Man on a Mission:

Leland Melvin reflects on the risks and rewards of space travel
Letters to the EDITOR

To the editor:

Just a note to tell you that even though I didn’t know a single person you profiled in the “Class of 1978 Reunion” series (Spring 2003), I just loved that format. The “then and now” photos really brought these people to life and enhanced the description of their impressive accomplishments. I hope you’ll continue to do this; it really was clever and made for very interesting reading.

Nina Novak, L'77
Washington, D.C.

To the editor:

The Vantage Point article by Dr. Richard Wright (Spring 2003) was so excellently written it prompted me to write a response. I am an alumnus of the business school and was involved in its earliest days. I have been teaching business courses, first as a high school teacher and for the last 15 years as an adjunct college professor.

Dr. Wright pointed out three areas of our business environment — the need for cross-cultural awareness, the need for entrepreneurial skills and the need for networking capabilities. I would like to add a fourth — the need for service-oriented skills. As Peter Drucker, the noted management author, has pointed out in his lectures and books, service industries have become a critical part of our business environment. An example is the travel and tourism industry, which includes hotels, restaurants, cinemas and casinos.

As Dr. Wright also noted, management and organized business can no longer operate in a box, but corporate and entrepreneurial managers must gain cross-cultural awareness in to the languages and habits of other countries.

Yes — interpersonal and interorganizational skills in a service-oriented economy are a must for business schools to fit into their curriculum as we train our students for today’s increasingly competitive global arena. Distance-learning through the computer has become another key part of our teaching.

Dr. Wright and other professors in the Robins School are to be complimented for their far-reaching endeavors to acquaint Richmond students with studies in partner schools in other countries.

C. Norman Woerner, B'52
Watchung, N.J.

CORRECTIONS

The location of students in a photograph on page 12 of the Spring issue was incorrect. The students were in Paris, not London. Information in the 1982 section of the Spring 2003 Class Notes was erroneously reported. The entry should have read: Steve Hart, R, L'85, is a planned giving officer for The Collegiate School, and has been elected secretary of the Virginia Association of Fund Raising Executives.

You never know till you ask. Right?

Still, we often hold back, thinking our questions are dumb or intrusive. Those thoughts certainly were on my mind as I pondered asking Leland Melvin, the University's only astronaut alumnus, for an interview. I really would be treading on taboo territory, I thought — he has just suffered a tragic loss.

The entire nation was riveted by the explosion of the space shuttle Columbia and was grieving the deaths of the seven crew members. How must it have felt to someone inside that close-knit family of astronauts? What would the tragedy mean to the future of space exploration?

We would never know unless we asked. So, timidly, I e-mailed Melvin an interview request.

Here's his prompt and gracious response:

After taking the families [of the Columbia crew members] to the White House to meet the President ... I would love to share what's currently going on with the Astro Corps, the [Columbia] crew and the future of the space program. The Columbia 7 are dear friends and just truly remarkable people. It would be nice to talk about them to the University community.

By asking a question, I got more than I bargained for.

So did Robin Hoffman. The recent Richmond graduate is $25,000 richer for submitting the winning entry in the University’s third Quest program.

Her question? How do we know which questions to ask?

Hoffman contends it is essential that we ask ourselves not only which questions we should be asking, but also whether the questions are as important as the answers.

Even with all she has gained through asking her question, Hoffman admits she initially wavered. She thought it was too obvious, or that it surely had been asked before.

Hoffman and I both learned the value of asking. The risks are minimal and the rewards immense.

Questions can lead to change. That fact is borne out in several articles in this issue. First, a son’s inquiry into his father’s ability to earn a nearly-completed degree led to an historic and headline-generating event. The University ended up awarding honorary degrees to all veterans whose undergraduate days were disrupted by World War II.

Two results came from another question: Why do people in this country have to lack appropriate shelter? In response, Richmond students built a house and organized a summit. Finally, a group of students questioned why the state of Virginia spends several billion dollars a year controlling invasive species. The outcome? A bill drafted in part by Richmond students that addresses this question.

Finally, my questions to Leland Melvin, posed during a face-to-face interview at NASA headquarters, resulted in an article that should be enlightening to everyone associated with his alma mater.

I may not have won a hefty sum by asking questions of Melvin, but I am much richer than I was before encountering this dynamic, charming, insightful and ambitious alumnus.

And there’s no question, I hope, readers will reap some of those riches.
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"How do we know which questions to ask?"

Good question. With it and a 1,500-word accompanying essay, Amy Robin Hoffman, '03 netted $25,000. Hers was the winning entry in the University's third Richmond Quest competition, which every other year looks for a compelling question the entire university community can explore through a series of specially developed lectures, programs and courses. Hoffman, an English and women's studies double major from Cincinnati, Ohio, plans to attend the University of Connecticut to pursue her doctorate in English literature. (See related article on page 13.)

Hoffman had some additional questions after the March announcement that her entry, one of nearly 250, had wowed the selection committee. Why had nobody submitted the question before? Why was her question deemed more worthy than the reams of papers, essays and other assignments to which she had devoted more time and thought?

She accepted the check without question. She will use the money to pay off her Dodge Neon, buy lots of CDs and upgrade her living conditions in graduate school.

She said the idea for the question came to her in a 2 a.m. brainstorm in the waning weeks of the competition. "Socrates said that an unexamined life is not worth living, and perhaps an unexamined question is not worth asking," her essay begins. "As the Richmond Quest approaches its third installment and students pose question after question, it seems like an appropriate time to consider the value of questions themselves."

Hoffman, an Oldham Scholar and self-proclaimed bookworm, continued, "It is imperative that we ask ourselves whether the questions are as important as the answers."

In making the announcement of the Quest winner, University of Richmond President William E. Cooper said questions are at the root of the educational process.

Hoffman's question could be used as the basis for Quest courses on how preliminary decisions about which questions guide the course of scientific inquiry, how novels and other forms of literature ask questions about the human experience, and why doubts and questions are important in understanding religions.

Here are some of Hoffman's suggestions for speakers and programs relating to her question:

- Lynn Margulis on her struggles to gain scientific recognition for her answers to unorthodox questions about the evolution of the cell and other biological mysteries
- A panel of College Board, Educational Testing Services and others on standardized testing
- Alex Trebeck, host of Jeopardy!, who could speak about his career of giving answers
- Cameron Crowe, director and former writer for Rolling Stone, on interviewing famous rock musicians and then moving his "questioning" to a different medium
- Michael Frayn, Tony Award-winning author of the play, Copenhagen, on his interest in the historical "what-ifs" surrounding World War II

Previous Quest topics have been "When does discovery inspire change?" and "Is truth in the eye of the beholder?"
New Westhampton dean seeks both harmony and autonomy

Juliette L. Landphair, who served since June 2002 as interim dean of Westhampton College, now holds the position permanently. The University named her to the position in April, and the appointment was effective immediately.

Landphair previously served as interim director of the Women Involved in Living and Learning program. "Dean Landphair has shown an ability to handle crises, creatively meet the demands of an evolving campus and student culture, and generally bring the academic and student life programs into greater harmony," said Leonard Goldberg, vice president of student affairs.

Landphair holds a B.A. degree from Tulane University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. She has taught courses at Richmond, Randolph-Macon Woman's College and University of Virginia on women's studies, U.S. history and feminism in the United States. She has served on panels and made presentations at numerous conferences on history and women's studies.

As interim dean, Landphair worked with Richmond College, the men's co-curricular and residential component of the university, to centralize housing under Richmond College and academic advising under Westhampton College. As dean, she said, she hopes "to continue to recognize the students' desires to be together, but to affirm their identities as Westhampton College students and Richmond College students."

— LINDA EVANS

Philip Morris USA headquarters to lease University's Alcoa-Reynolds building

Philip Morris USA has agreed to lease the entire Alcoa-Reynolds building at Richmond Quadrangle, the former Reynolds Metals executive offices, which the University acquired through a generous gift-purchase agreement in 2001.

Philip Morris USA, a subsidiary of Altria Group Inc., is relocating its corporate headquarters from New York to the Richmond facility. Around 700 employees were working at the New York offices. The relocation will integrate the company's management staff with the 6,800 employees and functions already located in Richmond.

"This agreement will benefit the University of Richmond by providing the resources to fund our strategic priorities in the short term, while preserving this historic property for future use by the university," said President William E. Cooper.
More than 900 diplomas, including some designated for a special group of war veterans, were awarded May 3 and May 4 in graduation ceremonies marked by an emphasis on honor and sacrifice.

Robert S. Jepson Jr., R'64, told the graduates and more than 6,000 people present at Sunday's 173rd commencement exercises: "Remember always that your fingerprints on time will be determined by what you give, not by what you have taken."

What the University gave to a group of 63 World War II veterans was closure. These were people who had their Richmond education interrupted by a call to duty, and never received a diploma. To a rousing standing ovation in the Robins Center, 18 of the vets — decked out in cap and gown — collected from President William E. Cooper certificates conferring honorary bachelor of letters degrees.

"Your accomplishments have built post-World War II America and helped provide a platform for freedom in many other parts of the world," Cooper said. "You have waited over half a century for this day." (See story, page 24.)

Drawing on his seven years as a prisoner of war in another conflict, Vietnam veteran Paul E. Galanti told graduates of the School of Continuing Studies — celebrating its 40 years of existence — that "no matter how bad things seem in your personal life, others have had it worse."

That's why it is essential to hold tight to the freedoms we enjoy in this country, said federal Judge Harvey E. Schlesinger, who addressed the 157 graduates of the University's School of Law. He warned about increasing assaults on Americans' liberties that "start as a trickling stream but could soon become a torrent."

"The best of the best" sent forth with inspiring words

Schlesinger, judge of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, is a 1965 graduate of the law school and a recipient of its William Green Award for Professional Excellence.

Speaking for the law school faculty, incoming dean Rodney A. Smolla told the graduates that "one of the hardest things in life is to balance the needs of one's family with the demands of professional life."

"If you lose friendship and companionship and love," Smolla said, "you lose the meaning of life. If you let your job take over, you may conquer the universe but lose your soul."

Jepson, renowned philanthropist and CEO of two companies, delivered a "lesson on life and leadership." He told the graduates, "Your grade will come years from now, based on a lifetime of actions. I hope you get an A."

Those actions, he added, are "a clear window into your soul." Jepson couched his recipe for success in seven personal leadership tips.

1. Dare to dream.
2. Commit to excellence.
3. Foster a genuine concern for others.
4. Demonstrate integrity and high ethics.
5. Be willing to take risks and learn from failure.
6. Develop a tolerance to stress.
7. Commit to a conspicuous sense of stewardship.
Jepson founded the University’s Jepson School of Leadership Studies — the first of its kind in the country. And while he said he had achieved many honors in his lifetime, none was greater than the opportunity “to be commencement speaker at my alma mater.”

Cooper, who awarded Jepson the President’s Medal, said Jepson had that opportunity as the result of “a great confluence of events,” including the University’s decision two years ago to have an alumnus as graduation speaker and the milestone reached this year as the Jepson School celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The University bestowed its President’s Medal on Jepson for his support over the past 20 years, which has included two terms on its board of trustees and contributions that established not only the leadership school, but also the alumni center and the university’s main stage theater.

Receiving honorary degrees were: U.S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow of Richmond, doctor of commercial science; Myron T. Mann, R’71, an international businessman who lives in Australia, doctor of commercial science; Jane S. Richardson, Duke University biochemist who developed kinemages, the standard of illustrating proteins in research, doctor of science; and Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University biblical scholar, doctor of divinity.

Undergraduate degrees were awarded to six students who completed studies in the University’s newest major — environmental science. (See story, page 22.)

The University carried out another tradition of having a specially selected student address her fellow graduates. This year, Jessica D. Aber called on her peers to keep in mind the three words on the back of their Spider cards — honor and integrity — as they venture into the broader world. She said the Richmond diploma should serve as “a constant reminder of your commitment to honesty and integrity” in a world where Pulitzer Prize winners plagiarize, athletic coaches lie and corporate executives deceive.

Galanti, the Continuing Studies commencement speaker, told graduates that “one individual can make a big difference in life.” Galanti retired from the Navy in 1983 and went on to become executive director of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, CEO of the Medical Society of Virginia and executive director of the Science Museum of Virginia Foundation. He received a master of commerce degree in 1976 from Richmond’s University College, now the School of Continuing Studies.

Receiving diplomas at the School of Continuing Studies commencement were the first graduates of Public Safety University, a program for members of Richmond public safety agencies who complete their educations in exchange for a service commitment to their employers.

Rosalind Reilly, who teaches English in the School of Continuing Studies, received the annual distinguished faculty award. She told graduates that as a girl she had always wanted to walk on the moon. Her journey “into inner space” has been just as fulfilling as her childhood dream, she said. “We lift off together to new insights and inspirations.”

Sarah Gunn, president and owner of The Toymaker of Williamsburg received the distinguished alumni award. She advised graduates to stay in touch with the University and to “think about going further with your education. There’s always the next step.”

Jepson concluded his remarks to members of the Class of 2003, whom he described as “the best of the best,” by urging them to run toward life “with hearts full of hope and with stars in your eyes.” And when you get there, he said, “tell ’em UR sent you.”
Fulbright forms love/learning triangle

It brought them together. It tore them apart. And, now it is reuniting them once again.

The Fulbright.

This prestigious scholarship has played a big part in the lives of Richmond history professor Matthew L. Basso and his wife, Angela Smith.

The two met when both were graduate students at the University of Minnesota. Basso was working on a Ph.D. in American studies, and Smith, a New Zealand resident studying in America on a Fulbright fellowship, was working on a Ph.D. in English literature. Basso ended up getting a job as an assistant professor of history at Richmond, and the couple had a lovely wedding in April 2002 at the University’s Jenkins Greek Theatre.

But shortly thereafter, Smith had to return to New Zealand to fulfill the obligations of her Fulbright agreement. She had pledged to spend two years sharing her knowledge with fellow New Zealanders, and so she began teaching at Massey University in Wellington.

Not willing to wait that long to live with his new bride, Basso sought a vehicle to take him to New Zealand. He got a Fulbright of his own. He secured additional funds from the dean of arts and sciences at Richmond. So, after one academic year apart, Basso and Smith have been reunited in Wellington, where Basso will conduct research as a Fulbright scholar.

Established in 1946 and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright program provides funds for students, scholars and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

Basso’s Fulbright “wasn’t just luck,” he said. “I applied for the New Zealand Fulbright because I wanted to be with my wife and because I was intrigued by the possibility of doing a comparative study.”

Basso has researched life on the U.S. homefront during World War II. “People generally think of the Greatest Generation as those who fought,” Basso said. But three of every four men did not. War was an anxiety for them. They felt their status being challenged.

In the course of conversations with his wife and her family and friends, Basso thought he might do similar archival research about the New Zealand homefront.

“I was interested as a historian and as a husband wanting to know about this country where my wife was from.”

One thing Basso already has discovered about New Zealand: “The fly-fishing is unbelievable.”

After 16 months in New Zealand, Basso and his wife will establish their home in the United States.

— RANDY FITZGERALD
Two chiefs, one celebration — and a challenge

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court was keynote speaker at a symposium on campus this spring that dealt with the threats to judicial independence.

The symposium, which included distinguished lawyers, judges and legal scholars, was part of a day celebrating the career of Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, who retired this year from the Virginia Supreme Court. Rehnquist came to Richmond from Washington to honor Carrico, an old friend, for his “long and distinguished career on the bench.”

Carrico, who served on the court for 42 years, continues to have a long and valued relationship with the University of Richmond School of Law. Law Dean John R. Pagan unveiled a portrait of Carrico that will hang in the Moot Court Room at the law school.

University President William E. Cooper presented Rehnquist with the law school’s highest honor, the William Green Award for Professional Excellence. Cooper praised Rehnquist for “a career characterized by the pursuit of excellence.”

Spiders attract national media attention

Ever given much thought to the mating habits of spiders? No — not the sexual proclivities of you and your fellow alumni or the dating trends of Richmond undergraduates. We’re talking about the eight-legged variety.

Biology professor Peter Smallwood has devoted a great deal of thought — and research — to the subject, and his findings have garnered national media attention. What Smallwood and his colleagues discovered turned spider sex research on its head. Male spiders are strongly attracted to fat females — the very mates most likely to devour them.

The finding is surprising because biologists did not think spiders were so discriminating in whom they chose as mates, said Smallwood, whose previous research efforts centered on long-jawed squirrels.

His spider research team studied the creatures both in the lab and in the wild. They found males consistently preferred females who were fat for their length, rather than just large overall. “This is the first evidence that an invertebrate species … chooses its mates based on body condition, i.e. weight divided by length — how fat you are for your size,” Smallwood said.

The male uses a special structure on his jaws to prop the female’s jaws open, so that he can mate without getting eaten. After he achieves success at mating and surviving, the male spider makes a mad dash to get away. “He’s got two or three feet on her head and he is pushing for all he’s worth … [while] she is trying to bite him,” Smallwood said. “Every now and then she manages to catch him and eat him.”

Smallwood’s spider sex research was featured on CNN.com, ABCNEWS.com, and in the Los Angeles Times and Canada’s National Post.
All things considered, Totenberg provoked and predicted

Government's need to violate civil liberties in wartime will be judged anew by the Supreme Court, National Public Radio legal correspondent Nina Totenberg told a University of Richmond audience on April 15. Although freedoms have been restricted during wars several times in American history, no previous war has been like the current one against terrorism — no clear enemy and no definable end. In such a setting, she said, civil rights are in peril.

Totenberg's talk — Leadership and Change in the Supreme Court Post-9/11 — was sponsored by the Richmond Quest, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the Richmond School of Law.

During previous wars and hostilities in which our country has been involved, the high court has had to strike a balance between two conflicting needs: national security and prevention of tyranny in the form of concentrated executive, legislative and judicial power. In the United States' war against terrorism, power is concentrated to an unprecedented degree, Totenberg said.

Hundreds of immigrants have been deported for infractions that would have been considered minor just a few years ago. Also, Totenberg added, immigration judges are routinely overruled by the attorney general and cannot act independently. "The executive branch has closed deportation hearings to the public," she said, noting examples of how President George W. Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft have claimed new powers for themselves. "What is to prevent any one of us from being picked up off the street and being held without access to a lawyer or our families?" she asked.

Totenberg opened her talk with an assessment of the Supreme Court's future membership. She said she expects Chief Justice William Rehnquist to announce his retirement this year, while the Republican Party that appointed him controls the White House and Congress. And, she expects Bush to nominate White House counsel Alberto Gonzales as successor. Totenberg said Bush has low interest in judicial matters, but would use the opportunity to repay conservatives and the religious right, who have a huge interest in any court vacancies.

Totenberg, who was accompanied by her husband, described the Richmond campus as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

— BRIAN ECKERT

Career development director practices what he preaches

Andy Ferguson helps students find their calling. As Richmond's director of career development, that has been his calling for 19 years.

But five years ago, Ferguson started hearing something he hadn't heard very distinctly since his student days: a call toward the ministry. And he did what he tells students to do. He listened.

Now, after intense training, Ferguson has been ordained as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church. That means he can preach sermons, baptize babies, perform weddings and conduct funerals.

Those activities are just a sideline, though, to his University job, which he intends to keep till he reaches a ripe retirement age. "I love my job," Ferguson, 49, said. "It's very fulfilling.

He equates his ordination and the steps preceding it to "building an addition to your house." There's a lot of disruption, work and upheaval in the process, but the finished product provides so much enjoyment. He looks forward to fully enjoying his "addition" after he retires. Unlike many people, this specialist in career development has a profession to fall back on. Ferguson's attitude is "you've got to keep growing."

In a role that he describes as "a complement to the parish priest," Ferguson said that he will perform both sacramental and service tasks. He may get involved in prison ministry or other social justice issues, as well as contribute to parish education programs.

His motto might also be: You've got to keep giving. The most fulfilling aspect of his job, Ferguson said, is to "help give order to the confusion" many students feel about their futures. Speaking from his own experience, he said he tells students that "it's important to listen to that inner voice and that there's not just one way to satisfy it."

Ferguson's philosophy is that "everybody's called to do something." Determining that calling, he said, "is a matter of being open." Fortunately, in his case, he said, he deferred his religious rumblings and followed the inner voice that led him to being a counselor and a dad. Ferguson and his wife Jennifer, a physician, have a 12-year-old son, Drew.
Jepson School celebrates decade of developing leaders

The Jepson School of Leadership Studies' April celebration of its 10th anniversary featured nationally known leaders in a variety of activities, ranging from scholarly discussions to an elegant dinner.

James MacGregor Burns, a renowned historian who is a senior fellow at the School of Leadership Studies, kicked off the festivities with a talk about his latest book, *Transforming Leadership: A New Pursuit of Happiness*.

Following his talk, a reception was held for about 400 friends, faculty members and alumni of Jepson, the country's first stand-alone school for leadership studies. It is named for its principal benefactor, business executive Robert S. Jepson Jr., R'64.

Jepson, who delivered the commencement address on campus the following weekend, was not present for the weekend-long anniversary celebration. However, he was very much on the minds of participants.

Joanne B. Ciulla, a founding faculty member who holds the Coston Family Chair in Leadership and Ethics, described Jepson as a "bigger-than-life character" who "let us do our work; let us make our mistakes."

Throughout the weekend, visiting scholars from across the country joined Burns in discussions on developing an integrated theory of leadership.

On Sunday evening, activities shifted several miles east, from the University's leafy campus to the ornate Jefferson Hotel in downtown Richmond for a commemorative, black-tie dinner featuring remarks by David Gergen, journalist and former White House adviser.

Gergen, director of the Center for Public Leadership at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, described leadership as the "X factor in human affairs."

"Individuals matter; individual leaders matter," Gergen told his audience of students, alumni and community leaders.

A counselor to four U.S. presidents — three Republicans and one Democrat — Gergen emphasized that leadership studies should be primarily directed at young people, many of whom are turned off by the hurly-burly of politics and public policy.

"We need to re-engage the younger generation; go deeper and build this field," he said. That's exactly what the Jepson School of Leadership Studies has been doing for a decade — and is continuing to do.

As Jonathan Zur, president of the Jepson Student Government Association, put it, the school is producing "socially engaged citizens."

— Clare Schapiro

Rising seniors Meredith Cox and Charissa Lopez-Linus wanted to look their best for Ring Dance. So, they traded privacy for vanity. They wrote in to The Learning Channel's *A Makeover Story* and said they needed help. A camera crew came on campus to film the transformation of the two young women, who were treated to new dresses, hairstyles and beauty sessions. For the end results, catch the show, which is scheduled to air sometime this fall.
Excelling in all fields, Spiders capture Commissioner’s Cup

After claiming a school-record five Atlantic 10 championships this year, Richmond captured the conference’s Commissioner’s Cup by a commanding margin.

The prestigious Commissioner’s Cup is a compilation of points awarded in descending order of finish in each of the league’s 22 championship sports. In only its second year as an all-sports member of the league, Richmond, who also won the women’s race by seven points, won conference championships in baseball, field hockey, women’s soccer, swimming and diving, and women’s indoor track and field.

The Spiders captured their first Atlantic 10 baseball championship with a 7-4 win and a sweep of the best-of-three A-10 Championship Series against Massachusetts. The victory marks the fifth conference title earned by head coach Ron Atkins and the seventh tournament appearance.

Coach Ange Bradley’s field hockey team finished 6-0 in regular-season conference play and then won the tournament championship. The field hockey team advanced to the NCAA Tournament where they defeated Rider before falling to Old Dominion.

The success continued when Peter Albright’s women’s soccer team captured its first Atlantic 10 Tournament championship and then advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament. Richmond finished third in the regular-season standings.

Coach Jeff Gettler’s men’s soccer team also finished third in the regular-season standings, but earned an NCAA Tournament at-large berth by winning matches against several of the nation’s elite teams.

When the winter championships surfaced, Richmond again dominated conference standings. Matt Kredich and his swimming and diving team broke eight conference records and won 13 of 20 total events in a commanding championship performance.

Lori Taylor took her women’s track and field team to the most exciting championship to date, as the title came down to the last race. The Spiders outlasted Rhode Island to claim Richmond’s first-ever indoor track conference title. Earlier in the year, Taylor and the women’s cross country team finished second.

The Spider basketball teams also added points to extend the Commissioner’s Cup lead. The men’s and women’s teams both finished third in the Atlantic 10 West Division. First-year men’s head coach Jerry Wainwright led the Spiders to their sixth-straight winning season (15-14, 10-6) and their third consecutive berth in the NIT. First-year coach Joanne Boyle and her Spiders advanced to the post-season for the first time in 12 years, reaching the WNIT quarterfinals, while compiling a 21-11 overall record, 9-7 in league play.

Ange Bradley, Matt Kredich and Lori Taylor earned Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year honors. Senior Jeff Myers was named the Atlantic 10 Men’s Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year (see related story), while teammate Tony Dobbins earned A-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Senior Elizabeth Cook earned Atlantic 10 Swimming Student-Athlete of the Year.

In other sports, the men’s golf team, led by senior Kyle Hess’ fifth-place finish, tied for fourth at the A-10 championships. The men’s tennis team advanced to the championship match before falling, while the women’s team garnered third place at the conference tournament.

— SIMON GRAY
Jeff Myers, '03, had big shoes to fill.

When Scott Ungerer graduated and left the Spider basketball program following the 2001-02 season, many wondered who would be the next Richmond point guard. Ungerer, a versatile 6-7 player who could contribute at any of the five positions, was so valuable to his team that he set the program record for minutes played per game — 38.4 — his last season. Even more important, people wondered, would a replacement be able to command the same respect from his teammates and opponents that Ungerer had developed over his four-year career.

Myers proved capable on both counts — and was honored for doing so by being named the Atlantic 10's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year.

Anticipating the void left by Ungerer, first-year head coach Jerry Wainwright was eager to work with the dynamic backcourt duo of Myers and Reggie Brown. “One of the things that I was most excited about in taking this job,” Wainwright explained, “was the ability to coach an extremely talented backcourt ... one of the best in the league.”

However, the duo was diminished when Brown suffered a back injury. The senior and leading returning scorer was sidelined for all but three games. That meant Myers had to carry the load — and the expectations — of a program quickly moving into the upper echelon of Division I basketball.

He did so admirably, starting all 29 games and leading the team with 36.1 minutes per game. Myers ended up with the eighth-best point guard performance in Spider history, providing 119 assists for the season and 315 for his Richmond career.

This 6-1, 180-pound guard from Rockford, Ill., started the final 52 games of his collegiate career. A sharpshooter, Myers ranked second on the team with 11.0 points per game last season and he ranks sixth all-time with 145 career three-pointers.

But what the statistics, as impressive as they may be, don’t show is Myers’ fire and determination. He is the player who pumped his fist following every key bucket, and he is the one who slapped teammates on the back to encourage excellence on every possession.

Many times during the 2002-03 season, the outlook appeared grim as the Spiders’ opponent seized momentum and pushed out to a formidable lead. But it was an undersized Myers who would stop-and-pop a jumper from inside the lane, or — as he did twice during the season — drain a three-pointer from the top of the key to keep hopes alive.

He graduated with a degree in rhetoric and communications studies. With his 3.43 grade point average, combined with his on-court skill, Jeff Myers has proven to be the quintessential student-athlete.

— Simon Gray
Alumni convey news of war

Wes Allison, R’91 was on the front lines of battle with the Army’s 101st Airborne Division. But he didn’t carry a machine gun; he carried a laptop computer. Allison, a reporter with the St. Petersburg Times, was embedded with the troops during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The war in Iraq marked the first time military officials allowed reporters on a large scale to live among the troops. As one official put it to Allison: “We want the most credible information to get out, and we know it’s most credible when we don’t have anything to do with it.”

Among military officers, Col. Gina Sgro Farrisee, W’78, was the one to put an official stamp on sobering news. As the Army’s adjutant general, Farrisee was ultimately responsible for notifying families of Army casualties in the war. She saw each report of soldier deaths and signed the eventual telegrams to the bereaved.

Farrisee, 47, said in an article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, “You can’t help but be personally involved, and that’s a good thing.”

A bad thing, she said, was that families first heard about loved ones’ deaths through an unofficial means: embedded reporters.

Even though the Army uses a computerized casualty-reporting system, embedded media could carry live coverage of the battle front, Farrisee pointed out, and soldiers sometimes called home before a unit could report the loss through official channels. Family members may have known the reporter was with their son’s, brother’s, sister’s or spouse’s unit during a battle, she said: “They were seeing it happen live.”

The media did a wonderful job of not announcing the names,” she said, “but just by being embedded, spouses and families recognized that there was a very good chance that it was their loved one.”

Jepson scholar focuses on leaders’ role in pursuing happiness

Put leadership to work to solve the most dire needs of humanity—hunger and poverty—says James MacGregor Burns in his new book, Transforming Leadership: A New Pursuit of Happiness. Burns, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award, is senior fellow at Richmond’s Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Woodrow Wilson Professor of Political Science emeritus at Williams College.

He laid the foundation for the burgeoning field of leadership studies 25 years ago in Leadership, his first book on the subject. Transforming Leadership, his first major reexamination of the subject, focuses on leadership in the political arena, while also looking at science, the arts and industry. Rather than revisiting familiar territory, Burns looks at leadership in a contemporary context.

Burns estimates that two billion people, or one-third of all humanity, live in poverty. Their most dire need is food. “Past approaches assumed money and technology were the keys to overcoming poverty,” he says. By the 1990s, countries were experiencing “aid fatigue.”

Burns recently added another leadership distinction to his repertoire. He was elected a fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Legacy links

You may have shared clothing and intimate secrets when you were living in the dorms. But are there college chums you have continued to share things with, including offspring who opt to attend your alma mater?

We know of two girls—daughters of members of the class of ’74—who like their moms, are best friends and have decided to become Spiders. Can you tell us about others? Call Anna Billingsley at 804/289-8059 or send an e-mail to abilling@richmond.edu.
OBITUARIES

Joseph Clarke Robert, professor of history emeritus, died March 8 at the age of 96.

Dr. Robert, who served as the 17th president of Hampden-Sydney College, resigned from that post after five years to return to his first love—teaching. He became Richmond's William Binford Vest professor of history in 1961 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1971.

He also was the author of several books, including works on the history of tobacco, Ethyl Corporation and the Gottwald family, as well as a book about slavery in Virginia, as the history of the South, while also working with graduate students.

“Even in his senior years, students would seek him out and visit him because they respected his approach to teaching,” Frank C. Robert said at the time of his father's death.

A native of State College, Miss., Dr. Robert received his undergraduate degree from Furman University and his masters and doctoral degrees from Duke University. From 1938 to 1952, he was a faculty member at Duke and served for a time as associate dean of the graduate school.

Later, he became president of Coker College in Hartsville, S.C.

Dr. Robert, who lived in Richmond, was president emeritus of the Virginia Historical Society and held honorary degrees from Furman and Washington and Lee universities, and from the Medical College of Virginia.

In addition, he was president of the South Carolina Association of Colleges, a Watauga Fellow at Harvard University, a Duke University Fellow and a Humanities Fellow at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Robert was a member of the Southern Historical Association, the Richmond Academy of Medicine, the Commonwealth Club, the Forum Club, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Chi.

Retired tax lawyer and adjunct professor Carle E. Davis, L'53 and former secretary to the Board of Trustees, died April 9. Mr. Davis, who was 83, retired in 1992 as a senior partner at the Richmond-based firm of McGuireWoods, where he had worked since 1953, helping to build the firm's tax practice.

As an adjunct professor at the University of Richmond beginning in 1950, he taught accounting and tax classes in the University's evening school and later the law school until 1989.

“In the classroom, he was an old-school professor,” former Virginia Attorney General Richard Cullen, L'77, told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. “He had rules such as the one he called ‘statute of limitations.' That meant when he started speaking to begin class, you weren’t allowed to come in. We didn’t dare come late.”

Originally an accountant with a Richmond firm, Mr. Davis decided in 1946 to seek his law degree. He continued working as an accountant while he attended law school at Richmond.

As a native of Covington, Va., he had earned his undergraduate degree at Concord College in Athens, W. Va. During World War II, he trained landing-craft groups at Little Creek and Fort Pierce, Fla. He also served in the Pacific as a landing-craft driver.

When Mr. Davis joined what was then McGuire, Eggleston, Bocock & Woods, the firm had eight attorneys. He was one of two specializing in tax law. Today, McGuireWoods employs about 600 lawyers, more than 70 of whom practice tax law.

Despite all of his professional achievements, Mr. Davis revealed at an interview that money was not what motivated him. “I was never out to make a big fortune. My kids, my wife and I were more than happy with what we had. The key for me was, and is, the ability to handle my own financial affairs efficiently and effectively.”

Mr. Davis died at home on April 9. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Calfee Davis, three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Q & A

This is the first installment of what we hope will be a regular feature for the magazine. We plan to pose a similar set of questions to a diverse group of University faculty members, alumni, staff and students. For our inaugural Q & A, the subject is Amy Robin Hoffman, '03, winner of the third Richmond Quest. Here’s her entry: How do we know which questions to ask?

Q. What drew you to Richmond?
A. My father actually found it in a book of 311 best colleges. I had been looking for a small, liberal arts school (none of the others to which I applied were so far south). I knew I wanted to be a scholar and I wanted excellent academics. I was impressed by the campus, but the Oldham scholarship really clinched it.

The hands-down thing that kept me at Richmond was the professors.

Q. What matters most to you?
A. Books.

Q. What keeps you awake at night?
A. Right now, that would be graduate school, my career, starting over in a new city ... Basically, becoming an adult.

Q. Who inspires you?
A. Dead people. All my research focus and all the books that have inspired me—the authors are all dead. That’s not to say I haven’t been inspired by my parents and my grandmother (who are alive). My favorite writer is Edward Gorey [a prolific author and artist, who died in 2000 and is best known for his masterful pen and ink illustrations and his ironic, offbeat humor].

Q. What is the secret to your success?
A. Genetics. I also was always brought up in an atmosphere that valued education and learning [both parents were special education teachers]. I always saw people reading and I saw books around the house. I got encouragement and constant support from my parents.

Q. What do you want to be when you grow up?
A. A university professor, a researcher.

Q. For what would you like to be remembered?
A. That my passion for books and literature inspired other people to find value in them ... that I inspired people to think in new ways.

Q. What other questions do you think you should be asked?
A. Has Quest changed your life? [Answer to the answer: “No, not really. I’m just more aware of my presence on campus.”]
Leland Melvin, R'86, had a decision to make. It was shortly after 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, and he was heading west on U.S. 29. His boss had just called and told him devastating news: NASA had lost communication with the shuttle Columbia.

Melvin could keep driving and, within an hour, be at his destination — his family's home in Lynchburg, Va. There, he could begin to absorb what was happening while surrounded by loving relatives.

Or, he could head back to his departure point — NASA headquarters in Washington. There, he could begin to absorb what was happening while surrounded by members of his space "family."
Melvin's car made a 180-degree turn. "I realized this was a really bad situation. I was already thinking about the next step ... about how I could help," he said. With that U-turn on a rural Virginia highway, Melvin confirmed his commitment to his chosen profession and to the discovery of unexplored realms.

He is an astronaut.

"We're always on the edge," he said. "We push the envelope." That can mean sacrificing personal comfort and safety for the good of the program.

Melvin did spend time with family later that day — not his own, but the family of his friend and fellow astronaut David Brown, one of the seven Columbia crew members who perished during the shuttle's re-entry into the atmosphere. "The main message I got from Mr. and Mrs. Brown was the importance of carrying out Columbia's legacy," Melvin said.

He is doing just that. Even though he is not yet scheduled for a shuttle flight and even though the shuttle program is indefinitely shuttered, Melvin is on a mission. As co-manager of NASA's Educator Astronaut Program (EAP), he is recruiting astronauts and inspiring the next generation of explorers.

Temporarily based at NASA headquarters in Washington, Melvin travels around the country taking space into the classroom and stimulating interest in the EAP. The program, which marks the first time NASA has recruited teachers for its permanent astronaut corps, was launched on Jan. 21, a little more than a week before the shuttle explosion.

Other than to attend and participate in the funerals of his comrades, Melvin, 39, hardly missed a beat. He kept his demanding speaking schedule, feeling even more resolved to generate interest in the astronaut program. (And he did eventually get to Lynchburg for a visit with Mom and Dad.)

Interestingly, teacher nominations spiked in the aftermath of the Columbia tragedy. Unlike the program that took Christa McAuliffe away from the classroom for a year and sent her into space on the fatal 1986 Challenger mission, the EAP requires that selected teachers leave the teaching profession and become career astronauts. By the application deadline at the end of April, nearly 9,000 nominations had come in bearing the names of nearly 5,000 teachers.

"It's phenomenal the response we've gotten," said Melvin, adding that NASA is looking for teachers with "true passion."

Not unlike Melvin, who has relished the face-to-face contact with students. "Their enthusiasm, their spirit is so infectious," he said. You can't help but be hopeful about the future of space exploration "when you see the gleam in their eyes."

For many students, Melvin serves as a role model. You can study science and not be a nerd. You can be a top-notch athlete and still pursue a career. You can be an African-American and become an astronaut.

In the eyes of Richmond chemistry professor William Myers, Melvin possesses the perfect combination of characteristics. "Extreme athleticism," Myers said, "but as sharp as anybody who comes along. Plus, he's personable."

"It was obvious he was going to succeed wherever he went ... and that he would be able to do just about anything," recalled Myers, who had Melvin as a student in introductory chemistry. "He was probably about as good an athlete as we've ever had here, but he also had the kind of mind that made him curious and hungry for knowledge and education."

It was a hurt hamstring that ultimately put Melvin in the astronaut corps rather than in the NFL Hall of Fame.

After a stellar college career as a wide receiver, he was drafted first by the Detroit Lions and then by the Dallas Cowboys, but was quickly put on the injured reserve list. A chance meeting with a Richmond faculty member while awaiting play as a professional led to Melvin's enrollment in the materials science master's program at the University of Virginia, and eventually to a job at NASA's Langley Research Center.
When he decided to apply for the astronaut program, Melvin knew he was among thousands and that he had a less than one percent chance of being drafted on the first round. He beat the odds and became one of 30 astronauts in the Class of 1998.

Since then, he has undergone intense training and has fulfilled a variety of roles for NASA. He worked with the cosmonaut program in Moscow for two years, learning to speak Russian in the process, and he’s been involved in the space program’s robotics branch.

“All the things [in my life] aligned themselves in the right way to put me where I am today,” said Melvin during a recent interview in his Washington office. “I feel like I’m here for a reason.”

He often does what Dal Shealy, his Richmond football coach, encouraged him to do before a game: visualize the outcome. While he pictures himself in space and imagines the feeling of weightlessness, he realizes his earthly purpose right now is “to help kids get motivated.”

“In addition to turning students on to science, said Melvin, who is single, “I believe it is essential for me to highlight the need for students to develop an academic and career plan of action that includes alternatives, a plan B, if you will.” He added, “If that’s my final calling, that’s a pretty cool thing.”

How did he develop this sense of groundedness combined with a soaring ambition? “A lot of my inspiration came from my parents,” Melvin said. Still living in Lynchburg, where Leland grew up, Deems and Grace Melvin are both retired middle school teachers. They admittedly tried to expose Leland and his sister to as many different opportunities and experiences as possible.

Besides excelling at tennis, basketball and football, Leland played clarinet in his high school’s concert band, took piano lessons and tinkered with photography.

“He was always exploring,” Grace Melvin said, adding that they bought him a chemistry set when he was in elementary school.

One of her son’s favorite books as a child, she said, was The Little Engine that Could. That “I think I can” philosophy stuck. “He always believed there were no limits to what he could do.”

Not only are there new realms to be discovered and new technologies to be developed, he said, but space endeavors can break down barriers on this planet. With the international space
station, Melvin said, “two global super powers are peacefully conquering space together.”

One of the things he looks forward to most when he’s in space is the view. “I will look at Earth and see no borders, no political boundaries.”

As for when he goes up and how he fares, Melvin said, “God knows my time.”

He added, “Many times in my life, milliseconds of timing have kept me safe. What’s going to happen is going to happen. It’s a matter of fate, of destiny. I truly believe that whether you are waking up and tripping over a shoe or getting into a shuttle and something is happening to the orbiter, we shouldn’t live in fear.”

Myers is certain his protégé will end up in space — maybe more than once. “I don’t think wild horses could keep him from going,” Myers said. “I will worry about him, though.”

While not going into great detail about causes of the Columbia explosion, Melvin expressed confidence that problems will be addressed and the shuttle program will resume soon. Melvin’s immediate plans are to finish up his EAP assignment in August, pick up his dog, Jake, from his parents in Lynchburg and return to his home in Houston, where he will undertake other jobs with the space program.

And if he never slips into that flight suit and climbs aboard a space-bound shuttle? “Being in space would be icing on the cake,” Melvin said. There’s always plan B, he said, noting that photography remains a career interest.

After all, he added, “it’s not about where you’re going, it’s about the journey.”

If not for an aversion to living in Texas, Susan Gunn Quisenberry, W‘65 and Board of Trustees, might have been part of mission control during one of the shuttle flights. Instead, she settled for simply having a hand in the design of the spacecrafts.

Still, that was a big deal at the time for a female college intern the summer after her junior year. Quisenberry was one of a handful of Westhampton students who were recruited by NASA to work at its Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Assigned to one of the center’s wind tunnels, Quisenberry began working with a group of engineers who were creating mock-ups of the space shuttle. Of course, she said, “that was long before anything was developed to get it off the ground and out of the atmosphere.”

In fact, Quisenberry had such a rewarding summer, she planned to pursue a graduate degree in aeronautical engineering with an eye toward landing a full-time job at Langley. Unfortunately, she said, those plans were thwarted when during her senior year, President Lyndon Johnson moved the bulk of NASA’s shuttle operations to Houston. A Richmond native, Quisenberry had no desire to move to the Lone Star state and, she said, “I didn’t like what was left at Langley.”

Instead, Quisenberry went into another emerging, but male-dominated, field: information technology. Just as she was on the forefront of space shuttle design, she was a pioneer in the computer industry in the 1960s. Her first job was with a subsidiary of AT&T. “It was a good field for women,” said Quisenberry, who conceded she might be considered nerdy by today’s standards. But, she asked, “Can you be a geek and still be on May Court?”

Back then, she actually was told it “was not ladylike” to major, as she did, in math and physics. She even was asked why she was taking up space that male students should have been occupying.

Instead of deterring her, comments like that “just made me dig my heels in harder,” said Quisenberry, 59. One motivation, she said, came from her high school physics teacher. The only girl in class her senior year, Quisenberry was told she could do anything.

Little did she know that she would interpret literally her teacher’s sage advice: The sky’s the limit. Whole new realms opened up to her in the summer of 1964. She caught a vision of what NASA referred to as a “space transportation system.” The mock-ups they were working with bore a close resemblance to the eventual space shuttle, Quisenberry said. Of course, it would be 17 years before the aeronautics caught up with the artistry.

When the first shuttle was launched in 1981, and with each subsequent launch, Quisenberry said she has felt “very connected.” She said she has been interested in the space program ever since her internship.

She also has been interested in her alma mater. Now associated with Quisenberry Warren, a Richmond-based information technology consulting firm, she spends a great deal of time on the University campus. She has served as president of the Westhampton College Alumni Association and was one of the architects of the plan to merge the alumni associations. She is serving her second term as a trustee.

At least she doesn’t have far to travel when on University business. Quisenberry and her husband, Bob, live on Boatwright Drive — a few space shuttle links away from the campus.
The sweet odor of cut wood permeated the cool, damp air and the rhythmic thump thump of hammers resonated even before the house under construction came into view.

The setting was Merriewood, a subdivision of homes about 15 miles from campus in Chesterfield County — all built by Metropolitan Richmond Habitat for Humanity. The house under construction in a one-week “blitz build” was sponsored by University of Richmond students as part of a multi-faceted project called “Merriewood Miracle.”

By Linda Evans, W'71
A virtual army of Richmond students, 1,000 strong, arrived in busloads to work four shifts daily over six days in April to build the one-story house on Merriewood Ridge Drive. Their goal was to complete the house and hand over the keys by the end of the week to Rolonda Archer, 22, a single mother of two girls. In addition to student volunteers, University electricians donated supplies and time to do the electrical work, and dining services prepared lunches for Habitat staff and a core group of students who stayed on site all day.

Student involvement with Habitat is not new, but “this year’s student-led initiative to combine fundraising with a one-week blitz project is unprecedented,” said Robb Moore, ’94, associate chaplain and a Habitat adviser. In fact, Richmond students have worked with Habitat since 1988, raising nearly $300,000 and helping construct more than 150 houses. Neil Singh, ’04, president of the campus Habitat chapter for the past two years, said the University has raised more money per student for Habitat than any other university in the nation.

The idea for Merriewood Miracle originated when members of the University’s Habitat chapter and representatives of the Greek system decided to join forces on a project that would be larger than either organization could tackle alone. They agreed to think big and conceived a project that would make a major impact on the community.

In less than a year, they raised more than the needed $50,000 to fund the home. Among other activities, they sponsored “Trick or Treat Street,” a Halloween children’s festival. They organized two 5K races; sought donations from alumni and parents; and, in the case of the fraternities and sororities, gave up some of their programming money. A surprise $6,618 donation from alumni Andrew, ’96, and Anne Perkins Wert, ’97, who live in Japan, matched the proceeds from the 2003 Run for Shelter.

Because they wanted to make a difference in an entire neighborhood, students decided to expand the project by devoting the last day to refurbishing two nearby Chesterfield County schools. Three hundred Richmond students spent the day at Bellwood and Bensley elementary schools painting, landscaping and carrying out small building projects. “We felt to really get that bigger community sensation, we needed to do something everyone in the area could benefit from,” said Drew Train, ’03, a member of the Merriewood Miracle planning committee.

Gathering support from the student body wasn’t difficult, said Matt Connors, ’03, also a member of the planning committee. “People know Habitat is a great organization that really makes a difference,” he said. “With Habitat, no matter what you do — whether it is painting a wall, putting up a wall or building a roof — you can see what you have contributed to the end goal of building the house.”

Moore agreed. “This project offered students the chance to see lives changed for the better in a dramatic and sustainable way. Habitat for Humanity is a brilliant program because it allows families to create partnerships with donors and volunteers, working through ‘sweat equity’ side by side with volunteers on their own house.”

Beneficiaries of Habitat homes must donate 350 hours in “sweat equity” toward the construction of their own house and other Habitat homes. They also must meet other criteria, including ability to pay back a 20-year, no interest loan.

Midway through the blitz week, Archer was in a back bedroom at the top of a ladder, putting in some of her “sweat equity” hours. The house was taking shape: siding covered about a third of the outside walls, the roof was shingled and windows were in place. Archer said that having to work on the house herself, side by side with the students, “makes me appreciate and value it more. It’s a blessing.”

She praised the Richmond students. “They are awesome,” she said. “I couldn’t believe they finished the roof yesterday. They work really well.”

Archer, a certified medical assistant who had been living with her mother, was thrilled to see her future home going up so quickly. “I’ve never had my own place — not even an apartment,” she said. Her two daughters — Arnesha, 5, and Zyaisa, 2 — were excited about the move, she added.

“They’ll have more space to be themselves.”

Amy Grant, community resources coordinator for Metropolitan Richmond Habitat, said, “It’s a testament to the students that they would keep coming out” in spite of the unseasonable chill and drenching rains. The project was significant, she said, because “University of Richmond Habitat has been very strong, and to see them stepping up to the next level is the ultimate achievement. This shows their leadership commitment and shows the community that you can’t underestimate people because of their age.”
Singh said the campus Habitat chapter has reached new heights with the building blitz. “Students have had to sacrifice their time to work on the project, and their dedication, especially with the weather, shows that they are willing to better the lives of people around them.”

Prior to the blitz, Habitat members worked each Saturday at various building sites side by side with members of the community. “Richmond students are very service-oriented,” said Hughes Bates, ’03, vice president of the chapter. “They thoroughly enjoy giving back to the community in every possible way.”

Tim Holtz, ’91, knows that better than most. The first Habitat chapter president at Richmond, he then served as executive director of Metropolitan Richmond Habitat for Humanity from 1993 to 2000. The University “has built houses before, has raised lots of money and has completed other support projects for Richmond Habitat, but the sheer volume of Spiders scheduled for the week and the number of components to the project are more than ever before.”

Holtz said the primary fund-raising project until 2002 was the UR Century Bike Race, first held in 1988. “It was student-conceived and led and raised $17,000 in its first year.” In subsequent years, it raised between $13,000 and $30,000.

Habitat is a good match for students, he said, because the organization “welcomes group support, provides tangible outcomes, is fun and has historically been open to the involvement of young adults.” He believes that the chapter has thrived “as a result of sustained leadership on campus, continued encouragement through Habitat’s local and national offices and because many students who arrive as freshmen already have Habitat experience from their high school days.”

Volunteering for the building blitz wasn’t just an excuse to play hooky from class. Several courses used the project to combine mental acuity with manual labor.

Seven faculty members received service-learning awards to integrate the project into spring courses, said Laura Byrd Earle, the University’s faculty development specialist. “Student organizers were interested in making the connection between the service project and what [they] were learning in the classroom.”

For instance, students in one of Stuart Wheeler’s urban practice and policy courses produced a documentary film that chronicled the project, looking at such things as the history of Merriewood, changes in the lives of people living there and changes in the community itself because of the project. Ron Hugar challenged students in his expository writing class to investigate the issues, ideas and possible controversies surrounding activism and the benefits entailed in a community improvement program.

Education students worked at the site “to experience a community where their future students may one day live” and bought books for the two Archer children and a local elementary school, said faculty member Mavis Brown.

Students in Jane Berry’s positive psychology class viewed the experience in terms of growth, potential and human strengths. Incoming law school dean Rodney A. Smolla, who worked alongside students for a shift, said, “We try hard to instill in our students a sense of public service.”

Having the support of faculty provided “the energy the students needed,” said Alison Bartel, associate director of student activities and director of Greek life, who worked tirelessly with the students throughout the planning phase. These faculty “convinced them that they could realize their potential.”

And meet their deadline. As pressure mounted to finish the mammoth project in the designated week, “everyone had that extra sense of motivation that pushed us over the edge and into success,” Train said. “It was much more fun than I could have ever thought. Even though it was cold and wet, people were in good moods.”

On Sunday, said Singh, “when we cut the ribbon and celebrated, we were not only celebrating an end to a week-long build, but the beginning of someone else’s dream.”

Kathy Garvin, executive director of Metropolitan Richmond Habitat, told students they would be able to
"look back with great pride" on what they had accomplished — not only for themselves and the University, but for the community as a whole. Moore credits Habitat, IFC and Panhellenic leaders "for not only dreaming big," but also working together. Merriewood Miracle "offered opportunities to help bridge the gaps between student communities on this campus. These student leaders have created a terrific precedent for student cooperation."

On a personal level, students took away enhanced leadership skills, confidence and insight into spearheading a large project from scratch. Merriewood Miracle showed Bates that "we are capable of doing things that we sometimes doubt." Connors saw a simple vision turn into "an amazing community service project through hard work and perseverance," and he learned, finally, that "attitude is everything."

Added Train: "It really pulled together everything I did and learned in college into one event where I could see if I had learned enough to be ready to move into the real world."

Ending homelessness means more than finding adequate shelter. That's what students in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies learned after closely examining what some experts have called our "social disgrace."

Noah Nelson, '03, and Christina Rasch, '04, learned that providing cost-effective and efficient vocational training becomes a challenge. Daniel Evers, '06, and Sarah Hormell, '03, learned that illiteracy renders individuals more susceptible to homelessness and may even permanently trap them within its cycle.

Through research and interviews with service providers and homeless people, other Jepson students learned that poor health and nutritional habits as well as lack of childcare create additional barriers to preventing and overcoming homelessness.

Finding solutions was the challenge to Jepson students who looked at proposals from 19 community organizations before forming a yearlong collaboration with Homeward, a nonprofit organization that coordinates services for the homeless in the metro Richmond area. "When we took on this endeavor, we didn't know what to expect," said Teresa Williams, Jepson associate dean. The school undertook the project to commemorate its 10th anniversary. "There were no models for us to follow, but there were objectives that we hoped to achieve."

Initially asked by Homeward just to host a forum on homelessness, Jepson students took the project much further. The forum was held in March, but students also pursued individual projects related to homelessness.

"This project cultivated in me a sense of how important it is to talk to the people who are actually affected by the problems that are being explored," said Chris Botterbusch, '03, who developed a program called "Rent Smart Awareness" to educate homeless women about tenant rights and to inform landlords about the advantages of renting to low-income families.

Evers, an exchange student from Germany, was surprised to learn that 70 percent of homeless individuals in Richmond have jobs. "Several interrelated issues lead to this situation," he concluded.

The summit brought together on campus representatives of community, faith and governmental agencies that deal with homelessness. In addition to students and Homeward officials, presenters included New York City's commissioner of homeless services, a deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Each said that Homeward's emphasis on collaboration was a key to ending homelessness.

Linda Gibbs of New York City, whose office serves 38,000 people in shelters and countless others living on the streets, told the Jepson students: "Your work here is energizing and a good model of collaboration."

Homeward director Reggie Gordon agreed. "I feel as though we had access to some of the best and brightest minds in the local academic community," he said. "I was completely impressed with the intellect, issue analysis, problem-solving skills and compassion demonstrated by the Jepson students."

— Linda Evans, W '71
Not content with being pioneers in the classroom, the first six students to graduate from Richmond with an environmental studies degree also made history in the halls of the Virginia General Assembly. Mixing academic prowess with political acumen, the Class of 2003 environmental science majors drafted, proposed and successfully lobbied for a bill that could save the state a billion or more dollars.
On Feb. 18, the bill was approved by a 100-0 vote in the House; the Senate echoed with a 40-0 vote in favor. With Gov. Mark R. Warner’s signature, the bill established a nine-member council to provide “state leadership regarding prevention and control of invasive species and preparation of an invasive species management plan.” The council is made up of executive branch agency heads and chaired by the state secretary of natural resources.

Because the bill utilizes existing state government resources and personnel, its cost is expected to be negligible, a strong selling point to legislators, according to the students. “We learned to make the bill simple and inexpensive,” said Rose.

Finding the time to lobby and tend to their three or four other courses was one of the hardest things to do, said Allyson Ladley of Leola, Pa. “We knew how important it was to spend the time down at the General Assembly building, but our real job is to be students. It was tough to find the right balance.”

In the end, she said, passage of the bill — “a huge accomplishment” in her view — made all the efforts worthwhile.

Their status as students certainly didn’t hurt, said Byron DeLuke of Lewiston, N.Y. “They [the legislators] were happy that students were involved in the process.” Face-to-face contact and honing their two- to three-minute presentations made a big difference, he added.

The six students ended their yearlong adventure by sending their research to federal agencies and to the 14 other states that are considering similar legislation.

Smallwood, one of the professors who launched the class’s statewide efforts, will have an opportunity next year to take his newfound legislative experience to a national stage. He will go to Washington as an AAAS Congressional Science Fellow, one of only two in the nation. Sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the program “takes scientists out of the scientific world,” Smallwood said, and “puts them in the legislative arena for an academic year.” He will be assigned to the staff of a member of Congress or the Senate.

The post-graduate plans of his students are as diverse as their backgrounds.

Brian Webb of Harrisonburg, Va., who has a double minor in business and economics, wants to find “ways of mixing business and the environment.” He plans to work at a law firm or federal agency in Washington as a legal assistant. If he finds he likes law, he will go to law school to study environmental and corporate law or go to graduate school to study urban planning, with a concentration in coastal development.

Rose will join AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs that engages more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. He will attend graduate school after that.

Ladley is waiting to hear back on applications for positions in environmental education.

Lucas Nagy, who also received a degree in business management systems, will return to California. His dream job, he said, would be working with a company that builds green housing — which he describes as “environmentally sound as possible.” He wants eventually to earn a masters degree in either environmental science or business administration.

Andrew F. Newcomb, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, says he believes the students are well-prepared for success: “I believe our environmental science majors, thoroughly grounded in question-asking, problem-solving, decision-making and critical thinking, will be extremely attractive both to graduate schools and professional programs in environmental science, resource management, public policy and law.”

Newcomb considers Richmond’s environmental studies program distinctive. “I know of no other comparative institution that draws from such a broad range of disciplines and offers so many opportunities for integration and collaboration.”

Biology professor John W. Bishop, who coordinated the environmental science program until his retirement last May, agrees with Newcomb about the academic soundness of the program. While there may not have been “a perceived need” 10 years ago, Bishop said, circumstances today demand an emphasis on environmental science.

That was the motivation earlier this year for President William E. Cooper to sign the Talloires Declaration, said June Aprille, Richmond’s provost. By doing so, she said, he committed “the University as a whole to further enhancement of environmental education and to continuous improvement of our own environmental practices.”

Aprille also said she hopes soon to create the Richmond Environmental Council, which will coordinate several campus-wide environmental initiatives. “I am sure,” she said, “that environmental studies students will have a key role to play.”
 Ned Bane was surprised when he opened a letter from President William E. Cooper telling him he was eligible for an honorary bachelor of letters degree from the University of Richmond.

Bane, 81, was even more surprised to find that his son James had initiated the process, appealing to Cooper to award the degree to his father. Ned Bane, R'45, had left the University in the last semester of his senior year to join the Army Air Corps during World War II. Just a few credits shy of graduation, he had been unable to return to complete his degree requirements.

Bane’s excitement multiplied when he learned he was among a group of about 60 people — all veterans of World War II who fell short of earning their Richmond degrees. Seventeen of them attended the May 4th commencement ceremony, while the others received their degrees in the mail. One was presented to the widow of an honoree.

“It is a big thing to me that he [James] would do that,” said Bane who lives in Pulaski, Va. “I wake up sometimes and think ‘This can’t be right.’”

Cooper, whose own father fought in World War II, believes that honoring the veterans this way was the right thing to do. “These men and women honored us all by their many sacrifices in the name of freedom. It is fitting that we now honor them in this small but significant way. It’s unfinished business for these heroes.”

First in the nation

University officials believe that Richmond is the first university in the nation to award honorary degrees to all World War II veterans whose studies were interrupted by the war.

Bane passed the aviation cadet exams during his senior year, only to be sent back to the campus to await his call-up. When it finally arrived, he spent the next two years in the military. Upon returning home, Bane said, he tried to go back to school, but discovered that housing was impossible to find with so many returning GIs wanting to take advantage of educational benefits.

Bane eventually became director of Pulaski’s parks and recreation department, from which he retired 20 years later.

Atypical of most of the returning vets was Rosemary Ives, W'43, of Kemersville, N.C., one of two women eligible for the honorary degree. A student at Westhampton College from 1939 to 1941, she left the University and entered the U.S. Navy as a WAVE.

“I thought it was a wonderful thing to do and that our country really needed us,” she said. It also appealed to her to be on her own at the age of 20. She served two years as an aerographer’s mate — a type of meteorologist. Following the war, she worked in various positions, retiring in 1983 as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

Robert Reinhart, R'47, of Richmond was inducted into the Army infantry in February 1944 after being enrolled at the University in the summer and fall of 1943. Shipped to southern France, he was wounded and spent six months in a hospital, where he celebrated his 19th birthday. When he was released from the hospital, he went home and eventually entered the family business.

Fulfillment of a dream

Among those eligible for the honorary degree was Earl Hamner, R'44, author and creator of The Waltons television show, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Lewyn M. Oppenheim, R'44, also missed commencement. However, he wrote Cooper saying “miracles never cease and now a dream finally comes true.”

Richmonder Willie Cross, R'38, joined his three grandchildren as Richmond graduates when he received his honorary degree. Both he and Oppenheim were featured in a USA Today article and were taped for a story that was distributed to 22 Gannett-owned television stations around the country.

He was so touched by the honor that he cleared a space on his wall to hang the diploma beside his late wife's photograph. “I know it’s one of the best academic universities in the country,” he said. “But it also has a heart.”

The day was doubly happy for one veteran's family. Both George G. Ritchie Jr., R'45, of Kilmarnock, Va., and his granddaughter, Dabney Shell DeHaven of Richmond, received degrees — his an honorary bachelor of letters and hers a bachelor of science degree.

Finest hour

At a luncheon prior to the ceremony, the honorees heard from Paul Duke, R'47, retired PBS senior commentator. He reminded them that with some 30 conflicts currently raging around the world, wars remain “our cultural curse.”

World War II, he said, “was a classic struggle of good versus evil, good guys and bad guys, big heroes and big villains.”

The war “marked a big turning point for the United States. It was a time when we rallied from a lethargy of isolation and marched forth with a spontaneous sense of national purpose and unity.

“In short,” he said to the group of veterans preparing for one of their most memorable moments, “[World War II] was our finest hour.”
Willie Cross displays his military honors as he waits to be awarded an honorary degree.
Thomas Austin, R’29, American Revolution and the grandchildren and two great-educator, celebrated his 92nd graduates here recently, including E. Derwin Booker, R, Richmond, VA 23227

1933

E. Derwin Booker, R, a retired educator, celebrated his 92nd birthday last winter. He has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is active in the Jamestowne Society, the James Monroe Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Northern Neck Historical Society.

1936

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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I have found other Richmond graduates here recently, including Thomas Austin, R’29, who is an avid traveler and this past summer went on a freighter cruise.

1940

Robert H. Fennell Jr., R, has retired as a professor emeritus from University of Colorado after 52 years of teaching, research and service as a pathologist. He and his wife live in Ashland, Ore., near their two sons and their families.

1941

Virginia Lee Ball Bray, W, stays busy with her yard in the summer and with her garden club and book review group. She reads a lot and loves watching basketball, golf and tennis on TV. Her daughter teaches high school in York County; one son works for NASA in Florida and has three children; and the other son is in Charlottesville, Va. She occasionally sees Kathryn Krug at the beauty salon. She also stays in touch with Marion Yancey. Jeanne Wilkins Spears, W, lives outside Richmond in Sandston, Va., and is unable to drive since her stroke. She has five grandchildren between the ages of 2 and 17. James A. Wagner, R, has a granddaughter who was accepted early decision into Richmond’s Class of ’07.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary
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1948

Jean Neasmith Dickinson wrote that the exhibit of the art of the late Elizabeth “His” Holden Stipek at the Cedarfield Retirement Home was beautiful and greatly appreciated. Jean has been busy building another home on the bay at Virginia Beach. Her daughter, Jullie Ann Gatwood, continues to serve as head of Richmond’s New Community School, where Jean was one of the founders. Her son, Enders Dickinson IV, recently retired in Dearborn, Mich.

Marion Yancey Petroff and Chris both participate in a tai chi class and are active in their nearby Episcopal church. Marion also enjoys another exercise class, gardening (vegetables and flowers), DAR membership and antiquing with daughter Martha in Marion’s hometown of Clarksville, Va.

Louise Morrissey Moyer writes that she especially enjoys the beauty of her retirement community at Christmas time. Three of her children live nearby (so she can enjoy grandchildren) including Gail, her oldest, whom many will remember. Louise especially enjoyed the presentation of Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa., last fall.

Marion Yancey Petroff met Wendy Eastman of Richmond’s planned giving department for lunch recently in Santa Barbara and was delighted that Barbara Fuller Cox, W’43, of our little sister class joined them. Marion is also very proud of the student from Santa Barbara, Araceli Gill, ’66, who is proving to be an outstanding basketball player for the Spiders.

Bettie Woodson Weaver has recently completed a History of Winfree Memorial Baptist Church 1852-2002. An historical marker on Route 60 in Midlothian identifies the church. Her daughter, Bettie Brandt, W’64, typed and edited the manuscript for her. Congratulations, Bettie! Josephine Fennell Pacheco is settled in her retirement apartment in Falls Church, Va.

A recent letter from Margaret Forrer Darling with her description of Christmas in New England brought beautiful memories of when we lived there. She and Brad had an exciting trip last summer to Oregon cruising the Columbia River “in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark.” Their trip also included a visit to Mount. St. Helens. Annette “Toni” Wirch Whinnett asks that any classmates who have pictures from our 60th class reunion share them so they may be included in the class scrapbook, which is now stored in the University library. Contact Toni if you can help. Thanks! Toni reports that 14 members of her family enjoyed a gathering at Thanksgiving. After that, she and Mac headed off to Florida for warmer weather, an Elderhostel at Stetson College and a cruise on a “smaller ship” before returning to Richmond. She truly lives up to her slogan: Keep on the go! Would like to hear the slogs of many other classmates. Please keep in touch.

Cammie Dunaway packs crunch into her message

Cammie Whisnant Dunaway, B’84, gets paid to eat Doritos and listen to rap music. As vice president for the kids and teens marketing division of Frito-Lay, she also supervises more than 60 people, conceives product ideas and figures out how to present them. A big part of her job, though, is to get into the heads of young people.

What do they like? Who do they listen to? How do they get their attention?

Twisted Chee toes is one way. Go Snacks is another. Sales of the miniature chips packaged in a canister-style container have taken off since their introduction last year. Dunaway’s team came up with Twisted Chee toes as well as Go Snacks, which has proven to be one of Frito-Lay’s most successful new product launches.

Now, she’s working on a new line of snacks that are low in fat, low in sodium and low in sugar. But they still appeal to kids and they taste good. How does she know? She does a lot of sampling (SlimFast lunches help offset her carbohydrate overload, Dunaway says). She also has a built-in test-marketer at home — her 4-year-old son, Davis.

Actually, Davis is part of the reason Dunaway holds her current position at Frito-Lay headquarters in Dallas. After several different jobs in various parts of the country during her 13-year career with Frito-Lay, including vice president of the corporation’s national sales force, Dunaway and her husband, Lendy, were ready to settle down.

She travels far less now. Her team does everything from product development and working on advertising campaigns to developing packaging and setting prices.
“It’s a lot of fun,” Dunaway said. “And it’s challenging to constantly come up with new ideas that will grow our business and grow it profitably.”

Challenge has been a constant in Dunaway’s life. “One of the things I learned from the University of Richmond is that if you set high goals for yourself and you work hard to achieve them, pretty much anything is possible.”

After working for several advertising agencies, Dunaway went back to school and earned an MBA from Harvard. Upon graduation, she began her career with Frito-Lay, which has taken her not only to Dallas but also to Princeton, N.J., and to Portland, Ore., and has had her handling products from popcorn to pretzels.

“We have amazing brands,” said Dunaway, who stocks her own cupboard exclusively with Frito-Lay snacks. “You won’t find any Pringles in my shopping cart,” she added, noting that her favorite snack during her college days was peanut M&Ms.

Upon visiting the Richmond campus during high school, Dunaway said she was lured from her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., by one thing: pink azaleas.

What she got, though, was much more than aesthetics. “I feel strongly that UR played a significant role in my personal development, primarily in teaching me to have confidence in pursuing my dream.”

Since she lost her husband a year and a half ago, Jane Blake Longest said she is adjusting to living alone. She’s still in her home in Gloucester Courthouse, Va. She is active in the Gloucester Woman’s Club and the North River Bible Class and the Woman’s Missionary Union. Mary was an avid traveler and went last summer on a freighter cruise to the Mediterranean and Baltic seas.

Thomas Austin, R’29, is an avid traveler and went last summer on a freighter cruise to the Mediterranean and Baltic seas.

Herbert E. Feinberg, R, teaches various subjects to students who are homeschooled.
Betsy Rice and Demie Browne Blair represented our class at the Scholarship Dinner in late February. Our recipient for 2002-03, Jessica Aber, ’03, not only has a double major in political science and criminal justice, but she is also chair of the Westhampton College Honor Council. She is from Nevada and plans to attend law school after graduation.

1945

Frank W. Mann Jr., ’45, is enjoying volunteering at the Rappahannock Art League’s new gallery in Kilmarnock. His son is working in the Maryland attorney general’s office and his singer/songwriter daughter, Aimee, has just released her latest album, Lost In Space.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Ann Clark Howe wrote that she is consulting in science education and is secretary of the Wake County Democratic Women.

Doris Mills Harrell is preparing for a move to Lakewood Manor in Richmond. She reported that her son, Lou, is engaged to be married. A phone call from Liz Parker Cone told of her grandchildren—one is graduating from Davidson, one is studying for a semester in London, and one has been accepted at Richmond.

Dot Frances Atkinson wrote that her latest book on King William County was buried in the time capsule at the courthouse for the building’s 300th anniversary.

Betsy Rosenbaum Hurwitz has been skiing in New York and Vermont when the wind has not been too strong or the temperature too low.

We were delighted to hear from Betty Lawson Dillard that Berry Hill, which we visited in South Boston, is now a beautiful but pricey bed and breakfast.

Kathy Mumma Atkinson and Jack had a pleasant and informative visit from Ann Kohde, major gift officer; and Andrew Newcomb, arts and sciences dean. They learned from the University representative that their son, John Atkinson, ’96, has been appointed to the Science Advisory Committee.

Ruth Latimer is enjoying the intellectual stimulation of the community college.

Virginia Nicholas Saunders is happy that she moved to Lakewood Manor in Richmond. Gladys Kauffman Metz and Art had an excellent Elderhostel experience in Williamsburg in December. They studied the history of the Colonial Christmas traditions. They also saw Mary Campbell Paulson in her lovely new home at the Chesapeake House in Newport News, Va.

Ann Sea Jackson reported that Peggy Clark Huber passed away on Dec. 13, 2002.

1946

Louis Rubin, ’46, founder of Algonquin Books in Chapel Hill, N.C., has spent most of his life writing, teaching, editing and launching literary careers. Included among his many students were John Barth, Lee Smith, Annie Dillard, Jill McCorkle and Kaye Gibbons.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Frances Anne Beale Goode wrote that she and five other members of our class met for a pleasant lunch at the Virginia Museum in late January. Attending were Bev Ryland, Amy Hickerson Dalton, Calley Goode Jackson, Lelia Phillips Toone and Gail Abbott.

Frances Anne continues her interest in history, currently enjoying a new biography of Douglas Freeman.

She also sent me an article from the Richmond Times-Dispatch about Bill Proxmire, husband of Ellen Hodges Proxmire. It reviewed his considerable accomplishments while in the U.S. Senate from 1957 to 1989, his famous “Golden Fleece” awards, his public relations genius and his dedication to a healthy lifestyle.

Sadly, he has Alzheimer’s and is living in a long-term care facility near Baltimore where he has a busy schedule of activities. Ellen was quoted as saying that he is very comfortable. He and Ellen have five children and nine grandchildren. A picture insert accompanying the article showed Ellen in 1965 with her book, One Foot in Washington. The article was an appropriate tribute to a well-regarded public servant and his accomplished wife.

Allen and I were in Cincinnati for Thanksgiving and in Florida for Christmas. I’m now writing the promised letter to each of you and hoping for an overwhelming response.

1947

Russell T. Cherry Jr., ’47, is enjoying serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in North Carolina and as adjunct professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at UNC-Pembroke.

Mary Lou Coghill Miller wrote that grandson Davis is in his final year at Princeton, has turned her talents to being a tour guide on a small scale. She has taken groups from Cedarfield, a retirement community on the outskirts of Richmond, to Scotchtown (Patrick Henry’s home), Fork Church and Montpelier. On one of these trips, they had lunch in a home that once belonged to Ginn’s grandmother. It is now used for receptions, weddings, luncheons, etc. She also led a tour of the Fredericksburg area—St. George’s Episcopal Church and Kenmore.

Ann Wilely Kelly and Tom are pleased to have daughter Kitty moving to Richmond. Kitty’s husband will be a pastor at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Ann and Tom enjoyed a riverboat cruise through Holland, Germany and Austria. She recommends it for our age group.

Carolyn Storm Pattie and son Allen spent the last holidays with their daughter Page in her new home in Keyser, W.Va. Her twin grandchildren, Laura and Taylor, are seniors in college.

The traveling Yeatses—Betty and Joe—were all over the place in 2002. May saw them in Anderson, S.C., visiting daughter Katey. In June, they did the Canadian Rockies with a group by bus. In July, using up frequent flyer miles, they flew to Japan. N.M. Betty visited her brother and Joe visited a sister in Silver City, N.M. In October, they were in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, for a special exhibit of paintings and statuary.

Marion Collier Miller had a very special Christmas holiday. Her grandson, John Miller, was married at a New Year’s Eve ceremony in Nags Head, N.C. I understand that two of our classmates, Betsy Slate Reilly and Toni Reid Zuercher, have sons living in the Richmond area. I want to take a few lines to tell you about Feb. 5, 2003. On that day, the class of ’47 honored me with a beautiful surprise luncheon at Marion Miller’s home. I thought it was to be our regular first Wednesday lunch. Besides our usual Richmond group, Betty and Joe Yeatts came from Michigan, Susie and C.L. came from Bassett, Va., and Ollie Stirling and Marie LeSueur came from Delaware. Lena Small drove in from Suffok, Va., and Jean Sandler Sergi came down from Rockville, Md. LaVinia Watson Reilly was visiting in the area and she joined us. Still, I didn’t have a clue. Betty Yeatts said we had some business to conduct. She then presented me with a beautiful plaque that she had written and Joe had framed, a book of wonderful campus pictures and a Westhampton College chair. To say I felt like lightning had struck is an understatement. I was totally surprised and extremely touched. The chair is one of the last to have the WC seal on it. Every time I look at it, I get a very special feeling. I have no idea how it was all pulled together, but I want to thank everyone who had anything at all to do with the luncheon and gifts. I appreciate it more than words can say. I truly believe the WC Class of ’47 is an exceptional group of women.

Until next time, please keep in touch.

1948

M. Caldwell Butler, ’48, has a granddaughter, Sarah, who just finished her freshman year at Richmond, marking the third generation of his family to attend the University.

V. Earl Dickinson, ’48, was elected co-chairman of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.


Virginia Smith Kynett, W, is enjoying boating and golfing. Her daughter and son-in-law are busy running their restaurant, Laura’s House, in Chimney Rock, N.C.

Irvin Robinson, ’48, does some voiceovers in films and still plays a fair game of tennis.

Oscar S. Wooten, Sr., ’48, has been retired for 20 years.
You remember, don’t you?

Homecoming
October 24-26, 2003

Details to come. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (804) 289-8030.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The W-48 Christmas Bunch met at the Virginia Museum on Dec. 12. The included Frances Orrell Lineberry, Suzanne Lovein Peeler, Emily Smith Powers, Faye Hines Kilpatrick, Jean Brumsey Biscoe, Betty Hickerson Butterworth, Mary Cross Marshall, Virginia Kreyer, Sarah Brenner Rubin and Doris Moore Shea. Two others, Jeanne Carlton Bowman and Millicent Hutcherson Taylor, had planned to attend, but did not make it. Jean Biscoe was using a cane. Virginia Kreyer was on a walker and several others were limping from bad knees and uncooperative legs.

Virginia has moved to Williamsburg, from Garden City, N.Y. Frances Lineberry and Berlin planned to be in a cottage in Westminster Canterbury retirement community in Lynchburg, Va., as of March 1, moving from Churchville, Va.

Arleen Reynolds Schaefer and Joe have visited several places this year, including Virginia Beach and Massanutten. Also, they flew to Portland, Ore., at the end of November and took a motor coach tour of the city. They took a week’s cruise on a paddlewheel river boat on the Columbia, Willamette and Snake rivers, following the path of Lewis and Clark. They went through eight locks, saw Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens, and on a very clear day, Mount Rainier in Washington, 70 miles away. There was an historian on board who added much to the tour, and he had previously lived in Virginia and Washington, D.C. They took a jet boat ride on the Snake River to Hells Canyon and “The River of No Return.” Pat Adams Woodhead died on Dec. 9, 2002, in Stroudsburg Pa., where she had made her home for 30-plus years. Alice Goodman writes that Pat had visited her in Richmond last summer, after having had several TAs and a hospital stay. Alice writes that Betty Hickerson Butterworth’s sister, Amy H. Dalton, W-48, lives near her and she sees her occasionally.

Margaret Sabine Brizendine Schwartz and Chuck spent two weeks in February in Hawaii. They flew to Honolulu, boarded the Norwegian Wind cruise ship and toured most of the islands. It was a fabulous trip and a wonderful experience.

After Christmas, my daughter, Mary (San Antonio, Texas); her three sons; and my son, Jim (Plano, Texas); and his family spent a few days with me in Tulsa. We had an accumulation of snow still on the ground from Dec. 23, and the five Texas grandchildren (ages 9 to 18) revelled in the white stuff, which they never had seen before. I drove down to Plano in February for the baptism of my 9-year-old grandson — a fine occasion.

It has been rewarding to be W-48 class secretary for the past five years. As I write this in February, I look forward to our 55th reunion in April.

1949

Rawleigh G. Clary, R, and his wife, spent eight days in Canada last fall. They visited New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. William H. Gee, R, has retired three times. He has started a new position as director of medical affairs for South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta.

Libby Willensky Hendler, W, and her husband, Sam, celebrated their 50th anniversary this past winter. Their son, Bruce, has started a cycling camp in California.

James R. O’Brien, R, is a volunteer docent at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Some of this news is a follow-up to the last newsletter’s information. Harriet Smith Powell is getting along much better, and her husband is on the road to complete recovery. Joyce Roberson Goforth and Ida Eanes Patrick are both doing well since the recent deaths of their husbands and their lives are getting back to some degree of normalcy.

Jane Den McManigal’s induction into the UR Athletic Hall of Fame was fabulous. She looked lovely, still endowed with her blonde hair and wearing a red jacket, blue slacks and an attractive matching red and blue shirt. She wore a lovely spider pin on her lapel, given to her by Joyce Goforth. Her talk was excellent and quite humorous yet very sincere. The next speaker said, “she was a hard act to follow.” Jane’s four children and two grandchildren came for all the festivities along with other family members and some close friends. As a surprise to her, Jane’s two sons attended, along with these other family members and some close friends.

Our sympathy goes out to Peggy Harris Barnett, who tragically and unexpectedly lost her daughter, Bonnie Lee Reene, on March 16. Both mother and daughter attended Jane’s induction ceremony. Bonnie, cited by the Richmond Times-Dispatch as a “Shining Star Teacher,” had successfully battled cancer. Her death was from an apparent pulmonary aneurysm. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Beth William Hooker had a luncheon for a group of Westhampton girls who get together at least once a year. I was there, along with Cynthia Patrick, Otte, Elaine Leonard Davis, Audrey Crawford and Julia Rothenbush.

M. Caldwell Butler, R’, 48, has a granddaughter who just finished her freshman year, marking the third generation of his family to attend the University.

Saupe, Ida Patrick, Joyce Goforth, Virginia Shaw Warren, Jean Moody Vincent, Harriet Smith Powell and Martha Hall. Ida has two grandchildren at Richmond and Cynthia has one. All three girls are extremely happy there.

Jean Harper Hamlett and her husband, Carson, spent a month in Green Valley, Ariz., using a rented condo as their base and traveling the entire state. They “lucked out” with delightful weather while visiting the Grand Canyon, which is unusual in the winter months, and also missed the snow and ice here in Richmond.

Frankie Robison King had knee surgery and is on the road to recovery.

Flo Gray Tullidge’s condition is about the same. Her husband, Tom, takes her out in a golf cart so she can view the animals and farmland around their riverfront Tappahannock home. I know she would enjoy cards from her classmates.

Joyce Parrish Willis died on Feb. 7 in a Richmond hospital. She and her husband had two daughters and four grandchildren. Joyce had been the clinic attendant for Tuckahoe Elementary School for 22 years before she retired in 1985.

Please start making plans to attend our 55th reunion, which will be in late April 2004. Information will be forthcoming this fall.

1950

Louis A. Crescioli, R, and his wife, Marjorie, vacationed last fall in Nassau, Bahamas. They also visited Paradise Island.

Gerald P. Kynett Jr., R, and his wife, Virginia May Smith Kynett, W’48, spent the New Year’s holiday aboard their new vessel, Hi-Spirits. They have spent many years cruising Florida, the Bahamas and the West Indies.

Francis M. Martin, R, and his wife, Glenna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall.

Edward “Kip” Radcliffe, R, a retired dentist, sailed his 38-foot yacht in the 4th Annual Southern Chesapeake Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta. He is a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

John Boyd Sutton, R, and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall by touring Austria and Switzerland and finishing with a tour down the Rhine River to Amsterdam. They were with their daughter and her husband, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

John is minister of music for a small Baptist church; chaplain of Carolina Village, a retirement community; associate chaplain of Pardee Memorial Hospital; and director of a singing group.

Charles S. Taylor, R, who retired from United Press International after 36 years as a reporter, rewrite deskman and editor, served as best man at the wedding of his son, Charles S. Taylor III.

Milford A. Weaver, B, and his wife, Dot, split their time between their home at Smith Mountain Lake and King’s Grant Retirement Village.

MacDaniel Williams, R, has recently written a book, Caregiver to Caregiver, that focuses on Alzheimer’s disease. He uses it in workshops for caregivers. He writes twice-monthly articles for The Petersburg Progress-Index.

Flora J. Zbar, W, is retiring from the University of South Florida, but will continue to teach some of her favorite courses. She traveled to Eastern Europe for three weeks last summer and spoke at an international arts conference this spring.
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From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Penny Wilks Fitzgerald and Earl, Mary Howard Holloway and Bill and Joyce Betts Pierce and Jack had a wonderful visit at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. Joanne Waring Karpii and Bill also joined friends at The Homestead, Joanne routinely stays busy with Community Bible Study, DAK, Chevy Chase Woman’s Club, National Symphony monthly matinee concerts and exhibits at the National Art Gallery. Joyce Gustafson Crawford and Doug, whose grandchildren continue to be their pride and joy, fill their spare time volunteering.

Kay Malloy Loudermilk has ended a three-year term on her church’s board of missions; her husband, Don, completed a sequel to his history of the Baptist Conference Center. It was distributed at the West Virginia State Convention annual meeting. Julia Wann Pittman and Al had a delightful trip to Spain. At home, in Beaufort, N.C., Al is a docent at the Beaufort Historical Society and Julia is active in the Democratic Club.

Golf is the favorite pasttime for Audrey Lynn Jones and Welford, whether at home in Richmond or on vacation trips.

Mary Sue McKee-Milton and Ceci celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Savannah, Ga. A number of classmates joined Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy in Richmond at their 50th anniversary celebration.

Barbara Coleman Augustine and Jim are busy preparing to sell their house before moving into their condominium at Leisure World in Leesburg, Va.

Lucia MacClintock Barbour says she finally made it to Quebec City on a cruise up the East Coast.

Lee Reeves Childress and ‘48ers Jean Biscoe and Jack and Betty Butterworth were on the same ship.

Joanna Maiden Owens and Russell enjoyed a white Christmas in Meadowview, Va., with 12 members of their family.

Lou Covington Randall and Harry joined 11 family members in Houston for the holidays, following a trip to Tacoma, Wash., to meet their new granddaughter, Alexis.

Nell Ford Brill has been an almost non-stop traveler with trips to Florida, the Carolinas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Norway (where she viewed the Northern Lights) and a cruise to the western Caribbean with her family.

Barbara White Balderson and Les got together in Williamsburg with Doris Balderson Burbanck and “Banny,” Helen Lampathaki Kostyal and Dick, and Wilda Whitman Oakley and Bud.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert and Pete met Barbara Beattie Fanney and Skip for dinner when they were in Williamsburg.

Libby Givens Pierre and Bucky attended an Elderhostel in Arizona and visited Libby’s sister while they were there.

Libby Lee J. Jones and Harry love having their family close by to celebrate holidays and birthdays together.

Marjorie Parson Owen and her family see all the Spider football and basketball games and have a grand reunion when they are there.

Libby Rowe Wilson is treasurer of the Rose Canyon Homeowners’ Association, which is composed of 156 homes, and she enjoys the company of Cocoa, her Siberian spaniel.

Ann Dorsey James enjoyed visiting friends in Sacramento, Calif.; Houston; Oklahoma City; Tulsa, Okla.; Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Columbus, Ga.

Marianne Beck Duty and Les flew to Churchill, Manitoba, where they had great fundog-sledging, observing the formidable polar bears and other native animals, and seeing the remarkable aurora borealis.

Jean Hart Joyner and Floyd Sing in the Derbyshire Baptist Church choir, the outstanding concerts of which are attended by many of our classmates.

Nancy Chapin Phillips, who has attained the status of Diamond Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League, had a great fun-playing in the World Mixed-Pair Championship in Montreal.

Betty Lane Barnhill Bragg, though now a full-time Texan, returns to Tennessee for visits. She took an Alaskan cruise that ended in Fairbanks.

Anyone interested in attending the annual Richmond gathering, please contact Janice Brandenburg Halloran as soon as possible.

1951

Suzanne Holt Bagley, W, lost her husband a few years ago and is now caring for her 85-year-old mother, while also staying involved in church and community activities. In addition, she’s enjoying her 6-year-old granddaughter.

James R. Bryant, Jr., has retired for some time and stays busy with grandchildren, golf and travel.

1952

Sam Cardwell, B, was awarded a “Torch of Strength” during Lynchburg’s 3rd Annual Business Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. He is the retired vice chairman of Crestar Bank (now SunTrust). Mary Anne Coates Edel, W, and Sue Peters Hall, W, are newly-elected members of the board of directors of the F.W. Brownrigt Society.

Charles W. Gibson, R, is the interim pastor of Corinth Baptist Church in New Kent, Va.

C. Ralph Martin, B, became chairman of the board of J. S. Archer Co., Inc., and his son was promoted to president. He and his wife, Jacqueline, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Sarah Barlow Wright, W, entertained two houseguests, Kathleen Cooke O’Brier, W, and Shirley Wingfield, W’S, last summer in Smithfield.

Sarah Cropper Whitmire, W, has a double major in music and marketing and a minor in communications. “I recently accepted a position as a financial consultant with Waddell and Reed, so I will be staying in the Richmond area after graduation. I am excited about the future. The University has given and allowed me to experience a great education and a wonderful four years. Thank you for the support that has helped me to reach this point in my life.”

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Elizabeth Munsey Spatz, W, and her husband, Bob, spent a month in the Italian, Swiss and Austrian Alps last spring. They also visited Normandy and spent two weeks in France with Nancy Taylor Johnson, W, Eleanor Wright Woodward, W, and her husband, Manning, enjoying their retirement community in Newport News, Va. They just returned from two months in Tuscany and Rome.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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So many of our classmates are celebrating 50 years of married life. Libba Eanes Baskerville and Channing observed their 50th wedding anniversary last June. In November, Channing had a quadruple bypass. They were supported by their children during this stressful time, and Channing is doing well.

Libba reports seeing fellow Emporia native Betty Trevey Blake. She has two daughters, Bet, who lives nearby, and Belle, a pharmacist in Chester, Va.

Travel continues to be on the agenda for many of our classmates. Eleanor Wright Woodward and Manning visited the Panama Canal.

Anne Barks Critten and Crit spent some of the winter months at The Cloisters on Sea Island Ga. They love playing golf and, because they lived at St. Simon for years, being there is like going home.

Frances Allen Schools took a Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Venice, visiting six countries. She also spent time visiting family members in New Orleans at Halloween and in Bay St. Louis, Miss., at Thanksgiving.

Mary Lee Moore May and husband Ed spent Christmas at The Greenbrier.

Charlotte Herrick Sayre spent a fabulous five days in New York City with her two sisters and nieces prior to Christmas. They shopped and visited museums and Rockefeller Center.

Mary Booth Davis lost her husband, Jim, on Dec. 23. They had moved into a retirement home in Maryland. Our sympathy goes out to Mary Booth and her family.

Gwen Priddy Donohue was recently inducted in the Collegiate School Coaches Athletic Hall of Fame. Gwen taught and coached at Collegiate most of her career. She was inducted into the University of Richmond Hall of Fame a few years ago. Acadolades, Gwen, on your achievement!

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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The Westhampton College Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarship has a book value of about $131,000 and a market value of about $216,000. Isn’t that wonderful? It is considered part of the University’s endowment fund, which is the 34th largest endowment among all U.S. universities in a survey conducted by the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Elizabeth Courtney Hill, ’03, has received a scholarship from our fund for each of the past four years. She sent a thank-you note to Mary Anne Edel in November, copied here:

“My name is Elizabeth Hill. I am a senior at the University of Richmond and am from Newport News, Va. I am a recipient of the Westhampton College Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarship and am writing to express how important this scholarship is to me. I have been very impressed here at the University, I was a University Dancer, in the University Band, and I am a Bonner Scholar. My work with the Bonner Program has led me to become a member of the Tuckahoe Rescue Squad and to develop a network of friends outside campus. I am a business major with a concentration in marketing and a minor in communications. I recently accepted a position as a financial consultant with Waddell and Reed, so I will be staying in the Richmond area after graduation. I am excited about the future. The University has given and allowed me to experience a great education and a wonderful four years. Thank you for the support that has helped me to reach this point in my life.”

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Sue Peters Hall, Mary Lee Moore May, W'51, and Mary Anne Coates Edel have a great bridge table twice a month. The fourth is a Coates Edel.

Ann says she schedules her whole the board of directors of the F.W. Moore May, W'51, says her 93-year-old mother is doing well for a few trips. Barbara Ferre Phillips says her 93-year-old mother is doing well enough that Barbara can get away for a few trips.

Desiree Stuart-Alexander was planning a trip to Australia.

1953

Charles L. Baird Jr., R, maintains his interest in public health, particularly the Virginia Heart Institute, which he helped found 31 years ago.

Carl P. Dickey, B, and his wife, Margorie, have been traveling around the world. They spent a month in South America, where they visited friends they had made while living there over 30 years ago.

Doris Johnston MacEwan, W, has retired to Orange, Va., only six miles from Somerset, where she grew up.

Mary Aylett Creath Payne, W, has been appointed by Virginia Governor Mark Warner to the Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board.

1954

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

Edith “Edie” Jackson Jones 1200 McDowell Drive Greensboro, NC 27408

Susie Kegan Nuttle has retired from the bank board in Chestertown, Md., ending a 30-year banking career. She and Bill spend a lot of time fly-fishing. Last year, she caught a 21-inch rainbow trout! She is on the board of the Adkins Arboretum, 400 acres of native meadows and woodlands on the Delmarva Peninsula. She’s also taking drawing and painting classes.

Costello Washburn Barnes has an article in Chocolate for a Woman’s Courage, published by Simon & Schuster. Cos’ segment was described by a newspaper columnist in glowing terms, praising her “insight, her honesty and her skill as a storyteller.” Six people were inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth on April 26. Among them was our own Laura Mapp. Quoting from the Richmond Times Dispatch (Jan. 22, 2003): “In 37 years (1961-1998) at Bridgewater College, Mapp was one of the most successful women’s coaches in Virginia. She accumulated 876 victories as head coach in basketball, field hockey and tennis. She also served as associate athletic director and associate professor of physical education.”

Laura, Cos and Susie—we are so proud of you!

1955

Paul L. Dvorak, R, has retired and is now doing volunteer work and traveling around the U.S. and overseas.

Alton F. Owen, Sr., B, has retired as mayor of Jarratt, Va., after 20 years of service.

William F. Thomas Jr., B, has retired after serving more than 22 years as a juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judge.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Burrell Williams Stultz has been honored by Collegiate School in Richmond with a Master Teacher award and chosen to attend the state Experienced Teacher Institute. When she isn’t working at Collegiate, she and John volunteer much of their time to the University’s Lake Society and to cultural activities. Burrell is serving on the nominating committee to select officers for the newly structured Richmond alumni board. Recent trips included Nova Scotia and French Canada. Their granddaughter accompanied them to a Wyoming ranch, where they enjoyed the beauty of the Tetons and rafting on the Snake River.

Jody Weaver Wampler plays piano or keyboard in a band whose members include her son on the drums or bass. She and Zed have moved from Richmond’s North Side to Ashland, Va., a location convenient to both their son and daughter, who is finance manager for Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. Both children are Richmond alumni and the Wamplers have two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

1956

Alice Holladay Combs, W, is a breast cancer survivor and lives in Niceville, Fla. Her daughter, who is also a breast cancer survivor, has twin girls.

Judith Northen Eastman, W, is still working part time as a marital and family therapist. She also sings in the church choir. Her youngest daughter is a child psychologist and lives in Los Angeles with her husband.

Dorothy Godfrey Gill, W, lives in a condominium in Prince George, Va., where she works in real estate. She has three wonderful grandchildren.
1958
Ray W. Bowles, B., is enjoying retirement after 30 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and 10 years in private enterprise. Rebecca Branch Faulconer, W., has been teaching art education at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. She has four grandchildren in Lexington, Ky., and one on the way in Asheville, N.C. Robert C. Jackson, R., is retired as a senior director at Pharmacia and is now president and CEO of a new company, Newtime Design. In the winter, he works part time as a PSIA-certified ski instructor at a small resort in northwestern Illinois.
Grover W. Johnson, R., and his wife, Frances, attended Mountain Dulcimer Week at Western Carolina University and went camping with friends last fall at Kiipotepe State Park, Va. They have seven grandchildren.
David A. McCants, R., has been named emeritus professor of communications by Purdue University. He retired after 34 years of service at the Fort Wayne campus, where he was professor of communications and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. Mary Alice Revere Woerner, W., has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, China, Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, Alabama and Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, as well as on a few shorter trips. She also works with the American Red Cross.
Ballroom dancing is on the rise—just ask Mary Beth Stiff Jordan and her husband, Bob. They are teaching a ballroom dance course each week at the junior college in their area. A sad note from Mary Beth is the passing of her younger sister who attended Westhampton Junior in 1965, Lauranne Stiff Jacobs. We extend sympathy to the family.
Sylvia Olney Kelley and husband, Frank, spend the winter months at their home in Key West, Fla. Their summer home is in Boothbay, Maine. They were in France and Scotland in the fall. Sibyl Haddock Young and husband Paige, R’59, visited beautiful and interesting places in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Allan, R’59, Teresa and Paige in now live in Richmond. Sibby is enjoying lots of tennis and some golf.
Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum’s daughter is very fortunate, as she has Mom tutoring some of her students. This is a fun and rewarding experience for Elizabeth, too.
Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist still does some substitute teaching and tutoring and is enjoying her grandchildren. She took some time, along with Bev Eubank Evans, Bonnie Lewis Haynie, Jenks Marrow, W’50 and Joanne Christian, wife of Red Christmas, R’43, to shop in Lancaster, Pa. However, they were snowed in at a beautiful historic inn. They were treasured royally and played bridge all day!
The nicest news from Mary Trew is that her husband, Jerry, will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. He is still writing for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and has been since 1959. Congratulations, Jerry, that is a real honor.
Eileen Cordie Harris’ son, Chuck, was married in December. Eileen had a delightful week in Italy, with the highlights being Florence, Pompeloli, and Daruta. Nancy Kipps Hughey and husband, Ray, had an eventful year, with visits to Florida; Chesapeake, Va.; Cape May, N.J.; New Windsor, Md.; and Edisto Island, S.C. They also enjoyed a visit from their grandchildren.
From Portland, Ore., we have news from Pat MacDonald Allen. She is still a judge for the American Rose Society. Husband Dick is teaching at the Oregon Health Sciences University, and he is singing with the Multnomah Athletic Club Balladeers. They continue to enjoy their grandchildren.
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1957
Lucille Burnett Garmon, W., after retiring from the State University of West Georgia Department of Chemistry, has been rehired on a part-time basis.
Ann Avery Hunter, W., has four grandchildren—two in Richmond and two in Winston-Salem, N.C.
Jennie Sue Murdock, W., met President Bush in Roanoke when he was en route to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. The president recognized Murdock for her volunteerism.
William Powell Tuck, R., has published two books: The Lord’s Prayer Today and Authentic Evangelism: Sharing the Good News with Sense and Sensitivity. He is also the interim pastor at Hampton Baptist Church in Virginia.
Betty Stamps Bryant, W., was inducted into Buckeye Trails Girl Scout Hall of Fame. The hall of fame was initiated this year to honor the 80th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts. Ellis M. Dunkum, B., has been elected Middle Atlantic regional director of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.
Mary Marlowe Price has retired from her job with the state of Virginia and now works part-time at the Virginia Tech bookstore. Her husband, Jay A. Price, L’61, is also working part time. They attend athletic events and follow the grundkis’ sports. Daughter Kim is a special agent for the FBI in Portland, Ore., where she is on the International Terrorism Squad, and daughter Jenny is an operating room nurse at Roanoke Community Hospital.
Walter A. Stosch, R., was recently honored for his efforts to promote cooperation between business and government. He received the Leadership Award of the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships.
From the Westminster Class Secretary
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Merrill and I are blessed with a granddaughter, Charlotte Atwood Crews (Attie), born Jan. 14. The proud parents are our son, Shawn, and his wife, Evans. They live in South Miami, Fla.
It was nice to hear from Grace Lane Mullinax. She and her husband, Frank, both work at Medical College of Virginia in the Department of Medicine. They recently visited Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.
Karen Dietrich Gardner regularly travels to Atlanta to buy for the local hospital gift shop. Babysitting nine grandchildren keeps her busy, too.
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Just making this issue’s deadline, Cynthia Patterson Douglas reported that her husband, Bobby, retired as pastor of First Baptist Church in Columbus, Miss. He has accepted a position as associational director of missions for the Mid-Delta Association in Cleveland, Miss., where they now live. Cynthia and Bobby have two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren, including one set of twins.
Also, it was so nice to hear from Eileen McCutcheon Hollands. They are proud grandparents of a baby boy born in August to her daughter and husband. An e-mail just arrived from BB Harvey Strum. She enjoyed a trip to New York with Elizabeth Dunkum and Ellis, B’59 and GB’69. In December. She also enjoyed a golf trip to Tucson, Ariz. She still teaches a couple of days a week at Radford College. Katie, her 8-year-old granddaughter, is acting with the Chesterfield Children’s Theater.
1960

H. Scott Kirby, R, was elected a deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church; president of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire; and appointed to the Institutional Review Board of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Carl Johnson Stone, R, has retired from Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Virginia. Mary Lou Walden Wagner, W, and her husband, Scott, traveled last spring to Normandy for an Elderhostel about the D-Day invasion in order to learn more about the experiences of her father in World War II. They visited each of the five invasion beaches and heard from several French resistance fighters. The Elderhostel group included five World War II veterans. After the Elderhostel, the Wagners continued independently through northeastern France, Belgium and the Netherlands to enjoy the museums, cathedrals and the flower exhibits. In the fall, they traveled to Bedford, Va., to see the National D-Day Memorial.

C. Temple Wilkinson Jr., R, and his wife, Kitty, are retiring to Hudgins, Virginia. Annual Conference of the Presbyterian, birding, gardening and taking their spring flowers. In the fall, they also served seven years as families and lives. tennis and golf player. This is her for Girls.

Mary Lou Walden Wagner, W, and her husband, Bob, enjoyed a cross-country trek, leaving from their home in Gloucester Point, Va., and driving two days a week at the University of Edinburgh.

1961

Having served churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Mott A. Cumby Jr., R, has retired from the active ministry, but continues to preach when called upon. He and his wife of 50 years live in Christiansburg, Va. They have raised eight children. Five live in Virginia, one lives in New Jersey and two are deceased. Susan Ford Collins, W, has published a book called The Joy of Success, which highlights to success skills and describes what happens when people do and don’t use these skills. Evelyn S. Drum, W, has legally changed her name to Skip Deanna Drum. She and her husband, Alan, live in Somerset, N.J.

Jennie Stokes Howe, W, and her husband, Bob, enjoyed a cross-country trek, leaving from their home in Gloucester Point, Va., on Christmas Day and arriving at their son’s home in Los Angeles in time for the Rose Parade. They enjoyed catching up with friends and kin along the way, especially an afternoon spent with Jane Cougheenour Archer, W, and her husband, Julian, at their attractive second home in Fayetteville, Ark.

Polly Thompson Marshall, W, and her husband, Robert, R, celebrated the birth of their sixth grandchild. Last fall, they had a wonderful 17-day trip exploring Tuscany, Rome and Pompeii. Robert says busy in retirement, serving as past president of Vienna Rotary, and with volunteer work, including a week-long mission project each spring to a Presbyterian youth camp in Arkansas. Polly stays busy with “grandmothering,” deacon responsibilities at Vienna Presbyterian, biding, gardening and traveling. They continue to enjoy their second home on the Rappahannock River in Urbanna, Va., where they gather with friends and family to fish, crab, swim, canoe, kayak and explore the tributaries of the river in their power boat.

L. M. Scottie Jr., R, has retired after almost 32 years as a judge. He served 34 years in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and eighteen years in Circuit Court. He also served seven years as a commissioner’s attorney.

Donald H. Seely, R, has retired after forty years of service in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Juliana, are making their retirement home in North Carolina to be near her still-active 97-year-old father (also a retired minister) and his wife. Donald and Juliana have three adult sons and three grandchildren...

Betsy Pritchett White, W, has two grandchildren, one of whom was born in Scotland, where her son, Michael, has a three-year contract at the University of Edinburgh.

Paul Brickner, W, attended legal programs in China and Russia last year. The Lake County, Ohio, Bar Association reprinted a portion of Paul’s 24-page essay, Kaufman’s Codicis Judicial Biography as Legal History.

D. page Elmore, W, was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, representing the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

1962

Mark Frazer, R, a practicing dentist, is also mayor of North Beach, Md. He has served in a number of elected offices in Calvert County.

Darlene A. Morgan, W, spent four months in Palm Springs, Calif., and also took a trip to the Outer Banks. Last summer, Darlene, Jane Thompson Kemper, Julia Parkinson

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Crews and Kitty Borum Fitzhugh met at Judy Accone Hansen’s house for lunch. They had a great time “catching up” with each other’s families and lives.

Julia Crews has traveled to New York City, attended an Elderhostel program in Tennessee on black-and-white photography and took a Jazz-Sail Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. She also has a new grandson, Hunter.

Barbara Sue Oglesby Nicholl, W, and her husband, Robert, a retired city manager, live in Dunn, N.C., where she is in her 28th year of active ministry, but has a private inventory control manager with the Atmospheric Administration.

1963

Sandra D. Bowen, W, has been appointed by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner to the Commonwealth Competition Council. She is director of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget.

William T. Hogarth, R, is the assistant administrator for fisheries at the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. [See profile, p. 35.]

Carolyn Anthony Powers, W, and her husband, Bill, took a Caribbean cruise last year. They own a beach house in Duck, N.C.

Barbara Wilke, W, is an active tennis and golf player. This is her 10th year as a tutor at a local elementary school. She is a treasurer for BSA Troop 101, chartered through her church in Gilbert, Pa., where she also enjoys playing in the handbell choir. She has six grandnieces and nephews and eight great-grandnieces and nephews.

1964

Maxwell G. Cisne, G, received the William T. Moore Award for Visionary Leadership from Gateway Homes of Greater Richmond Inc.

Patricia Daney Denton, W, has retired after 30 years of teaching math at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, Va. She has a grandson, Max, who is 1 year old. Ross Franklin Hawkins Jr., G, is employed as a full-time faculty member with Averett University, where he teaches graduate and undergraduate business courses.

Wayne M. Knight, W, has retired after 33 years of teaching the blind and vision impaired. He has taught in Staunton, Va.; Honolulu; and Richmond. He still serves as a driver two days a week at the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired.

1965

James Chisman, R, is a new board member of Jackson-Field Homes for Girls.

Carolyn John Elmore, W, received her doctorate in education from the University of Delaware.

Carolina Hudnall Manning, W, lives in Davidson, N.C., and has two wonderful grandchildren, Grady and John.

Bernard W. Tragida III, R, and his wife, Susan, celebrated 35 years of marriage this past spring. They have five grandchildren. Bernard is active in his church and ministers to the elderly in Marlborough, Conn.

1966

Virginia Blanton Bailey, W, is a learning specialist at an elementary school in Williamsburg. Her husband, William, R, retired from Mobil when the company merged with Exxon.

Anne Dixon Booker, W, and her husband, Bill, traveled to Italy for two weeks last fall. She has two grandchildren, Charlotte Anne and William.

Joseph W. Newton, R, and his wife, Carol Newton, W’65, live in Bluefield, Va. Their son, Chip,
received his master's degree last spring and got married a week later. They received a visit from Grace Collins Leary, W'65, of Radford, Va.

William A. Nuckols, R, has retired after 30 years of practicing family medicine. He and his wife, Linda, plan to spend most of their time at their home in Isle of Palms, S.C. Barbara Ruscus Thompson, W, is working as a logistics analyst for ManTech, a defense contractor in Lexington Park, Md. Her oldest son, Joseph Thompson ’93, and his wife, Mary Holland Thompson, ’91, gave Barbara and her husband, Mike, their first grandchild last summer. Their son Paul and his wife presented them with a second grandson last fall. Their daughter was married on their farm last August.

Patricia Carol Todd, W, and her husband, George, P’67, visited their son in Hollywood, Calif., where he works for a comic improvisational theater. It was their first visit to the West Coast, and they saw all of the tourist spots.

Elizabeth Neal Jordan, B’74, had a surprise for her 50th birthday. Her husband flew her two best college friends to Las Vegas to help celebrate.

1968

John I. Fleet Jr., R, owns and operates Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield, Va., as well as Fleet Brothers and Rappahannock Tractor. He has been elected incoming president of the North American Equipment Dealers Association.

1969

Connie Booth Collins, W, is a contributing editor for a magazine for women over 50 and is producing shows for The Food Network. She is also working on a documentary for the Museum of Modern Art about programs for the blind and visually impaired.

Gordon S. Converse, R, is serving for the seventh year as the clock appraiser for PBS’ popular Antiques Roadshow.

Anne Margaret Larson Ferguson, W, and her husband, Mike, B’66, U’70, have homes in Smith Mountain Lake and Roanoke. Their son, Stephen, is pursuing an acting career in California.

Robert E. Frank, R, serves as the associate dean of international education at Morehead State University. He traveled to China as a participant in a program sponsored by the American State Colleges and Universities and the Chinese Education Association for International Exchanges. He was the guest of Guangxi University in Nanning, China. He was also recently appointed to the Finance Board of the Southern States Communication Association.

Suzanne Owen Filippo, W, has been elected a member of the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission.

Thomas A. Payne, B, has retired from Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a senior vice president. He and his wife, Mary, bought a house in Camden, Maine, where they will spend 75 percent of the year, with the remainder in Richmond.

Peter Prudent III, B, has been appointed director of Farmers Bank. He is also a commissioner of the Virginia Port Authority, director of Old Dominion Investors Trust and chairman of the board for the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.

Ellen Shuler, W, has been elected to the board of directors of the Richmond Metro Division of the American Heart Association.

Ronald Allen Snell, R, is director of MIS Development at Fidelity National Information Solutions in Minneapolis, Minn. Both of his children recently moved to Seattle.

William J. Viglione, R, is chairman of the executive council of the Virginia Dental Association. He is also alternate delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

L. Thomas Winfree Jr., R, is taking a sabbatical from his position as professor of criminal justice at New Mexico State University. Las Cruces, for the spring semester. He and his wife, Eileen, will reside in Levure, Belgium. The second edition of his textbook, Understanding Crime: Theory and Practice, was published in 2002. In May, he will be a guest instructor at the 28th annual victimology post-graduate student program at the Interuniversity Centre of Dubrovnik, Croatia. While in Europe, he will lecture on youth crime and violence at universities in Belgium, France and Germany.

Joseph Kellum, B, has joined Southern Financial Bancorp in Richmond as senior vice president.

Ronald C. Oleyar, B, has retired from the federal government and is doing consulting work. In the winter, he works on the professional ski patrol at Massanutten Resort in Virginia.

Kenneth Perrin, B, was elected to the board of directors of World Hunger Year, founded by the late singer/ songwriter Harry Chapin. He was also named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International.

Hugh A. Richeson Jr., B, has his first book published, Legally Yours. Camilla Rohrbach, B, was elected to the board of the Friends of Bryan Park.

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Martha Sanders Brandt, W, has retired after 30 years of teaching at the college level. She lives in Dayton Beach Shores, Fla., with her husband, Dan Gribbin. Francis A. “Frank” Buhman Jr., R, has accepted a position as publicity director for the Morehouse Group in Harrisburg, Pa., which publishes religious books.

James D. Butler Jr., B, is vice president/sales for Hefty Products, a division of Pactiv, which is based in Lake Forest, Ill. He keeps busy playing tennis, golf and softball.

J. Steven Griles, R, is deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior and is also a member of the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission.

John G. Kines Jr., R, was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities. He is retired from the Central Virginia Training Center.

1971

Franklin Tredway Abbott, C, G’77, is co-founder and chief administrative officer of Quantum Leap Innovations Inc. in Newark, Del. Ronald T. Fink, B, is the managing partner of Strategic Marketing Solutions LLC, and has just moved into expanded office space in the Innsbrook Corporate Center near Richmond. The company specializes in direct and database marketing services for businesses and non-profit organizations.

Thomas N. Innes, R, has been elected president of the board of directors of Maymont Foundation in Richmond.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Carol Barker Hindley teaches art and French in a middle school in Beaverton, Ore., which is 20 minutes from Portland. She and her husband, Bob, an attorney, have two children, one at Linfield College and one at the University of Oregon. Every summer, Carol spends some time in the D.C. area and visits with her mother. Last summer she also spent a week on a sailboat around San Juan Islands in Victoria, Canada.

Linda Noell Harris is this year’s president of the WC Alumnae Association. Linda and other members of this group have been working on a transition team to unite the alumni and alumnae associations at Richmond. She is also serving on the nominating committee to establish roles for this new association. Linda’s husband, Bob, owns an engineering business, and they have a 16-year-old daughter, Lauren, who rides in a number of horse shows.

Davie Adams recently had arthroscopic surgery on both of her knees. After nine weeks of recovery, she is doing fine and has now returned to work at OneBeacon Insurance Co. Davie lives in Rochester, N.Y., and she said that by mid-February the city already had 118 inches of snow!

Jane Alphin and her husband, Frank Novitzki, live in Germantown.
Go fish.

For someone who was “floundering around” during college, William Hogarth, R’63, is on an even keel now. As the federal government’s top marine fisheries official, he is responsible for managing not only flounder, but sea bass, dolphins, turtles and every other creature in the oceans surrounding the United States.

“I never imagined I would be at this level,” said Hogarth, 64, who was appointed two years ago to his position as assistant administrator for fisheries at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Jarrett, Va., native manages an $828 million budget and oversees 2,800 employees.

If not for an influential faculty member at Richmond, Hogarth might still be floundering. One of his biology professors, the late William Woolcott hooked Hogarth on a career in fisheries. After earning his masters degree at Richmond, working closely with Dr. Woolcott, Hogarth went on to N.C. State University, where he received his Ph.D. in fisheries and marine biology.

Before moving to the national level, Hogarth served as director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

He and his wife, Mary, have a home in Silver Spring, Md., but Hogarth rarely sleeps there. He said he is on the road three weeks out of every four.

Before he embarked on his career, Bill Hogarth had a handle on fish, such as this carp found when the campus lake was drained in 1964.

As chief regulator, he attends public hearings, meets with environmental groups, fishermen and fisheries organizations and keeps in touch with scientists in the field. “I’m a firm believer in getting out to talk to people,” said Hogarth, who enjoys recreational fishing when he has the time.

He said he wishes he could get back to campus more often. “I spent some of the best days of my life there.” He said he especially appreciated the hands-on approach and personal attention he received from professors.

Hogarth is convinced that then and now, any science major “coming out of Richmond has an excellent basic understanding of science. You are prepared to go in whatever direction you want to go in.”
Foods convention. Their fruit broker business keeps them both busy, but they make time to enjoy the Outer Banks and their house in Duck, N.C. Tricia and Judy aren’t managing those lunches together to write these class notes, but the phone calls to “create” news have increased. Hope you’ll keep in touch to give us something to talk (and write) about!

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William R. Hawkins, B, is the director of administration for Southside Virginia Training Center. Rodney L. Hicks, R, is president of PDR Rock Hill in South Carolina. He and his wife, Diane, have two college age children, Janelle and Conor.

Jeffrey D. Lee, R, and his wife, Lynn, had a son, Jacob Downes, on April 12, 2002. He joins brother Lynn, had a son, Jacob Downes, o_n deputy clerk for the Loudoun County, where he is active on the sail team and is studying privately for his medical school entrance exams.

Stephen Wayne Richerson, B, and his wife, Virginia Richerson, •02, have been busy in Tidewater, and family.

Blake Norman Morris, R, is a senior programmer analyst for GE Financial. He directs the Northside Across-County and is studying privately for his medical school entrance exams.

From the Westhampton Class Secretary

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Got a new Christmas letter from Sharon Foster Burdick and family. Sharon and Rick have moved into their new home in McLean, Va. In May, Janelle graduated from Vanderbilt University and has a job with a public relations firm in Washington. Amanda worked as a summer intern at the White House and continued there through the fall, returning to Vanderbilt after Christmas. Madeline is in high school, with crew and horseback riding taking up most of her spare time. Sharon is busy volunteering at Maddie’s school, including chairing the prom.

Sharon also wrote that she and Rick had dinner with Maryann Kyczak Casterline and Bill, R, as well as Kelly Hardy and Jack before Christmas. Maryann is working as a half-day school secretary at an elementary school in Chantilly, Va., where her children attended. Bill is in private legal practice in Fairfax. Son John is at Virginia Tech, Katherine is at James Madison University and David is in high school. Barbie and Carol Baker joined the Casterlines at the Richmond/JMU football game. Maryann’s nephew is a freshman Spider and is the punter on the team.

Linda Wilkins Muirhead and family have moved into their new home in Colorado. Sons Kevin and Paul are in high school. Linda, George and Kevin spent the holidays as ski instructors at Wolf Creek.

Patty Stringfellow Garbee and Mitch, R’72, U75, got away from the cold winter weather with a trip to Cancun.

I talked to Gayle Goodson Butler this winter. She is busy with organizational changes at Meredith Publishing, Gayle’s older daughter, Sarah, has transferred to Simpson College (south of Des Moines, Iowa) and is enjoying the change to a smaller school.

Betty Rodman Harris wrote that son Scott is teaching English in Orangeburg, S.C., and plans to go to law school in the fall. Son John graduated from Full Sail School in Winter Park, Fla., with a degree in film and video. He is living in Los Angeles and working as a production assistant for CBS’ Star Search.

Agnes Mobley Wayne and David have been busy in Tidewater, Virginia. Agnes continues teaching at Old Dominion University and singing with various groups in the area. David is working on a master’s degree in theology at Union Seminary in Richmond while working as a general sales manager at Gold Key Resorts in Virginia Beach. Agnes’ daughter, Laurel, is a rising junior at Richmond, where she is majoring in English, specializing in Medieval and Renaissance literature. She also sings in the choir. Clinton is in high school, where he is active on the sail team and was presented with the Oak Award and for team spirit and attitude by his coaches. He is on the wrestling team during the winter. David and Agnes have bought a condo in Virginia Beach for getaways.

Sam and I had dinner with Kelly Hardy in February (Jack was in England and couldn’t join us). It was a great visit. Kelly is still with the Airline Pilots’ Association. I am still chasing two-year-olds and reassuring their parents. Lee and PJ are adjusting to living in Tidewater, while Christopher has been taking computer certification courses and traveling with his two bands.

1974

M. Phillip Barbee, B, joined a community health foundation after 20 years in hospital administration. He has been in that role for the last two years. Al Bridger, B, has been named to the Virginia Dispute Resolution Council. He is the manager of the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs’ Dispute Resolution Unit and is certified by the Judicial Council of Virginia.

Laura Lee Chandler, W, has been elected to the board of directors of Maymont Foundation in Richmond. Carla W. D’Este, C, is a military historian and biographer. His sixth book is Eisenhower: A Soldier’s Life.

Donald M. Douglas, G, spent two-and-a-half weeks touring seven African countries for International Cooperating Ministries, which translates and broadcasts Bible teachings and has built or has under construction more than 1,200 churches in 18 countries.

1976

David B. Beach, L, clerk of the Virginia Supreme Court, plans to retire this summer. Joan Wilson Devine, W, and her husband, Charlie, both practice medicine in Southside Virginia. Their daughter Julie is a sophomore at Kenyon College, and daughter Kate is a senior at Chatham Hall. Horses are still the family hobby.

Hope Armstrong Erb, W, G’80, recently toured China playing American piano music under the sponsorship of Henrico County in a cultural exchange with the Chinese Folk Artists Association. Elizabetby Van Jordan, B, had quite a surprise for her 50th birthday. Her husband flew her two best college friends, Laura Lee Hanks, and Peggi Heath Johnson, to Las Vegas to help her celebrate.

James W. Paul Jr., GB, is president of Machinac LLC in Mechanicsville, Va.

Michael L. Dunkley Sr., R, and his wife, Martha, have been at the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador for the last six months. He is currently the vice consul in charge of the anti-fraud unit. They have two children and a 2-year-old grandson.

Harold Kestenbaum, L, recently joined Farrell Fritz, Long Island’s third largest law firm.

Ben R. Lacy IV, L, has been selected as one of Virginia Business “Legal Elite” for the second year in a row. The list features the top 400 attorneys who practice in nearly every major specialty of law throughout Virginia.

Van Evan Leeuwense, R, has been named city executive of BB&T in Gloucester, Va.

Did You Know... that during the school year, Boarwatch Library is open 24/7 except on Fridays and Saturdays and that Starbucks coffee will be available in the library?

1977

Steven M. Edmonds, L, has been named vice president and general counsel with Ethyl Corp.

Robert R. Harrison, L, lives in Utah, where he practices law with a large firm in Salt Lake City.

Catherine Day Holroyd, W, is a homemaker, enjoying time with her teenagers — Bridget, 16, and Kevin, 14. Her oldest child, Michael, is a freshman at William & Mary.

Marianne Nelms Macoun, W, has been elected to the board of directors of the Commonwealth Family Foundation of the Commonwealth Parenting Center. George Beverly McClure, R, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Medical
Corps. He serves as chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. He recently received the "A" proficiency designation, equivalent to the rank of full professor in military academic medicine.

Doug McGee, R., played with the Ottawa Rough Riders in the Canadian Football League until 1981. He now lives in Canada and works in the financial services industry.

Ernest L. Bates, GB, has been named district manager for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's bowling Green division.

Edward S. Preston, B, has had the opportunity to work with the international Mission Board and participate in volunteer mission trips to Kenya, Vietnam and Cambodia. He and his wife, Martha, are planning a return trip to Kenya in the Spring.

Doug McGee, R., has recently received the "A" proficiency designation, equivalent to the rank of chief of the Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. He and his wife, Dawn, have a daughter, Jade Keely, on July 24, 2002.

Andrew "Drew" Child, B, is president of Alpine Internet Solutions, a software company in Bend, Ore.

Sara Redding Wilson, L, has been appointed to the faculty of the Virginia College of Trial Advocacy. He is an attorney with Marks & Harrison.

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John F. Eads, R, and Kathryn A. Headley were married on Nov. 3, 2002.

Christie Hales, W, public relations coordinator for Southside Virginia Community College, won three writing awards during the 20th Annual Virginia Community College Association Conference. She received first place in the categories of news writing and feature writing, and she also received an honorable mention in feature writing.

Anthony J. Lammers, R, is president of InnoDesk, a new office products company in Warrington Heights, Ohio.

David Newton, R, has received the Sales Representative of the Year award for the Eastern U.S. for Sports Edge Magazine. He is a partner in Crown Sport Sales Inc. and a manufacturer's representative for sales of sporting goods in Virginia and West Virginia. He was selected from a group of nominees from all over the United States.

Thomas E. Reed, B, has opened a Chicago office for Fulcrum Global Partners. He will be a managing director at the Wall Street research boutique firm, which was formed to provide independent, unbiased research to institutional clients, such as mutual funds, pension funds, money managers and banks. He continues to live in Lake Forest, Ill., with his wife and three daughters.

R. Thomas Wagner, B, won re-election as Delaware's state auditor. He has held the position since 1990.

"If you set high goals for yourself and you work hard to achieve them, pretty much anything is possible." — Cammie Dunaway, B'84

1979

Frank B. Atkins, R, is a member of the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission. He is chairman of McGuireWoods Consulting LLC, and a partner in McGuireWoods LLP.

Barbara Jett Coursey, W, has been promoted to assistant vice president, private client services at SunTrust Bank.

H. Benson Dendy III, R, is a member of the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission. He is president of VECTEC Corp., a government relations firm. He has also been elected to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board and was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner to the Southern Community Council board.

Charles Wayland Gilmore, B, was promoted to regional vice president of Gilmore Service Center Inc. in charge of the East Coast Sales Division. He teamed up with Jeff Schneider, R, to win the Greater Rolling Hills Open, and he also met up with his former roommate, Rick Galliford, B.

John C. Nagy Jr., R, is national manager, online sales for Grolle Online Division of Scholastic Library Publishing, based in Danbury, Conn.

Michael Perry, R, has been named head basketball coach at Georgia State University, following the retirement of Lefty Driesell.

1980

Andrew "Drew" Child, B, is president of Alpine Internet Solutions, a software company in Bend, Ore.

MacKenzie Todd Miller Jr., R, and his wife, Susan, own a small orchid and rare plant nursery in Homesdale, Fla., which has been in operation for 12 years.

1981

Marion S. Cooper, L, has joined WallaceFleisch as an associate. Brenda Dintiman, W, was recently named one of the top doctors by Washingtonian magazine. She has a dermatology and cosmetic dermatology practice in Fairfax, Va.

Jamie Hatfield Hickey, B, and her husband, Jon, live in Wilmington, Del., with their three children: Brandon, 10; Chris, 8; and Britt, 3. Jamie has been in contact with Carolyn Nicander Mohr, W, and her husband, Steven, in Princeton, N.J., and Vickie Stender Oakley, W, and her husband, Bobby, who reside in Richmond.

Clay R. Jacobs, GB, has been named executive vice president and regional credit executive at SunTrust Bank.

1982

John F. Brady, R, G, was elected Sussex County Recorder of Deeds. He also serves as a majority attorney for the Delaware House of Representatives and is the managing attorney of John F. Brady PA, in Georgetown, Del.

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Patricia Lapres Land, W; Cathy Shields, GB; Susan Cagggett, W; and JoAnne Orr, W, had their annual two-year reunion at the Jersey Shore last summer.

D. Keith Sloane, B, is a senior vice president for Wachovia Securities and heads the mutual funds department.

1983

Clifford W. Brooks Jr., R, was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Counseling at Shippensburg University. For the past seven years, he has been teaching full time in the graduate counselor training program.

Carol Wingo Dickinson, L, is board member and president of Jackson-Field Homes for Girls. James H. Fleming Jr., R, is managing editor for Medical DecisionPoint, the medical education division of Dowden Health Media in Montvale, N.J. He resides in Dumont, N.J.
Lucia Anna Trigiani, L, has been appointed to the Virginia Board of Health Professions by Virginia Gov. Mark Warner.

Mary E. Welter, W, lives in Richmond with her three children, Anne Marie Whittemore, H, has been listed in the 2002 BTI Client Service All-Star Team for law firms. She is a partner at McGuireWoods.

Kevin B. Williams, R, has been recalled to active duty. He is a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps serving as a staff officer with U.S. Joint Forces Command.

1984

J. Caleb Boggs III, R, has been elected partner in the firm of Blank Rome LLP. He is a member of the government relations group in the Washington and Wilmington, Del., offices, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of government law, government relations and legislative and regulatory representation.

Thomas Cady, GB, has been named CEO of SOTAS, Inc., a technology company based in Gaithersburg, Md., that provides business support solutions.

Daniel Christenbury, L, has joined the Philadelphia firm of Piper Rudnick as a partner. His specialty is intellectual property law.

Victoria Harget Dowling, W, is an obstetrician in Baltimore, where she resides with her husband, Bill, and triplets Kate, Will and Clark.

Mark G. Guarino, R, is a chiropractor in Richmond. He was recently given a community leadership award by the Henrico County Fraternal Order of Police. He and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters, Catherine and Michelle.

Sue Van Wickler Heckel, W, works part time as an assistant to a local interior designer. She and her husband, Jon, R’83, live in Richmond with their three children, Raleigh, 12, Grace, 9, and Ryan, 6.

David B. Robinson, B, was named by Virginia Business Magazine as one of the top 100 CPAs in Virginia through their “Super CPA” awards search. He is also a founding board member of Battersea Foundation Inc., a Petersburg, Va., organization founded to steward the restoration and use of a 1768 Palladian-style plantation.

1985

Charles F. Benjamin, R, has ended his term as president of Long and Foster Realtors Top Producers Gold Team. The year ended with a trip he led to Quebec City and the Charlevoix Region.

Boyd Burton, B, was featured in the cover article of the Richmond Times Dispatch Metro Business section spotlighting Connective Commerce, a technology consultancy that he operates.

Bernard, L, GB’90, is quoted in the article.

Brian R. Conroy, R, has completed his MBA from the University of Rochester, N.Y., and has a 3-year-old daughter, Molly.

Karen Eissen Davey, W, is a freelance writer and has a daughter, Hanna, 5, and son, Drew, 3.

Ann Owen Dixon, B, has been appointed a board member of Jackson-Feld Home for Girls.

Pamela A. Grizzard, C, has been named executive vice president and group manager of SunTrust Bank’s new retail private banking group.

Holly Evans Hardstock, B, has joined George Miles & Buhr, architects and engineers, as the regional director of business development. She will work in the Salisbury, Md., office.

Suzanne Cronin Hendricks, W, and her husband, Jay Hendricks, GB’90, had a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on Jan. 6, 2003.

Eileen McCoy Kingsley, W, and her husband, Joseph, had a daughter, Michaela Kaitlin, on March 7, 2002. She joins brothers, Patrick, 10, Ryan, 7, and Danny, 3.

Pamela Fornero Kulesh, B, is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York City. She and her husband live in Greenwich, Conn., with their three children: Jack, 4, Patrick, 3, and Katie, 1.

Carolyn Lavecchia, L, has received the Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association Women of Achievement Award.

Mindy F. Mangan, W, is living in Rochester, N.Y., and has a 3-year-old daughter, Molly.

Mary Tyler McClanahan, H, received the Bridge Builders Award from the Partners for Liveable Communities. She was honored for her efforts to provide quality affordable housing and for her work in revitalizing Richmond neighborhoods.

Erica Orloff, W, recently signed a contract for publication of three hardcover books. The first book, The Roofer, centers on the Westie Irish crime gang in New York City and an underworld family with dark secrets, including murder and insanity, told through the eyes of the eldest daughter.

Christopher J. Paolella, R, is senior vice president and managing director of SunTrust Bank/Tusco Capital Management. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife, Mary Lyn, and daughters Katie, 14, and Betsy, 9.

And the award goes to...

Jennifer Hyde

If someone were to produce a documentary about the life of Jennifer Learn Hyde, W’92, the climactic moment would occur during her junior year of college. That’s when she attended a symposium at the University of Richmond about women in television. It was a pivotal point, Hyde said, because she never had thought about that line of work. “I got really jazzed,” she said, “and I met some really important people.”

Through those contacts, Hyde embarked upon a career that has taken her where she is today: director of development for CNN Productions. She conceives, writes, pitches and produces documentaries that air on CNN.

One of the most memorable has been Beneath the Veil, which uncovered the life of women under Taliban rule in Afghanistan. Hyde long had harbored the idea for such a documentary. “I knew Afghanistan was a messy, difficult place that not many people knew about,” she said. CNN aired Beneath the Veil in August 2001, two weeks before Sept. 11. Soon, everyone knew about Afghanistan.

The show was rebroadcast many times on both CNN and CNN International. One billion viewers worldwide had the opportunity to see this film that Hyde helped bring to fruition.

Hyde won a Peabody Award and two Emmy Awards for her efforts as supervising producer on both Beneath the Veil, and its sequel, Unholy War.

Lately, Hyde has worked on Seeds of Terror, a show about terrorism in Southeast Asia; and 80 Days that Changed the World, a documentary produced in collaboration with Time magazine that traces the new magazine’s 80-year history through 80 significant historical events.

Hyde not only initiates programming ideas, she also screens films that she has solicited and meets with filmmakers to hear about their upcoming projects. “My job is to sift through the thousands of ideas and individuals that are pitching to us in a year,” she said. “What I am looking for is the one project we can’t live without.”

As visual as her job now is, Hyde says she envisioned herself as a writer. She wrote for The Collegian and took journalism, speech communication and creative writing classes. As a University Scholar, Hyde was able to take classes in any discipline without worrying about prerequisites or declaring a major. Art history classes were among the most intriguing to her.

She said she is “exceptionally happy” in her job, which still allows her to write. “What I am is what I always wanted to be in my life — a storyteller.

“The best thing you can do is be fearless and curious,” she said. “I think you need to try everything you can. I had no aspirations to be in TV, but I find myself all these years later selecting programming that goes out to over 200 countries worldwide.”

The latest production for Hyde, 32, and her husband Ricky Hyde, ’93, is their first child. The couple lives in Atlanta.

Carolyn Totaro Sizemore, B, is vice president and controller at CSX Corp. She and her husband, Dan, live in Jacksonville, Fla., with their two daughters, Rachel, 6, and Nina, 5.

Alan J. Zakin, R, operates a public affairs and government relations firm in New Jersey. He and his wife, Barbara, had a son, George Steven, on Oct. 24, 2002.
1986

Joy Gibson Anderson, W, and her husband, Jonathan C. Anderson, R’85, live in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with children Elizabeth, 14, Laura, 13, Emily, 11, and Jack, 4. Jonathan is a psychiatrist at Western State Hospital. Joy teaches music one day a week at her children’s school and directs the youngest choir for the Shenandoah Valley Children’s Choir.

Lauren I. Carson, W, is a district sales manager with FedEx and has relocated to Northern Virginia.

Sandra Wunsch Czerwinski, B, and her husband, Tony, live in Richmond.

Amy Leafe McCormack, W, is a painter and artist who enjoys photography and her husband, John, had a son, Christopher Ryan, on Dec. 19, 2001.

Joyce L. Dorris, W, and her husband, Hal, had a son, Peter, in October 2002. He joins brothers, Cal, 5, and Christopher, 3.

Mark Kevin Ames, L, has been named managing attorney for the consumer services group of the Framme Law Firm. He concentrates his practice in administrative and judicial appeals of state and local tax issues, commercial litigation and personal injury.

Mark C. Geeth, B, has been named a senior vice president of Morgan Keegan. He is a public finance banker.

Lisa Deitch Seiner, W, is a freelance direct marketing consultant. She works from home, leaving time for son Jacob, 4. She and her husband, Joe, live in Loudoun County, Va.

Christopher M. Shahanah, R, is owner of K-Coast Surf Shop in Ocean City, Md. He and his wife, Lauren, have a daughter, Madeline Francis, on July 8, 2002. She joins Zachary, 8.

Virginia Staudohar Watson, B, and her husband, James, had a son, James Todd Watson Jr., on March 28, 2002. He joins sister Katherine, 4.

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Mark Kevin Ames, L, has been named managing attorney for the consumer services group of the Framme Law Firm. He concentrates his practice in administrative and judicial appeals of state and local tax issues, commercial litigation and personal injury.

Jamae Bauman Jr., R, has begun a new practice at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va. He serves as moderator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Kathryn Montgomery Bowman, W, is employed by a retirement home as an activities coordinator. She and her husband, Arno, have two children, Neal, 12, and Emily, 10.

Pamela Gohn Cassidy, W, and her husband, Mark, had a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, on May 3, 2002. She joins sisters Caroline, 5, and Claudia, 3.

John T. Cece, R, has been in private practice for 11 years as a chiropractic physician. He specializes in rehabilitative and sports medicine. He recently began doing a monthly series of health programs for NewsChannel 10 in New Jersey.

Regis C. Dean, R, has completed his MBA at George Washington University. He and his wife, Christina, had a son, Timothy Joseph, in October 2002. He joins brothers, Cal, 5, and Christopher, 3.

Margo Gehret Erskine, B, and her husband, Hal, had a son, Peter Gehret, on June 23, 2002. He joins sisters Meredith, 7, and Anna, 2, and brother Jake, 5.

Elizabeth Reams Johnson, W, and her husband, Don, had a son, David Mathews, on July 3, 2002.

Robert V. Long, B, resides in Hickory, N.C. With his wife, Holly, and sons, Mason, 2, and Miller, 6 months.

Julia Candall MacMaden, B, has joined THQ Inc., a leading developer and publisher of interactive entertainment software, as director of investor relations. The company is based in Calabasas Hills, Calif.

Michele McDonnell Reichow, B, and her husband, Christopher W. Reichow, R’86, had twins, a daughter, Ainsleigh McDonnell, and a son, Griffin Christopher, on July 2, 2002.

Linda Peterson Sneed, W, works as an account executive at the NB Affiliates, WAVY TV in Norfolk, Va. She lives with her husband, Henry, in Virginia Beach with their daughter, Payton Elizabeth, born on Sept. 3, 2002.

Jill Alford Sullivan, W, and her husband, Colin, had a daughter, Meaghan Ryan, on Oct. 7, 2002.

G. Scott Thorbahn Jr., R, and his wife, Linda, live in Malvern, Pa., with their three children, Stephen, 7, Megan, 4, and Peter. J. Scott owns and operates the family business.

Rosanna Trivilio, B, is the author of Where By Default, her first novel. It is aimed at the contemporary women’s market. She lives in Arlington, Va., where she teaches college courses on the history of fashion and merchandising, as well as menswear. In addition, she works as a freelance writer and merchandiser.

1988

Andras L. Korenyi-Both, R, is president of Plasma and Vakuum Technik LLC, a U.S. subsidiary of a German company that manufactures hard coating systems for cutting tools. He lives in Springboro, Ohio, with his wife, Becky, and three sons, Tyler, 7, Jack, 4, and Max. His passions are travel, soccer with the kids and old Mercedes-Benz cars.

Fraser W. Brickhouse II, B GB’97, has been elected treasurer of the Board of Governors of the William L. Byrd Community House. He is the manager of corporate planning at Tredeger Corp. in Richmond. He and his wife, Kimberly, have two sons, Corbin, 3, and Fraser III, 8.

Melanie Dickerson Butterworth, W, is regional property manager for Summit Properties. She and her husband, Ethan, live in Richmond.

Karen McCord Dempsey, B, and her husband, Tom, have lived in London since December 2000. They had twin girls, Margaret Grace and Emma Christine, on July 17, 2002. They join sisters Anne and Kathleen.

Christine Chambers Gillfiant, W, and her husband, Mike, had a daughter, Elizabeth Chambers, on June 7, 2002. She joins brothers Michael, 6, Patrick, 3, and sister Natalie, 2.

C. Bradley Jacobs, R’89, is an avid watch collector and recently had an article published in International Wristwatch Magazine.

Keith H. Raker, R, was appointed chairman of Cleveland Real Estate Practice Group of Arter and Hadden, LLP.

Jacquelyn Brown Schick, B, has started her own business, Executive Access, a salesperson support service. She and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Claire Rosemary, on April 4, 2002. She joins brother Brendan, 4, and sister Catie, 2.

Ken Vostal, R, and his wife, Sarah, had a daughter, Payton Unitas, on Dec. 3, 2002. She joins brother Joseph.

1989

Patrick Brown, B, works on Walmart business for Unlever Home and Personal Care, a consumer packaged goods company. He and his wife, Anita, and daughters Amelia and Kathleen, were scheduled to move to Sydney, Australia, this spring for a two-year assignment with Unlever.

Branden S. Carrey, R, and his wife, Maureen, had a son, Davis Brett, on Dec. 16, 2002.

Deborah Thomas Cassidy, W, resides in Rosemont, Pa., with her husband, J.D., and children, Jack, 5, and Molly, 3.

Theresa B. Dargis, W, lives in Hockessin, Del., where she works for a family practice doctor as a physician’s assistant. She is involved in the Junior League of Delaware and recently acted as a provisional adviser to the newest members. She has been recognized by Marquis Who’s Who In Medicine and Healthcare. She is a member of the Delaware Association of Physician Assistants.

Thomas J. Fagan Jr., R, is senior director, product development for Advance PCS. He and his wife, Claudine, live in Scottsdale, Ariz., with their children, Gabriella, 3, and Michael Thomas, 1.

David P. Franklin, R, was elected a partner at Reed Smith LLP, where he specializes in corporate and sports law. He and his wife, Stacey, had a son, Chase Patrick, on June 22, 2002. He joins sister Mackenzie, 6, and brother Jake, 4.

Virginia "Ginger" Watson Griffith, B, has been promoted to investment officer/closing agent at Wells Real Estate Funds in Atlanta.

John Grizzetti, B, and his wife, Meena, had a daughter, Sejal Anne, born on Oct. 11, 2001.

Kerry Zito Hoehlian, W, and her husband, Tom, own a real estate development company in Fort Myers, Fla. They had a daughter, Kelsey Grace, born on Sept. 6, 2002.

C. Bradley Jacobs, R, is an avid watch collector and recently had an article published in International Wristwatch Magazine.

Keith H. Raker, R, was appointed chairman of Cleveland Real Estate Practice Group of Arter and Hadden, LLP.

Jacquelyn Brown Schick, B, has started her own business, Executive Access, a salesperson support service. She and her husband, Steve, had a daughter, Claire Rosemary, on April 4, 2002. She joins brother Brendan, 4, and sister Catie, 2.

Ken Vostal, R, and his wife, Sarah, had a daughter, Payton Unitas, on Dec. 3, 2002. She joins brother Joseph.

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John Gregory Morrissett II, and his wife, Tanya Tolvenon Morrissett, W'91, are currently living in Cambridge, England, where he is spending his sabbatical year away from Cornell University.


Christopher F. Tharp, R., and his wife, Sarah, had a son, John Freeman, on Dec, 16, 2002.

Maribeth Tuleenko, W, has been promoted to vice president of GKW, an advertising and public relations agency in Locust Point, Md.

Kristin Kane Wohlfert, W, lives in Wichita, Kan., with her husband, Jon, and three children, Jack, 9, Collin, 8, and Sydney, 6. She is a sales consultant for The North Collection, a clothing company based in New York.

Robert Wilson-Black, R. and G'92 has been appointed vice president for development at The University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.

Jennifer Pettyjohn Byrnes, B. and her husband, Michael Scott Byrnes, B'91, had a daughter, Ashley Anne, on June 11, 2002. She joins sister Hayden, 2.

Andrea Amore Clark, W., and her husband, Bob, had a daughter, Alexandra Amore, on Jan. 30, 2003.

E. Anthony Cowie, B, has joined Ace Tempest Re USA Inc., as a senior vice president in Stamford, Conn. He resides in Ridgewood, N.J., with his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Grace, 1.

Caroline Stevens Funk, B., and her husband, Greg, had a son, Henry Allen, on Dec. 11, 2002.

Christine "CJ" Radziejewski Hardenberger, W., and her husband, Bill, had a son, Nicholas Alexander, on Dec. 8, 2002. He joins sisters Miranda, 7, and Emily, 4.

Blair Jacobs, L, is a senior attorney with Pillsbury Winthrop in the firm's McLean, Va., office.

Lisa Kaster, B., and Diego Marmolejo were married on Nov. 2, 2002. The couple resides in Alhambra, Ga.

Peter E. Krasta, R., and Jennifer Satinsky were married on June 22, 2002. He practices law in West Chester, Pa., as a partner in Donatoni and Kastta. He and his wife reside in Lansdale, Pa.

Thomas A. Kruza III, B., is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law. He attended law school in the evenings while working full time for the U.S. Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. He was a member of the University of San Diego's Law Review.

Jerry Lydon, B, is a regional manager with Alcon Laboratories. He and his wife, Susan, live in Atlanta with their son, Trey.

Jennifer Keadle Mason, W, is chair of the West Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Division. As such, she also is a delegate to the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. In addition, she serves on several volunteer boards and is vice president of the Junior League of Wheeling. She was recently awarded the Champion for Children Award by the West Virginia Child Care Association.

She and Dana Scott Mason were married in July 2001. The couple lives in Wheeling, W.Va.

C. Lynne McMichael, C, has been named vice president in enterprise information systems at Sun Trust Bank.

Dan Redfield, R, is studying at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he lives with his wife, Carol Ann, and children, Maggie, 4, and Trey, 1.

“...the best thing you can do is be fearless and curious ... try everything you can.”
— Jennifer Hyde, W'92

Elizabeth Saxton Stanford, W, was planning a move to Bermuda due to her husband's job change.

Mara Sales Street, B., and her husband, Richard, had a son, John Bishop, on Oct. 3, 2002.

April Friski Timmons, W., is the human resources director for Peasants Hardware in Richmond. She and her husband, Toby, live in Powhatan, Va. They had a son, Michael Edward, on Nov. 1, 2002. He joins sister Abby, 4.

1991

Ellen Bradley, W., and her husband, Brian Ivey, R'90, are enjoying their new home in Chapel Hill, N.C. She works as a freelance communications consultant and also serves as co-president of the Carolina Triangle Alumni Chapter. He is a manager for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young.

Annie Gresham Burrows, W, and her husband, Marty, had a son, Joshua Blake, on Nov. 23, 2002.

Jeffrey P. Ham, R, has retired from CH Robinson Worldwide Logistics and is now selling real estate for Virginia Realty and Relocation in Richmond. He also manages apartments in the Fan for Hamm Properties. In his spare time, he renovates and builds additions.

Todd Haymore, R, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.

Kelly Deedel Johnson, W, is a senior research scientist at the Institute on Crime, Justice and Corrections at George Washington University, where she conducts research on the criminal justice system. She also works as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice investigating the conditions of confinement of incarcerated youth.

She and her husband, Charles, live in Portland, Ore.

Elizabeth Jordan, W, is a fiscal policy analyst for the North Carolina Justice and Community Transitions Center, a nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to securing legal, social and economic justice for low-income residents of North Carolina. She lives in Durham with her husband, Chris.

Scott W. Lester, R, and his wife, Mary Beth Tusing, had a daughter, Rachel Denise, on Oct. 21, 2002.

Tanya Tolvenon Morrissett, W, and her husband, John Gregory Morrissett II, B'91, live in Cambridge, England, where she enjoys photography and volunteering at her children's elementary school.

Ellen Walsh Peck, W, and her husband, Bob, had a son, Elliott Ambrose, on Dec. 30, 2002.

Melanie Lawrence Rapp, R., is manager of general accounting at Swedish Match North America Inc.

Timothy M. Vaughn, R, is the Sunday business editor at the Richmond Times-Dispatch and lives in Richmond's Fan District.

Travis R. Williams, R, and L'94, has been appointed to a six-year term as a substitute judge for the 12th Judicial Circuit and the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts for the county of Chesterfield and the city of Colonial Heights.

1992

Patrick Allan Bjorck, R., has started his own company, exporting duty-free products, including cigars, liqueurs, cigarettes, electronics and perfumes, all over the world.

Chris Fair, B, and his wife, Maria, have relocated to the Denver area, where he works for Johnson & Johnson in the area of orthopedics and spinal implants.

David Foreman, R, is a senior public relations specialist for Baptist Health in Jacksonville, Fla.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Boger Foreman, W'93, had a daughter, Kendall Boger, on Sept. 1, 2001.

Anon A. Van Hoezer, R, was elected to the Tennessee Mortgage Bankers Association Board of Directors. He coaches basketball at Lausanne- Collegiate School in Memphis, Tenn.

Jocelyn Johnson, W, teaches at Browne Academy, a private school in Alexandria, Va. She teaches general music to preschool through second grades and is co-director of the beginning band and handbell groups.

Kristine Dalkzer Krazbeil, W and L'97, and her husband, Tom, have moved to Shanghai, China, where she works for the law firm of White & Case.

Penny A. Land, L, has been named partner in the law firm of Klueter & Platt LLC. In Chicago, Ill., specializing in mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy and real estate.

Don Lane, R, has been promoted to vice president, group account director, at Arnold Worldwide. He has worked on the Volkswagen team at the $2.1 billion advertising agency, contributing to the success of the award-winning "Drivers Wanted" campaign. He lives in Medfield, Mass., with his wife, Karen D. Lane, W, and their children, Jack and Allison.

Jeffrey K. Mitchell, L, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation.

Andreas N. R., has joined Mercer Human Resource Consulting as an investment consultant.

Ross O’Donovan, R, and his wife, Jessica Sachs O’Donovan, W, live in Scarsdale, N.Y., with their 2-year-old son, Josh. Ross works for Arnold Advertising managing the McDonald’s account. Jessica works for the state as a resource specialist for bilingual and ESL teachers.


Anita Pruitt, W, has completed a general surgery residency and a master of public health degree at Emory University. She is currently a major in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a general surgeon at Andrews AFB, Md.

Elizabeth Patten Ramos, W, and her husband, Mario Ramos, '93, had a son, Samuel, on Nov. 5, 2002.

Andrea Boylan Sanderson, W, and her husband, Mark, had a son, Joseph, on Oct. 15, 2002. He joins another Caleb, 2.

Doug Sundler, R, is the chief equity strategist and managing director for Wachovia Securities.

Christine Chenard Shipley, W, and her husband, David Shipley, R’90, had a son, Andrew James, on Aug. 29, 2002.


Jon P. Yankie, R, and his wife, Kristen Yankie, '94, recently relocated to the Northern Virginia area from Phoenix. He is an associate planner for Rembert, D'Orazio & Fox, a fee-only financial planning firm. He and his wife had a son, Ryan, in October 2002. He joins sister Jordan, 2.

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John D’Addario Ill, B., and Michelle Weinlick D’Addario live in Glen Head, N.Y., with their two daughters, Lily Clarke, 3, and Lucy Jane, 1.

Kimberly Johnson Askin, and her husband, John Askin, had a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, on July 4, 2002. She joins brother John Thomas, 2.

Douglas W. Bleszinski, and his wife, Karen, had a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on Dec. 1, 2002.
Molly Bogan took six months off to hike the Appalachian Trail. She now lives in Chicago and works as a director of human resources at IBM. Daniella Croce and David McDonald were married on Aug. 31, 2002. Included in the wedding party was Cindy McDonald Kelly. The couple lives in Herndon, Va.

Lisa Biggs Cunningham has been recognized by the Charlottesville City Schools for 10 years of service as a volunteer tutor in the Book Buddies program.

Karen Fallin and her husband, Bryant Wilson, ’R92, had a son, Ryanland Lee, on July 10, 2002.

Suzzanne Brown Fleming, G, is a program officer with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. She recently presented a lecture on “Religious Responses to the Holocaust: The Role of the Churches.”

Elizabeth Bozger Foreman completed her first year of residency in the Internal Medicine program at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. She and her husband, David Foreman, ’R92, had a daughter, Kendall Boger, on Sept. 1, 2001.

Justin B. Friedichs has established an independent practice, Friedichs Asset Management LLC, which offers securities through a national broker/dealer called NEXT Financial Group Inc.

Robert B. Goergen Jr. has been named vice president of business development and Internet strategy at Blyth Inc., the company his father founded.

Jennifer Himes Gottesman, ’92, twin boys, Trevor and Tyler, in May around campus?

the North Shore of Long Island, N.Y.

February, and during the past strategy at Blyth Inc., the development and Internet securities through a national

Robert B. Goergen Jr.

the firm of Troutman Sanders LLP. He is a member of the complex litigation practice group. Kimberley Hillegass McGeorge and her husband, Randall, had a daughter, Madison Ayars, on Oct. 17, 2002.

Randall Mccain is in his final year of graduate studies in art history at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

James T. Monroe and his wife, Suzanne, had a daughter, Julia Brooke, on Feb. 19, 2002.

Elizabeth Bramham Ransone lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., where she is a transplant specialty representative with Abbott Laboratories.

Sabrina Starr and Paul Veuz were married on July 27, 2002. She is senior account manager at Access TCA, a trade show and event management company.

Brook C. Swinston and Lin Cheng were married in Beijing, China, on Sept. 20, 2002. Included in the wedding party was Ryan Wenger.

Brook is general supervisor of the southeastern United States for British Airways. She finished in four hours and six minutes and raised $5,700 for the American Diabetes Association.

Amy Kahler Godwin and her husband, Al, had a son, Collin McCrea, on Aug. 11, 2002.

Lisa Spickler Goodwin, L, who is with hirschl & Fletscher, is immediate past president of the board of directors of Barksdale Theatre.

Stephanie Lacovara Green and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Samantha, in November 2002.

John C. Lynch, L, has been elected to partnership in the firm of Troutman Sanders LLP. He is a member of the complex litigation practice group.

Jennifer Hummer Fisher completed her first marathon in Dublin, Ireland, as a part of Team Diabetes. She finished in four hours and six minutes and raised $5,700 for the American Diabetes Association.

Jennifer Leffler Perrin was married on Sept. 28, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer Leffler Perrin and Katie Shaffer Stecker. The couple resides in Pepperell, Mass.

A. Chadwick White is an MBA student at Keller Graduate School of Management of Dvyv University. He has been with Medtronic for two years, selling equipment for beating heart surgery.

2002. Included in the wedding party were Jennifer Leffler Perrin and Katie Shaffer Stecker. The couple resides in Pepperell, Mass.

Robert Michael Kirchner completed an internal medicine residency at David Grant Medical Center at Travis AFB, Calif., and was transferred to RAF Lakenheath, England.

Michael Bradley Miller and his wife, Melanie, had a son, Michael Thomas, on Feb. 27, 2003.

Christopher Kip O’Neill works at Ralston Purina in St. Louis, Mo., as quality coordinator for taste/smell in the dry dog food division.

Clifford W. Perrin III is director of business development for Catalyst Marketing Group in Richmond.

Charles A. Rohde, L, and his wife, Susan, have a son, Denton True.

Charity Rouse is associate pastor for music and worship at Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., where her duties include coordinating the creative ministries team.

Michael Waterbury and his wife, Colleen, had a son, Harrison Keating, on Nov. 20, 2002. He joins sister Hadley.
Allen Saunders takes classical approach to world affairs

As an Air Force captain and U.S. Foreign Service officer, Morris Allen Saunders, R'64, was often on the front lines of history. Sometimes, he yearns to be back.

As another historic chapter unfolds in Iraq, Saunders, now a 60-year-old retiree living in Williamsburg, is keeping a close eye on the situation there. “I would like very much to be back over there to lend a hand,” Saunders said. “I would also like to take part in rebuilding the region. The Middle East is an area that saw three of the world’s major religions arise within miles of one another. There is a power and dynamism to the area that can work for good or for ill.”

He should know. Saunders, who speaks six languages, has lived in seven countries — from the arid deserts of Saudi Arabia to the stark, frigid landscape of Iceland. He has helped deliver aid in Southeast Asia and to negotiate disarmament of the former Soviet Union.

And what was the prime preparation for all these ventures? Immersion in the classics as an undergraduate at Richmond, said Saunders, who always envisioned himself ensconced within the halls of academia, not enmeshed in the unfolding of world events.

“An education in the classics helped give me a mature perspective on what was happening around me,” he added. “It gave me a sense of historical continuity and humility.”

As his classmates at Richmond were receiving their diplomas, Saunders was en route to Europe, where he did graduate work as an archaeologist in Germany and England. He then earned a master’s degree at Tulane University, where he also taught Latin. A Fulbright grant took him to the University of Bonn in Germany, where he studied folklore and mythology.

Saunders’ horizons broadened. “After seeing some of the world, somehow going into academics no longer seemed as interesting.”

He joined the Air Force and spent time in Southeast Asia and Japan. After the Vietnam war, Saunders joined the Foreign Service. His first commission was to Iran during the period leading up to the Iranian revolution and the overthrow of the Shah.

Next, he was assigned to the American embassy in Bonn, where he worked in political and military affairs. After that, it was on to Iceland and Sweden and Saudi Arabia. He regards the latter among the most fascinating postings of his career. He accompanied the U.S. ambassador to meetings with the Saudi king and other ministers of state, and he was there when the Gulf War broke out.

“I saw the country change overnight from an extremely conservative Bedouin state to a country where you saw American GIs on the street in great numbers,” Saunders said. “You got to feel that this really was on the cusp of history.”

Saunders’ last assignment before retiring was a six-month tour in Bosnia to support the restoration of civil government to the Balkan area. Since Sept. 11, 2001, he has been called upon to support U.S. diplomatic efforts in Afghanistan and in Europe.

One of the greatest challenges of his career, Saunders said, was to learn about different cultures and how to live in them. “You have to make an entirely new circle of contacts every time you go to a new place.”

For Saunders, a classical education was excellent preparation. “Someone who has majored in the classics is someone who is well-educated,” he added. “At no point have I ever regretted having that background.”

1997

Jonathan Andrew Brand and his wife, Leigh Archer Brand, ’01, had a daughter, Lauren Grace, on Jan. 6, 2003.

Catherine P. Bradshaw is a doctoral student at Cornell University.

Maureen Flood works with Pact in Nairobi, Kenya. She handles new business development for the region and assists with a grassroots peace program in southern Sudan.

Molly Halning is a graduate of Georgia State University Law School and practices environmental law at Hunton and Williams in Atlanta.

Bryan Harris is a middle school orchestra and high school guitar teacher in Chesterfield County, Va. He is also in his second season as director of the University’s basketball pep band. He is a pit musician (mostly on electric bass), music director and composer for Richmond-area theater productions.

Deborah Hauss married Robert Harris on July 6, 2002. She is a high school math teacher in Loudoun County, Va.

Traci Margolis works for Accenture in Denver, Colo.

Ryan C. Moore married Cherle M. Koenig in October 2002. He is a CPA with Ernst & Young. The couple lives in New Orleans.


James E. Stone III is pastor of Sappington Baptist Church in Stony Creek, Va.

Sarah K. Taylor received a Fulbright grant from the U.S. State Department to teach in Salta, Argentina, during this past school year.

Beth Trahos, ’01, has been named a partner in the law firm of Holt York McCunn and High. She has been with the firm for five years and focuses on land-use, municipal and administrative law.

Christopher E. Trible, ’01, has joined McClure Woods as an associate in the products liability and litigation management department.

Harold M. Turner graduated from California Western School of Law.
and passed the Washington State Bar in 2002. He is currently practicing in Washington.

Christine Marie Wang completed her first marathon in Anchorage, Alaska.

Erlin Elizabeth Watkins and Michael Christopher Quinn were married in November 2002. She is a project manager in the Corporate IT division of the American Red Cross.

1998

Gordon Blair has joined the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smook and Stewart, PC, as an associate in its Birmingham, Ala., office.

Chris Cestaro, a recent graduate of the New York University School of Performing Arts, is a professional dancer. He was chosen to play the role of Julio in the off-Broadway musical, Love, Your Lovin.

1999

Shireen Arani graduated from Boston University School of Law and practices with a Boston firm.

W. Daniel Beeman completed the work for a master’s degree in philosophy and is continuing his studies in sacred theology at Catholic University in preparation for ordination as a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Melinda Beth Bereski and Cedric A. Moore Jr. were married on July 6, 2002. Included in the wedding party were Anne Griffin ’99 and G’00, Samantha Pulaski, Wendy Cluse, Beth Counselman and Meredith Walker. Melinda is pursuing a doctorate degree in counseling psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. She works part time as an undergraduate advisor.

Relenee Cook, ’98, has been named an associate at the Rhea & Miller law firm in Staunton, Va.

Brandon Caroline Cox is in the doctoral pharmacology program at Georgetown University. She is Young Grad co-chair, with Leigh Ann Shaffner, ’01, for the Washington, D.C., alumni chapter.

Karen Erickson is a video editor in Los Angeles, where one of her projects is working on the nomination clip packages for the Academy Awards telecast.


Marc Arthur Gaudet is a Peace Corps volunteer in eastern Bolivia. He is living in a small village without running water, electricity or phones. He teaches hygiene and nutrition to younger children and English to older students.

Jamie Kyron Gaymon is employed by Comsys Inc. as a placement manager and is studying for the LSAT.

Jamin Joyle is working as an independent mortgage loan closing agent at Richmond.

Douglas Ewing Nickels is pursuing his master’s degree in history at Richmond.

2001

Deborah Faye Barfield, L, has been appointed assistant director of the Nonprofit Enterprise Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University, which is an administrative faculty position in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

Geeta Bhagchandani and Vinod Chugani were married on June 15, 2002. They reside in Tokyo, Japan.

Lawrence Elliott Blake, GB, is a military operations analyst for the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico, Va.

Uma Chetty, GB, lives in Richmond with her husband and two sons, ages 1 and 7.

Ginger Doyel illustrated a children’s book, Gertrude the Albino Frog and her Friend Rupert the Turtle, written by Marcia Silvermetz. Intended for 4- to 10-year-olds, it is a tale about diversity, respect and tolerance.

Jason T. Gaccione works for L.J. Melody in New York City as a mortgage banker.

Emily Hansen is employed by Bull Realty Inc. in Atlanta.

Halide Elizabeth Henderson works in product development and licensing for the National Geographic Society in Washington.

Bryan Harris ’97, is director of the University’s basketball pep band as well as a pit musician, music director and composer for Richmond-area theater productions.
Kristin Marie Weber and Shane Lee Jimson, ’00 and ’03, were married in Coralia, N.C. Included in the wedding party were David Hudson, ’03, and Julie Rumble, ’02. The couple lives in Richmond.

Katherine Leigh Yetman teaches second grade at Shady Grove Elementary School in Glen Allen, Va.

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1937/Lordon G. Mallooney, R., of Richmond, Nov. 26, 2002. He served in the South Pacific and received seven World War II medals and a letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. He retired with the rank of commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was chairman of the merchandise division of the National Retail Merchants Association. He retired as senior vice president in charge of buying and sales promotion for the Miller & Rhodes division of Garfinckel, Brooks Bros., Miller & Rhodes Inc. He served on the boards of many Richmond-area organizations. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

1937/Harry A. Young, R., of Issaquah, Wash., Dec. 31, 2000. He was a teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal at Atlantic City High School for more than 33 years. An accomplished golfer, he served as sponsor for the school's golf team. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a weather officer and continued in the Air Force Reserve until his retirement in 1975. While in the Air Corps, he trained pilots and flight crews in weather forecasting. He also worked as a chemist and metallurgist.

1938/Mildred Lewis Masengill, W., of Richmond, Jan. 30, 2000.

1938/Polu P. Siegal, R., of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dec. 24, 2002. He taught in the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama for 43 years and was then appointed professor emeritus.

1939/Anne Scott Campbell, W., of Richmond, March 21, 2002.


1939/Ernest H. Williams Jr., L., of Richmond, Feb. 19, 2003. He served two terms in the Virginia House of Delegates before being called into the Army in World War II. He served as executive director of the Virginia Highway Users Association, representing the trucking industry before the state General Assembly, U.S. Congress and related government agencies. He was a backer of the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. He was counsel to the law firm of White, Blackburn and Conte.

1940/Hilda Paten Starkey, W., of Isle of Wight, Va., Aug. 3, 2002.


1941/William F. Parker, Jr., of Richmond, Jan. 23, 2003. He was a former state senator who served as president pro tempore of the Senate. He also served as commonwealth's attorney for Henrico County and a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. As a legislator, he led the fight to preserve the architectural integrity of the State Capitol, defeating efforts to alter Thomas Jefferson's original design. He was chief patron of legislation creating the Science Museum of Virginia and legislation that gave Virginians the option to support non-game wildlife on their state tax returns. He also played a major role in routing Interstate 64 through Henrico County to Charlottesville. He was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, and he retired as a colonel from the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.


1941/Mary Alderson Graham, W., of Irvington, Va., Dec. 26, 2002. She was an active member of Irvington Baptist Church. Before moving from Richmond 20 years ago, she belonged to the Tuckahoe Woman's Club and Second Baptist Church. In both Richmond and Lancaster, she ardently supported Meals-on-Wheels.


1944/Preston J. Taylor, R., of Richmond, Jan. 23, 2003. He was a minister for nearly 60 years and served as pastor of four Baptist churches in the Richmond area - Carmel, Winfree Memorial, Bethel and Newbridge. He also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Aisy, N.C., and as associate pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church in Richmond. In 1974, he became president and chaplain of Woody Funeral Home, where he presided over more than 2,000 funerals.


1947/John R. Rush, R.G.35, of Richmond, Dec. 26, 2002. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Legion. He was also an active volunteer at the Science Museum of Virginia.

1948/Ellen Patricia Adams, W., of Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 8, 2002.

1949/Charles Thomas Bolling, R., of Goode, Va., Jan. 9, 2003. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater. He retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 25 years of service. He was a trustee of the Pamunkey Regional Library Board and a member and ordered elder in Byrd Presbyterian Church.

1949/William H. Garren, R., of Wethersfield, Conn., Jan. 10, 2003. He was retired from corporate finance at Travelers Insurance. He was active in First Presbyterian Church, Hartford, where he held various offices and was an ordained elder.

1950/Cabeil H. Cobb, W., of Vinton, Va., Dec. 6, 2002. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Army as a regular officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Korean War. He served as chief commissioner of the United States Court of Appeals. He was a partner in the firm of Wellington, Cobb, Goodwin and Glass. He was an active member of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton.

1950/Winfield J. Kohler, B., of North Plainfield, N.J., Dec. 20, 2002. He retired as president of the Kohler-MacBean Insurance Agency in Cranford, N.J. In 1983, he was a past president of the Union County New Jersey Association of Independent Insurance Agents, the Cranford Business Association and the Cranford Kiwanis Club. He served in the U.S. Army. He also was warden of the Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield.

1950/Charles M. Suttonfield, R., of Lynchburg, Va., January 1, 2003. An opthalmologist and eye surgeon, he was known for implementing advanced surgical techniques in the Lynchburg area. He also helped establish emergency medicine departments at Petersburg General, Johnston-Willis and Chippenham hospitals. He served as a medical missionary in Haiti and Nigeria and also served in the U.S. Navy. He played third base for a semi-professional baseball team, the South Boston Wrappers. In his later years, he was an award-winning artist and accomplished golfer.

1953/Audrey Hetzel Ligon, W., of Holden Beach, N.C., Nov. 16, 2002. She was a member of River Road Church and was warden of the Holden Beach Chapel. She was a past director of Bon Air Baptist Church nursery school.

1953/Neil Young Manson, G., of Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 3, 2002. A career educator, he served as a teacher and administrator in the Virginia school districts of Hanover, Brunswick, Greensville and Emporia. After retirement, he became active in the Virginia Retired Teachers Association. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a charter member of the Lawrenceville Rotary Club and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.


1955/William Mazel, L., of Norfolk, Va., Dec. 3, 2002. He practiced law for more than 50 years in Norfolk, where he also served as a substitute circuit court judge. He taught business law to high school students and was a retired professor at Old Dominion University. He was a founder and president of the Hebrew Academy and founder of the Tidewater School for children with learning disabilities. He was also president of B'nai Israel Synagogue and on the board of directors at Beth Sholom Home of Eastern Virginia and DePaul Hospital. He received the distinguished service award and Man of the Year from B'nai Brit. For many years, he wrote a landlords and tenants column for The Virginian-Pilot. While in the U.S. Air Force, he served as a special investigator.

1955/George L. Walker Jr., R., of Richmond, Nov. 29, 2002. He sang professionally in New York prior to serving in World War II in the Navy. He was employed by Virginia-Carolina Chemical, later Mobil Chemical, as a research chemist and helped pioneer an early recycling program.


1957/Betty Davis Cocke, W., of Salem, Va., July 18, 2002.

1957/Thomas J. Harlan Jr., R.G.61, of Virginia Beach, Oct. 13, 2002. He retired as a commander from the United States Naval Reserve, having served aboard the USS Missouri and the USS Mississippi. He was the founder and senior partner of the law firm of Harlan & Flora in Norfolk. He was a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was listed in the Martindale Hubbell Register of Preeminent Lawyers and The Best Lawyers in America.

1959/Byron D. Peterson, B., of Richmond, Jan. 14, 2003. He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Reynolds Metals after 35 years of employment. He was active in the Derbyshire Baptist Church.

1959/Robert Eliot Bateman, R., of Richmond, Jan. 26, 2003. He was a retired community relations manager for Philip Morris and a past president of the National Tobacco Festival. He previously served as an agent for the Travelers Insurance Co. He was active in the community as a member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, president of the Richmond Public Relations Association and board member for the United Givers Fund. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the Philippines and in Okinawa.


1955/William J. Thacker, R., of Brooklynville, Ind., Dec. 19, 2002. He worked for Standard Oil Co. after college and before he started his
own business, the E.K. Williams Co. He later sold that business and retired.

1958/Donald R. Howren, L, of Richmond, Dec. 20, 2002. He served for 38 years with Henrico County as assistant commonwealth’s attorney, commonwealth’s attorney and judge in the General District Court. He was a member of River Road Church, Baptist. He served in the Marines during the Korean War. He was a retired Richmond attorney and deputy sheriff for Henrico County.

1960/Clinton B. Corry Sr., L, of Richmond, Dec. 31, 2002. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a practicing attorney in Richmond at Corry & Corry, P.C.

1960/John Bickerton Proffitt Jr., L, of Richmond, April 19, 1999. He was a retired Richmond attorney and deputy sheriff for Henrico County.

1962/George W. Farley, B, L, of Amelia, Va., Oct. 16, 2002. He practiced law with his own firm until the time of his death. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a 33rd degree Mason and held honorary memberships in many other Masonic lodges. He also was a Venerable Master of the Scottish Rite and a member of the Acca Temple. In addition, he was a member of the Truxillo Hunt Club and Trinity United Methodist Church in Amelia.

1962/William J. Mason, B, of Richmond, Nov. 19, 2002. He was a retired official with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.


1979/George N. Grogan Jr., B, of Culpeper, Va., Jan. 18, 2003. He was an active member of the Culpeper Presbyterian Church. He was also an active member of the Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served on the board of Second Bank & Trust and was past chairman of the Culpeper chapter of the American Cancer Society.


1979/A. Edward Meeks, III, L, of Amherst, Va., Aug. 13, 2002. He served in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star. He joined the Amherst Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office, where he became the top prosecutor. He received the Robert F. Horan Jr. Award from the Virginia Association of Commonweath’s Attorneys.

1975/Lewis P. Armstrong, R, of Culpeper, Va., Jan. 9, 2003. He was a dentist in the Culpeper area. He was an active member and elder of the Culpeper Presbyterian Church. He was also an active member of the Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served on the board of Second Bank & Trust and was past chairman of the Culpeper chapter of the American Cancer Society.


Life Lessons 101: Realistically approach the real world

“The Real World,” as portrayed by MTV in its hit show, may seem pretty hip. But most of us don’t live with six strangers in a trendy furnished loft in the downtown of a major city having our lives recorded for public viewing. However, for those who are interested, MTV does hold auditions.

For the rest of us, the real world is not always so entertaining and it doesn’t always air in prime time. However, the real world does hold promise for the future — or at least that’s the standard plan for college graduates.

Watch the nightly news or let your eyes rest momentarily on the headlines in the newspapers you pass on the street corners or in your neighbor’s driveway. You cannot miss the messages about layoffs, cutbacks and other challenges that lie ahead for those entering the besieged job market.

What happened to the days when having a college degree meant having a job waiting for you?

These days, you take a stroll through bookstores and have your choice of hundreds of titles promising the most clever cover letters and resumes that will win you the job of your dreams — and maybe even a free trip for two to paradise! But I still have not found the book that will supply me the experience needed for that knock-’em-out resume.

Armed with my soon-to-be degree in rhetoric and communication studies, I began my job search in earnest last summer, just before I graduated. With my stack of suggested job-hunting reading material by my side, I examined my skills and interests until I nearly drove myself mad. I interviewed with companies and applied for jobs day after day in nearly every industry that even remotely intrigued me. All of this was taking place during my final days of college while I was also interning in the Cable News Network’s guest booking department.

Then one day I realized that like most people looking for things, the best opportunity in the world for me was already before me — at CNN. The energy of the newsroom, the incredible people, and the constant challenges of research and investigations had captivated me. I realized I was not ready to give that up at the summer’s end in exchange for my degree.

But how could I get a real job with the World’s News Leader? Much like a starved animal, I sought advice on entry-level employment.

“You have to be in the right place at the right time,” most people said. In the news business, I could not anticipate when the right time would be. So, while I had the opportunity to make an impression, I starting showing up for my unpaid internship every chance I got. Fortunately, all of the extra hours I put in — especially early weekend mornings — paid off with incomparable experience and exceptional training, which led to my later freelancing for the guest booking department.

I learned all I could about the position I was pursuing, the company itself and the characteristics an ideal CNN employee would possess. Then, I tried to find those attributes within my previous experiences and myself.

I was extremely fortunate. My solid references, hard work and good timing put me in the right place at the right time. I started working as a full-time video journalist with CNN in September, just a few weeks after graduating.

“The reality of the ‘real world’ is that no two people will ever get a job the same way.”

The reality of the “real world” is that no two people will ever get a job the same way. But by synthesizing words of wisdom from others, I can offer my personal list of job-hunting and career-building tips:

■ Play up your strengths and make the most of your experiences.
■ Never think any task is impossible.
■ Your personal traits of dependability, flexibility and communication skills are stronger than you may realize.
■ Attitude and enthusiasm are everything.
■ Seek out feedback on your resume.
■ Become an authority on the industry you want to pursue.
■ Try to enjoy the adventure leading to your employment.
■ Thank everyone along the way for their advice, their help, their teachings and their time.
■ Be prepared. There certainly are elements of the great employment quest that are out of your control; however, preparation enhances and speeds the journey.

Go for the job that best defines who you are, showcases your talent and allows you to put 100 percent of yourself into it. It’s a tough “real world” out there — be prepared to embrace it with its gifts and challenges.

Kelly Gyenes ’02

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Springfield, Va., have achieved two firsts: members of the inaugural 1994 graduating class at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, they are the first Jepson graduates to marry Richmond attorney Robert Grey, president of the American Bar Association, with Jepson Dean Kenneth P. Ruscio and former presidential adviser David Gergen at the Jepson School's gala 10th anniversary celebration at the Jefferson Hotel.

This group of alumni has faithfully attended the Richmond/William & Mary game for 25 consecutive years, bearing the same flag for the past five years. Pictured (left to right) Erik. R. Christensen Jr., R'56; George Riggs, B'57; Walter P. Lysaght, R'56; Donald B. Williams, B'53; and William H. Reynolds, R'56.

Richmond attorney Robert Grey, president of the American Bar Association, with Jepson Dean Kenneth P. Ruscio and former presidential adviser David Gergen at the Jepson School's gala 10th anniversary celebration at the Jefferson Hotel.

During a Class of 1952 mini-reunion in the Raleigh-Durham area, Anne Gilson Hill (front left) led members of the class on a tour of the University of North Carolina's George Watts Hill Alumni Center, which was built in memory of her late husband.

W.W. Huff, R'61, and C. Norman Woerner, B'52, share a coffee break during an alumni trip to New Zealand and Australia.

Members of the Board of Associates and the President's Council toured the new Weinstein Hall.

While in West Palm Beach, the first female dean of the business school, Karen L. Newman, had lunch with the first female business school graduate, Helen Aebli Bayles, B'53.
Reunion Weekend 2003

F.W. Boatwright Society Dinner and Annual Meeting

Alumni from the Class of 1938 reminisce with fellow classmates.

Members of the Class of 1943 follow Willard W. Burton '43 during the procession of alumni into dinner.

Class of 1953 alumni enjoy dinner.

Class of 1948 Dinner

Fifty five years and still going strong.

Unveiling of Tom Pollard Portrait

Family members of the retired dean of admission join him for the unveiling of his portrait, which will hang in Sarah Brunet Hall. Pictured 1-r: Thomas N. Pollard Jr. '53; his daughter Garnett "Tinsley" Pollard, '87; his wife Carter S. Pollard, C'75; and his daughter Katherine C. "K.C." Brown-Mowers, '84.

Open House at the President's Home

William E. Cooper and his wife, Clarissa Holmes, greet Suzanne K. Bunting and Dorothy "Dottie" Goodman Lewis, both Class of 1958.
Members of the Class of 1988 reconnect, l-r: Elizabeth “Liz” Francy Demaret, Margaret “Peggy” White, Lenore Vassil, and Bevlyn Brousseau Donohue

Michele Madeksza, '78 and Cyndi Weidler Massad, '78 pair up a quarter century later.

SCS garden party

The School of Continuing Studies 40th anniversary garden party was testimony to the fact that the school is strong and still growing. Copies of Odyssey: Journeys in Lifelong Learning, the school's commemorative history book, were signed at the party.

Cynthia Murfee, '92; Connie Harvey, '95; Kim Kincheloe, guest; Dr. Michael Wriston, adjunct professor; Fran Householder, '93; Scott Shattuck, '95; and Valerie Agnew, '96, president of the UC/SCS Alumni Association.

The three surviving deans of the School of Continuing Studies attended the party. Pictured, from left, are James L. Narduzzi, current dean; Martin L. Shotzberger, founding dean; and James A. Moncur, second dean.

A gathering of two presidents. Former University presidents E. Bruce Hellman and Richard L. Morrill met up at the garden party.

R. Forest Persons, '51 is greeted by l-r Page McCray Miller, '53, Mary Hurt Winslow, '53, and Jane W. Councill, '53.

Future spiders? Mark Foster, '93, left, holding son Ben (mom is Kelly Wright '93) is joined by Matt Knisely, '94, and his son Jack (mom is Elizabeth “Lizzie” Knisely, '93).