s youngest daughter, Barbara White Balderson, who stays busy as a volunteer teacher of English as a second language. There are 12 nationalities represented in her church program, and it is continually growing. Helen Lampathakis Kostyal spent several days with Barbara in January when Dick had a knee replacement.

Wilda Whitman Oakley is the current regent of her DAR chapter in Norfolk, Va., which sponsored the naturalization program for immigrants. Wilda and her husband, Bud, spent Christmas in Florida with their son, Brett.

Margaret Alexander Anderson joined Joyce Betts Pierce for the Westhampton College Fund Day at the Jepsen Alumni Center in January. Special recognition goes to Lee Reeves Childress, who serves as the 1998 Annual Fund Chairman. Please send in your Class of ‘50 alumni fund contribution. Margaret does a fantastic job in keeping up with our classmates, but she cannot locate Louise Lynham Griffitts (whose last address was in Columbia, S.C.). Please send us her address and any news about her.

Stella Dalton Wallet and Jon have a new address in Advance, N.C. They live in a nice retirement complex near Winston-Salem. Good news for Lenore Greenberg Siegel and George. Their daughter Ellen and her husband, Mark, have a son, Eric. He is Leif Silverberg. He was born in January. He is the Siegels’ fourth granddaughter.

Louise Cechadlaw and her husband, Bruce, went to the south of France with a group of friends from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Lynchburg, Va. Marianne Beck Duty and her family celebrated New Year’s week with a Caribbean cruise. Also, she has been very busy with her 50th reunion from Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond.

Our deepest sympathy goes to “B” Covington O’Thalkey, whose husband, Billy, passed away on Jan. 9, 1998. “B” had done such a diligent job in caring for Billy during his long illness.

James S. Howell, B’69, of Charlotte, N.C., is chairman of the board of Evergreen Mutual Funds. He is proud of his grandson who entered the U.S. Naval Academy this year. Shirley McKeon Lovings, W’48, of Indianapolis, Ill., and her husband, Wally, purchased their third white boxie, “Lady Fergus,” in Scotland and enjoyed a trip around the world by private jet.

Barbara Blackman Miller, W’48, married George Capus Miller Jr., of Creswell City, Fla., on July 12, 1997. She has five children and he has six children. Between the two of them they have “enjoyed a combined 95 years of happy marriage.” In August 1997, they drove across the United States to Seattle and Vancouver and took a train to Banff! In September 1997, they took a six-week trip around the world by private jet. They live six months of the year in Florida and six months in Middlothan, Va.

Robert B. Miller, R’58, of Middlothan, Va., retired three years ago after 42 years in real estate appraising and commercial loan financing. He completed building a garden house. He also continues his activities with scouting, where he has served 30 years, the last 19 on the board of Robert E. Lee Council. He has one granddaughter, Emma, who was born in May 1997.

Dr. Fletcher B. Owen Jr., R’50, of Highlands Springs, Va., retired after 50 years at A.H. Robins Co., where he was assistant vice president, medical services.

Dr. Anne Pleunke Roesser, R’70, of Richmond, is retired and lives at Lakewood Manor. Her son Stephen Roesser, R’76, was featured with his singing group, Lionheart, during the Celebrity Series at the Modlin Center on Feb. 2, 1998.


From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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Barbara McGeehee Cooke has had a busy year traveling. She’s been to Florida, the Bahamas, Minneapolis and Madison, Wis., visiting some of her children and four grandchildren. She also went to England.

Mary Lee Moore Vinson traveled to Atlanta for a week in February to visit a friend. She also visited Jane Lawson Willis in South Boston.

Marylyn Cooper McGraw and Wally spent two weeks in the rain forests of Costa Rica last November. In January, they were in Rome for one week, and they made a day’s side trip to Florence.

Another winter traveler was Lea Thompson Osburn. In January, she took a Panama Canal cruise that also made stops in Acapulco and San Juan Puerto Rico. In February, she went to Mobile, Ala., to visit her daughter and grandchildren.

Betsy Bethune Langhorne keeps busy with her job and was sent to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for a tri-state tourism conference.

Last November, Bob and I were in Denver for a week at Thanksgiving to visit the children. Then in January, we enjoyed a short visit with old friends in Bermuda.

Jean Crees Derry, W’55, of Jupiter, Fla., visited her daughter Jan in Wurtzberg, Germany, last September. She also enjoyed a Panama Canal cruise in November.

Dr. Page Hudson, R’53, of Farmville, N.C., has accepted a one-year post as director, forensic monitoring program, for Physicians for Human Rights. He served several weeks in 1996 and 1997 as a consultant in Bosnia.

Sam W. Parker, B’50, of Charlottesville, Va., works as a sales consultant for Southwestern Petroleum Corp. based in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Hon. James B. Wilkinson, L’68, was named secretary of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center at Richmond Ind. Inc. for 1998.

Sarah Barlow Wright, R’50, of Smithfield, Va., enjoyed two weeks in Florida last January with Kathleen Cooke O’Bier, W’53, where they took classes at the senior center and toured the sights. She also spent two weeks in England at a U.Va./Oxford seminar, “Jefferson in England.” Her first grandson, Clayton Wright Moore, was born on Oct. 23, 1997, to her daughter Janet and her husband, Butch.

Sidney E. Brown, R’51, of Bradenton, Fla., sold Agrimetrics Associates, a 33-year-old consulting firm that advises meat and poultry industries. He is developing AgriMicro Sales, which has patents pending on bioremediation filters.

Faye Kilpatrick Gillespie, W’53, of Fall Church, Va., and her husband, Bruce, have a son, Eric. He is Leif Silverberg. He was born in January. He is the Siegels’ fourth granddaughter.

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Muriel Carr Glascock, W’53, of Virginia Beach, Va., reported that her daughter Mary Todd and her family live in Virginia Beach. Her grandson, Henri, is a second grader. Her daughter Kinney lives in New York with her husband. Her daughter Leslie died in March 1996.

Ed Landl, B’57, of Mechanicsville, Va., joined Pioneer Realty as a sales agent/associate. He was formerly with J&R Realty.

Janet Francis Midgett, W’57, works at Acorn Advertising Specialties Co. in Greensboro, N.C.

Ann Thomas Moore, W’54, after living in Los Angeles for 10 years, plans to move back to New York City. She also will be visiting her daughter in Milan, Italy, for three weeks.

Clyde D. Nuckols, B’50, of Louisville, Ky., retired as a Methodist pastor on July 1, 1997.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams Roberson, W’55, of Springfield, Ill., planned to retire on June 16, 1998, and hopes to travel to be with her three children and seven grandchildren in California, Virginia and Ohio.

The Rev. Dr. Malcolm G. “Mac” Shortwell, R’57, of Springfield, Ill., retired on June 1, 1997, after 60 years in the ministry. His pastores included three American Baptist churches in New York and Illinois. He served as area minister in Pennsylvania and Delaware and for the past seven years as regional executive minister for churches in Illinois and Missouri. He received a doctorate of ministry from Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia and a doctorate of divinity from Judson College, where he serves as chairman of the board of trustees. He and his wife, Laverne, live in Springfield, Ill.

The Hon. William F. Thomas Jr., L’61, of Pulaski, Va., retired as judge of the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court on Jan. 1, 1996.
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On Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day), Billie Bryan received an award of recognition for human rights efforts that the women’s organization at the National Institutes of Health has pursued. She was honored along with other recipients at a luncheon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to both Ann Rabius Call and Marcela Hammond Bullock. Bob Callis died on Jan. 10. John Bullock died on Feb. 1.

Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey and John returned from their boat trip on the Intracoastal Waterway in the spring of 1997. Ann Powell Oast and Townsend joined them for part of the journey. Mary Lu and John have a sixth grandchild, Jack, who was born in September to daughter Nell and her husband.

Edith Jackson Jones was campaign manager for a Greensboro City Council candidate, who won with 80 percent of the vote. Barbara Cronin Lovell was elected to UR’s Athletic Hall of Fame in January. She joins classmates Laura Mapp and Nancy Lay who are already “in the hall.” What an amazing trio, and all from our very small class!

Betty Rosenberger Allen’s grandson, Graham Allen Stewart, was born on Sept. 25 to daughter Susan and her husband, Doug.

Nancy Lay and Barbara Cronin Lovell made a sailing trip to the British Virgin Islands in August. Nancy, Barbara Bull Tull and Mary Jane Miller visited with Barbara Lovell in Maine.

Barbara in turn visited Nancy in Knoxville, Tenn., in November to help her celebrate her enrollment in Medicare.

Cos Washburn Barnes, Harry and all of their family held a reunion in Hawaii in January. They connected with their daughter Sue and her family who are now stationed in Korea.

Paul L. Dudrak, R, of Waxhaw, N.C., retired as a major from the U.S. Air Force in 1975. He has worked 21 years as aviation parts manager for JAMS Inc., supporting Wycliffe Bible Translators in their worldwide missionary work.

Ruth Goudley Kenly, W, works at Kelley Realty Co. in Richmond. She has three sons: Dan, Steve and Eric.

Jo Edward Mierke and Ed both completed their master’s degrees in counseling in May. They work with families of teens-agers who are in trouble with the law.

He has two married children and two grandchildren.

William E. “Buddy” Davis, B, of Richmond, retired from the real estate and law business and does reverse mortgages for senior adults.

Robert E. Kelly, R, of High Point, N.C., has been the project manager for the building of a textile plant in India. Prior to that project, he managed the renovation of a plant in Mexico.

The Rev. John H. McKay, R, of Spotsylvania, Va., celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor of the Zuar Baptist Church at Locust Grove, Va. He suffered a slight stroke last August but has recovered well.

Julian C. Metts Jr., R, of Garterville, Fla., is an orthodontist and has a practice in Chester, Va. He also takes part in a Rotary International project that helps with medical and educational care for the people of Guyana, South America.

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Margaret Spencer Hernandez participates in one of the largest studies conducted on women’s health — the Women’s Health Initiative. This organization studies the effects of diet, calcium and hormones on the longevity of women.

Attending the Area III AGERH Handbell Festival at James Madison U. was exciting for Nancy Kipps Hughey. She is active with her church choir, the Virginia Music Ensemble and bird watching.

A scholarship for all-volunteer project on teen-age dating violence tops Ellen Mattick Klein’s busy agenda. The work involves 15 area high schools in New Jersey. Ellen also co-chairs the buildings & grounds committee at her temple. Her volunteer work at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Beach to Recovery program focuses on visits with women who have had breast surgery to provide peer support for them.

An AMA Meeting in Dallas and a trip to Spain highlighted Pat MacDonald Allen’s and Dick’s year. Gary Hancock Gilmer and Don joined their church friends for a cruise in the Caribbean. A bike trip through Ireland challenged Peggy Duin Crews and Merrill, while Annette Ellis Osborne found Sydney Harbor in Australia delightful.

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Recertification in summer computer courses has been useful to Anita Knipping Scott in assisting Fred with business accounts. The Internet continues to revolutionize Anita's teaching strategies, and there is no current talk of her retirement. Their daughter Kim launched a new public relations firm and is busy with clients in government relations.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and Bill are officially in residence at their "retirement home" in Wintergreen, Va. Nancy still teaches at Lynchburg College.

A big event for Sue Sybert Allen was a visit from her JMU roommate and her husband who live in Denmark. Sue was able to locate three other JMU contemporaries and arrange a whirlwind vacation that took her guests to visit each one, ending with a week at the Allens' Kitty Hawk, N.C., beach house.

Gaille Sykes continues to teach at Honolulu's McKinley High School, where she coaches the cheerleaders. She may retire from teaching this year but is dedicated to her work at the animal hospital. She helps in surgeries and resuscitations.

Our condolences to Annette Ellis Osborne, whose mother passed away in March 1997, and to Anita Knipping Scott, who lost her mother in January 1998.

Don't forget that my next news deadline is Sept. 1.

Alumni representatives at inaugurations

The following individuals served as University of Richmond delegates at presidential inaugurations between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998.

- Mary Levering Evans, W'61 • Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
- James J. Sweeny, R'49 • Saint Mary's College, Moraga, Calif.
- Dr. Carey E. Strongach, R'61 • Richard Bland College, Petersburg, Va.
- Dr. Elizabeth Cockrell Bennett, W'81 • University of Dallas, Texas
- Dr. Benjamin F. Sheftall, R'69 • The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- Dr. Marie Blake Thayer, B'83 • University of Vermont
- William C. Lincoln, R'73 • University of Minnesota
- Carol S. Grizzard, W'80 • Pikesville College, Pikesville, Ky.
- Dr. Douglas Leslie Anderson, R'67 • Fish University, Nashville, Tenn.
- Dr. Mary McLean Beck, W'68 • Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb.
- Carl C. Gillespie Jr., L'57 • Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va.
- Dr. J. Ralph Noookester, R'44 • The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- Richard A. Maxwell, B'58 • Installation of chancellor at University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Emily Camp Lewis, B'79 • Columbia College, Columbia, S.C.
- Frances Fowler Whitener, W'71 • Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.
- Dr. Ann Rowley Penberthy, W'72 • Albion College, Albion, Mich.

Charles H. Ryland, R'36 and U39 • Rupplanstown Community College, Glenns, Va.

Ruth Carver Moss of Richmond enjoys all the pursuits that she never had time to follow when her children were young. She serves as president of Crestwood Farms Garden Club and put together a bird sanctuary display for the Maymont Flower Show. She also sews and does smocking for her five grandchildren.

Minna Wilson Hall and her husband, Bill, live in Oklahoma City, where she is a school psychologist and has had a medical practice for 25 years. One of their sons is a civil engineer, and his wife and their 3-year-old twins live in Oklahoma City. Another son lives in New York City, and their daughter is a pharmaceutical rep in Arkansas.

Now that Nancy Edwards Batterman of Danville, Va., and her husband have both retired, they enjoy traveling. Recent trips have been to Australia, New Zealand, the Canadian Rockies, the Grecian Isles, England, Scotland and Wales. Their daughter and two grandchildren also live in Danville, and their son lives in east Tennessee.

Dr. Bradley H. Gunter, R, of Charlottesville, Va., was named president and CEO of Scott & Stringfellow Capital Management.

Dalton A. Parker, R, of Columbia, S.C., and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last September in Spain. Their daughters, Mandy and Amy, joined them.

Wayo S. Silvey Jr., B, of Powhatan, Va., works for an American company in the Czech Republic, where he teaches ethics with business.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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My apologies to everyone for forgetting the Dec. 1 deadline for the spring edition. I think I'm clear about the schedule now.

Barbara Davies Brewer and Richard are in the process of moving to Southport, N.C. Their son Bruce, B'93, was married to Amy Fowler, WV'93, on Aug. 9, 1997.

Kitty Borum Fitzhugh and Parke anticipate a return to Virginia in the near future and plan to renovate a house outside of Richmond. They have lived for 31 years in Coral Gables, Fla.

Judith Trunzo will begin a two-year foreign service assignment in the Congo (formerly Zaïre). She said the country has 200 languages! Robin Cramme Perkins is a grandmother. William Parker Overman was born in early January to daughter Anne and her husband, Carl.

M.J. Willett Pockett sent word that her oldest son, Chris, was married to Sue Hinley in May 1995. Their daughter Gwyn was married in June 1997 to Ron Berkovitz. M.J. now has three grandchildren. She continues to work at Old Dominion Job Corps Center as a medical technician and dental assistant. She sent regrets that she could not be at our 50th reunion.

Suzanne Northam Dooley is still "retired" and thoroughly enjoys her six grandchildren and volunteerism. She is active in the Three Rivers Westhampton alumnae association and took members on a tour of Jamestown Rediscovery in March. She volunteers on Jamestown Island and encourages folks who want to find out what is happening with archeological projects there to check out their Web site at www.apva.org.

Darlene Morgan visited friends in Nevada and Texas last year. This past February she went on a seven-day cruise of the eastern Caribbean.
Joan Miller Tolbert, W, of Rancho Bernardo Community Lutheran Church, runs the Scientific Associates Inc., a nonprofit group. About 30 student retail banks. Their firm was rated "world class" by Chase Manhattan. and babysits for three new Our deepest sympathy goes to kitchen every Sunday preparing meal. She works as married last fall, and her daughter, Angie, is married and lives in Arizona. Linda Armstrong Farrar hosted the Rat Alley Six minus one for a fifth time at her Bethany Beach condo in September 1997. Evelyn Garrett Bowyer was unable to attend, as she was recovering from a heart attack suffered earlier in the summer. But Barbara Vaughan, Janet Renshaw Yates, Harry Hubbard Wallace, Linda and I had a great time. While watching TV one evening we caught a glimpse of Barbara Gardeni and Cook having a commercial for Helix Health Care. Perhaps others of you have seen her too. Please note my e-mail address above. I have a great fun keeping up with family, classmates and friends this way. I hope to hear from you too.

Elizabeth Wilson Atkinson, W, owns Sandbridge Realty, a vacation-home rental and sale company in Virginia Beach. She serves on the Virginia Beach Planning Commission, ODJ Educational Foundation Board and Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board. Her daughter, Page, 25, works for Preservation of Antiquities.

D. Anderson Williams, R, of Alexandria, Va., celebrated his 30th year with Williams White, the advertising/public relations firm he co-founded in 1967, last year; they opened an office in Atlanta. He also founded McLean Communication in Alexandria. He also serves on the board of the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities.

Susan Chapman Frick, W, of Bedford, Va., is a guidance/DAG coordinator for Bedford County Public Schools. Her son, Robert III, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in May 1997 and works in Richmond.

Dr. Sally Feltøy Grynna, W, of Fort Collins, Colo., works as an organization development consultant for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Her sons, Will and Jason, both finished college and live in Richmond. Linda Miller Marsh, W, of Brookville, Md., continues teaching at Walt Whitman High School, primarily ninth-grade English. Her husband, Tad, has been working for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for 22 years. Their son, Scott, is at Indiana U., and their daughter, Susan, is at Clemson U.

Gayle Covey, W, of Chester, Va., and her husband own Iris Systems Inc., which specializes in MIS for retail banks. Their firm was rated "world class" by Chase Manhattan. Dr. Joseph C. Dickens, R, works at the National Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Md., as lead scientist, insect biology and...
behavior, in the Plant Sciences Institute’s vegetable laboratory.

John S. Barr, L, stored since central Virginia. He also developed at Whittier Christian Catholic Charities. He works for the Richmond Institute’s vegetable laboratory.

Eric, have three children: Amy is an RN at Marymount in Arlington;

Barry W. Elsberg, R, joined Phillips-Hall Richmond law firm of McGuire

Gardner V. McCormick, R, certified commercial investment executive director and CEO of Richmond Public Associations Inc. in Richmond.

Donna Donaldson Simmons, W, of Brea, Calif., is director of development at Whitner Christian High School. She and her husband, Eric, have three children: Amy is an RN at Marymount in Arlington; Craig is a chemistry major in college; and Keith is a high school senior at Whitner Christian.

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Ernest D. Chapman, B, is the owner and partner of Blades Salon in Richmond. His salon was featured in the “Metro Business” section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Dec. 1, 1997.

Bonnie Hudgins, W, of Bellevue, Wash., works as manager of human resources at Weyerhaeuser Co. She also trains tutors in the local literary program and is a graduate student of whole systems design at Antioch U.

Snead Luck, R, of Richmond, works as general manager of PN Thompson’s, New Henrico County office.

James L. Willner, B, general manager of Saturn of Richmond, serves as chairman of the auto show committee for the 1998 Virginia International Auto Show sponsored by the Richmond Auto Dealers Association. He also serves on the organizing committee for the 1998 Soap Box Derby and is helping to establish the city’s infrastructure for electric vehicles.

John G. Mizell, J., and J. L., of Richmond, was named president of the Henrico County Bar Association board of directors.

John M. Plunkett, C, of Bumpass, Va., is vice president, engineering and operations, at Knesal Corp. in Charlottesville, Va.

J. Durwood Ury, R, of Richmond, received the William Barton Rogers Individual Award from the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation for his contributions to the natural sciences in Virginia. He served as president of the foundation for three years.

Nicholas A. Calabro, B, of Ruther Glen, Va., works as a systems consultant at Broughton Systems Inc.

Dr. William Parker Childs, R, of Locust Grove, Va., earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Va. Tech. He works as assistant principal at Thornburg Middle School in Spotsylvania, Va.

J. Michael Priddy, R, of Palo Alto, Calif., works as a clinical psychologist with offices in Los Altos and San Francisco, Calif.

Martha Rothenberg Replane, W, of Alexandria, Va., and her husband, Chuck, spent New Year’s week 1998 in New York. Their daughter, Shauna, is a sophomore at Indiana U., and their son Taylor is a high school senior.

Preston James Taylor, Jr., R, of Washington, D.C., is manager of credit services for the Eastern Group in Alexandria, Va.
John and Betty have sons, Joseph, 21, and Jerome, 16, who both are fluent in English, German and French. The boys live in Niederwoehr, which is between Heidelberg and Paris. Ellis F. Wills, B, works as vice president of Irwin Mortgage in Smithfield, Va.

From the Westminster Choir Secretory SPRING CRAFTS KIRBY 9615 Hitchin Drive Richmond, VA 23233 RZM07A@prodigy.com

By the time you read this, our 25th reunion will be all over, but I can assure you that it was great! A lot of work by a lot of people was required for planning. Martha Poston Turner was our fearless leader, helped by Nancy Martin Jett, Betty Rodman Harris, me, and Kelly Hardy, who made several special trips to Richmond to help us out. Our meetings were fun, including Kelly and Betty staying in the new Jepson Kinnear Center. We wandered all over the Westhampton side of the lake on a rainy night (deja vu); and visiting my daughter Lee, A'90, and Nancy’s daughter Maureen, A'91, in the dorms.

Nancy Martin Jett and Barry, B'72, have built a new home in Beavercreek, Va., complete with stables for their five horses. Their daughters still participate in numerous horse shows around the state. Kelly Hardy and Jack stay busy with work and enjoy Jack’s favorite pastimes, golf.

Martha Poston Turner and Pat, R'72, have joined the ranks of college president and Europe club. Patricia Grace is a freshman at Sweet Briar. She sees a lot of Carter Shadows (Donna Kingery Hudgins and Carter, R'72). Scott Harris (Betty and Kevin’s son) and Greg Garber (Patty Stringfellow Garber) and Mitch R'72 and L’75, and Gordon Yowell (Susan Sheffield Yowell) who are all students at Hampden-Sydney. The Harris’ other son, John, is a student at Episcopal High School. He spent his second semester in Switzerland, and Betty and Scott went over to spend time with him. I received a letter from Agnes Holley Fuller at Christmas. Aggie is in her seventh year of teaching at OUL and still sings with the Virginia Symphony. Her daughter Laurel is a student at Norfolk College, where she is involved with cheer and drama. Laurel also sings with the Virginia Children’s Chorus performing with the Symphony, as well as going on tour. Son Clinton attends Court Street Academy and is in scouts and baseball. The Fullers enjoyed a train trip to Montreal last summer.

I am here and enjoy a couple of business trips – one to Maui, Hawaii, where our son Christopher was able to join us, and one to Tucson, Ariz.

Please write and let me know what’s up with you and yours. This is much more fun to write when I have news, and our classmates love to hear how you are!

Jeffrey W. Blanchard, R, works as a management analyst at the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. He was formerly with the Fairfax Circuit Court. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Centreville, Va.

Dr. Stuart Chapman Bogema Jr., R, and his wife, Connie, have lived in Clifton, Va., for 14 years. They have four sons: David, Riley, Cody and Harrison. Stuart continued his MBA in 1993 and is president of Forensic Testing Inc. and Forensic QC Inc. He is also the founder of Testnet.

Al G. Bridge Jr., B of Richmond, was named vice president of the Virginia Mediaion Network. He works for the Office of Consumer Affairs.

Joyce Wise Dodd, G, was named executive director of VCU’s School of Mass Communications’ 21st Century News Center.

Robert L. Elwood, R, works in development, marketing and property management of the country club community of Tierra del Sol in Arsal, Aruba. He received his J.D. and MBA from U.Va. and worked 11 years for Tipton Lakes planned community in Columbus, Ind., and seven years with the Daily Groom, Wood Hall.

Sara Allen Johnson, R, of Rockville, Md., continues to work as a legal assistant at her husband’s law firm of Johnson & Gilman. Their son John is a student at VCU. Tech-Avon is at Patrick Henry High School; and son Christopher is in sixth grade.

Demetrios Pappas, R, works as manager of Carolina Fine Foods Restaurant in Greenville, S.C. He and his wife, Frances, have two sons, Jason, in eighth grade, and John in seventh. Both boys take karate, and John won first place in the Atlanta International Tournament. Pamela Floyd Pulley, W. of Danville, Va., and her husband, Glenn Pulley, R’73 and L’76, report that their son Carson is a student at Richmond College and living in his dad’s old dorm, Wood Hall.

Julia Habel Thompson, W. of Arlington, Va., works as director of Language for Life and is an adjunct professor at Averett College’s international program in Northern Virginia.

Cindy Creasy, W, works as the associate editor of the features department for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She and her husband, Ed Spytulski, live in Richmond.

Dr. C. Bernard Cross, R and G78, of Waterford, Va., moved his surgical office last year prior to the opening of the new Loudoun Hospital Center. He continues as chief of general surgery at the center, but he finds the task of raising a teen and two preteens far more challenging.

Robert T. Dail, B, a colonel in the U.S. Army, is executive officer to the deputy chief of staff, logistics, at the Pentagon. He and his wife, Anne Crenshaw Dail, R’77, live in Springfield, Va.

Dr. Stanley D. Dameron, R., of Fredericksburg, Va., was inducted as a fellow in the Pierre Fouchard Society, which recognizes outstanding achievements in the art and science of dentistry.

Dr. Hugh E. Fraser III, R., of Reston, Va., and his family enjoyed two weeks in Washington state last August while he reported for active reserve duty at Bremerton Naval Hospital. He ad his wife, Fran, have three children: Katie, 11; Claire, 9; and Ben, 7.

Robert W. Horriff, B of Brookfield, Conn., was promoted in May 1997 to director of advertising services worldwide at Texaco in White Plains, N.Y.

W. Kenneth Hunt III, B, joined Life of Georgia and Southland Life in Atlanta in July 1997 after serving as president of the Life Insurance Co. in Greenville, S.C. He is a CPA.

Ramón L. Jacobs, R., of Lovettsville, Va., earned his master’s degree in technology education from Shenandoah U. at Winchester. He works for Arlington County Public Schools. In 1995 he married Pittie Stelmas, a special education teacher, and they live with their two sons: Will, 17, and Ian, 15.

James C. Khouy, R, works as a private investor in Houston.

Linda McKeel, W., of Richmond, was elected to the board of directors of the Greater Richmond Technology Council. She is president of TechStars, R’72.


M. Rudolph West, R and L’79, of Richmond, was elected secretary of Ethyl Corp. on Jan. 1, 1998. He continues as legal counsel in the firm’s law department.

Melissa Bunting Daminow, W., was promoted to vice president, human resources, at L-3 Communications in Han巩固, N.Y.

E. Mallery Hill II, B, of Richmond, joined Douglas Publications Inc. in January 1997 as vice president of operations. He was formerly operations manager at Conex Marketing.

Wendy Haynes Eastman, W, of Patuxent Wash., works as gift planning officer at the WSU Foundation. Her husband, Kevin Eastman, R’78 and G’89, is head basketball coach at Washington State U. Their son, Jake, 7.

David Gibbs, R., is president of the claim services division of Travelers Property Casualty Corp. in Hartford, Conn., and serves as
executive vice president of the company. He and his wife, Kay, have two children, ages 9 and 5.

Brooks E. Hatch, R, continues as a sports writer for the Corvallis Gazette-Times in Corvallis, Ore.

Gary Kendall, L, of Charlottesville, Va., received the Presidential Award of Merit from the American Board of Trial Lawyers for his distinguished service and outstanding leadership. He is a vice president with the Charlottesville firm of Mitchie, Hamlett, Lowry, Rasmussen & Twed.

Kay Lambert King, W, was appointed to the 1997-98 Governor’s Council for Fitness and Sports. She is executive director of the Tuckahoe YMCA in Richmond.

Jonathan H. Poston, R, of Charleston, S.C., is the director of preservation for the Historic Charleston Foundation. See Bookmarks, p. 23.

Steven P. Power, R, president of Alamo Supply Co. in Roanoke, Va., opened a branch office in Radford, Va.

George M. Thomas, B, a U.S. Navy petty officer 2nd class, is stationed at Navy Submarine Torpedo Facility in Yorktown, Va. He joined the Navy in 1984.

The Hon. Carlos E. Carrasquillo, R, of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, was appointed Superior Court judge on April 15, 1997.

Mary Blanton Childress, W, of Christiansburg, Va., teaches second grade again after being a stay-at-home mom for nine years. She and her husband have two children, Michael, 10, and Beth, 7.

Francis John Monahan Jr., R, is a police captain for the City of Richmond. He and his wife, Melike, have two children, Laura, 2, and Elise, 5 months. He also has two children from a previous marriage, Callin, 14, and Jena, 11.

Robert Seboholt, R, of Richmond, was elected to the board of directors of the American Heart Association’s Richmond Metropolitan Council. He also serves as a UK trustee.

John C. Shea, L, was inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is with the Richmond law firm of Marks & Harrison.

C. Michael West, R, works as a senior project manager for Lincoln Property Co. in Arlington, Va.

William Davenport, L, of Midlothian, Va., was elected third vice president of the Virginia Association of Local Elected Constitutional Officers. He is a Chesterfield County commonwealth’s attorney.

Winning the job of mayor

Tom Jardim first caught the political bug when he was a little boy running for student council in grammar school. Today the mayor of Westfield, N.J., he still loves politics but he is quick to point out, “I’m not a politician, I’m just a normal person.”

“I’m someone who wants to make a difference and that’s what local politics is all about.”

Growing up in the rural town of Millington, N.J., Jardim, ’88, knew he someday would be a lawyer and that he would find his way into politics. He credits his uncle, Alexander J. Menza, a New Jersey assemblyman and state senator, with being a political role model early in his life and later for encouraging him to run for mayor.

“Being mayor of Westfield is the best job in the world,” Jardim says. But at one dollar a year, the mayor’s salary doesn’t put food on the table. What does butter the bread for Jardim, his wife, Karen Fountain, ’89, and their newborn daughter, Cecile, is his job as an attorney. He practices employment, banking and foreclosure law at Sills Cummis Zuckerman Tischman Epstein & Gross in Newark, N.J.

Juggling a full-time job and being mayor is a challenge, Jardim says. Before his daughter was born in May, he was putting in 35-40 hours a week as mayor in addition to his full-time law practice. He has since cut back so that he can spend more time with his family.

“Being mayor could be all-consuming,” he says, “and if it were possible, I would love to be mayor full time.”

Elected to a two-year term in November 1996, Jardim was the first Democratic mayor of Westfield in 85 years. When he runs for re-election in November he will again go door to door to speak with many of the town’s 29,000 residents.

“There are 10,500 homes in Westfield. I knocked on 10,300 doors in 1996 and I’ll do the same—maybe more—this year,” Jardim says. “There’s nothing like shaking someone’s hand, looking them in the eye and asking for their vote.” He believes it was personal contact with so many of the townspeople that helped him win in ’96.

Jardim’s campaign tactics are similar to those he used freshman year at UR when he was running for a spot on the Richmond College Senate. He recalls going door to door in Moore Hall asking for votes. He points out that some things have changed, however, “A friend of mine and I who were running for the senate our freshman year threw a keg party to get votes. Needless to say, that’s not one of my tactics today.” He won that seat on the Richmond College Senate and was active in student activities for all of his four years at UR.

Jardim remembers some of his college friends laughing at him as he went off to student government meetings on Saturday afternoons. “They just didn’t understand how much I enjoyed being involved. Richmond offered me so many great opportunities to have an impact, to be a part of what was happening.”

With five older brothers and sisters who went to college in the Northeast, Jardim decided he would head south when his time came.

“The University of Richmond was a popular college in my high school,” he remembers, “and I knew I wanted to be in a capital city. Richmond was perfect. A visit to campus sold him.

He remembers floating with friends on a raft in the middle of Westhampton Lake during his first week at UR. “I remember how beautiful it was, how much fun we were having and thinking, ‘This is a great place to be in school.’”

A political science major, Jardim recalls with fondness his freshman year adviser and political science professor, Dr. Thomas R. Morris, who later went on to be president of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va. “He was an excellent professor. He knew his politics and could analyze any political situation.”

During his senior year, Jardim interned in then-Virginia Gov. Baliles’ office. A mentor in the governor’s office helped him find a job in a Richmond law firm where the state’s Democratic chair practiced. During his year and a half as a paralegal in the firm, Jardim also got involved in Douglas Wilder’s successful campaign for governor.

In 1991 Jardim entered American University, where he earned a law degree and a master of arts in foreign affairs. He worked in a small firm near his hometown until coming to Sills Cummis in 1997.

Running for governor or president is not on Jardim’s list of career aspirations. He’d like to win in November but doesn’t have plans for holding political office beyond that. “I love to figure out the best way to get a road paved or to clean up a downtown and I don’t think I’ll ever get that out of my system. Somewhere or another, I’ll always find a way to be involved in local government.”
Wayne Steven, Chestertown, Va., was featured in the "Metro Business" section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Feb. 2, 1998. He is president of Colonial Golf Design Inc. His firm has been chosen to renovate two of the Country Club of Virginia's three golf courses.

Lester Lee George, Wood Products and West Point of the Country Club of Virginia's three "Metro Business" sections of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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Philip B. Lloyd, R, of Great Falls, Va., with their children, David B., of Weatogue, Conn., has been with Advent Inc. for the past 12 years, and for the past four years he has been a principal securities trader in the Nasdaq trading department. He and his wife, Kathy, will celebrate 18 years of marriage in June 1998. They have two children, Meghan, 14, and Colleen, 11.

Terri Herron, Jr., of Glen Hurndon, Va., works as vice president of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He and his wife, Susan, have two daughters, Meghan, 14, and Colleen, 11.

Stephen T. Barron, R, of San Antonio, Texas, works as national sales manager for World Gear, a manufacturer of sporting gear bags and cases.

Beth Tanner Burris, W, joined Patricof & Co. Ventures Inc. as director of fund development. She was formerly executive director of the University of Virginia's Association of Defense Attorneys. He is with the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams.

Laura Gordy Davison, B, of Towson, Md., works 16 hours a day at a "most challenging, rewarding volunteer job" as mother to Hugh, 6; Christie, 3 1/2; and Carrie, 2.

Haig Vahan Kalbian, R, of Springfield, Va., works in his own law firm of three attorneys in Washington, D.C. He specializes in complex commercial litigation and represents clients from the Middle East, including members of the Saudi royal family.

Will R. Kitchen Jr., R, teacher and coach at Allee High School in Mechanicsville, Va., received the R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence from the Community Foundation. He served as defensive back coach спецуал teams coordinator at Randolph-Macon College, the 1997 O.D.A.C. champions.

Steven Brown Messick, R, of Herndon, Va., works as vice president, product sales, for Sybase Corp. He and his wife, Susan, have three sons: Michael, 10; Ryan, 7; and Connor, 2.

Betsy Miller Royals, W, of Guernsey, Ill., works part time in human resources for a manufacturing company. She is also a graduate student in business. She and her husband, Terry Royals, R80, have two daughters, Meghan, 14, and Emily, 10.

Robin Starr, L, executive director of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, was profiled in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Jan. 6, 1998. She formerly practiced law for 18 years and was a partner with the law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbs.

Lee C. Earnest, W, of Fairfield, Conn., works as program manager for IBM. She supervises the company's global travel agency relationship.

Cheryl Lawrence Fockler, B, moved back to Richmond after spending eight years in New York City and Greenwich, Conn. She and her husband, Jack, have two sons, Austin, 2, and Holden, 5 months.

William M. Lowish, R, of Martinez, Ga., was promoted to sales manager for Martin Marietta's South Georgia/Florida district.

Roseleen P. Rick, L, of Owls Head, Va., was a partner in the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine.

Terry Royals, R, of Guernsey, Ill., works for UPC Health Network as a regional director of sales. He and his wife, Betsy Miller Royals, W, have two daughters, Meghan, 14, and Emily, 10.

Sherry Williams Shannon, W, of Dallas, is a partner in Corporate Citizen Group, a consulting firm that provides strategic planning to corporations in their community relations efforts.

David H. Sprout, R, of Richmond, was promoted to senior vice president at Crestar Bank. He works as the customer knowledge database analyst manager.

Wesley N. Cooper, B, of Weatogue, Conn., has been with Advent Inc. for the past 12 years, and for the past four years he has been a principal securities trader in the Nasdaq trading department. He and his wife, Kathy, will celebrate 18 years of marriage in June 1998. They have two children, Meghan, 14, and Colleen, 11.

Douglas L. Dunnevant, R, of Richmond, earned the professional designation of Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant from the American Society of CLU & ChFC. He works at Life of Virginia.

Sterling Edmunds Jr., B, of Richmond, was named chief operating officer at Crestar Mortgage Corp. He has been with the firm for 10 years and serves on the executive committee of the board of directors.

Susan Case Grant, W, and her family returned to the states after living in London, where her husband was the assistant Army attaché. She works as executive vice president of commercial operations of Robbins Gioia Inc. They live in Great Falls, Va., with their children, Caulin, 5, and Tommy, 2.

Philip B. Lloyd, R, of Winchester, Va., works as a client representative for Biochemical Corp. He and his wife have four children.
Advising on science policy

Dr. Kelly S. Kirkpatrick, W’88, is used to watching people’s eyes glaze over when she talks about her Ph.D. research in materials science and engineering. But Kirkpatrick views such reactions as a challenge, not an insult.

As a senior policy coordinator at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., Kirkpatrick is making a career out of helping executive management to articulate their research programs in clear and non-technical terms.

“I help bridge scientists, policymakers and politicians by developing ways to deliver technical messages so that everyone is speaking the same language,” Kirkpatrick explains.

“Most elected officials and staff who are responsible for the federal research and development budget do not have technical backgrounds. Scientists and engineers are responsible for educating these committed people by linking technical merits to health, education, jobs, the environment, national security or economic stability. Using this approach ensures a captive audience.”

In April, Kirkpatrick began a one-year leave of absence from her job in New Mexico to serve as a senior policy analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology.

Kirkpatrick’s office helps to shape federal policies for harnessing technology to serve national goals, she says. Some of the issues she is responsible for in her position include: transportation research and the next generation of cars; biotechnology; marine technology; environmental industrial initiatives; and eldercare technology to improve the lives of older Americans.

Although Kirkpatrick has always been interested in science, her interest in science and economic policy did not begin until she was a graduate student at Northwestern University in Chicago. While she was working as a graduate fellow at the Department of Energy’s Argonne National Laboratory, she was first exposed to ways technical information was transferred from laboratories to the marketplace.

At the same time, her late husband, Darrel E. Kilius, was diagnosed with cancer, which led Kirkpatrick to consider the impact of scientific discovery on the medical world.

“These two major life experiences prompted me to think about a different way I could use my technical background,” she says. “I began looking at the role scientists and engineers play in communicating their work to the public. I realized they were doing…a poor job.” She decided to devote her career to changing that.

In 1995 Kirkpatrick was selected to participate in a congressional fellowship program operated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She and 34 other Ph.D. scientists and engineers were groomed to serve one-year terms as science advisers for congressmen or senators. Kirkpatrick joined the office of Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and worked on issues ranging from prevention of the Department of Commerce dismantlement to the formation of a bipartisan Senate manufacturing task force.

She soon caught what she calls “Potomac Fever” and is delighted to be back in Washington, especially because she’s now closer to her parents in Carlisle, Pa., and her sister Allison, W’91, in Richmond.

“Working in the White House environment is an intense and exhilarating experience,” she says. “I am thrilled and honored to be part of the process and to be working with such talented and dedicated people. In this job, I will help identify critical technological initiatives of national interest that need to be considered by the president.”

As a chemistry major with a business option at the University of Richmond, Kirkpatrick never would have dreamed that her career would follow such a path. She credits chemistry faculty members Dr. Emma Goldman and Dr. Ray Dominey as helping mold her professional aspirations beyond UR.

“Emma and Ray played an instrumental role in carving out my graduate career,” she says. “During my junior year at UR, they took time out of their personal schedules to take me to graduate science programs. I am forever grateful to them for their commitment to my professional development.”

It was Goldman and Dominey who introduced Kirkpatrick to materials science engineering, an interdisciplinary form of engineering that combines chemistry, physics and engineering to evaluate how plastics, metals, ceramics and composites behave under various conditions.

She says her experience at a liberal arts college and as a head resident at UR gave her the confidence to strike out on a new path. “Being a head resident at Westminster helped me to hone my leadership skills, while the liberal arts environment provided me with ways to look at issues from a broad base and with a creativity to step out of the academic box,” she says.

“Thanks to my UR foundation, I saw that I could use my doctorate in materials science in one of two ways: substantively as a research scientist, or as a process whereby I could use my problem-solving skills to dissect, understand and solve a problem. I have chosen to follow the latter.”

Kirkpatrick says she someday hopes to parlay her skills into private industry to forecast future market sectors for high-tech industry. After that, she says, anything’s possible. “Who knows, maybe someday I’ll run for office.”

BY JESSICA RONKY HADDA, AW’93

RECENT ALUMNI
Tom Louthan, L, Severna Park, Md. She concentrates Schaffer, Wilsman and Aviles in engineering designation.

George E. Moore, October 1996. She and her opened her own law practice in accounting manager at Jamieson, judge in the 26th Judicial District of community on a voluntary basis."

Greenville, S.C., works as a of Trenton, N.J., works as a loan officer in A&L Commercial. He works as a branch manager of a branch in New Jersey.

Renee Reuschling Brooks, B, of Richmond, was named a regional consultant for the Richmond Region of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Jeffreys E. Given, R, of Richmond, teaches mathematics at Goodchild High School. He and his wife, Teresa, have two sons, Freddy, 3, and Charles, 1.

Steve Henderson, R, of Richmond, was promoted to senior vice president of First Butcher Singer's mentor active fixed income division.

Randall K. Horne, B, of Glen Allen, Va., is the owner/broker of Horne & Associates Realty Inc., a full-service real estate firm with 20 agents. He also owns the Henrico Theatre, a first-run movie theatre in eastern Henrico County.

Donna DiServio Lunge, L, of Richmond, was promoted to vice president, professional services division, at the Reciprocal Group.

Michael A. Fleming, R, of Loudon, Tenn., has served as president of Lamar Outdoor Advertising since 1995. Under his leadership, the operations has earned the Public Affairs Plant of the Year designation for the past two years. He and his wife, Lynne Mason Fleming, WS7, have two sons, Andrew, 6 1/2, and Christopher, 3 1/2.

Pamela A. Fornero, B, of Richmond, was promoted to vice president, sales and marketing. He was formerly with Coopers & Lybrand in Richmond. He has a son, Robert, 16, and a daughter, Jesse, 4.

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Donna DiServio Lunge, L, of Richmond, was promoted to vice president, professional services division, at the Reciprocal Group.
Helping women substance abusers

Julie Myers Johnson tries not to bring her work home. One of three clinical social workers assigned to the Substance Abuse Therapeutic Community program at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland County, Johnson uses her daily 40-minute commute to her Bon Air home to “clear [her] head.” It may not always be easy, but it is something she has learned to do after seven years of working in the criminal justice system.

Johnson, W ’91, came to the University from a northern suburb of Baltimore because she “just liked the way [the campus] felt.” As a journalism major, she was encouraged by her professors, Mike Spear and Steve Nash, to develop an area of specialty in which to concentrate her writing. She chose criminal justice, which became her second major, because she knew she would always have something to write about.

During her years at UR, Johnson sharpened her writing skills by serving as the managing editor and national news editor of The Collegian. She developed her criminal justice abilities as a research intern at the City of Richmond’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Gilpin Court. She also was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society, the Society for Collegiate Journalists and the pre-law society, Phi Alpha Delta. Although she considered attending law school, by the time she graduated Johnson was eager to enter the workforce.

Wanting to stay in Richmond, she accepted an internship with the Department of Criminal Justice Services’ victims services section, where she combined her journalism and criminal justice talents preparing brochures, charting statistics and planning the department’s annual conference. Nine months later she was hired as a quality assurance technician for the Virginia Parole Board, where she worked for 18 months preparing and processing parole cases.

In 1993, Johnson was hired by her current employer as a corrections institution rehabilitation counselor. She began working with the Substance Abuse Therapeutic Community program, an 18-month intensive drug treatment program, and received training and financial support from the Department of Corrections to become a certified substance abuse counselor. During that time, she also wrote a 102-page manual for the treatment program successful that by early 1999 its size will double. As a state employee, Johnson is pleased with the support and funding that the treatment program is receiving from Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore. While she says she initially was “angered” by former Gov. George Allen’s no-parole policy, she now believes that this policy, combined with increased funding of substance abuse programs, is providing inmates the time they need for rehabilitation.

The program’s expansion also will bring new opportunities for Johnson. She says she hopes to move into a supervisory role but acknowledges that she does not plan to work in corrections and counseling all her life.

“You have to have thick skin to work in corrections,” she says, “because of the stories you hear.”

Johnson’s long-range goals include returning to school for her MBA and helping her husband, Scott, manage his construction business. An avid gardener and animal lover, Johnson’s “family” includes two dogs, two birds and three cats, two of which she rescued from the correctional center. Her dream job would be to own a greenhouse and breed and train dogs, but for now, she is happy where she is.

Although she does not return to campus often, she continues to be thankful for the education she received at the University. In addition to the benefits of small class size and computer training, Johnson cites Spear and sociology professor Dr. Joan Neff as “making a great impact on where I am today.”
John R. Beach, R., of New Church, Va., was elected as credit manager at Langley Disposal Food Services. William J. Benos, L., of Midlothian, Va., was elected a trustee of the Virginia chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Virginia Allen Bussey, W., of Petersburg, Va., and her husband work for Prince George County Schools. They enjoy traveling during the summers.

Christopher R. Clapper, R., of Midlothian, Va., works as a special agent for the U.S. Secret Service. He was formerly with the Richmond Police Department for nine years, the last two years as sergeant.

Amy Roach Claytow, W., of Exton, Pa., joined the real estate firm of Fox & Roach. She was formerly development coordinator for the Roach Wheeler/Reeter Homes & Gardens firm, which was founded by her grandfather.

Dr. Winston M. Gouldin, R., of Richmond, graduated from MCV as a doctor of pharmacy in May.

Mandy Hanner-Ford, B., of Midlothian, Va., was elected a trustee of the Virginia chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Barbara K. Faw, B., of Richmond, was elected assistant professor of administration and business development with Columbus Propane.

Sylvia Infante Lecky, W., and her husband, Steve, live in Middletown, Conn. She works as an actuary with Aetna U.S. Healthcare Insurance. She went to Japan for a second time to visit her brother, Andy Infante, B’92, who works there.

Thomas E. "Tucker" Perkins Jr., GB, of Richmond, was appointed associate vice president of the Children’s Home Society of Virginia.

Dr. Craig H. Gosdin, R., practices pediatrics as an attending physician at the Children’s Hospital of Alabama/ U. of Alabama at Birmingham.

Don Hohbatt, B. of Glen Allen, Va., was promoted to associate vice president at Wheat First Butcher Singer.

Sibylle M. Gesswein, W., at the Culinary Institute of America in March 1997.

Katherine W. Weiss, W., moved to San Francisco, where she works for Cook Express, an Internet marketplace. She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in March 1997.

Dawn Worden, W., of Norcross, Ga., joined the law firm of Pendergraft & Associates in October 1997. She practices real estate law and related areas.

David R. Balch Jr., R. of Midlothian, Va., is the art director at Douglas Murphy Communications, a magazine publisher in Richmond. He and his wife, Lucy, have two children, Logan, 3, and Zoe, 1.

Former Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, H., was elected vice president of the Virginia Historical Society board.

Mark Sweeney, R’90, was named 1997 Operator of the Year by Sponible’s Inc.

He owns several Captain D’s franchises in Virginia.

Dan W. Redfield Jr., R., is a captain and commands a special forces "A" detachment at Fort Bragg, N.C. His wife, Carol Ann, an ROTC instructor at NC State U., lives in Sanford, N.C.

Mark Jan Schwartz, R., of Olympia, Wash., works as a free-lance writer and teacher creating writing.

MELANIE SCHMIDT SMITH, B., of Cape May Court House, N.J., works as an independent contractor in computer programming and software development. She and her husband, Craig, have two sons, Craig, 3, and Corey, born Jan. 3, 1998.

Mark Sweeney, R. of Rocky Mount, Va., was named 1997 Operator of the Year by Sponible’s Inc. He owns several Captain D’s franchises in Virginia.

Jennifer Allie Momeni, W., works as personnel representative at ARCOToys Inc., a subsidiary of Mattel Inc. She and her husband, Marco, a financial analyst, live in Huntington, N.Y.
From psych major to opera singer

When the beat of jazz swung Keith Phares to choose the University of Richmond for his college education, he had no clue to the way he would be improvising his career choice.

“My whole family is musical,” says Phares, AR’96, whose parents are transplants from New Jersey to Hilton Head, S.C. “My older brother, Glen [R’88], who preceded me at Richmond, was a trumpet player. I played trumpet, too. My model is the jazz great Miles Davis.”

“I knew Richmond had [associate professor of music Dr.] Mike Davison, with his great jazz experience. I thought that was where I should be, but just to give myself a more solid base for a career, I majored in psychology.”

So, two years after graduation, what is Phares doing singing with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis and preparing for a career that he hopes will lead him back to the Metropolitan Opera—where he’s already sung this spring?

Phares had discovered he had a strong baritone voice in high school when he won the role of the Frenchman Emile Deheque in South Pacific. But the pull of all that jazz was stronger and he didn’t spend much time with voice until his junior year at UR, when assistant professor of music Dr. Jennifer Cable encouraged him to work on his vocal training.

After graduation in 1996, he went on to graduate vocal work at the New England Conservatory in Boston. He made his Metropolitan Opera stage debut this April when he won the New England Region Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, then went on to become one of 10 winners in the national Met competition. Out of the 10 winners, Phares was the second youngest.

“Keith has it all,” says Cable, who was in New York to hear him. “He’s tall and handsome and looked dazzling on the stage at the Met. He has been a joy to work with and I can see a very bright future for him. He has what it takes—talent, commitment, drive and intelligence.”

In St. Louis from April to June, Phares sang in Gounod’s Faust, Donizetti’s Don Pasquale, and Janacek’s Katya Kabonova.

Then, it was home to Hilton Head, preparing a recital there for August on a different note: Gershwin, Cole Porter, Copland. He has returned once to sing at UR—in Handel’s Messiah in December 1996, when he sang bass with his teacher, Jennifer Cable, as the soprano.

Phares’ favorite opera singer is an old-timer, Robert Merrill. “If I had a choice of one role to sing,” he says, “it would be the title role in Rigoletto.”

Unlike some opera singers who hone their talent in Europe before becoming known in this country—Thomas Moser, for one, the Richmonder who is the son of Louise Hall Moser, W’42—Phares would like to make his name in this country. He aims high: the Met, of course.

Phares acknowledges his career path has been unusual. “I didn’t sing at all in high school until we moved to Hilton Head,” he says. “When I got the lead in South Pacific, I became interested in theatre. During the summer of my senior year, we did Secret Garden with both amateur and professional performers and then I got to study with Dr. Cable at UR.

“When I reached Richmond, I knew I enjoyed trumpet but doubted that I was good enough to make a career of it. Psychology seemed a more practical major. It was interesting to me but I really didn’t have a passion for it. I do have a passion for singing.”

Dr. Michael Davison, who has nurtured the University’s jazz program for the past dozen years, says, “I couldn’t believe it when I heard Keith on the trumpet. I thought it was Miles Davis. In terms of improvisation, Keith is one of the two best students I have had. But there is more than that that will make Keith succeed. It is his persona, which is larger than his music. He has that rare quality of knowing how to connect with the audience.”

The shift from jazz to opera? “I had a handle on the jazz esthetic,” Phares observes, “so I had to artistically retrain myself. I couldn’t just wing it anymore.”
Robert G. Crystal III, R, of Richmond, was promoted to associate vice president at Wheat First Butcher Singer.

Kristina Dalaker, W, and 1.97, was named an associate with the Richmond law firm of Mezzullo & Mc Candlish. She practices in the real estate section of the firm's corporate department.

Dean D. De Good, R, lives in Amsterdam and continues to work for Domino's Pizza International. He travels throughout Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and India as a consultant in supplier development, purchasing and distribution.

Richard K. Dineen, R, of Clinton, N.J., works as an operations manager at BIC Logistics. He and his wife, Sherry Cregger Dineen, W, bought their first home in Clinton, N.J.

Rebecca A. Fewkes, W, is a law student at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She works as a mediator and trainer at Community Boards of San Francisco and oversees neighborhood dispute resolution hearings.

Jeffrey S. Fowler, R, of Richmond, works as a human resources Dallas, works at Human Resource

Kim A. Morreale-Okula, W, of East Moriches, N.Y., teaches kindergarten for the Connetquot, the Sylvan Learning Center. She lives in Malverne, Pa. languages. She works as an executive for us. In addition, Keny has a new job at Andersen Consulting.

Butcher Singer in Richmond. He Vanguard Group of Investment director of the emerging markets

Darren Ratcliffe and his wife, Patricia Hughes Whittemore, W, bought their first home in Richmond, in 1996. He and his wife, Bessie E. Whitlock, AW, worked as a Grand Canyon river guide last summer. She is a graduate student in recreation administration at Georgia Southern U.

William P. Knight III, AR, moved to Orlando, Fla., and works for Walt Disney World Co. in the entertainment division at Epcot. W. Elisabeth Kristiansen, AW, of New Canaan, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president Computer Networks Inc., and he was

Jennifer Chropuvka-Martin, AW, of Richmond, was named an associate at J.P. Morgan Co. in New York City.

Theodore Beiger, BR, received his MBA from Wake Forest U. Babcock Graduate School of Management and joined Delta Airline in Atlanta.

Pippa T. Reiger, BR, of carrier of the board of directors of Commonwealth Catholic Charities. She works on new project, and she is thinking. Shannon Hynes is a nurse with a practice outside of Boston. Joe and Mary-Holland Wood Thompson have returned to Virginia after several years in Germany, where he was in the Army. Joe now works at UCR in university computing, and Mary-Holland is pursuing her master's degree in teaching.

Gail Macinnes was in her final semester of graduate school this spring at the University of Maryland, where she was working for her master's degree in social work. Grattan Smith is in sales for Physical Computing Network, and he was named among the top sales people for the company in 1997. Andy Henn returned to Northern Virginia after spending a summer in Colorado and started a new job at Digi-Key as a new job. Sue Kirchofer completed her two-year term in the Peace Corps last fall and planned to travel through Australia and Indonesia before returning to the States. Hilary Knox and Melissa Miscione live in Richmond and are both advisers to the Delta Gamma chapter at UR. Hilary also serves on the Young Grad Program Steering Committee and helped with the class reunion. Krista Manheimer Lauer and her husband bought a house in Charlotte, N.C., where Krista works for Andersen Consulting. Matt O'Connell is in the MBA program at the U. of Pennsylvania.
Frank R. Allen, BR, works as a bank examiner with the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond. B. Fred Budzovich, AR, is finishing his second year in medical school at MCV. He and his wife, Deborah, an elementary school teacher, live in Richmond.

Brian P. Clifford, BR, works as a portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Discover in New York City.

April M. France, AW, lives in Boulder, Colo., where she works as a specialist in COBOL at PS Technology, which develops and maintains software for 15 major railroads in the United States and Canada.

Amy Kahler Godwin, AW, lives in Iowa, Pa., with her husband, Alfred, who is an occupational therapist. She received her master's degree in physical therapy in May 1996 and works at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.

Eleanor Beth Holt, AW, works as a primary family therapist at Brennan South Psychiatric Hospital in Atlanta. She earned her master's degree in social work at the University of Georgia in June 1997.

Martha S. Jordan, AW, is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate in immunology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Clare Blackwood Lawson, BW, works as a claims adjuster at Safeco Insurance Co. She and her husband, Leif, live in Richmond.

Alissa Mancuso, AW, joined the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobkins as communications director and is in charge of public relations, publications and media relations. She also serves as chairman of UR's Young Graduate Program Steering Committee and is a Westminster class secretary for the University of Richmond Magazine.

Traci R. Mayer, BW, works as a chief accountant for the Humane Society of the United States in Gaithersburg, Md.

James T. Monroe, AR, of Falls Church, Va., was promoted to training manager of United Communications Systems in McLean, Va. He manages a staff of 30 technical trainers who travel globally to provide software training and support to the company's principal clients.

Sarah M. Nolan, AW, is pursuing her master's degree in international and intercultural management at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt.

William R. Phelps, AR, works as a producer for the 11 p.m. news at WYFB-Channel 12 in Richmond.

Cristina M. Romano, AW, is completing her second year of the MBA program at the U. of Texas at Austin. She plans to return to South Florida.

Robin A. Sanford, BR, works as manager, financial accounting, at Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. Inc. in Richmond.

Amy Scherer, BR, was named a vice president at Wheats First Butcher Singer in Richmond.

Gregory W. Thomas, BR, is a senior credit analyst at Keystone Financial Inc. He and his wife, Beth Ann, live in Lansdale, Pa.

Kristine Sweet Volf, JW, works as a human resources administrator at Liberty Technologies Inc. She and her husband, Rich Volf, JR, live in Lansdale, Pa.

Adam C. Wells, AW, of Johnson City, N.Y., graduated with honors from St. John's U. Law School. He works as a law clerk for a federal district judge and passed the New York Bar exam.

Julie Schuch Whitlock, L, of Richmond, joined the law firm of Thompson & McLellan.

David A. Winter, GB, of Richmond, joined Chesapeake Corp. as director of human resources in 1997. He was formerly director of human resources at Best Products Co. Inc.

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Rhonda Gaines, BJ, joined the staff of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America in Richmond.

Kristen Almond Phelps, W, is a continuing professional education assistant for the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants in Richmond.

Raymond E. Geoffroy III, AR, graduated from Emory Law School in May. He is an associate with the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams.

Patricia L. Hooker, AW, is a third-year graduate student in the clinical psychology doctoral program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Ruth Amber Kavanagh, AW, works as an assistant buyer for Neiman-Marcus in Dallas.

David W. Kleinichschuster, BR, received his master's degree in counseling from Springfield College and works as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor. He and his wife live in Claymont, Del.

Bridget A. Kratt, AW, lives in Sydney, Australia, where she is working on her master's degree in biotechnology at the U. of New South Wales.

Michelle Charlotte Lam, C, plans to graduate from the T.C. Williams School of Law in 1999. She hopes to pursue a career in the field of intellectual property.

Dara L. McNew, BR, works at Gulliver Water Treatment Inc. in Baltimore.

Pamela A. Mortimer, AW, of Columbus, Ohio, graduated a semester early from Capital U. law School with a certification in labor and employment law. She has been editing a law school textbook in a new area of law.

Kimberly P. Roberts, AW, moved to Arlington, Va., where she works as a staff associate for the House International Relations Committee in Washington, D.C.

Hyewon Sok, AW, of Richmond, plans to graduate from MCV in May 1999 with a degree in pharmacy.

Kevin D. Thornton, AR, of Midlothian, Va., works as a history teacher at Monacan and Clover Hill high schools in Chesterfield County.

Bessie E. Whitlock, BW, of Statesboro, Ga., worked as a Grand Canyon river guide for Diamond River Adventures last summer. She is a graduate student in recreation administration at Georgia Southern U.

Blythe L. "Buffy" Bailey, AW, of Vero Beach, Fla., is planning a move to Truckee, Calif. She has been traveling with her kayak around the United States and the world. She went to New Zealand last winter and Nepal this past fall.

Wendy K. Bruce, AW, of Armond, Pa., works as a human resources-staffing consultant for CIGNA Corp. in Philadelphia.

Sara J. Candido, AW, planned to graduate from Notre Dame Law School in May 1998 and join Littler Mendelson in Los Angeles as an associate.

Brian R. Donnelly, AW, of White Plains, N.Y., works as a research assistant at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. He is also completing his master's degree in public health at Columbia U.

Karen E. Dunivan, L, of Norfolk, Va., joined the law firm of Thompson & McLellan.

Tracy Marie Flynn, AW, works as a technical recruiter at Technical Search Corp. in Richmond.

Bonnie Atwood, L, joined David Bailey Associates, a Richmond firm that provides intergovernmental relations services to associations and businesses.

Diana Lynn Cichewicz, AW, of Richmond, is a second-year graduate student in the Ph.D. program for pharmacology and toxicology at MCV.

Carmen Fisher, BW, lives in Annapolis, Md., and is awaiting the results of an application to OCS for Navy intelligence.

Kathy Gallagher, AW, works as a consultant with Xperts, a software design firm in Richmond's...
April Mohnsine Abrih, BW, works as a case manager with family preservation programs of Northern//Mental Health Center in Tamassee, Va. Kathleen Healy Allen, BW, works as a sales agent at Virginia Asset Management in Richmond. Angela Mathilde C. Black, AW, is a law student at Case Western Reserve U. School of Law in Cleveland. William Boger, AR, of Glen Allen, Va., was named account executive with Siddall, Matus & Cougther. Victoria Elizabeth "Vicky" Carle, BW, works as an administrative assistant at SYCOM Technologies in Richmond. She serves on UR's Young Graduate Program steering committee. Brent Clark, BR, is a graduate student of health administration at MV in Richmond. Michael Vincent Collins, BR, works as an advertising coordinator at Rapp Collins Worldwide in New York City. Christopher Patrick Compton, BW, of Baltimore, works at Lincoln Financial Advisors. Darin Conti, BR, is a physical therapist specialist with Wheat First Union in Glen Allen, Va. Jerome John Cotrell, AR, is a graduate student of organic chemistry at the U. of Illinois-Champaign. Autumn J. Fehr, BW, works as a human resource consultant at McDonalid & Publin in Richmond. James Robert Feury, AR, works as a financial analyst at Paine Webber in Westchaw, N.J. Moxen Jude Flood, BW, of Aldan, Pa., is a Peace Corps volunteer. Raejene J. Haeberle, 1., joined the law firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weir, Tt, & Cox & Allen as an associate. She specializes in areas of commercial litigation, employment law and bankruptcy law. Dorian Lynn Haldeman, AR, is a veterinary medical student at the U. of Pennsylvania. Tara Anne Hamilton, BW, works as a staff auditor at MMFD Peat Marwick in Richmond. Elizabeth C. Harper, AR, completed her first year at Tulane Law School. She lives in River Ridge, La. Lynne Lorraine Harris, BW, works for her family's company, Harris Trucking, in Richmond. She also cheers with an all-star cheerleading squad. Janice Martha Hohl, BS, of Glen Allen, works as a marketing research analyst at Beztown Associates in Alexandria, Va. Dana C. Makielski, L, is a case manager at the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

Taylor O. Kay, AR, went to the Ivory Coast in West Africa as a volunteer for the U.S. Peace Corps for two years. Kristen D. Kennedy, AW, of Howell, N.J., works as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, where she develops educational programming in five French schools. Gregory Edward Schmidt, AR, works as a computer programmer at Cesar Bank's technology center in Richmond. Kristin Parrish Swenton, BW, works as a marketing research analyst at Carmax corporate headquarters in Glen Allen, Va. Mark David Tantis, GB, moved to Salem, Va., where he is a commercial loan associate at NationsBank in Roanoke, Va. He formerly worked as an MIS analyst with Capital One. Ciaranne Melissa Tucker, AR, of Chapel Hill, N.C., works as a teacher's assistant for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. William Haggod Turner Jr., AR, works as a lab assistant and a graduate research assistant in biology at U. Robert C. "Rob" Williams Jr., BR, is a trading assistant at BISBC Securities Inc. in New York City. Kimberly Blankenship Wilson, C, is an assistant vice president at NationsBank in Richmond. Thomas Allen Wright Jr., AR, works as a pharmaceutical sales specialist at Pharmacia & Upjohn in Lakeland, Fl.

Shannon Maynard, AW '97, worked in Grand Forks, N.D., to re-establish local food cupboards after the flooding in that area.

Melissa Mansfield, AW, is a Farmington, CT, based employee of the Department of Transportation in staff accountant at Deloitte & Touche in Richmond. Laura Ann Rickers, BW, passed the CPA exam and works at Coopers & Lybrand in Richmond. Kathleen Ann Rucker, AW, of Howell, N.J., works as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, where she develops educational programming in five French schools. Gregory Edward Schmidt, AR, works as a computer programmer at Cesar Bank's technology center in Richmond. Kristin Parrish Swenton, BW, works as a marketing research analyst at Carmax corporate headquarters in Glen Allen, Va. Mark David Tantis, GB, moved to Salem, Va., where he is a commercial loan associate at NationsBank in Roanoke, Va. He formerly worked as an MIS analyst with Capital One. Ciaranne Melissa Tucker, AR, of Chapel Hill, N.C., works as a teacher's assistant for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. William Haggod Turner Jr., AR, works as a lab assistant and a graduate research assistant in biology at U. Robert C. "Rob" Williams Jr., BR, is a trading assistant at BISBC Securities Inc. in New York City. Kimberly Blankenship Wilson, C, is an assistant vice president at NationsBank in Richmond. Thomas Allen Wright Jr., AR, works as a pharmaceutical sales specialist at Pharmacia & Upjohn in Lakeland, Fl.

MARRIAGES

BIRTHS

1976/Brookes E. Hatch, R, and her husband, Thomas, a son, Gregory F. Given, R, Dec. 7, 1997. She was active for many years on the Woman's Board of Managers at Sheltering Arms Hospital and the Women's Council of the Virginia Museum. She was instrumental in the remodeling of the Westhampton College Deanery's gable into a guest cottage, which was named in her honor in 1985. The oldest graduate of the College and the oldest member of the Class of 1934, she also was a lifelong member of Jefferson Lakeside Country Club and Congregation Beth Abraham.


1977/Ann Toomey Goode Ward, L, and her husband, John, a son, Nicholas Elliot, Nov. 16, Danville, Va., Aug. 31, 1997. He was a retired engineer of DECO. He also taught at St. George's Episcopal Church.


1992/Ruth Wallerstein Thallmer, W, of Richmond, Dec. 7, 1997. She was active for many years on the Woman's Board of Managers at Sheltering Arms Hospital and the Women's Council of the Virginia Museum. She was instrumental in the remodeling of the Westhampton College Deanery's garage into a guest cottage, which was named in her honor in 1985. She was a graduate of the College and the oldest member of the Class of 1934, she also was a lifelong member of Jefferson Lakeside Country Club and Congregation Beth Abraham.

DEATHS

1922/Lucy Williams Seaton, W, of Richmond, April 18, 1997.


1929/Elder B. "Potter" Pott, R'87, and C'75, of Annapolis, Md., Nov. 22, 1997. He was professor emeritus at the U.S. Naval Academy.

1930/Carroll Ryland Minor, R, and G'33, of Bridgewater, Va., Sept. 27, 1997. He was a retired director of the Division of Youth Services, a former superintendent of the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center in Petersburg, Va., and the first chief parole officer of the state parole board. He was recognized as organizing Virginia's probation and parole system and desegregating the state's juvenile correctional facilities. He also served as chief parole officer for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and was assistant supervisor of classification at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C.
THE COMING HISTORICAL RENAISSANCE

In our fast-paced culture of information technology, there is concern that our society is losing its ties with the past. Recent studies such as that sponsored by the Bradley Commission on History in Schools and the Ravitch and Finn study, *What Do Our 17-Year-Olds Know? A Report on the First National Assessment of History and Literature*, have confirmed an alarming ignorance of the influence of the past on current events.

In another time the mention of an important date such as 1066, which signifies the Norman invasion of England with the attending defeat of the Saxon ruling house at the Battle of Hastings, would probably have elicited at least a flash of recognition, but these days teachers hold their breath when they explore a student's historical knowledge. Lee Harvey Oswald, wasn't he the drummer for the Doors? Pizzaro, isn't that an Italian fast food restaurant at the mall? Taj Mahal, oh, forward for the Lakers? Cut off from the past, our children may be growing up in an environment where the sordid revelations of talk shows make prime time news and little time is taken for reasoned reflection. Not infrequently, the observer is caught thinking that a problem is so new and bizarre that a solution is impossible. Even worse, some may conclude that a solution is actually possible when it is not, whereupon treasure and blood may be spilled in vain.

Are we casting up a generation cut off from its past, unable to understand the historic forces breaking against it from all sides? Perhaps. We could wring our hands in desperation, call for vast new government expenditures, or hunker and pray that some miracle will spare us the ill effects of this creeping callowness.

I would like to offer several suggestions that if applied might reverse this trend.

First, those of us who are professional historians have a part in this prospective renaissance. We have a double task: the profession must continue to produce clear and accurate historical work, but it also must be willing to get that work out to a wider audience.

Before the 19th century, much of written history was hagiography—the glorification of some leader, dynasty, national or ethnic group. Often it was the casual repetition of unexamined legends and stories passed between generations, with little concern for accuracy of fact or interpretation.

By the turn of the century, however, historians were insisting on a more exact, even scientific, search for data—and on a more dispassionate analysis. The best historical work today involves the meticulous examination of primary documents, periodic reexamination of long-held conclusions, and rigorous debate about interpretation.

In the face of declining historical knowledge, historians must continue to do the best scholarly work possible. At the same time they must seek every opportunity to make the results of this effort interesting and arresting to a wider audience.

This is risky business. Laying out your work for wider public scrutiny may reveal it as irrelevant or even boring. At the same time, producing history that is not boring also is dangerous. Such an enterprise may invite the disdain of some historians who see the exercise as trivial and themselves as keepers of the holy grail.

Society as a whole also must accept responsibility for this slide into ignorance, but must do so by some fundamental policy adjustments. We must insist that history be an integral part of school curricula at all levels; no student should be more than 12 months away from a course in history.

We also must devote increased resources to the development of excellent classroom teachers. Remember your best teachers? For me, they were those who stimulated learning instead of simply conveying information: Holliday, Ulmer, Metzger, Rilling, Havran. They were teachers who loved their subject and loved their students. This love was infectious.

How do we get more people like that? One way is to increase the luster and prominence of the profession of teaching. Another way is to remove some of the financial struggle that often discourages our best students from becoming our best teachers.

Finally, historical institutions and schools must expand their horizons. The vast majority of our citizens do not attend classroom lectures (no matter how brilliant). Unfortunately, few will see museum exhibits or haunt the aisles of public libraries, but they do watch television and shop the malls.

Schools and colleges must seek alliances with those who control access to mass media—newspapers, television, radio, films—and with them develop creative and entertaining ways of conveying the lessons of the past into the marketplace. Why not place museum exhibits on the second floor of the city's most popular shopping mall? Why not history on MTV?

Even with a coordinated effort, the decline in the knowledge of history might continue. Yet the effort is a worthy one. If we arrest this descent, the results will be a better-informed society; a more seasoned electorate; and more prudent leaders tempered by a deeper understanding of the past.

BY DR. DANIEL M. ROBERTS JR.

Dan Roberts is assistant professor of liberal arts in the University's School of Continuing Studies, and he also teaches in the UR history department. He is the producer and host of National Public Radio's *A Moment in Time*, heard by more than a million listeners each weekday.
Alumni College held

A new component of Alumni Weekend this year was the Alumni College held Friday, May 1. Eight classes led by University of Richmond faculty and staff were available for those attending reunions as well as for alumni from the Richmond area.

"Although educational sessions were held in connection with Westhampton College reunions some years ago, this is the first time we've had an Alumni College offering on a university-wide basis," says Jane Stockman, W'58, executive director of alumni affairs.

Stockman says the Alumni College offers an opportunity for alumni to connect with their alma mater on an intellectual level and to get to know some of the current faculty members.

The most popular class was "Introduction to the Internet," held in a computer lab in Jepson Hall and taught by Cecelia Coleman, academic consultant in the university computing department.

Also available were:
- "Ethics in Leadership," taught by Dr. Joanne B. Ciulla, holder of the Coston Family Chair in Leadership and Ethics at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies
- "The History, Ecology and Stewardship of Westhampton Lake," taught by Dr. John W. Bishop, professor of biology
- "A Moment in Time: the Boston Massacre," by Dr. Daniel Roberts Jr., assistant professor of history and assistant professor of liberal arts
- "Director's Tour of the Marsh Art Gallery Exhibits," by gallery director Richard Waller
- "Wellness . . . Not Just a Piece of the Pie," by Carol L. Johnson, director of wellness
- "What Does the Future Hold for Social Security?" by Dr. Daniel J. Palazzolo, associate professor of political science, and
- "Bringing Your Career into Focus," by Andrew M. Ferguson, director of the Career Development Center.

Alumni participants, who ranged from 1930s graduates to a member of the Class of 1996, liked "the opportunity to be in an academic environment again" and the "opportunity to hear stimulating current professors on topics of general interest," according to a follow-up survey. The Alumni College was coordinated by Paul O. Hagenmueller Jr., R'67 and assistant to the director of alumni affairs.

Two Alumni College Abroad programs are planned by the alumni office for June 1999, one in Scotland and the other in Italy.

Portrait unveiled

The Westhampton College Class of 1958 presented a portrait of Jane Stockman, W'58, executive director of alumni affairs, at their reunion dinner on May 1. Painted by Lorent Bruzie, the portrait will hang in the Jepson Alumni Center. Stockman is shown with Marion J. Stokes, professor of mathematics emerita.

Young alumni return


Sharing memories

Remembering their days in the Theta Chi fraternity are Sim Taylor, R'47, left, and Wallace B. Gordon, R'48. With them are their wives, Millicent Hutcherson Taylor, W'45, and Elizabeth Gordon.
Rector’s Club Garden Party

The crowd bid farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Morrill by presenting them with a painting of the Garden Party, completed during the evening by artist Susan Staulet.

A French garden party was the theme for the 28th annual Rector’s Club Garden Party, which took place at Jepson Alumni Center June 4. Among the guests were, from left, Elsie Mattingly Dickinson, W ’40, and Alfred J. Dickinson III, R ’37, and Mary H. Hudgys.

Business school campaign concludes

With renovation of the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business well underway, the $5.5 million Campaign for Technology to support the improvements is drawing to a close, according to campaign chair David L. Heavenridge, B ’69.

As of June 1, $4,598,703 was committed to the campaign. Expected to complete the goal is a $1 million challenge grant from the Robins Foundation, pledged in 1997 to be given once the campaign had raised $4.5 million.

The campaign has received three gifts of $500,000 or more; six gifts of $100,000 to $499,999; and more than 20 gifts of $25,000 to $99,000. More than 25 gifts of $5,000 have been made to sponsor renovation of faculty offices.

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“Although renovation will serve as a hallmark date in the business school’s history,” says Heavenridge, “We’re staking our claim among business schools as a leader in technology and innovation.”

The classrooms undergoing renovation will be ready for use this fall and will be wired and “hot” for computer connections next spring. When wiring is completed, students will be able to plug in their laptops for direct access to the University’s network and the Internet. As renovations continue, business school faculty and staff have temporarily relocated to office space in Sarah Brunct Memorial Hall.

Dedication of the building will be in the spring of 1999, after all work is completed.

Gift from first graduate

A significant gift to the Campaign for Technology has come from Emmett L. Allen Jr., the first ever business school graduate. Since his name began with A, Allen was the first graduate to receive a diploma from Dean F. Byers Miller, left, in 1950. Allen has run the Glen Allen Supermarket in Glen Allen, Va., for more than 35 years, as his father did before him. He continues to attend all Spider football and basketball games. Also shown is student government president Walter H. Nelson, right.

Vaughn Conference Room

A reception on April 22 honored C. Porter Vaughn Jr., R ’40 and H ’87, for whom the conference room in the alumni office wing of Jepson Alumni Center is named. The room features photos of Vaughn and newspaper clippings of his athletic achievements. Vaughn, shown with Chancellor E. Bruce Heilman, is a University trustee and member of the CR Athletic Hall of Fame.
Richmond College Class of '48
More than half the 90 members of the Richmond College Class of '48 came home to UR May 1-2. They were inducted into the Boatwright Society Friday night and enjoyed dinner Saturday night with the Westhampton College Class of '48, where they heard J. Earle Dunford, '48, reminisce about earlier days at the University of Richmond.

Westhampton College Class of '48
Forty alumnae of the Westhampton Class of '48 gathered on campus Friday, May 1, for induction into the Boatwright Society. They came together again on Saturday for dinner in the Richmond Room of the University Club.

First alumni picnic
More than 600 alumni came to their new home for an Alumni Weekend picnic at Jepson Alumni Center on Saturday. The celebration featured picnic fare in the courtyard, live music, tours of the center and a children's activity room.
**Spring Celebrations**

**Westhampton College Celebration Night**
Helen Melton Lukbard, W '56, congratulates her granddaughter Rebecca Lindsay Nicholls, AW '01, who received a Westhampton College scholarship April 19 at Westhampton College Celebration Night. Nicholls is the daughter of the late Helen Lindsay Lukbard, W '78.

**Young Grads at the races**
Christie Getman, JW '97, Nicole Carson, AW '97, and Brian Hirsch, AR '97, feast at the Young Grad Tent Party on University Row at the Strawberry Hill Races on April 11. To illustrate the Route 66 theme, the UR tent was decorated as the “Spider Diner.” Some 350 recent graduates from as far away as New York and Atlanta attended the eighth annual event.

**Richmond College Commitment Night**
Delegates from different Richmond College classes came together April 7 for the first Richmond College Commitment Night. They toured construction of the Whitehurst facility near the men’s residence halls, had dinner and heard presentations, then wrote letters to their classmates requesting support. Shown are, from left, Richmond College Dean Richard A. Mateer; Fletcher Stiers, Jr., R '48; J. Earl Dunford, R '48; and Cornelius E. “Corby” Hobman, R '51.

**Dunlora Society spring meeting**
More than 50 members of the Dunlora Society for retired faculty and staff held a luncheon in Jepson Alumni Center on April 21. Shown are Dr. Jackson J. Taylor, R '42, and professor of physics emeritus, and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Taylor, professor of mathematics and computer science emerita.

**Lake Society host families**
Sixteen families of the Lake Society who hosted 41 international students this year gathered at a dinner on April 18. Among them were, from left, Stefan Sarev, AR '00, from Bulgaria; Bradley Barr, Dr. Carol Byrd Barr, W '70; Andrew Barr; Imran Hassan, AR '00, from Saudi Arabia; Ann Cameron Barr; and Dr. Mark C. Barr, R '76.

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This work by Alexander Calder from the Marsh Art Gallery's permanent collection will be on view as part of the Gallery's 30th anniversary celebration and to open the Modlin Center's third season. See p. 22.