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WILL program celebrates 15 years

When Westhampton College's unique and pioneering WILL program for undergraduate women was created in 1980, its founders were responding to concerns that UR, like other academic institutions nationwide, was not meeting a number of the particular personal and professional needs of its female students.

Westhampton's WILL program (Women Involved in Living and Learning) was designed as a model program for empowerment of young women. After almost 16 years, it is still unique in the nation.

It has become — through its remarkable performance record, its national recognition, its impact on women's programs at other institutions, and its hundreds of self-confident and successful alumnae — the working proof of its own founding premise: women can do anything.

When in 1985 Dr. Stephanie Bennett, then the dean of Westhampton College and the founding force behind WILL, undertook with Dr. Jill Hunter, the first WILL coordinator, an assessment of the organization's effect upon its first four classes, their findings were dramatic: WILL students were more open-minded, outgoing, and flexible than Westhampton students in general, and also more open to a wide variety of life and career goals.

To achieve these results, WILL had involved itself in the lives of its students in a most comprehensive way.

The varied components of the program include a four-year curriculum of women's studies, leading to either a major or minor in the field; the sponsorship of numerous workshops, panels, plays, musical performances by groups such as Sweet Honey in the Rock, and lectures by female notables such as Nikki Giovanni, Susan Faludi, and Norma Swenson; a mentorship program between upperclass and first-year WILL students; and job counseling opportunities.

WILL also is a support organization for a diverse community of women on campus, with monthly meetings, regular seminars and active committees.

WILL students participate in an innovative supervised internship in such areas as governmental and corporate offices, professional and financial firms, and women-related agencies.

The common denominator in all aspects of WILL is women comfortable with what they are doing and what they will do, with the decisions they make and their ability to make them. "There is," says one WILL student, "a true sense of serenity in this.

What the program has meant and still means to the women who pass through it or work with it was fully evident at a 15th anniversary celebration held on campus last November.

Speaker after speaker — representing WILL alumnae, present students, faculty, and those involved in the founding or supporting of the program — rose to say that WILL had changed their lives, that it had had a truly transforming effect. Typical of their remarks were the following:

"In studying the lives of other women, I have learned so much about myself."

"I now have a strong sense of self and of my own purpose."

"The concept and ideology of the WILL program has reached beyond its original vision, thanks to inspired teaching."

"I now have the ability to make a good decision and the ability to be comfortable with that decision."

"WILL really opened my eyes to the impact of gender in my life."

The 15th anniversary of WILL kicked off a new phase of assessment and self-examination for the program. Working with the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, WILL is evaluating the effectiveness of its required women's studies courses, its role as a self-esteem instrument, its overall impact on its participants and its long-term impact as well.

Barbara Fitzgerald

See also the Vantage Point essay by Dr. Patricia Harwood, Westhampton College dean, p. 48.
Admissions adds new goals

As UR’s first associate director for international admissions, Marilyn Hesser is charged with increasing the University’s undergraduate enrollment of international students.

The goal, according to the "Engagement in Learning" strategic plan, is 17 percent minority and international students by 1999, of which five percent will be international degree candidates.

Thirteen percent of the class admitted for the 1995 fall semester is minority and international, and the current minority and international enrollment for all undergraduates is 8.5 percent. "Because the goal is such an aggressive one, the University committed sufficient funds to attract a seasoned professional to champion the cause," says Pamela Spence, dean of admissions.

Hesser joined the admissions staff in October 1995. She brings 13 years of recruitment experience, including an eight-year tenure as assistant director of admissions at Virginia Commonwealth University and a four-year tenure in international admissions at Western Illinois University.

Both universities realized significant increases in international applications and enrollment during Hesser’s tenure. "When I arrived at VCU," says Hesser, "the international population was about 150. Within four years, international enrollment was up to 470."

International recruiting is not new for the University of Richmond. "Before my arrival, admissions staff had been successfully recruiting students primarily from international schools in Europe, South America and Asia, students who were already partly Americanized," Hesser says.

As a result of these efforts, international prospects have already increased from 968 in 1995 to 1,486 this year. This spring, Hesser will travel to Greece, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and England to participate in college fairs and meet with prospective students, educational counselors and alumni. "The key to successful recruitment is always the assistance provided by students, alumni and faculty," Hesser emphasizes.

She also will concentrate on "mono-cultural" recruitment—attracting students to the University who have had only the experience of their own culture. Relationships with sponsoring organizations, embassies, and funding agencies will be instrumental in such recruitment. "It is my job to help the University build its reputation globally," says Hesser, "and we will use every avenue possible to meet the challenge."

Erin Kenny, AW’96

New alumni association forms

Graduates from the School of Continuing Studies at the University of Richmond now have an alumni association to call their own. "Until now there was no way for continuing studies alumni to connect with the University," says Jane Stockman, W’58, executive director of alumni affairs.

The nearly 1,400 alumni and students of the evening school will benefit from the new association, says Shirley Hinkson, C’93, president of the group. "We will adopt projects that promote scholarship and assistance to students and we will provide service and social opportunities for the alumni," Hinkson says.

Alumni in continuing studies have expertise in many areas, she says. "This association can serve as a vehicle in which they can give something back to today’s students."

William Kuehl Jr., C’73 and vice president of the association, believes that the alumni can help students reach their potential. Last May Hinkson and Kuehl discussed the need to start an alumni association. They met with Dr. James Narduzzi, dean of the School of Continuing Studies, and Jean Proffitt, C’83, administrative assistant to Narduzzi, who supported their idea.

Within six months, they had added Martha Saunders, C’88; Robert Staples, C’72; and Charles Trible, C’68 and L’71, to their executive committee. Together the group wrote a constitution and mission statement, developed a business plan and began scheduling events.

In addition to creating mentoring and networking opportunities, they also plan to create a means of recognition for students and alumni, offer opportunities for scholarship, and promote the School of Continuing Studies to the public.

Mary Fehr Gravely, W’88

Continuing studies alumni now have their own organization.
If you think your mother's soup is the best in the world, it probably means that you haven't traveled much. — Shanti proverb

If you are a student at the University of Richmond, however, soup has never tasted so good. With 14 semester- and year-long exchanges in six countries and seven more in the works, international opportunities for students and faculty at the University are more plentiful than ever.

"Our plan is to have exchanges around the world," says Dr. Liliana E. Gabara, director of international education. "We want to cover the globe."

As a result of the addition of six new programs, the University now maintains exchange relationships with universities in Argentina, Australia, France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom and is developing programs in Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Mexico, Sweden and Turkey.

The programs in Ghana and Mexico are under development with funding from the Department of Education under Title VI, a program that provides financial support for international studies and foreign language programs.

The new programs have attracted 16 of the 44 UR exchange students, up from 16 total exchange students the previous year.

Faculty support for exchange programs is strong, says Gabara. Professors are provided with information on courses at partner institutions that allow them to grant transfer credit to UR students, enabling students to take courses in their major as well as electives that may not be offered at the University.

Gabara hopes that faculty exchanges also will be common in the future. The University has already sent faculty from chemistry, biology, the business school and modern foreign languages on visits to exchange universities.

"By gaining familiarity with other educational systems," says Gabara, "we can think critically and creatively about our own educational system, about ourselves and about the world."

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Thomas F. Guernsey will be leaving his position as professor of law at the T.C. Williams School of Law to become dean of Southern Illinois University's School of Law in Carbondale, Ill. His appointment is effective July 1.

"His administrative experience, high energy level, focus on teaching and proven record of helping a law school develop its strengths make him the right fit," says Eugene Basanta, acting associate dean at SIU.

Guernsey joined the faculty at T.C. Williams in 1980. He has taught classes in evidence, trial practice, criminal law, negotiation, disabilities law, property, interviewing and counseling, civil procedure and professional responsibility.

He has twice been named a University of Richmond Distinguished Educator and from 1992 to 1995 he served as associate dean of academic affairs.

Guernsey chaired the curriculum committee which revised the law school's curriculum to include a two-year lawyering skills course, a first-year environmental law class and a third-year writing requirement. He also played a role in establishing the framework for the clinical program now in place at T.C. Williams.

In his new position Guernsey will focus on four areas that, he says, need to be addressed not only at Southern Illinois but at law schools everywhere: curriculum, technology, placement, and admissions and recruitment.

A graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Wayne State University's law school, Guernsey also holds a master of laws degree from Temple University School of Law.

He is the author of seven books and numerous articles in professional publications.

Before coming to the University, he taught at the Vermont Law School and Temple University School of Law.

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### DANCE

### EVENTS
- Black history programming during February featuring guest lecturers such as Lawrence O. Graham, Feb. 13, as well as poetry, music, film, a science fair and more.
- Founders Week sponsored by the chaplain's office, “20/21 — Between Centuries: Should the Village Replace the Family?” with keynote speaker Dr. Alvin Poussaint, faculty associate dean of Harvard Medical School, March 3-7.

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### RICHMOND FORUM
- 1995-96 Richmond Forum, hosted by the University of Richmond in the Robins Center, continued with astronaut Gene Cernan and Voyager co-pilot Dick Rutan on space and flight, Jan. 20; The New Yorker magazine writer and humorist Calvin Trillin with his wife, Alice, Feb. 17; Charles Kuralt, traveler, author and former television host, March 23; and a panel on the presidency April 20 with David Gergen, Sheila Tate, Pierre Salinger and Bob Woodward.

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ALMANAC

First year law class

Applications
- 1,631 applications received
- 556 applications accepted
- 172 first-year law students enrolled

Student profile
- 48 percent are women
- 52 percent are men
- 27 percent of the students are multicultural and/or international
- First-year students range in age from 21 to 48; the average age of the first-year student is 25
- The median undergraduate grade-point average for accepted students was 3.18
- The median LSAT score for accepted students was 160 (84th percentile)

Diversity
- 11 percent are African American, 7 percent are Asian, 4 percent are Hispanic

Geographic distribution
- 62 percent of the students from the United States are from Virginia
- 5 students are graduates of the University of Richmond
- 20 states and 14 foreign countries are represented, including Lithuania, Argentina, Germany, Iran, Korea, Vietnam, Great Britain and France

Surprise party honors Dean Mateer
Dean Richard A. Mateer thought he was attending a conference in the Tyler Haynes Commons Dec. 4. When he entered the Alice Haynes Room, he was completely surprised to be greeted by 300 friends, colleagues, students and family members, who had gathered to honor him at a celebration marking his 20th anniversary as dean of Richmond College and his 30 years of service to the University.

The program included a slide show and roast, and a time capsule full of letters from well-wishers. At the end of the evening, the Boatwright Tower bell tolled 20 times in honor of Mateer’s 20 years as dean.

The surprise idea originated with David Rosenbaum, AR’96.

Spider basketball roundup
Both Richmond basketball squads have had up-and-down seasons. But both headed toward conference tournaments in early March with optimism.

UR’s men’s team gave scares to a pair of top-ranked teams on their home courts. On Nov. 28 in Chapel Hill the Spiders trailed the 20th-ranked Tar Heels 47-24 at halftime, then stormed back and trailed by one with four minutes to go. North Carolina held on for an 83-76 win.

On Jan. 15 in Winston-Salem, the Spiders again fell behind at the half, trailing the sixth-ranked Wake Forest Demon Deacons 35-20. Richmond again fought back and led by four midway through the second half, but the Deacons came back to win 71-60.

The Spiders did enjoy a pair of wins over James Madison, 78-71 and 84-80. They also defeated George Mason 93-77 in the first round of theCAA Tournament as first-year guard Jonathan Baker scored 30 points and set a tournament record with eight three-pointers. UR then fell to top-seeded VCU 89-55 to finish the season 8-20.

The women’s basketball team hosted another successful Central Fidelity Women’s Invitational tournament in December. The Spiders fell to nationally ranked Alabama 85-57 in the first round, while Connecticut topped North Carolina 77-62 in the other semifinal contest.

Richmond battled the Tar Heels in the consolation game, falling 77-72 in a close contest. Defending national champion Connecticut captured the tournament title with an 81-67 win over Alabama.

The top win of the season for the Spiders came on Sunday, Jan. 14, as Richmond upset the James Madison Dukes 69-59. A personal goal was reached on Sunday, Feb 25, as senior guard Denise Winn nailed a three-pointer in the second half against East Carolina to become the eighth woman in school history to score 1,000 points in her Richmond career.

The Spiders dominated UNC Wilmington 62-36 in the first round of theCAA Tournament at Old Dominion, setting a tournament record for least points allowed in a contest. Richmond then lost 92-61 to the host Monarchs, ranked sixth in the country. The Spiders ended the season with a 13-15 record.

Photo by Thomas Moshir

Dean Mateer visits with students at his 20th anniversary party.

Phil Stanton
NCAA soccer tourney will return through 1998

The University of Richmond was again in the national spotlight as it joined with the Colonial Athletic Association to host the 1995 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship. The event was held Dec. 8-10 at University of Richmond Stadium.

Mother Nature provided unique challenges that weekend. Snow fell on Thursday morning, Dec. 7, as the teams arrived for practice. Wisconsin worked out in the auxiliary gym in the Rotins Center. Other teams practiced on Keller Field after the artificial turf was cleared. Crews worked throughout the day to remove snow from UR Stadium, both on the field and in the stands.

The semifinals on Friday were played in cold weather, but it did not dampen the spirits of the fans in attendance. More than 21,000 watched Wisconsin defeat Portland State 1-0 in the first contest. Duke edged Virginia 3-2 in the second game.

B.J. BRABHAM

B.J. Brabham, professor emeritus at the T.C. Williams School of Law, died Nov. 10, 1995. He was 65.

Mr. Brabham taught business and law courses at the University for more than 20 years. Before coming to T.C. Williams in 1973, he had taught at North Texas State University, the University of Maryland and Southern Methodist University. He retired in 1992.

For many years, Mr. Brabham taught in, directed and strongly supported the Council of Legal Education Opportunities program at T.C. Williams. The CLEO program encourages economically disadvantaged minority students to attend law school. Mr. Brabham also served as director of the council's summer conference the four times it was held at the University.

Born in New Mexico, Mr. Brabham grew up in Linden, Texas. He earned an economics degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army from Texas A&M University in 1951.

He served in Korea as an infantry platoon leader and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Mr. Brabham held a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's degree in economics from North Texas State University and a doctor of laws degree in philosophy from New York University.

He is survived by his wife, Joe Anne F. Brabham; his daughters Sheryll A. Merritt of Yorktown, Va., and Becky B. Spicer of Richmond; and four grandchildren.

JOHN C. TYSON

Dr. John C. Tyson, former head of the University of Richmond library, died Nov. 7, 1995. He was 44.

As university librarian from 1986 to 1990, Dr. Tyson directed the three undergraduate and graduate libraries and the University Archives.

In 1990, Gov. L. Douglas Wilder appointed Dr. Tyson as head of the Virginia State Library and Archives. In this position he worked to ensure that citizens had "equal access to the wealth of information" at the library and state archives. He also worked with libraries on the local and regional levels.

Dr. Tyson also served as chair of the Governor's State Networking Users Advisory Board and as president of the black caucus of the American Library Association.

In 1994, the University of Tennessee in Knoxville named him associate professor in the School of Information Sciences, a position he held until his death.

A native of Richlands, Va., Dr. Tyson earned his doctorate in library administration from Simmons College in Boston.

He graduated from West Virginia University with a master's degree in public administration and from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, with a master's degree in library science. His bachelor's degree in education was earned from Concord College in Athens, W.Va.

Dr. Tyson worked in libraries, public schools, colleges and universities in Illinois, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Massachusetts from 1973 to 1986.

He is survived by his wife, Rogenia Tyson; his daughter, Natasha Tyson; and four sisters.
With the dedication of the George M. Modlin Center for the Arts only a few months away, the visual and performing arts will soon be taking center stage on campus.

At this time of transition, the University of Richmond Magazine pauses to celebrate accomplishments of the University community in the arts. In this issue are stories of UR alumni in theatre and entertainment, to be followed in the next few issues with spotlights on music, dance and art.

The Modlin Center for the Arts will play a key role in providing a lively campus intellectual and cultural life, but the arts have had a long history at the University, where they are seen as central in an undergraduate liberal arts education, regardless of the program of study a student chooses.

Why does the University value the arts? There are undoubtedly many answers; here are a few.
Too often the arts are viewed as 'frills,' as having only indirect influence on the central goals of modern liberal arts education. This view is in error, sometimes tragically so. The fine arts contribute at least three essential ingredients to liberal arts education: opportunities in experiential learning, the education of the senses, and a way of ordering human experience.

In The Quest for Certainty (1929), the American pragmatist John Dewey attacked the separation of theory and practice. Instead, he sought to ground knowledge in the problem-solving experience of human communities. His ideas have recently resurfaced in influential arenas throughout the world, and are to be found in the University's current strategic plan, Engagement in Learning — arguably at its very core.

The arts are unified, and in that sense unique, in their marriage of learning and experience, thereby providing opportunities for students to learn experientially. In learning an art one must make or do something in that art form. More than that, learning technique on an instrument or with one's voice teaches self-reliance.

Another essential element provided by art education concerns critical thinking. Perception is the first step in critical analysis, and before one perceives, one must observe. The arts develop our ability to use our senses, to train the eye and the ear.

Simple as this may sound, my experience as a teacher of music to music majors, as well as a colleague of general students with art historian Steve Addiss or painter Ephraim Rubenstein, has taught me that learning to rely on eye and ear presents incredible challenges for our students. Sadly, such self-reliance — the basis of critical thinking — is little emphasized in their work at the University or lives outside.

A third ingredient of arts education concerns the ability of the arts to offer a way of ordering human experience. We call our core course for first-year students "Exploring Human Experience." How can human experience be meaningfully explored without the arts?

Art arouses our emotions and frames our passions. Art engages our intellect, our heart and our gut, combining rational thought and feeling. Art provides us with the opportunity to reunit body and mind, to restore our sense of personal and, by extension, community wholeness.

The achievement of this self-discovery, this foundation of self-reliance upon which the complex networking that constitutes our world is based, is surely a central goal of our teaching. It cannot be accomplished without a significant contribution from the arts.

**PROFOUNDLY HUMAN ENTERPRISE**

Art is all about the "human condition." For me, the history of art is a wonder and a delight because it teaches me personally more about human history than I can learn in any other way.

Creating and studying art is both a learning and a transformative experience. Creating art is a profoundly human enterprise which fulfills our need to define the world and our place in it, and allows us to find meaning.

Studying art allows us to view the world from beyond the limitations of our own perceptions, to see and better understand how people of all times and places have wrestled with life's enduring issues: our need for transcendence; our need for love and affection, for beauty; our desire for freedom and security; and our wrestling with the vicissitudes of life, including sickness, disease and death — the whole gamut of human experience.

Art also immeasurably enriches our lives with joy and beauty. It would be a barren world indeed without the refined musical poetry of Mozart and Chopin, the peaceful magic of Vermeer's light, the humanity and humility of Rembrandt's faces or the vast and heroic expressions of artists like Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Bach, Brahms and Picasso.

We stand in awe of great works that move us to the very depths of our souls.

By studying and creating art, we join humanity through the ages to give utterance to our deepest yearnings and aspirations. We create art because, as Albert Einstein reminds us, "Art remains an act of love, a potent gesture of life, a fist clenched against death and oblivion." Art is humanity's great struggle for self-realization and self-fulfillment, and it is our privilege to study works which broaden our understanding of life and all of human experience.

**MUSIC for the SOUL**

I feel fortunate to have spent four years as an undergraduate singing some of the finest choral music ever written. I know first-hand that Bach cantatas, Schubert masses, Lasso magnificats, and well-crafted arrangements of African-American spirituals do something for the soul. They become a part of the performer for the rest of his life.

Twenty-two years of teaching have proven to me that this is so, not just for me, but for my students. I like the way one of my former students put it: 'There are two kinds of music: real music and 'stuff.' There is, and always will be, lots of 'stuff' to be found, but I love the real music, music that surpasses fun, music for the soul.

Year after year students tell me their favorite pieces, and year after year their favorites fall into the category of music for the soul. I remember the year when two seventh-graders would slip into the music room between classes to give a passionate rendition of the piano four-hand accompaniment to one of the Brahms "Liebeslieder Waltzes." Other students who enjoy and make money playing in rock bands are also quick to recognize J.S. Bach as the master composer.

Members of my middle school Boy Choir leave the rehearsal room singing our current effort, Haydn's Te Deum, at the top of their lungs. I was amused at the relatively new upper school Glee Club, which cheerfully announced to me one day that the Byrd Ave Rerum was his favorite piece. "I like that Catholic music!" he said.

What he likes is real music — music for the soul. And every time that happens to a student, I am pleased because I know he has something special that no one can take away from him:

> Hope Armstrong Erb, W'74 and G'80

Pianist, chamber musician, recitalist
Music department head & holder of the first endowed chair of music, St. Christopher's School, Richmond
Member of UR's Committee of 30: Alumni in Support of the Arts
ASPECTS OF INTELLIGENCE

The purpose of education is to expand one's mind; an education that omits the arts completes only half the task. It is like lifting weights with only one arm, ignoring the other half of your physical being.

Howard Gardner of Harvard University proposes that there are seven intelligences. These are linguistic, logical/mathematical, spatial, kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal and intrapersonal. The arts contribute to the development of all these aspects of intelligence.

When participating in artistic endeavors, one must often learn to cooperate with others in a creative setting, respecting other endeavors. One must often learn to expand one's mind: an education contributing to the interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligences.

Logically/mathematical intelligences depend on a certain level of literacy beyond that minimally required for high school graduation. A liberal education truly consists of the arts and the sciences. A progressive society fosters and cherishes both.

Dr. Philip Rubin
Assistant professor of physics

FUNCTIONAL ART

I recognized an interest in art well before my sixth birthday, but it wasn't until my freshman year at the University of Richmond that I realized it was more than an interest. It's my passion, and I am blessed with an opportunity to make a living doing what I love.

I began at the University focused on biology. By the middle of my very first semester, I had entertained thoughts of changing majors to political science, English or religious studies. Like many others, I was in search of a direct path to my future.

The only constant was art class. No matter which way my thoughts wandered, I continued to enroll in studio art classes.

Dr. [Francis] Leftwich, then chair of biological sciences and my academic advisor, noticed this and suggested I combine biology and art to pursue a career as a medical illustrator.

After graduation in May 1990, I headed north to the Rochester Institute of Technology-College of Imaging Arts and Sciences to earn a master of fine arts degree in medical illustration with a minor in computer graphic design. I currently work as a graphic designer in Richmond as well as a freelance medical illustrator and portrait artist. Aside from God, the one who has influenced me most in my artistic endeavors is Ephraim Rubenstein. He showed me that art is more than a nice hobby; it is a vital part of life.

As emotionally and intellectually fulfilling as this profession is, I get my greatest pleasure when my drawings help someone understand a particular process or function of the human body or a certain surgical procedure.

During my second quarter at RIT, my nine-month-old niece was diagnosed with a fairly common but serious medical condition requiring surgical treatment. I produced a series of illustrations for my sister to help her understand the surgery to be performed on her only child. I have always known art is beautiful. Medical illustration taught me art can also be functional.

Adrienne D. Reaves, W'90
Graphic artist, Canaan Printing
Medical illustrator, portrait artist

SHARING A CONNECTION

The meaning of theatre arts to me is evolutionary, slowly being refined as the years go by. I remember the butterflies in my stomach as I auditioned for, and won, the coveted part of Snoopy in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown in elementary
school. At that time, theatre arts gave me identity, popularity, the addictive sound of applause, and escape from negative peer pressure that could have had quite an impact on my life.

While in high school, I associated theatre with competition for scarce roles, the mechanics of performance and the challenge of stepping into characters that were not at all like me physically or mentally. I received the Elizabeth Rae Hodkinson Speech and Theatre Arts Scholarship, which allowed me to attend the University of Richmond.

During my four years at UR, theatre arts grew to mean camaraderie, creativity, polish, teamwork and hard work. The challenge was now to surrender myself to the character and the world of the play, so that the audience could do the same.

After college, I became involved with Encore! Theatre Co., which is mainly composed of UR alumni. These days, theatre to me is mostly about sharing: the sharing of ideas and experiences between those on stage and those offstage is the real magic in theatre. There is nothing quite like that connection. Fulfilling Encore!’s mission of producing plays with historical and/or literary significance that really challenge and entertain the audience is my main goal.

The arts have certainly played a major role in making me the person I am today, and they have greatly enriched my life. I look forward to the new and different meanings that theatre arts will take on as time goes by.

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COMPREHENSION & ENJOYMENT
The arts have been a significant part of my life for as long as I can remember. As a child, I lived in a home filled with music, and my family frequently went to the theatre. Although I am now an attorney, my pre-law education is in theatre, journalism and music. I worked on, and acted in, a number of University Players productions and sang in [emeritus professor of music] Mr. Erb’s European tour choir.

After graduating from the University of Richmond, I earned a master of fine arts degree in scene and lighting design and taught theatre for several years (excluding substituting for Bill Lockey during two sabbaticals) before turning to a career in law.

Unfortunately, my profession precludes the time commitment necessary to pursue theatre as an active avocation. However, I regularly attend the theatre, and I sing in the choir at church. The arts, particularly the performing arts such as theatre and music, are immensely valuable to me not only for their intrinsic benefits, but also as an emotional outlet to balance the stress of my work.

My education and experience in theatre also have helped me professionally. The discipline provided by the rehearsal regimen and the organizational and decision-making lessons learned in the design and production process easily translate to indispensable skills in the practice of law.

Of far more importance to me, however, is the pleasure that I receive from the arts. How dull life would be without them! They have the ability to raise the spirit and renew the soul.

They can be windows to better understand the world around us and mirrors of our inner selves. We see reflected in them — and can use them to better comprehend — the joys, sadness, dreams, delights, passions, disappointments and achievements in our own lives.

As with many things, enjoyment of the arts is enhanced by knowledge. Professors at the University of Richmond like [professor of theatre arts] Jack Welsh, Jim Erb, [retired associate professor of theatre arts] Bill Lockey, [the late associate professor of dramatic arts] Alton Williams, [the late journalism coordinator] Joe Nettles and others gave me that knowledge and a desire to continue to learn about the arts after graduation.

I hope to inspire in my eight- and 10-year-old sons a similar appreciation, providing them with as much delight, pleasure and satisfaction as the arts have given me.

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LEADERSHIP in the ARTS
As a leadership studies and theatre arts double major with a minor in dance, I have been able to take a closer look at a topic that seems to have been sadly overlooked in our culture: leadership in the arts.

In the past three years, I have scrutinized not only the acting techniques of local professional actors, directors and theatre companies, but also the ways they have promoted the value of the arts to the surrounding community. This study has taught me the importance of leadership used in conjunction with artistic achievement.

Unfortunately, our government’s endeavor to cut funding for the arts is sending the message to the American public that the arts are trivial and frivolous. Without the help of concerned artists who are willing to advocate their art form and communicate the value of the arts within the lives of all human beings, this trivialization is likely to consume us all.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of a university that shows its concern for this matter in ways that make a difference. The construction of a new fine arts building on campus demonstrates Richmond’s attempt to lead the arts boldly into the future.

The value of such an establishment at the undergraduate level is immense. With the help of the new fine arts building, in addition to the recently established Jepson School of Leadership Studies, the University has taken action to furnish its students with the artistic experiences that mold passionate and innovative leaders.

William J. Peters IV, JR 96
Leadership studies and theatre arts major, dance minor
Member of the University Dancers
Member of University Players
When Bruce Miller, R'74, and Philip Whiteway, R'74, met in the fall of 1970 at the first read-through of the University Players' production of *The Tempest*, no crash of thunder sounded offstage to signify that 25 years later, the two would be legends of a sort in American theatrical history.

The Miller-Whiteway story is a drama one couldn't script: a lanky, undisciplined English major from South Richmond and a mild-mannered business major from South Jersey meet at UR's Quonset Hut

*By Barbara Fitzgerald
Free-lance writer and frequent contributor to the magazine*
Who could have expected too, that one fall afternoon, become pals, and go on to

- create and build what would become within two decades the largest non-profit professional theatre in Virginia history and the second largest children's theatre in the United States
- earn more "Best Play" and "Best Musical of the Year" awards for adult audience productions than any other Richmond theatre in the '80s and '90s
- tour their acclaimed productions throughout 43 states to an annual audience of over a million, filling such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center, the Royal Poinciana Playhouse in Palm Beach, the Folly Theatre in Kansas City, the Fox Theatre in Atlanta and Nashville's Grand Ole Opry
- staff their board's purchase and restoration of the oldest — and certainly one of the grandest — theatres in Virginia as their company's performance home
- operate with an annual budget of more than $2.25 million, and receive support for artistic excellence from such noteworthy sources as the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund, and
- experience their productions and their story broadcast nationally and internationally over PBS Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, and receive accolades from the likes of Jane Alexander, the Smithsonian, Good Housekeeping and the Wall Street Journal.

Who could have expected, too, that Miller would author 28 plays in the same 20 years, see some of them translated into four languages, honored in Israel and performed in the Caribbean and throughout the South Pacific?

Indeed, had you voiced any of these predictions to Bruce Miller and Phil Whiteway back in their undergraduate days, they might well have recommended you for a starring role in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

But by last spring, exactly 20 years after the college roommates pooled $2,000 apiece and founded the remarkable Theatre IV, all those things had come to pass. Their theatre, their baby, was in fact the number two children's theatre in the United States in terms of attendance, with only the New York-based TheatreWorks/USA playing to larger audiences.

Miller and Whiteway remember arriving on the UR campus relatively green in the ways of theatre. Whiteway's previous acting experience consisted of a childhood performance in a community centennial. Miller had been "a supporting player" in high school who never got very far as an actor. But thanks to his drama teacher, who regularly brought her students across town to performances at the University of Richmond's Quonset Hut, Miller had already been "bitten by the bug."

Dr. John D. "Jack" Welsh, professor of theatre arts and director of the University Players then and now, agrees that Miller and Whiteway were a bit rough around the edges as actors when he first encountered them, but even then, he says, "they had talent, diligence, and charisma."

"And," he adds, "they would audition for anything."

Bruce Miller was an innate comic talent. He had a mobile face, and he could make his voice do strange things that were funny. He also took direction very well. Whiteway tended to choose the more serious roles."

Both earned "Best Actor" awards during their years at UR, and Whiteway earned Welsh's lasting gratitude for his handling of Players' business matters.

"Phil was box office manager. It was the only time I never had to worry about a thing — deposits, receipts, bills, tickets — everything was handled perfectly."

When Whiteway arrived at UR and met Welsh, he was planning to major in business. "I was assigned as his freshman adviser," says Welsh, "and he made the mistake of telling me about his interest in theatre. He did not know it, but from that 'mistake' on, he was doomed to become a theatre major."

Miller, too, switched his major from English to theatre after meeting and working with Welsh.

Miller and Whiteway credit a number of UR professors with encouraging values that have served them well. Miller has a list.

"Welsh, of course. I was, regrettably, a tremendously undisciplined student, and Jack would not put up with that for a nanosecond. To this day, Jack Welsh cuts me no slack."

"Irby Brown [professor of English] cared so much about his subject that his passion for literature was contagious. When I read a book to this day, I read it in the way Irby Brown would teach it."

"I didn't have Jerry Tarver for speech, but he was always so supportive of all the students in the department. He got me my first job. Jerry Tarver [professor of speech communication] was the best professor I never had."

"Jim Erb [emeritus professor of music] was another who was important to me. He provided the answer every day to the question about why the arts are so vital, necessary and non-negotiable."

"You can't sing with Jim Erb or study literature with Irby Brown or act and direct with Jack Welsh without getting excited about what you're doing, without having your life and the way you look at it changed."

It took only a year after graduation for
Whiteway and Miller to realize that they had been changed by their UR experience more than they knew. "We realized," says Whiteway, "that we had been called to the theatre. We tend to practice our faith pretty quietly, but the truth is that both of us were and are religious, and it became crystal clear to us that this was what we were supposed to do with our lives."

But they left UR unsure of a specific mandate. Miller, who took a job as cultural enrichment director for Southampton County, Va., public schools in rural southeast Virginia, soon saw the answer: a need for a children's theatre and touring company to serve the public schools. He wrote Whiteway, who was just completing training as a Navy pilot, suggesting that the two start this theatre themselves. It seemed a logical partnership to Whiteway, so back to Richmond they came in 1975 to get Theatre IV off the ground. Miller became the artistic director and Whiteway the managing director. Mary Dianish, W'71; Dianne Graham, W'77; Ben Emerson, R'73; Kirwan Rockefeller, R'75; and Steve Rosser, R'76 — all friends from UR — and Lynn Keeton from the North Carolina School of the Arts signed on as the first acting company. Together, they did everything: lights, sets, sound, props, costuming, acting, directing and touring.

Theatre IV earned enough that first summer to pay each member of the company ("I think it was a whopping $100 a week") except Miller and Whiteway. In order to allow the company to grow, the two worked 40 hours a week as volunteers, and in their spare time, to support themselves, Miller and Whiteway waited tables and worked on the midnight cash control shift at Kings Dominion.

Very soon the idea caught on, and Miller and Whiteway began to add staff, players, vans and a new office. (The last was apparently not much of a step up, since it was voted "Second Ugliest Office in the City of Richmond" in a Style Magazine poll of the time.)

But good things were happening by the end of the '70s, the best being that a perfect wife for each of them showed up, literally, at the Theatre IV door. And both wives were UR grads!

Donna Holmes, W'71, had met Phil Whiteway when they were both in University Players at UR, but Phil had been slightly younger and Donna laughingly remembers that she had considered him "just a kid." Phil remembers Donna much better, recalling that he met her during his appearance in The Boys From Syracuse, and was considerably impressed.

It was a passing acquaintance, though, until the day Donna, another theatre major, stopped by on a job hunt. Phil, by now older and wiser, made sure she was hired. They fell in love and married after co-starring in another theatre's production of Oklahoma. She left Theatre IV to raise their family, but recently took a job in real estate. The Whiteways have four children (including twins), ages ranging from 6 to 14. Three of the children have already performed on the Theatre IV stage.

Terrie Powers, W'77, turned up at the door a few years later. An art major and cum laude graduate, Terrie was quickly signed up as the resident set designer, a position she has held for the last 15 years. She and Bruce married in 1986 and have a daughter who is 5 — "a real theatre lover," says her mom — and a son, 2, who sat through his first play, Snow White, at Theatre IV in February. "He was riveted," says Bruce. "It makes this work so much more fun when your own kids are watching and getting excited."

Terrie Powers has a successful second career as a respected visual artist and member of Richmond's 1708 Gallery. "Phil and I are lucky that both our wives are in the arts," says Bruce Miller. "Otherwise I don't think they'd ever be able to understand the commitment it takes."

"Donna and Terrie get much of the credit for Theatre IV's success. They've
acted, worked backstage, handled the box office, created fabulous sets, made props, done whatever needed doing, and held down the home fronts, too."

The Millers and the Whiteways are in agreement about the company philosophy: Theatre IV is more than a business, more than mere entertainment. It is a nonprofit service provided to the community, the state and the children.

"I believe that the strength of theatre as art comes from its power to do so much more than entertain," says Miller.

What the Theatre IV founders do, beyond entertaining, is address particular problems of childhood and adolescence. Early on, Miller began to research and write original scripts, dealing carefully with such issues as broken homes, teen suicide, alcohol and other drug abuse, adolescent pregnancy and sexual responsibility.

The theatre's most important effort for social change has been Hugs and Kisses, a highly acclaimed play Miller co-authored 13 years ago about child sexual abuse and its prevention. The play has become the cornerstone of child abuse prevention in Virginia and other states as well, and has been honored as a model project as far away as Israel.

"People often tell us," says Miller, "that we should feel good about exposing young children to the theatre and building audiences for the future. I've never looked at our work that way.

'Theatre has to have an immediacy to it. We are developing theatre for the children who will see our plays today, not for the grown-ups they will eventually become. Whether or not they become audience members of tomorrow is secondary.'

Nevertheless, according to Roy Proctor, theatre critic for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and long-time member of the executive council of the American Theatre Critics Association, 'There is more theatre in Richmond than in any other city of its size in the country.' And there are those who would claim that Theatre IV has helped to create that statistic.

Proctor calls Miller's and Whiteway's accomplishments amazing: 'What they have achieved in the last 20 years has been remarkable. They pooled $2,000 each, their dreams and their energy, and went at this for the long haul. From the beginning, there's never been one thing fly-by-night about them. This is a notoriously risky business, and they don't have a deficit, which is absolutely amazing.'

From Jack Welsh's perspective, his two former students have accomplished another miracle: 'They have proven to all those parents who tell their children not to major in the arts, not to major in theatre, because 'you can't make a living at it,' that not only can a living be made, but you can end up with a multimillion-dollar operation and your own plant.'

Miller and Whiteway have some theories about why their theatre has succeeded where others have failed.

Whiteway credits family background. "I think the way we were both raised has helped us immeasurably. Bruce and I approach the job with the kind of work ethic more common to our parents' generation. We knew nothing would ever be handed to us, that we'd have to earn our reputation and keep earning it.

'It's interesting to me that although we're in the strongest financial position ever, even though we had 235 paid employees last year, I still feel the same sense of responsibility I felt in those early days when the staff was very small. You can't let up.'

Still, one must wonder, when you've accomplished all that Miller and Whiteway have in their first 20 years, what do you do for a second act? People who know the two — including many of the 5 million theatre lovers who have attended their plays — can't wait to find out.

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The Theatre IV experience

Many in the University of Richmond community — students, faculty, staff and alumni — have been involved in Theatre IV since its earliest days. Listed here are a number of UR alumni who have been employed as actors, musicians, stage managers, designers and directors.

Julie Amos, AW '96
Bev Appleton, R '69
Doreen Barnard, W '91
Fred Brumbach, R '72
Joan Ungmarch Brumbach, W '72
Jane Lee Bushway, W '74
Dave Carper, R '75
Carol Chittum, W '75
Kevin Cook, R '76
Dan Culbertson, AR '94
Mary Dianish, W '71
Jim Dickerson Jr., R '73
Eric Dobbs, R '71
Ben Emerson, R '73 and L '84
Lisa Ficco, W '89
Allen Flanagan, III, R '73
Rick Gehr, R '73
Leslie Umphrey-Perez Gomez, W '81
Dianne Graham, W '77
John Hill, R '86
Charles Hood, R '80
Cheryl Jenkins, W '73
David Jewett III, R '76
Kathryn Langwell, W '88
Bobby Lilly Jr., R '89
Michael Loprete Jr., R '89
Blair Hall Martin, W '72
Katie Massa, AW '95
John MacDonald, R '88
Terrie Powers Miller, W '77
Coni Minnick, W '81
Grant Mudge, R '92
Melanie Dawson Nichols, W '89
John Nichols, R '90
Caroline Crawford Peck, W '84
John Phillips, L '79
Renee Picard, W '80
Ed Pierce, R '92
B.J. Swan Pritz, W '69
Donald Printz, R '70 (deceased)
Jessica Printz, W '92
Burt Richman, R '73
Kirwan Rockefelller Jr., R '75
Wilfred 'Bill' Roper II, R '72
Steve Rosser, R '76
Hansford Rowe Jr., R '50
Jonathan Sale, AR '95
Jonathan Sheets, R '90
Roseanne Sheridan, W '79
Maura Soden, W '78
Walt Swanson III, R '78
Bruce Swartz, R '76
Dana Thomas, R '89
Ruth Graninger Travis, W '82
Brent Ward, G '96
Jack Welsh, R '60
Reed West, R '76
Donna Holmes Whiteway, W '71
They join the University Players and find their roles as theatre arts majors at the University of Richmond. Not all want to be actors but, in the small department, they tend to star in whatever is their choice, whether it be as performer, scenic designer or the unsung stage manager who is responsible for making the production fly.

Upon graduation, when they face the real world, they start their climb. For a handful of the young stage-hungry from the '80s and '90s, their UR theatrical coaching has served them well.

As they meet the realities of auditions, marketing and dogged determination, few have had to wait tables to support themselves. They do hang lights, sweep the stage, load and unload as they hone their skills in theatre-related jobs. They live, breathe, eat, think, sleep theatre.

The ultimate is New York. Eric Osburn has reached the top as a stage manager for one of Broadway's all-time great dramas and now is making room for a personal life.

Actress Kathryn Langwell, who has been in New York for four years, has been called "terrific" by a *Theater Week* columnist.

While *The New York Times* recently decried today's lack of opportunity for overnight success, Langwell and others are confident that the chance is there. It can come with one incredible phone call.

Theatre arts majors are on their way to their goals not just in New York, but on the West Coast, in the South, and other parts of the country as well. Here are a few of their stories.

*Show of Talent*

A new generation of theatre alumni makes its way

By Betty Sessler Tyler, W'42

Free-lance writer covering theatre and the arts
"How can you top Angels?"

When Eric Osbun, R'82, was a senior in theatre arts at the University of Richmond, his dream was to stage-manage on Broadway. Fast forward 11 years: Osbun is at that pinnacle as a stage manager for Broadway's hottest ticket — Tony Kushner's multi-award-winning Angels in America, a two-part, six-hour powerfully poetic depiction of homosexuality and AIDS.

As the long run ends Dec. 4, 1994, both for the drama on Broadway and for Osbun, who had been manager for 14 months, he knows he has to look for another career destination.

"How can you top 'Angels'?” he asks himself. His course is guided by his toddler daughter, Jenny, now 2 1/2.

Today, as operations manager of the recently-renovated Westside Theatre off-Broadway, Osbun has a five-day-a-week, 10-6 job, which has to do with contracts and capital improvements rather than lighting cues and the finesse of dealing with actors.

For the moment, he has traded the labor intensity and killing hours of stage-managing for the enjoyment of watching his daughter develop.

At the same time, he is working at an innovative theatre which currently is running with Nicky Silver's farcical The Food Chain and has launched such successful shows as A.R. Gurney's The Later Life.

"I'm very comfortable with this," says Osbun, who is married to another stage manager, Kate Riddle, who also has made it to Broadway.

"I'm learning a lot working with the director of a commercial theatre. Once I thought I would like to be a producer. I am experiencing what it takes to produce a show [a knowledge of finances and management]. If you ask me where I may be five years down the road, I can give no projection."

Osbun had reached Angels at the most exhaustive — "yet magical" — hour when the two-part drama was being staged almost in repertory. He became the newest of four stage managers when 'Millennium Approaches," the first part, was alternating with "Perestroika," the second half, in performance each day.

The mechanics of mounting the two complex productions (including the climactic descent of the Angel) on the same stage, alternating matinee to evening, was a challenge.

There is no Tony Award, Broadway's coveted honor, for stage managers. Yet they are the ones who create the magic," says Osbun, referring to the technical nitty-gritty such as calling the cues, seeing that costumes are in order, making sure the set is in place.

"It's starting with nothing and ending up with this terrific production, mounted in such a way that, we hope, the audience cannot tell how things happen. The hardest aspect is keeping a show as fresh in a long run as it was the day it opened." Osbun, from Wilmington, Del., had come to UR with an eye to business. When he joined the Players, he knew the stage would be his destination and switched his majors to English and theatre arts. Now he finds that his early interest in business provides a good foundation in the day-to-day operation of a theatre.

His theatrical education at Richmond gave him the basics. In his ascent up the theatre ladder, his jobs have all been stage-related. With a solid start at the Arena Stage Theatre in Washington, D.C., (1982 to 1987) where he earned his Equity status as a stage manager, he has been able to get work in New York "by referral."

He and Kate had met at the month long annual Playwrights Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Center in Connecticut, where both were stage-managing. She, too, has an impressive list of credits. Last fall, she took over the managing for the final three months of The Heiress at Lincoln Center.

"It was exhausting, with both of us working," Osbun reports. "We feel our daughter suffered. Now, we have dedicated ourselves to family happiness. Sometime down the road, we may return to stage management."

"Famous faces"

Maura Soden, W'78
Actress in more than 30 professional theatre productions and more than two dozen film and television roles including "Matlock," "Major Dad," "Thirty-something" and "Candid Camera"; actress in local, regional and national TV commercials; radio and voiceover work for TV series and specials; spokesperson for numerous industrial accounts including Heilig Meyers, Toyota USA and Host Marriott Corp.
They're calling Katie "terrific"

For years after arriving in New York, actress Kathryn "Katie" Langwell, '88, has been pictured (wearing reindeer horns) with a New York Times review and single out as "terrific" by columnist Peter Filichia, president of New York's Drama Desk. She's involved with an off-off-Broadway theatre company, adobe, which is drawing the attention of major uptown critics.

"The name adobe - all lower credit, includes an understudy role which offered three roles for women. As an associate director for adobe she would be consumed with producing the play whether or not she had a role, but she still was planning to audition.

Auditioning is what her New York life is all about. Many mornings at 7:30 she joins the throngs in line to present a monologue... and wait for a callback. Caught up in the energy, she calls New York "wonderful."

Much of her theatre work is for free. The pay at adobe is only a percentage of the box office take — "about five cents an hour." She supports herself working at HBO in a job which gives her time flexibility. She has been seen from time to time as a nurse on "All My Children" and has had small roles on "Law and Order." New York has been a culture shock. "I had a hard time getting used to the pace," Langwell says. "I've learned to run a little faster. To catch my breath and jump in. I got involved in adobe soon after arriving. The last six months have been incredibly busy. A goal for '96 is to race around so much, to feel it's okay to take a weekend and relax."

A blonde, green-eyed Georgian, who stands 5 feet 7 inches and has no trace of a Southern accent, Langwell was lured to Richmond by her grandmother, Mary Richardson Butterworth, W'29. She chose double majors in theatre arts and French.

Her peers say she is probably the best actress in recent years to have emerged from the UR theatre arts program. At UR, she played most of the leads but she knew it wouldn't be that easy in the real world.

After college, she stayed around Richmond working with Theatre IV and as an extra in films. She was comfortable — too comfortable. A summer at Williamstown, Mass., convinced her she was ready for New York. When an apartment came her way, she took it. "I was terrified," she recalls. "I've been pleasantly surprised."

For her future, she says, "I'd like always to be working steadily. I'd like to have four different projects going on at the same time. I'd like to live in France for a year, travel out West, be a photographer, climb a mountain..."

Reach Broadway?

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Famous faces

E. Grant Shaud, R'83
In his eighth season playing Miles Silverberg on the TV sitcom "Murphy Brown," other credits include an understudy role in Torch Song Trilogy on Broadway, roles in the off-Broadway shows Today I Am a Fountain Pen and Sorrows and Sons and in the film The Distinguished Gentleman with Eddie Murphy

From sports to stage

1.6 feet 3 inches tall. 185 pounds and with strawberry blond hair and green eyes, Jordan Matter, R'91, looks like a jock. And he has been — as a Spider all-league baseball player. Today, a graduate of the UR theatre arts program, he has gone from sports to stage in New York, but his athletic prowess has paid off.

Television viewers saw him recently as one of the sword fighters in PBS' airing of Verdi's Oтелlo from the Metropolitan Opera. He also was a stunt double for Walter Matthau in the upcoming film, "I'm Not Rappaport."

"I kept having to fall and hit my head on concrete," he observes. "I did it over and over, but I somehow survived. It was crazy."

While swordplay and stunt pay bills, Matter is a serious actor who formed his own theatre company while at UR. After they did Beyond Therapy by Christopher Durang and people loved it, he experienced the feeling so familiar to others in his field. "I was on such a high," says Matter, who was both director and performer, "that I knew theatre was what I wanted to do."

After a stint in Baltimore, he went to New York with acting in mind. On a whim, he joined some 2,000 to audition for a place in the theatre school at Circle in the Square, a Broadway theatre. He was among the 20 who were accepted. It was an intensive two-year course.

After getting favorable notice as the dog in Heart of a Dog off-Broadway, he understudied the role of the Gentleman Caller in a Broadway production of The Glass Menagerie. Films also are on his agenda, and he has an agent.

Matter is very sure about what he wants: "to be a part of a company that works non-stop. There's a lot of waiting around between roles. That's when you learn about yourself. When you are waiting for an audition at 7 o'clock in the morning, you know how much you want good roles and how hard you are willing to work for them."
On Broadway's fast track

In New York eight months with an MFA in theatre (the equivalent of a doctorate in the field), Edward Pierce, R'92, a scenic designer, has worked on one highly acclaimed show which moved on to Broadway and another that opens there in mid-April.

In the tough theatre world, he's on a fast track. "It's been crazy, insane, wonderful," he says.

For starters, he was assistant lighting designer to Paul Gallo for the New York Shakespeare Festival's The Tempest, starring Patrick Stewart. By the time it had reached Broadway, Pierce was assisting scenic designer Riccardo Hernández.

He was simultaneously working with Hernández again last fall on the new musical, Bring in 'da Noise/Bring in 'da Funk, when it opened at the Public Theatre, off-Broadway. Both shows were directed by George C. Wolfe, who won his Tony for Angels in America.

"Da Noise," a walk through the African-American culture, was so well received, it has moved uptown. An all-black musical featuring five tap dancers and two narrators, "It's a tap/tap discourse on the staying power of the African-American beat," Pierce says.

A Maryland native, Pierce had gone to Richmond on a theatre scholarship, with an interest in pre-med. By second semester, he knew he wanted to be a designer. "I spent four years in the scene shop," he remembers. He abandoned his interest in medicine for a dual major in computer science.

Of the UR theatre arts program, he observes, "Jack Welsh [professor of theatre arts] and Reed West [assistant professor of theatre arts] are acutely aware that Richmond does not train theatre professionals but it does offer a good taste of what is out there. Those who want to run with it can get their feet wet."

Pierce and his roommate, Brian Mear, a costume designer, did want to continue and went on to the three-year graduate program at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. They both received master of fine arts degrees last June.

New York is intense but less structured than grad school. In the weeks before The Tempest opened on Broadway, the set had to be redesigned. The hours were long — a break at 4 a.m. and back to work at 8.

"I thought that I had pulled my last 'all-nighter' in grad school — some things never change!" Pierce jokes. "Working in this business requires an undying love for what you do. Our lifestyle is incomprehensible to most, but it is what I thrive on."

Pierce is fortunate to be working with a name designer, who has new assignments coming up even as one is ending. "While The Tempest was being mounted on Broadway, I was sitting in the back of the darkened drafting set for Bring in 'da Noise," he recalls.

Pierce's ultimate goal is to design sets on his own. He'd initially be happy off-Broadway or in regional theatre. But working in New York has been all-important.

"You need to know the game," he explains, "the system and the politics. Paul Gallo was a great mentor in that respect. Here I am, after four years in UR, in a move out of nowhere from Ohio, and learning the ropes of what is being produced in commercial circles. What better way to start?"

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Pierce's scenic and lighting design for Death and the Maiden at Ohio University
Dressing ‘em up for the ’40s

Brian Mear, R’92, who has been in New York three months less than his roommate Eddie Pierce, has been working on costumes for a new show, Club Soda, to be staged at Queens College, in Flushing, N.Y.

Sited in Brooklyn in the 1940s, it is full of the beat of the day — the swing of Benny Goodman and the blues of Miles Davis. “It’s about teen-agers growing up and the choices they make,” Mear explains. He lucked into his research for his costume designs, since it is the autobiography of playwright Leah Friedman, who provided photographs to cue him in.

Mear puts a depth of study into his work. Depending on the project, his sources may range from a Sears catalog to the etchings and paintings in the days before photography.

He’s getting good guidance. Fresh out of Ohio University with his MFA degree, he’s working in the studio of William Ivey Long, who won the Tony in 1992 for costuming Broadway’s Crazy for You. For Mear, who had arrived in New York after his second summer at the Santa Fe Opera, a phone call from Long was his break.

Come late spring, Mear again heads to Santa Fe and its opera company for 10 weeks. He’ll be working with an Austrian designer, Bruno Schwegl, on costumes for Puccini’s Madama Butterfly and Stravinsky’s The Rake’s Progress. When the season is over, he returns to New York to resume with Long.

Mear is one of the fortunate newcomers. “I know people in theatre who, every six weeks, have to worry about the next job. It’s a rollercoaster ride. I’m very lucky not to have to worry about where the next job will be.”

Raised in Syracuse, N.Y., Mear had gone to Richmond to study French. Bored with French readings, he hung around the theatre department, where costume designer Nancy Allen took him in hand and taught him to sew. He graduated with a double major in theatre arts and French.

Mear has his fantasy for the future: to have a show with his own costume designs always running in New York. “I would like always to be working on the next show before the current show closes.”

“I may land in the opera world or on Broadway or in the dance world,” he muses. “I just want to take a few years to feel my way around.”

The best of two worlds

Brian Wright Phillips, R’86, has had a taste of New York and has found his niche in Richmond as chairman of fine arts in a private high school, Trinity Episcopal. He feels he has the best of two worlds — encouraging teen-agers to grow and develop in theatre and at the same time directing adults during the summer at Dogwood Dell.

His awards may not be Tonys, but they are many and equally important to him. His latest and most prestigious is the Distinguished Teacher Award from the U.S. Department of Education’s Presidential Scholars Committee.

He is proud of his students who continue their theatre studies, currently one at Juilliard and another at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

One of his personal goals is to keep his hand in professional theatre. He accomplishes that by his summer work. “I discovered that I really like to work with kids,” Phillips says, “so that’s the road I have chosen. I’ve found the perfect balance. I get to work with adults and with children so I never feel burned out as I switch from one to another.”

His advice to his students: “If you enjoy theatre and don’t make it professionally, it can be an avocation. There’s plenty of quality theatre out there: it’s called community theatre.”

On a good hair day

When Anne Chambless, W’85, attended slumber parties as a Marine “brat” in Okinawa, she was always redoing someone’s hair. In high school, she gave all her friends French braids.

So, at the University of Richmond, where she was majoring in theatre arts and English, she was a natural to do the hair styles for a Players’ production of Where’s Charley?, a turn-of-the-century period piece.

“I had never done anything like that before,” she recalls, “but a friend convinced me I could do it.”

From that point on, a career was styled out. Professionally, she has created wig and make-up designs and has built costumes and jewelry.

It had helped that her mother had taught her to sew and that she had taken to acting in high school to overcome shyness. She sewed to support her theatre yen. It gave her the unique ability to assess costumes and wigs both for their authenticity and attractiveness, and for the comfort of the actors who must wear them.

When Chambless was about to graduate from Richmond, she consulted with her mentor, Ruth Countryman [then UR costume designer], on what she could do about a job in theatre. Countryman recommended a costume apprenticeship at Theatre Virginia, the performing arts wing of the Virginia Museum in Richmond.

Today, Chambless is the exclusive wig and make-up artist for New York’s prestigious Juilliard School, which encompasses drama, dance, opera and music.

At Juilliard, her most challenging make-up role has been for Top Girls, where, in the first act, each performer played several roles. One Caucasian woman played an Asian, then reverted to being Caucasian later in the show.

Chambless is married to an actor, Donald Christopher, who works primarily in regional theatre. Her latest role was in Enchanted Maze, which debuted in January at the Cleveland Playhouse. The couple lives in Brighton Beach, N.Y., and Chambless travels to her husband’s opening nights when her schedule permits.
A sampling of UR alumni involved in theatre and entertainment

★ G. Mallory Freeman, R'31
58-year acting career in Richmond, including more than 50 productions since 1970 at the Barkdale Theatre

★ bev Appleton, B'69
Producing artistic director for Blue Ridge Theatre Festival in Harrisonburg, Va., now touring Eastern and Central Europe on an international theatre exchange with Hungary, Romania, Moldavia and Macedonia; producer, actor and director in productions throughout Virginia for more than 20 years

★ Frances Fowler Whitener, W'71
Co-owner of the Indianapolis Children's Theatre Workshop; teaches puppetry, creative drama and beginning acting to children; directs local theatre; storyteller

★ Nancy Boykin Kern, W'72
Teaching at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts West in Pasadena, Calif.; member and actress with the Interact Theatre Co. in Los Angeles; performances coast to coast

★ Jane Lee Bushway, W'74
Actress in more than 100 plays in theatres around the country; currently appearing in Sanibel, Fla. in Ten Little Indians

★ Nancy Heilman-Davis, W'75
18 years in television writing, producing, directing, hosting and acting for news, commercial ads, public affairs, talk shows and special events; commercial voice work for radio; author of children's musicals and murder mystery plays

★ Mitch Fore, R'75
Lighting designer and technical director in the department of dance at UNCGreensboro; has designed lighting and served as technical director for more than 300 theatre, opera and dance productions around the country

★ Tom Becker, R'79
Executive producer for a not-for-profit arts service video production company that produces documentaries, producer/director/host of Young, Gifted & Broke, a weekly cable TV series broadcast in New York City since 1987

★ Gregg Alan Hillmar, R'79
Assistant professor and coordinator of the scenic design and stage management programs at Towson State U.; in Maryland; award-winning scenic and lighting designer for regional and summer stock theatres, dance and opera companies

★ Caroline Pendleton Hillmar, W'80
Performs media buying, press and publications coordination for international presenter/producer of touring Broadway shows; acted and modeled throughout the U.S.; worked as casting associate for the TV show "Crime Story" and as vice president of a full-service ad agency

★ Bonnie Wheatley Zickefoose, W'81
Owner of a specialty costume company which designs and produces costumes for theatre, dance and ice-skaters; clients include the Russian Ballet Theatre of Delaware, world champion ice dancers, and the 1992 Olympic pairs ice-skating champions

★ Matthew Potts, R'85
Creative supervisor and senior copywriter in marketing firm; producer, director and actor in local studio theatre; co-founder of The Rising Sun Repertory Theatre Co. in Richmond, now Encore! Theatre Co.

★ Lisa Ficco, W'89
Wardrobe for the Ted Turner Network production of "Tecumseh the Last Warrior"; resident costume designer for three summers at Blowing Rock Stage Co., in N.C.; costume coordinator for My Fair Lady at North Carolina Theatre in Raleigh

★ Michael Loprete, R'89
Performing and writing in "Groundlings Sunday Show," L.A.'s premiere sketch comedy and improvisational group; recent television credits include roles on "Sightings," "Waymans Brothers," and "Twisted," a sketch comedy and variety pilot

★ Brian Robinson, R'89
Marketing and publicity manager for Warner Brothers films including Ace Ventura, Robin Hood, Major League and True Romance; helps coordinate product placement, merchandise licensing, TV spots and other promotional materials

★ Laura Grace Pattillo, W'91
Has a leading role in Worlds Apart, a supporting role in Tbe Secret of the Oaks and will appear in the short Trailers; all upcoming films from director and screenwriter Thomas Peters; local theatre credits include an award for best actress

★ William P. Knight III, AR'93
Stage manager for the MS Queen Odyssey; manages all technical aspects of entertainment on cruise ship including lighting/sound design and implementation and staging

★ Jonathan W. Sale, AR'95
MFA student at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco; professional productions include Marvin's Room, Romeo and Juliet, and Stand Up Tragedy, all at Richmond's Theatre IV

Additional alumni are profiled in the Class Connections section of this issue.
Stories of engagement in learning by students and faculty

Competing at national mathematics meeting

Four of the 28 undergraduate research projects accepted for competition in a recent national meeting of mathematics professionals came from the University of Richmond, and one of those garnered first place honors.

In the competition, which included talented undergraduates from across the nation, the four UR students comprised the largest group of independently funded undergraduate research projects.

The research was presented at the Joint Mathematics Meetings — the 102nd annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the 79th annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America — held in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 10-13.

Seniors Sarah Spence, Kimberly Noonan, Michael Nimchek and Brian McKeever presented posters detailing their research, conducted last summer in conjunction with UR's honors program in mathematics.

They were judged on the content of their research and the visual presentation of their posters. They also were required to field questions and explain their research with professional mathematicians at the conference's three-hour poster session, McKeever says.

First place for the poster session went to Spence and McKeever for "Nonlinear Binary Codes as the Images of Linear Codes Over Z_2," which Spence says is a study of how to transmit information electronically from one place to another while guarding against data loss.

Their adviser, associate professor of mathematics Dr. James Davis, says that having the students win this award is the highlight of his career. "It is very rare and exciting for them to get this kind of national recognition."

McKeever, an Ethyl Science Scholar, and Spence, a Clare Boothe Luce Scholar, also presented a second project, "SB-Dac: A Study of the Applications of Finite Field Automorphisms to Message Digest Algorithms" in the undergraduate poster session.

Message digest algorithms are a component of all modern electronic security systems, according to associate professor of mathematics Dr. Gary Greenfield, who advised the two on this project. The students' research involved finding efficient ways to digitally authenticate or sign electronic documents.

This digital signature assures the recipient of a document that it actually is from the sender and that it has not been altered by any third parties, Greenfield says. "It is an important part of all security modules."

Noonan's research, "Communication Games on Series of Simple Cycles," was supported by a university undergraduate research grant. It focuses on cooperative games, Noonan explains, which are models for studying bargaining situations.
Noonan’s adviser, associate professor of mathematics Dr. Katherine Hoke, says game theory is often used by political scientists to compare the power of individuals in various voting schemes.

Nimchek, an Ethyl Science Scholar, presented his project, “Zero Sets for Analytic Functions,” which deals with angles and distances in certain infinite dimensional spaces. Nimchek’s work differs from the other students’ research in that it is more theoretical than applied, explains Dr. William Ross, assistant professor of mathematics and an adviser to Nimchek.

“We knew the students’ research was great,” says Dr. Della Fenster, assistant professor of mathematics, who accompanied the students to the conference. “This competition was a wonderful way for the students to communicate their research both verbally and visually beyond the comfortable environs of the University.”

“These students and their work,” Ross says, “have shown the national mathematics community that UR considers undergraduate research to be a significant part of its total academic program.”

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**Examining assumptions about art and aesthetic value**

What makes an object, a literary work, a musical composition or a painting a thing of beauty?

This spring, visiting scholars from universities in the United States and England are examining and challenging traditional ideas about art and aesthetic value.

The distinguished scholars are brought to campus through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. During a three-day visit, each scholar delivers a public lecture and leads two sessions of a seminar for select upper-level students entitled “The Object of Art: Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Aesthetic.”

The 28 students in the seminar “have the rare opportunity to interact with seven outstanding thinkers in the field of aesthetics and critical theory today,” says Dr. Anthony Russell, assistant professor of English, who is teaching the course with Dr. Terry Givens, associate professor of English, and Dr. Thomas Greene, professor of English.

The grant money allowed for the purchase of educational resources including terrariums, soil and water test kits and scientific literature. The plants were supplied by Dr. John Hayden, professor of biology.

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**Turning a classroom into an arboretum**

Student volunteers with the group Earth Action at the University have transformed a classroom at Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Richmond into an arboretum, with the help of a grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment.

The classroom is now equipped with plant life, literature, scientific instruments and models. In it the children will be able to work with a variety of plants, conduct experiments and play hands-on games which teach about nature and the environment.

“It is an interactive learning lab that will have a major impact on the children,” says Victoria Oakley, the school’s principal.

Creating this “green classroom” is one way University students are working to give inner-city children “an opportunity to experience nature the way a lot of us may take for granted,” says Patrick Rucker, JR’96. He is the program coordinator for Earth Action, whose goal is to increase environmental awareness at the University and beyond. Oakley thinks the UR volunteers have been role models for her students.

“They have set an example of giving back to the community.”

“More than a dozen Earth Action students have been working with Robert E. Lee for four years,” says Jill Flora, a teacher at the school. The students spend up to 12 hours a week visiting in classrooms.

“The goal of these visits is to help the children understand nature and the impact they have on the natural world despite the confines of their urban setting,” Flora and Rucker say.

Earth Action volunteers saw the opportunity to do more than just conduct classroom lessons at the school, Rucker says. “We wrote a proposal for funding to open a spare room at Robert E. Lee and turn it into almost an arboretum, an environmental resource room.”

Rucker and Flora wrote the proposal, which Rucker believes was ambitious and a first of its kind. They were awarded more than $3,000.

“The sustained commitment of the students to Robert E. Lee probably had a lot to do with the grant’s being awarded to them,” says Greg Asar, AR’93, a founding member of Earth Action and associate coordinator for the University’s Learning in Community Settings program.

“These students have been giving their time and energy to Robert E. Lee for a number of years, and it’s a commitment that isn’t going to go away any time soon.”

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The story of six brothers who went off to war leaving their widowed mother behind is told in this collection of letters written from Civil War battlegrounds and encampments. The brothers' letters to their mother and two sisters offer a seldom-seen view of life in the trenches, which often was brutal. The letters are simple, honest accounts of what they saw, including the deaths of two of the brothers.

Turner, a history professor at Washington & Lee University from 1946 until his retirement in 1982, adds background information to put the letters in proper historical perspective for his readers.

Ted Barclay, Liberty Hall Volunteers: Letters From the Stonewall Brigade

The thoughts and actions of a Confederate foot soldier who fought his way through many of the Civil War's fiercest battles are told through his letters written home to his mother and sister.

Ted Barclay was a member of perhaps the best-educated infantry company in the Confederacy, the Liberty Hall Volunteers of the Stonewall Brigade. His letters detail his steadfast support for the cause, the agony of the battlefield and of the battles in which he fought, including 1st Manassas (Bull Run), Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

Turner provides his readers with nearly 200 biographical sketches of persons mentioned in the letters. The author or editor of more than 30 other books, he is currently editing a Civil War diary. He lives in Lexington, Va.

Gideon's Torch

ELLEN SANTILLI VAUGHN, W'78, AND CHARLES COLSON

Word Publishing 1995

In their first evangelical Christian novel, Vaughan and Colson tell the story of a federal crackdown on abortion groups and the government's fierce response to the anti-abortionists' violence. It gives an insider's look at the intrigues, human frailties and ineptitudes of federal government and national leaders as the nation is jolted by the impact of a secret mission code named, "Gideon's Torch."

Vaughn has collaborated with Colson since 1980 on articles, editorials and seven other books, including Loving God Against the Night and The Body, which received Christianity Today's Readers' Choice Award as favorite book of 1993.

The former vice president of executive communications for Prison Fellowship Ministries, Vaughn has also written for Christianity Today, World Magazine, Focus on the Family Magazine, Marriage Partnership and other Christian publications.

Richmond Times-Dispatch: The Story of a Newspaper

J. EARLE DUNFORD JR., R'48

Cadmus Fine Publishing, 1995

This comprehensive book not only tells the story of the Richmond Newspapers, it also chronicles the history of Richmond, Virginia and the nation during the past 145 years.

Dunford shows how reporters and editors reacted to major historical and political events of the time, from the Civil War to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, from the assassination of President Kennedy to the escape of the notorious Britley brothers. He examines the people who helped shape the paper — men such as Douglas Southall Freeman, James Kilpatrick, Virginia Dabney and Jeff McNelly.

And he looks at the controversies the paper has faced, such as the stand against desegregation and support of massive resistance by the Times-Dispatch and the News Leader during the 1950s.

Dunford joined the Times-Dispatch in 1952 as a reporter and moved through the ranks to city editor, a position which he held for 20 years. He has been an adjunct senior lecturer in journalism at the University since 1990.

The 34th Battalion Virginia Cavalry

SCOTT C. COLE, R'82

H.E. Howard Inc., 1993

This history of the 34th regimental unit of the Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War contains the history of the unit from its beginning to end, as well as an annotated muster roll of each of its nearly 1,000 men.

These compiled service records include such information as the date and place of enlistment, battles fought, physical descriptions, pension applications and sicknesses and hospitalizations while in the unit.

Cole's book is one in the Virginia Regimental History Series, a collection documenting the history of every regimental unit sent by Virginia to the Confederacy during the Civil War.

A pharmacist, Cole has long had an interest in the war. One of his three great-great-grandfathers who served in regimental units was a member of the 34th Cavalry. Cole lives in Cedar Bluff, Va.

FACULTY BOOKS

Dependency and Development, an Introduction to the Third World

DR. TED C. LEWELLEN, professor of anthropology

Bergin & Garvey, 1995

In an interdisciplinary approach to examining the Third World, Lewellen provides theories of underdevelopment, economics, politics, population, urbanization, threatened environments and human rights.

This book, which is targeted primarily to college undergraduates, is intended to address a need for more interdisciplinary courses about the Third World, Lewellen says.

He is the author of two other books, one on political anthropology and the other about the Ayamra Indians of Peru.

Problems and Simulation in Evidence

THOMAS F. GUERNSEY, professor of law

Anderson Publishing Company, 1995

Guernsey uses the problem and simulation approach rather than the traditional casebook approach in this textbook designed for use in basic evidence classes. The format encourages students to role play, which promotes more factual analysis as opposed to strictly doctrinal legal analysis.

Guernsey's third book on the wide ranging topic of evidence, it has been adopted by a number of law schools around the country including the T.C. Williams School of Law.

Virginia Rules of Evidence with Objections

THOMAS F. GUERNSEY, professor of law

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1995

This pocket-sized book is a quick reference designed for lawyers to use in the courtroom. It contains evidentiary issues and courtroom objections with the appropriate cross references to Virginia law.

Guernsey also is the author or co-author of several other books including Trial Practice, Special Education Law and the treatise Virginia Evidence. See article on p. 4.
ATHLETICS

★ John N. Moreau, R'64 and G'71, completed 25 years as an official on the Atlantic Coast Conference officials basketball staff in 1995. A nationally recognized referee, Moreau has officiated in hundreds of ACC games and at the World Games of the Special Olympics twice.

As an athletic administrator at the Collegiate Schools in Richmond, Moreau is a teacher, coach and adviser. He began refereeing in 1958 in Richmond City league games while he was a student and a "fill-in" player for the Spider basketball team. He was an official for middle and high school basketball games until 1969, when he was invited to officiate college freshman games in the ACC and Southern Conference.

BUSINESS

★ Dr. Phillip H. Kirkpatrick, R'56 and G'62, was inducted into the U.S. Jaycees Hall of Leadership in January 1995. The Hall of Leadership honors former Jaycees whose accomplishments outside the Junior Chamber arena continue to exemplify Jaycee ideals. Kirkpatrick was an active Jaycee from 1957 to 1968, and was the group's Virginia state president in 1965-66.

The owner and operator of a consulting business, Kirkpatrick worked for the Army for 36 years, retiring as a special assistant to the Army quartermaster general for total quality management. He has served as president of more than 30 organizations.

EDUCATION

★ Dr. Alice Turner Schafer, W’36 and H’64, led a session on math and science at the U.S./China Joint Conference on Women's Issues in Beijing last September. The conference was co-sponsored by the Citizen's Ambassador Program of People to People International and the China Women's Association for Science and Technology. Schafer also led mathematics groups to China in 1990 and in 1992.

A professor at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., Schafer has taught mathematics at a number of colleges and universities including Connecticut College, the University of Michigan and Swarthmore College. At Wellesley College she was the Helen Day Gould Professor of Mathematics. In 1964 she became the first woman to receive an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Richmond.

★ Dr. Georg G. Igers, R'44, was elected president of the International Commission on the History of Historiography at the meeting of the International Congress of Historical Sciences last September. He will serve a five-year term. The commission coordinates work being done in the writing of history throughout the world.

Igers, a distinguished professor of history at the State University of New York-Buffalo, was vice president of the commission from 1980 to 1995. An internationally recognized expert in the field of European intellectual history, he is author and editor of numerous publications.

During the first half of this year, he is conducting research and working on a book at the Max Planck Institute for History in Goettingen, Germany.

★ Dr. P. Dean Chavers, R’64, received the Public Service Award in November from the Stanford American Indian Alumni Association, an organization of Native American alumni of Stanford University. Chavers was cited for founding the organization 25 years ago and for his recruitment of Native American students to Stanford.

He also was cited for his support of the students' education through scholarships provided by the Native American Scholarship Fund Inc., of which he is the director.

Chavers also has been appointed chairman of the Albuquerque Commission on Indian Affairs, the highest ranking such position in the Albuquerque city government. He will oversee the commission, which serves as an advocate of Indian affairs and conditions within the city. His three-year term began last October.

LAW

★ David B. Beach, L'76, is the president of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. He assumed the office in August 1995 at the conference’s annual meeting in San Antonio. The national group provides an educational exchange of ideas between courts in different geographic areas and seeks to help improve the administration of appellate courts nationwide.

Beach, clerk of the Virginia Supreme Court, has been with the clerk’s office for 18 years and has been a member of the conference since 1985.

LITERATURE

★ Dr. Welford D. Taylor, R’59 and G’61, was elected vice-president and secretary of the Poe Foundation, which supports the Edgar Allan Poe Museum in Richmond. A board member for 20 years, Taylor was instrumental in raising funds for the restoration of the library at the museum. The library houses about 500 volumes, including most secondary works of note published about Poe.

A professor of English at the University, Taylor holds the James A. Bostwick Chair of English. He is the author or editor of six books, and he reviews literature for the Commentary section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

MEDICINE

★ Lottie Blanton Applewhite, W’45, received the Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the American Medical Writers Association, at the group’s annual conference in Baltimore last October. An author’s editor of medical manuscripts and books for more than 30 years, Applewhite was recognized for her notable contributions to medical communications.

The AMWA serves medical writers, editors, public relations specialists and other professionals in the field of biocommunications.

Applewhite also is author of numerous articles and professional papers, contributor to several books and has edited many publications including The Crucial Ligaments, an internationally recognized “bible on knee ligaments.”
Martha L. Walden, W., discovered that her birth certificate shows her birthday as Oct. 18, 1896 — a year older than she thought — and she celebrated her 99th birthday with family and friends at E.N. Sanders Nursing Home in Gloucester, Va. Her first poem was published in The Poet's Domain this year. She enjoys visitors and conversation and is recovering from a fractured wrist, ribs and hip.

Ruth Wallenstein Thalhimmer, W., celebrated her 97th birthday and still resides in her own home in Richmond.

Dorothy Sadler Corprew, W., writes that her general health is better than her sight, and she still lives alone in Richmond with daily help. She keeps up with the events at the college and enjoys the news and pictures in the University of Richmond Magazine.

The Rev. W.T. Vanderplas, R., celebrated his 101st birthday on Nov. 4, 1995. He still walks outdoors in South Yarmouth, Mass., with the aid of his walker and the presence of two small dogs. He lives with his widowed daughter, Martha, and a home health service keeps him in good condition.


Margaret Powell Armstrong, W., of Cranesville, R.I., wrote that her husband of 63 years died in November 1994. They were the first couple married in Cannon Memorial Chapel. They returned there for their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She visited one of their daughters, Margaret Armstrong Tluszcz, W'55, in Annadale, Va., and saw Dorothy Knibb, W., and Margaret Saunders Haie, W., Alislocher Ballay, W., of Fredericksburg, Va., still enjoys volunteering many hours a week, swimming and reading biographies and history. She also continues to drive and received a license, good until the year 2000.

M. Catherine "Kitty" Bell, W., is a resident at Marshall Manor in Marshall, Va.

Cecyle Loving Hackendorf, W., received her 1995 O'Alumni Directory and checked to see if anyone lived in her small city of Melrose, Mass. She found a fellow alumna, and they have made arrangements to get together for tea.

Margaret Saunders Haie, W., moved to Tappahannock, Va., in February 1995. She enjoys her view of the Rappahannock River and frequent visits from her three children and seven grandchildren. Eleanor Waters Ramsey, W., of Willow Street, Pa., wrote that her four years at Westhampton were among the happiest days of her life.

Grunt V. Harrison, R., of Alexandria, Va., continues to serve as the Virginia state registrar for Sons of the American Revolution. Helen Covey Milllus, W., sent New Year greetings from Charlotteville, Va.: "Note new address. But don't think we have moved. Though our mail arrives via the new designation, it reaches the same old rural mailbox and the same little white house at the top of a foothill with the Blue Ridge to the west (visible) and the Ragged Mountains (which Poe knew) to the south. So our one silver of news — the address change — is hardly momentous."

"No travel, no more Paris. My husband's illness makes travel more a hazard than a pleasure. But while we remain stationary, the scenery changes all around. The wealth of summer greenery becomes flame-color, then drops, to reveal the distant mountains. The deer bring their young to patronize our compost pile at the edge of our woods; we know, after a snow we can trace their sharply imprinted hoofprints. And I'm willing to risk a bet that we'll be able to find a wildflower already in bloom for 1996 on New Year's Day — the shank cabbage."

"And we hope for all the alumnae and alumni it will be a rewarding year. Hastily, Helen Covey Millius."

Louise Hardaway Boswell, W., on three days' notice, flew to Ireland for four enjoyable days last March. She lives in Berkeleyville. Elizabeth Chandler Cox, W., of Rome, Ga., is 88, in fair health and lives in a retirement home. She wrote that some of the happiest years of her life were spent at Westhampton College. She has three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Eugenia Riddick Steck, W., wrote of her "belated awakening" that she is now the matriarch of her clan. She has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Naomi Williams Thomas, W., of Puckett, W., is helping to send her grandchildren through college.

Estelle Crenshaw Leadbetter, W., has been living at Westminster Canterbury House in Richmond for 10 years. She has a daughter, 54, and a granddaughter, 25, who graduated from VCU in 1994 and is working on her master's degree.

W.R. Leslie, R., of Glen Allen, Va., is 87 years of age and has suffered two strokes. Thomas C. Yeaman, R., of Richmond, has been taking heart medication and no longer suffers from angina pain.
Gene Newton West, W, reported the death of his husband, Dr. T. Eugene West, W'27, on May 13, 1995, after several years of failing health. Her sister, Edith Newton Eades, W'22, moved from Virginia to Asheville, N.C., to live across the square from her.

G. Winston "Winnie" Crenshaw Sr., R, of Kilnbranch, Va., and his wife, Evelyn, have three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

F.A. Frazer Jr., R, of Richmond, retired from the medical/surgical division of Owens & Minor Inc., and works as a consultant to the healthcare industry.

Elizabeth Cannon Kimball, W, of Winchester, Va., has been recording textbooks and other written material for the visually handicapped for more than 25 years. She just finished her 20th recording.

Roger W. Leverton, R, of Parrish, Fla., wrote of his disappointment that only he and Cleveland Kern Sr., R, were awarded spots on their class reunion banquet in May. He hopes more will show up the next time (May 2000).

Thomas H. Morris Jr., R, of Galax, Va., has two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He enjoys playing golf and watching lots of big ball and football. He enjoyed watching the Spider play at Radford U. and met the coach.

Samuel Bates Ball, R, of Aylert, Va., was honored by Beulah Baptist Church for 50 years of service as an organist. He retired after bypass surgery.

Martha Cosby Buckner Balmer, W, of Chatham, Va., visited the national parks of the West with a tour group of 35. They traveled more than 7,000 miles in 30 states.

Dr. William J. Fallis, R, of Nashville, Tenn., wrote he was happy that his son Richard moved from a Syracuse U. professorship of about 20 years to become dean of the School of Humanities/Education of Belmont U. in Nashville, Tenn.

Virginia Ingram Guest, W, of Kensington, Md., still is active in volunteer work at age 80. She is an elder in her church and celebrated 60 years with the Girl Scouts, 48 years with the American Association of University Women and 10 years with the Montgomery County Women's Fair. In August, she toured Ireland, Scotland and England and hopes to start a genealogy of her family, going back to the 1720s in America.

Virginia A. Kerensky, W, of Chestertown, Md., retired as an associate from Bittersweet on May 1, 1995.

David A. Magid, R, became a year-round resident of Boca Raton, Fla., after living on Long Island for 50 years.

Allen G. McCabe Jr., R, of Richmond, has named a life member in the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Martha Rils Moore, W, of Richmond, has five children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and volunteers at the Shepherd's Center.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Mildred Crowder Pickels came East for several weeks and while in Richmond invited me to a reception for the Recruits Club. Mildred was invited to a tour of the partially completed George M. Moodin Center for the Arts that includes the student art gallery Millie has given. It will be known as the Gallery.

Boo Owens Page's granddaughter, Erin Page Taylor, received a graduate certificate from Al-Marah Ranch in Tacon. The ranch specializes in equestrian training of Arabian horses.

Kitty Ellis Fox celebrated her birthday in Nashville with her son, Stephen. While there, she attended the "Grand Ole Opry" show.

Jacquelin Warner Warren had a wonderful trip to Paris, visiting the museums and Moors home garden in Giverny. She also traveled in Italy.

In September I enjoyed a cruise to the Mediterranean visiting Spain, Italy, France, Greece and Turkey. On the ship I ran into two Westhampton alumnae, Virginia Omohundro Perrelli, W'41, and Elin Bradshaw Kintner, W'39. When in Athens, I climbed to the top of the Acropolis exactly one month before a significant birthday!

We received a nice letter from Carrie Smith, W'95, our first scholarship recipient. She thanked the class for remembering her at graduation and in the book and card. She says that we will always be very special to her. Carrie is now employed by the firm of Andersen Consulting.

Dr. Alice Turner Schauer, W, professor of mathematics at Marymount U. in Arlington, Va., was the leader of the session on mathematics and science at the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People's United States and China Conference on Women Issues in Beijing, Aug. 14-Sept. 2, 1995. She also attended the non-governmental forum. Alice's group of 65 was the third largest at the conference. See Alumni Notables, p. 25.

In June we learned of the death of Judith Hodges Schulte. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and children.

Plans for our 60th-year class reunion have been started, so please send any suggestions you may have for the weekend of May 3-4 to Murtha or me.

The Rev. Cecil C. Anderson, R, of Hagerstown, Md., suffered a stroke in 1993 that left him needing a cane. He is still active in his church and community. He and his wife, Virginia Pinchbeck Anderson, W'36, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Bethesda Country Club of Va.

Nancy Chappell Pettigrew, W, enjoyed a visit with Margaret Harris Bradley, W, and also sees many Westhamptonites at the two Shepherd's Centers in Richmond. She took a land and cruise trip to Alaska in June.

Dr. William T. Robertson, R, of Hampton, Va., is proud of his grandson, Jonathan Baker, a first-year student on the basketball team.

Margery Moore Taylor, W, who still tutors French and Spanish, also teaches every Thursday at the Shepherd's Center. She moved to Westminster-Canterbury House in Richmond.

Christian Vaughan Troxell, W, has a grandson, Andy Luck, who, with a friend, rode his horse from Ashland, Va., to Portland, Ore. — a total of 4,596 miles.

Dr. Charles W. Turner, W, suffered a stroke in 1991 and lives at the Stonewell Jackson Hospital Extended Care Facility in Lexington, Va. He published another addition and also sees many Westhamptonites at the two Shepherd's Centers in Richmond.

Dr. Joseph W. Veitch, W, who has been a member of the basketball team.

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The response to requests for donations to a memorial for Mary Moline Grubb was great. As a result, we are able to fund two seats in the new tower of the George M. Moodin Center for the Arts. The memorial plaques on the backs of the seats will read:

For the memory of Mary Moline Grubb
Class of 1946

Helen Smith Moss, who received the funds and worked with the LR staff, sends special thanks to each of you who contributed to this tribute.

Josephine Moncar Flexner, W, retired from teaching in 1987 and moved from Memphis to be near her children in Rhinebeck, N.Y. She edited and typed her husband Kurt's last book, The Enlightened Society — Economy with a Human Face, published by Macmillan and translated into Russian and German. They have been to Vienna six times since 1990 and to New York five times.

William A. Grant Jr., R, works as chief executive officer of SRS Sound Inc. in Jasper, Ala. His granddaughter, Virginia Grant, is a senior at UR.
Marjorie Brittingham Lovig, W. of Santa Barbara, Calif., wrote that she is looking forward to the 55-year class reunion in May.

Dr. Jesse W. Markham, R. of Friendship, Maine, was elected president of The La Plata Condominium Association Inc. of Longboat Key, Fla. He and his wife, Penelope, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a round of parties with their three children.

Dr. Marion L. Rice Jr., R., still practices medicine with Hamilton Medical Specialists in Richmond. He plays trumpet with the Acca Temple band and with the “Sauerkratts,” a German band. He has taken up woodcarving.

Mary Alice Smith Tillotson, W. of Williamsburg, Va., retired from teaching high school math 10 years ago but stays very busy tutoring and has school at every level of high school through calculus. She enjoys getting together twice a year with her nieces at Santa Barbara’s Peninsula Club. Her daughter, Nita, gave birth to a son, who is her seventh grandson.

The Rev. Charles A. Watkins Jr., R., of Roanoke, Va., serves as interim pastor of Litchfield Baptist Church in Buchanan, Va. He and his wife plan to celebrate their fourth trip to Hawaii this June and invite others to join them.

Suzanne Russell Wright, W. of Fort Washington, N.Y., reports on her grandchildren: the oldest is in her second year at Connecticut College and the 16-year-old plans to go to Germany in the spring.

Elizabeth MacMarty Clark, W. and her husband, Frank, have a winter home in Fort Myers, Fla., as well as their home in Beverly, Mass. They traveled this year to California, San Antonio, Texas and Europe. Every year they attend a reunion of shipments abroad the USS Delta, a Navy repair ship.

Lemuel C. Fitzgerald Sr., R., of Covington, Va., and his wife, Kitty, traveled in Europe during September. This past April they served as captains on a team raising money for their local YMCA.

Dr. John N. Gordon, R., of Aurora, Colo., has been busy in retirement taking care of dogs, playing golf and skiing at Loveland Basin, Keystone and Winter Park — Ski Country USA.

Harvey L. Hudson, R., of Richmond, celebrates his 55th year in radio and television. His three-hour broadcast, “Harvey Hudson’s Passing Parade,” is aired on WVR radio twice a month. He also is the voice of Richmond game and commercial recordings.

Jayne Maire Massie, W. of Hanover, Va., wrote about the death of her husband, G. Edmond Massie, W., who died June 2, 1995, of cancer. She continues her activities as regent of the Commonwealth chapter of the National Society of the DAR, director of the Hanover branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities; secretary of the Caroline County Republican Party; and member of the board of Hanover Mental Health.

Eleanor Frank Patterson, W., of Williamsburg, Va., and her husband, Harvey, enjoy working with Jamestown Rediscovery, the archeological dig on Jamestown Island. They are also gearing up for Williamsburg’s 400th birthday, which is 11 years away.

Stuart L. Williams, R., is in his 47th year of general law practice in Richmond. He has practice with his son, Stuart L. Williams Jr., CLS, and has no intention of retiring with fewer than 50 years at the bar.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The class of ’42 is missing one of its brighter lights with the passing of Betty Ann Petzing Shackleford on Oct. 22. Betty Ann was ’42’s May Queen, a member of Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa. A native of Portsmouth, she had lived in Houston in recent years and had devoted many teaching hours teaching Bible classes in nursing homes. She was married to papers with R. I. A. of UB’s football. They have a son and daughter living in the Houston area, and five grandchildren.

Class treasurer Ada Moss Harlow is hobbling around on a broken foot but still able to keep tabs on the progress of the new center for the arts on campus. She reports that the center is impressive and will be a valuable addition to the University.

Richmond Ann Pavey Garrett had lunch in Raleigh, N.C., with Helen Moon Cashwell, who was in our freshman class and then transferred to Mars Hill College in North Carolina.

Anne Smith Palazzo and her husband, who is recovering from surgery, have a new authorized bed in the East End of Richmond.

Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton Jr., R., a retired doctor in Richmond, was named treasurer of the INVA Home Health Care board.

Helen Herrink Fitz, W., of Cincinnati, Ohio, added to her volunteer activities one day a week at a hospital, where her husband, Jack, also volun- teers. She continues visiting family in California, Arizona and Michigan and spent three weeks in northern Italy in the fall. She also stays involved in politics by helping others with their campaigns.

Charles J. Gambill Jr., R., of Richmond, was named a life member in the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Dr. Robert O. Gill, R., is retired and lives in Richmond.

Harrett Lewis Goodman, W., of Richmond, lives busy with golf, gardening, water aerobics and her seven grandchildren, six of whom live in Richmond. Harrare’s and Halord’s oldest grandson, Bryan, graduated from William & Mary Law School and married a fellow law student in Lake Charles, La. Their oldest granddaughter graduated from JMU and works for the Green Briar Resort.

Mary Emerson McSweeney, W., of Delafield, Wisc., wrote that her husband, Bill, died in May. In June, she had total knee replacement surgery.

Dorothy Darrocauto Duarte, W., is a resident of Ginter Villa West in Richmond.

Douglas M. Holt, R., of Richmond, had hip replacement surgery in March and was back playing tennis in June.

Dr. George G. Igers, R., of Amberst, N.Y., was elected president of the International Commission on the History of Historiography. See Alumni Nubilates, p. 25.

W.H. Lockery Jr., R., of Winter Park, Fla., works as the executive director of the Florida Theatre Conference and also serves as editor of their newsletter. For 10 years, he has been publishing The University Players Newsletter for alumni who were involved in theatre at UB. In August, he attended his 20th “Ring” cycle in Seattle. See story, p. 19.

Louise Walters Nelsen, W., of Richmond, and her husband, Art, went on a “War and Remembrance” trip to Europe, which included the Normandy beachhead and its murderously fat Americans who gave their lives for freedom.

Dr. John B. Rose Jr., R., of Fredericksburg, Va., plans to retire in January after 45 years of solo medical practice as a family practitioner.

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Lois Hester Bryan and Lily Jane Crosby Baker met with the scholarship committee and identified the following priorities for applicants: (1) a descendant of a member of the class of ’42; (2) any relative of a member of the class of ’42; (3) any relative of a Westhampton College alumna.

Lois visited her sixth grandson in Texas during the summer and then went on to visit five countries in Europe, including two concentration camps. She met a woman who had survived Auschwitz and spent two hours talking with her.

Doris Hedgepath Neal is proud of grandson Brien, who won a Morehead Scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill. Despite the least some weight and attributes some of her success to walking in water.

Demie Browne Blair has had many house guests in addition to her busy schedule.

Dot Illeson is still in her home. She says she is still remembering how much she enjoyed her reunion — aren’t we all?

In April, Betsy Rice attended a clergy-laymen seminar at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. The experience was enriching, and she says she wants to think and act more ecumenically.

Many of us have enjoyed our ’42 high school reunions this year. The following sightings have been reported: Billy Jane Crosby Baker, Betsy Rice, Ann Burcher Stansbury and Warren, and Mary Bowden Felger.

In August, Dorothy Monroe Hill and Sonne, and Norma Sanders Granley joined me and me for a week at Sky Valley, Ga.

One of the 50th reunion gifts from the Richmond Class of 1945 was an inscribed granite bench, which has been installed and is located next to the alumni affairs entrance of Sarah Brunet Memorial Hall (formerly the Belfrety).

Lottie Blanton Applegate, W., of Chapel Hill, N.C., received the Harford Swanson Distinguished Service Award at the American Medical Writers Association conference in Baltimore Oct. 25. She edits manuscripts written by knee surgeons and sports medicine physicians and has co-authored the design of curricula for budding writers and editors in the field of medicine. This year she is also editing a book and coordinating the publication process. See Alumni Nubilates, p. 25.

Audrey Grubin Frickel, W., of East Meadow, N.Y., missed the 50th reunion because her grandson, Ethan, was bar mitzvahed that weekend. She enjoyed seeing the pictures of everyone “you all look great!”

Alma Rosenbaum Hurwitz, W., of Schenectady, N.Y., spent last winter skiing in New York, Vermont and the Canadian Rockies, where she saw the World Cup downhill races. In August, she drove to California with her son, Wayne, and grandson, Michael, crossing 12 states in seven days. In September, she enjoyed a short visit at her cottage on Lake George with Mary Carter Campbell, W. and her husband, John Paulson.

Martha Clapton Jones, W. of Raleigh, N.C., reports the birth of her first great-grandchild, Seven Clements, born May 13, 1995.

Frank W. Mann Jr., R., of Lancaster, Va., wrote the script for the most recent video short for October 8, a tribute for Claire Noble Robinson, ’31 and H’60. Mann was a 32-year employee of Al’s Robinson and worked with Claire in Richmond for many years. He enjoys sailing, painting and volunteering.

Virginia Cunningham Rose, W. and her family, and a group of friends went to Venice for three days and cruised around Italy to Monte Carlo. She and John live in Fredericksburg, Va.

Virginia Nicholas Sanders, W. served as chairperson for “Old Fashioned Roots Day” at First Baptist Church in Richmond. She also serves as a leader for her women’s church group and as secretary of the church’s youth division. She is immediate past president of the eastern district of the Presbyterian Story League, the oldest storytelling group in the United States. She has four married children and four grandchildren. Her husband, Tom Sanders, taught economics at UR for 23 years.

From the Westhampton College President

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We were all saddened to learn of the sudden death in September of Les III, son of Betty Dawson Dillard and Les. Betty wrote that “members of our class have been so supportive with their cards and letters.

Kathy Mumm Akin wrote that Mary Campbell Paulson and her husband spent a few days with them. They also met Gladys Kaufman Metz and her husband in Phili for dinner one night. The Atkins found some country houses in England in October and visited Alberta and the Rockies this past summer.

Natalie Helle Barning and John are involved in major bridge tournaments. This winter they took a world cruise through Asia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, the Suez Canal and the Caribbean.

Doris Colley Berger and Lee enjoyed a trip to New England. While there, they helped their daughter and her husband retrieve furniture stored in a barn in
Maine during the years they were stationed in Germany. Liz Parker Cone's big, happy news is that son Berlek and his family are moving from Guatemala to Hockessin, Del., — only 1/2 hours from Richmond.

Ruth Latimer keeps busy as usual with golfing, boating and her many volunteer activities.

Eve Marlow of Lynch had total replacement of both knees in July. She wrote that Ruth Marie Wicker was "great" to chauffeur her anywhere.

In September, Gladys Kaufman Metz and Art Nancy Grey Lazenby Stables and Linton in Seattle and toured the Canadian Rockies. They also attended a UR reception in Gladwyne, Pa., with Kathy Mumma Atkinson and Jack. The Metzes returned to New Jersey in late fall and are now in Florida until May.

Mary Campbell Paulson wrote that she and her family were well, and they are able to travel to Sandbridge. Nags Head and Hilton Head. In October, they visited the Atkinsons in Philly and Blythe Robinson and "Wing it in Lake George." Later, they spent a week in Mont Tremblant, Canada.

In October, Nancy Grey Lazenby Stables and Linton went to Massachusetts to greet their sixth grandchild. Nancy's only brother died suddenly right after our 50th reunion. We are so very sorry about this sad news.

We are also sorry to hear that Lillian Welk Youell's mother passed away in August. All of you who wrote were so kind to commend me for taking this job as secretary, but in truth it was the only way I felt I could pay my dues! It is an honor to be part of this great class.

Now, a toast to Doris Mills Hallford for the tremendous job she did as secretary for five years. We all thank you, Doris, for the devotion, articulation and your extra personal touch to this column. You are, indeed, a hard act to follow!

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J. William "Bill" Etheridge, R. of Chesapeake, Va., retired from Newport News Schools in 1984 as assistant director after 44 years of service. Until 1990, he continued conducting seminars on teaching strategies and supervision of instruction for the American Association of School Administrators and for school districts nationwide. He now instructs docents in the Holocaust Education Center at the War Memorial Museum of Va. Virginia Beach Grabbe, W. of Orangefield, Calif., was named Teacher of the Year 1986-86. She taught elementary school for 44 years and ran an education credential program at National U.

L. Janice H. Reynolds preached to the alumni of the Zionsville, Ind., branch of the Civilian Conservation Corps, in which he served 1938-39.

Clarence P. Avery Jr., R. of Midlothian, Va., was named a life member in the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Rawleigh G. Gralr, R. of Virginia Beach, Va., traveled to London, England, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and France this past summer.

HeLEN Condyles Coughan, W. of North Brunswick, N.J., visited her family in Richmond in October. She and her sister toured the Indian reservation of Chief Powhatan. She also went to Florida to visit her cousin in Coral Gables.

Thomas W. Herrmann, R. of Blacksburg, Va., received the Douglas Southall Freeman Award from the American Lungs and Chest Association of Virginia. A retired vice president of NationsBank, he has been on the association's board for 18 years, and is currently serving as its treasurer.

Helen Church Polihag, W. of Richmond, was asked by the Clark/Cameron branch of Wycliffe Bible translators to properly catalog a "library in chaos" in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Dr. Irvin Robinson, R. of Fort Worth, Texas, enjoys tennis, reading, and travel in his retirement. He also volunteers at a public library and tutors fourth and fifth graders. He enjoyed a visit on the U.S. campus in May 1995 and reminisced with Al Rinaldi, R. 53.

From the Westminster College Library

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It was good hearing from many of you, and I hope others will write for our next issue. You need not wait for deadlines, but you might want to send news four times a year from now on. When you have news — sit right down and write it down.

Maria Carter Satterfield and Calvin toured France to retrace the footsteps of his Army moves. They now have an even dozen grandchildren.

Sally Taylor Du Bose and Bill enjoy retirement and stay busy with hobbies that include lawng and golf, hiking, and mountain biking.

Margaret Stone Cunningham and Jerry are now involved in raising greyhounds. They bought two greyhounds and are awaiting two litter of puppies. They spend six months a year in Palm Beach, where the dogs race. Peggy also plays golf with Brooks Henry "Bert" Discevio, W. 46.

It was good to hear from Alice Goodman, who wrote of a visit from Pat Adair Woodcarver and her daughter Shawn. Pat's son has a two-year-old boy. Pat and Shawn also visited Mary Cross Marshall.

Alice still has no use of her right arm but can walk using a four-prong cane.

Bob and I have been blessed this summer. Our daughter Anne and her husband, Brian, have lived on their sailboat in St. Thomas for two years. They escaped three storms — Lais, Marilyn, and Pablo. Our place and boat on gramd, BVI, suffered only minor damage during Opal, but the island will be uninhabitible until early this year.

Keep the news coming, girls!

Randy Mann Ellis, W. a professional artist in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., went to Japan in October to the International Conference of Papermakers & Paper Artists.

Dr. Daniel H. Krugger, R. is in his 39th year as a faculty member at Michigan State U. He is a professor in the School of Labor &Industrial Relations and lives in Grand Ledge, Mich.

Sara Luria, R. of Waterford, Conn., returned to Richmond to attend their 50th reunion at John Marshall High School. She enjoyed seeing the great changes in town and on campus.

Ellett McGeorge Jr., R. was honored for his years as director of Henrico County with the dedication of a recreation facility/playing field in Varina, Va., named after him. He works as an auctioneer with McGeorge Auction Service in Richmond.

Mary Baskell McKenzie, W. of Atlanta, and her husband, Kermit, went to Athens for a week to visit friends and then went on a tour of Turkey.

Dr. Walter G. Pearson, R. of Raleigh, N.C., works part time with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board since his retirement. He does as much coastal sailing as possible.

James B. Robinson, R. and his wife, Milie, enjoyed an Elderhostel course at Lake Tahoe, where he encountered a heavy snow storm in May. In July, they went to Minnesota and saw the source of the Mississippi River with their grandchildren. He enjoys working on the Boatwright Library book sale.

Dr. Julie Moller Sanford, W. of Duluth, Minn., and her husband, John, took an Elderhostel tour to Edinburgh, Scotland; Garmarthen, Wales; and London.

Earl Dudley Weed Jr., R., returned to Dallas this past January after completing a four-year project as vice president of total quality for Kimberly-Clark in Chicago. He called it "jump-starting" his consulting practice, which specializes in organizational development.

"At Alumni in the top: Our data show that 600 alumni of the University of Richmond hold the titles of president or chairman of the organizations for which they work."

Harry Brismaster Jr., R., of Crozier, Va., has retired from Brismaster Motor Co.

Louis B. Crescioni, R., a consultant with the inspecter general's office in the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C., is a member of the executive committee of the Society of Former FBI Agents. The society meets monthly at the officers' club at Fort Myer, Va.

Mariana Rounds Holloway, W., of Salisbury, Md., planned to go to the Panama Canal cruise for URF alumni in January 1996.

Gerald P. Kynnert Jr., B., of Lighthouse Point, Fla., and his wife, Virginia Smith Kynnert, W., plans to move in January 1996, into a fully-care retirement condo at Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, Fla., where they can also berth their yacht.

Walter J. McGraw, R., of Lancaster, Va., vacationed in Scotland and England in September and wants to spend more time in London on his next trip.

Virgil R. Strader Jr., B., is retired and lives in Winchester, Va.

Milford A. Weaver, R., of Carlisle, Va., retired as president of Virginia Blower Co. on Jan. 1, 1995, and became chairman of the board. He plans to spend more time at his home in Panama City Beach, Fla.

From the Westampton Class Secretary

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"That old class spirit is still alive and well" was how "Pigg" Wells Meador expressed her feelings about our '45 reunion. Many of our classmates who could not be with us are already planning to join us for our 50th.

The class of '50 was in the spotlight in the summer issue of University of Richmond Magazine: our class reunion pictures; a great article and picture of Lee Reeves Childress as one of the Distinguished Service Alumni; and the beautiful picture of Louise Covington Randall and her quotation in the article about the Oklahoma City bombing.

That old class spirit is still alive and well, but also our grandchildren who were in the news this year. Joyce Betts Pierce's and Jack's granddaughter, Janet Kellogg, was one of those students who enrolled at Mary Baldwin College in the first women's class connected with VMI and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. Our class saddened by the death of Lorraine Chapman on Aug. 6, 1995. She had been a vocal during many years of coping with Parkinson's disease. Among the classmates mentioned were Barbara White Balderson, Clarice Ryland Price, Margaret Alexander Anderson, Gene Hart Joyner and several others.

Travel is a big item for class members such as Judie Hickerson Wiley, who spent a week in Malaya at an international Elderhostel with her 11-year-old granddaughter. She also visited her son, David, and his two children in Dallas. In May Barbara Beattie Funnell in Northern Virginia after her Mokey Rounds Holloway and her husband went to Nova Scotia. Also going north this past summer was Margaret Thompson Anderson, who went to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Seeing the fall colors in New England were highlights for "Pigg" Wells Meador and Roy and Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy. While traveling in New Hampshire and Maine in August, Ann Dorsey James and her husband visited with Claire Noren Griffin. Bob and Libby Rouse Wilson enjoyed their trip to our reunion and were driving up to West Point, Cape Cod and Boston. Joy Hull Mitchell went to Alaska and visited her daughter in Eagle River and also drove to Haines and Skag also went to Alaska, which included a cruise plus Vancouver. Hot weather did not keep Pat Kelly Jordan and Nels from enjoying their trip to Texas to visit their son and his family.

Marianne Beck Duty and Lester flew to Portugal, cruised to Kordmando and then toured Ireland, Scotland, Wales and London.

Bernie Aver Clark and John made a two-week trip to Greece, the Greek Islands and Istanbul, Turkey, in May. Barbara White Balderson and Lester went to Argopools for a 28-year reunion of their classmates at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Frances Chandler Long and Allen flew to Chicago, and from there went to California for the wedding of their son, Allen II.

Julie Wann Pittman and Al missed our class reunion because they were in southern Germany and Austria.

Ellen Largent Perlman and Al made two Elderhostel trips this year, one to Victoria, Canada, and one to Nashville, Tenn., where they met Betty Munsey Spatz, W.'51.

Libby Givens Pierce and Bucky made their second Elderhostel trip this year, one to Victoria, Canada, and one to Savannah, Ga., and Natural Bridge, Va., where they also enjoyed a family reunion in June.

Helen Lambathakis Kostyal and Dick vacationed in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with Grace Claeberer, who had a reunion there with her sister, Tina Claeberer, W.'47, and their family.

Alice Clark Lynch and Bob vacationed at their condo in Canaan Valley, W.V. Marjorie Parson Owen's family gathered at Virginia Beach with the twins and Cathy Krause Kenney and all her family met at Gull Shores, Ala.

North Carolina beaches attracted Joanne Wing Karppi, Barbara Lee Jones, Rosemarie "Penny" Wilkes Fitzgerald and Barbara Coleman Augustin and their families. Barbara's family has been going to the Outer Banks since the 1920s.

It was spectacular seeing the Ganges, Joyce Betts Pierce radiating for Barbara Brunn Johnston and her husband. One of our classmates who retired was Johnnie E. Steindel in April and Anne Nebblett James a year ago. Ann still works part time between visiting nine grandchildren.

Jean Bishop Porter and Joe moved to Zephyrhills, Fl., and to Fort Myers, Fl., two years ago, to enjoy their camping this past summer in Virginia.

Janine Greenberg Siegel and George welcomed another engineer into their family with the marriage of their daughter Ellen Sue to Mark Silver. The young couple also enjoyed camping in Virginia.

Neil Ford Briffue is recovering from major surgery and has completed radiation treatments. Likewise, Joyce Betts Pierce is doing well after her operation and has completed chemotherapy. It is good to hear that Bill Karppi, husband of Joanne Waring Kostyal, has completed radiation treatments. A highlight of his hospital stay was meeting England's Princess Diana, who was visiting the wife of the Brazilian ambasador.

In April, Helen Lamathakis Kostyal and Dick were thrilled when their daughter, Kim, made them proud grandparents again with the birth of Sophia Amanda.

March Lowry Greene has three daughters: Victoria Aldrich, who works at Stoneman College, Susan, who lives in New Jersey; and Allison Freeman, who lives in Connecticut.

Lucie Mancilnich Barbour lives in Wilmington, N.C., and travels a great deal. She saw Marty Arnold Kerns at a church picnic.

After five years in Saudi Arabia, Lorana Coleman Kostyal and her husband, Dick, live in Saco, Maine, where they operate a hardware business. Son Jon works with his dad. Daughter Julie is an administrative assistant with the Mellon Family in Upperpine, Va., and son, Stephen, is a computer analyst.

Sister of us attended an annual luncheon at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. It was good to see Terry Noble Wavler, who had knee replacement surgery, and Maryanne Bugg Lambert, who moved with her husband to Richmond in July to be near her daughter.

Our sympathies go to Frankie Sutton Oliver, whose mother-in-law passed away in June.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to Barbara Coleman Augustine and her husband, Jim, on the death of their 30-year-old son, Jimmy, who died unexpectedly Oct. 7.

Catherine Bunting Bowman, W., of Winston-Salem, N.C., retired from Bowman Gray School of Medicine but continues her volunteer work with a hospice organization and with families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Virginia Herrick Coppock, W., a teacher at the Round School, was selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the City of Manassas, Va.

A.D. Dodg, B., of Richmond, was named a life member in the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

James D. Lilly, B., of Samson, Va., retired as president of Providence Forge Oil Co. Inc.

Elizabeth Luke, W., enjoys her life in North Andover, Mass. She works part time as a psychotherapist in private practice.

Ann Jones Moffatt, W., of Norfolk, Va., teaches algebra at Old Dominion, and was nominated as one of 10 outstanding professors there.

Dr. Fletcher B. Owen, Jr., R., of Highland Springs, Va., worked for almost 30 years at A.H. Robins Co., and at the time of his retirement was assistant vice president of medical services. He enjoyed a personal friendship with E. Claiborne Rorhers, who gave so much financial help.

The Hon. Reed M. Spencer, L., of Norfolk, Va., planned to retire at the end of December '95. He hopes to travel and to sit occasionally as a substitute judge.

Richard W. Stone, W., of Falls Church, Va., continues as a consultant handling international telecommunication policy for Cable & Wireless Inc., the company he co-founded in 1975. (CWI is the fifth largest long-distance company in the United States, with about $700 million in annual revenue and 26,000 employees.) He also serves as adviser to the federal government and as a member of the U.S. delegation to various international organizations. He enjoys lecturing at the graduate business school of George Mason U.

Louis R. Thayer, B., of Middleton, Va., is retired but still does some part-time auditing for the State Department of Health WIC Program.

From the Westampton Class Secretary

BOBBIE BROWN YAGEL 3030-2A Story Lake Drive Richmond, VA 23225

Our deepest sympathy to Irene Blackburn Pierce on the death of her husband, William.

Class reunion: Mark your calendar now for Friday and Saturday, Septs. 21-22. We are also adding to our list of those planning to come: Harrick Sayre is pulling together a committee of classmates to plan for maximum merriment and tight togethering of all the remaining students. Those working with Charlotte include Betsy Bethune Langhorne, Marylyn Cooper McGraw, Lea Thompson Osburn and Mary Lee Moore Vinson.

Tentative plans have been made for a Friday night buffet at the Country Club of Virginia and a Saturday night event on campus. Be there!

We are grateful that a few days after a heart attack, Charlotte was back on the phone asking for last minute help.

Anne Jackson Morledge reports that her son, Garke, is pursuing a master's— "the hard way" from Fuller Seminary, he works for phone sales courses during his vacations.

Elizabeth Latimer Kokiko reports the arrival of a fourth grandson, Salleh. She is surprised with a delightful 4th wedding anniversary luncheon.

PHILIP DE BOER 2204 Jordan Avenue Richmond, VA 23224

Dr. Robert L. Boggs, R., of Ashland, Va., is a trustee and serves as a member of the presidential search committee of Chowan College.

Bette Jarrett Nye, W., and her husband, John Nye, B.'55, are retired and resident in the Mountain Ridge Hills Resort in Crossville, Tenn. They enjoy golfing, traveling and visits from their five children and eight grandchildren.

Jeanne Houton Taylor, W., of Valley Center, Calif., this year was treated with chemotherapy and underwent surgery for cancer of the clavicle. In between both procedures, she managed to accompany friends on an Inland Waterway cruise to Alaska and spent August visiting her sisters in San Antonio and Michigan and her daughter and grandchildren in Virginia.

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HELEN WANT MILLER 1016a Cudlowton Lane Vienna, Va. 22124

We received a letter from halfway around the world from Janet Storm Pencley, who lives in Perth, Australia. She and her family visited with Lou Tull Mashburn last year and also spent some time on campus. Janet and her husband, Bruce, are home alone now but all three children and eight grandchildren live nearby. Janet is researching
Acting a life-long passion for Rowe

Hansford Rowe, R'50, got his first acting role when he went along with University of Richmond fraternity brother William H. "Rusty" Warren, R'48, for an audition.

"Bill Maner [instructor in dramatic arts] was directing the play," Rowe remembers, "and he invited me to audition, too." With absolutely no experience on stage — Rowe was a premed student planning to be a veterinarian — he managed to win a part in Night Must Fall.

Looking back, Rowe says, "It was a defining moment in my life." And more than four decades after his graduation from the University, Rowe reflects on his professional acting career with a distinct sense of satisfaction.

In his stage debut, performed in the Quonset Hut which served as a playhouse, Rowe had to do a cockney accent which he says was more Southern than English. "I kind of cringe now at what I must have sounded like."

Next he got the part of Tom in The Glass Menagerie. On opening night in the University's old Quonset Hut, he says, "I was very, very nervous. I had butterflies and stage fright in an awesome way."

The play began with the lights down. Rowe was to arrive in New York City in 1966, "I began to get a foothold and decided I was going to be a professional actor. And I never turned back. I've been very fortunate; I never really had to wait on tables or drive a cab."

Although Rowe has played many parts over the years — in movies like Three Days of the Condor, Missing and Bonfire of the Vanities and in the television shows "Touched by an Angel," "L.A. Law," "Coach" and "Dallas" — and in Broadway's Singin' in the Rain, Nuts, Da and Porgy and Bess — one role will always be dear to Richmonders.

Rowe handed over the (reindeer) reins to his brother Dan, who has just completed his 30th year as Santa. Of life as an actor, Rowe says, "It's a wonderful business if you make a living at it." He considers himself lucky to have done just that, traveling all over the world with productions like Porgy and Bess and working with the likes of Bob Newhart.

Having invested wisely with the help of fellow University graduate Carlyle Turner, R'48, H'76 and a trustee emeritus, Rowe has not had the financial strife some actors experience. These days, at his home in Valencia, Calif., he continues to audition: "I love it when I work and I love it when I don't." Tennis and bridge are his two extracurricular passions, though he never turned his back on his first love.

In recent years he has developed a one-man show, Show Songs, which he performs at retirement homes. "It's been very successful and very uplifting. And I get to be center stage — the star."
Bettie Snead Herbert's first granddaughter was born May 20, just 10 days before her husband died. He was able to see the baby on two occasions. She mentioned that your phone calls, letters and visits, expressing love and concern have done so much to lift her spirits. Other classmates have also lost family members. Jackie Vaughan Rector lost her husband, Charlie, suddenly in February 1995. In July, Marshall Wiley Shute's husband, William, died, as did Marilyn McMurray Rishell's daughter, Lynn, who was killed in an accident in May. And on July 26, our classmate, Diane Evans Glenn, died of cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy to all these families.

Velda Harrell Agee, a teacher with the Charlotte County Schools, retired as pastor of Saint Campbell United Methodist Church in July 1994. She moved to a new house in Keysville, Va., and plans to retire from teaching in June 1995.

The Rev. Lee Woodson Allen Sr., R, retired from military and hospital chaplaincy ministries and provides volunteer services for the homeless. His wife, Pat, is a social worker as co-director of First Baptist Church in Richmond.


Betty Thomas O'Bannon Calp, W, of Denton, Texas, represented the U.S. at the inauguration of Austin College's president in Sherman, Texas. Her family continues to grow with six grandchildren, three of whom live in Dallas.

Ray Kilpatrick Gillespie, W, of Gastonia, N.C., and her husband, Archer, attend an Elder Seminar at Mayo and course on the coastal ecology of Maine that included a boat trip to watch whales. They have two new grandchildren—Nathan, their first grandson, and the son of their daughter's granddaughter. They also spent several days in Pennsylvania visiting cousins.

Muriel Price Hoffman, W, of Punta Gorda, Fla., retired from teaching in 1991. After traveling to Europe and Hawaii, she returned to work and is now a real estate agent. Last year, she attended a gathering for Dr. George Mollin in Fort Myers and renewed some old acquaintances, including classmate Pheona Taylor, W. She spent October in Australia and New Zealand and stays active in the local and state Retired Educators Association and the local, regional and national PTA. She also writes a column on antiques for a local publication and tutors special education college students.

N. Richard D. Johnson, R, of Richmond, retired from the trust department of Crestar Bank on July 1, 1995, after 37 years of service.

Betty Andrews Blundy, W, of Pittsford, N.Y., and her husband, Bill, retired in January 1996. They planned to spend two months at Florida State, Ga., and then to go house hunting in the Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., areas.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

JO HULL MITCHELL
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After 21 years of service, Gladys Tatiskata has retired from her position as clinical social worker at MCV in Richmond. She commented that her work had been very gratifying but the time seemed right to step down. Well done, Gladys! Enjoy your retirement.

Wilbur E. Thomas, B, of Lawrenceville, was awarded an honorary degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he serves as a member of its Board of Directors. He also serves as a trustee for Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Lawrence B. Bond, R, a professor of voice at Vanderbilt U. and Belmont U., also gives vocal lessons and performs choral music at First Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Rev. James K. Brown, R, of Canterbury, Conn., retired on July 1, 1995, after serving as interim pastor at the United Baptist Church of Ashford for more than three years.

The Rev. William O. Dillard, R, of Richmond, enjoys his sixth year of retirement but still works part-time as a chaplain with the Woody Funeral Home, and he regularly preaches in churches of all denominations in the area. Notable among them is the one he served as "housekeeper" for Richmond College for six years in the 1950s, who celebrated her 92nd birthday. He and his wife of 55 years, Joyce, have two sons and three grandchildren, ages 3, 5 and 8.

Margaret Chisholm Hasker, W, of Morristown, N.J., and her husband, Bill, enjoyed a three-week trip in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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Lester L. Lamb, R, president of Radford Community Hospital, was elected chairman of the Board of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dorothy镍Nielsen, W, of Media, Pa., spent a day visiting Sue Smith Van Wicker, W, and Yon in Charlottesville on her way to a weekend in Williamsburg.

Dr. Henry A. Shockley, R, was appointed director of British programs for Boston U. on Sept. 1, 1995. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Harvard Alumni Association of New York.


The Rev. Maurice Briggs, R, of Clemmons, N.C., went on a back-packing trip to the Four Corners area last October. He is serving his 20th year as chaplain at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Katharine Clark Kersey, W, professor at Old Dominion U. in Norfolk, Va., is still chairman of the department of child studies and teaches early childhood education. She is also ODU's director of the Child Development Center. Her husband, Will, continues his 55th year as minister of Court Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth and serves as principal of Court Street Academy. They have three children: Barbara Leigh, a family therapist in Virginia Beach; David, an engineer in New York; and Marc, an engineer in San Francisco.

Dr. Leo V. Lampros, R, is proud that his daughter, Penny Lynn, completed her orthodontic and master's degrees at Indiana U. and is associated with him in his orthodontic practice. All three of them completed their dental degrees at MCV and received their master's degrees and orthodontic training at Indiana U.

James W. Norris, L, of the law firm of Morris & Norris, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond.

Tim L. Pickle III, R, accepted the franchise for B&B Block in Virginia in October 1995 and successfully set up and opened operations in both Virginia Beach and eastern North Carolina for 25 years. He sold back his franchise to the company in 1983 and retired at age 58. He lives in Omaha, Neb.

Mary Ellen Thomas, W, retired in 1991 but works on an hourly basis for an information service agency she traveled to California in August and to Santa Fe in October. She also paints in oils and has a studio at Shoehoe Bottoms Arts Center in Richmond.

Faye Jones Townsend, W, of Bloomington, Ill., was in a serious auto accident last summer and spent most of her vacation recovering, she is glad that she had worn her seatbelt. She continues as an advocate for the mentally ill and the low income population. Her youngest son, Tom, entered Indiana U. for graduate school in music theory and composition. She contacted Lida DeBey Matthen, W, who also lives in Bloomington.

Jacqueline Randle Tucker, W, and her husband, Walter, took the UR Pan Am Express to Europe this past spring as their retirement gift to each other.

Mervyn W. William, GB, an adjunct professor of accounting at UR's School of Continuing Studies, earned the Certified Government Financial Management designation from the Association of Government Accountants. He lives in Richmond.

Robert C. Jackson, R, of Wyckoff, N.J., took early retirement in 1994 from The American Cyanamid Co., where he served as director in the medical research division. He now works as managing director and founder of Innovative Development Associates Inc., a management and drug development consulting firm. His clients include domestic and international pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Janet Faison Parsons, W, of Richmond, retired May 1, 1995, from the Virginia Department of Education and worked as an educational consultant and part-time instructor in UR's Department of Education.

Henry R. Randolph, R, of Richmond, retired from Philip Morris research center on April 1, 1991, after 30 years of service.

Suzanne Prillaman Willshire, W, a teacher at St. Matthew's School, was elected vice president of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Richmond and serves on the board of the Friends of Beatuirty Library. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the current treasurer of Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Central VA., and is active in the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League and the Richmond Symphony Chorus.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner, W, of Gloucester, Va., wrote that she helped the tourist industry this year by going to Spain, Portugal, the Northwest, Canada, Hawaii and Hilton Head, N.C. She also completed a year as church council president.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

CAROLYN MOSS HARTZ
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Peggy Ware is everywhere! She fills her Pan Am Express boat and her 1941 Rolls Rouge convertible. She had just returned from the Urbanna Oyster Festival when we last talked. The last two days she was driven in a Rolls in the Alexandra Christmas Parade.
Peggy had seen Emily Duremell King perform with a musical group at the Richmond Symphony Auction. She has also seen Kay Owbby, who has retired from teaching. Becky Branch Fain cooler received her master’s degree and teaches part time at Ashby College and substitute teaches in area schools. She is an elder in her church and serves on the Lexington, Ky. library board. Her husband retired from his medical practice there and now runs a store in the Boy Scouts and the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. Their son Hunter has his own business; daughter Lee is a nurse; and daughter Andrea is a junior in medical school at the U. of Louisville.

Connie Preddy Tillotson retired in 1995. Her daughter teaches in Chatham, Va. Sue Hudson Parsons also retired from teaching in 1995. She still teaches part time for the club and for UR. She volunteers with the van of Marlin Episcopal and enjoys political campaigning. She and her husband went on a cruise in November.

“Sam” Beale Swallow entered real estate sales in 1987. Her daughter, Denise, and her husband both work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Her son, Jim, is a defense contractor in Virginia Beach and is married with two daughters. Son Jeff is a Virginia Beach firefighter working for the National Weather Service of NOAA.

B. J. Watkins Saunders and her husband, Andy, went to China last summer to visit their daughter, Stephanie, her husband, Allen, and the grandson, ages 1 and 3. B. J.’s daughter, Leslie, and her husband and their two daughters live in New Bern, N.C. Son Barry, her wife and their two children live in Richmond. Lok and Yichu Gao are running a hunting lodge in Highland County, traveling between there and Harrisonburg, Va. Mac retired from the newspaper industry five years ago. Their daughter “Gigi” lives in Richmond with her husband and works with a property management company. Daughter Salli lives in Harrisonburg with her husband and their three children. Their son works as a commercial photographer in Arlington, Va.

Rumson and I attended an UR alumni dinner when the plans for the new alumni center were revealed. Jane Stockman was mistress of ceremonies and did a superb job. She and I both want news from you, so write, call, fax or e-mail your news! Note my new address.

Rumson and I moved last summer but still live close to UR.

John Forrest Garces Jr., retired from NASA as director of flight management research at Langley Research Center. He and his wife, Mary, returned to the Richmond area last summer to live on a farm in the Old Church area of Mechanicsville, Va.

Charles Owen Gookin, R. of Wallock, NC, retired from the corporate world and now runs his own business of refurbishing antique furniture and selling other oddments.


Karl J. Herrmann, a psychotherapist in clinical social work in Fairport, N.Y., studied at the Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, at a summer intensive study in July. He plans to visit India, Nepal and Tibet.

George F. Ricketts, R. retired after 27 years as executive director of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia Inc. He continues to serve as a member of the Virginia State Crime Commission, to which he was appointed 24 years ago and reappointed by six consecutive governors. Last fall, the Senate appointed him to serve on the Criminal Sentencing Commission and he continues to serve on the board of trustees of the Religious Herald, the weekly newspaper of Virginia Baptist. His wife, Linda, and their wife moved from Richmond to their home in Matthews County on the Chesapeake Bay.

Thomas C. Stavely, R. of Richmond, took early retirement from Henrico County Public Schools as principal of Bellewood High School on Oct. 1, 1995. He had been a teacher and administrator in the public school systems of Chesterfield, Richmond and Henrico for more than 36 years.

Dr. Welford D. Taylor, R. of Richmond, a member of the UR alumni faculty, was elected vice-president-secretary of the board of directors of the Poe Foundation. See Alumni Notices, p. 25.

John Richard Talbert, R. of Cobb Creek, Va., is executive director of Education Practitioner Services in Port Haywood, Va. He has four grandchildren.


Dr. C. Fred Batesan, R., retired on July 31, 1995, after 33 years in public education in Virginia; the last 15 years were as superintendent of schools in the City of Chesapeake. He joined the faculty of Old Dominion U. as “Distinguished Educator in Residence.” He was also selected as “Chesapeake’s First Citizen” for 1995 by the Chesapeake Jaycees.

Robert G. Haid, R. of Graton, Calif., remarried in 1994 after his first wife died in 1992. Two of his four children are married, and he has four grandchildren. He has been substitute teaching for the Newport News Public Schools system and has recovered his health after having three surgeries in nine months.

Lucy Howard Johnson, R. of Atlanta, and her husband, Dan, enjoyed a trip to Alaska as part of the UR alumni excursion in July. She and Dan travel more often now that he is retired and gives medical seminars throughout the United States.

Dr. Clifton L. Purker, R. retired this year from Pulmonary Associates of Richmond, a practice he co-founded in 1975.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

SARAH HUGDINS RICE
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Many thanks to the Richmond group for mailing out our reunion photos. It is a nice moment of a group we would all like more of us can make it to the next one.

Em St. Claire Key and Wayne went to England last summer and got to see some friends. On returning, they went to the beach for a more restful vacation.

Things have been busy here. We have been away with British friends, each visiting for three weeks during the summer.

Loretta Hodgins Johnson and Doug also visited for a very wet weekend. Their daughter Ann graduated from Elon and works in Charlotte, N.C. Their son Scott, having graduated from Duke and spending a year in urban missionary work, is now earning a master’s degree at the U. of Michigan.

Lynn Moppig Wiggins and Ben. Fred and I had a good time at the U.V.A. UNC football game at Chapel Hill. Lynn works with Ben in the office and is planning a spring wedding for her daughter, Susan.

Pam W. and her husband, Sam, were married in Sanu this past summer; Nancy and son Will and family traveled there for the wedding. They have accepted this residency at M.V.U and has moved to West Virginia to begin private practice.

Becky Grissom Van Ausdall and Jerry not Linda Morgan Leemont and Bob at the Richmond-Millian & Mary football game.

Everyone, please let me know all news for your next magazine.

BARBARA ROSS COBB
W. of Newtown Square, Pa., traveled with the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church senior choir, of which she is a member, this week in Russia. She also visited Australia in early 1996.

G.C. “Gib” Luck Jr., R. of Columbus, Ohio, has become a cattle farmer.

Harvey J. Michelman, R., an attorney in private practice in Dover, N.J., had his 50th birthday this year.

Margaret Taylor Sheldon had a delightful visit with her freshman roommate, Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn, W. It had been 24 years since they had been in Richmond, and the two of them had a wonderful time remembering the fun times at UR. Margaret hopes to attend our next reunion and see more of us. She still does estate sales and some appraisals as well as volunteer work at the local museum.

Libby Wamquetz and her husband, Harry, plan to do some extensive traveling this year.

It has been an exciting year for Betty Morris Villela Villers and her family. In May, her oldest son Scott and his wife, Angela, had a son, Chandler — Betty’s first grandson! In August, her daughter has her third daughter, Rachael. Betty sold her home of 26 years in June and married Jim Villers on July 8. The wedding was held in the yard of their new home on the water’s edge in a cove of the Lynnhaven River in Virginia Beach. Betty and Jim are busy remodeling the house and landscaping a neglected yard, doing all the work themselves. Jim has two children. They were planning for a Great Christmas with all the families together.

Bill and I are thrilled to have our first grandson — Hannah Lehr Gehl — born July 7, 1995, to our daughter Melissa and her husband, Tom. We think she’s wonderful.

Marcia McMullin Gantrell, W. of Midlothian, Va., enjoys days filled with golf, church and hospice volunteer work. She and her husband, Bill, took a car/cruise trip to Alaska this past summer. They also visited Carolyn Anthony Powers, W. and her husband, Bill, at the Powers’ Lake Gaston place.

The Gantrell’s daughter, Beth, is a CPA in Richmond, and their son, Todd, lives in Manassas, Va.

William W. Jennings Jr., R. president and owner of Jennings Communication Corp. in Charlotte, N.C., and his wife, Sandra Sue, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 18, 1995. Their daughter, Suzanne, is a senator at UNC-G. Chapel Hill; son Bryan is a second-year medical student; and son Christian is a pharmacist in Des Moines, Iowa. The only “child” at home is Samson, their basset hound.

Catherine Barrow Moreau, W. of Richmond, wants to remind classmates to continue contributing to the Class of 1963 scholarship fund, which, since its establishment in 1988, has reached only $9,590. This amount falls short of the minimum required to endow a scholarship.

Grace Phelps Rhinesmith, W. and government teacher at St. Margaret’s School in Tappahannock, Va., is also a sometimearden of the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Miller’s Tavern. She is one of eight founding members of the Garden Club of the Virginia Peninsula, which sends representatives to the Stanford Hall-Monticello Seminars for Teachers; and serves as one of the graders for the Colonial National Park. Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn, W. It had been 24 years since they had been in Richmond, and the two of them had a wonderful time remembering the fun times at UR. Margaret hopes to attend our next reunion and see more of us. She still does estate sales and some appraisals as well as volunteer work at the local museum.

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Madeline Crenshaw Bull, W, works as an insurance examiner for the Virginia State Bar Commission in Richmond. Her daughter, Norma, was married Sept. 2, 1995.

Frank A. Leonard, B, works as a sales manager for Ford Motor Co. in Maitland, Fla. He and his wife, Betty, live in Orlando, and their daughter, Sandy, and her husband, Greg, live in Raleigh, N.C.

John N. Moreau, B, of Richmond, completed his 25th year on the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball officials staff and worked his second NCAA Tournament in New Haven, Conn., in July 1995. He works at The Collegiate Schools as a teacher, coach, advisor and athletic administrator. See Alumni Notables, p. 25.

Donald N. Patton, R, of Newport News, Va., was elected a vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He is with the law firm of Patent, Purnom & Watkins.

In 1978 James Rockwell. Jr, director of student services at Broward County Schools, the fifth largest school system in the nation with 200,000 students in grades K-12, was elected president-elect of the Florida Association of Student Services Administrators. He lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. O. Carter, Sr., of Midlothian, Va., was named a vice president of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Association. He is with the Virginia Hospital in Richmond.

Freddie L. Wilt, R, is retired and lives in Ashland, Va.

Lisa Coleman Wood, M, moved back to Richmond with her husband, Frank Wood, whom she married this past spring. Her daughter, Laura, works in Boston, and her son, Coleman, is a junior at Sewannee.

H. Gray Broughton, R, president of Broughton Associates Inc., a vocational rehabilitation company in Richmond, is a certified rehabilitation consultant, certified medical case manager and a vocational expert witness. Gov. George Allen named him to the Virginia Board for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He retired from the Army Reserves with the rank of lieutenant colonel. His son, Gray, now an inside linebacker for Davidson College, was named the Richmond Times-Dispatch Athlete of the Year.

Burrle E. Eaves, III, R, was named examining officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He joined the bank’s examining staff in 1965, left in 1969 and rejoined the bank in 1985 as a senior examiner in the banking supervision and regulation department.

Douglas T. Gran, Jr, of Delmarva, Va., and John Hancock Financial Services in Richmond after 27 years with IBM in Washington, D.C., Richmond and Dallas. He and his wife, Kathy, have a home in Saluda, S.C. Their son Triomphe runs a restaurant in Texas, and son John joined Texas in Ohio.

Larry Rockman Jr., B, co-owner and partner of a弱点 brokerage business in Albany, Ga., is proud that his son, Todd, joined his business Sept. 1. His daughter, Shelby, is a second-year law student at Cumberland Law School of Samford U.

Dr. Anthony D. Sakowski Jr., R, an eye surgeon at the Virginia Eye Institute in Richmond, enjoys pheasant hunting with Dr. Leysee “Lee” Owens Jr., R, 85°, a cardiac surgeon in Slocum Falls, S.D. The two of them attended MCV School of Medicine together.

Bettie Wells Alchley, W, of Roanoke, Va., continues teaching math in the alternative program in Roanoke County Schools. Her daughter Angela, a junior BME from JMU, and works as a CPA in Fairfax County. Her son Allen graduated from U. Va. with a degree in architecture and works as an architecture technician at Fort Lee and Quantico, searching for prehistoric artifacts.

Virginia Blanton Bailey, W, and her husband, Bill Bailey, R, of Metuchen, N.J., report that both children are in college: Cathy is a senior nursing student at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and their daughter Jessica is a first-year student at the U. of Pennsylvania.

Helen Flynn Walton is due some congratulations as well as having received the 1994 Gertrude S. Garraway Award from the Historical Preservation Society of North Carolina. The award is given annually to people and organizations who show outstanding commitment to promoting historic preservation in the state.

Let’s keep those cards and letters (and phone calls) coming! Please send news of the happenings in your life, or send news to the alumni office.

Dr. Philip Silverman, R, is the new president of the American Heart Association for 1995. He is a cardiologist at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Mary Beth Sheldon Eisen, W, of Glen Allen, Va., will receive her MFA from the University of Virginia College of Visual and Performing Arts in May 1995.

Cynthia H. Walmsley, W, of Virginia Tech, was selected as the 1994 recipient of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association’s award for outstanding achievement in the arts.

Dr. Charles R. Kistler Jr., R, of Whitinsville, Mass., was named president of Grady Memorial Hospital in Boston.

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Turning an old mill into a dinner theatre

Anyone who has ever tasted the Southern food and delighted in a theatre performance at Swift Creek Mill Playhouse in Colonial Heights, Va., should applaud Elizabeth "Betty" Hinton Callahan, W'57. She and her husband founded the Playhouse in 1965 when dinner theatres were all the rage.

The Mill, as it is fondly known, fulfilled a dream.

They had only been married five years when they bought the historic but down-grist mill. "We were young and ignorance is bliss," says Callahan. "We just did it. If we had thought about it, we would have been too frightened."

While her husband served as artistic director and continued teaching high school English, speech and drama, Callahan worked behind the scenes as production coordinator and business manager.

The Mill recently celebrated its 30th year although the Callahans retired in 1989, after 24 years of running the show. She's glad, though, the business has stayed in the family.

"I always enjoyed the theatre," says Callahan, who as a Westhampton College student was a member of Orchesis and performed interpretive dances at the Greek Theatre under the direction of Frances Wessells, former instructor in physical education.

A native of Petersburg, Callahan majored in sociology. "I wanted to work with people," she says. Political science was a minor because she thought so highly of the late Dr. Spencer Albright, professor emeritus of political science.

Callahan took a job in social services for the Petersburg Welfare Department. She placed children in foster care and for adoption. For fun, she volunteered behind-the-scenes for various local community theatres.

That's how she met Warner J. "Buddy" Callahan Jr. in 1958 while he was directing a play. Two years later they married.

The couple became involved in the Virginia Museum Theatre in 1962, formed a circle of talented friends and started to visit dinner theatres in various states.

Once they purchased Swift Creek, restoration moved quickly on what is thought to be the oldest grist mill in this country. In less than a year, their first play opened.

Callahan had already left her job. After a year her husband stopped teaching. Running the Mill became a full-time career. "It was a struggle, but we always paid our actors, technicians and musicians," she says.

Organization, an affinity for detail, good people skills and meeting deadlines were her keys to success.

Responsibilities as production coordinator included calling in actors and musicians; scheduling auditions and rehearsals; overseeing the measuring, sewing and fitting of costumes; working with the prop master and make-up artist; helping scout for sets; and discussing scripts with her husband.

As business manager, Callahan took care of the books, the payroll and paid the bills. Other duties included supervising food services. Every meal required a separate seating chart which Callahan planned daily.

At first a chef supervised the buffet-style dining. Later Callahan hired her aunt, Mary Covington. "She was a truly wonderful cook," Callahan says. "She added the flavor of good Southern dishes. My grandmother's recipe for Sally Lunn bread is still used today."

The search for antique replicas, knickknacks and lighting fixtures that fit the rustic setting was always fun. The dining room is filled with old tools, pottery, framed posters, glass bottles, wall sconces and chandeliers Callahan helped collect.

Her various roles were invaluable. Callahan's husband once said, "Without Betty, the Mill would be a flop. And I'd say this even if we weren't married to each other." She was one of six alumni recognized by the University in 1982 for their contributions to the arts.

Sitting in the basement-level dining room, Callahan noted that the brick and stone walls, wood columns and rafters are all part of the original 1663 building.

Renovation of the three-story structure was literally from the ground up. Says Callahan, "We could stand in the basement and see the sky."

Turning a landmark mill into a home for area talent and gifted people here was important, too.

She considers all the people who crossed the Mill's stage part of her family. Throughout the years many University faculty and alumni have played various roles in the Mill's success.

"Bruce Miller and Phil Whiteway [both R'74] acted here when they were first starting Theatre IV [Professor of theatre arts] Jack Welsh directed and acted in many plays; also Bev Appleton [B'69], and [part-time instructor and make-up artist] Ruth Salisbury did make-up and hair."

Whiteway recalls the many good things the Callahans did for their cast and crew and the business affairs Callahan handled.

"Betty clearly gave us a feeling of being part of a family. She was very good at mingling with the actors and crew and making us feel needed."

"It was a very important thing to see her involvement and caring. Bruce and I learned from Betty how to be a producer."

Since retiring, Callahan travels, serves on community boards, tutors for the local literacy council, works with her church's outreach program and continues to support the Mill.
Judy Lewis Hamaker, her husband, Stan, and their four children — Daniel, 14, Sarah, 12, Joel, 4, and Andrew, 3 — still live in Princeton, VA, where Stan has a private family practice.
Richard S. Johnson, president of Southern Financial Corp. in Richmond, re-elected to the board of directors of Ducks Unlimited Inc., the largest wetlands conservation organization in the world. It has more than 7.5 million acres conserved across North America which benefits more than 600 species of waterfowl and other wildlife. He also serves as senior vice president of strategic planning and was elected as an American director of Ducks Unlimited Canada. In addition, he serves as vice president of the E. Claiborne Robinson School of Business Alumni Association.

Bonnie Ritchie Devharen, W ’76, is involved with an Irish exchange program which brings over Catholic and Protestant children so they can “buddy and bond” together.

John W. Atkinson, A COM, was promoted to vice president of Central Fidelity National Bank. He is senior manager of bank card services in the bank card division.

Robert J. Collins, Jr., of Richmond, was named acting chief executive officer of the Richmond Public School System.

lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and transferred to training and doctrine command headquarters in Fort Monroe, VA, to serve as chief of the collective training division. He was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal for duty as brigade and staff assistant to the commanding general of 2nd Brigade, 91st Division in Orlo, Calif.

From the Westminster
Class Secretary

Frank L. “Chip” Gillis, R, of Westport, Conn., works as vice president of marketing for General Re Financial Products. He and his wife, Margie, have three children.

Joseph E. Daubens, 8, and GB ’79, joined the Richmond office of Davenport & Co. of Virginia Inc. as vice president and head of corporate trading. He was formerly a vice president and a managing director at Craigie Inc.

Conley L. Edwards, G, of Richmond, was named acting state archivist and supervisor of archival research at the Library of Virginia. He has been with the Library since 1973 and has served as head of its public services and programs since 1984.

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Richard M. Bing, R, and L ’78, is a partner and trial lawyer in the firm of Pearce & Bing in Richmond. He specializes in business and commercial law, franchise, personal injury, domestic relations and real estate law. Larry S. Chowning, R, of Urbanna, Va., was featured in a Richmond Times-Dispatch article on Sept. 11, 1992.

Sharon T. Coppins, W, chosen from 45 associates, was awarded the Service Plus Award by Scott & Bringley Inc. She works as portrait services associate in the Richmond retirement planning department.

Gwen Fletcher Duncan, W, of Greentree, N.C., received a portion as project leader in the computer validation department of Glass Wellcome Inc.

Dr. Christie A. Holland, W, director of virology and immunology at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., was promoted to professor of pediatrics at George Washington U. Medical Center in July 1994. She lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Jere Hudson Mollen, W, was promoted to assistant director of U.R.’s financial aid office.

Barbara Crews Speak, W, of South Boston, Va., and her family enjoyed a trip to the Grand Canyon in August. Her oldest son, Randy, entered the School of Engineering at U.Va.

Dr. Paul L. Visky, R, graduated from MCV School of Dentistry and continued his education at the New Jersey School of Medicine and Surgery. He now does extensive pediatric dentistry. He practices pediatric dentistry in Fredericksburg, Va., and serves as president of the Virginia Pediatric Society.

promotion business, Treasures of the Earth. They organize 10 shows a year, two of which are in Richmond. Their son Todd is a high school junior. Their daughter Julie, a sophomore at Westhampton, received the WCA Richmond Club Scholarship this year.

Carol R. Beery Barr, W, and her husband, Mark Barr, R, stay busy with two sons, 14 and 11, and a daughter, 4. She was also part-time for Henrico County Schools and stays in touch with Emily Coppedge. Gurley, Anne Hankins Moore, Holly Goros Berid, all W’76, and Nancy Laramore Uley, B, and their families.

David R. Beach, clerk of the court for the Supreme Court of Virginia, was named president of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. See Alumni Notes.

Kathy Gregory Bell, W, and her husband, Tom, assigned with the U.S. Army, have been living in Heidelberg, Germany. Ronnie Richile Devharen, W, of Winston-Salem, N.C., went to Belfast, Northern Ireland, this past summer to return 53 children from a visit in North Carolina. For the past six years, she has been involved with the Piedmont Irish Children’s Summer Program, which brings over Catholic and Protestant children ages 9-12 so they can “buddy and bond” together.

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Michael L. Dunleavy Sr., R, is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Army and has been liaison officer for logistics for the United States Armed Forces in Germany since July 1999. He was the head of the 20th Century Command in the Korean War. His wife, Martha, is a retired major in the U.S. Army, and they have four children: Angela, 20; Christopher, 17; and Melissa, 15.

Thomas P. Powell, R, a board-certified optician, is manager-owner of Toms Optics Opticians Inc. in Vienna, Va.

James F. Register Jr., R, was elected president of the Bond Club of VA. He is with Craigie Inc. in Richmond.

friends at UR each summer — Laura Lee Hankins Chandler, W, and Peggy Heath Johnson, B, Joseph R. Lassiter Jr., R, of Tappahannock, Va., and her family enjoyed a summer vacation on Hatteras Island and Emerald Isle, N.C. She teaches math at St. Margaret’s High School, where her daughter, Anne Paige, is a senior.

Alfred J. Walker, R, a musician, composer and audio engineer with the Park Production Group in Richmond, completed a historical video for Meadow Farm Museum, in which his musical score won an “Outstanding Achievement in Music” award from the International Television Association.

Charles H. Watson Jr., R, of Nags Head, N.C., is a major and operations supervisor of Dare County Emergency Medical Services. His responsibilities include its operation, budget support, communication and infection control.

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George M. Thomas, Jr., a leading storekeeper with the U.S. Navy, is with the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico. He plans to retire from the Navy in July 1957. Robert C. Tranont, R., is president and owner of the Italian Stechers Inc. at Seven Corners Corp. Shopping Center in Falls Church, Va. He and his wife, Laura, have three children, Michael, 4, and Nada, 3. Todd W. Wiilliam, R., was named president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. He is with the Richmond law firm of Williams & Lakeview.

Jeffery Alan Boteler, R., is co-owner of a business. He and his wife, Marjie, live in Manassas, Va., with their children, Ashley, 4, and Gregory, 2.

Dr. James V. Cornetta, B., of Portsmouth, Va., was elected president of the Virginia Ophthalmic Association.

Franklin R. Ellsworth Jr., R., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Corporate Counsel Section of the Richmond Bar Association. He works at the Reynolds Metals Co. Sylvia White Flynn, B., was promoted to assistant vice president of retail branch operations of Signet Bank Richmond. William E. Harper III, R., recreation center supervisor for Henrico County Recreation and Parks, ran in his 13th Richmond Newspapers Marathon in October. Kathy Senguin Hervey, W., moved from Connecticut to Thousand Oaks, Calif., in June. She took leave from her outside career to stay home with her daughter, born Sept. 12, 1995.

Thomas L. Hotchkiss, B., was elected president of the National Kidney Foundation of Va. He works for Signet Bank in Richmond. Lynne Hymel Kelley, W., branch manager of Central Fidelity Bank in Richmond, sold her home, and flew to New Orleans to plan and attend all the home games with her husband, William, and her new daughter, Elizabeth.

G.A. "Tony" Lovett, B., of Richmond, became chairman of the board and half-owner of Virginia Iron & Metal Co. on Sept. 1, 1995.

Kathryn Holt Pearson, B., who works with East West Partners of Va., was inducted as a member of the Henry Club, which gives people who have planned large gifts to the foundation through wills or other instruments. Her husband, Larry Pearson, B., was also inducted as a member. He works for Frischkorn.

John Schu, L., of Hopewell, Va., was elected to the executive council of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and as the 1995-96 president of Marks & Harrison.

Stephen R. Stahl, R, and GB '82, of Ralston Purina Co., is a product manager at the food company's division, which produces pet food, and a unit manager of the Checkers division. He had been with Allstate Life Insurance Co.

Nancy Williams Walker, W., was promoted to executive director of the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce, effective Sept. 1, 1995. Her husband, Robert, has survived a second round with a rare form of leukemia and continues to work as a welding contractor in Hopewell. Her daughter, Lauren, is a fourth grader.

Patricia Gorey Whitmer, W., and her family moved to Waldorf, Md. last year. She works for the U.S. Navy as logistics manager for the H-60 helicopter and is frequently on the road. Her husband, W.B., is a grandson of the commanding officer of the Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Md.

John C. Becker, B, of Reston, Va., is senior vice president and chief financial officer of Racco Software Inc. in Reston, Va. Her husband, Brian L. Buniva, L, a director of the law firm of Mezullo & McCandlish, was elected chairman of the environmental law section of the Richmond Bar Association.

The Rev. John Constantine, R, and G81, is a Navy lieutenant in the Electronics, E-3, branch, at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, Calif.

Wayne T. Halbach, R, of Richmond, was nominated chairman of the environmental law section of the Virginia State Bar. He is with the law firm of Marks & van den Hoven.

Michael E. Haydon, B, was promoted to assistant vice president of Central Fidelity National Bank. He joined the bank last year and works in the Richmond branch.

Bradford Hildeth, R, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Where he serves as executive officer of the 22nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Electronics Operations). He continues flying aircraft as a reconnaissance pilot. His wife, Kathy, a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, was happy to return to Sarasota from their adventures in Peru and Colombia.

John Kenneth Lawrence, B, of Boston, works as sales manager for Priscilla Mortgage and as senior loan officer for Assurance Mortgage Corp. of America. He bicycled from Boston to New York City to benefit the CHS Foundation, raising $4,000 and more than $5,000 of the $6.5 million pledged in the race.

Campbell Lewis Clark, R, a realtor and Ormsby & Tassos & Jeffery Realtors Inc., is among one of the top 20 realtors in Columbus, Ga. Out of 240 agents in the company, he ranked 5th in the last three years, earned number 2 and 1 ranking, respectively.

Joanne Lewis Nolte, L, earned the Certified Insurance Consultant professional designation from the Society of Certified Insurance Consultants. She is a lawyer with Durrett, Irvin, Lemons & Bradshaw in Richmond.

Susan R. Panzer, W., was promoted to area general manager with Showtime Networks and moved to Atlanta. She manages the third largest cable network, with seven states and five workers, and finds it quite a challenge.

Rodney H.C. Schmidt, R, was promoted to tenured colonel in the U.S. Army. He served at the Pentagon with the Defense Supply Service Washington, D.C., as chief of communications contracting for supplies in the nation’s capital region.

Donna Ivey Sheridan, B, of Ralston Purina Co., is a quality assurance manager in the Georgia division. She and her husband, Andrew Sheridan Jr., R’75, have four sons, ages 15, 13, 11, and 8.

John P. Watts-Lamont, L, received a master’s degree in labor law from Georgetown U. and was appointed by the governor of Maryland to a six-year term as a member of the board of appeals for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Joseph S. White III, R, of Richmond, is founder and owner of JSW Associates LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in architectural history and cultural resource management.

John Jay Yudkin, R, works as a private social worker, anesthesiologist, or critical care at Kendall Healthcare in Richmond.

Julieta Bierce H., works as a realtor for McLean Associates in Alexandria, Va. Her wife, Valerie, is the associate director of development at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, which was her former high school.

Elizabeth Upshaw Chambless, W, of Atlanta, adjusted her teaching career to the home-schooling of her own children. She and her husband, Sam Chambless III, R’80, a real estate lawyer, have four children: Jenne, 11; Bo, 3; Molly, 6; and Charlie, 3.

Dr. Catherine Gouldin, W, was promoted to instructor in the department of emergency medicine at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Dorie Griggs, W, began her studies toward a master of divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in July and continues to work as director of marketing and development at Simpwood Conference Center in Seneca, Ga., which will be the site of the International Track and Field Coaches Association meeting during the 1996 season. She also serves as the vice chairman of press operations for the Peach Bowl.

Susan Walker Hitch, W, is assistant vice president of Chemical Bank in New York City. She and her husband, Hal, and their twins, Kristina and Andrew, live in Hillsdale, N.J.

Gwendolyn B. Horrigan, W, received one of five Hubert H. Humphrey Dissertation Fellowships from the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense. She received her graduate degree in 1996 from the Graduate School of International Studies at the U. of Denver.

Kathryn Croin Kennedy, W, went to Ireland in September to visit family. She works as director of national accounts at Envy Corp. in Vancouver, B.C.

Charles G. Payne Jr., R, is a vice president at NationsBank in Richmond.

Laurel McCall Payne, B, accepted a new job as the funding/document review manager in the branch banking and trust mortgage division of a bank in Greenville, Va.

Dr. Laura King Hannah Price, B, of Chapel Hill, N.C., is a post-doctoral fellow at the U. of North Carolina Schools of Medicine and the department of pathology. Her research includes cellular mechanisms of DNA replication.

Donna A. Dorn, B, earned the Certified Information Systems Security Professional designation. She is with the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Lowell W. Tunstall II, R, works as a consultant with American Management Systems in Arlington, Va., and his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Hillary Knight, live in Alexandria.

E. Christian Goetz, B, of Midlothian, Va., was promoted to senior vice president of Virtus Capital Management, a subsidiary of Signet Banking Corp.

Jennifer Bolus Holjies, W, of Midlothian, Va., works part time in the management recruitment offices of Signet Bank. She and her husband, Jonathan Holjies, R, and their children, Sarah, a second grade, and Phillip, 5, went to Disney World last year.

Bunny Huller, W, project manager of the Cleveland Regional Medical Education Center, works as an educational consultant in the Department of Veterans Affairs. She and her husband, David, and their two children, Stuart, 4 1/2, and Elizabeth, 1 1/2, live in Rocky River, Ohio.

Robert P. Maloney, B, of Potomac, Md., is a vice president at the Norfolk National Bank in Virginia. The National Bank and works with credit card services in the accounting department. He and his wife, Tami, who teaches second grade, have two sons, Mitchell, 6, and Lane, 4.

Mollie Wilson McCulloch, W, of Fremont, Md., opened her own country antiques business, Brookside Antiques, located within the Corner Cottage in Cockeysville, Md.

Dr. Nicholas G. Tarassidis, R, merged his medical practice with Otolaryngology Associates of Richmond Inc.

Barbara Selby Wells, W, is director of development at Theatre Virginia in Richmond.
Daryl Ritchie Williams, W., is a flight attendant for US Air out of Baltimore.

Stuart H. Yowell, B., works with Carroll’s Foods in Washington, N.C., as production analysis manager. He and his wife, Carolyn “Candy” Fader Yowell, B., live in Goodsoth, N.C., with their sons, Nathan, 5, and Logan, 2.

Peter J. Moran III, R., moved from Alexandria, Va., to Phoenixville, Pa., where he is director of marketing for Pilgrim Baxter and Associates in Washington, Pa.

Robert S. Nowicki Jr., R., of Glen Allen, Va., was promoted to claim manager of Royal Insurance in his Richmond branch.

Daniel J. Scere, B., with KPMG Peat Marwick, was named a vice president of the Richmond chapter, Institute of Management Accountants for 1995-96.

David B. Schofield, R., of Vienna, Va., works as an assistant vice president of Franklin National Bank in Washington, D.C.

Lyn Dewey Ware, B., of Newport Del., formerly with DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Co., joined W.L. Gore and Associates as a chemist and proprietor of a laboratory.

Kimberly Gooch Bram, L., was elected chairman of the corporate counsel section of the Richmond Bar Association. She works for Southern States Cooperative Inc.

Tina Copeland Chavis, B., is a region coordinator for Beverly Health and Rehabilitation Services in Fort Southpe.

Tanya Blockson Dyson, B., works as senior reimbursement analyst for the Bevcrex Foundation in Devon, Pa.

Arthur M. Frey III, R., is a price/cost analyst with Kenroh and Associates Inc. in Leeusen, Va.

Jenny Achti, B., works as a part-time marketing consultant out of her home in South Portland, Maine. She volunteers at the private school where her son attends and plays USATeam tennis.

Scottie Fettig Hardy, B., works as senior vice president of Junior Achievement. She and her husband, John, a corporate pilot, and their two children live in Houston.

Kenneth H. Harvey, B., is president of Baroum & Harvey Inc., a real estate appraisal company in Richmond.

Melanie Liddle Healey, B., moved back to Arizona after more than two years in Mexico, where she was transferred with Procter & Gamble Co. She and her husband, Bruce, have two children: Nicholas, 2 1/2, and Jasmine, almost 1. She continues as a marketing manager for P&G.

Bradford A. Johnson, R., works at Bradford & Associates Inc., as a commercial real estate broker and site selector in Greenville, S.C.

Susie Pinkham Kobylovsky, L., has her own catering business — Don’t Lift a Flick Inc. — in New York City. Her husband, Anthony, is a senior vice president and creative art director for Bates USA.

David Malone, R., an urban planner, was appointed director of planning and assistant county administrator for New Kent County, Va.

Lyn Wampler Maloney, B., was promoted to manager of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. She and her husband, David Maloney, B., and their son, Daniel, 2, live in Richmond.

James A. McCaulley, L., was elected vice president of the Richmond law firm of Marks & Harrison for 1995-96.

Harry L. Matthews, G.B., is vice president in charge of logistics and general manager of the Hot Co., an office furniture manufacturer in Lynchburg, Va.

Michele M. Meade, B., is the owner of Enterprise Consulting in Glen Allen, Va., which specializes in treasury management for growth companies.

S. Price Riggs, B., continues to provide property, construction and asset management services for Axon Real Estate Management Inc. He also started in the executive MBA program at George Mason University.

Jonathan B. Rosser, R., of Richmond, Va., received a master of divinity degree in 1988 from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and a master’s degree in higher education administration in 1990 from Boston College. He works as an administrator with the Research Foundation of City of New York.

Dr. Michael Assisi, G.B., has a private dental practice in Richmond and two sons, Peter and Paul.

John E. Rodin, G.B., of Richmond, was elected corporate vice president at Reynolds Metals Co. He joined the company in 1966 as an accountant for Reynolds Aluminum Supply Co., and in 1980 was named president and general manager.

Nooren Wojtus, B., of Simsbury, Conn., completed the first draft of her first book, Morning Star. She works with an editor at NYU and hopes the book will be published early 1997. She has a two-year-old son.

From the Westmount Class Secretary

PATTY SCHMIESS
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Summer 1995 meant changes for some 1961 classmates. Read on . . .

Kim Mills Preston is now at home with her daughter Kelsey and son Tyler. She had been an assistant public defender with Chester County, Pa.

Angela Brown Rateau is also an at-home mom to her two children. Danielle, 4, and new son, Scott. She will also be caring for other children in her home.

Leigh Ann Spauls Train and her family have returned to Houston where they moved into their newly built home.

Kim Beard Haunrad and her husband, Mike, plan to build their new home in Bottoms Bridge, Va.

As for the Pendletons. . . . August saw the arrival of our daughter Molly, September meant kindergarten for our son Riley. And, in October, my husband, Bill Pendleton, left his former agency to join Richmond Insurance here in Richmond. Keep sending news!

Anne C. Barrett, B., a reinsurance broker, was promoted to senior vice president at Sedgwick Reinsurance in Philadelphia.

Dr. Jeff Brown, R., is a general and vascular surgeon at MVC Department of Surgery. He and his wife, Lauren Debi Brown, R.N., W.S., and their daughter, Masis, live in the Fan District of Richmond.

Sheila G. Cheung, W., of Locust Grove, Va., opened her own educational services business in August 1994, and she provides school services, private tutorials and consulting.

W. Christopher Currie, L., of Richmond, established his own general practice law firm in April 1994 after nine years with a law firm, where he specialized in family law.

Karen Elsen Daves, W., of Woodbridge, Va., is editor of Sookee Sports USA, the magazine of the National Rifle Association. In August, she met former U.S. athletes and their families at a gathering held at the home of Margaret Sears Heimbuch, W., that included Lisa Rolls Gill, Bobbi Gabrey Morgan, and Carson Hart Bellissimo, all W.; Courtney Martens Fromm and Diane Cannon, both W.; Julie Eders, B.Ph., and Mike Bellissimo and Doug Eders, both W.

Kimberly Southey Guy, W., was promoted to vice president of clinical services at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, N.C.

Eileen McGorerty King, W., acts as senior regional trainer for Automatic Data Processing in Milford, Conn. She and her husband, Will, and their two sons live in Fairfield.

Craig P. Manchester, B., is a manager for the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in Richmond, Va.

Seannachie MacManus, W., works as a rehabilitation counselor for the chronically mentally ill in Rochester, N.Y.

Kendall Cavedo Maynard, W., had to evacuate her home in Niceville, Fla., because of Hurricane Opal. She reported that her house suffered little damage, but the beach area was devastated.

Kevin M. McCarthy, R., a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, works with Special Boat Unit Eleven on Mare Island, Calif.

Daniel W. McNamara, B., of Wilbraham, Mass., is the owner of Rolfe Golfing Co. in New Britain, Conn. He enjoyed a land/cruise trip to Alaska.

William Michaelopoulos, B., of Great Neck, N.Y., is manager of retail sales and marketing at Consumer Union, Consumer Reports.

Dr. Ian Harp Mooney, W., works in the behavior lab in the psychiatry department at the U. of Pennsylvania
Specializing in theatrical supply

One doesn’t typically picture the budding entrepreneurs of a multi-million-dollar business clad in jeans and using a hotel lobby as an office in which to meet potential clients.

However, that’s the way three University of Richmond graduates started their business 19 years ago. What they created was a successful theatrical supply company that today generates more than $2 million in sales annually. Joe Bristow, ’70, Joan Ungemach Brumbach, W ’72, and Fred Brumbach, ’72, began their business, Backstage Inc., meeting their clients in the lobby of the old Hotel Jefferson in Richmond.

“The aim of Backstage was to provide our customers — local theatres, the Richmond Ballet and small groups and businesses in town — with the behind-the-scenes equipment and tools necessary to put on events, shows and parties,” says Bristow. “We supplied lighting, costumes, custom-made scenery, props and decorations.”

Soon they found that by becoming a dealer in theatrical and event supplies, they could purchase the materials they needed wholesale. Thus, the retail portion of Backstage was born and the Brumbachs, Bristow and Cameron Grainger, their fourth partner, found a permanent home for their business on Broad Street in Richmond.

Customers could purchase everything from stage makeup and costume accessories to microphones and fog machines. Their client base expanded as clients found a permanent home for their business on Broad Street in Richmond.

“We’ve been pretty diverse,” Joan recalls with a laugh. “We’ve done everything from supplying churches with sound systems to making the life-sized Snow Bear and Lockey brought to the University.” Joan was the top costume assistant where Bristow, who later became the University’s director of retail and rental operations, was in charge of retail and rental operations. With those sales also came the business of designing, installing and repairing the equipment.

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Lisa Shields Chesson, W., owns and operates the Chincoteague, Va. She and her husband, Scott, have two children, Hillary, 3, and Steven, 2.

Erika Davis, W., was promoted to director, compensation and human resources information systems at Owens & Minor in Richmond.

Karen Moschler DeCicco, W., of Midlothian, Va., and formerly at Monarch High School, now teaches 10th- and 12th-grade English at Chesapeake Country Day School, new school in James River.

Theresa Gray Henderson, W., of Bel Air, Md., visited Beverly George Ayles, W., and her husband, Mark, and their two children in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Kenneth C. Hirtz, L., became a shareholder in the Richmond law firm of Schalk & Chamberlain.

Daphne Williams Howard, W., works as a sports, health and fitness buyer for QVC Inc. She has a daughter, Jennifer, and lives in Wayne, Pa.

Beth A. Jacobson, B., of Glen Allen, Va., was elected 1995-96 president-elect of the Virginia Chapter, Meeting Professionals of Virginia.

She is with the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Joseph E. Keener III, R., of Upper Darby, Pa., teaches English as a second language to religious refugees from the former Soviet Union.

Tracy Lankow Krechovsky, W., was promoted to editor of Parents’ Plus Family Travel & Leisure magazine in Boston. She and her husband, Curt, have two children, Nicole, 2, and Benjamin, born this fall.

Fern Faller Matteis, W., of Marietta, Ga., is now a stay-at-home mom to her twin Michael. Her husband, Rick, is a senior accountant with Scientific Research Corp.

Avrett P. Myers Jr., G., of Midlothian, Va., was promoted to manager, sales planning and analytics of Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex in Glen Allen, Va.

Deborah S. Nickle, R., works as an analyst in Philadelphia.

David J. O'Brien, R., of Charlottesville, Va., is a project manager for General Electric.

Gwen Lichtenstein Scavone, W., of Ramsey, N.J., resigned from her job on the New York Stock Exchange to stay at home with her daughter, Claire Elizabeth, 1.

Michael S. Simpson, B., a captain in the U.S. Army, is joint staff intelligence crisis operations officer, and is stationed at the Pentagon.

Paul T. Sweeney, B., was promoted to senior analyst in the research department of Wheat First Butcher Singer in Richmond.

Courtney Vach, B., of Annapolis, Md., is financial manager for Bell Atlantic Credit Card Services in Arlington, Va. She completed her MBA in finance from Loyola College.

J. Morgan Anderson, R., works as logistics manager for Procter & Gamble’s skin care consolidation project in Puerto Rico. He lives in Rio Piedras.

Amy Vogelzinger Beaulieu, B., stays busy at home in Sherman Oaks, Calif., with Addison Paige, 2, and Berkeley Meredith, 4 months.

Greg Bledsoe, B, was promoted to national account executive with MCI Telecommunications in Richmond. His wife, Maria Maloney Bond, B., is an account executive with Arthra Health Plans.

Jessica A. Busstedt, W., of Bronx, N.Y., is promotions coordinator for new product development for MFL Communications Inc., a music publishing company owned by Paul McCartney in New York City. She is responsible for pre- and post-production phases of all promotional projects, including public relations, new product development, radio, television and print campaigns.

Reign Deam, R., works as a sales manager for ATI Communications in Bellevue, Md.

Jeffrey H. Gray, B., works for Henrico County Police and lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with his family. Melody Gunther Foster, L., works as assistant counsel at the Dallas Shieff Clainsh Trust in Richmond. She has two daughters, Chelsea Grayce, 5, and Claire Katherine, born on March 5.

Sara Parker Henderson, W., in her first year as real estate achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors’ Million Dollar Club. “She works for Prudential Brown-Fowler Co. in Summit, N.J.

Cornelia Roberts Hillman, B., of Willmette, Ill., took a leave from outside work to be a stay-at-home mom to Elsa, born June 24, 1995.

Beth A. Jacobson, B., of Glen Allen, Va., was selected to be on the Virginia chapter of Meeting Professionals International. She works at the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Sara Peterson Kimber, W., took a new job with Butler, McAn, Williams, Pantele & Lowdens PC in Richmond and her husband.

Jim Kliber, F., moved to a new home in Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Christopher M. McKenna, R., an attorney with the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York City, was named to the board of directors at the New York Stock Exchange.

Andrea S. Barrett, W., has been a legal assistant for seven years with the largest law firm in South Carolina. Her area of practice includes civil litigation, specifically commercial business defense, insurance malpractice defense and products liability. Although she works 10-12 hours a day, she still finds time to garden and decorate her new home in Charleston.

Anne C. Bentley, W., has practiced law in the firm of Crumm, McGhee & Hicks in Atlanta.

Crescencio R. Clapper, R., was promoted to police sergeant in the City of Richmond Police Department and transferred from the street patrol to traffic operations.

Tom Davidson, B., of New London, Wisc., was promoted and transferred from Brooklyn College, N.Y., to West Point, Va., operation into its textile manufacturing facility, Wisconsin Tissue Mills. He is pursuing a master’s degree in management at American University in Washington, D.C.

Robert H. Dunham, B., was appointed to New England Smokeless Tobacco Corp. Daniel E. Evans, R., and his wife Susanna, moved to Redding, Calif., this past June. She began a residency program in pediatrics this fall and began a West Coast office for Lafayette College doing admissions, alumni affairs and college relations.

Colleen K. Fleming, R., works as chief operations officer at Boggs Rural Life Center, a retreat and conference center in Kentucky. She runs a horse farm in Lexington, S.C.

Christina Gillian Tinney, R., works as a senior executive compensation accountant in Philadelphia.

Susan G. Holzmann, B., graduated in July 1995 from the medical training at Tufts University. She is a student of Dental Medicine and practices orthodontics in Camp Springs, Md.

Colleen Kiley, W., was appointed to work as an assistant professor of chemistry at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.


Maren Roth Levine, W., a graduate student of social work, at Bryn Mawr College, and her family moved from Dallas to Wayne, Pa., where her husband, David, works as a general manager for Alpha Scientific. They have a daughter, Sarah Jordan, 2, and a son, Thomas, 2.

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Cheryl Baebecker, AW, moved to Bethesda, Md., where she works as a writer and editor of the Office of Development and public affairs at Washington National Cathedral.

Vishva B. Bhargava, of Richmond, is employed by the Corporation Commission's office of general counsel as a staff attorney in utility regulation. She was formerly a law clerk for the Supreme Court of Va.

Lisa K. Biggs, AW, of Charlotteville, Va., works as a production assistant for a small medical publishing house, Silverchair, which packages books for larger publishers. She continues her work as a volunteer reader at the Charlottesville-Buddies reading tutor at one of the city schools. She also joined Live Arts, a community theatre company, where she has worked backstage on designed programs and was stage manager for "Borderlands," a play about war in Bosnia.

Robin C. Bogin, AW, of Long Valley, N.J., is a third-year law student at Seton Hall U., and serves as a member of the law journal and interscholastic moot court board. Matthew V. Bolden, AW, of Mahwah, N.J., studies math at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, Ga. She also is the varsity girls soccer coach and assistant varsity girls basketball coach.

Jennifer S. Campbell, AW, graduated from the American U. in Washington, D.C., in May 1995 with a master's degree in international education and a certificate in TESOL — teaching English to speakers of other languages. She spent the summer at her parents' house in London.

Christine Gould Daniels, GB, was promoted to vice president in the small business unit of Strong Bankcorp. She lives in Chester, Va.

Carla M. Deluca, AW, moved to New York city in May 1995 to work for Porter/Novellie Public Relations, health care division.

Stacy Boodee Deryle, AW, moved to Charlotteville, Va., where her husband attends graduate school. She works as a customer service representative for Silver Ring Sprint Co.

Karen Fallin, AW, works as a child life specialist at the Children's Hospital in Greenville, S.C.

Mark P. Galgo, AW, of New Orleans, is a second-year student at Tulane Law School.

Bradford P. Grant, BR, is a communications associate for the participating services division of the Vanguard Group in Valley Forge, Pa. He lives in B Vertn, Pa.

Carter E. Hensan, AW, has taught the humanities at the Fiscus School of Montgomery, Ala. He has also served as executive director for Strawberry Hill on the Young Graduates Program steering committee.

Rex Hindle, AW, works as a retail sporting goods buyer for City Sports in Brookline, Mass.

Kelly Brooks Honkecamp, AW, is a second-year graduate student in math with a major in computer science at Ohio U. She works as a graduate assistant and lab instructor for an introductory level computer science class.

L. Lynn Jannausch, AW, has been living in Milan, Italy, for the past two years, working as an English teacher and part-time journalist for a local magazine, Il Fren. She also works for her mother's wholesale business as a buyer, traveling in Italy, Morocco and Turkey. She still dances, primarily in private fashion shows for designers.

Kimberly A. Kenna, BW, moved into New York City and works as a producer for upholstered furniture at the Elegant Touch.

Joyce M. Keene, AW, of Decatur, Ga., is a third-year graduate student in the Ph.D. program in chemistry at Emory U.

Jennifer Sentivian, AW, is a first-year student at Seton Hall U. School of Law in Newark, N.J.

Michelle Squire, AW, received a master's degree in early childhood education from NYU and is pursuing a doctorate of education with specialization in curriculum and instruction at U. of Arizona.


Eric Sugarman, GB, works as a second-year student in sports medicine at West Chester U. He also serves as the athletic trainer for its football team and part-time athletic trainer for the Chicago Bears.

Wesley A. Bowman, AW, is a second-year medical student at the U. of Texas in Dallas.

Jennifer George Gappello, BW, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, was promoted to staff manager at J&T. She works on new product offerings, including the development of new products that covers both Ohio and New Jersey.

Gail A. Ferrari, AW, works as a public affairs coordinator for NAACP National Youth Council and National Education Network. Correction: She is not pursuing a master's degree in American studies, as it was incorrectly reported in a previous issue. We apologize for the error.

James S. "Jimmie" Galagan Jr., BR, of La Place, La., works in the New Orleans Group of Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Barbara Garner, GB, was promoted to human resources director by the Richmond Area Association for Retarded Citizens. She joined the firm in 1993 and had been personnel administrator.

Gina N. Gray, AW, teaches second grade at the Chauncey Elementary School in Richmond.

Jeffrey D. Hall, AW, is an art teacher for Henrico County Schools and is a graduate student at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is the husband of his wife, Colleen Pheon, B'91, live in Richmond. From Dec. 1 jus, a collection of his paintings was exhibited in a one-man show at the Shunandoah Valley Art Center in Waynesboro, Va. He is one of only 12 artists to hold open their own shows at the gallery in 1995. His work has received accolades from the Shockoe Bottom Arts Center in Richmond and is part of a forthcoming exhibit in the Marshall Gallery at UR.

Kat Hansen, BW, took a leave of absence from McClain Group Inc. in Richmond to work as a consultant of American culture and business practices to Hungarian leaders and as an English teacher to children. She plans to return to Richmond in July 1996.

Jason R. Hull, AW, is a member of the MOC School of Medicine Class of 1998.

Lawson M. Logan, AW, of Atlanta, Ga., works for a sports marketing firm that focuses on minor league baseball teams.

Jennifer L. Mina, AW, is a first-year law student at Boston College.

Stacy Navarro, AW, is a second-year student at Rutgers U. School of Law in Camden, N.J.

Sarah M. Nolan, AW, teaches Spanish to grades 6-8 at Warren County Middle School in Warrenton, N.C., with the Teach For America program.

Will Mason, AW, joined the advertising agency of Barber Martin & Associates Inc. as a media buyer.

Elisabeth Riddold, AW, works as an advertising agency of Barber Martin & Associates Inc. as an administrative assistant. She formerly was with WBUR/TV Channel 55 and WBST Channel 12 in Richmond.

Andrew M. Richiz, AW, has completed flight school in Fort Rocker, Ala. He and his wife, Laura Miller Richiz, AW, will be transferring to a new duty station.

Bill Sakkab, AW, is a first-year law student at U. of Texas in Dallas.

Raymond Santelli Jr., BR, is a credit analyst at Fidelity Federal Bank in Richmond.

Keith Scott, AW, is a graduate student in physical therapy at the U. of Delaware.

Amy L. Smith, AW, moved back from Richmond to Roanoke and took a position as district asset forfeiture specialist at Counter Technologies Inc.

Brooke D. Taylor, BW, works as a graduate assistant while she pursues her master's degree in educational administration with a minor in political science from the U. of South Carolina in Columbia.

A. Chadwick White, AW, works in operations management with Owens & Minor Inc. in Roswell, Ga. He plans to begin studies for an MBA in the spring.

Brian S. Wombold, AW, graduated from Marine Corps Basic School as a second lieutenant and is prepared for assignment within the Fleet Marine Force.

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Kristin Mullin, AW, transferred to Washington, D.C., where she continues to work for Ernst & Young.

Nikolai L. Andresky, AW, is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Scott C. Armstrong, BR, works as an associate public utilities accountant for the Virginia State Corporation Commission in Richmond.

Sunecia S. Arzu, AW, accepted a position as director of corporate communications for a comprehensive event marketing, production and lighting company based in Philadelphia. She lives in Downingtown, Pa.

Brett R. Arp, BR, of Knoxville, Tenn., is a graduate student at Thunderbird-American Graduate School of International Management.

Christopher W. Astley, BR, is a staff consultant with Anderson Consulting in Atlanta, Ga.

Jennifer A. Avallone, AW, teaches basic math skills for Paterson Public Schools in Paterson, N.J. She attends Glen Ridge Graduate College for a full-time graduate student of arts in education with a concentration in technology in the classroom.

Anniessa Bedard, AW, is a securities trader for the Bemr Mark Trust Co. and lives in Philadelphia.

Matt J. Blanchard, BR, is a staff accountant at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Richmond.

Aylesbe B. Bourne, AW, works as the office manager at the law firm of Frost & Smith in Wilmington, Del. She also volunteers for the Milwaukee Women's Center and the Milwaukee Women's Refuge. She took the LSAT in December and plans to apply to law schools in the fall.

W. Baker Christie III, AW, is a technical resource analyst at Corning Hazleton Inc. in Madison, Wis.

Michael P. Collins, JR, a platoon leader in the U. S. Army, has enrolled in the Army's Military Police Officer Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala. His first duty station is Korea, where he began in January 1996.

Liam R. Connolly, AW, works as a class representative and lives in Arlington, Va.

Matthew T. Corkern, JR, of Richmond, serves as a class representative and lives in Richmond.

Seth G. Craig IV, AW, is an education director for the Salvation Army in Richmond.

Robb B. Crawford, BR, works as an inventory auditor in the finance training program of Circuit City Stores Inc. in Richmond.

Yuwon Dae, BR, is an MBA student at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke U.

Catherine S. Devine, AW, serves as a volunteer program coordinator for VISTA and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Lee S. Dillard, BR, works as a mutual fund analyst at Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis, Tenn.

Vince P. Doherty Jr., BR, is a staff auditor at Auditor of Public Accounts in Richmond.

Brian R. Donnelly, AW, has been working in a laboratory in New York City while applying to medical schools.

Ken J. Doria, BR, is a second lieutenant, Armor Branch, of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

Andrew C. Egolf, BR, is a sales assistant at the Hard Rock Cafe in London.

Mary J. Enzuto, BR, works as an auditor for Deloitte & Touche LLP in Hartford, Conn.
Randi Joy, AR, is a dentist student at MCW in Richmond.
Jeri S. Freeman, AR, is a medical student at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn.
Raymond E. Geoffroy III, AR, is a law student at Emory U. in Decatur, Ga.
Scott Christopher Gold, JR, of Charlotte, N.C., is a law student at Dickinson School of Law.
Ann Greskovich, AR, enjoys being in the working world as sales service support at a polymeric stabilizer, with Great Lakes Chemical Corp. in West Lafayette, Ind.
Michael R. Griffith, AR, is a new immigrant with Lever Brothers Co. and lives in Nashville, Tenn.
Elizabeth Harris, JW, is a law student at the U. of Maryland in Columbia.
Rick Hepner, BR, is a marketing coordinator for VSI Inc. in Richmond.
Kevin J. Hickey, BR, is a sales associate at U.S. Healthcare in Blue Bell, Pa.
Kristian L. Hoffman, AR, is a law student at Rutgers-Camden School of Law in Camden, N.J., working for Volunteers of America and is helping a student earn her GED. She's made many new friends but "still has pangs" for her days at Vassar.
Robert S. Horton, AR, is a graduate student in psychology at the Ph.D. program at N. Carolina State U.
Byron Hudoldt, BR, after working for the Charlotte Rake arena football team, took a job as account executive with the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.
Steven T. Jacobellis, BR, is a foreign exchange officer clerk for the KFC of the Republic of Korea in New York and lives in Midland Park, N.J.
Brian Christopher Jones, AR, is a legislative aide for Sen. Robert Dole and a member of the "Dole for President" campaign. He lives in Arlington, Va., with Ryan Licari, BR; Tim Thompson, AR; and Liam Connolly, AR. He plans to study entertainment law at New York Law School this fall.
Jefferson J. Jones, AR, is a law student at the U. of Houston Law Center.
Shelley Kennedy, AR, of Rosemont, Pa., is a graduate student of criminal justice administration at Villanova U.
Scott C. Klein, BR, is a registered representative in sales for Egafilet in Richmond.
David Kleinschuster, AR, works at Paine & Company at Springfield College, where he is working on his master's degree in sports psychology. This past summer he worked as a tree surgeon 500 feet in the air.
Ryan P. Licari, BR, works as a staff consultant at Anderson Consulting in Washington, D.C.
Eric R. Longfield, AR, is a bid specialist at General Medical in Richmond.
Russell E. Lundberg Jr., BR, of Richmond, is an associate with James River Capital Corp. in Manakin-Sabot, Va.
Derek T. Malmberg, BR, works as a staff accountant at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Richmond.
Kenneth A. Marriott III, AR, works as an immunogenetics technologist at Johns Hopkins U. School of Medicine in Baltimore, Md.
Matthew S. Marrone, AR, is a student at George Washington U. School of Law.
Jeffrey R. Marshall, AR, is a management associate at Capital One in Richmond.
Sean Martin, BR, is a dental student at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.
Meridith L. McCarthy, AW, is a student at New York University School of Medicine in exercise physiology at the U. of South Carolina.
Mark R. McCausland, AR, teaches English in France for the 1995-96 academic year.
Jennifer E. McCusker, AR, is a graduate student of organic chemistry at the U. of Florida in Gainesville.
Kevin M. McDermott, AR, is a research associate in the information and research department of Mountain View Health Care Corp., in Silver Spring, Md.
Anthony D. McNulty, AR, is an assistant buyer with Horton Media Inc., in New York City.
D. Scott Mealey, BR, is a field executive for Quaker City Motor Parts in Middlesboro, Ky.
Daniel A. McElroy, AR, is a student at California Western School of Law in Flagstaff, Ariz.
Rich A. Mitchell, AR, is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.
Jaime R. Moore, AR, works as a computer software sales field representative for Sybase Inc. He lives in Boca Raton, Fla.
Beth A. Morley, AR, of Warsaw, Va., works as a assistant to the president of Potomac Supply Corp., in Kircus, Va.
William L. Newton, AR, of Lexington, Ky., completed an internship in Philadelphia for Strategic Overseas Consultants and hopes to work somewhere in the former Soviet Union.
Lawrence R. Nightingale, AR, is a graduate student in counselor education at U. City.
Harry C. Novotny III, BR, of Winter Park, Fla., worked as a registered representative with J.H. Meyers Co. this past summer and is an MBA student in marketing at Rollins College.
Mark T. Ochab, AR, of Vernon, N.J., is studying law enforcement at the Police Academy in Orlando, Fla.
Susan M. O'Donnell, G, works as District II development manager for the Easter Seal Society of Central Ohio and is a director as director of the Marietta Kiwanis Club.
Jason M. Orben, BR, is a management trainee-geoseeker at Chemical Bank Corp., in New York City.
Joseph L. Pielhaus, AR, is a student at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass.
David C. Pivis, AR, is a wholesale credit analyst at Southern Cooperative Inc., in Richmond.
Christopher D. Reed Jr., AR, is a law student at the U. of California in Tuscaloosa.
Beth Ann Ressa, AW, of Richmond, Jones from PA, is a grade at Providence Elementary School in Chesterfield County, Va.
Joseph R. Reyes, AR, is a medical student at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Wheeling, W.Va.
Lori Ann Richel, AR, is a graduate student in counseling psychology at Rutgers Graduate School. She's a substitute elementary schoolteacher during the day.
Jason B. Roop, AR, of Richmond, works as a student intern at the Richmond State, an independent weekly newspaper. He also serves as the young graduate representative to the Richmond Observer Alumni Association board.
Marc J. Roper, AR, is a physical therapy intern at the Rehabilitation Hospital in Richmond.
Benjamin R. Saboloff, BR, works as a management analyst at Capital One in Richmond.
Jeffrey A. Sale, AR, is studying at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. See story, p. 21.
Peter J. Sarvalli, BR, is a staff accountant for Price Warehouse in Arlington, Va.
Joshua Schulze, AR, is a teacher in Poland working for the International American Student Exchange Program.
Scott A. Shepard, AR, is studying law for his juris doctorate degree and history for a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt U. in Nashville.
Barbara W. Smith, AW, teaches biology and coaches soccer at J.T. Tucker High School in Richmond. She is also a graduate student in education at UR.
Adam P. Searns, AR, works as a chemist for Whitehall Robin Healthcare in Richmond.
Douglas Neil "Bubba" Stewart, AR, is a sales associate for a medical and laboratory supplies and equipment firm in Greenville, S.C., and lives in Long Valley, N.J.
Adrian L. Tarrubino, BR, works as an account representative with Spring Business in Richmond.
Emily L. Tuchman, AR, is a graduate student of education at Boston College.
Travis K. Taylor, AR, is a graduate student of economics at the U. of Connecticut.
Martha E. Thompson, AW, of Richmond, works for Hanover County Public Schools as a biology teacher at Lee-Davis High School in Mechanicsville, Va. She also coaches junior varsity cheerleaders.
Tom C. Thompson, AR, works as a financial analyst at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.
Scott M. Tozier, AR, works as an account manager for Mulling Services Inc. in Richmond.
Mark A. Tierney, AR, is a medical student at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa.
Jeffrey M. Wajszczuk, AR, is a staff consultant at Andersen Consulting in Washington, D.C.
Epiphonm Walker, of Glen Allen, Va., was elected to the Richmond Court-appointed Special Advocates program for a two-year term on its board of directors.
Brandon D. Waugh, AR, is an actor in Atlanta.
Brett H. Wigdoryz, AR, is a graduate student of economics at East-West Center in the U. of Hawaii.
Charles J. Wilson, JR, BR, works as a buyer for California College of Pennsylvania.
Mauri R. Winegardner, AR, works as a chemical laboratory supervisor at Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. Inc., in Richmond.
Crystal Wright, AR, is working toward a Ph.D. in social psychology at the U. of California at Santa Barbara. She's been traveling from Richmond through Memphis, Fort Worth, carbald Caverns and the Grand Canyon to California.
Mark Zawbinski, AS, is a district sales manager for ABO Inc., in Cedar Grove, N.J.
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Amy Abel, BR, is a staff accountant for Cooper & Lybrand in Washington, D.C.
Kate Racine is pursuing a degree in biology at MIT in Cambridge, Mass.
Blythe "Buffy" Bailey is a kayak instructor for the Alpine Kayak School in Yarmouth, Colo.
Sonja Bancier attends Harvard Law School.
Brannon Banks, BR, plans to attend the U. of Florida School of Law in the spring.
Kevin Barrett works as a laboratory technician for Lab Support in Wayne, Pa.
Jenny Beces is a sales administrator for Seagull Software Systems in Chapel Hill, N.C.
Laura Beucler is pursuing a degree in occupational therapy at New York U.
Joscie Bolton teaches fourth grade at the Montgomery Academy in Abbeville.
Grace Bowen is a behavioral counselor at Camberland Hospital for Children and Adolescents in New Kent, Va.
Melissa Bowes is pursuing a degree in speech pathology at the U. of Maryland.
Meredith Brady is a student teacher in Henrietta, Va.
Caroline Browder is a member of the support staff of Little, Parsley & Causey in Richmond.
Wendy Bruce is a human resources administrator for CIGNA Corp. in Philadelphia.
Kathryn Bruin teaches English at the South School of Diplomacy in Moscow.
Sara Candito attends Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Ind.
Stephanie Carper is a human student teacher in Chesterfield County.
Laurie Cheung works as a research assistant at PNC Bank in Cincinnati.
Lauren Chrusz, BR, is a staff accountant for Arthur Andersen in Boston.
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From acting to animation career

On a lark, Rick Gehr, R’73, once dressed up as Porky Pig, Elmer Fudd and the Road Runner for a Warner Brothers traveling show. Gehr was a senior at the University of Richmond, and he was the right height — 5 ’3’’ — to fit in the costumes. Plus, the job paid well.

He did not know that one day he’d be working in the classics unit at Warner Brothers, editing the very cartoons he’d promoted as a crazy college kid.

Animation had nothing to do with Gehr’s early decisions. A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Gehr had narrowed his college choices to three when he arrived at the University for a visit. “When I drove up the driveway, through those brick gates, it felt like a college,” he remembers. Plus, the student/teacher ratio of 15 to 1 was good, and he could prepare for a legal career by taking undergraduate classes in preparation for T.C. Williams. And there was a Pinter — a pregnant pause. But the lure of the theatre program took hold. He’d been acting since high school so it was very natural that he would want to check out the University’s brand-new Camp Theatre.

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“I remember the phone call from my dorm to home; my folks were very supportive. And the faculty were more than he could resist.” The total dedication needed to the exclusion of all other things in life. So I started handing out résumés

with a perky spirit and a smile on my face.”

Gehr got the break he needed in 1977 when a film editor saw on his resume that Gehr had once dressed up as Porky. “I think he called me in just to see what I looked like,” Gehr laughs. “And that’s how I got into animation.”

Over the years he’s worked at various animation studios and in his eight years at Warner Brothers has become specialized in working with the classic Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoons. He is involved with the post production of new material for commericals, TV shows, shorts and corporate clients.

“It’s a job that involves working with the directors and producers, he says, editing the material, coordinating the mix of sound elements, approving finished picture and sound masters and coordinating product delivery.

Gehr and his wife Terry have three boys — Adam, 11 1/2; Aaron 9 1/2; and Andrew 3 1/2. His boys love the Road Runner personally.

“My family and my church are the center of my life,” he says. “They give me the motivation to do everything that I do.”

Though Gehr’s a country’s width away from the University, friendships keep the memories alive. Friends like Bruce Miller and Phil Whiteway, both R’74, founders and directors of Richmond’s successful Theatre IV, stay in touch. Gehr is very proud of his classmates achievements.

“I cannot say enough about what it meant to me,” he says of his undergraduate years. “The personalized attention, the emphasis on doing a good job. The theatre experience gives you a ‘can do’ attitude, a desire to make it work.”

A few years ago Gehr asked famed Warner Brothers cartoonist Chuck Jones to do a drawing and sign it for James Erb [professor of music emeritus] whom Gehr calls “a truly influential person. He always decreed mediocrity.

Erb happened to be in Los Angeles at the time so Gehr hand-delivered the drawing to Erb’s hotel. “He answered the door in his pajamas,” Gehr says, and enthusiastically accepted the gift. Making the presentation to his former University professor meant everything to Gehr.

“That’s the kind of appreciative gesture you only hope to have a chance to make to a professor who meant so much.”

By Elizabeth Cogar
Jeremiah H. Irreman, A.R.95.
Jul 15, 1995. Included in the wedding party were Kresy Thomas and Jenn Whipple, brother B.W. and Keith Tan. Eric Crouch and Man Moore, all AR95. The couple lives in Nashville, Tenn.

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1995/Barbara Selby Wells, W, and her husband, Sam, a son, Brandon Flame Wells, Jan. 27, 1995.
1995/Elizabeth Upshaw Chambers, W, and her husband, Sam Chambers III, R'SO, a daughter, Jennie, July 14, 1995. They join sisters Carter, X, and Stanley, 6, and brother Bo, 3.
1995/Debbie Bright Gardner, B, and her husband, Mike Gardner, R'84, a daughter, Elizabeth, March 9, 1995. She joins a brother, Joey, 3/2.
1995/Elizabeth Spilman Rendler, W, and her husband, John Rendler, R'S5, a son, Benjamin Kirman, Sept. 29, 1995. She joins a sister, Nicole, 2/2. They join a half-sister, Katelyn, 2.
1995/Linda McFren Hess, W, and her husband, Michael, a son, Andrew, July 10, 1995. They join a brother, Michael, 1/2.
1995/Linda Reavard, W, and her husband, John, a son, Jacob, Dec. 12, 1995. They join a brother, Michael, 1/2.
1995/Anne Hummel Kelley, W, and her husband, William, a daughter, Elizabeth, April 17, 1995.
1995/Jan Edwards, W, and her husband, Michael Kasko, R'S1, a daughter, Abigail Lee, May 31, 1995. She joins a sister, Casey, 6.
1995/June McClean Prosperi, W, and her husband, John, a daughter, Anne Virginia, Aug. 25, 1995. She joins a brother, Michael, 1/2.
1995/Dean Nicholas Spimplen Bandler, W, and her husband, Kane, a son, John Douglas, June 18, 1992.
1995/Bryan M. Benitz, B, and his wife, Nicole, a daughter, Nicolas, 1995. He joins sisters Alastanta, 1, and Corrinda, 2.
1995/Terry Hall Blackwell, W, and her husband, Kevin, a daughter, Kelly Dameron, Jan. 9, 1995. She joins a sister, Mackenzie, 2/1.
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1995/Debbie Bright Gardner, B, and her husband, Mike Gardner, R'84, a daughter, Elizabeth, March 9, 1995. She was born Aug. 18, 1994, in Korea. She joins a brother, Joey, 3/2.
1995/Kevin M. McCarthly, R, and his wife, Gail, a daughter, Gaudia, a son, Brendan, Feb. 6, 1995.
1995/Christopher O'Malley, B, and his wife, Leigh, a son, Christopher, Aug. 4, 1994.
1995/Corinellia Roberts Hillman, B, and her husband, John, a daughter, Elisa, June 24, 1995.
1995/Margaret Gehret Erskine, B, and her husband, Hal, a daughter, Meredith King, Aug. 9, 1995.
1995/Melody Gunter Foster, L, and her husband, Peter, a daughter, Claire Katherine, March 5, 1995. She joins a sister, Chelsea Grayce, 3.
1995/Michee Keezer Reilly, W, and her husband, Brendan Reilly, R'87, a son, Brett Michael, April 21, 1995.

DEATHS

1820/Anna Lee Willis Eppright, W, of Lamington, 15, May 19, 1592.
1925/Robert Mason Pilcher, R, of Roanoke, Va., Sept. 27, 1925. Superintendent of the test "World War II" before his retirement in 1968, he was one of the leaders in the development of steam locomotives and coordinated the design and development of the "Hero," NW's coal-fired steam turbine/electric locomotive. He graduated as a mechanical engineer from Virginia Tech and served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel, during World War II. He was an active member and deacon emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church. He also served as a member and former chairman of the board of directors of Southwest Virginia Medical Center.
1929/Rosalie Gore Hinson, W, of Rockingham, N.C., June 9, 1929.
1929/R. Dr. Neal H. Sanford, R, of Belfast, Maine, July 7, 1929. The founder of the Western Institute, a graduate school of psychology in Berkeley, Calif., he also taught at Stanford and UC Berkeley. He was a co-author of the classic psychology text, The Authoritarian Personality, which traced the link between children's upbringing and their prejudices in adulthood. In 1962 he published The American College and in 1980, Learning After College. Working with other well-known psychologists, he collabo-
rated on studies such as *Explorations in Personality*. He received his master's degree from Columbia University in 1930 and his doctoral degree from Harvard in 1934. The University awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree in 1962.

1932/John P. Fitzgerald Jr., R., of Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 25, 1994. He worked for Firehead Corp. as plant general manager before his retirement and later went into real estate sales. He served on many community boards, including the Uniontown Hospital, the Fayette County Authority, the Salvation Army advisory board, the Pennsylvania Economy League, and the Rotary Club. The Junior Chamber of Commerce selected him for a Distinguished Service Award in 1977. He was a member of the Classic Car Club of America and the Rolls Royce Owners Club.


1935/Richard E. Bates, R., of Richmond, Aug. 1, 1995. He worked most of his life for the Bank of Virginia until his retirement as senior vice president in 1976. During World War II, he served with the 1st Engineers Special Brigade. He also served with the 9th Army and as G-4 officer for the 80th Infantry Division Reserves, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served as chairman of Richmond, Henrico and the Third District Republican Party committees and as a delegate to the 1972 Republican National Convention. He was also a member and elder of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

1936/Frank D. Detcks, R., of Richmond, Aug. 29, 1995. He served as a major in the Army during World War II. He was a life member of the Retired Officers Association, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Officers' Club at Defense General Supply Center.

1937/John Henry "Al" Preissner, R., of San Francisco, Nov. 3, 1995. At age 16 he became the youngest licensed pilot in Virginia. He taught flying during the war and earned his way through Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a flight instructor. He worked at Beshed Corp. for 33 years.

1939/Martha Elliott Deichler, W., of Punta Gorda, Fla., May 14, 1995. She was a retired high school math teacher. She received her master's degree in 1946 from Columbia University.

1942/M. Johns Gray, R., of Goochland, Va., Sept. 20, 1995. He was a former Methodist minister who resigned in 1951 to become a designer and builder of houses and commercial properties. He was ordained in 1941 and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He served pastorate in Elmont, Fredericksburg and Richmond, where he organized and built what is now Westover Hills United Methodist Church. He also designed and built the Hill-Davis Medical Building, the Medical Science Center and houses in the Carillon area of Richmond. He was a former president of the Richmond Choral Society and of the PTA of John B. Cary School.

1943/Charles Almar Saunders Jr., R., of Richmond, Aug. 22, 1995. He was the retired president of Buckingham-Virginia Slate Corp. and the former president of the Building Stone Institute. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church.

1945/Dr. William M. Fraunstein, R., of Elkin, N.C., Jan. 1, 1995. He received his doctorate in education from U.Va. in 1963. He was chairman of the department of education at Sweet Briar College at the time of his retirement.


1950/Donald P. Schalla, R., of Richmond, Feb. 23, 1992. He was a former probation and parole officer for the Virginia State Department of Corrections.

1953/Dillan V. Beall, B., of Richmond, Jan. 1, 1995. He was a former accountant for VECO, now Virginia Power. He also worked for Pasqua Food Co. in Birmingham, Ala., holding the position of vice president of finance.

1957/Russell W. Miller, GB., of Richmond, Sept. 14, 1995. He was the retired chief internal auditor for the Virginia Department of Corrections and was a former instructor at the Gladeburne Robins School of Business and at VCU. He was a former member of the Certified Internal Auditors Association, president of the International Fellowship of Christian Businessmen and served as an elder at St. Giles Presbyterian Church.


1960/Jan Hargan Blackwell, W., of Richmond, Aug. 24, 1995. She worked for Crestar Bank and was a member of St. James’ Episcopal Church and served on its altar guild.


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EMPOWERING WOMEN

Gender has a profound impact on one's identity, role, responsibilities and opportunities throughout life. Gender defines us biologically, socially and psychologically.

Our culture has begun to face the ugly, artificial realities culturally assigned to being female. In more recent years, the stereotypes that limit males have begun to be identified and addressed also. There has been a growing interest in equity of opportunity for women and men, without the shackles of culturally ascribed gender bias.

In our culture, however, women still are at a disadvantage.

Recent studies have found that, during the teenage years, girls lose a great deal of self-confidence and self-esteem. A study by the American Association of University Women uncovered the disturbing fact that girls' levels of self-esteem and self-confidence are higher at age 12 than at age 18.

In 1985, a study of high-school valedictorians, salutatorians, and top honors graduates showed that women have a tendency to attribute success to external forces rather than to their own talents. The study, conducted by K.D. Arnold and T. Denny, found no gender differentiation in academic performance in college; both females and males had high academic performance. Yet, the self-estimation of intelligence in college plummeted for females and remained constant for males.

More performance, then, is neither adequately convincing nor powerful enough for women to overcome societal messages regarding their relative competence to men.

Thus, women have different needs for empowerment. They need to hear from respected sources that they are truly capable, that their success is due to their very own talents. They benefit from seeing other women who have been successful because most of the models in many fields have been male.

If institutions of higher education are truly interested in empowering their women students, they must treat them differently and consider how their campus climates promote or destroy women's self-estimations of intelligence and expectations for career patterns.

The University of Richmond has a long history of attention to gender-related issues, dating back to the establishment of Westhampton College in 1914. To this day, we not only treat women and men students differently; our institution values those differences at its very core. With a coordinate system, we have maintained a crucial component that other collegiate models have lost or have never had: an institutionalized women's voice.

Through the 'joint venture dynamic' of the coordinate college system, Westhampton College has remained an equal partner in the institutional structure and workings.

Westhampton College, the women's undergraduate division, and Richmond College, the men's undergraduate division, are able to focus upon special developmental needs of women and men.

As a result, unique programs emerge. At Westhampton College a study was conducted in 1976-77 in response to concerns that women's needs were not being met by colleges and universities. The study showed that:

- Women enter college with stronger academic backgrounds than men.
- Women graduate less well prepared than men.
- Women critically need programs and support structures that allow them to leave college as well prepared as men.

The study recommended the development of programs and structures that assist in creating a strong sense of institutional identity — and therefore, an effective support system for women — and the conscious design of opportunities for women students to engage in leadership activities.

Consequently, in 1980, Westhampton College created WILL (Women Involved in Living and Learning), a unique model of intentional design for empowerment and transformation of women.

The model involved a comprehensive curricular and co-curricular program for undergraduate women. Women's studies courses, which now enroll a significant number of students each term, were created to support the program.

The WILL program now has a 15-year history, and research is underway on the impact of the program on its 403 alumnae and current students.

There are many other opportunities as well. It is crucial to a healthy climate on a coeducational campus that there be attention to men's development with regard to gender alongside that provided for women. Accordingly, Richmond College provides men's programs related to fraternity issues, health issues, gender in the workplace, support for men's development, and dialogue with women's groups on campus.

Without opportunities for men's development, there is a lack of equity and parity in growth, critical thinking and new understandings of self, one's own gender and the other gender.

Both women and men need to grow, lest hostility develop between them, and women be ridiculed for their ideas regarding gender. Such conditions are counterproductive to empowerment for women, and freeze men into uninformed, and often insecure, positions regarding gender.

Our society cannot afford to lose the contributions that 51 percent of the population — its women — can make. We believe that our intentional programs to counteract limiting gender-based stereotypes and to boost confidence levels will help prevent a great deal of the human potential of women from being lost.

BY DR. PATRICIA C. HARWOOD

Harwood has served as dean of Westhampton College at the University of Richmond since 1986.

Material for this essay was drawn from the following:


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