Women’s Soccer

First-year student Kirsi Cronk, shown here in the home opener against Lehigh, was named first team All-CAA. Coach Peter Albright’s Spiders were 7-9-2 in their inaugural season.
KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS used in the University of Richmond Magazine

School of Arts and Sciences  A
The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business  B
School of Continuing Studies (formerly University College)  C
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  G
The Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business  GB
Honorary Degree  H
Jepson School of Leadership Studies  J
The T.C. Williams School of Law  L
Richmond College  R
Westhampton College  W

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Photo opposite by Scott K. Brown

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STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

The issue of executive compensation, "What's Wrong with Executive Pay?" as presented by Dr. Samuel Gray in the last issue of the University of Richmond Magazine represents his own opinion, not the viewpoint of others of us in the University family.

Dr. Gray's conclusion is that "the most compelling solution [to what he sees as the problem of executive pay] is for CEOs to take a good hard look in the mirror and realize that their professional lives should be guided less by greed and more by the principles of stewardship and service." It has been my experience that the University of Richmond's CEO alumni have clearly shown that they already are and have been leading their lives by the principles of stewardship and service.

Consider, for example, the following chief executive officers, University of Richmond alumni all, who have managed socially responsible companies and who have been true philanthropists to the University:

- The late E. Claiborne Robins, R'31 and H'60, who shared his wealth with a variety of nonprofit causes and was generous to a fault with his employees. In 1969, he gave his alma mater $50 million, then the largest gift ever given to a university by a living benefactor. Upon his death in 1995, his total giving to the University amounted to $715 million. Without his wisdom and wealth, the University of Richmond would be bankrupt today.
- Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87, who has given his alma mater over $30 million since 1989, and is responsible for the creation of the University's pioneering school for leadership studies. Through his influence as a respected CEO serving as working chairman of the Campaign for the University of Richmond, he helped raise another $164 million for the school he loves.
- Robert D. Kilpatrick, R'48 and H'79, retired chief executive officer of CIGNA Corp., whose leadership established the CIGNA Scholars program in 1981. Over the years, dozens of students have benefited from this program, and today there are 67 CIGNA Scholars enrolled at the University.
- Floyd D. Gottwald Jr., GB'51 and H'83, chief executive officer of Albermarle Corp., who named the science building in honor of his entrepreneurial father, E.D. Gottwald Sr., H'65, a member of the Board of Trustees for many years.
- Robert S. Ukrop, B'69, president of Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., who has supported the University of Richmond since his graduation with exceedingly generous gifts to all areas of the University, especially athletics. His company is a benchmark for public spiritedness: few nonprofit organizations in Richmond have failed to be beneficiaries of the generosity of Ukrop's Super Markets Inc.
- E. Claiborne Robins Jr., B'68 and H'86, president and chief executive officer of E.C. Robins International Inc., and the Robins family, who continue the philanthropic tradition of the late Mr. Robins Sr.
- And many other generous alumni leaders in business — William B. Graham, B'43; Dennis A. Pryor, B'66; and Gilbert M. Rosenthal, R'47, to name a few — who have assisted in their alma mater's great progress over the last two decades.

The University of Richmond seeks the three "w's" of volunteerism: work, wealth and wisdom. The institution has been blessed in that successful, responsible chief executive officers have remembered their roots and brought their skills, talents and gift resources to the University of Richmond table in abundance. Had they not, the University would not only be poorer, but probably out of business.

Those of us who have served the University of Richmond for many years appreciate the support of these distinguished alumni, and we welcome their great success.

H. Gerald Quigg
Vice president for development and university relations

Student tutors help with English language skills

Imagine moving to a foreign country where you don't speak the language. Everyday activities such as buying food, handling money and understanding instructions on the job are very difficult.

That is the daily struggle of refugees and immigrants from countries such as Bosnia, Somalia, Vietnam and the Ukraine who settle in the Richmond area, and 75 University of Richmond students are working each week to help some of them.

The UR students' efforts are coordinated through the volunteer English as a Second Language Tutor Project, the brainchild of Daniel J. Gertsacov, AR'97. Gertsacov, who first experienced ESL tutoring in high school, served an internship during his sophomore year at UR with the Refugee and Immigration Services of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

The experience was so powerful for Gertsacov, an international studies and economics major and Spanish minor, that he wanted other students to have the same opportunity. He recruited 45 others to tutor and arranged for them to be trained through Refugee and Immigration Services.

Next, Gertsacov applied for and received a grant from the VA COOL Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports campus-based community service projects. The grant made it possible to hire a professional trainer, Susan Pahle, who is a faculty member in the English language program in the Center for International Programs at Virginia Commonwealth University.

In its second year, the program has 111 students trained to tutor more than 150 individuals and this year, Gertsacov says, there were so
many students who wanted to tutor that he had to implement an application process. Those selected to tutor are required to take eight hours of training with Pahle. "We focus on a communicative approach, teaching language for everyday conversation and use," Pahle explains.

Margaret Kammayer, AW’99, a tutor and program tutor coordinator, is in her second year volunteering for the ESL project. She meets each week with Sarah Issa, a woman from Somalia, and works with her on everyday conversation and language issues.

"One week Sarah and I spent our session at the grocery store identifying basic food items and practicing handling the money transactions," she says. In another session they worked on reading clocks. "These are just two examples of communication skills that are so vital for survival in society but are often taken for granted."

"Basic survival English" is what Dr. Suwattana Sugg calls it. Sugg, the education coordinator of Refugee and Immigration Services, has referred nearly 60 of her clients to UR’s ESL program this fall.

While most also attend local adult education ESL classes, she says UR’s program is very important as supplemental training because it provides the refugees with individualized instruction. "The University’s program meets a great need of the recently arrived refugees, especially the homebound."

Sugg explains that in a classroom setting it is not always possible for an individual to have an ongoing dialogue with a native English speaker. The UR tutors provide that opportunity for dialogue and one-on-one attention that might not be possible anywhere else. And since many tutors come to the refugees’ homes or places of work, it is done in a non-threatening environment.

Gertsacov insists that it isn’t just the refugees and immigrants being tutored who learn. "For the tutor it can be an absolutely amazing experience," he says. "It can open your eyes as to the diversity of people and cultures."

Pahle agrees. "It is a program that allows people from different cultures to learn from each other."

Mary Felm Gravely, W’88
Convocation opens 167th academic year

The Class of 2000 began their college careers Aug. 27 when the first day of classes concluded with the ceremony of Convocation, the official opening of the University’s 167th academic session.

After a welcome by President Richard L. Morrill, the first-year students heard from student speaker Jennifer T. Henry, JW’97, president of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies Student Government Association.

“A liberal arts education is only one of the University’s assets,” Henry said. She challenged the new students to be involved in the Richmond community and to “take charge of your education.”

Among her activities, Henry listed four years on the varsity women’s lacrosse team, participation in the Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL) program, and becoming a leadership studies major.

“You came to a wonderful place,” she said. “UR is everything I wanted it to be and more.”

Provost Zeddie Bowen recognized two faculty members beginning terms as holders of endowed chairs. Dr. Howard T. Prince II, founding dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, joins the school’s faculty as the first occupant of the George Matthews and Virginia Brinkley Modlin Chair in Leadership Studies. Dr. Françoise Ravaux-Kirkpatrick, professor of French and chair of the modern foreign languages and literatures department, is the new holder of the William Judson Gaines Chair of Modern Foreign Languages.

Named 1996 Distinguished Educators at Convocation were:
- Dr. Albert C. Dawson, professor of Spanish
- Dr. Dana-Nicoleta Lascu, assistant professor of marketing
- Dr. Laddie McWhorter, associate professor of philosophy and chair of the philosophy department
- Dr. Hugh A. West, associate professor of history
- W. Clark Williams, professor of law, director of clinical placement, and associate dean of the T.C. Williams School of Law, and
- Dr. J. Thomas Wren, associate professor of leadership studies.

Three of the six are repeat winners of the Distinguished Educator Award: Dawson has been named three times previously, and West and Williams have each been named once before. Since the award was established in 1975, 88 different individuals have been recognized, Bowen said.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Academy of St. Boatwright on the Lake, the faculty jazz band; the Shanghai Quartet; and the University Band. Steven C. Williamson, AR’97, led the audience in singing the “Alma Mater.”

Also participating were Kimberly L. Dean, AW’97, who gave the invocation, and Dr. David D. Burhans, chaplain to the University, who gave the benediction.

Dorothy Wagener
Innovative programs over the last couple of years such as the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) have made finance in the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business one of the hottest majors on campus.

From an average of 60 to 62 majors several years ago, the finance department now attracts 78 to 80 — about a 35 percent jump — and is still growing.

Chairman Dr. Robert W. Phillips, professor of finance, attributes the growth to a commitment by the faculty to giving students what they want: programs that enable them to see immediate results.

"We thought we could work into our curriculum some of the basic ideas and tools of several leading finance certification agencies," he says. "We are not just teaching a text. We are trying to get them to use some of the techniques and knowledge expected by the professional community."

The SMIF program, for example, enables two teams of eight students each to manage $100,000 of the University's endowment. Rather than having to wait until graduation and jobs, qualified senior students can test themselves right now with real money and real results.

The fund started three years ago with $100,000 and eight students and quickly moved to a second team, with an additional $100,000 to invest. Adding a third team is now being considered.

Advising the students are Richmond investment firms such as Wheat, First Securities; Scott & Stringfellow; and Lowe Brockenhorough & Tattersall. The program is competitive, and is limited to seniors. Juniors serve as research analysts, and often become investment managers as seniors. Both senior investment managers and faculty help choose the teams of eight.

Finance faculty have presented papers on the new curriculum at several national professional meetings, according to Phillips. The department also became the first in the country to arrange with the Chartered Financial Analysts program for the SMIF students to take the first of the three exams necessary for professional certification while still in school. Four of the seven students who took it in June 1996 passed it.

The students also have access to information that normally only major brokerage firms have through the school's very own Bloomberg "Box," a service that keeps investors up to date on new developments in companies and provides computer search capabilities.

Phillips is not the only one high on the department. Joan Lamm-Tennant, a professor of finance at Villanova University who conducted an external evaluation of the department, called the curriculum "of the highest quality" and rated the program "among the top of its peer group." She said of the faculty: "Individually, they are highly qualified and as a team they offer thorough coverage of the diverse disciplines within finance."

Of SMIF, she said: "The Student Management Investment Fund is not only a learning experience that is 'real' but a clear signal of the university's confidence in its students as well as the faculty's ability to 'educate.' Also, the fund is a signal of the university's confidence that the curriculum is timely and relevant."

Dr. J. Randolph New, Robins School dean, also thinks great things are being accomplished by the finance faculty. Besides those that Phillips and Lamm-Tennant mention, New adds: "The technical analysis course brings in really important leaders in the investment community and there is an excellent internship dimension."

"I don't think students could go anywhere else in the country to find a better program," New says. "They are prepared as well as they possibly can be prepared."

Randy Fitzgerald, R'63 and G'64

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**Innovations attract finance majors**

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**International milepost installed in the Commons**

The UR milepost, located in the Tyler Haynes Commons, was unveiled Sept. 24 as part of International Week. Symbolizing the University's place on the globe, the milepost gives the mileage — both in miles and kilometers — from the University to 10 major cities around the world. The week's events, which were organized by the office of international education, included lectures, foreign films, a Cajun music festival and a bus trip to see "OLMEC - The Art of Ancient Mexico," an exhibition at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.
**ALMANAC**

### Meet the Class of 2000

#### Applications
- 5,405 applications received
- 814 first-year undergraduate students enrolled

#### Class rank
- 74 percent were in the upper one-fifth of their graduating class

#### Test scores
- The middle 50 percent of enrolling students had a combined recentered SAT score of 1210-1330

#### Geographic distribution
- 62 percent from Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic states, with 111 students from Virginia alone
- 8 percent from the South and 14 percent from New England
- 38 states and 30 foreign countries represented

#### Diversity
- 5 percent are non-native English speaking
- 15 percent are multicultural and/or international

#### Honors
- 36 were valedictorians
- 21 were salutatorians
- 123 were National Merit finalist, semi-finalist or commended students
- 141 were student government officers or class officers
- 326 were active in community service programs and projects
- 253 received All-State or All-Region recognition in athletics
- 328 had advanced standing through previously completed college coursework and/or successful completion of advanced placement exams

#### 31 percent of all the international undergraduate students at the University are members of the first-year class.

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### Service Associates advisory board named

Twelve community leaders have been named to a new advisory board established to work with the chaplain’s office on matters of service and community involvement.

The University of Richmond Service Associates, whose first meeting was Oct. 29, will promote the University's community involvement to their constituencies, help the chaplain’s office explore new ways to serve the University’s host city, and award a grant each year to an organization or program that makes a significant impact on community life.

The members of the Service Associates board are:
- Viola Osborne Baskerville, Richmond vice mayor and member of the Richmond City Council
- Gail Elaine Bingham, executive director of the Human Relations Commission Office of Human Service Advocacy
- Katherine Noyes Campbell, director of the Virginia Office of Volunteerism
- Patricia Coleman Conn, superintendent of Richmond Public Schools
- Richard C. Gentry, executive director of Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Timothy P. Holtz, R'91, executive director for Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity
- John L. McClenahan and Mary Tyler Cheek McClenahan, H'85, Richmond city philanthropists
- James E. McDonald, general minister of the Virginia Council of Churches
- James A. Payne, member of the board of directors for Virginia Coalition for the Homeless
- Gail Maddox Taylor, prevention specialist with Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services
- Albert Walker Jr., executive director of Charity Family Life, and
- Jeffrey A. Woodson, director of the Richmond Office of Budget and Strategic Planning.

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**CORRECTION**

A caption appearing with a photo noting the retirement of Jean Proffitt, administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Continuing Studies, in the last issue of the *University of Richmond Magazine* contained errors. Proffitt was honored for her 35 years of service to the University, not 25 as stated earlier, and the celebration took place in May rather than April. The magazine regrets these errors.

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*At the first Service Associates meeting are, from left, Dr. Candine Johnson, director of academic advising; Marci Bozeman, coordinator of LINC; Gail Maddox Taylor, prevention specialist for Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services; and Dr. Keo Carvalhetti, assistant professor of sociology.*
ART
• Gemini G.E.L.: Recent Prints and Sculpture from the National Gallery of Art, an exhibition of recent prints and sculpture from 21 leading contemporary artists, produced at Gemini G.E.L., the famed Los Angeles print-making and sculpture workshop, Oct. 4-Dec. 8.
• Form Over Function: Late 20th-Century Furniture from the Sydney and Frances Lewis Collection, an exhibition highlighting contemporary artists who create objects that combine the functionality of furniture with the aesthetics of sculpture, Oct. 4-Dec. 8.
• Symmetry in Nature and Art: The Two Leonards, a lecture by theoretical physicist, artist and archaeologist Bülent I. Atalay, in conjunction with the University of Richmond’s Year of the Arts, Oct. 10, sponsored by the physics department.
• Art critic and writer Lucy Lippard, a lecture On the Beaten Track: Art and Tourism, Dec. 3.

DANCE
• Selected members of the University Dancers, directed by Myra Daleng, performing with the University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Michael Davison and featuring Chris Vadala on the saxophone, Nov. 25.
• University Dancers with the University Wind Ensemble in its full concert featuring the music of Warren Benson, for the wind piece “Solitary Dancer,” Dec. 6. The University Wind Ensemble is directed by Gene Anderson.

FILM
• International film series of eight films including Anne Frank Remembered, the first-ever eyewitness account of the life and legacy of Anne Frank; L’América, the Italian film described as “astonishing” by The New York Times; and Window to Paris, the French and Russian film which explores the aftermath of the end of the Cold War.

LECTURES
• Jewish-Christian Relations: A Half-Century of Progress, Problems and Promise, a lecture by Dr. Martin E. Marty, the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of the History of American Christianity at the University of Chicago, Sept. 10.
• Deadly Persuasion, Advertising and Addiction, media critic and internationally known writer and lecturer Jean Kilbourne speaking on the cumulative impact of advertising on individual attitudes, values and behavior and on society as a whole. Co-sponsored by Westhampton College and other University departments and organizations as part of the women’s studies artists and scholars series, Sept. 16.
• Race and Leadership in the New South Africa, lecture by Dr. Richard van der Ross, a distinguished South African educator and political leader of the people of South Africa, former rector and vice-chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, and present member of the South African Parliament, Oct. 24.
• Emerging Asian America, lecture by publisher Phoebe Eng on the making of the Asian American identity with particular attention to gender, Oct. 22.
• 5 O’Clock Shadows, dramatic presentation by Steven J. O’Toole blending personal history and stories to illustrate the family and societal forces that help define what it means to be a man in American society, Nov. 13.

MUSIC
• World-renowned Argentinian guitarist Francisco Barroso in a return visit to the University, Sept. 21.
• Canadian Brass, well-loved brass quintet performing a versatile repertoire, Nov. 8.
• Messiah by George Frideric Handel, performed by the University Choir/Schola Cantorum, directed by Jeffrey Riehl, in celebration of the Christmas holidays, Dec. 8.

THEATRE
• Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing, performed by the five-member British touring company ACTER, presented as part of the group’s one-week residency at UR, Oct. 22, 25, and 26.
• Performance artist Claudia Stevens in “Playing Paradise,” her acclaimed new music-theatre piece, Nov. 2.
• Into the Woods, the multiple Tony Award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, by the University Players, Nov. 21-24.
New approach for self-study

The University of Richmond has begun an accreditation self-study process, as required every 10 years by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The self-study began in early 1996 and will be completed in the spring of 1998, says Dr. Zeddie Bowen, vice president and provost.

SACS has allowed the University to take a different approach to the self-study than it did 10 years ago. In the past, a comprehensive review of the whole institution and compliance with SACS standards were required. In the current self-study, UR still must show compliance but now it may also focus on topics of special interest, chosen by the University: student futures, and interdisciplinary and integrative studies.

These are topics that Bowen believes will allow us to declare and commit to two distinctive aspects of the University. They will make us better in terms of serving the students.

The student futures committee is focusing on how the University may best prepare students with the knowledge, skills and experiences they will need for their various futures. The interdisciplinary and integrative studies committee is studying how knowledge and different ways of studying and understanding are linked across schools and disciplines.

Men’s and women’s soccer have strong seasons

Under second-year head coach Jeff Gettler, the Richmond Spiders men’s soccer team registered a 13-4-4 overall record, one of the finest seasons in UR history. It marked the most victories since Richmond’s NCAA Tournament season of 1990, when the Spiders won 16 games. The four losses is the fewest in a season in UR soccer history.

The Spiders were 5-1-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association and were the #3 seed in the conference tournament. Richmond defeated #6 VCU 1-0 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, UR battled #2 James Madison to a 1-1 draw after overtime. The Dukes advanced to the championship game by edging the Spiders 9-8 in penalty kicks.

Senior co-captain Duncan Sussee, from Bloomington, Minn., led the Spiders with 15 goals and 36 points. He finished his career with 40 goals, 21 assists and 101 points, just the second Spider to eclipse the century mark. Sussee was named first team All-CAA. Freshman back Derrick Dyslin, from La Canada, Calif., was named second team All-CAA.

Richmond’s women’s team had a very successful inaugural season. The University of Richmond’s general scholarship fund received $10,000 in Blanchard’s name. The Burger King College Football Scholarship Program is the largest single corporate commitment to college scholarships in the U.S. and the only one that recognizes athletes for academics, community service and athletics.

A native of Richmond, Blanchard was fourth on the team in tackles with 74, including three quarterback sacks and eight tackles for loss. He was selected second team all-Yankee Conference in 1994 and 1995. He is a 1995 and 1996 Yankee Conference All-Academic Team member and was named a 1995 National Strength and Conditioning All-American.

Blanchard is scholar-athlete

Spider football defensive lineman and team captain Art Blanchard, AR ’97, was selected as a Burger King “Scholar Athlete of the Week” recipient. The University of Richmond’s general scholarship fund received $10,000 in Blanchard’s name.

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Richmond’s home opener, UR coaches, athletes and fans came out in force to welcome women’s soccer into the Spiders’ family. Over 1,000 fans witnessed Richmond’s first home win, a 3-0 victory over Lehigh.

UR struggled at times through the middle of the season, but played strong at the end of the year. The Spiders did not lose in their final four regular season games, with shutout wins over Pittsburgh, Mount St. Mary’s and Howard, and a 2-2 tie at Old Dominion. Richmond lost to James Madison in the opening round of the CAA Tournament.

Freshman Kirsi Cronk was named first team All-CAA. She led the Spiders with 10 goals, eight assists and 28 points. Freshman Maya Clark had nine goals and 21 points.
NATHAN SAMUEL GUMENICK

Nathan Samuel Gumenick, H’83 and a former member of the University of Richmond’s Board of Associates, died April 28, 1996. He was 94.

Mr. Gumenick was a major real estate developer and philanthropist whose gifts to organizations in Virginia and Florida totaled millions of dollars. He was especially interested in educational, civic, medical and Jewish institutions.

A Baltimore native, Mr. Gumenick was a resident of Richmond and a successful community developer in the Richmond area for many years.

In 1950, he moved to Miami Beach, Fla., where he became a leader in commercial real estate development. He built the city’s first high-rise apartment building, designed for year-round “resort living.”

Mr. Gumenick and his wife, Sophia, gave $1.2 million to the University of Richmond in the 1980s to enable the renovation of Maryland, Richmond and Puryear halls, which became known collectively as the Sophia and Nathan S. Gumenick Academic and Administrative Quadrangle.

Among their other philanthropic activities, they have supported research into Alzheimer’s disease at the Medical College of Virginia, established an Alzheimer’s respite center for the Douglas Gardens Miami Jewish Home, endowed a professorship of Judaic studies at the College of William and Mary, and founded an ambulatory care center and wing in the burn center of the University of Miami’s Jackson Memorial Hospital.

A member of the Board of Associates at the University from 1981 to 1994, Mr. Gumenick also served on the boards of numerous organizations in the Miami area.

He was named an outstanding citizen by the Miami Beach Taxpayers Association in 1967, and in 1983 was awarded an honorary doctor of commercial science degree by the University of Richmond.

In addition to his wife, Sophia Carpel Gumenick, H’86, he is survived by a daughter, Harriet Gumenick Grandis, and a son, Jerome Gumenick, both of Richmond.

Mary Fehm Gravely, W’88

LUTHER JOE THOMPSON

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, H’78, a former trustee and member of the Board of Associates, died July 18, 1996. He was 77.

Dr. Thompson was a pastor of churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Mississippi before serving as pastor of First Baptist in Richmond from 1968 to 1982. As a pastor, he initiated church programs such as radio and television ministries, a pastoral counseling program and a special ministry for careers.

From 1982 until his retirement in 1993, Dr. Thompson was the senior professor of homiletics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He was active in civic and community affairs, serving on the Virginia governor’s biracial citizens advisory/monitoring committee; the Chattanooga, Tenn., mayor’s committee on public welfare; and on the Richmond and Chattanooga chambers of commerce.

Honored three times by the Freedom Foundation for outstanding sermons, Dr. Thompson was visiting preacher and guest lecturer for revivals and national conferences and was guest preacher for the Air Force, serving a month-long tour in the Far East in 1965.

He was the author of four books: Monday Morning Religion, Through Discipline to Joy, Love is Alive and Help Me Make It Through the Day.

Dr. Thompson was a member of the Board of Associates at the University of Richmond from 1972 to 1978 and served on the Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1982. The University awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in recognition of his outstanding denominational leadership.

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Thompson attended Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., and earned his bachelor’s degree from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He graduated with a master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and earned his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Wingo Thompson; and two sons, Mark Thompson of Los Angeles, and Kent Thompson of Montgomery, Ala.

Mary Fehm Gravely, W’88
A vision for an arts village

When Dr. Richard L. Morrill assumed the presidency of the University of Richmond in 1988, he brought with him a dream that the University would someday have a first-class center for the arts.

Having come to the University from Centre College, a prominent small undergraduate college in Danville, Ky., where an important part of the campus was the Norton Center for the Arts, he knew from experience the possibilities of such a center.

Much of the impetus for UR's new George M. Modlin Center for the Arts, dedicated Oct. 3, came from Morrill.

"It goes back to some early feelings I had when I first came to the Richmond campus," he says. "We had good to excellent facilities in virtually every area here,
George M. Modlin Center for the Arts

An "Unashamedly Theatrical Building"

The Crenshaw Entrance to the Modlin Center, as seen through the base of the "Bravo" sculpture by John Raimondi

Modlin Center photos by Doug Barrett
A tour of the Modlin Center

BY BARBARA FITZGERALD
Free-lance writer and frequent contributor to the magazine

From a distance, the new George M. Modlin Center for the Arts looks like many of the other collegiate gothic buildings spread across the UR campus. There's the red brick, there are the arches, there's the tower.

But with a more deliberate look, the University's new arts center turns out to be highly distinctive and unusual — even, as the Richmond Times-Dispatch termed it, "a work of art itself."

The $22.5 million complex, serving the departments of theatre, art, music, dance and speech, is 165,000 square feet of luscious detail: colorful tilework, dormers, an Escher-like stairway, bay windows, gables and cupolas, copper shields, fanciful colors, mahogany windows, medieval-style tapestry fabrics, exposed trusses and high-tech steel, limestone carvings, and an altogether splendid central atrium, open courtyard and gothic tower.

While the architectural style is definitely the familiar Collegiate Gothic, the architectural firm of Marcellus Wright Cox & Smith describes the building as "idiosyncratic and asymmetrical."

Form follows function here. The Modlin Center for the Arts was designed to be an unashamedly theatrical building," says Eddie Smith, a partner in the firm.

"There's a whimsical quality to the architecture," he adds, "a Rapunzel's balcony and a make-believe drawbridge on the south front, a spy gallery over the rehearsal hall, touches of art deco and a palette of color throughout — and, mindful of the ravine over which the new part of the facility is built, ferns and fronds under a bay window."

The colorful tile squares prominent around the exterior of the building are meant to evoke the Keller Hall gymnasium and the Crenshaw swimming pool connections, Smith says, as well as recall the tilework of North Court across the way.

The Modlin Center is dramatic and unusual, but it is also 100 percent utilitarian. With this building project, the largest in the school's history, total square
"The courtyard, named in honor of E. Claiborne and Lora Robins, is the building’s spiritual core. I regret that Claiborne isn’t here to see what he made possible, because he stood at the center of this institution for decades."

President Richard L. Morrill

footage for the arts has tripled. Gallery space alone is six times what it was. And for the first time, all of the theatre department, from rehearsal areas to storage, is under one roof.

In fact, the new Modlin Center has made it possible for everything — all the arts — to be comfortably housed beneath one roof, with dedicated space for each discipline.

The sprawling but integrated architecture of the complex is meant to reflect and encourage a symbolic interaction of the arts as well, an atmosphere where a kind of cross-pollination takes place and where the disciplines, the departments, and the art forms flow into and around one another structurally and intrinsically.

The interweaving starts at the castle-like south entrance, where massive mahogany doors beneath a pretend-portcullis lead into the magnificent Carpenter Lobby, a long reception area from the public side of the building to the Booker Hall of Music, the Jepson Theatre, and the Marsh Art Gallery.

The audience for a theatre event, then, can conveniently spend time in the art galleries before a show, and those arriving for a concert in the Booker Hall of Music must by design pass by the theatre and art galleries on their way.

Named for Dr. George M. Modlin, R'42 and H'71, UR’s chancellor emeritus who has served the University for 58 years (25 of those as president), the Modlin Center for the Arts is a dream come true for a number of people. Among them are President Richard L. Morrill, who initiated and spearheaded the project;

**DR. GEORGE MATTHEWS MODLIN**

Chancellor Emeritus George Matthews Modlin is in his 58th year of service to the University of Richmond. In addition to his remarkable 25 years as president (1946-1971), Dr. Modlin’s tenure has included eight years as dean of the Evening School of Business Administration (1938-1946), and 15 years as chancellor (1971-1986). For the past 10 years he has served as chancellor emeritus.

Under the leadership of President Modlin, the University rose to a new level of academic excellence and financial stability. The size of the student body and faculty more than tripled; the endowment, campus resources and operating budget all outpaced inflation; and the University added 15 major buildings.

Dr. Modlin remains a role model for leadership in the community today. He has served more than 25 professional, civic and business organizations, often as president or director. He has been president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges, the Association of Virginia Colleges, the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

His many awards include the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; the Cultural Laureate Award by the Virginia Cultural Laureate Society; and the Distinguished Service Award of the University of Richmond.

Born in Elizabeth City, N.C., Dr. Modlin graduated from Wake Forest University with Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honors; and received his master’s and doctoral degrees from Princeton University. He and his wife, Virginia Brinkley Modlin, have been married for 68 years.
Kathleen Panoff, the art center's director; and certainly all the faculty members who will work and teach in the new building. Panoff, who arrived at the University a year ago, says that she has been handed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in a one-of-a-kind facility.

"This is the first and only building in the city and, so far as I know, anywhere in this area that was designed to accommodate all the arts. Others may have expanded or adapted along the way to offer a more diverse cultural experience, but I don't think of any other other place that celebrates all of the arts equally," she says.

The difference here, says Panoff, is that the University knew from the planning stages that its facility would be serving a diversity of arts. "So we were able from conception to focus on creating dedicated space for theatre, art exhibits, concerts and dance, and for the teaching and sharing of all those arts."

The University anticipates that with outstanding new facilities and equipment for both visual and performing arts, a far higher level of student involvement with the arts — and community involvement as well — will be realized.

"The Modlin Center was built for a wide audience," says Morrill, "for arts majors, arts students, UR students in general, faculty and staff, alumni, and the community."

It was Morrill who decided that the new arts center should make available something the University has never before offered: an annual ticketed series of touring performing arts attractions from around the world, to complement the visual and performing arts presentations traditionally produced on campus.

The inaugural series began this fall and brings to campus performers as diverse as The Flying Karamazov Brothers, jazz pianist Marcus Roberts, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, the Reduced Shakespeare Co., the State Folk Song and Dance Ensemble of Poland, and a dozen other shows.

The building's three art galleries, too, will be curating their own shows as well as bringing in touring exhibitions. The Marsh Art Gallery has shown a collection of prints and sculpture from the National Gallery; the Newby Gallery featured 20th-century furniture from the Sydney and Frances Lewis collection; and the Pickels Gallery is exhibiting items on loan from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts until Jan. 19.

Architect Smith says that providing the latest and best in technical facilities for students and professionals alike was a complicated challenge. "The sound and light and mechanical considerations of the concert hall and the various theatres were awesome," he says. But the art galleries required much attention also. "In the galleries security and lighting issues were paramount," says Smith. "Everything from the oak floors to the plywood-backed sheetrock walls had to be of museum quality."

Throughout the complex, architects and builders also had to plan for many different kinds of space. Space to accommodate manufacturing processes, such as set construction, pottery making and sculpting, for instance, had to co-exist with "clean" spaces for slides, audio equipment, and classes. The public spaces — theatres, the concert hall, the art galleries — made their own mechanical and aesthetic demands.

The galleries were particularly challenging, says Smith, because the architects had to put aside there the gothic motifs they had so successfully interwoven everywhere else. "Objects in an art gallery must be seen for what they are, rather than where they are," he says. "I would say that the galleries were
for us a challenge in architectural restraint.'

Restraint is not much in evidence elsewhere in the Modlin Center. The building is, after all, large enough to be three buildings and, in fact, that's more or less what it is; the newly constructed wing connected on one side to the original Modlin Fine Arts Building, built in 1968, and on the other to Keller Hall, built in 1937.

In addition to the three art galleries, there are also three major theatre spaces in the complex: the Alice Andrews Jepson Theatre, which is the main stage; the Cousins Studio Theatre, a kind of black-box experimental theatre; and the Frederick Rehearsal Hall, the last a huge room that closely duplicates the actual square footage of the main stage. It has a sprung floor, wall-to-wall mirrors, and acoustical curtains, so it can double as a dance rehearsal space as well.

The Jepson Theatre is a show-stopper, with as many views in and out as fly lines above the stage (30). Everyone on this stage and even in the audience gets to make a dramatic entrance. There are tall mahogany windows, arched openings, balcony exits, open stairways on which the audience flows up and down, pseudo-portcullis entrances, exposed catwalks. Even in the empty theatre, the sense of motion is sustained and vivid.

From any seat, an audience member is virtually on stage. In fact, no seat in the house is farther than 40 feet from the proscenium. The theatre offers a maximum of 580 seats, in keeping with the accepted requirements for a "teaching" theatre. The theatrical experience is meant to be intimate here, and it is. Yet the theatre has all the bells and whistles that huge facilities offer.

The stage itself is one of those whistles, with a flexible thrust configuration (meaning that it thrusts out toward the audience), but the stage space can be used in several variations, including the traditional proscenium presentation. When the thrust is lowered to floor level, the house will accommodate about 80 more seats, and when it is below floor level, it forms an orchestra pit.

Along with its three stages, the new theatre wing offers remarkable shop and technical spaces, including washers and dryers. There's 35 times the costume space as in the old building. There are a fully

The Alice Andrews Jepson Theatre with the flexible thrust stage raised
equipped actors' green room, with phone and fax; three prop storage rooms; two star dressing rooms; and a huge, open scene shop where sets are created adjacent to both the stage and the loading dock. The scene shop offers natural light from a wall of windows, as well as a full replication of stage lights.

A favorite space of many — including President Morrill — in the theatre complex is an elegant and scholarly room just off the balcony above the main lobby area. This is the Jacqueline Francis Seminar and Conference Room, a quiet retreat with a wall of arched windows and glass-doored wooden bookshelves.

Theatre students will be the primary users of the seminar room, but a few steps down the hall and to the left, theatre flows quickly and quietly into art. A visitor has stepped into the visual arts building before realizing that the theatre wing has been left behind.

Upstairs in visual arts the volume of studio space is impressive. Way up in the top of the rafters of what was the former Keller Hall gym, artist and professor Ephraim Rubenstein enjoys a loft studio like something a very lucky painter might find in New York. It's white, bright and open space, with its own high dormer where almost perfect northern light floods in.

Rubenstein is so taken with the space that he is featuring it in his current series of paintings. Several other similar studios are down the hall from his, each with northern light. One of those is a large, dormered space for printmaking.

Two floors down, Mark Rhodes, the University's resident sculptor, has his own private studio, with, a few steps away, both indoor and outdoor sculpting space for his students.

Ample classroom, storage and studio space — unheard of in the old building — is now available for art students and faculty, and there are even some specialized areas, such as a slide room and a light board that takes up half a wall.

But as delighted as the art department is with its new quarters, the music department is equally happy to take possession of the wonderfully renovated Booker Hall of Music. The crowning glory of that building is a totally unrecognizable Camp Theatre, now the Camp Concert Hall.

For Smith and his architectural firm, the transformation of the Camp Theatre created one of their favorite spaces. "We had something awfully ordinary to work with," says Smith of the old auditorium. "We had to increase the volume of space and increase the acoustical properties and transform it into a dedicated concert hall — one with character."

The process extended the Camp stage 14 feet toward the audience. To provide the best possible sound, a permanent shell has been installed and false balconies added to break up the sound. But the appearance of the hall is every bit as impressive as its efficacy. The dark blue seats, the light blue ceiling, the blue-flowered rug all conspire to soothe concertgoers into their seats — and there are now 600 of them.
For someone like Dr. Fred Cohen, the director of CURRENTS (the University’s resident new music ensemble), who in nine years at the University was able to claim the much-in-demand Camp Theatre for his group exactly three times, a dedicated concert hall is a blessing indeed. To add to the department’s joy, they recently were presented with a nine-foot Steinway concert grand piano, a gift from University supporter Edmund A. Reynolds Jr.

The only other department remaining in the Hooker I lab of Musk is speech. Is speech an art? “Did you ever read Aristotle’s ‘The Art of Rhetoric?’” asks the department chair Dr. David Thomas.

Thomas and his colleagues in speech — and certainly speech students and majors — have benefited dramatically from the transformation of the building. For the first time, students in speech classes have a fully equipped speech center on site, with three labs for videotaping and reviewing speeches, as well as a speech coach on hand, the center’s acting director, Linda Hobgood.

The central atrium around the Robins courtyard is the crossroads for the Modlin Center for the Arts, it is the Webb Tower that is the facility’s logo. Medieval in appearance, the tower is festooned with colorful tiles and carvings. A very modern roadway runs beneath it, open to one-way traffic.

Looking up, drivers and pedestrians can see a whole floor of bay windows overlooking Westhampton Green, and behind those windows lies the entrance to a treasure of musical research and audio resources used almost equally by the University and the Richmond community.

The location of the music library was not accidental. The architects point out that Thomas Jefferson put his library at the University of Virginia in the Rotunda, the tallest, most significant point on the grounds. “This tower is a symbolic place of importance for learning,” says Smith.

 Appropriately, the tower is also dramatic, imposing and fun. Like the building it heralds, this new UR landmark suggests that the arts, as taught, seen and experienced at the Modlin Center, will not necessarily be what people have always thought they are. They will be, in fact, the stuff of dreams.

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George M. Modlin Center for the Arts

Celebrating in Grand Style

Highlights of dedication events

Inaugural Gala
October 3

The formal event for invited guests of the University featured a program by mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne, a performance by the Manhattan Tap Dance Co., and the premiere performance by the James River Brass of the "Modlin Salute," composed by Dr. Fred Cohen, associate professor of music. Host for the evening was journalist Paul Duke, R'47 and H'73, former award-winning host of television's "Washington Week in Review" on PBS.
Opera legend Marilyn Horne performs songs by Aaron Copland, songs on texts by William Shakespeare, and selections from Brahms and Rossini in the Campus Concert Hall of the Booker Hall of Music.

Kristin Buchs, W'90, right, performs as a member of Manhattan Tap.

Katherine Sergeant Newby, W'34, and Dr. W. Edward Newby, R'47, with Richard Waller, gallery director, at the Newby Gallery's exhibition, "Form Over Function: Late 20th Century Furniture from the Sydney and Frances Lewis Collection"
A gathering of trustees, faculty, students and outstanding alumni in the arts at the formal dedication of the Modlin Center heard from the University’s fourth president, for whom the complex is named.

“I’m deeply grateful to all of you for naming this arts center for me,” said Dr. George M. Modlin, R ’42, H ’71 and chancellor emeritus. “This is the highlight of my long career at the University of Richmond.”

Modlin was joined on the stage of the Alice Andrews Jepson Theatre by others who also responded to the new center and its possibilities.

Suzanne K. Bunting, W ’58 and professor of music, speaking for the faculty, said “we accept the challenge this facility represents.”

“Art is for the spirit,” said President Richard L. Morrill. “We have faith in the power of the arts to enlighten the mind and uplift the spirit.”

Eight alumni were honored for their outstanding achievements in the arts (see p. 21), and an honorary doctorate was conferred upon mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne, who performed at the inaugural gala.

Finally, Dr. Richard L. Morrill was given an honorary doctor of fine arts degree — a complete surprise to him — and said he was “touched beyond measure.”

Other speakers were Austin Brockenbrough III, B ’62 and rector of the Board of Trustees; Lewis T. Booker, R ’50, H ’77, trustee and honorary chair of the dedication and celebration committee; Kayren Jamelle Shoffner, JW ’57, who gave the invocation; Jane C. Stockman, W ’58 and executive director of alumni affairs, who recognized the alumni achievers; and Dr. David D. Burhans, chaplain to the University, who gave the benediction.
Alumni Arts Achievement Awards

Presented with Alumni Arts Achievement Awards Oct. 4 at the Modlin Center dedication ceremony in Alice Jepson Theatre were:

Kristin L. Buchs, W'90, a member of the Manhattan Tap Dance Co. in New York City, which performed twice during dedication week.

Lindsey Peters Christiansen, W'68, a well-known mezzo-soprano and chair of the voice department at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J.

Bruce C. Miller, R'72, co-founder and artistic director of Richmond’s Theatre IV, the largest non-profit professional theatre in Virginia history and the second largest children’s theatre in the United States.

Theresa Pollak, W’21 and H’73, the dean of Richmond artists, who established the art program at Westhampton College, and the School of Art and the Anderson Gallery at Virginia Commonwealth University. The fine arts building at VCU is named for her.

Dr. Karen J. Rosell, W’80, chair of the art department at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., and creator of that department’s innovative art history program.

Stephen H. Rosser, R’76, of New York City, a tenor specializing in Renaissance and medieval music who performs as a member of two early music ensembles: Pomerian, an artists-in-residence group at Notre Dame, and Lionheart.

Hansford H. Rowe Jr., R’50, a professional actor in stage, movie and television productions now residing in California. He has had a career on Broadway (“Da,” “Singin’ in the Rain,” “Nuts,”); in TV, most recently in “Touched by an Angel” and “Coach”; and in a number of films, his most famous being “Three Days of the Condor.”

Philip J. Whiteway III, R’74, co-founder and managing director of Theatre IV in Richmond. Theatre IV productions have traveled through 43 states, with annual audiences of more than a million people.

Opening Performances

University Orchestra with Adriana Márquez, AW’98, at the new Steinway piano, a gift of Edmund A. Reynolds Jr.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers

Affetti Musicali featuring Dr. Jennifer Cable, assistant professor of music, as soprano soloist

Television special

Sara James, international correspondent for NBC News, came to town to co-host a live half-hour program on NBC-Channel 12 in Richmond on the Modlin Center. James is the daughter of Dr. Robison B. James, professor of religion.
hen the George M. Modlin Center for the Arts celebrated its gala opening during the first week in October, the University concluded its largest building project in history and, in the process, made a very elegant, very impressive statement.

"That statement," says Suzanne Bunting, W'58, professor of music and chair of UR's music department, "is about the importance of the arts at the University of Richmond, and the University made it in a very clear, very visible way."

Certainly, if judged by the grandeur, size and scope of the new complex, the statement is that the arts at UR are very important indeed.

For the faculty and students in art, music, speech, dance and theatre who used the old Modlin Fine Arts Building over the past few decades, the new facility — and the emphasis on the arts it represents — are long-awaited.

**BY KATHERINE SINSIEL MCGRANN, W'83**

*Richmond area free-lance writer*

*Photos by Doug Buerlein*
blessings. On a campus known for its beauty and facilities, arts faculty had been “making do” in the former arts center for many years after the facility had been outgrown.

“We always shared space,” says Dr. Charles W. Johnson, professor of art history and art department chair, “and not just within our own department. I’ve taught art classes in music and speech rooms. For years, the slide library was in my office, and sculpture and ceramics storage was in the hallway outside the studios in the basement.

“For the last decade, the department was physically split, with sculpture and ceramics over in the Special Programs Building without proper foundry and kiln equipment. That situation has been remedied in the new building.

“It is a first-class environment,” he says of the new Modlin Center. “We’ve quadrupled our space, and we are unified in one building. The new building impacts potential course offerings and gives us an opportunity to develop various programs that we didn’t have the space for before.”

For students, says Johnson, the benefits are enormous. “We now have studios with proper lighting, ventilation and equipment which provide students with excellent working spaces, and a first-rate gallery space where work can be professionally exhibited.

“We’ll be able to bring larger exhibits to the campus, where they will be shown in museum-quality spaces in our new galleries. We also now have first-rate lecture rooms, seminar spaces — all properly equipped — and a new slide library that is absolutely state-of-the-art.”

To Johnson, the ability to serve all students more effectively is one of the great advantages that comes with the new arts center. He and his colleagues are looking happily toward the future.

“We are exploring courses in photography and computer graphics, both of which will bring the art department into the 21st century. We now have the facilities to really accomplish our goals for the University. It is an exciting time to be involved in the arts at UR.”

Suzanne Bunting echoes those sentiments about music: “Day to day, we finally have the space to do well what we’ve always wanted to do. We have space to grow.”

Bunting’s students and colleagues also have the space now to practice and perform. With theatre, music and dance all competing for the same stage space in the old building, a dedicated concert hall is pretty close to heaven.

“For our band and orchestra students,” says Bunting, “you can’t beat being able to rehearse on that stage.”

Other problems have been remedied as well. “The old band room was too small for band and orchestra, but it’s perfect for a smaller
The world of music has changed dramatically over the past 15 years," she adds, "more so than in some other areas of the arts, mainly because of technology. With our new facilities, we are better prepared to guide our students through those changes and deal with technology as it applies to music."

Like the art department, the music faculty is now looking optimistically ahead. "One of the things we are developing," says Bunting, "is more interdisciplinary programs. Having all the arts under one roof is really helping us get together in this regard.

"For instance, next year the music, art, dance and theatre departments are working cooperatively on two projects — one on expressionism and the other on humor. There is no end to the kinds of things a creative faculty can come up with."

Bunting also envisions sponsoring more summer workshops, inviting more high school students and adults to campus to utilize the new facilities. "There is really no stopping point now," she says. "We are just beginning."

Dr. David Thomas, associate professor of speech communications and department chair, and his colleague, theatre professor Dr. John D. "Jack" Welsh, agree with Bunting that they had never really had a facility that was easy to work in or with.

About the speech department Thomas notes, "There was never space for a long awaited speech lab, and our offices, which in some cases full-time faculty had to share, were never even hooked into the University computer network."

With the renovations in the speech area, those problems were addressed and remedied, and Thomas sees "a true commitment" by the University in the department's new lab and other improvements.

"Now," says Welsh, speaking for theatre, "we have the facility we deserve, and we can be proud of it. The Modlin Center will really allow us to explore so many different avenues that previously didn't seem possible."

Among those avenues Welsh lists the opportunity to bring in regional festivals and
competitions, like the American College Theatre Festival. "We have the capacity to handle the sheer physical aspects of these events now," he says.

"[The new facility] will also allow us to focus on things that will improve our own program — having artists-in-residence, for instance, and looking for scholarship opportunities."

Like Johnson in art, Welsh believes the new building will mean more majors for his department. "We won't have to apologize to students who come looking for not only a quality program — which we've always offered — but also excellent facilities, which we have now.

"It's a tribute to the faculty we've had through the years for fighting that uphill battle and creating good theatre so consistently," says Welsh. Before this fall, sets had to be either constructed off site and carted in or built right on the performance stage in Camp Theatre. "Housekeeping was always complaining about the sawdust drifting onto the seats," he says.

That won't be a problem in the Jepson Theatre. "In a concrete way," says Reed West, associate professor and technical director of the department, "we have gone from having virtually no scene shop to having one of the nicest scene shops in the city. From an academic standpoint, one of the most important tools of teaching in theatre is giving the students hands-on experience with design, with real materials. This facility really allows us to accomplish that."

West played a key role in that difference, implementing technical enhancements in the building, from rigging for the acoustical shell in the Booker Hall of Music’s Camp Concert Hall to identifying relationships between audience, stage, floor and traps in the Jepson Theatre.

"This building is a miraculous commitment to the arts," West says, "almost unheard of for a school our size. One of the wonderful things is the amount of work the faculty and architects did together to design the building as a collaborative effort."

Welsh says that students will love rehearsing and performing in the Jepson Theatre, "and I think when we offer roles to alumni, they'll be absolutely speechless when they see the difference."

One alum has already appeared on the stage. Kristin Buchs, W'90, a star in dance at UR during her undergraduate years and now a member of Manhattan Tap, one of the country's leading tap dance ensembles, appeared with the group on the Jepson stage during dedication week in October.

Myra Daleng, the University's director of dance and Buchs' dance instructor during her years at UR, was thrilled to have her former pupil on the new stage. "What a wonderful way for the past and the future to meet," she says.

Daleng has taught and worked in nearly all the spaces around campus in which the arts have been performed over the years. While her dance studio is still located in the Robins Center, her students will now have the benefit of practicing in the rehearsal hall and of performing on the new stages.

"The benefits to the students and the community," she says, "will be enormous. For one thing, we are giving them all a chance to see absolutely top professional companies, and for another, we will perhaps gain new recognition for the quality of the programs we ourselves offer."

A recurring theme among arts faculty is that the Modlin Center cannot help but favorably affect performance — theirs, and certainly that of their students. After all, those now working, performing, teaching and learning in the Modlin complex are doing so in one of the finest arts centers of its kind. And the faculty is up to the challenge.

Jack Welsh could well be speaking for all his colleagues when he says, "For now the opportunities on the horizon seem limitless."
Looking at cultural objects differently

"Seeing Across Cultures," a course listed in UR’s fall schedule as both Philosophy 380 and Art 379, met in a lecture room situated between the Marsh Art Gallery and the Jepson Theatre.

The location and the dual listing were appropriate, because “Seeing Across Cultures” — equal parts art, philosophy, writing and staging, with a little politics and religion thrown in — was multidisciplinary learning at its best.

“Nothing is all one thing or the other,” says Dr. Stephen Addiss, one of two team teachers of the course. Addiss is a Tucker-Boatwright Professor in the Humanities and professor of art history. “We deliberately went beyond the usual disciplinary boundaries with this course, encouraging the students to think very broadly.

“If we focus on knowledge narrowly, we miss things. In this course, bringing things together became an art in itself.”

The “things” brought together by the students in Philosophy 380/Art 379 were wildly varied art objects: paintings in a variety of styles from a number of centuries, a Cypriot funeral urn, an African mask, a scroll of a Japanese warlord, belts and bracelets, a plastic chair, the sculptured likeness of a shaman.

The artifacts were all selected last winter from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and are currently on exhibition at the University of Richmond’s Pickels Gallery called, not coincidentally, “Seeing Across Cultures.”

The original concept for the class came from the other member of the teaching team: philosophy professor Dr. Gary Shapiro, also a Tucker-Boatwright Professor in the Humanities.

Shapiro wanted students “to get a sense of the way visual objects are seen in a variety of times and places and to get a critical perspective on those differences.”

“Looking at art and associated objects from the standpoint that there are many ways of seeing is an important part of a liberal arts education,” says Shapiro.

Together with Richard Waller, director of the University’s Marsh Art Gallery, Addiss and Shapiro came up with a title and organizational themes for the exhibit and wrote the wall text and the exhibit catalog, arranging the latter non-traditionally in a loose-leaf binder.

That was to reflect the open-ended format of the exhibition,” says Waller. “Viewers were encouraged to rearrange the pages to create their own versions of the exhibition."

The original opening of the exhibition coincided with the Oct. 4 opening of the George M. Modlin Center for the Arts. But on Nov. 19 a second opening was held, the presentation now reconfigured by the students in “Seeing Across Cultures.”

The class, characterized by Addiss as “intellectually adventurous,” initially had difficulty realizing that they were being given free rein with the exhibit.

“It’s not usual that student opinions are given this much respect,” says Sophie Howarth, a Londoner and University of Bristol student attending UR for a semester. “It was an extremely interactive experience and certainly unlike any class I’ve ever had before.”

Once the students accepted that the exhibit was indeed their to reinvent, says Waller, they went at the assignment with enthusiasm. Preparation included hours of class discussion and lectures from half a dozen distinguished visiting speakers: a writer on feminism and intercultural arts, a professor from Yale on African art, a museum director from the Smithsonian.

In addition, the guest speakers met with a faculty seminar, led by Shapiro and Addiss.

The students also paid their own visit to the Virginia Museum basement storage and toured museums in Washington, learning a little about the politics of art along the way.

Working in groups, the students reexamined connections among the artifacts, created new categories, rewrote the wall text, reconfigured the exhibit on their own terms and renamed and reordered the sections in the loose-leaf binder. They also were required to complete assigned readings, a semester-long journal and a paper.

Senior Sarah Arnold, a Spanish and international studies major from Massachusetts, laughs her head in bemusement at the experience. "This was a one-time opportunity that was equal parts challenging and frustrating," she says. "Even the answer to the question ‘what is art?’ kept changing on us."

"I think these students will be taking broader views in other classes now, looking for more than one way of viewing,” says Addiss. "This semester it just happened to be visual art they were rethinking; next semester it could be political science or music."

The new and revised “Seeing Across Cultures” will remain at the Pickels Gallery through Jan. 19.

Barbara Fitzgerald
Enlisting volunteers for Project America

J.T. Henry and Megan Fleischman say they didn’t find much time in earlier years to do a lot of volunteer work. Recently, though, the two seniors in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies have not only put in several hundred hours of volunteer time themselves but have led in an effort to enlist about 30,000 other volunteers nationwide.

To fulfill the leadership studies requirement of a 240-hour internship, Henry and Fleischman spent the summer working for Project America, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Richmond that registers community improvement projects, enrolls volunteers and sponsors an annual National Day of Community Improvement. Such groups as Habitat for Humanity, the Christian Children’s Fund and local schools are registered.

“Project America is unique,” says Henry, “in that it does not exist to solve any particular problem. Rather, we encourage community members to look at what they might do to help themselves. Individuals or corporations in a locality identify problems that they are interested in solving. Solutions are found on a local level, and once enlisted, volunteers usually turn out to be long term.”

Though Henry’s and Fleischman’s internships were to end after eight weeks, both found it hard to quit. “We worked off and on right through the Oct. 19 Project America Day,” says Fleischman. “Everything we’d been working on all summer was leading up to that, so we couldn’t leave until it was over.” When school started, we just had to make time in our schedules.

Now it’s winter and the women have yet to sever their Project America ties. They speak of research projects yet to be done, of a strategic plan that needs writing, of volunteering again in the spring.

Meanwhile, a third leadership studies senior, Karen McDonnell, has stepped in to help out — but she’s interested neither in service learning credit nor internship experience. “It’s just something I thought I’d like to do,” she says, “something I was interested in and something worthwhile, and I was able to work it into my independent study.”

For Dr. Anne Perkins, the associate dean of the Jepson School, the dedication and enthusiasm of Henry, Fleischman, and McDonnell illustrate exactly the response the internship program is meant to inspire.

“The heart of the Jepson School experience is experiential learning such as this,” says Perkins. “In the junior year, a service learning program sends our students into the community to serve, putting them out among the people to deal firsthand with problems they might otherwise never encounter.

“As seniors, they take on an internship, a job with actual leadership tasks where they apply what they’ve learned here to real-world situations. They apply for the internships just as they would for an actual job.”

For Henry and Fleischman, Project America was a hit-the-ground-running experience in what Fleischman defines as “the huge world of nonprofits.”

Their transition from campus to marketplace was no doubt soothed, however, by the fact that the executive director of Project America, Juli Finnell, is a 1994 graduate of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Under Finnell’s guidance, Henry and Fleischman developed their technical skills and people skills, as well as an appreciation for the role of nonprofits in general and Project America in particular.

“This organization is good for people who don’t normally do service,” says Fleischman. “If picking up trash and cleaning up the neighborhood and feeding the hungry aren’t what you want to do, you’re free to pick your own project. “We had one person who was bothered that his local high school wasn’t connected to the Internet, and he took that on as his special mission. Now that school is part of the World Wide Web. There are so many ways to serve.”

For Fleischman, serving has resulted in a pleasant bonus: “I think I’ll be able to apply almost everything I learned with Project America to a job in the business world,” she says.

Barbara Fitzgerald

Megan Fleischman, JW’97, with Juli Finnell, JW’94, at Project America headquarters

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—Dr. Anne Perkins, associate dean of the Jepson School

“Barbara Fitzgerald
The Last American Aristocrat

DR. NELSON LANKFORD, R’70
Little, Brown, 1996

This biography of the late ambassador David K. E. Bruce details Bruce’s diplomatic and personal life. Called “one of the last great paladins of diplomacy” by the London Times, Bruce was ambassador, adviser and confidant to every president from Harry Truman to Gerald Ford.

Bruce served as ambassador to London, Paris and Bonn, led the public peace negotiations with the North Vietnamese; and became America’s first diplomatic representative to China. The accomplished Bruce was, Lankford says, one of the men who “saved the West from fascism and communism and whose vision gave the world a generation of peace, prosperity and hope for the future.”

Lankford is the editor of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the quarterly journal of the Virginia Historical Society, where he is assistant director for publications and education. He also is the author of OSS Against the Reich and An Irishman in Dixie.

Understanding Crime: Theory and Practice

DR. L. THOMAS WINFREE JR., R’68, AND HOWARD ABADINSKY
Nelson Hall, 1996

In a thought-provoking examination of crime and criminological theory, Winfree and Abadinsky use a theoretical and practical approach to answer the question, why do people commit crimes?

The text begins with an overview of the key elements of the study of crime including law, public policy and research literature. It then thoroughly examines a number of crime theories. Every major type of explanation, from biochemistry to post-modernism, is included, as well as an exhaustive look at the use and misuse of power as a force in creating crime.

Winfree is a professor of criminal justice and head of the department at New Mexico State University. He is the author of more than 40 articles and books about such topics as national jail death trends, success on parole, courtroom application of social science data and drug abuse in rural America.

Cell and Molecular Biology

DR. VALERIE KISH, Clarence E. Denoon Jr. Professor of Science and biology department chair, and LEWIS J. KLEINSMITH
Harper Collins, 1995

A balanced treatment of both classical cell biology and modern molecular biology is presented in this introductory text.

The fundamental principles that guide cellular organization and function are introduced through an experimental approach which provides students with a clear understanding of the central concepts.

Religion and Justice in the War over Bosnia

EDITED BY DR. G. SCOTT DAVIS, Lewis T. Booker Professor of Religion and Ethics
Routledge, 1996

In what may be considered the first book to address the ethical issues of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Davis and his colleagues examine these issues in detail from diverse academic and philosophical perspectives.

Davis brings a distinguished group of thinkers together through their original essays to explore the moral and religious issues that underlie the violence and atrocities in Bosnia.

Also the author of Warcraft and the Frailty of Virtue, Davis is an associate professor of religion who specializes in moral theory, ethics in religion and the morality of war.

Learning with C++

DR. JOHN HUBBARD, professor of mathematics and computer science
McGraw-Hill, 1996

The only C++ book in the solved-problems format, Hubbard’s text immerses the reader in the fundamentals of C++, the object-oriented language that is rapidly replacing C as the favored general-purpose programming language.

Hubbard includes a variety of examples so as to provide comprehensive coverage of the current ANSI standard version of C++.

Designed to teach the beginning and to serve as a reference for professionals and graduate students, Hubbard’s book is one of the Schaum’s Outlines Series of books in accounting, business, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, languages, mathematics and physics.

Jimmie Foxx: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hall of Famer, 1907-1967

DR. W. HARRISON DANIEL, professor of history emeritus
McFarland & Company Inc., 1996

This story of baseball Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx tells of his rise to baseball glory, his life in and out of the game and his love affair with the national pastime.

Foxx was one of the most consistent stars in the major league from 1925 to 1945. His long home runs were second only to Babe Ruth’s.

Daniel relates Foxx’s life and career to the changes in major league baseball during the years he played and to the events in American society during those years—principally the Great Depression and World War II—which significantly affected baseball.
**ATHLETICS**

* Brian Jordan, W'89, hit baseballs instead of football carriers this past October. The former two-sport Spider standout helped the St. Louis Cardinals get within one game of an appearance in the 1996 World Series.

  Jordan hit .310 with 17 homers, 104 RBI and 22 steals. He led the National League by hitting .422 with runners in scoring position.

  Jordan had a diving catch and the game-winning homer in the 7-5 clinching victory over the Padres in the Divisional Championship Series. His homer in the eighth of game four of the League Championship Series gave the Cards a 4-3 win and a 3-1 lead over Atlanta before the Braves rallied for a 4-3 series win.

**BUSINESS**

* Kendall Cavedo Maynard, W'85, is vice president of marketing for Kidtech Inc., her Florida-based company that markets "My First Keyboard," a child-friendly keyboard invented and built by her and her husband Victor. The keyboard, which is geared to children ages 18 months to 5 years old, is designed to help children learn letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

  First marketed in 1995, "My First Keyboard" has been the subject of an Associated Press article that appeared in more than 50 newspapers and Maynard has appeared on the "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee" television show promoting the product. Educational software created by Golden Books was added to Kidtech's product line this fall.

**EDUCATION**

* June Gray, W'58, is the director and Patricia Smith, W'68, is the associate director of Camp Wawenock in Raymond, Maine, one of the top 10 camps in the United States, as selected by Family Life magazine. Led by Gray and Smith, Wawenock is "one of the finest camps in the country, superbly led by dedicated educators. ..." writes Family Life. It "is a superior educational institution that stands tall among the best."

  Gray has been affiliated for 37 years with the all-girls camp founded in 1910. She has been director since 1971. Smith has been with the camp for 27 years. Both are certified camp directors with the American Camping Association.

**GOVERNMENT**

* William B. Early Jr., R'65, received the National Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Budget and Program Analysis at the association's annual meeting June 6.

  In 1994 President Clinton awarded Early the rank of meritorious executive in the senior executive service. Early was cited for his 'sustained superior accomplishments in management of programs of the U.S. government and for noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency in the public service.'

  An employee of the U.S. General Services Administration for more than 25 years, Early has been the budget director of the GSA since 1979.

**MEDICAL**

* Brett W. Oakley, R'81, presented his original research on brain injury at the 55th World Congress on Brain Injury in Copenhagen, Denmark, in May 1995.

  His presentation was entitled "Functional Outpatient Programs Decrease the Financial and Resource Burden on Traumatic Brain Injury Patients, Programs and Payors: A Longitudinal Study and Post Hoc Analysis."

  Oakley also made four research presentations at the 17th Annual Postgraduate Conference on Head Injury in Williamsburg, Va., in 1995.

  Oakley is director of program outcomes at the Florida Hospital Rehabilitation Center, a 49-bed inpatient center with eight outpatient facilities. He began there in 1991 as the coordinator of vocational rehabilitation services, helping head injury patients return to work.

**MILITARY**

* Lt. Col. Charles R. "Ray" Alexander Jr., B'79, was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Department of Defense's third highest award for meritorious service. He was honored for his distinctive accomplishments while serving as a program analyst in the U.S. Special Operations Command's directorate of resources from July 1994 to May 1996.

  Alexander is the commander of the 436-person 1st Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (mechanized) at Fort Stewart, Ga. He has served in staff and command positions in Germany, the Pentagon and at Fort Rucker, Ala. His other awards and decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, an Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.
service to seniors in the community. She served as president of the council. She is a retired math teacher from John Marshall High School in Richmond.

J. Rufin Apperson, R., was inducted into the Chesterfield County Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame on Oct. 25, 1995. He is a retired industrial engineer and a former member of the board of supervisors. He is an active member of the American Legion, Ruritan and Lions Club and serves as president of the Lucy Corr Nursing Home advisory committee.

The following news was submitted by Helen Denoon Hopson:

Twenty-three members of our class returned to campus for our 60th reunion. We greeted old friends at the Boatwright dinner, alumni luncheon and at our elegant dinner at the Country Club of Virginia. We were distressed that the two classmies who made preparations for the reunion were unable to attend the dinner because of illness — Martha Riis Moore and Sue Bonnet Crensrise. Officers for the next five years were elected: Helen Denoon Hopson, president; Alice Turner Schaefer, fund-raising chair; and Martha Riis Moore, secretary.

In April, Helen Denoon Hopson flew to California to visit Mildred Crowder Pickles, who returned for our reunion and stayed with Helen for a week at Westminster-Cambridge. She and Helen also attended Mildred’s 65th reunion at John Marshall High School in Richmond.

We are all indebted to Sue Bonnet Crensrise for the beautifully prepared scrapbook containing family pictures of 29 of our classmates. After making the rounds of our Richmond area classmates, the book will be placed in the UR archives in the library. Those interested may see it there.

Margaret Bowers Gill visited her sister in California before flying to Fay etsville, N.C., for the wedding of a great-nephew.

Lucy Blackwell Alexander and Paul celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May. Margaret Gill was privileged to be with them.

It was wonderful to see Sarah Cope Hurst at the alumni luncheon. Sarah finally made it to her first reunion after 60 years.

Jacquelin Warner Warren’s granddaughter Ashley graduated from St. Catherine’s and planned to attend JMU.

After having three grandsons, Jane Owens Page and Sidney were presented with a great-granddaughter, who is the granddaughter of our baby cup winner, Jane Page Reams, who was born in 1940. “Boo” and Sidney spent two weeks at Chantauqua, N.Y., this past summer.

Frances Williams Parkinson moved to Lakewood Manor.


Gene Austin Hall lives in Waynesboro, Va. Her daughter Marianne Hall Bell, W’74, and husband live with her.

Millie Harrell Crensrises and her husband, Sid, enjoy Elderhostels and went to one at Amicalola Falls in Georgia. While there, they visited their daughter Joyce, a music librarian at Emory.

Martha Ellis Ross wrote exciting news of the birth of her great-granddaughter, Aubrey Ross Corey, named after her great-grandfather, Martha’s late husband.

Julia Gaster Davidson and her son Doug and his wife live in Raleigh, N.C. Her other children live around North Carolina and Virginia. She has nine grandchildren, including twin girls at William & Mary. Every summer all 17 of them have a family reunion at Topsail Beach, N.C. When at home, Julia keeps fully occupied with church, garden club, Republican Women’s Club, hospital auxiliary and other activities.

Our hearty congratulations to Mollie Fleet, who was one of four former student athletes inducted into the UR Hall of Fame last February.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Jeanie Wilkins Spears and her daughter Jan, who lives in New Kent, enjoy theatre-going. Jeanie has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Mayme O’Hallerony Stone had surgery in July and is out and about. Emily Hensley Weick visited Mayme and Pat in June.

Anne Phillips Bonifant, who lives at Imperial Plaza, is recovering from a fall earlier this year. She had several paintings in an art show here. Several class members had graduating grandchildren: Mary Owen Bass’ grandson Timothy Timothy received his law degree from Georgetown U. Her son Kenneth Bass III handed him his diploma. Jean Neumast Dickinson’s grandson Quint (Enders V) Dickinson plans to pursue graduate work at the U. of North Carolina. Virginia Wood Hawkins’ granddaughter graduated from high school in June in Pennsylvania.

Martha Beam deVos could not attend the reunion because of an unexpected move, a daughter and her family were making to Idaho.

We have two sad news items. Suzanne Truscel Wright, of New York, died June 6. Suzanne attended our reunion with her. We all recall how Suzanne had sometimes overlooked our wearing evening coats and saddle shoes to Wednesday night formal dinners. We shall miss her.

We received word that Virginia Lee Ball Bray’s husband died this year. Virginia Lee has moved to Gloucester, Va. We extend our deepest sympathy to her and Virginia Lee. Mary Alston and Mary Owen Bass, who sent the beautiful yellow and white flowers to the class dinner Saturday night. As our class grows smaller, may we become closer.

Margaret Brittingham Lovig says we must all come to the 60th reunion. Keep up that positive thinking, Margaret!

From the Westminster Class Secretary

MOLLY WARNER STEPHENSON 140 Lisa Lane Oldsmar, Fl. 34677

Lois Kirkwood North died in February 1996. I received a very moving note from her husband, Ed, who recalled meeting Lois in junior high school and who had been "proud to walk at her side ever since." He wrote that he will find solace in knowing Lois had so many friends who cared.

Anne McElroy Mackenzie devoted 1996 to recovering from back surgery. She spent the first three months eating off of her mantel — it was that or bing down!

Phyllis ‘Fil’ Smedhurst suffered a collapsed vertebra; osteoporosis is the culprit. At least she is able to console in her condominium real overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

On a happier note, Norma Sanders Granley and Ed spent July helping daughter Sarah and her family move to southern California, less than an hour from my son and daughter and their families.

Gene Shepard Keever has a new grandson; Son Jeff is the father.

Dorothy ‘Dolly’ Lederer Maass’ son Andy moved from Tampa, Fla., to Jackson, Miss. Dorothy and Sonie traveled to Boston this spring for their grandchildren’s graduations. Then in July, the entire family gathered in South Carolina for Sonie’s mother’s 100th birthday. The “Class Connections” deadlines come along four times a year now, so please keep your news coming.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

JOEL W. HARNETT, R., of Paradise Valley, Ariz., works as chairman and CEO of Phoenix Home & Garden Inc. He also is publisher of a regional sports magazine.

RUTH MILLER HILLSON R.O. Box 356 Amherst, Va. 24511

It is with sadness we report the deaths of three dear classmates: Conway Bibb van Skyse on Nov. 22, 1995, in Charlottesville, Va.; Alice Rawlings Johnson on Jan. 25, 1996, in Fredericksburg, Va.; and Lydia Crabtree love on April 1, 1996, in Bennington, Vt.

The traditional mini-reunion was held in South Boston, Va., June 7-8, and was hosted by Betty Lawson Dillard and Lec Natalie Heller Barnicle and her husband, John, lived through two harrowing experiences earlier this year. While on a world cruise their ship was disabled and had to be towed into Manila. Passengers were then flown home. Seven days later, John collapsed and spent 40 days in the hospital. He is now doing fine. They sold their home and moved to an apartment in Baltimore.

We hear from both Doris Colley Berger and Ruth Latimer that part of our class donation to the Westminster dean’s discretionary fund was used to distribute copies of the Westminster College history, A Gem of a College, and to assist student Karen Shofner, AW97, in her participation in the Washington Center’s Women in Public Policy Internship Program this past summer. Miss Shofner wrote a lovely thank-you note for this aid. Doris and Ruth are class co-presidents for the purpose of setting up our next reunion, AD 2000.

Kathy Mumma Atkinson described her interesting trips with Jack to the Canadian Rockies in July 1995 and to Stratford-upon-Avon and London, England, in October 1995. She and Jack were honored at Homecoming a year ago for their work with alumni. Congratulations!

Doris Mills Harrell went to Honolulu with family and then to Laguna Hills, Calif., in February. Doris teaches English as a second language at her church and does her water aerobics every day.

Anne Stedman Fletcher wrote that Robert, her dear husband of 52 years, died Dec. 15, 1995. She planned to spend this past summer in North Carolina and was sorry she could not attend our 50th reunion.

Mary Campbell Paulson and Jackson spent a week in Cancun in January. They liked it so well that they flew down to Acapulco in February, boarded a cruise ship and sailed through the Panama Canal.

Jen L6u Gathrie Yancey and Scott traveled to Victoria, B.C., in June 1995. In August, they attended a family gathering in Hatteras, N.C. She has spent lots of time working to get a new library for Culpeper, Va.

Ruth Anne Wicker Lynch and Ruth Maris Wicker visited Lillian Belk Youell in Virginia Beach, Va., in February, and were treated royally. Their return to Richmond was spiced by the fourth winter blizzard.

We had two family reunions in June and really missed being not in South Boston for our mini-reunion. We drove to Ely, Minn., a famous canoeing center on the Canadian border.

Many of you have been so good about writing. I would love to hear from all of you. Please send your news to me by Jan. 15, 1997, for publication in the spring issue.

Oakley J. Graham Jr., R and L51, was elected into the Richmond Bridge Association’s Hall of Fame May 8, 1996. He still practices law and enjoys stamp collecting. He and his wife of more than 43 years, Virginia, enjoyed his 50th class reunion.

The Rev. Dr. J. Ralph Shotwell, R, and his wife, Virginia Lambeth Shotwell, W, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with members of their original wedding party and former classmates. They renewed their vows on the Queen Mary docked at Long Beach, Calif. They divide their time between Palos Heights, Ill., and University Park, Fla. Prior to retirement, Ralph served as executive director of the International Council of Community Churches. Virginia continues teaching at Indiana U.

From the Westminster Class Secretary

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This is my first communication to you as your new class secretary. Cora Lynn Chafee Goldsborough has done a fine job of reporting, and we are very appreciative. My deadlines for news are listed on p. 36. Our long anticipated 50th reunion finally did take place, and I think all attending agreed that it was a spectacular celebration. On Friday evening, we attended the Boatwright Society dinner, and as your reunion chairman, it was my privilege to speak briefly about...
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our “Moment in Time,” announce our class gift and present 32 members of our class for membership in the society.

On Saturday, we enjoyed the alumni luncheon, a tea at the president’s home, and then on Saturday evening, 70 of us attended our class dinner at the Helman Dining Center overlooking the lake.

Cornelia Reid Rowllett was our mistress of ceremonies. Frances Anne Beale Goode gave a lovely tribute to those of our class who have died.

William “T” Bareford, R’46, remembered those in Richmond College who are no longer with us. Calley Goode Jackson prepared a program of our class history.

During our brief business meeting, Calley Goode Jackson was chosen as our next reunion chairman; Frances Beale Goode as co-chairman; and I as your secretary. To conclude our evening, Ann Ware Fraser and Nancy Todd Lewis led us in singing some of the old songs. It was truly a memorable evening.

In between and after scheduled events, we spent time in the hospitality suite at the Hadley Hotel.

Jackson’s chosen as our gracious host. Many brought memorabilia for display, including a green gum warm-up suit that Jean White Robeson had carefully preserved. We had annuities and shared letters from some of you who couldn’t be with us.

On Sunday morning, about 30 of us had breakfast together before heading home. We reaffirmed friendships and relived a memorable time. We really missed all of you who were unable to attend.

By now, I’m sure those of you who were not there have received the 50th reunion booklet. Thanks go to Gale Abbott, who worked in conjunction with the Alumni Office, checking biographical data and editing the transcript. In the booklet, the class gift is described, and we hope you will all be pleased. When the needs are identified, the reunion committee will make our selection, but let you know. Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the fund.

Those attending the reunion were: Gale Abbott, Lois Bradley Baker, Mary Lucy Willis Bareford, Jean Superstein Beam, Alta Ayers Bower, Barbara Ritchie Branch, Margaret Macy Chevins, Amy Hickerson Dalton, Frances Bleight Elliot, Ann Ware Fry, Jeannie Pebworth Gammon, Frances Beale Goode, Virginia “Jinx” Booth Grabbe, Lucy Harvie, Caroline Goode Jackson, Julia Shelton Jacobs, Nancy Todd Lewis, Betty Scherr Packer and Julia Willis Phillips.

Also attending were Louise Richardson Phipps, Jean White Robeson, Cornelia Soff, Frances Newman Ryland, Elizabeth Thompson.

Isabelle Gannels Snyder was unable to attend our reunion due to illnesses of elderly relatives. She still substitutes in a private school. She contributed the history of health care in Washington County, Ga., for a publication on the county’s history.

Pat Williams Burnett and her husband have family vacation cottages in New York and Canada.

Cornelia Reid Rowllett worked in the office and comments office at the White House and enjoyed “Volunteer Appreciation Day” in July, when she met President Clinton. Connie also sent along a letter from Frances Newman Stevens expressing her appreciation to those who had planned the reunion. Frances and her husband, Bill, went on a trip to Alaska.

Bev Ryland and Frances Beale Goode took a 10-day trip to the Canadian Rockies in July with a group of 16 from Richmond.

I often see Mary Lucy Willis Bareford in Delaville, Va., where we have our sailboat. She told me that Jean White Robeson and Andy had gone to Work in the mountains to celebrate the “birth of the automobile.”

Allen and I continue to enjoy summers here at the beach and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. We took a historic Potomac River cruise in June with 20 other boats.

That’s all for now. Please keep in touch.

Paul Duke, R. retired PBS senior correspondent, and his wife, Janet, returned to Washington, D.C., after living in London.

Nancy Richardson Elliott, W., was named as president of Woman’s Missionary Union of Va. She received her master’s degree in education at U.Va. and teaches English as a second language.

Wildred Daffron Horigan, W., of Richmond, received the Catholic Woman’s Club outstanding volunteer of the year award in May at the group’s annual meeting. She was cited for her past volunteer work at St. Mary’s Hospital and as president of the Moger McMahon Beneficial Society, which raises funds for Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

The Rev. George E. Reynolds, R., serves as interim pastor of Anderson Memorial Baptist Church in Schweinfurt, Germany. His wife of 48 years, Minnie, is his assistant. Their son, Dr. Charles E. Reynolds, R’77, is an Army chaplain in Schweinfurt.

From the Westampton Class Secretary

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It was good to hear from many of you, and we send you our deepest sympathy.

Doris Moore Sheehy lost her husband, Bob, and Bob enjoyed many trips in their short time together, including a cruise of the Baltic Sea to St. Petersburg, Russia, this year.

Jean Brumsey Biscoe’s husband, Johnny, died suddenly of a heart attack April 23. Later in the fall, Jean called to tell me that Margaret Elliot Ownby’s husband Ralph had passed away unexpectedly.

Elizabeth “Bettty” Hickerson Butterworth wrote that four U.S. couples — Faye Hines Kilpatrick and Bob,迷你 Gill and Pat, and Pat and Frank, and the Butterworths and the Biscoes — went to dinner and a play just a few days before Johnny’s death. She wrote that he was a good friend to all and is greatly missed.

Bette says that she and Jack love their new home. He has taken classes in furniture making and has completed several tables.

Virginia Smith Kynett and Jerry have moved to Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, Fla. They live in the building next to the Kynett family.

Patricia Parlow Daniel’s Pat spent the summer in Maine again, but she enjoys her Florida friends and neighbors and her work in the library there. Last Christmas, she enjoyed a trip to Williamsburg, Va., and Pinehurst, N.C.

Jeanne Decker Swan moved to Clarendon, Okla., to be closer to daughter Nancy and her family. In July 1995, Jeanne accompanied Nancy and granddaughter Kristin to Richmond, where Nan attended a seminar on gifted children.

Her two-week visit with her son in Hawaii was also fun.

Virginia Herndon Pugh talks with Emily Smith Powers frequently. She spent 10 days at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., attended a convention in Nashville and enjoyed beach time with her daughter.

In July, Doris Vickers Lektorich joined other interior designers in London for a study of English furniture, tours of stately homes and shopping in the antique embers. Doris’ youngest daughter and minister husband took a group for their fourth visit to Russia, establishing a church there.

Millicent Hutcherson Taylor and Jim took a cruise with ports of call in Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; St. Petersburg, Russia; Estonia; and Finland.

Another grandchild arrived May 6 for Jean Brumsey Biscoe — a girl to daughter Julie. Congratulations to you and the family, Jean!

Competitive ballroom dancing has become a major activity for Emily Deitrick Burklow. She has participated in competitions in Austin, Texas; New Orleans; and Denver. She won top student, a $500 scholarship and was the star of a local Knoxville show, “The Biography Girl.” She continues in tennis tournaments, travels with family and friends and enjoyed a Caribbean cruise with her dance club.

Alice Goodman underwent triple bypass surgery on March 1 and is plugging along. She attended a convention at UR sponsored by her church organization.

A big event in Lily Brittle Hepler’s year was the high school graduation with honors of her granddaughter, Karen, who will attend James Madison U.

Pamela Burnside Gray and Elmon traveled to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. Their first grandchild, Pamela, is a student at Washington & Lee.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kolukawas Couplin upon her retirement from Tulsa Technology Center. She looks forward to visiting her seven grandchildren and one granddaughter without worrying about schedules. She also enjoys church activities and playing bridge.

Arleen Reynolds Schafer

Gertrude Murrell Howland, ’31, received the Collegiate alumni association’s distinguished alumni award for 1996.
and Joe have enjoyed Williamsburg, Va., several times. In May, they flew to Vancouver, British Columbia, and took an Alaskan cruise with 18 Richmonders, four of whom were from their high school class. Their oldest daughter, Peggy, has remarried. You may remember Peggy was the first baby born to our class.

Ellen Chambliss
Mccluskey invites us to visit her and Gay in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. They retired there in September 1995, and were hit by Opal in October. The entire first floor of the condo was wiped out, preventing their return until March.

Bob and I also experienced the wrath of Hurricane Opal last year with damage to our townhouse and sailboat on Holiday Isle in Destin, Fla. We were fortunate that they could be repaired. Our daughter Anne and her husband are having an extraordinary adventure in Bora Bora in the Society Islands, French Polynesia. Jackie’s daughter Christy graduated from high school and is a student at Georgia Southern U. Thank you for your cards and letters. Keep them coming!

Robert G. Gibson, B, works as director of the rating division of Mississippi Insurance Department in Jackson. He and his wife, Juanita, enjoyed a visit with Sig Ep fraternity brother, Ben Triplett, B, and his fiancé, Fran. The Triplets are visiting all the state capitals.

Walter W. Regnier, L, of Richmond, was named vice chairman of the elder and long term care issues committee of the American Bar Association. He also serves as vice chairman of the editorial board committee for the ABA magazine. He is president and general counsel at Health of Virginia.

Doris Baldwin Burbank, W and G ’77, retired from Steward School in Richmond after 20 years as a faculty member, tutor and director of resource. She helped establish the school’s learning resource center and continues her work in the field of learning disabilities as a counselor in private practice.

John K. Griffin, R, a real estate broker in Richmond, was granted a life membership in the Richmond Association of Realtors. He has been with Pollard & Bagby for 18 years.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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It was wonderful to have so many of you return for our 45th reunion in May. We all had a grand time reminiscing and catching up on family news and accomplishments. For those of you who were unable to attend, I hope you will be able to get to our next reunion in 2001.

At the reunion we were saddened by the news that Annie Plunkett Rosser lost her husband, Buddy, May 3. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to you, Annie. Many of your classmates have such fond memories of Buddy. There is much news this time about vacations and traveling. Lea Thompson Osburn took a three-week trip to Scandinavia and Russia.

Marylyn Cooper McGraw and Wally spent a few days relaxing in Bermuda and later took a Mediterranean cruise from Spain to Turkey.

Mary Lee Moore Vinson enjoyed a few days at the beach. Another beach vacationer was Cheryl Head Thompson, B, who spent a week at Nags Head with her sisters, sons, grandchildren and niece. Bob and I also were there.

Paula Abernethy Kelton and John visited Frances Allen Schools in Richmond. Frances was involved in the Fabergé exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. She designed items that were being sold at the museum gift shop.

Bob and I had a joyful event when our son Robbie was married in December 1995. I finally retired from teaching June 15, and we left that night for a glorious three-week vacation in England. We went to five of the European football (soccer) championship games, saw the queen and spent most of our time visiting with all of Bob’s family.

I hope to have more news for the next edition. Don’t forget to write to me before Jan. 1.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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In June, Barbara Turner Willis and her husband, Bob, spent the weekend with Jackie Kilby Brooks in Fairfax, Va. They attended the musical Camelot at the Vienna Baptist Church.

Peggy Armstrong Thuzee’s nephew David played the part of Lancelot.

Shirlee Garrett Maxson and her husband, Max, a Va. Tech graduate, went to the Sugar Bowl last January to watch Tech win. In the spring they went to Hong Kong. From there they cruised to Saigon, South Vietnam; Bangkok, Thailand; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Singapore. The trip ended with a visit with friends in Sydney, Australia.

Stephen Everett Wormald was born to our son Edward and his wife, Patty, on July 3, in Ghana, West Africa. Ed and Patty serve as missionaries with SIM. Stephen is our 10th grandchild.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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What a fabulous 40th reunion we had May 3 and 4! On Friday night we enjoyed a “girls only” dinner served in the reception room of Keller Hall to 53 classmates. On Saturday there were 17 of us and three husbands who attended the alumni luncheon.

Saturday night Helen Melton Lukhardt and her husband opened their home for 28 classmates and 25 guests.
Among the guests were our silver baby cup "baby," Phyllis Gee Wacker's daughter Bruce and Carol Brooks Jennings' son and daughter-in-law, to whom we are indebted for bringing Carol, whose Parkinson's disease has become increasingly debilitating.

Thirty-six: Sixers were on hand for one or more of the special events and so much enjoyed being together: Pat McLero Smith, Barbara Pratt Willis, Charlotte Hart Simpson, Mary Lou Watson Lamb, Virginia Jones Miller, Janet Knobel Jones, Helen Melton Lukhard, Lillian Stephenson Stroud, Ann Shiree Garrett Masson, Anne Pope Kitchen, Helen Slan Wood, Betty Brinkley Haywood, Mary Moore Mullin Mowery, Sue Hunter Bennett, Julia Hubbard Nixon, Dottie Stiff Price, Jane Bowles Hurt, Eliza Hubble Sever and Mary Lee Kingsley Hunt. Also attending were Ann Carolyn Yeaman Malcolm, Ann Peery Oppenheimer, Diane Brown Higgins, Rose Drachnik Martin, Phyliss Gee Wacker, Betty Ann Doyle Curley, Doris Huffman Moore, Ann Warrack, Helen Critten Cullbertson, Jean Burroughs Matthews, Lois Remy, Gwen Haley Gregory, Anne Jennings Vaughan, Carol Brooks Jennings, Joyce Still Gibson and Joy Atkins (back for her first reunion) and Anne Stuart Hartz Garnett.

We were fortunate to have Joye Still Gibson and her husband, Harold, R-56 and G-65, attend. Harold had bypass surgery in December of 1995 and recuperated in time for the reunion.

Ruth Jackley Cranford and Jeanie Brainin had planned to come but had to cancel at the last minute. We express sincere sympathy to Jeanie on the death of her mother April 29. All of us who were unable to attend were greatly missed.

Thanks are in order to Janet Knobel Jones and Lillian Stephenson Stroud and their committee for planning such a fun-filled weekend. The Lukhards were most gracious for our Saturday night barbecue. Thank you to Ruth Jackley Cranford and Charlotte Hart Simpson who helped with our class phone-a-thon.

Gwenn Haley Gregory attended a family wedding and hopes to see everyone in five years. A son's graduation from law school before Alice Holladay Combs away, Sylvia Grigorowitch Dickenson and her husband, Lynn, R-52, were in the process of building a new home in Roanoke and had an important meeting with the builder on reunion weekend.

Ann Louise Woodall Thompson was at the Kentucky Derby.

Barbara Daniel Humphreys, Mildred Fuller, June Hodges Myers and Jane Andersen Jennings sent letters. Barbara is kept busy teaching, church activities, spending time with five grandsons and two great-granddaughters and camping. She teaches at a new Christian school and is excited about the pilot program. She also wrote a poem that was published in a poetry anthology. Congratulations!

After graduation, Mildred Fuller went to Texas for seminary training. In 1969, she began teaching at Valley Baptist Academy, a boarding school on the high school level for Spanish-speaking young people. She retired after July 36 years at the age of 65.

June Hodges Myers, W-55, wrote that John still practices family medicine in Chesapeake, Va. She does third-party insurance claims for his office and teaches bridge at the Virginia Beach recreation department center. Their daughter and two sons have given them seven grandchildren.

Jane Andersen Jennings and Leon, R-55, live in Roanoke, where he still has his OB-GYN practice. Jane has been slowed a bit by post-polio syndrome and has to relinquish some volunteer activities. She still plays bridge, though. One of their sons has an OB-GYN practice, one is a lawyer and two are professional musicians. The Jennings also have two granddaughters.

Leon served on the UR Board of Trustees and is now on the Board of Associates. Several years ago they gave the Creation Window in Cannon Memorial Chapel in memory of Jane's mother, Mildred Lee Pope Andersen, W-29. During our reunion the Jennings attended Ferrum College's graduation, when Leon's 91-year-old mother was honored as an outstanding alumna.

Gwen Haley Gregory lives in Atlanta and has two sons and one grandson. Last year she visited Russia and was planning a trip to the Orient while the Olympics were in Atlanta. Sue Hunter Bennett and Carroll have lived in Gainesville, Fla., for 24 years. Their two married daughters and four grandchildren live nearby.

Jean Burroughs Matthews loves teaching piano and enjoys touring the world with the groups led by her husband, Lawrence, R-54. She went to the Greek Islands in the summer and to Durham, England.

Phyllis Gee Wacker retired in 1992 after 27 years of teaching psychology at Longwood College. Since then she has been a visiting professor and research fellow at the U. of Jyvaskyla in Finland. She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Janet Knobel Jones and Morris, R-58 and GB-64, play lots of golf now that they are both retired. They moved into a new home on the eighth fairway of a golf course in June and also welcomed granddaughter, Cassidy Lynn, born June 27. "Cass" is the daughter of Steve and Theresa and the sister of Dylan.

Helen Melton Lukhard and "Dee's" seventh grandson, Rawley Thomas Dawson, arrived March 18 in Virginia Beach, Va., to parents Laurie, L-88, and her husband, Tom Dawson, L-86. He has recently married Kathleen, 4, and Charlotte, 2.

Edna and I will report more of the news gathered at the reunion in future issues. Please keep us up to date on yourself.

I was saddened to read that Evelyn Silver Trigger died in Chatauqua, Tenn., in July. The class extends sincere sympathy to Evelyn's family.

The alumni office informs us that some members of our class are missing: Lael June Gregg Bennett, Mary Katherine Spaulding McNichol and Brigitte Zickmantel Reimer.

Please notify the alumni office, Edna or me if you have any information about them.

A year ago, the University of Richmond Magazine began using a new format for "Class Connections." News of all classes may now appear in each issue but only if you submit news. My next deadline after you receive this issue is Jan. 15. Thanks so much.

James M. Collins, R, became president and owner of Jim Collins Management Search in Anniston, Ala. Previously he spent 20 years as a human resource manager with various manufacturing companies in the Southeast. He and his wife, "Fenny," have three grown sons and four grandchildren.

Betty Warren Huddins, W, of Dauphin Island, Ala., was awarded the Silver Medal Award from the American Advertising Federation of Greater Mobile. She was responsible for planning and directing the communication arts program at Spring Hill College. She is also a professor in the college's communications department.

June Gray, W, of Raymond, Maine, is director of Camp Wavenrock, one of the top 10 camps in the United States, as rated by Family Life, in its April 1996 issue. See Alumni Notables, p. 29.

Hartwell T. Rainey III, B, of Mechanicville, Va., is founder and president of Business Telecommunication Service, which integrates local/long distance services for businesses. He worked with AT&T for 35 years and represents Bell Atlantic and World Com in voice and data services.

Gail Sykes, W-59, won Hawaii's Phoebe Hearst Teacher of the Year Award.
Launching the Young Grads

When Alice Dunn Lynch launched the University’s Young Graduate Program in 1986, she was a young grad herself.

Ten years later, she still coordinates the program, but from a slightly different perspective. “I’ve come to be more of a chauffeur,” she says with a laugh.

Lynch, W ‘85, has been associate director of alumni affairs since 1986. In that role, she coordinates Homecoming, selected class reunions, Westhampton Alumnae Clubs, Arts Around the Lake and assorted other campus events.

From almost the beginning, the Young Grad program, which includes alumni who graduated in the last five years, has been one of her primary projects. “I was a young grad then and it was wonderful,” says Lynch, a political science major at Westhampton. “Part of my job was staying in touch with my classmates. It has been an enviable job.”

Less enviable was the task of getting a new program off the ground. The program began in September 1986 with a series of “happy hours” at a Richmond eatery.

“I remember our first happy hours,” Lynch says. “We didn’t have any decorations, we had one keg of beer and we only had potato chips.”

(Which is not to say she didn’t enjoy them: she met her husband, Dan, L’87, just before one of those first happy hours. He was a third-year law student and she was preparing for the event at her office in the Deanery.)

Times have changed. From the handful of people who attended those first after-work affairs, the program has blossomed into one that features major events each year, coordinated by Lynch and a steering committee of 25 young grads.

Among the events are a Strawberry Hill Races Tent Party, a Greek Theatre Party and happy hours, educational seminars and sporting events social. The annual highlight has come to be the reunion on the Friday night of Homecoming Weekend that typically draws more than 1,000 young grads.

Young graduates have become a loyal and vibrant source of alumni activism at the University. “At many schools, staff see recent grads as a renegade group off doing their own thing,” Lynch says. “But we disagree. That’s the best time for a university to forge that bond — that lifetime bond — with its graduates.”

Lynch has forged a bond with the greater Richmond community, as well. She currently is serving as president of the Junior League of Richmond, a volunteer service organization that has a membership of 1,500 women, an annual budget in excess of a quarter-million dollars and is one of the largest leagues within the Association of Junior Leagues International.

“The league is all about developing the potential of women and making an impact on the community,” she says. “Our volunteers have an opportunity to do just about anything they want to do within the organization, whether it’s running a small business or developing and initiating a new program.

“I’ve witnessed first-hand the value of dedicated volunteers. I’ve personally been able to expand my own skills and my own knowledge of my community and the problems it faces and, through the Junior League, some sense that through the work of volunteers we can overcome those problems.

“I’ve really developed a greater awareness and a greater appreciation for volunteerism.”

The Junior League sponsors a variety of projects in the Richmond area, including a family resource center in an impoverished part of the city, a thrift shop, parenting education programs and the annual Book & Author Dinner that is the oldest of its kind in the country.

The current focus of the Junior League of Richmond is families at risk. But the idea behind all of the programs is simple.

“Our goal is to enable the citizens of the community to help themselves,” Lynch says.

She has been a member of the organization for six years, long enough to help dispel the myth about the Junior League being a group of women whose primary interest involved pearls, gloves and hats. In fact, Lynch is not opposed to invoking that time-worn mischaracterization — although she does give it a firm tweak.

“We talk about pearls of wisdom in developing new focus areas, gloves when we get in hands-on working in the community, and hats because our league members now are wearing many more hats than one,” she says.

“More than half of our active membership works full-time outside the home, another 25 percent work part-time, all of them volunteer for other organizations, and many of them are raising families.”

Lynch has discovered definite parallels between her work with University alumni and her work with the Junior League.

“It really wasn’t until I became president of the Junior League this year that I realized there were connections, that many of the skills that are required are the same,” she says. “The working with volunteers, motivating them and encouraging them. Not doing their jobs for them but enabling them to succeed and see a project through.”

BY BILL LOHMANN, R’79
 changed their bridge club to a monthly investment group called the Tower Club. Members are Alice Clement Boone, Judy Cyrus Johnson, Em St. Clair Key, Laura Burkett Lonnes, Nancy Jenkins Marrrow, Nancy Taylor Owen, Evalaine Green Slaughter, Audrey Nuckolls Reynolds, Jeanette McWilliams Welsh and Becky Grissom Van Ausdall. They have probably surpassed the Beardsbown ladies investment club by now! Good luck to you all.

Jeanette McWilliams Welsh and Jack had a European vacation in the summer. Among their ports of call were Barcelona, Spain, and Istanbul, Turkey.

Laurel Burkett Lonnes works three days a week at the URI library. Another part-time worker is Becky Grissom Van Ausdall, who works at Holiday House Furniture in Goochland, Va. Becky and Jerry, Linda Morgan Lennox and Bob, and Alice Clement Boone and Chuck spent the last weekend in June at Rehobeth Beach, Del. The Lemmons and Van Ausdall also took a cruise down the Western Intracoastal Waterway in Florida. The Lemmons sold their condo and bought a house in Bel Air, Md. Please let me hear from you.

Janet Harwood Collins, W., retired in May 1995 as assistant professor of physical education and volleyball coach at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The Westhampton Class of 1961 had a wonderful 35th reunion May 4-5. On Friday evening, 24 classmates met at the Deaneary for an evening of girl talk, which lasted until late in the evening.

The Saturday alumni luncheon included a video of the moving of the Bottomley House to campus and a preview of events planned for the coming year. Trolley cars took us on rides through the campus. The Saturday night cocktail buffet in Keller Hall provided opportunity for both men and women of the Class of 1961 and their spouses and guests to visit.

The following Westhampton classmates attended one or more reunion activities: Joyce Smith Allison, Ruth Reynolds Barger, Ann Bertsch, Nancy Adams Booher, Betty Gaines Brown, Jessica Scarborough Burnmester Judith "Judy" Vanderboehegh Carroll, Barbara Spires Causey, Barbara Ross Cobb, Adrienne Price Cox, Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn and Gary Bell Harris.

Also attending were Betty Wade Blanton Jones, Jean Mann Stonestreet Lloyd, Daphne Shapard Madison, Betty Miller Morris, Paretta "Paddy" Dozier Mudd, Cynthia "Cindy" Deeliahauser Nash, Catherine "Kitty" Thornburn Neale, Peggy McVeigh Nunnally, Sallie Magruder Rawls, Anne Pulz Roesch, Sally Spiller Settle, Anu Jones Stirling, Nancy Tingle Traylor, Georgia Lingle Waldrop and Anne Cunningham Woodfin.

Our teacher, Miss Mary Jane Miller, was unable to attend our reunion, but sent her greetings. She had just returned from three weeks in Hawaii. Three years ago she had a hip replaced and still swims and golfs, enjoying life thoroughly.

If anyone would like a list of class members and their addresses, please contact Judy Vanderboehegh Carroll, 300 Philaray Road, Richmond, Va. 23226. Judy has done a superb job as our class leader for the past five years.

Please send news of your activities to me at the above address or directly to the alumni office for inclusion in the spring issue of the magazine.

Dr. Karin Chilcas, W., holds the John M. and Louise Van Winkle Professorship in Language at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

John A. Clayton, R., works as vice president of Soen-Delaney Leadership Consulting Group. He moved to England, where he manages a multi-year project assisting the leaders of British Gas Trans Co. He and his wife, Lynn, live in Knowle, a village south of Birmingham. They expect to remain there for at least another two years.

Dr. Barry V. Kirkpatrick, R., was elected president of the MCY Alumni Association for 1996-97. He is director of pediatrics at St. Mary’s Hospital in Richmond.

Donald N. Patten, R., of Newport News, Va., was elected a vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner in the law firm of Patten, Wornom & Watkins.

William J. Strickland, B and L’70, was named managing partner at the Richmond-based law firm of McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe.

Louis Oliver Wilson, W., returned to campus for the marriage of her son, Christopher Bryant Wilson. R’92, to Karen Renee Fallin. W’93. Bryant is completing an architectural program at Clemson U., and son Ian works in landscape design. She and her husband, Christopher, both work in health care management in Toronto.

William B. Early Jr., R., the budget director for the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C., received a rank of meritorious executive in the Senior Executive Service from President Clinton. He also received the National Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Budget and Program Analysis on June 6, 1996. See Alumni Notables, p. 29.

Lynda Beran Murray, W., earned a Ph.D. in nursing counseling from Va. Tech. She is a school counselor at Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School in Elliston, Va.

Bernard M. Ortwein, R., was appointed an associate dean of Suffolk U. Law School in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Christopher M. Sieverdes, R., is a professor of economics at Clemson U., where he has been a member of the faculty for 20 years. He also serves as director of a leadership and community economic development program. His wife, Jo Keller Sieverdes, W’68, teaches kindergarten. Their daughter Ann Carol is studying for a master’s degree in speech pathology, son John is a student at Clemson and son William is 13.

Marlin E. "Ted" Balbaugh Jr., R., marked his 25th anniversary of service at the Virginia Home for Boys. As the home’s executive director, he received the 1996 distinguished staff member award from the Virginia Association of Children’s Homes. He also received the 1996 Nina Abady Development Recognition Award from the Virginia Association of Fund Raising Executives.

Suzanne Walls Bell, W., left her job after 18 years at the Fox Valley Center campus of the U. of Wisconsin, where she taught chemistry and biochemistry. Her husband is the new superintendent at Peninsula Golf Course and they bought a new home in Annapolis, Md.

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Managing staff on Capitol Hill

Two days after he returned from his honeymoon with wife Mary Fitzgerald Bannon, R'87, James Derderian, R'85, was about to embark on the occupational ride of his life.

Derderian, then legislative director for Virginia Republican Rep. Thomas J. Billey Jr., awoke the morning after the 1994 election to find the GOP had won control of the 104th Congress. As a result, Billey, for whom Derderian had worked since 1987, was named chairman of the House Commerce Committee and asked Derderian to become the panel's chief of staff.

"I like to use the analogy of being given the keys to an aircraft carrier without a manual," he says of the promotion. "Not only did we have to do the things we said we would do in the policy arena, but none of us had ever run the ship. It was a wild ride."

As staff director for the Commerce Committee, Derderian manages a staff of 69. The committee, the oldest in Congress, deals with a variety of issues from telecommunications and health insurance to AIDS research and electric rates.

"Just about anything can come under the heading of interstate and foreign commerce," he says. "There is no typical day. You've got a box seat on some very important decisions You're there, getting to see how it all comes together."

A political science major, Derderian gives much credit to the University of Richmond for preparing him to serve in his current high-profile position. Not only did he learn valuable critical thinking skills as a liberal arts student, but as president of Lambda Chi Alpha and a head resident for Richmond College, he gained the valuable leadership skills he must use every day.

Derderian first visited Richmond during a senior year spring college tour with his father. "The weather was horrible at every stop," he remembers. "But the sun came out miraculously just as we drove through the gates at UR. The tour guides were also the friendliest we had met at any school." A strong interest in history, and the fact he was currently reading about the Civil War, also contributed to his decision to attend the University. He was the first person in his family to attend college.

"I was lucky to have four great years at Richmond," he says. "The size and accessibility of the school allowed me to get involved in things that, at other colleges, are specialties. I also had the unique opportunity to be able to serve on committees with faculty and alumni."

It was on one such committee that Derderian met Otis Brown, R'56, a former Virginia State Secretary of Health and Human Services. After a job offer in Derderian's hometown of Pittsburgh fell through shortly before graduation, Brown helped him obtain his first paid political position on the 1985 Durrett for Governor campaign.

"The fact that Otis Brown would take five minutes, no less put his name on the line, to help me get a job showed he had such confidence in his alma mater," he says. "He didn't know me from Adam, but he was willing to help [the University of Richmond's] graduates get out into the real world."

Today Derderian tries to return the favor. He currently counts three UR alumni among his full-time staff and recently hosted a UR political science student as an intern. "I'm really proud of being able to extend a hand to UR folks the way it was extended to me," he says.

During his senior year at Richmond, Derderian served on the Young Graduates steering committee.

"We realized there was a big gap after graduation in terms of staying involved," he says. "What happens to alumni before they have kids who are looking at the school or before they're in a position to make a philanthropic gift? Then there was also the social aspect. We thought it would be nice to have a way of keeping in touch." Thus the Young Graduates program was born.

Derderian, who moved to Washington in 1987 to work for Billey after living in Richmond for two years, found the Young Graduates program to be a great social network and support group in the five years after graduation.

"Those first couple of years out are a little nerve wracking," he says. "You're always wondering if you're doing OK, or if you're doing what you're supposed to do. It's great to have a group of people you can relate to. It's a super reality check."

Although with his busy schedule he rarely has time for further involvement, Derderian says he still occasionally attends Washington-area alumni functions with his wife and keeps up with other UR activities.

"I owe a lot to the University of Richmond."
management consultant from Galveston, Texas. He has two daughters, one at U. of Georgia and one at Vanderbilt. Her son Sean is a senior at the U. of Colorado, and her daughter Catherine is married and living in Maryland, where she also attends nursing school.

A. Whitfield Smith Jr., B, a bond specialist, was promoted to vice president at Ebb, Brockenbrough & Ragland, an insurance firm in Richmond.

Dr. Paul J. Zingg, G, of Berkeley, Calif., was named provost and vice president for academic affairs at California Polytechnic State U. He coordinates all university academic programs and represents the university in state and external affairs. He was formerly the dean of the school of liberal arts at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

John Barr, L, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Virginia State Bar. He is with the Richmond law firm of Maloney, Barr & Huenekens.

Bruce Dozier, R and L73, was elected this Maryland to the board of directors of American Life Insurance Co., where he serves as vice president and general counsel. He also serves on the company's board of subsidiaries/affiliates in Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Trinidad and Turkey. He lives in Hockessin, Del.

Preston B. Hicks, R and L77, was elected to the Wayneboro City Council on May 7, 1996. He has been practicing law in Wayneboro, Va., since 1977 and opened his own law office in 1995. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Cortnie and Adam.

Judy Baughan Lankford, W, started her own fund-raising consulting business, Lankford and Associates, last fall, with clients in Richmond and Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Nelson Lankford, C70, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Berlin; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Vienna, Austria; Paris; and London.

Nelson Lankford, C, of Richmond, wrote a biography of Ambassador David K.E. Bruce，《The Last American Aristocrat》, published by Little, Brown in the United States and the United Kingdom. He led a panel discussion about the book at the Smithsonian in September. See Bookmarks, p. 28.

Dr. Thomas J. Towberman, R, of Richmond, was appointed commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission by Gov. George F. Allen. He is a former executive director of the governor's commission on government reform.

J. Wilt Wagner Jr., GB70, was promoted to executive vice president, raw materials, metals and industrial products at Reynolds Metals Co. He is responsible for the company's raw materials and precious metals, metals products, reduction and recycling, metals products, extrusions, construction products and Reynolds Aluminum Supply Co. divisions.

He has been with the company since 1964 and was formerly executive vice president, fabricated industrial products.

I will highlight the people who attended the Friday night social in this issue of Class Connections. Since we will now have four issues a year for our news I will save the Saturday events and people who attended for the next issue.

Alice Graube Nickols and Betty Deans Witler were waiting at the bottom of the steps when Sally and I arrived. Alice was sporting a knee brace as a result of surgery related to her activities such as tennis and skiing. Betty and Alice still live in Fredericksburg, Va. Betty's daughter Amy and Diane Davis Ryan's daughter Mary are 1996 Westhampton College graduates.

Quite a number of classmates came from some distances to be with us. Lindsay Struthers Bell traveled from Florida; Marsha Carl Gillick came from Oregon; Frances Fowler Whitener, his wife, Kahl, and Marcus Fowler came from South Carolina.

Many of us are still in the educational field. Anne Allport, Mary Lee Watson Brazell, Gena Shadwell, Meg Gilman-King, Kay Brauser, Loving, Metta Harris Nickerson, Diane Ryan, Sally Harmanon Wallace, Jane Houston Westbrook, Anne Cooley Kalesfus Yamada, Linda Yeatts and I are all teachers, administrators and/or guidance counselors.

Lynne Holland Broek, who lives in Northern Virginia, has one son, Bret, who graduated from UI. Lynne has been a licensed realtor since 1974. Her son, Holly, is at the U. of Montana.

My roommate, Lee Finch Campbell, came down from Maryland. Lee has lived in numerous places with her Air Force husband, Bud, and daughter Kelly. She brought her pictorial scrapbook for us to see.

Also in attendance was Pam Thompson Wilson, who has accepted the job of our fund chair for the next five years. Pam's husband and fellow UR grad, Harvey, joined us later in the evening.

We were fortunate to have Joyce Clinkscales attend. I say fortunate because at the Saturday luncheon in the Robins Center, our class had the honor of leading everyone in the grace that we used to sing on Sundays.

Joyce did a wonderful job of getting us started on the right key as we practiced on Friday.

Susan Stansbury Leslie also joined us Friday, traveling from Blackshear, Ga. with her husband, Randy. Susan and Lindsay Struthers Bell went on a bird walk while they were on campus. Susan told me she has received another master's degree; a master of wildlife science.

Another couple who joined us was Adele Affleck Medved and Mel, who live and work in Front Royal, Va. They were planning a trip to the Grand Canyon.

Yvonne Olson lives "on the side of a mountain" near Roanoke.

Our "little professor," Emily Zehner, came down from Washington, D.C. She met Bob Hope briefly when he came to inspect the Library of Congress, where he plans to leave some of his memorabilia there.

Paula Hammett Gibbs came down from Winchester, Va. She and Terri Bailey McKenzie visited with Anne Allport during the weekend.

I hope I didn't leave anyone out. However, if I did, let me know and I'll include you in the next issue. While preparing for the reunion, I called many of our classmates, so I do have a few surprises in store for the future. Example: Do you remember Donna Graham?

Finally, I would like to thank a few others. Thanks go to Metta Harris Nickerson, our former fund chairwoman, who has agreed to be the class president for the next five years. That includes planning our 50th reunion. I also appreciate all of you, Pat Burton, our past class secretary, for keeping us informed about each other. In addition, a thank you to Frances Fowler Whitener for assisting Pat in her duties.

Please send me a note in the next few months to tell where you are and what you are doing.

Dr. David M. Moore, R, received a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy from Va. Tech. He is a therapist in Roanoke, Va.

Mary Kathryn Reynolds Norfleet, W, and her daughters visited her parents and brother in Schweinfurt, Germany; in July.

Dr. Arthur Dennis Watson, B, recently was appointed associate director for Congressional and external affairs at the newly established Surface Transportation Board within the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Kathleen Frances Zaccardo, a systems analyst, and his daughter, Fiona Kathleen Watson, 2 1/2, made their home in Gilford, N.H.

Mitch Weber, R, of Powhatan, Va., received the Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit on May 30. He is a vice president at Signet Banking Corp.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I must admit that I am not writing and sending you news this quarter; I'll just have to tell you what is happening with the Kirby:

We have had a busy summer with trips to the beach and everywhere. Lee has been excited about Westhampton. Do you remember that time in our lives? What a thrill for us to have the Kirby:

I have two new lost alumni names: Shelley Smith Foster and Sharon Henderson. If you know where these classmates are, let me know.

Please write and let me know what is going on in your lives.
Helping others through Habitat

The first time Tim Holtz worked for Habitat for Humanity, he volunteered for a day pulling nails out of boards. Nine years and nearly 60 houses later, Holtz, ’91, is still working on Habitat homes. Nowadays, however, he isn’t pulling nails; he does everything but the actual construction.

The executive director of the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity since 1995, Holtz was recently recognized by the University for outstanding achievement in his career and in the community with the first Distinguished Young Graduate Award.

Holtz coordinates Habitat’s 150 to 200 active local volunteers whose responsibilities range from handling the legal, insurance, and accounting issues, to designing the houses and obtaining the land, families and money for the homes.

In addition, he coordinates 3,000 work-site volunteers and supervises a paid staff of three construction supervisors and an office manager.

The title “executive director” and the charge of so many volunteers may seem like a tall order for someone to fill just two years out of college. But Tim Holtz is “not your ordinary young person,” says B.B. Taylor, former president of the board of Richmond Habitat and a retired senior vice president of Crestar Bank.

Taylor recalls the search and Holtz’s appointment to the position of executive director at the local Habitat. While there were 80 candidates, most much older than Tim, age was not a concern, Taylor says.

“We knew that behind that pretty face was much depth and substance. He was a leader and most of the people on the board had seen that in Tim since his days as a student at the University of Richmond.”

Tim says he always knew that he would be a student at UR. His brother John, ’90, and sister, Vikki Holtz Oates, ’87, were happy at UR, and I just figured it would work out for me to go there, too. It was never really a question in my mind.”

What he didn’t always know, though, was how involved he would become in terms of community service. “I had no prior service experience in high school,” he remembers. “UR helped shape my community service interests and provided an outlet for them.”

His association with Habitat for Humanity began his first year at UR when, through his membership in the Baptist Student Union, he volunteered to help with a Richmond Habitat work site.

At the time there was no campus chapter for Habitat, and, at the end of his freshman year, was approached by associate chaplain David F. Dorsey to help organize a more permanent means of volunteer support for Habitat.

Habitat’s international office looked at the University of Richmond, which was providing volunteers and had already raised $17,000 from the bike race but had no chapter, Holtz recalls. “They told us to fill out the papers and become one.”

Holtz spent his summer doing the paperwork and by fall UR had an official campus chapter. But he says it was the students who ran the first bike race that deserve credit for making the chapter possible.

That attitude doesn’t surprise Dorsey. “Tim is not an ‘I’ person,” he says. “He’s a ‘we’ person. He is someone whom I’d like to see step up to the plate and take credit for the good that he’s done. And there’s a lot of good.”

As president of the chapter during his sophomore and junior years, Holtz spent every Saturday taking volunteer groups out to job sites. During his senior year, he became the director of the bike race, which has, to date, raised a total of more than $225,000 for Habitat.

Upon graduation, Holtz remembers, “I was without a job so I showed up at a Habitat board meeting and said, ‘Put me to work.’ The next meeting, they elected me to the board.”

He spent the next two years on the board volunteering 15 to 20 hours per week, even serving as the board’s president. He also attended night school at VCU — he earned a master’s degree in urban and regional planning this spring — and was employed full time in the local nonprofit community.

Then the position of executive director opened up at Habitat. “I thought being executive director would be a way for me to consolidate some of my work and volunteer hours. But, it didn’t work,” he says with a smile. “I am still putting in 60 hours a week. It’s just all at Habitat now.”

Helping others is a way of life for his wife, too. Amy Patteson Holtz, ’91, is the minister of youth and education at Shalom Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Va. The two met as students through the Baptist Student Union.

As for the future, Holtz doesn’t like to predict what he’ll be doing or where he will be. “Things have always fallen into place. Each experience opens up new doors. I just have a lot of faith and know that my goal is to bring people together to help others.”

By Mary Fehm Gravely, ’88
Deborah L. Moore, W, accepted a new job as assessment/evaluation specialist in the office of continuous quality improvement at the U. of Maryland, College Park. She relocated to Maryland after living in Indiana for 20 years.

Charles R. “Ray” Alexander Jr., B, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, was awarded the Department of Defense’s Meritorious Service Medal for his distinctive accomplishments while serving as a program analyst in the command’s directorate of resources. In June, he assumed command of the 436-person Naval Engineering Office of Continuous Quality at Fort Stewart, Ga. See Alumni Notables, p. 29.

Frank B. Atkinson, R, left his Cabinet position as counselor to Virginia Gov. George Allen to resume his law practice at McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe in Richmond.

W. Martin Davenport Jr., R, and his wife, Melanie, held a successful fund-raising event for Lt. Gov. Don Beyer in their home. In January 1996, he started a private psychotherapy practice, Acumen Counseling Center, in Richmond. He also conducts training sessions around the state in counseling and hypnosis techniques.

Carl A. Dehne, B, president of Breakthrough Management Inc., has been retained as chief financial officer of Albano Cleaners Inc., the largest chain of drycleaning services in South Hampton Roads, Va. He now serves as a permanent part-time senior executive for four different companies in Virginia.

Neil K. Maclean, W, works as an account executive at Miami Systems Corp. in Richmond. He and his wife Ann have four children: Neil, 8; Megan, 6; Ian, 4; and Mary Cailin, born June 23.

Jack W. Britts Jr., R, of Wilmington, Del., was promoted to marketing director, primary care products, of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. He is responsible for the overall management of cardiovascular, pulmonary and anti-inflammatory products and helps with the strategic planning of the business.

John C. Shea, L, is with the Richmond law firm of Marks & Harrison.

Laurie Hooper Fisher, W, of Ruxton, Md., enjoys being home with her two-year-old son, Davis. She was elected to the board of trustees of St. Paul’s School for Girls. She joined the following alumnae and their families this summer in Sandbridge, Va.: Betsy Lindsay Goode, B; Bernadette Doutney Harris, W; Sonya Harrow Morrison, W; Robin Kilgore Henderson, R; and Beth Forward Burgess, W.

Steve Miles, R, senior vice president at NationsBank, serves on the board of Meals on Wheels. He and his wife, Mava, live in New Kent, Va., with their two children.

Brett W. Oakland, R, of Orlando, Fla., presented his original research at the First World Congress on Brain Injury in Copenhagen, Denmark. Afterward, he and his wife, Jan, spent two weeks traveling through Europe. He is director of program outcomes at Florida Hospital Rehabilitation Center; a 49-bed inpatient facility with eight outpatient centers in central Florida. See Alumni Notables, p. 29.

Carrie Feron Anderer, W, is executive editor at Avon Books in Manhattan. Some of the authors she has worked with include Faye Kellerman and Johanna Lindsey.

Bill Fl ye, R, is president of PCR in Matthews, N.C. His wife, Kerry Hall Fl ye, W, is a self-employed caterer in Charlotte, N.C. They have a son, Austin, 3, and a daughter, Nicole Rion Goolsby, W, works as a construction loan specialist at SouthTrust Bank in Charlotte, N.C. She and her husband, Neil, and their two children, William and Ellyn, live in Cornelius, N.C.

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Michael P. Rugg, W, of Richmond, has joined a multi-specialty practice.

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Susan R. Spigg, GB, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Richmond, was one of the speakers at the third annual Conference for Women held May 1, 1996, at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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I always enjoy hearing from classmates!

Terry Brown, B, works as a senior internal auditor with the Virginia Department of Taxation. At the same time, she is having “fun” working on her master’s degree in history. In April, Terry attended the wedding of Amy Johnson, B, to Byron Butterworth, along with Kathy Hansen Sotz and Kristen Whitney. Amy lives in Raleigh, N.C., where she works in human resources.

I saw Kathy Ford Albers and her husband, Ed. Since earning her master’s degree, Kathy

...remained in Richmond.
works as an independent consultant in human resources training and development. The Alberses became “grandpar-
tents” to five puppies after breeding their Westie, Ivy. Kathy sees Nancy Bass Wright, B, often. Nancy is a busy mom to daughter Jackie, 1 1/2. She also has a career in real estate.

Kathy also visited Kathy Brown Kelley, B, in her new home in Ashby, N.J. She is a new mom to daughter Colleen, born in February 1996, and works as an associate sales analyst with Merck & Co.

I continue to love my career at home with Riley, 6 1/2, and Molly, almost 1. Bill enjoys fatherhood and insurance sales with Riedman Insurance here in Richmond. Write or call with news! (804) 674-4905.

Deborah Frisy James, B, and her husband, Randal, live in Leesburg, Va.

Steven J. Kaufman, B, relocated to Overland Park, Kan., to assume a position in the worldwide real estate group of General Motors Corp. He is responsible for all dealership real estate in a nine-state region of the Midwest.

Mary-Ellen A. Kendall, L, and GE85, was promoted to environmental technical services administrator at the Department of Environmental Quality in Richmond. She is manager of the underground and aboveground storage tanks financial responsibility programs, hazardous and solid waste financial assurance programs and the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund. She has been at DEQ in Richmond since 1990.

Carol R. Losee, G, owner of Workplace Dimensions Inc., a human resources firm in Richmond, was featured in a June 17, 1996, Richmond Times Dispatch article on the changing work force. She predicts that “more people will switch jobs and receive training more frequently than in the past.”

Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, B and ETH88, a partner with the Richmond law firm of Taylor, Hazen & Kaufman, was elected president of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Kendall Cavedo Maynard is vice president of marketing for Kohltech Inc. in Nicosia, Fla. Kohltech markets “My First Keyboard,” a child-friendly keyboard that she and husband, Victor, invented. An appearance on “Livel With Regis & Kathie Lee” and an Associated Press article about the company led to more exposure and an increase in sales. See Alumni Notables, p. 29.

Does anyone know where Jennifer Beebo is? Please contact me or the Alumni Office if you know of her whereabouts.

Pamela Alterescu, G, an assistant executive director of St. Joseph Villa, a non-profit human services agency in Richmond, was a speaker at the third annual Conference for Women held May 1, 1996, at the Jefferson Hotel.

Lauren Brofzai Carbaugh, W, works as an associate attorney at the law firm of Riley, Rein & Fielding in Washington, D.C. She and her husband Bill and their son, Frederick, live in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

Lauren Carson, W, was promoted from national account executive to global sales executive at Federal Express. She handles the Motorola accounts and lives in Plantation, Fla.

Sandra Wunsch Czerwinski, B, works as a controller at Golf Cars Inc. in Philadelphia, Pa. She and her husband, John, have a son, Steven John, born April 24, 1996.

Chris Jones, R, of Alpharetta, Ga., was promoted to strategic accounts sales manager for MCI Telecommunications Corp. in Atlanta. His wife, Kathy “Coke” Mckelvey Jones, W’87, is an education sales consultant for Oracle Corp. and was honored as a club excellence winner for Oracle in Hawaii.

Thomas Streep, R, is general manager of senior living services for Marriott in Edison, N.J. He and his wife Beth and their daughter, Bianca, 1 1/2, live in Monmouth Junction, N.J.

Paul T. Sweeney, B, works as vice president, equity research, at Solomon Brothers Inc. in New York City. He and his wife, Karen, live in Summit, N.J., with their twin son and daughter, Kieran and Julia.

Martha Sutton Wild, W, enjoys staying at home in Richmond with Carolyn, 4, and Matthew, 2.

Anne McCarthy Brosko, B, and her husband, Tawn Brown, work as a husband and wife team of engineers at their new house in Wilton Conn., where they live with their children, Kelly Anne, 2, and Shawn, born Feb. 3, 1996.

Dr. Michael Compton, R, and his wife, Melissa, celebrated their seventh anniversary in July assistant at Delphi Surgical Associates in New York City.

Lisa Dorey Darlington, B, is regional sales manager at Voice IX in Richmond, Va. She and her husband, Matthew, live in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Craig W. Fournier, W, works as director, interest rate derivatives, at Exco Securities in Jersey City, N.J. He and his wife, Janet, and their daughters, Delaney and Devon, live in Summit, N.J.

Kristi L. Hilschman, W, is an administrative and business assistant at Delphi Surgical Associates in New York City.

Maria Grady Murphy, W, met with fellow classmates Beth Brennan Laitin, Ginny Skeris Duris, and Julie Schreles Riley, for a “30-something” reunion at the Head Inn in Charlottesville, Va. They plan to make this an annual event.

Dolly Robertson Riddle, W, teaches students in grades K-5 with learning disabilities. She and her son, Forrest, 3, live in Greensville, S.C.

Karen Lewis Teece, W, was appointed a member of the newly created continuing legal education advisory board of Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa. She is an associate attorney in the law firm of Archer & Greiner.

Alison Ross Tompkins, W, is an account manager at COMSAT World Systems in Bethesda, Md. The company provided telecommunications service to NBC for the 1996 Summer Olympics. She and her husband, Tod, live in Silver Spring, Md., with their daughter, Olivia, born June 17, 1996.

William J. Benos, R, became a shareholder in the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbs. He focuses on international and domestic business transactions, mergers and acquisitions and immigration law.

Lynn Brazinski, W, graduated with honors from George Washington University School of Law in May 1995. She passed both the Florida and Maryland bar exams and worked as a trial attorney for the public defender’s office in Miami.

Todd S. Bright, B, works as manager, project development, of the Eastern Group Inc. in Alexandria, Va. In August, he moved to Norway, where he will live for two years advising Statoil, the national oil company, on gas business development.

Theodore J. Edlich IV, D, a shareholder in the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbs, focuses on insurance defense and coverage, products liability, personal injury and landlord-tenant litigation.

Diane A. Evans, R, is an acquisitions librarian at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

William Paul Furell, W, works as an examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and specializes in electronic data processing and reviews, and examination.

Sarah Smith Hopper, W, works as a senior programmer analyst at Conming Clinical Laboratories in Baltimore. She and her husband, Mike, and their two daughters live in Columbia, Md.

Chris Lindsay, R, works as vice president of Lindsay Cadillac/ Saturn in Alexandria, Va. He and his wife, Maura McCullough Lindsay, W, have three sons: Nicholas, Timothy and Seamus.

Carolyn May McDermott, W, graduated from University of Kansas School of Law in May 1996. She and her husband, Jim, were transferred to Montreal for three years with his job.

John Norce, B, works as an account executive for the George Washington University Health Plan in Bethesda, Md. He received a master’s degree in education from George Washington University with a concentration in coaching and athletic administration and

enjoyed his first year as an assistant baseball coach at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md.

Karim Schmedtje, W, works as an audit manager at Deloitte & Touche in Dallas.

J. Glenn Turner, R, and his wife, Julie Hamann Turner, B’89, moved to St. Louis to be closer to her family. He works for TULX Corp. as national marketing and product manager. She works as a securities analyst for GE Capital.

James W. Walker, L, is a director of the law firm Morris and Morris in Richmond. He has been with the firm since 1990.

George D. Zullo, R, of Reston, Va., works as the director of procurement for TELE TV, a venture partnership created by Bell Atlantic, NYNEX and Pacific Bell for the development of interactive television. He received the designation of certified purchasing manager in the spring of 1995.

Meredith Pepper Davis, B, her husband, Timothy, and their son, Jason, moved to Fremont, Neb., where he is youth pastor in an Alliance Church.

Meghan McGreevey Foster, W, lives in Chicago and works as a management examiner for the Signature Group.

Brian C. Lansing, R, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, served six months overseas aboard the USS George Washington, an aircraft carrier deployed to the Adriatic Sea and Persian Gulf.

Jim Miller, R, of Midlothian, Va., was promoted to commercial lines underwriter of Royal Insurance in Richmond.

D. David Parr Jr., R, of Richmond, graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law this fall.

Kimberly Parish Pl USC, W, works part time as a corporate recruiter in the human resources department of PNC Bank. She earned a master’s degree in human resources management from the University of Richmond in May 1995. She and her husband, Allen, and their son live in Elkton, Md.

Lee Hendricks Turpin, W, works as an assistant public defender in Danville, Va.

Michelle Lavin Wolfram, W, of New York City, is an assistant district attorney in the narcotics division.
Shannon Beer, W., works as a senior graphic designer for Fosbury Design in Boston. She and her husband, David Belanger, live in Brookline, Mass. David G. Boynton Jr., R., is a sales representative for Mac Papers Inc. in Canton, Ga. He and his wife, Dana Pappas Boynton, W88, have a son, Philip, born May 11, 1996.

Kate Aylward Cox, W., started a two-year MBA program in August at Southern Methodist U. Cox School of Business. She reports that Bob Sweeney, W., is in his second year of the program.

Dr. Damon DeArment, R., completed his orthodontics residency in June at the U. of Louisville, Ky., and also completed a master’s degree in oral biology. He practices orthodontics at Goodhue and DeArment in Winchester, Va.

Laura Lockard Hedeman, W., is an editorial director for Hanifin Associates Inc. in Laurel, Md. The communications firm deals with community outreach and education about environmental issues. She and her husband, Eric, live in Fell’s Point in Baltimore, where they are renovating and restoring a 106-year-old rowhouse.

Kimberly Loeber Lawrence, W., works as a programmer at Circuit City CarMax in Richmond.

Mary Jacobs Magerkurth, W., works as an environmental protection specialist in the U.S. Army. In October, she went to Turkey, where her husband, Craig, is on a two-year tour at Incirlik Air Base on the Mediterranean Sea. They planned to travel while she was in Europe.

Angela Booth Moskow, B., works as a district manager for Hoechst Marlon Roussel in Floral Park, N.Y.

Rob Moskow, B., graduated from St. John’s U. School of Law in June and works as an assistant district attorney in Nassau County, N.Y. He and Angela Booth Moskow, B., who live in Floral Park, N.Y., celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Karen Moore Perry, L., of Glen Allen, Va., practiced law for five years before becoming a full-time mom to Lauren Elvse, born Jan. 29, 1996.

Donna E. Rossetti, W., works as associate brand manager in marketing at Tampbrands Inc., maker of Tampax. She lives in Old Greenwich, Conn.

Elizabet Saxton, M., a graduate student of forestry and environmental studies at Yale, took a six-month post with the World Conservation Union in Gland, Switzerland.

Jefferson M. Sherman, W., works for NPR and lives in Bethesda, Md.

Rachel Toub, W., transferred to Northwestern U. School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill., as a third-year student. She spent 2 1/2 months in Quito, Ecuador, to learn Spanish.

Damon J. Andres, W., works as a quantitative analyst at Delaware Investment Advisors in Philadelphia. She was promoted to assistant vice president and appointed an officer of the company in December 1995.

B. George Ballman Jr., R., graduated from Georgetown U. Law Center in 1995. He served as a clerk to a Circuit Court judge for Montgomery County, Md., and was appointed an assistant state’s attorney. He is now with the law offices of Conroy, Ballman & Dameron in Gaithersburg, Md. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Rockville, Md.

Ed Condon, R., earned his master’s degree in educational administration from the College of William and Mary and is assistant principal at Hickory High School in Chesapeake, Va., where he lives with his wife, Virginia.

Janine Connell, W., earned a law degree from Temple U. and plans to clerk for a federal judge in Philadelphia after taking the bar exam.

Amy Eisenhaur, W., works as assistant director of admissions at Georgetown U. in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Brian Thompson, W., live in the Baltimore area.

Sara Fitzsimmons, W., was promoted to manager of clinical research and life sciences at KPMG Peat Marwick in Richmond.

Brandon McDevitt Hinton, W., works as transportation coordinator for CarMax in North Carolina. He and her husband, Larry, live in Atlanta.

Lauren Ponterio Karp, W., of Rye, N.Y., completed her third year of teaching first grade at Bellows Elementary School in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Her husband, Andrew, completed his MBA at Columbia U. and works for CS First Boston in New York City.

Charles Lyckett, R., graduated from VCU with a master’s degree in social work and was inducted into the Phi Lambda Pi Honor Society. He is employed as a social worker.

Brian J. McCormick Jr., R., was appointed managing editor of the Rutgers Law Journal and is director of the student security program at the campus in Camden, N.J. During May, he worked for a law firm in Blue Bell, Pa.

Theresa McDougal Murray, W., works as a team leader of a therapeutic nursery program and also works as a therapist in an after-school program affiliated with the Community Mental Health Center in Harford County, Md. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Abingdon, Md.

Robert Pinkerton, R., graduated from the U. of Baltimore Law School in May 1994 and serves as a legislative aide to Sen. Strom Thurmond in Washington, D.C.

Edward ‘Ted’ Ruf, R., of Rockville, Md., received his MBA from the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance at the U. of Pennsylvania and was a legislative aide to Sen. Strom Thurmond in Washington, D.C.

Whitney Kane, W., left her position with the U.S. Department of State and moved to Philadelphia to attend the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance at the U. of Pennsylvania. She had been working on bilateral relations with Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

Amy Leete, W., graduated with honors from the U. of Maryland’s law school in May 1995. She works for the Washington, D.C., firm of McCarthy, Wilson and Ehrhage in Rockville, Md.

Virginia C. Marsh, W., works as a cost accountant at the Clark Construction Group in Bethesda, Md. She and her husband, R. Wayne Ramos Jr., R., live in Germantown, Md.

Kevin McCabe, W., works as a law clerk for the firm of Howrey & Simon in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Jennifer Weiskopf McCabe, W94, bought a home in Sterling, Va.

J. David Adams, C, works as a consultant at Marcus & Allen in Richmond.

Kristen Smith Barker, B., her husband, Matthew, started the MBA program at Texas A&M in August.

Steve Bernhard, B., has been playing baseball with the New Haven Ravens, the Colorado Rockies’ AA team in New Haven, Conn.

Jennifer Pulley Bibbo, B., teaches fourth grade at Glenwood Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dennis Chan, R, is an estimator with Shorewood Packaging Corp. in Newport News, Va. He is married to Pami Melinger Chan, W93, who is on staff at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Christopher Newport U. Dennis volunteers with VCF.

Kathleen Dabich, W., teaches fourth grade in Fair Bend Schools and lives with her husband, Beau Engmann, B., in Houston, Texas. She started Engmann Software with his father and is director of marketing.

Melissa L. Ganley, W., works as a software-project coordinator for Special Olympics International in Arlington, Va. She spent July working for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games as the athlete services coordinator for synchronized swimming.

Rita Lynn Gilman, W., spent four years as a Medical Service Corps officer with the U.S. Army. She left the service and joined SmithKline Beecham as a pharmaceutical sales representative in Richmond.

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Christine Geary Medvetz, W, started a new job in September as a teacher consultant/resource room teacher in the South Lake School District, Michigan. She works with learning disabled, emotionally impaired and physically or otherwise handicapped children. She and her husband, Marc, live in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Cindy Nelson, W, passed the bar exam and worked for Del. Bob Buxton from Virginia’s Eastern Shore during the 1996 General Assembly. She later accepted a position with Signet Bank in physical resource management. She is responsible for all electronic security systems.

Randy Peterson, R, of Alexandria, Va., was promoted to senior employee benefits consultant with Standard Insurance Co. in Washington, D.C. He was elected chairman of the 1996 Hoops for Hope Basketball Tournament for the ABC House in Simsbury, Conn., which provides educational opportunities and scholarships for inner-city youth.

Jessica Sachs, W, lives in Washington, D.C., after spending two years in Japan. She works for a former senator who runs an international consulting firm that represents American multinational companies competing for contracts in emerging markets such as China, South America and the Middle East.

James H. Stevens, R, worked in Switzerland as a supervisor/coach at a secondary boarding school. He traveled in Europe and returned to Glenview, Ill., in October.

Jack Strother, R, graduated from the U. of Georgia School of Law in 1995 and practices with the Savannah, Ga., law firm of Duffey, Feenstra & Lewis.

Alison R. Wright, L, is a litigation associate with the Richmond law firm of Hanton & Williams.

Baron Blakely, AR, graduated from the U. of Maryland at College Park in May with a master’s degree in criminology. He is a research assistant at the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission in Richmond.

Jeff Campbell, AR, works as a portfolio manager for the
Keeping in touch with classmates

Before she even finished her senior year of college, Alissa Mancuso, AW ’94, was already thinking about the University's Young Graduate program. As a journalism major and Collegian staff writer, Mancuso was required to come up with story ideas every week. She had heard about the Young Grads and proposed an article about the organization. As soon as she started her research, she knew she wanted to become an active member of Young Grads.

“I talked to [Young Grad program coordinator] Alice Lynch and some current members and it sounded like they were all having so much fun,” she says. “After we graduated, I was the first person from my class to express interest. I was so involved in college, I knew that after graduation, I wouldn't only work.”

True to her word, Mancuso, the director of public relations for Richmond’s Children’s Hospital, is now serving as co-chairman for membership of the Young Grads steering committee. Last year, she was chairman of the group’s service committee, organizing a day for Young Grads to work on the University’s Habitat for Humanity house.

In addition, Mancuso is an active member of Delta Gamma’s Richmond Alumnae Association. She was president of the organization from 1994 to 1996.

“I’ve always been ‘Miss Alumni,’” she says, smiling. “I do the class notes both for my high school and for UR. I just really like keeping in touch with people.”

The Young Graduate program has served Mancuso well in that regard. “It’s a neat way to keep recent graduates involved in the school,” she says. “In those five to 10 years after you graduate, it’s very easy to drift off. What’s nice about the Young Grads is that it’s an organization for the University of Richmond, not just for Richmond College, Westhampton or the business school. We’re all in the same boat — we’ve just graduated, we’re just starting jobs and have common interests. Now I’m friends with people who were seniors when I was a freshman — that never would have happened when we were in school.”

Like approximately one-third of University of Richmond graduates, Mancuso settled in Richmond upon graduation. She obtained a job as volunteer coordinator at Children’s Hospital, where she recruited and trained more than 80 in-house volunteers for the private, nonprofit hospital. She also put her journalism skills to work by starting a volunteer newsletter.

Mancuso, a native of Pittsburgh, based her decision to attend the University of Richmond partially on the strength and reputation of its business school and partially on the beauty of the campus and Richmond’s mild weather. She became a journalism major almost by default.

“I originally went for the business school, but then I took economics and accounting,” she says. “It was so hard for me — I just didn’t get it. My dad suggested I take a journalism class to see if I liked it.”

Journalism came more naturally to Mancuso, who had served as editor of her high school yearbook and was editor of The Web her sophomore year. Journalism was also a major that fit well with somebody who describes herself as “behind-the-scenes.”

“I was vice-president of my sorority instead of president because I was the one who wanted to plan all the events,” Mancuso says.

Her current job keeps her behind the scenes as a spokeswoman for the hospital while also offering a chance for her writing to shine in the spotlight of the quarterly Children’s Hospital Magazine, which she edits and principally writes. “My parents still get so excited when they see my name in print,” she says. “To me, it’s just a part of work. But to them it’s a really big deal.”

Although Mancuso’s family still lives in Pittsburgh, she does have one family member close by — sister Erin Mancuso, a senior biology major at UR. “In high school, she was always living in my shadow, she was always my little sister,” the elder Mancuso says. “She decided to go to a different high school to get away from it, so I was surprised when she chose Richmond. Now, when I meet people they ask me if I’m Erin’s sister. Instead of the other way around.”

Perhaps the younger Mancuso was attracted to Richmond by her sister’s many positive experiences. “The University of Richmond was really good to me,” Mancuso says. “I really liked it there. I wish the Young Grads program went on longer than five years. Five years goes pretty fast. It’s already been two and a half and I’m half-done.”
legislative and field directors of the Sierra Club in Washington, D.C.

Michael McHugh, BR, earned a master’s degree from Emory U. in 1993 and works for G.E. Capital in Atlanta. His wife is Katherine Ellis, BR.

Anton Nicholas, AR, is a graduate student at Brown U. and works in New York City.

Sheila Kappazzo, AW, is the event manager at Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort in Alta, Utah.

Ronald Rogowski II, AR, is a teacher at Hamamatsu, Japan.

John Baldwin Smith IV, AR, works on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ at the U. of Kentucky. He and his wife, Laura, live in Lexington, Ky.

Megan Taylor, AW, received her master’s degree in Southern history from the U. of Tennessee in 1993 and is a Ph.D. candidate in 20th-century history and comparative women’s history at the U. of Arizona. She won the undergraduate teaching fellowship award at her school and presented a paper at the national Appalachian Studies Conference in Georgia.

Sean Theriault, AR, earned a master’s degree in public policy analysis from the U. of Rochester in May and has started on his Ph.D. in political science at Stanford U.

Dave Turkaly, BR, works at Smith Barney in Hoboken, N.J. He starts an MBA program at Columbia U. in January.

Todd Wassermann, BR, of Richmond Bank has joined the property management.

He is an MBA student at VCU.

Anne Whiting, AW, is a student at VCU in the master’s of exercise science degree program. She works as assistant fitness manager at the Country Club of Virginia.

Anne Marie Grimes Whittemore, H, a partner in the law firm of McGuire Woods Battle & Bothe, was a speaker at the third annual Conference: For Women held May 1, 1996, at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond.

Hillary Ballman, AW, attends the U. of Maryland at College Park as a MBA student in marketing.

E. Sean Devlin Jr., AR, of Valley City, Calif., was promoted to studio operations assistant at Walt Disney Studios. He is in charge of all on- and off-loft office space and reports to the vice president. He is pursuing a screenwriting career, has completed six screenplays and has entered several script competitions.

Matthew F. Henry, JR, moved from Salt Lake City to Seattle, where he is pursuing a master’s degree in not-for-profit leadership at Seattle U. E. Beth Holt, AW, is a second-year graduate student at the U. of Georgia in the master of social work degree program.

James M. Joseph, AR, is a student at Ohio State U. Medical School. He lives in West Winton, Ohio.

James T. Monroe, AR, is a computer trainer at General Analytics Corp. in McLean, Va., and lives in Falls Church, Va.

Michele Nahra, AW, of Richmond, completed a master’s of science degree in rehabilitation counseling at MCV.

Stephanie E. Nolan, AW, completed her second year at the Dickinson School of Law, where she is a “Comments” editor for the Dickinson Law Review.

She works during the summer as a law clerk for a Philadelphia law firm.

Edward P. Noonan, AR, is a student at the T.C. Williams School of Law.

Bill Phelps, AR, is the 11 p.m. news producer at WWBT-TV in Richmond.

Melanie Anne Farman Plenter, AW, moved to Canada with her husband, Donath, and completed her master’s degree in German literature at the U. of Toronto in 1995. She teaches three undergraduate courses in German while she works on her Ph.D.

Michael S. Reed, AR, is a third-year law student at the U. of Tulsa. He plans a career in international law and is active in student government.

The Rev. S. Paul Rowles, AR, graduated in May from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is pastor of Bowling Green Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Va.

Cheryl Schott, AW, is a first-year graduate student at the U. of Michigan School of Public Health, where she is earning her master’s degree in health behavior and health education. She lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Christopher A. Scott, BR, was promoted to branch manager/banking officer of First Virginia Banks Inc. He lives in Annandale, Va.

Julianne Taylor, AW, is a contract negotiator at the Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, Va. She is an MBA student in international business at George Washington U. and spent last summer in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Belize for an internship on Central American markets and business opportunities for U.S. firms.

Paula A. Thompson, AW, received a master’s degree from the Elliot School of International Affairs of George Washington University in May. In July, she and Kenny A. Wood, AR’95, were married. They are residing in Tarragona, Spain.

Scott Turner, AR, of Philadelphia, received his master’s degree in philosophy from Villanova U. in May.

Brian S. Wombic, AR, is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed in Palms, Calif.

Christopher W. Wright, AR, is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army serving in the 101st Military Intelligence Battalion in Germany.

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Melissa Lesher is the Internet reporter for Thomson Financial Services in New York. She covers the Federal Reserve and reads about 70 newspapers a day via the Internet, then rewrites those stories that could affect the bond market.

Sonia Banerji, AW, is a second-year law student at Harvard U.

Jenny Beers, AW, works in marketing for SEAGULL, a software company based in Chapel Hill, N.C. She lives in Raleigh with N. Ong, AW, Mark Budzinski, BR, of Severna Park, Md., plays ball for the Columbus Redsticks, a team affiliated with the Cleveland Indians. He was drafted in the 21st round in June 1995.

Ryan Cooper, AR, attends the Ball State University Police Academy and plans to graduate this December as a police officer. He lives in Pasadena, Md.

Gina Davis, AW, works at Bachow & Associates in Philadelphia. She plans to begin graduate studies in philosophy at the U. of Memphis in the fall of 1997.

Matthew J. DeSarno, AR, is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, in the First Cavalry Division. Other AR alumni stationed there include Nik Andresky, AR; Ken Dorio, BR; Will Johnson, AR’93; Eric Aherton, AR’94; and Betsy Carmola Aherton, AR’94.

Gregory Eden, AR, spent last year teaching English and American culture in southeastern Hungary.

Lisa Ford, AR, is working toward a Ph.D. in economics at the U. of Georgia in Athens. Arian Griffith, AR, is a student at the Boulder School of Massage Therapy in Longmont, Colo.

Joshua D. Hockensmith, AW, works at B. Dalton Bookstore in Richmond. He is a graduate student at VCU in creative writing.

Bob Murphy, BR, works as an analyst in the corporate operations department at Circuit City in Richmond. In his spare time he enjoys theater work in acting, designing lights and producing.

Chris O’Neil, JR, is a development coordinator for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Eastern North Carolina Chapter. He organizes two fundraising bike tours a year.

Stacy Ostapko, AR, is a student at State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse Medical School.

Jennifer Diane Oster, AR, is a second-year law student at the U. of Bristol in Bristol, England.

Frederick W. Parch, BR, works as an account executive for the Capital City Bombers in Columbia, S.C. The Bombers are a Class A affiliate with the New York Mets. He is in charge of all print media and serves as assistant director of group sales.

Edardo Provencio, AR, is club director for Hershey Racket Club in Hershey, Pa.

LeeAnne O. Pulley, AW, of Midlothian, Va., works as a paralegal at Hunton & Williams in Richmond. She spent three weeks in Europe last summer.

Lisa Woodward, AW, of Warren, Conn., works as a congressional caseworker for Congressman Benjamin Gilman. She lives in Falls Church, Va., and has been a top saleswoman at the Gymboree. She is a member of the National Association of Women in Business.

Deana Romeo, AW, works as a marketing representative in the Medicare department at U.S. Healthcare in Blue Bell, Pa.

Maria Beth Seccia, AW, works as a stylist in Richmond.

Cherie Sheridan, JW, is a graduate student of higher education and student affairs at the U. of Vermont. She also works in both student activities and residential life doing all-campus programming, as well as serving as special events coordinator for the offices of orientation and parent relations.

Jennifer St. Onge, AW, works as an account executive for Gibbs & Soell, a public relations agency in Raleigh, N.C.

Julie Norris Stolte, AW, works in human resources at PainWebber. She and her husband, Robert, live in Jersey City, N.J.

Tracy Townsend, AW, lives in Boston and works for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Eric B. Tyler, JR, is assistant for athletic promotions at VCU.

Bessie E. Whittlock, AW, works as a river guide on the Colorado River and lives in Page, Ariz. She enjoys seven-day trips down the entire river.

Joe Wilson, BR, works as a buyer for CarMax in Raleigh, N.C.

J. Mark Soutier, AR, is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at Tulane U. in New Orleans.

Lisa Woodward, AW, lives in Washington, D.C., and works as the food service administrator for the Inter-American Development Bank. She oversees operation of the food services, including executive dining, staff dining and a full-service restaurant.

MARRIAGES

1981/Elizabeth Powell, W, and Ben Yerxa, May 4, 1996. Performing the ceremony was Dr. Phil Hart, R’45, professor emeritus of religion. Father of the bride is Dr. Allan Powell, professor of chemistry, emeritus. The couple lives in Raleigh, N.C.


1984/Amy Johnson, B, and Byron Butterworth, April 1996. Kathryn Hanson Sot, W’84, was maid of honor. The couple lives in Raleigh, N.C.


live in Tarrytown, N.Y.
1989/Suzie Schoch, W., and Scott Reihl, June 15, 1996, in Philadelphia. Included in the wedding party were Meghan McGreavy Foster, Dana Meese and Michele Lavin Wolfram, all W, 89. The couple lives in Streamwood, Ill.
1990/Kimberly Loeber, B., and James Lawrence, June 18, 1994. Maid of honor was Tara Fisher, W, 90. The couple lives in Richmond.
1990/Amu Street, W., and Steve Clifton, July 6, 1996, in Hamilton, Bermuda. Thus lives in Atlanta.
1991/Amy Eisenhaur, W., and Brian Thompson, R., Aug. 12, 1995, in Salem, Mass. Included in the wedding party were Jenny McNally-Champlin, Sophie L'Heritier and Lindsay Taylor, all W, 91; Scott Jackson, B, 91; and Doug Smith and Barry Sheahan, both B, 92. The couple lives in Baltimore.
1992/Christine Geary, W., and Marc Medetz, May 25, 1996. Included in the wedding party were Lauren Posterio Karp, W91; Christine Foley Geovanello, W, 92; and Mari Bortol, B, 92. They live in Grosse Pointe, Mich.
1992/Kerry Hughes, W., and Anthony Rogers Wittmene, Oct. 26, 1996. Included in the wedding party were Beth McDonald Blythe, Meredith Long and Kim Mullens, all W, 92; and Josie Bortz, B, 92. The couple lives in New York City.
1992/Virginia C. Marsh, W., and R. Wayne Ramos Jr., R., May 18, 1996, in Duck, N.C. Included in the wedding party were best man Jon Speakman, R, 92; Mark McCaIster, R, 92; and Amy Sonne, W, 92. The couple lives in Germantown, Md.
1993/Karen Renee Fallin, W., and Christopher Bryant Wilson, B, 92, June 15, 1996, in North Court Recital Hall. The bride is the daughter of Ralph Fallin, R, 64. The groom is the son of Louis Oliver Wilson, W, 64.
1993/Kim Scullard, AW, and Scott King, July 13, 1996. Included in the wedding party were maid of honor Amy Claffie and Jill Peterson, Jodie Mullens Stanley and Jenny Marais, all AW, 93; Christy Lee, W, 92; and Laura Adkins, BW, 93.
1994/Heather Krajewski, AW, and Robert G. Moore III, AR, Nov. 4, 1995, in Handsers, N.J. Included in the wedding party were Laura Krajewski, Jennifer Wilkins and Mary Lou Odom, all AW, 94; Emily Moore, AW, 99; Rob Localzolo and Stephen Stark, both AR, 94; and Mike Chin, B, 94. The Rev. James E. Bancom Jr., R, 97, officiated. The couple lives in Lynchburg, Va.

BIRTHS

1981/Steve Miles, R, and his wife, Masa, a daughter, Madison Slater, April 19, 1996.
1982/Carrie Feron Anderer, W, and her husband, Charles, a daughter, Charlotte Marie, Jan. 25, 1996.
1982/Pamela Adare Malvin-Burleigh, W, and her husband, Bryan, a son, Nicholas Todd, Feb. 23, 1996. He joins brothers Braden, 3 1/2, and Jonathan, 1 1/2.
1982/Joe Lawrence, B, and his wife, Denise, a daughter, Paige Elizabeth, July 12, 1995. She joins sisters Lyndsey, 8, and Katherine, 6.
1982/Beth Gilmore Nelsen, W, and her husband, Len, a daughter, Kathleen, June 12, 1995. She joins brothers Graham, 5, and Meade, 3.


1983/Plate Allen, L, and her husband, Frederick A. Gibson, a son, Charles Jared, Jan. 16, 1996. He joins a brother, Matthew Allen, 2.


1984/Sally McFadden Crouch, W, and her husband, Dean Crouch, B'83, a son, Philip, April 15, 1996. He joins sisters Beth, 3, and Allison, 5, and a brother, Bradley, 7.

1984/Debbie Jonovich Gibnera, B, and her husband, Nick, a son, Daniel Paul, June 18, 1996.

1986/Sandra Ractz Hughes, W, and her husband, Eric Hughes, B'83, a son, Garrett Robert, July 5, 1996. He joins sisters Lydia Elizabeth, 5/12, and Caroline Brucere, 4.

1986/Lori Talbot O'Toole, W, and her husband, Thomas, a daughter, Abigail Talbot, June 11, 1996. She joins sisters Amanda, 5/12, and Ann, 4.

1985/Susan Hillman Hurley, W, and her husband, Ron, a son, Mark Davis, Aug. 6, 1996. He joins a brother, John, 2/12.

1985/Steven J. Kaufman, B, and his wife, Susan, a daughter, Jenna Whitney, April 8, 1995.


1986/Gretchen Wente Alexander, W, and her husband, Jack, a son, James Van, April 1, 1996. He joins a brother, Charlie, 4, and a sister, June, 2.

1986/Lauren Brofazi Carbaugh, W, and her husband, Bill, a son, William Frederick Jr., April 22, 1996.

1986/Karen DePalma Cerusolo, B, and her husband, Tony, a daughter, Courtney Elisabeth, May 17, 1996. She joins a brother, Nicholas, 2.

1986/Nandra Wunsch Czerwinska, W, and her husband, John, a son, Steven John, April 24, 1996.

1986/Andrea Halligan Epstein, B, and her husband, Mike Epstein, B, a daughter, Brooke Halligan, April 18, 1996.

1986/Paul T. Sweeney, B, and his wife, Karen, twins, a boy, Kieran, and a girl, Julia, Feb. 21, 1996.


1987/Alison Ross Tombkins, B, and her husband, Tod, a daughter, Olivia Scarlett, June 17, 1996.

1987/Dana Pappas Boynton, W, and her husband, David Boynton Jr., B'80, a son, Philip David, May 11, 1996.

1987/Kevin S. Flanagan, R, and his wife, Kelly, a daughter, Meghan Colleen, April 30, 1996. She joins a brother, Shane Andrew, 2.

1988/Karen Dunham Hastings, W, and her husband, Merrill, a daughter, Emily Taylor, April 21, 1996. Her grandmother-grandfather is Dr. R. Sheldon Dunham Jr., retired professor of German.

1988/Sarah Smith Hoppers, W, and her husband, Mike, a daughter, Renee Allison, April 18, 1996. She joins a sister, Leanne Marie, 2.

1988/Maura McCullough Lindsay, W, and her husband, Chris Lindsay, R, a son, Seamus Andrew, May 28, 1996. He joins brothers Nicholas and Timothy.

1988/Ellen Hopp Moran, W, and her husband, Matt, a daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1995. She joins brothers Rob, 6; Connor, 4; and Brian, 2.

1989/Valeire Soars Hancock, B, and her husband, Tim, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, April 23, 1996.

1989/Kimberly Parish Plusch, W, and her husband, Allen, a son, Kyle John, March 5, 1996.

1989/Suzanne Gelbert Super, B, and GB'95, and her husband, Jim, a son, Andrew Kyle, Jan. 23, 1996.

1990/Karen Moore Perry, J, and her husband, Michael, a daughter, Lauren Elyse, Jan. 29, 1996.

1990/Mica Post, W, and her husband, Keith Oberkfell, a daughter, Michael Patricia Post Oberkfell, May 2, 1996.


DEATHS


1925/Elizabeth Butler Arrasmith, W, of Richmond, July 31, 1994. She taught in the Norfolk Public Schools before working as a librarian in the Richmond Public Schools for eight years.


1935/John E. Snead, R, of Baltimore, Oct. 15, 1995. He was chief of radiology at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va., and at the Leesburg National Children's Rehabilitation Center in pediatric neurology before his retirement. During her career she co-founded the 41 hospitals, from Brooklyn to the Bronx, a graduate of Cornell University. She volunteered as a preschool teacher, founded the local chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and was a resident of the VA Hospital, a charter member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Academy of Child Neurology.

1940/Mary Gregory Crump Hitch, W, of Chester, Va., April 15, 1996. She taught in Chesterfield County Schools for more than 30 years. Thomas Dale High School, where she was the head of the English department for many years, established the Mary Anne Crump Award to recognize an outstanding female and male senior student in English. She was active in community and church affairs, including the Chester Baptist Church, where she had been a member since 1928.

1941/Dr. Herbert Winston Frostick, R, of McBee, S.C., Nov. 20, 1995. He was a former medical director of Sandhill Medical Foundation.


1943/E. Gray Paul Jr., R, of Richmond, May 9, 1992.

1945/Lydia Crabtree Love, W, of Wallingford, Pa., April 1, 1996. She worked for the U.S. State Department from 1946 to 1959 in Frankfurt, Germany, and for the U.S. Information Agency in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. From 1974 to 1992 she was a church secretary at Maple Presbyterian Church in Broomall, Pa., where she also was a deacon.

1945/Alowie Rawlings Johnson, W, of Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 25, 1996. She was a former social worker for the City of Richmond.


1947/Dr. Elizabeth "Bettie" Decker Kimball, W, of Lovettsville, Va., March 14, 1996. She practiced neurology at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Martinsburg, W.Va., and at the Leesburg National Children's Rehabilitation Center in pediatric neurology before her retirement. During her career she was affiliated with 41 hospitals, from Brooklyn to the Bronx, a graduate of Cornell University. She volunteered as a preschool teacher, founded the local chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and was a resident of the VA Hospital, a charter member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the American Academy of Child Neurology.


1964/Irving L. Brittle, G, of Richmond, March 22, 1994. He was an executive vice president of Wheat First, Co. and former treasurer of Wheat Foundation.

At the center of one of our inaugural exhibitions in the main gallery space of the Marsh Art Gallery was an absolutely delightful work by the contemporary American artist Jonathan Borofsky that shows a triumphant figure with outstretched arms standing astride a globe of the world, the cosmos swirling around him, and this aphorism emblazoned across the print in large, bright yellow letters: ART IS FOR THE SPIRIT.

In this greeting-card-like truism lies the fundamental reason for the creation of our new George M. Modlin Center for the Arts at the University of Richmond, for the present and future programming of both the performing arts in the center and the visual arts in the Marsh Art Gallery, and for the teaching and learning of the arts that takes place in our new studios and arts classrooms.

During the weeks of the exhibition of prints from the National Gallery of Art, I often started tours of the galleries at this particular work of art by Borofsky because it states in an unequivocal manner not only the mission of our university art museum but hopefully the unspoken mission of our visitors.

Art is made for the spirit of the artist, of others, and of society; art is presented by our gallery for the spirit of our students, our faculty, our community, our visitors; and art is experienced by our visitors to nurture the spirit, on a personal as well as communal level. Our new galleries are an optimal place to bring our students and community into close interaction with the visual arts and all the possibilities for the human spirit with which they present us.

While a recent guest lecturer on our campus, the renowned playwright Edward Albee spoke eloquently about the importance of all the arts to our cultural and intellectual lives and to the very well-being of our society. Emphasizing the significance of art that goes beyond mere entertainment and decoration, he stated that "art is a useful, social act" and should be regarded as such.

Where better should this regard occur than on a university campus, and our campus specifically? With our new galleries that comprise the Marsh Art Gallery in our new home in the Modlin Center for the Arts, we are in a position to make that "useful, social act" an integral part of our students' education while here at the University and ultimately an essential part of our students' futures. And, while doing this, we can make a qualitative difference in our university community. If we agree with Albee's contention that art is central to the human experience, then our active participation in the viewing of art is also a useful, social act.

Art is about possibility. With its limited resources in the past, the Marsh Art Gallery pursued the presentation of many of those possibilities. With its spectacular new galleries, our university art museum is poised to bring many more of these possibilities to our students and our campus, and to present this art at a level equal to the excellence of our university.

Edward Albee also stated in his lecture that the very culture of the academic community should encourage the creating and viewing of "tough art," not art that is easily understood and blithely appreciated, but rather art that truly grubs our souls in new and unexpected ways and in so doing enriches our contemporary society.

Academic inquiry demands we challenge the accepted, investigate the traditional, and embrace the unfamiliar, and it further requires that we strive to give our students the mental tools they will need to make their own hard inquiries in order to lead intellectually and aesthetically fulfilled lives. Art with its endless variety and beauty has this power.

We are in an exciting time at the University of Richmond, where the new Modlin Center for the Arts implies a commitment to the arts for our students, an opportunity to have aesthetic experience be an integral part of our academic fabric, and a chance to encounter art in all its remarkable and provocative possibilities. Just as a museum is not the form but rather a locus wherein the arts should encourage the creating and viewing of "tough art," not art that is easily understood and blithely appreciated, but rather art that truly grubs our souls in new and unexpected ways and in so doing enriches our contemporary society.

Recently on the Internet, I came upon this marvelous quotation, put into cyberspace by someone in the United Kingdom, from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "A mind stretched by new ideas never returns to the same shape." Isn't this a wonderful image? That is exactly why the arts are such a vital part of the university experience; a mind stretched by the arts never returns to the same shape. My colleagues in the arts and I are here at the University for this reason. Our new center for the arts is here for this reason. Our new gallery is here for this reason.

And Jonathan Borofsky is right: art is for the spirit.
Alumni Center campaign kicks off

Even a torrential downpour and high winds could not dampen spirits on the Friday night of Homecoming Weekend as the campaign kicked off for the University of Richmond Alumni Center.

The party was held indoors rather than under a tent across from the alumni center construction, but alumni leaders were still able to tour the historic Bottomley House in its new location.

"It's exciting to know that this beautiful home will become a permanent part of the University of Richmond," said Bob Staples, C'72. "We are fortunate to have a place on campus that all alumni can call home."

Dennis Pryor, B'66, led the evening's program, which included a video appearance by campaign chair Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87. From behind the camera, Jepson encouraged guests to make this campaign "a fast one, so we can complete construction quickly."

The video featured a tour of the Bottomley House, comments by local historian Ed Stipek, and appearances by the alumni association presidents.

Following comments by each of the Alumni Era Chairs, there was a surprise announcement: the four undergraduate alumni associations had pooled their funds for a total gift of $35,000 in order to name the alumni director's office in honor of Jane Stockman, W'58, executive director of alumni affairs.

"For once, I'm speechless!" exclaimed Stockman, who was completely taken by surprise.

Finally, guests learned of a gift that had been made just that day: $100,000 from University trustee Dr. Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum, W'54, and her husband, Robert S. Rosenbaum, R'52.

The Alumni Center Campaign will conclude upon the dedication of the facility Oct. 3, 1997, next year's Homecoming Weekend.

Alumni Center steering committee

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Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87
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Richard S. Johnson, B'73
Robert R. Staples, C'72
Sally Wood, W'69, G'70, L'80
Scenes from the inaugural gala at the George M. Modlin Center for the Arts

Mr. Robert S. Jepson Jr., B'64, GB'75 and H'87, and his wife, Alice Andrews Jepson, arrive for the festive evening and are welcomed by medieval-costumed greeters.

Dr. Richard Morrill presents Mrs. Cora Robbins, H'73, with a commemorative silver box to thank her for the gift in support of the Modlin Center from her husband, E. Claiborne Robbins, and herself. Looking on are Dr. George M. Modlin, R'42 and H'71 and Clinton Webb, R'29, H'82 and a trustee emeritus.

Together on dedication day are the Bookers and the Modlins, whose names the arts center carries. Standing are Nancy Bridgen Booker and Lewis T. Booker, Esq., R'50, H'77 and a trustee; seated are George M. and Virginia Birkley-Modlin.

The Booker Hall of Music is named for Booker and his parents, the late Russell E. Booker, R'24 and F'28, and Leslie N. Sessoms Booker, W'22. The entire arts center is named in honor of George M. Modlin, president of the University from 1946 to 1971.

Trustee Ed Eskandarian and his wife, Nancy, pose with with John Raimondi’s bronze sculpture, “Bravo,” their gift to the University.
Parents and alumni lead the way in seeking gifts

Allen continues leadership of Society of Families

Ronald W. Allen, parent of Brent Allen, BR'98, is serving his second year as national chair of the Society of Families steering committee.

Allen and the steering committee, a volunteer group of 100 parents from across the country, have a goal this year to raise $310,000 for the Society of Families/Parents Annual Fund.

Allen is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Delta Air Lines. A native of Atlanta, he is a 1964 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received a bachelor of industrial engineering degree.

While still an undergraduate student, he joined Delta in 1963 as a part-time methods analyst in the methods and training department. Rising through the ranks, he became president and chief operating officer in 1983, and chairman and chief executive officer in 1987.

Allen serves on the boards of directors of the Coca-Cola Co., NationsBank Corp., the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the board of advisers of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the board of trustees of Presbyterian College.

Corrections

The University of Richmond regrets that the following alumni were mistakenly not coded as "Continuous Donors" in the 1995-96 Honor Roll of Gifts. We apologize for this omission and salute them for making a gift to UR each year for the past 10 years, 1986-1996.

Martha M. Dombroski, W'86
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Peggy Whitman Holmann, W'52

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J. W. Williams School of Business Chair

Alumni win awards for service

Accepting awards for outstanding service during the past year are, from left: Robert R. Staples, C'72, the Educational Fundraising Award; Judy Davis Poore, B'85, and Sarah Meadows, AW'95, UR Network Awards for the Class of 1985 and the Class of 1995, respectively; and Timothy Holtz, R'91, the first Distinguished Young Graduate Award. Not shown is Betty Ann Allen Dillon, W'49, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award.
Founders celebrate 15th anniversary

Over 60 Founders members were present for a celebration of the group's 15th anniversary in October at Keswick Estate. Originally a giving club honoring UR's 51 donors of $5,000 or more, Founders has grown to 123 members who give $15,000 or more annually.

(Photo above) Chaircouple of Founders, E. Claiborne Robins Jr., R'68 and H'76, and Mary Ellen Robins, left, with Dr. Richard L. Morrill and Faye Kilpatrick, right, of Robert Kilpatrick, R'48 and H'79.

(Facing) New Gothic Circle Chair A. Ramsone Hartz, R'58, and William H. "Rex" Jones Jr., R'41.

Dunlora Society gathers

(Above) Meeting Oct. 23 in the Cellar were 75 retired faculty and staff members of the Dunlora Society. Among them are, from left: Joan Neasmail Dickinson, W'41, associate professor emerita of psychology and president of the Dunlora Society; Marion J. Stokes, professor emerita of mathematics; Jane A. Hall, retired secretary/receptionist for mathematics and computer science; and Doris "Dot" Willett, retired assistant professor emerita of mathematics.

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(Below right) Among the more than 1,000 present for the Young Graduates party Oct. 18 were, from left, Scott Garnett, R'90; Stephanie Garrett; Jeremy Harrison, R'89; and Scott Hicks.

(Below) Kent Johnson, R'79; Kim Olsen Leya, W'79; and Tom Giles Jr., R'79, enjoy the post-game party following the Spider football game Oct. 19.

Football rivalry is occasion for Rector's Club fall event

The annual Rector's Club fall event Nov. 16 celebrated the oldest football rivalry in the South at the 106th meeting of the UR Spiders and the Tribe of William and Mary. Even though the Spiders lost this year, the 300 Rector's Club members in attendance had a great time.

(Above right) New Rector's Club member Ted Spratley, R'80, with his son, Robbie.

(Below) Gathering together for the 20th consecutive year to root for the Spiders against the Tribe are, from left: George Riggs, R'57; William H. Reynolds, R'56; Donald B. Williams, R'53; and National Annual Fund Chair, Erik F. Christensen Jr., R'56; and Walter P. Lusaghi, R'56.