OFFICE HOURS

Historian and University President Edward L. Ayers answers questions from alumni and students about history, higher education, and the University.

What is one thing you recommend that all students do to be more engaged in the Richmond community? —Mel Shuaipi, ’15
Love the city by enjoying it and making it even better. Go to wonderful places that also happen to be free, such as the Japanese gardens at Maymont, Pony Pasture on the James, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Then go to the Center for Civic Engagement and find ways to make your own contribution.

What do you find the most enjoyable and the most difficult parts of your job? —Dillon Massey, ’15
The two parts are related. The most enjoyable is seeing people at every stage of their relationship with the University, from prospective students to people who are here for their 65th reunion. The most difficult involves making decisions that are best for the institution in the long run but that affect an experience that means a great deal to students and alumni today.

Please let us know why you are planning to give up one of the core sports of a University sports program. Wouldn’t the University be better off refocusing on building an even more successful [track] program? —Michael Finn, ’02
In a school of our size and selectivity, we cannot have everything we might wish in Division I athletics. Cross-country, the largest part of our running program, will keep all its resources while the roster spots from indoor and outdoor track will permit many of our other sports, men’s and women’s, to become stronger.

Over time, historians’ research frequently appears at odds with eyewitness testimony, whether of victims or perpetrators. How ought this discrepancy be handled? —Simon Sibelman, R’70, executive director, Virginia Holocaust Museum
The truth often lies in the space between people’s memory and the written record. We can use the discrepancy between eyewitness accounts and other documents as a particularly revealing kind of information. No one sees the totality of a situation, even those who are within it.

As technology, shifting demographics, and rising costs affect higher education, are four-year, residential colleges sustainable? —Kathryn Masterson, ’96, freelance writer covering higher education
These are indeed challenging times for some residential colleges, but the University is particularly fortunate in having far-sighted benefactors, excellent management of our resources over the years, and many students who want to attend. Our financial strategy is sustainable, though we need to continue to be vigilant about living within our means. More broadly, I believe there will be a place for excellent four-year residential colleges because education is more than information transmission. The residential experience is transformative on multiple levels, both academic and personal.

What are the three most fundamental characteristics that have enabled the University to grow into a nationally recognized institution? —Charles L. Geshekter, R’65
First, opportunity. That’s been our hallmark from the very beginning. Second, sincere devotion to students. Across all generations, people remember how much the faculty really cared about them, whether they were here in the 1930s or 2010s. Third, inclusivity. The more inclusive we’ve become, the more welcoming we’ve become, the better we’ve become.

This year, we’ll mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Battle of Gettysburg. What lesser-known milestone is circled on your 2013 calendar?
In April 1863, as prices spiraled upward and supplies of essentials dwindled, white women led the Richmond Bread Riot, breaking into the stores and warehouses of merchants the rioters believed were exploiting them, dispersing only when militia fired on them. Important struggles of the Civil War took place far from the battlefield.
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RING DANCE

Not so black and white
Claire Dormer, ’14, works her way through the rack of long, white dresses with a clear image in her mind of the one she is looking for. In a few months, arm in arm with her father, she will walk down the grand staircase of the Jefferson Hotel wearing “the perfect dress.”

“Finding the right dress for Ring Dance is difficult because in the brief moments I have in front of my friends and family on those stairs, I want to feel like my dress is representative of who I am and my personality,” Dormer said. “I want everyone to see what my school has done for me and why I am so proud to be a Westhampton woman.”

In 2015, the centennial anniversary of the event, Ring Dance will feature junior women, sans escorts, in black dresses. The change from white to black attire, according to a letter from Westhampton Dean Juliette Landphair, resulted from concerns that white formal wear, frequently associated with weddings or debutante balls, is costly, impractical, and at odds with the event’s purpose of celebrating women’s academic accomplishments. The lack of escorts, Landphair explained, will further focus the celebration on each individual.

A story on The Collegian’s website about the change prompted a lot of debate, as some alumnae and students voiced displeasure at the changes, while others offered support.

“If you ask Westhampton alumnae from over the decades, you will find that Ring Dance has taken many forms,” Landphair said. “As the dean, my job is to ask how traditions make sense for today and tomorrow’s students. In looking at Ring Dance, we realized that there were students who felt excluded by aspects of the event. At its core, it is a celebration of academic achievement.”

—Anika Kempe, ’13

ELECTIONS

Elephants, donkeys, and Spiders
Richmond was front and center in the nation during the 2012 election season. Hours after the vice presidential debate, MSNBC’s Hardball host Chris Matthews did live interviews with attendees at a watch party on campus. Less than two weeks before the election, NBC’s Lester Holt hosted the Sunday Today show live from an outdoor set in front of Jepson and Ryland halls as Hurricane Sandy rolled in. Both Today and that evening’s NBC Nightly News broadcasts featured an interview with political science professor Ernest McGowen.

For broader perspective, the University welcomed back to campus Marisa Hall Summers, an ordinary citizen who stumped President George H.W. Bush with a question about the national debt during the first-ever town hall-style debate in 1992 in the Robins Center. Summers, debate host Carol Simpson, and other panelists discussed the debate’s legacy during a campus forum. “The fact that the citizens finally had a voice in the debates is one of the more significant parts of the legacy,” said panelist Diana B. Carlin, co-author of The 1992 Presidential Debates in Focus.

In October, President Edward L. Ayers interviewed Virginia Senate candidates Govs. Tim Kaine and George Allen on stage in the Modlin Center using questions submitted by Richmond students. The event launched the new Sharp Viewpoint Speaker Series, established in honor of Richard L. Sharp. Kaine, a senior distinguished lecturer in the leadership studies and law schools, won the Senate seat.
FEEDBACK

Mixed emotions
I wanted to take a moment to tell you how much I enjoyed “His Father’s Son” [Fall 2012]. Paul Brockwell’s words made me both cry and smile, and though I’ll probably never have the privilege of meeting Geoff Weathersby, I feel as if I already know his father and him well. A wonderful recognition of Geoff’s talent and ambition, and a touching tribute to his incredible dad.

—Bonnie Ellis, mother of Shaye Ellis, ’14
Hopkinton, Mass.

Disappointed
I am very disappointed in your decision to create such a large amount of plastic waste in delivering to us our recent alumni magazine. It was unnecessary and a very poor environmental precedent.

The bumper sticker certainly is no excuse. That could have been connected to a perforated page bound into the magazine. I really hope you rethink this approach and remember to be wiser about your environmental footprint.

—Todd Flora, ’93
Santa Monica, Calif.

Biker buddy
Recently read the article on Dr. Heilman and his motorcycle journey (“Around the Lake,” Fall 2012). He became president my senior year at U of R. At age 60, I purchased my second Harley and ride constantly for charities such as March of Dimes, Race for the Cure, Wounded Warriors, etc. I imagined a few more years of riding, but Dr. Heilman gave me encouragement to ride for many years to come.

—Michael Robertson, R’72
Cincinnati

Olympic caliber
As a recent graduate, I was looking forward to the arrival of my first copy of the alumni magazine. Having been part of the swim team all four years, I was excited to see a little snippet about the team (“Spider Swimmers Compete in Olympic Trials,” Fall 2012). I was, however, disappointed when I read the article about current swimmers Lauren Hines and Amalia Kobelja.

I, too, went to the Olympic Trials, except I competed three months earlier in the British Trials in London, as I am not a citizen over here. … I was one of only three swimmers on the team to achieve such a feat.

—Charlotte Brackett, ’12
Cambridge, Mass.

Brackett won seven medals at the 2012 Atlantic 10 Championship, including five golds and two silvers. At the British Trials, she competed in the women’s open 50m freestyle.

I took a computer science class at UR that year—and went through two more years of journalism classes using UR’s Smith Corona typewriters. … [Professor Michael] Spear taught us to read copy backwards to catch misspellings. I apply all that stuff every day still.

—Steve Dear, R’85

The first computer I ever saw in person (as opposed to a sci-fi movie) was at UR around 1970. It had its own entire ROOM (in Robins, I think). Its room was bigger than the one I shared with my roommate in North Court. … I went to see this oddity in much the same way I would have visited a zoo.

—Judith Thornhill Davis, W’72

It’s not that darn funny people!!! I REMEMBER those days!!

—Patty McGuire
GUIDES

A smart buy
The University stepped onto the threshold of the nation’s top-10 best value private colleges, according to the latest rankings by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance. UR moved up to 11 on this year’s list and remains among the few colleges and universities offering need-blind admission—not considering an applicant’s ability to pay in the admission decision—and meeting 100 percent of financial need.


SPACES

Architectural excellence
The chalkboard sign advertising nutella gelato at Passport Café might be what caught students’ eyes as they walked through the Carole Weinstein International Center this fall, but it was the building itself that the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects noticed.

This fall, the society awarded the center its 2012 award for Design Excellence in Contextual Design. The jury called the center “an outstanding building, clear in its concept and exemplary in its detailing. … The central courtyard is handsomely executed and rich with reference. The building is at once iconic and contextual.”

HEARD ON CAMPUS

“I thought that Bobby Kennedy was a new breed of politician. Sadly, he was the last of a breed, the last of the [politicians] who would get up and speak without notes and not consult their political consultants.”
—Joe Klein, TIME Magazine columnist and author, speaking as part of the Jepson Leadership Forum

“I thought, ‘Oh, look at that. Words come out of my mouth.’ And then it was alright, and then I quite enjoyed it.”
—Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, on answering her first question when she argued before the court as solicitor general in 2009

“If we don’t allow people to make a living, then people aren’t going to make the work. In the end, we’ll be poorer, not richer. … People with talent will say, ‘Well, I’m going to go into pharmaceuticals because I can make my money there.’”
—Composer Philip Glass discussing copyright law with law students during the Philip Glass Festival
“A place like no other on campus”
It took 10 pairs of giant scissors to cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the opening of the Student Activities Complex (left), a new $5 million student facility just west of North Court. Seven sorority cottages, plus one additional cottage and a 1,500-square-foot student center dubbed “The Web,” offer student organizations a common space “to sponsor events, be energized, or interact with others,” said Alison Bartel Keller, director of student activities.

In the media
“The Arab Spring produced a complex matrix of political instability,” Mimi Hanaoka, assistant professor of religion, wrote in a Los Angeles Times editorial in the days following the killing of four Americans in Benghazi, Libya. “Using religion alone to explain what’s happening is counter-factual and counterproductive.”

The New York Times turned to law professor Andy Spalding to explain why a law prohibiting U.S. companies from bribing foreign officials was snaring German, French, Japanese, and other foreign-based companies. “They are based, in part, in the United States,” he said. “A culture of compliance may be slower to take in other countries, and many are not aware of the rapid escalation of [these] cases or its broad jurisdictional scope.”

At the Smithsonian
“People are still talking about this,” President Edward L. Ayers told an audience of 200 students at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, where he moderated a panel discussion about the Emancipation Proclamation as its 150th anniversary approached.
“It shows ... just how deeply entrenched slavery was in this nation and how hard it ... remains to expunge it politically, economically, and socially and spiritually. We’re still wrestling with it.”
THOUGHT PROCESS

From ancient Athens ...
A few years ago, seniors in the Robins School of Business gave professor Joe Hoyle two superlatives: “scariest professor” and the one who “cares the most.” In September, Bloomberg Businessweek added a third: one of the country’s “favorite professors” for relying on the Socratic method to teach, of all disciplines, accounting.

“When I told my students that I was never going to lecture again—that I was only going to ask questions—they looked at me like I was from Mars,” the article quoted him saying. “The questions are as weird as I can make them. The idea is that I’m forcing them to think about things in a different way.”

... to pixelated dystopias
Leadership professor Kristin Bezio has heard it all before: Video games encourage violence and sex, make people stupid. Contemporaries said the same things about Shakespeare’s work, she said, “and now it’s considered one of our highest forms of art, which Shakespeare would’ve thought was deeply funny.”

The syllabus for her course on dystopia, revolution, and leadership lists the video game Bioshock alongside George Orwell and The Hunger Games as a required text. “As we study our culture and our ideas of who we are, where we want to go, and what we want to become,” she said, “it’s our popular culture that really shows that.”
Treasures

Poor Richard in Boatwright

Tucked away in a basement room all but invisible to the undergraduates studying nearby, Lynda Kachurek surveys the books and boxes stacked tidily around her. After years of safekeeping but only intermittent processing, the contents of this room in Boatwright Memorial Library have been known to only a few.

Kachurek, the new head of rare books and special collections, is charged with making its treasures more widely accessible. On this day, she'd returned with a visitor for something that had caught her eye, a folder labeled “Ben Franklin.” That description had left her too nervous to open it when she first saw it.

There are entire shelves of archival boxes that Kachurek has yet to open, their contents known, in some cases, only to whomever last closed them. From a blue box, she retrieved the Franklin folder. Inside, a clear green plastic sleeve held a letter that described in flourishing penmanship the business of an unnamed society. The letter, dated 1744, was signed “B. Franklin.”

“You must be like a kid in a candy store,” her visitor offered.

“Oh, I am,” she smiled.

Next is figuring out whether it’s an original. She has her doubts—and thousands more files to explore.

Local

What he’s having

In a small corner of the industrial-scale kitchen of Heilman Dining Center, pastry chef Joshua Carroll carefully assembles a handful of ginger and Asian pear upside down cakes and buttermilk pies.

He’s not making them for the students who crowd D-hall three times a day. The treats are headed downtown, to Richmond on Broad Café.

The café is part of UR Downtown, located at the corner of Seventh and Broad streets, a stone’s throw from the capitol. The facility, which opened in 2009, has become a central hub for experiential student learning and collaboration with nonprofit, government, and legal partners.

And now, after a September ribbon-cutting, it’s the place to get Carroll’s pastries, plus fresh salads, soups, and sandwiches, says chef Matt Lee (left). An emphasis on locally-sourced, fresh foods means the menu changes often.

“That’s one of the aspects I really enjoy about my job,” he said, “being able to create menus based on what’s fresh, what’s local, and what’s seasonal.”

Four reasons to source locally

When the café opened, chef Matt Lee estimated that 25 to 35 percent of the menu was locally sourced, a figure he’s working to get as high as 75 percent. Here’s why he says local sourcing makes sense for his customers and all of us:

1. Flavor Produce not locally sourced is often “picked early and ripened on the truck, so they don’t have the benefit of the sunlight and the rain to really develop the flavor.”

2. Community “I think it’s really important to source from local farmers to support them.”

3. Cost “A lot of times, it’s less expensive because you don’t have to pay the travel time,” though farms will sometimes charge more for specialty products, he says.

4. Sustainability “The less time it has to travel, the less impact it has on the environment.”
Men’s basketball celebrates 100th season

Just 22 years after James Naismith invented basketball, the University of Richmond assembled its first men’s team. To help commemorate this 100th season for Spider hoops, we compiled highlights decade by decade.

1913–14 to ’22–23
On Dec. 4, 1913, the basketball Spiders take the floor for the first time ever against the Richmond Howitzers, a military unit, falling 40-12. The first intercollegiate game played in Richmond is a 38-16 victory over Hampden-Sydney College Jan. 31, 1914. A report in the Richmond Times-Dispatch reads: “Basketball, by the enthusiasm displayed last night, has come to stay at Richmond College.”

1923–24 to ’32–33
Frank Dobson, the father of Spider basketball, closes out his basketball coaching career Feb. 25, 1933, with a 50-40 victory over Randolph-Macon College and a 168-112 overall record. “Dobbie,” who also coached the baseball and football teams, guided his basketball squads to four state championships. At times they seemed invincible, winning 21 straight in one stretch.

1933–34 to ’42–43
Coach Malcolm Upshur “Mac” Pitt’s 1934–35 team goes 20-0, the Spiders’ only undefeated season. The winning streak stretches back to the previous season and into the following season for a total of 24 games, the longest winning streak in school history.

1943–44 to ’52–53
On Feb. 3, 1953, the powerful North Carolina Tar Heels come to town as heavy favorites to play UR in the Benedictine High School gym. In one of Richmond’s most thrilling victories, the Spiders win 87-82 in double overtime behind Warren Mills’ 17 points. A two-time All-State player, he will become the first Spider player to have his uniform number, 23, retired.

1953–54 to ’62–63
Coach Lester Hooker’s 1953–54 team posts a 23-8 record and marches to an undefeated record in 10 games against Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Institute, University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee University, taking the Commonwealth’s “Big Five” title.

NEW LEADERSHIP
Keith Gill named AD
At his introductory press conference, the University’s new director of athletics sported a crisp Richmond necktie as he summed up his mood: “It’s a great day to be a Spider.”
Keith Gill came to Richmond from American

Stick Work

Tantalizingly close
The field hockey team brought a No. 16 national ranking and an 11-game winning streak to the A-10 championship game, but an 0-5 loss to University of Massachusetts kept them just outside the 16-team NCAA tournament.

Five Spiders were named to the A-10 First and Second All-Conference teams, and three made the All Rookie Team, including A-10 Rookie of the Year Taylor Dietrick.

Senior Liesl Schnuck was named Academic All-Conference.
On Senior Day Oct. 21, sophomore Rebecca Barry juggled the ball with her stick to start a sensational goal that made ESPN Sportscenter’s top-10 plays of the day. See it at http://bit.ly/UywNpU.

A UR vs. UVA game ball, circa 1920s
Call it a mirror image. A Spider squad that finished 3-8 improved to 8-3 this season and earned a share of the Colonial Athletic Association Cup under first-year coach Danny Rocco. Eleven players earned All-CAA honors. After the final game—a 21-14 thriller over William & Mary to take back the Capital Cup—junior wide receiver Ben Edwards spoke about his new coach’s impact: “Coach Rocco is changing the culture around here starting the moment he stepped in. We just have completely changed our mindsets around here to a winning mindset and that’s what we have been able to do all season.”

1983–84 Spiders

1963–64 to ’72–73
After a middling decade, Spider basketball is transformed when the new, state-of-the-art Robins Center opens in December 1972. A little more than two months later, the Spiders foreshadow better years ahead by beating heavily favored Virginia Tech 94-93 in double overtime. Aron Stewart scores 41 points and finishes the season with a 30.2 scoring average, fourth best in the country.

1973–74 to ’82–83
Bob McCurdy scores a UR-record 53 points in a 101-97 double-overtime win over Appalachian State Feb. 26, 1975, and leads the nation in scoring with a 32.9 average for the season. McCurdy still has six of the top 11 scoring nights in UR history.

1983–84 to ’92–93
Coach Dick Tarrant’s Spiders make the NCAA Tournament’s Sweet Sixteen in 1988 after upsetting fourth-seed and defending champion Indiana Hoosiers and fifth-seed Georgia Tech. Tarrant’s teams were giant killers, knocking Charles Barkley’s Auburn team out of the 1984 tournament and becoming the first 15 seed to knock off a two seed by beating Syracuse 73-69 in the 1991 tournament. 1986 graduate Johnny Newman becomes (and remains) the school’s all-time leading scorer with 2,383 career points; his No. 20 jersey is retired.

1993–94 to ’02–03
After the program struggles, new coach John Beilein turns things around in the 1997–98 season with an opening 83-79 double-overtime win over Virginia, a 23-8 record, the program’s 1,000th victory, the Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship, and more giant killing as the 14th-seeded Spiders upset third-seed South Carolina 62-61 in the NCAA tournament.

2003–04 to present
In the 2011 NCAA Tournament, coach Chris Mooney’s 12th-seeded Spiders shock another high seed, this time Vanderbilt, on their way to another Sweet Sixteen. It is the fifth time in program history that the Spiders pull off an upset as a double-digit seed in the NCAA tournament. Senior Kevin Anderson finishes his career with 2,165 points, second on the all-time scoring list.

—Randy Hallman
It’s been called our nation’s founding river, a muddy umbilical cord, and the dirtiest river in America. No matter what you call it, Richmond wouldn’t be The River City without it.
Two mountain streams wind along parallel paths approaching Iron Gate, Va., home to fewer than 400 people. Here, the James River begins to take shape. It continues for nearly 350 miles, twisting and bending and winding, gliding through open farmland and rushing over rocky rapids until meeting its final briny fate as it pours into the expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. In many ways, Richmond’s beginnings are as unremarkable as the head of the James. Expected, even. As our nation’s founders set out across the colony, they were guided inland by the river until a 105-foot descent at the Falls of the James determined that they would go no further.

Building a community alongside the banks of a river was not a new idea. The view from Richmond’s Libby Hill conjured images of England’s Thames River. The river provided food and water, and allowed for travel, shipping, and industry.

“They settled next to the river because of its soothing environment,” says Todd Lookingbill, assistant professor of geography and the environment. “They felt a strong visual connection, they loved the sound of the river, and there were practical reasons—the shipping, power, and industry. We recreated, we extracted water for drinking, we used it for energy.

“And then we threw all of our refuse back into the river.”

AN UNNATURAL COURSE
Upstream and downstream. Natural resources and natural stressors. People and water. They’re all connected.

These relationships are also the connection between Lookingbill and his study of watersheds. A watershed is an area where all water—from rain to tributaries to groundwater—drains to a common destination, linking the plants, animals, and people living there. The James River Watershed is 10,000 square miles—nearly a quarter of the state and home to nearly one-third of Virginians.

Lookingbill’s exploration of watersheds brought him to the University of Richmond, where the history and natural landscape of the James River provide a living laboratory for studying the ongoing relationship between residents and their flowing water.

“Throughout the 1800s, the river is basically viewed as a resource,” Lookingbill says. “We were extracting water out and then putting waste back in. In the 1900s, internationally and here in Richmond, we turned our backs to the river a bit.”

He describes the increase of floodwalls that separate citizens from their rivers. He refers to the levees of New Orleans and Mississippi and to other ways of containing water sources. He talks about a human need to control rivers, about attempts to clean them by removing dirt and debris. He even mentions the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ practice of straightening rivers.

“They thought it was unnatural for a stream to meander and to bend,” he says. “We had a totally different concept of what rivers should be.”

But stream straightening, river cleansing, and floodwalls were just the beginning of trouble for the James. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Life Sciences Products, a chemical factory in Hopewell, Va., was the sole producer of Kepone, a chemical similar to DDT used for roach and ant traps. The factory released as much as 200,000 pounds of the substance into the environment, including into the James River.

When the practice was exposed, Richmond became the center of an environmental uproar. National media descended, and the James achieved a reputation as one of the dirtiest rivers in America. In 1975, Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. shut down all fishing in the James River from Richmond south to the Chesapeake Bay. The restriction would remain for 13 years.

While the James was being flooded with Kepone, the federal government was preparing to pass a landmark environmental bill—the 1972 Clean Water Act—which called for meeting human recreation standards by 1983 and the elimination of toxins and water pollution by 1985.
Getting there

While the Riverfront Development Plan focuses on the area from Rocketts Landing to the Lee Bridge, the University is evaluating its own accessibility to the waters. The river is just a hop, skip, and jump from campus, but the path includes major intersections, few traffic lights, and a difficult descent down the riverbank. An ecocorridor, which some have jokingly started to call the Spider Trail, is being explored to connect campus and the James River.

“...The Clean Water Act was huge,” Lookingbill says. “It can’t be overemphasized. It allowed a lot of the water quality changes that have come about, where you’re not seeing contaminated sewage water float by you.”

The Clean Water Act was a major impetus for changing industrial practices and protecting the city’s greatest natural resource, but getting citizens to see the James River as clean and usable proved to be a more difficult turn to navigate.

IT MOVES ALONG

Leadership professor Don Forsyth winds his way through Richmond’s Northside neighborhood, knocking on doors and speaking to any resident who answers. He asks about their awareness of nearby streams and rivers, their attitudes toward water, and their willingness to represent their community.

The simple survey is carefully crafted to answer Forsyth’s biggest question: If people are aware that they live in a watershed and play a role in its health, will they make changes to protect it? “That’s the weird thing about water—it moves along,” Forsyth says. “If you do something bad to it, it goes away from you. So the psychology is different than the psychology of destroying land, which will always be there. But the water just keeps going.”

Forsyth found that most residents assumed that all wastewater went to a treatment plant and back into the James. And because the state of the James is greatly improved, they had nothing to worry about. “If your car has a little leak, you have to put oil in it every couple of months and you don’t worry about it too much,” he says. Most people think the oil that falls on the driveway or parking lot somehow finds its way to a treatment plant. “But that’s not what happens. It gets washed by the rain from the parking lot into the pond or the stream and then into the James.”

But the more residents understood the contamination and the impact of their behaviors, Forsyth discovered, the more likely they were to take action to keep their neighborhood streams clean.

Forsyth’s insight about personal awareness is something Lookingbill sees following the implementation of the Clean Water Act. “It’s natural to be drawn to water,” he says. “People are made of water. Most have grown up around a river. Most of our cities are on the water. It’s almost unnatural not to embrace it. It takes a very small push to get that momentum going and to get people to re-embrace their natural instincts.”

While awareness is one source of that momentum, some residents are motivated when they recognize their role as a community representative. In a later study, Forsyth—who specializes in studying group dynamics—found that a sense of community was a critical indicator of a person’s commitment to change. “We have lots of selves, and sometimes we overlook that group-level self,” he says. “If you can get them to think more about their connections to others, their membership in the larger group, the theory was that we’re engaging that larger self—the
self that identifies with other people. The idea was, rather than getting people to change as individuals, it might be better to get them to change as members of the community."

TO THE SEA GRASSES
A few weeks into the semester, Lookingbill takes his students out on the James River on a rafting trip to get a view of the river you can only get up close.

Lookingbill keeps his direction to a minimum. This isn’t about students listening to him lecture about the ecology of the watershed. The students point out osprey and the occasional bald eagle flying overhead. A young couple sitting on the banks. The wildness of the water moving through the rapids.

As the students follow the course of the river, observations start to shift. They notice exposed rocks, dragonflies, and aquatic vegetation.

"That’s generally how we take in nature," Lookingbill says. "We look at the grand vista first, but then we focus on the little things that are just as fascinating. Unfortunately, in today’s world, we don’t always have that time."

We move away from the area before we’ve psychologically moved from the big vista to the sea grasses."

In some ways, Richmond residents are much like Lookingbill’s students. The Clean Water Act was critical to the rebirth of the ecology of the watershed. One of the greatest success stories is the dramatic return of the bald eagle population along the James River, which increased from zero breeding pairs in the 1970s to 174 pairs in 2011. Sturgeon, which were thought to be extinct in the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic Coast, have also returned. A heron rookery is perched downtown, and in 2009, a manatee was spotted swimming in Richmond.

As natural life gained new ground, city residents started to pay attention. A camera pointed on a pair of bald eaglets captured the attention of nearly two million viewers from February to June 2012. Their hatching in mid-March even rivaled local interest in the NCAA basketball tournament runs by the Spiders and Virginia Commonwealth University.

"At one point, they had to shut down the site because the eaglets were fighting each other," Lookingbill says. "It’s a natural part of the biology that they compete for the food that the parents bring back, and one gets bigger than the other and starts to bully the other one around. They both made it, which is the great part. It was a happy ending."

The watershed has also taken shape as an outside classroom for many students. Biology classes frequently test water quality on campus, including the lake, Little Westham Creek, and along the Gambles Mill trail, and look for the presence of macro-invertebrates—a key indicator of a healthy water source. The experience helps students answer questions about ecology, biology, geography, culture, economics, history, and community.

Lookingbill asked his Geography of the James River class in spring 2011 to decide whether Richmond was the best example of a fall-line ecosystem in the country. Some students were so convinced they submitted a proposal asking the National Park Service to designate

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Water, water everywhere

It’s the first day of management professor Andy Litteral’s first-year seminar, Water: Economics, Politics, and Policy. He hands out a single piece of paper asking a few simple questions: How much water do you use a month? What was your last water bill? Where does your water come from? For most of the students, this is their first college class, their first college professor, and their first college assignment.

Some start writing immediately, while others extend their hands with a nervous glance around the room. “What if I don’t know the answer?” some ask.

“Just write what you know,” Litteral responds. A few weeks later they’ll be discussing hydraulic fracking, privatization of public water infrastructure, and religious implications in water conflict resolution. They begin to see that the issues of water extend well past the end of the tap and beyond the banks of the rivers like the James.

A RIVER RENAISSANCE

Drive from Southside Richmond into downtown today, and you’ll cross over the James River along the Lee Bridge, approaching Belvidere Street. To the right, you’ll see an urban skyline of shining modern architecture. To the left, the 150-year-old tombstones of Hollywood Cemetery rise out of the surrounding wilderness. Walk across the footbridge to Belle Isle and you’ll just as likely be next to a group of tattooed hipsters with coolers of beer as a young family out for an afternoon picnic. You’ll cross paths with hikers and bikers, fishermen and kayakers, naturalists and historians. And you’ll be hard-pressed to find a patch of unoccupied rock.

Richmonders of all walks of life are rediscovering what it means to live along the banks of the James.

The city planning commission is using this enthusiasm as a catalyst in developing the Downtown Master Plan and the recently approved Richmond Riverfront Plan. Commissioner Amy Howard, who is also director of the University’s Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, explains that when the city looked to residents to form a collective vision for the future of the city’s riverbanks, the response was overwhelming. In public forums, citizens talked about their love for the river,
the wide-ranging variety of activities they engage in, and the challenges of accessing the river.

“The general consensus from the public was what an asset and a jewel the river is, and a deep and shared desire to make it easier to get to, use, and appreciate,” Howard says. “It’s really not all that easy to navigate. There are a lot of people who don’t know where Texas Beach is and who don’t know that you can paddleboard or kayak. We wanted to know, ‘How can we make it accessible to anyone who wants to get their feet wet?’

The plan defines regions for wildlife, urban riverfronts, green spaces, recreation, and parks. It will accommodate everything from bird watching, education, and kayaking to festivals, restaurants, and art.

“When you’re on I-95, you cannot even begin to imagine that such a beautiful, natural resource like the James River is running through the center of the city,” Howard says. “Richmond has unlimited potential as a river city. Unlimited.”

Richmond residents also showed they have swagger when it comes to the city’s river. This summer, Outside magazine set out to find “America’s most progressive, adventurous, and livable river towns.” The frontrunners were well-known river destinations like Nevada City, Calif., and Durango, Colo. Outside writer Jon Stillman considered his stop in Richmond a courtesy visit.

“I figured I’d end up writing about Missoula, Mont., or Hood River, Ore.,” he writes. “I’ve got the Rocky Mountain superiority complex when it comes to rivers; I knew Richmond was a candidate, but I didn’t seriously consider the possibility of Eastern time zones.”

But with a Facebook competition part of the mix, Richmonders rallied and won the title, proving what everyone here already knew: Richmond is the best river town in America.

The James River is still one of the dirtiest rivers in America, as sediment and runoff make their way into the water, but it’s a cleaner and more natural dirtiness. It’s what it’s supposed to be. And Richmond is exactly what it’s meant to be—a river city.

Kim Catley is a writer and editor in the office of University communications. This story carried her across each of Richmond’s bridges and off the beaten path for a new outlook on both the river and the River City.
Tucked away in the University’s strategic plan, “lurking behind a roman numeral, an Arabic numeral, and two lower-case letters in parentheses,” as President Edward L. Ayers joked at Colloquy in September, is a promise. The text is so buried, the language so dry, that it’s easy to miss.

But the promise is significant. It says that Richmond will provide students with opportunities for summer internships and research, either domestically or abroad, regardless of their financial circumstances.

It’s not that students don’t have these experiences in the summers and throughout the year. Many do, every semester across campus. You’ll meet nine of them in the pages that follow, some funded by the University and some not.

With more funding, all students who want them could be having such unique, powerful experiences. Graduate school and career opportunities for students are increasingly being shaped by what they learn and do beyond the classroom, whether in a lab or a library, in an office or the field. Our admission policies are need-blind; opportunity for students on campus should be too. That’s the power of the promise.

RICHMOND.EDU/CHALLENGE
Look at that face. Big, friendly, warm. Ronwyn Pritchett has the personality to match—outsized, easy-going, full of life. So when he tells you that as a kid his mouth ran ahead of his maturity and got him in all kinds of trouble, it’s not hard to imagine.

For most of Pritchett’s life, his dad has been in a care facility, the victim of a stroke. After eighth grade, Pritchett found the male role models he craved in his coaches and became a three-sport star, proudly opening dozens of letters from big-time football programs by his sophomore year.

Then one day his principal told him, “You know you’re not going to college, right?” He didn’t know, but she was right.

His grades were barely enough for high school. He buckled down, excelled, and earned a spot at UR, where he devotes his talent and drive to helping other boys growing up without strong male role models.

Through a program called Higher Achievement, he spent the summer teaching social studies at Henderson Middle School in Richmond’s Northside. His gregarious personality caught students’ attention and kept learning fun, but he also offered consistency, discipline, and high expectations, qualities he’s researching as part of a thesis.

“You can’t save everyone, but you can’t give up on anyone,” he says. He knows what he’s talking about.
Sparkly magic wands. Girly hair clips. Beads, necklaces, and charms. If she had the mind to do it, Margot Hillyer could’ve thrown the best princess party on campus.

What she actually did was far more interesting: dropping the toys into nitric acid, atomizing them, and using atomic absorption spectrophotometry to analyze their parts per million and billion of cadmium, arsenic, and lead. More than a quarter of the toys she tested exceeded federal limits. When ingested by children, they can, and sometimes do, kill.

The toys she tested—bargain store specials, the cheapest of the cheap—often wind up in the hands of kids from low-income families, giving her research a social imperative. She is thinking scientifically and socioeconomically for the long term, too, contemplating an M.D./Ph.D. career path that offers a broad-based approach to children’s health.

“There is not one path to being a doctor,” she says. “We don’t necessarily want doctors who are superscientists. We need people who are well-rounded. The best candidate might be someone who took the time to understand what people are actually buying and why it’s making them sick.”
THE OUTDOORSMAN

John Remmes, ’15
Rockland, Mass.

Working in a lab in Gottwald, John Remmes made a critical discovery: He hated being cooped up indoors all day.

So he spent his summer outdoors pointing a GPS unit at trees on the Westhampton side of campus in a research project that built on two interdisciplinary semesters of calculus, physics, chemistry, biology, and computer science.

He and research partner Taylor Holden, ’15, recorded the trees’ height, diameter, species, and other data. They mapped 694 trees in cultivated areas of campus and did statistical sampling of 151 more trees in the woods along Westhampton Lake.

What they found initially surprised Remmes. Cultivated areas generally offered more biodiversity and trees with more carbon content. Upon reflection, it made sense. Cultivated trees get more care and face less competition; they should thrive.

Another discovery was more predictable: After a summer outside, he still liked being outside. For a student undecided on a major, it’s a key finding for shaping what’s next for him.
Amanda Lineberry has a photo on her laptop she absolutely loves. You can’t see the face of the boy in the image as he walks away in a black ballcap, white T-shirt, and camouflage shorts. What catches her eye is his bright blue Transformers 3D backpack.

She points at the photo. “This kid came to this community celebration and has this backpack because of something I did.” As she finishes the sentence, she is pointing right at her own heart.

It’s a heart that has grown fond of a community called Greater Fulton on the eastern outskirts of Richmond. Though Lineberry grew up a 15-minute drive away, she’d never been in the struggling community until her summer fellowship with the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton.

There, she saw steps forward and a few missteps in the work of community organizers. The backpack was one of hundreds of school supplies distributed during a celebration she planned, doing everything from filing parade permits to hiring cops and recruiting a fire truck for the parade.

“The experience I had this summer made my education real. It’s no longer in a book,” she says. “My summer in Fulton has blended everything together and messed everything up and made it more beautiful.”
When did you start to think of yourself as American?" Shir Bodner asked the 80-year-old woman in front of her.

The woman, Lena, was one of roughly 800 refugees who fled the Soviet Union as it crumbled, resettling in the Richmond area with the help of Jewish Family Services.

Twenty years later, Bodner was interning with JFS to help launch a film project and museum-quality exhibit documenting the resettlement effort. Lena, the first interview subject, had welcomed the crew into her home with the warmth of a grandmother.

Bodner had prepared diligently, but she wasn’t prepared for Lena’s answer. When they closed the door of the airplane in Moscow, Lena said, the flight attendant announced that they were now under the protection of the U.S. government. In that moment, she felt American. Everyone in the living room teared up as she told the story.

On Bodner’s mind that day was, no doubt, her own grandmother, now 97, who emigrated from the Ukraine many decades earlier.

"This makes politics personal," Bodner says. "This intertwines with my family story."
"Why would I rush something that is meaningful to me?"
Kadeem Alphanso Fyffe asks a visitor to his Modlin Center studio.

What is more meaningful to Fyffe than anything is fashion design. At UR, he’s cut his own path through the curriculum to explore it. That initiative brought him to a semester in Italy and backstage at Milan Fashion Week, the high holy days of the Italian fashion calendar. He fitted and photographed models, kept up with rapid-fire demands in Italian, yet remained unfazed by the whirlwind.

As he looked around at top models and up-and-coming designers, another question emerged: What does it mean that I’m so close to these people?

“It reminded me that this is what I’m supposed to be doing,” he says back in his Modlin studio. “My focus is on shaping myself as a designer and making sure everything I do relates to that.”
THE PLAYER

Jolmi Minaya, ’13
Lawrence, Mass.

IN LIFE AND ON THE MOUND, Spider pitcher Jolmi Minaya is a risk-taker.

With a fastball that tops 90 mph and a slider that makes hitters look foolish, he lays it on the line with every pitch. He notched seven strikeouts in relief in 2012, but he also walked seven batters. Risk and reward.

In another uniform, his corporate suit and tie, he’s as cautious as they come, pouring over balance sheets as an intern with KPMG, a big-four accounting firm with whom he spent the summer in Boston analyzing financial statements on an auditing team and making networking connections for the future.

Minaya’s job was to make sure everything lined up, that the financial T’s were crossed and the I’s dotted. He lends that expertise to a Richmond community health center, where he volunteers his accounting skills and serves as a Spanish and Portuguese language translator between doctors and patients.

That triple threat—internship experience, competitive instincts, and a Richmond education—sets him up to be a player on any field.
When an infant entered this world merely drug-addicted but not blind, that was a victory for LaShonda Hanna. During 400 hours of a summer fellowship at the drug treatment clinic Rubicon, she took what she could get. There was little on offer in the lives shattered by drug addiction, poverty, crime, and broken families that surrounded her.

What kept her up until dawn many nights, and kept her going the next day, was the unshakable knowledge that she might have been one of her clients. Every woman she met had been introduced to drugs by a boyfriend. That’s the story of Hanna’s mother, a woman who, despite an unstable life of abuse, drug-ridden environments, and HIV, instilled in Hanna the discipline and drive that landed this unlikely young Bahamian girl in a place like UR.

Mom died when Hanna was 13. “Everything she ever taught me clicked when she passed,” Hanna says. So in the halls and quiet corners of Rubicon, Hanna didn’t see her mom in just the clients. She saw her mom in herself—smart, determined, resourceful, driven, unwilling to quit. With her internship and studies steering her to public health, she is determined to be for others what her mom was for her: a beacon of light that shows a better way.
Kait Walsh assumed her Klout score was going down, and she didn’t like it. What? You don’t have a Klout score?

Then it may be hard to sympathize with her broader summer drama: three whole weeks without social media.

Yes. Brutal.

In truth, it wasn’t a torture-the-interns moment at Mullen, the A-list Boston advertising agency. She and the other Mullen interns denied themselves social media as a way of better understanding how millennials use it and what this means for advertisers, findings they distilled in a white paper. Walsh also worked on a Google campaign from start to finish and set up the playing field for creatives on other projects based on the research she did in the strategic planning department.

Still curious about that Klout score? In your shoes, millennials would Google it. Just ask Walsh. She’s the expert now.
Road to Ruin?

Puerto Esperanza, Peru
“We will travel along the king’s highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory.”

—Numbers 20:17

When the Romans, after the rebellion of Spartacus, crucified 6,000 rebellious slaves along a 200-kilometer stretch of the Appian Way, the message was as clear as the highway beneath them: All roads lead to Rome. Whether that network embodied conquest or progress depended largely on your point of view. Centuries later, Vandals, Visigoths, and others would follow those roads back to the crumbling heart of the empire.

The roadway as artery of development remains a familiar refrain today, one being sung loudly by Miguel Piovesan, an Italian priest in a town called Puerto Esperanza carved out of the Peruvian Amazon. For more than a decade, he has championed the construction of a 170-mile roadway connecting his town, currently accessible only by charter plane, with wider Peru.

He argues that for the 1,300 people of Puerto Esperanza, a road would bring down exorbitant prices for goods and services. It would mean better health care, education, and electricity. It would strengthen Peruvian national identity in these Amazonian hinterlands. A bill he’s pushing is currently before the Peruvian national congress; it declares the road “a public necessity and a national interest priority.”
Thousands of miles north, in a lab on the third floor of UR’s Carole Weinstein International Center, is one of the road’s unlikeliest skeptics: sophomore George Appling. The soft-spoken 19-year-old with thick, black hair and halting Spanish is throwing the brakes on the roadway project with one simple tool: a map. His map, and the analysis that accompanies it, landed him and his professor in the middle of the debate over this road and the Amazon rainforest through which it cuts, a debate that will also decide the fate of some of the last people on the planet untouched by modern global society.

Alto Purús National Park and Communal Reserve takes its name from the Purús River, one of the Amazon’s main tributaries. It is Peru’s largest national park, 2.7 million hectares, an area roughly the size of Massachusetts. Among its treasures are jaguars, monkeys, and peccaries, and the majestic mahogany and cedar trees that shelter them. The region’s rivers are home to rare pink dolphins and giant otters. Much of the region remains little explored and poorly understood. World Wildlife Fund, which worked with the government to create the park, calls it “the Amazon in its original state.” That “original state” includes humans, too, at least eight distinct indigenous groups and an unknown number of people living in what researchers have come to call “voluntary isolation.”

To understand what is meant by such a term, it is helpful to spend some time with reporter Scott Wallace, which a couple of hundred UR students did one September evening in Jepson Hall. Projecting maps and photos on a large screen behind him, Wallace held students spellbound for an hour as he described a grueling 2002 trek through the rainforest with legendary Brazilian explorer Sydney Possuelo, then director of the country’s department of unknown tribes, an office within the country’s National Indian Foundation.

Their mission was to document the territory of the flecheiros, or Arrow People, called so because they were known to meet intrusions by outsiders with a hail of poison-tipped arrows. As with all tribes in voluntary isolation, almost nothing is known about them: not their way of life, nor their ethnic group, nor even what language they speak.

Such people have been called “uncontacted,” as when in 2011 the BBC publicized dramatic footage of one group filmed from an aircraft flying a kilometer away. (We link to the video at magazine.richmond.edu.) On the ground below in a clearing of thatched huts, nearly naked figures in red body paint stare and point at the aircraft above. What they thought of it is anyone’s guess.

But “uncontacted” is a misnomer, as Wallace pointed out to students and in his book The Unconquered. Such tribes have met the outside world, but with disastrous results. The trouble started with the trees around them. An explosion of demand for rubber in the late 19th century sent prospectors scrambling to two regions of the world: the Congo and the Amazon. In the Congo, King Leopold II of Belgium set up a private colony, killing 10 million Africans in the process of extracting the region’s riches. In the Amazon, traders went up the river and its tributaries and, when those areas were depleted, farther inland. To tap the rubber, they needed labor, so they enslaved entire villages at the point of a gun, but their most potent weapon, it turned out, was the germs they carried. Wallace reports that in one region, the local population dropped from 50,000 to 8,000 in just five years; one observer documenting such scenes coined a new term: “crime against humanity.”

Today’s voluntary isolated people are thought to be descendants of Indians who scattered deep into the forests rather than submit. Their contact with outsiders can be just as violent now as when their ancestors fled. The jungles today shelter illegal loggers, poachers, and drug traffickers with well-earned reputations for violence. As recently as August, Brazilian prosecutors filed an indictment ac-
cusing gold prospectors of helicopter-ing into Venezuela and massacring as many as 80 Yanomami Indians. Such incidents explain not only why such tribes avoid contact but also why they recognize the sound of gunfire.

As Wallace notes, governments in the region used to pursue a policy of peaceful contact with such groups, leaving gifts of axes and metal pots in the forest to woo them into peaceful contact before less scrupulous forces got to their territories. The results were often catastrophic for the Indians: disease, poverty, dependence, and the destruction of their ways of life.

Possuelo, the Brazilian explorer who led Wallace’s expedition to map the territory of the flecheiros, pushed a new policy of avoidance and protection in the 1980s. Create protected areas, keep outsiders out, and let the indios bravos initiate contact on their own time and terms.

As he told Wallace, “The uncontacted tribes have everything to lose and nothing to gain from contact with us.”

The assumptions of this Brazilian policy were applied in the creation of the Purús National Park and Communal Reserve in Peru.

If you’re looking for an antidevelopment crusader, a shaggy-haired, wide-eyed dreamer of an environmentalist, George Appling is not your man. He dresses crisply and speaks with a measured tone that is more scientist than evangelist. He came to Richmond from a large high school in Austin, Texas—“almost as big as UR,” he says—to study business.

“I wanted to go to a top business school,” he said. “My dad has always been a businessman. He’s in commercial real estate development.”

Appling is also a self-described “huge outdoorsman” with a love of fishing and climbing, so when he looks at the tensions between development and conservation, he seeks balance.

“Everything is kind of a trade-off,” he said. “You have to understand the costs and the benefits. I definitely don’t believe that all conservationists are good and developers are bad. Some lands are more worth preserving than others.”

Richmond being Richmond, he knew he’d have the opportunity to balance his business major with his environmental interests, which is how he found himself in a seminar on climate change during his first semester. From there, he started thinking about staying on campus for the summer to do research, so he researched professors and blindly emailed a handful of them to ask about opportunities. One of those messages landed in the inbox of geography professor David Salisbury. If you’re interested in a summer project, Salisbury told him, take the geographic information systems (GIS) class in the spring. No promises, but there might be something.

The carved paddles, masks, and arrows that line the walls of David Salisbury’s office tell the story of a lifelong love of maps and travel. Salisbury spent the summers of his youth as a camper and then counselor in the Appalachians, and in college traveled to Spain and Morocco before signing up for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Guatemala. He came back to a job as a teacher and coach at a well-heeled Maryland prep school but kept traveling, primarily to Central and South America. The temptation to dive into a career that would keep his head, and sometimes his body, in the Amazon would prove too much to resist.

In graduate work at the University of Florida and then the University of Texas, he discovered a natural academic home for his fascinations: geography. Along the way, he added fluency in Portuguese to his Spanish and focused his interest on that part of the Amazon that straddles the Brazil-Peru border. As part of his doctoral research, he traveled by helicopter, on rivers, and along trails used by indigenous forest dwellers, smugglers, and drug traffickers to help map a proposed national park.
Maps, he would come to conclude, meant more than information. They were tools of power. “Blank spaces on official maps could represent a state strategy of ignoring resident indigenous populations in order to maintain remote lands for national resource exploitation,” he wrote, citing another researcher, in the introduction of his dissertation.

By the dissertation’s conclusion, he had drawn some of his own: “Local people who are obscured by emptiness or otherwise cartographically misrepresented on official maps cannot easily contend against the map wielder.”

George Appling didn’t know any of that when he walked into GIS class that spring and then signed on as Salisbury’s summer research fellow. He didn’t know the first thing about Peru, its ecology, or its indigenous people, let alone ones in voluntary isolation. “I would never have thought there might be people like that anywhere,” he said.

Using sophisticated GIS technology and a database built over many years, he spent the summer working with Salisbury in the spatial analysis lab painstakingly constructing maps of the proposed Purús road’s route. They got help and steady updates about the road project from partners at the Upper Amazon Conservancy in Peru.

“As I was going through and learning more, I was motivated to work harder,” Appling said. “The harder I worked on it, the more I learned.”

After 11 drafts, he produced a research poster with the most detailed spatial analysis of the Purús road project that anyone had ever attempted. On his map, the road looks innocuous enough. From Puerto Esperanza, where the Italian priest lives, a red dotted line runs straight south and then wraps generally east around the Brazilian border to another dot on the map called Ínapiari. Roadways from Ínapiari radiate out into wider Peru, as well as nearby Brazil and Bolivia.

A second version of the map is more ominous. Studies show that in the Brazilian Amazon, two-thirds of deforestation has occurred within 50 kilometers of paved roads, so Appling has shaded a 50-kilometer buffer zone around his red dotted line to illustrate just how far-ranging the road’s effects could be. Throughout this zone, the road could disrupt migration patterns, introduce pollutants, invite invasive species, and facilitate transport of drugs, timber, wild animals, and other contraband.

The effects cross national boundaries. Of the 103 rivers and streams the road crosses, 69 percent flow into Brazil, the rest into Bolivia; 40 percent of the entire buffer zone is in Brazilian territory. The effects also cross other boundaries. Nearly 30 percent of the buffer zone covers titled indigenous territories or territory reserved for isolated populations.

“We have the saying that a picture is worth a thousand words,” Salisbury said, “but a map is worth more than that. People knew that roads were bad for a variety of reasons, but no one had pulled together the latest scientific literature and enumerated all the impacts of roads. … It’s a very simple process, frankly, but no one’s modeled these impacts on this road.”

Appling’s poster also weighed the economic and national identity arguments being put forward by the priest, politicians, and others supporting the road. At $1 million per kilometer of construction costs, plus maintenance on top of that, it didn’t make economic sense, he concluded. It wouldn’t build Peruvian national identity when 80 percent of the Purús population opposed it and the road would invite outsiders and lawlessness.

When they shared the analysis with Peru’s Ministry of the Environment, the Upper Amazon Conservancy, and other Peruvian partners, they got in return gratitude, compliments, and before long, “The uncontacted tribes have everything to lose and nothing to gain from contact with us.”

As Peruvians from indigenous areas look on (left), Salisbury and Appling (far right) testify before Peru’s Congress at the legislative palace in Lima.

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a stunning invitation: Would they come to Peru’s capital, Lima, in two weeks to present their findings to the Peruvian Congress?

For Appling, the trip to Lima was a blur. At a five-hour session in the legislative palace, he found himself sitting on a congressional panel with an indigenous woman in a headdress explaining the harm the proposed road would bring to her people. The congressman sponsoring the road bill was there too, waving a copy of the constitution at them—"I think he was looking for a photo op," joked Salisbury—plus numerous activists, government ministers, and others. Appling, whose Spanish is passable but not dexterous, mostly looked on and took it all in as Salisbury walked through their research.

Before the pair left, they would also meet with the U.S. Agency for International Development at the American embassy and with the Nature Conservancy, a local partner. Appling stayed a day longer than his professor, using the time to wander around markets and take in the local culture. He had arrived in the wee hours of a Friday morning; by Monday afternoon, he was back on campus.

"For George, this was an incredible growth experience," Salisbury said. "Here’s a young man with limited experience in life and in the subject but who took initiative as a first-year student. ... He realizes that there’s no guarantee he’ll ever have an experience like this again, and he’s thankful for the opportunity, but I think, ultimately, a lot of people are thankful to him: indigenous activists, conservationists, environmental activists."

Whether the road will be built remains a political question as unpredictable as the winding path of the Purús River. If Appling’s analysis helps preserve the region’s biodiversity and the people who depend on it, he’ll be able to point at a map and say that a place he’s never been and a people he’s never seen will remain, for the time being at least, beyond the legacy of contact, decimation by disease, extermination by violence, labor exploitation, and loss of culture that have shaped the experience of indigenous people throughout the Americas since Columbus arrived in the 15th century. They will remain in the forest, a vestige and a mystery.

In turn, they will know nothing about his efforts, his world back in Richmond, or even him.

"These people are not going to shake your hand," Salisbury said. "You’re not going to get any recognition from the people, but it’s for the best."

Matthew Dewald still carries in his wallet the 1,000 cruzados note he carried back from a monthlong trip to Curitiba, Brazil, more than two decades ago.
ON THE ROAD …

University Chancellor Bruce Heilman can’t sit still. Last issue, we reported on his 9,000-mile journey atop his Harley-Davidson around the lower 48 states. Now he’s back and eager to talk about his greatest hits from the road.

True to form, Heilman already has mapped out his next route, which hits eight states he didn’t ride through on this or an earlier trip. In his words, “Life after 80 is even more fulfilling than the 80 years before. And a motorcycle is better than a psychiatrist.”

FAVORITE ROADSIDE READING
Tourism information
Heilman’s favorite acquisitions were the brochures at state welcome centers. The reading got Heilman reflecting on borders and regions.

GO-TO ROADSIDE GRUB
McDonald’s or Dairy Queen
Spotting the familiar golden arches off so many interstate exits made him feel like he never left home. And sometimes a banana split from Dairy Queen was just what he needed to refresh after a long haul.

MOST MEMORABLE MEALS
Ones given by others
Everyone from alumni to complete strangers insisted that Heilman hand over the check and be treated. Then there was his WWII buddy. Heilman detoured 50 miles off the interstate in Connecticut to see him for the first time in 65 years. “We sat down and reverted back to being 18- and 19-year-old WWII Marines just like that.”

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COLDDEST SWIM
North Pole, Alaska
A 5K open-water swim in the chilly waters of Chena Lake

HIGHEST SWIM
Los Alamos, N.M.
An aquatics center 7,245 feet above sea level, one of the highest-altitude Olympic pools in the world

MOST MEMORABLE SWIM
Honolulu, Hawaii
Big waves, strong winds, and water only 2 feet above the coral reefs in some places
... AND IN THE WATER

Lawyer J.C. Boggs, R’84, made waves by swimming in all 50 states before turning 50 on Aug. 3. He squeezed many states into business trips that took him around the country and earned him the lawyer of the year award from the Republican National Lawyer’s Association. He had one rule: each swim had to be with a competitive master’s team. That meant at least an hour-long workout, open-water swim, or competition.

Boggs has swum for as long as he can remember. He was competing by age 8 and swam for Coach Norris Eastman while at Richmond. Like Bruce Heilman, he already is thinking about his next goal, which might be swimming 60 countries by age 60.

DESkmATES

How to succeed in business
A few years ago, Grant Garcia, ’06 and GB’09, was a graduate student pairing undergraduates with mentors when he realized how much he could benefit from a mentor himself. His goal was to work in sales and trading in New York, and he needed advice.

That’s where Joe O’Brien, R’89, came in. Not only is he head of equity sales and trading at BB&T Capital Markets here in Richmond, but he had worked in New York and taken many Robins School of Business students under his wing.

A few days each week, Garcia drove downtown, sometimes before dawn, to sit at O’Brien’s desk learning the markets, a relationship they continued for almost two years, with Garcia attending team meetings, contributing research, and getting interviewing advice.

Now in sales and trading at Credit-Suisse in New York, Garcia follows O’Brien’s example. He’s banded together with seven alumni at his firm to mentor more Richmond students.

“The program gave me a head start. Joe went way out of his way to make sure I was learning,” Garcia says. “He and his team taught me what it’s like to work on a desk, talked to me about the business. They helped me with the interview process. He gave me all the tools I needed to eventually be successful.”

For more information about the mentoring program, go to robins.richmond.edu/careers/mentor.html.
CHALLENGES

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Annual Giving kicked off its “100 for 1 Challenge” in November, helping ensure that each Richmond student can spend at least one summer pursuing an internship, faculty-guided research project, or international experience while at Richmond. Research shows that these opportunities are a major determinant in student success after graduation. To help, go to richmond.edu/challenge with our heartfelt thanks.

 THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR …

Nancy Sinatra likely would approve of the boots that arrived on the doorstep of Richard Gouldin III, ’05, from the Lucchese Boot Co. in El Paso, Texas. Gouldin put months of planning into the custom-made crocodile and kangaroo leather kicks. That effort spurred a conversation around our office about what other custom gear might be out there. Let us know how you show your Spider pride at magazine@richmond.edu. Photos welcome.

Books

Walter S. Griggs Jr., R’63, L’66, G’71, The Collapse of Richmond’s Church Hill Tunnel. Forty years ago as a student at Richmond, Griggs began research for his thesis on a largely forgotten train tunnel that connected the Port of Richmond with the railways. It collapsed with disastrous timing Oct. 25, 1925, killing four and entombing one locomotive.

June Pair Kilpatrick, W’53, Wasps in the Bedroom, Butter in the Well. Kilpatrick recalls her childhood in Hopewell, Va., and the ways her family survived and endured during the Great Depression.

William Roberson, R’53, Spiritual Thoughts for the Secret Freethinker. “The certainty associated with all belief systems is the foe of personal expansion,” Roberson writes as he explores his journey from a strict Southern Baptist upbringing to a less dogmatic understanding of faith.

Frank Hanenkrat, R’61 and G’68, Herman Melville’s Genius. Using the pen name Frank Troy, Hanenkrat, a professor at Lynchburg College, explores Melville’s understanding of everything from religion and philosophy to wisdom literature. Hanenkrat describes Melville’s works as “slyly disguised and damning exposés of the flawed assumptions and ideologies that prevailed in his day.”

Mark Souther, G’96, American Tourism. What makes Pedro and his South of the Border tourist trap an enduring, though eccentric, destination? Souther asks questions like that about dozens of popular destinations from Williamsburg to Las Vegas, revealing the creative ideas and marketing behind some of America’s best-known tourist spots.
**Our Man in London**

**Olympic troubleshooting**

Lost and running late at the 2012 Olympics? Then Bob Ravelli, B’78, was your man. He volunteered as a games-maker during the games in London, managing loading and unloading zones for athletes, media, celebrities, and other VIPs.

The role fit well with Ravelli’s background as an urban planner specializing in transportation planning. He also answered questions and gave directions to countless spectators at Horse Guards Parade, which hosted the beach volleyball competition.

A location near 10 Downing Street also assured a steady traffic of government ministers (plus one of the Downing Street cats), but his most memorable interaction came from two ordinary but frantic ladies who were flustered enough to overlook one minor, important detail. Ravelli saw that their tickets were for the indoor volleyball competition—a few miles away. Ever courteous, he helped them hail a cab and saw the slightly embarrassed duo off.
CLASS Connections

Submissions
Let us know how you are doing. Send information to classconnections@richmond.edu, fax it to 804-289-1221 or mail it to:
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CLASS of ‘42
Sara Goode Arendall manages well in her assisted living residence. When we spoke last summer, she was in good spirits and enjoying a birthday lunch with her daughter.
A strong Virginia storm caused Ada Moss Harlow to be without power for over 4 days last summer. A tree from the neighbor’s yard fell onto her roof, resulting in considerable damage.
Hortense Winston Ruddick enjoys learning more about painting techniques and singing old hymns. One of her granddaughters, a teacher, recently earned her Ph.D.
After 33 years in Florida, Dagmar Jacobsen Crosby was busy with plans to sell her condo and move back to Richmond to be near her family. She is in good health, drives, and continues to paint and sew.
Ethne Flanagan Higginbotham and I are still computer novices, struggling with our problems and depending often on friends for assistance.
We extend our sympathy to the family of Virginia Anne Sauer, who passed away Aug. 25, and Marjorie Wilson Glick, who died Sept. 22, 2011. Our condolences also go to Winnifred Houser Gill on the death of her husband, Dan, this past June, and to Frances Calisch Rothenberg on the death of her husband, William A. Rothenberg, R’39 and H’03, in early July.
Please keep your news coming.
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CLASS of ‘45
Liz Parker Cone continues to live in her lovely Richmond home south of the James River and enjoys growing flowers. She speaks highly of her grandson, who graduated from the University of Richmond in 2008 and is doing well in the retail business in San Francisco.
If attitude helps to keep the years going, Mary Campbell Paulson wins the gold award. Vision is a problem but she is a social bug, has audio books from her local and state libraries, and keeps active swimming in her pool and exercising in the gym. Her children are nearby, so she sees them frequently. She says she is very happy, feels good, and has lots of friends.
What more can one ask for?
Alma Rosenbaum Hurwitz lives in Schenectady, N.Y., in the home that she and her husband built 57 years ago. She has given up many artistic and athletic activities such as dancing, boating, and skiing, and says life is a bit dull but she remains independent. She does all of her own cooking, housekeeping, and yard work, and she drives a 27-year-old car! It’s not surprising to hear of the academic successes of Alma’s children: two have doctorates, and one has a master’s degree. Seven grandchildren have achievements in higher education. They’ve all followed in Alma’s footsteps.
Spinal stenosis has slowed down the activities of Gladys Lowden Metz, but she is much better following surgery. She is no longer driving, but her senior facility has transportation to stores and concerts in Philadelphia. Gladys’ granddaughter works as an educator in Liberia for the nonprofit organization World Learning. She and her fiancé planned to return to the U.S. in October to be married.
Let me hear from you.
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CLASS of ‘47
Travel for our class is both fun and educational, and we keep at it!
Virginia Wagstaff spends several days each month and many holidays at Lake Gaston, Va. She also enjoys visiting Virginia Beach for a week in October with family.
Gin Ellett has long been an unofficial travel coordinator for the Cedarfield Retirement Community, planning excursions and day trips for interested residents. She planned an expedition last spring to Beaverdam, Va., where she grew up. They visited a local country store museum, the historic Beavardam railroad depot, Trinity Episcopal Church, and a miniature goat farm.
Marion Collier Miller, W and G’66, may well be our class super traveler. Over the years she has crossed the Atlantic 22 times and spent 176 days at sea, all with Cunard Lines. She achieved the “diamond level” as a Cunard passenger. In 2011, she and her sister Evelyn sailed to Europe and spent a week in Paris and another in London. She says that may have been her last trip, but I wouldn’t bet on it.
2011 was a banner travel year for me. In May my entire family—a total of 20 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses—took a five-day cruise to Bermuda. The pink sand and aquamarine water were gorgeous, but the best part was just being together. Then in October my daughter Bee and I toured Egypt and Jordan. Everything was better than anticipated: pyramids, camels, cruising the Nile, the temples at Abu Simbel, even the lost city of Petra in Jordan. I just hope it all survives the turmoil that has followed.
Betty Gustafson keeps up a busy travel schedule, spending time at her Chesapeake Bay Cottage and several weeks a year in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. She loves Holland America Cruises. Her most recent trip was a 15-day trans-Atlantic crossing last spring. She and a longtime friend visited St. Malo and Cherbourg, France, and Brugge, Belgium, and spent an extended time in Amsterdam, taking in the beautiful tulips.
Tennis has been a lifelong love for Betty. She was interviewed at length and quoted in Richmond One of America’s Best Tennis Towns, a book written by Eric Perkins, Tom Hood, and John Tackett that benefits the Richmond Tennis Association.
I would love to hear from other classmates. Please remember deadlines are way ahead of publication dates, so take pen in hand now!
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CLASS of ’50
Gatewood Holland Stoneman, Maryanne Bugg Lambert, Rosa Lou Soles Johnston, Gene Hart Joyner,
Jean Tinsley Martin, Mary Howard Holloway, Margaret Alexander Anderson, Marjorie Parson Owen, her daughter Nancy Owen Grizzard W’81, and I met at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens for our annual summer get-together.

Mary Howard Holloway moved back to South Boston, Va., to her parents’ home in June 2011 and often sees Barbara Brann Johnston. Mary lost her oldest son, Edward, in November 2011.

Marjorie Owen Parson enjoyed the annual Parson family reunion at which 90 family members gathered. Frances Sutton Oliver and Raymond celebrated their 60th anniversary with 40 family members. Gene Hart Joyner, a bridesmaid, and other wedding party members attended.

Margaret Alexander Anderson went to Charleston, S.C., to visit her son and his wife and then traveled on to Florida.

Doris Lee Reeves Childress’ son Tripp came from London to help her move in to the Hermitage in Richmond.

Maryanne Bugg Lambert now has three great-grandchildren. The youngest was born in August.

My family visited last summer from Albuquerque, N.M., and Florida. Grandchildren grow up so quickly, and grandmothers keep getting shorter! Our annual scholarship to a Westhampton student is now $12,000. Please remember to write on all your donations “Scholarship WC Class of 1950.”

News of our “Nifty 50s” is so important to all of us. Please send any news about you and yours to Gatewood Holland Stoneman, who will be serving as our next acting class secretary as we search for a permanent Westhampton Class Secretary. She can be reached at 3151 Varina on the James, Henrico, VA 23231. If you would like to serve as our class secretary—for a year, two years, or any length of time—please contact the Office of Alumni and Career Services at 804-289-8026, or email them at alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu.

Acting Class Secretary
Janice Brandenburg Halloran

CLASS OF ’51
We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Booth.

McKenney, who passed away Sept. 2, 2011. Her many accomplishments were listed in the “In Memoriam” section of the Spring 2012 issue of Richmond Alumni Magazine. Her husband, Robert McKenney, R’56, adds that Jean taught history for 25 years, was DAR Regent twice, and sang in her church choir.

Our sympathy also goes to Helen Clark Hensley and her family for the loss of her husband, David Robert “Dick” Hensley Jr., R’51, who died August 24. He excelled at and was admired by many as an educator, coach, and mentor. Helen’s daughter, Mary Helen Hensley, recently published The Land Beyond the River, the third book in her trilogy.

Charlotte Herrick Nayre enjoyed a wonderful visit with her twin sister, Virginia Herrick Coppock, in May. Paula Abernethy Kelton and John became great-grandparents to Kelton James Brele, who was born Aug. 1 in Madison, WIs.

Helen McCarthy Hopkins and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June with a big party attended by their four children, two brothers, and families, including 13 grandchildren and friends. They later vacationed in New York City and saw The Lion King and Memphis.

Jane Lawson Willis moved back to Richmond and enjoys playing bridge with five classmates who live at Westminster Canterbury.

In August, Virginia Herrick Coppock and Bob Coppock Jr., L’67, traveled to England and Scotland, where they visited relatives for two weeks.

Charlotte Houshins Decker and Hank Decker, R’50, are proud of their granddaughter, who graduated in May from UNC-Chapel Hill and has a job in Washington, D.C. Charlotte volunteers at Women’s Hospital gift shop in Greensboro, N.C. She is active in church work, bridge, and her women’s club. She reported that Shirley Hall Murphy died June 15 in Richmond. Shirley had five children, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She had been active at St. Bridget’s and at St. Joseph’s Home for more than 30 years. Our sympathy goes out to Shirley’s family.

Millie Wright Outten and Joseph celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August. They continue to enjoy vacationing in Hilton Head, S.C.

Irene Groves Howland was
excited about a big family reunion on Pawleys Island, S.C., in October. It even included her great-grandson. Irene volunteers at a senior center and takes Other Project courses at Towson University in Lutherville, Md.

Before her death several years ago, Edith “Sterling” Clark Atchison of Potomac, Md., worked as a math- ematian for the U.S. Department of Navy in research and development. Her husband, Charles, is a physicist.

Eleanor Easley Barnes is living comfortably in a retirement home in Winston Salem, N.C. She manages a retirement community gift shop.

Betty Tredeay Blake is proud of her two daughters and three grand-children. One daughter has a Ph. D. in pharmacy and the other is a teacher. She has been a widow for 25 years, yet still has her sense of humor and strong faith.

Elizabeth McMae Dudley enjoyed a vacation at The Homestead with her son and granddaughter and two fun weeks at her condo in Florida, where her niece and niece’s husband visited.

Nance Anderson Hall has eight children, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, half of whom live near her in Roanoke, Va.

Helen “Betty” Luke was the second woman in Baltimore to be a stockbroker but retired as a clinical social worker. She established a counseling center at St. Ann’s Home in Mt. Hebron, Mass.

Suzanne Gibson Madden retired from running a gourmet food shop in Frederick, Md., after 19 years. She has been a widow for 30 years and has four children and three grandchildren. One grandchild earned a law degree from George Washington University and another planned to be heading to Afghanistan.

Shirley Dale Robertson lived at Lakewood Manor for six years and served on the Baptist Board for 35 years, where she knew Faye Plunkett, who died in August. Faye was the youngest sister of our deceased classmate Addie Eicks Comegys, who remi- nced and caught up with current news, and all were happy.

Gill Tombes died Aug. 7. She had a great-grandson, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She has enjoyed her retirement community gift shop.

CLASS OF ’52

Our class is indebted to Harriet Singleton Stubbs for the excellent job she has done for more than 10 years as class secretary. It has been difficult to find a replacement for her, but we have found four. Addie Eicks Comegys, Mary Ann Coates Edel, and Harriet Wilhimm Lansing Johnson will contact class members for news, and I will serve as coordinator. We hope you will respond when you are asked for news for upcoming alumni magazines.

Sarah Barlow Wright, her daugh- ter, and two grandchildren, ages 12 and 14, visited Pennsylvania Amish country last June. Sarah was impressed by the farmers working expansive, fertile fields and carrying to market their superb produce in horse-drawn wagons. The children were excited to ride in an Amish buggy.

Harriett Stubbins most recent paper, “The development of a con- structivist sociocultural model of professional development from 1970 to 2011,” was included in the June 2011 Brazilian journal Educator em Revista. She is working on two papers she hopes to submit for publication in the near future.

In August, Barbara Cawthorne Clarke traveled from her home in Pennsylvania to North Carolina, where she visited with Anne Gibson Hill and Harriett Stubbins at Anne’s Chapel Hill home for an afternoon of tea and talk. Barbara also went to Durham to see her daughter, who had just returned from Brazil.

Helen Want Miller and Stanley celebrated their 60th anniversary with flowers, cake, and good friends in their home in Fairfax, Va. and Joel had a fun vacation in Maine with relatives tracing their family history. Back home in Littleton, N.C., Marilyn stays busy and church.

Sarah Barlow Wright learned that from 1982 to 2012, 21 women have been recipients of our class scholar- ship. The names of the recipients were sent to all of our class members. Instructions also were sent on exactly how to make our checks to that they will benefit this fund. Grace Leonard, ‘12, our scholarship recipient for the last three years, graduated cum laude in May.

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CLASS OF ’54

Jo Sue Leonard Simpson wrote from Easton, Md., that she had lunch in July with the “Eastern Shore girls.” She saw Barbara Bull Tull and Susanne Kegan Nuttle, along with Susanne’s sister, Martha. They remi- nisced and caught up with current news, and all were happy.

Nancy Graham Harrell and I have enjoyed getting to know Jo Sue’s sister, Elaine Leonard Davis, W’49. She joins us once a month for dinner with other Westphalik graduates at Cedarfield. Elaine lives at another facility.

It was sad news to hear that Jane Gill Tombes died Aug. 7. She had
complications from open-heart surgery. Jane and her husband, Averett Tombes, R., were living at Brandermill Woods. After a long teaching career, Jane was still teaching a course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University.

Please send me any news you have about yourself and classmates.

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CLASS OF ’55

Mariah Chisholm Hasker and Bill had a family reunion in Richmond in June. Many family members from all over the country attended, including their son from Houston and his family; their son from California and his fiancee; and their daughter and three grandchildren from Connecticut.

Peggy Hall Flippin and her husband enjoyed a trip to Allenton, Pa., to visit with her cousins and high school friends in September. They also flew to Dallas to spend a few days with their daughter and her husband.

Gail Tench Miller spent a month in the mountains near Murphy, N.C., with her sister, Sharon. They had a great time despite the hot and humid weather. Her grandchildren and two of her great-granddaughters spent a few days with her before school started. She had cataract surgery on her left eye and can see so much better.

Last summer Grace Phillips Webb had three grandchildren and their mother visit from the state of Washington for two weeks. They spent three days in Washington, D.C., going and coming back on their first train rides. Grace said it was fun. She thinks she saw more of Richmond than she has seen in many years.

Grace and her daughter-in-law went to Virginia Beach for three days because the military hotel at Fort Story was closing in September, and it was always one of newt’s and her favorites. It was closing in September, and it was fortunate to have left before the fires started. The mountains are beautiful, but not like those in the east.

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CLASS OF ’56

The Richmond area “Lunch Bunch” met in June for good food and good fun at Capitol Ale House. Janet Knobel Jones, Rose Dranchak Martin, Anne Jennings Vaughan, Joyce Still Gibson, W and G’61, Doris Huffman Highfill, Dottie Johnson, Helen Melton Lukhard, Pat McElroy Smith, and Julia Hubbard Nixon attended. 1 (Phyllis G. Wacker, W and G’65) was unable to attend because I was visiting colleagues and friends in Jyväskylä, Finland. I met nine of my friends from Richmond for two days in Helsinki, Finland, and spent a day in Tallinn, Estonia.

Helen Siner Wood traveled to Provence, France, and Brussels, Belgium, last summer with her daughter Elizabeth Wood Woodworth, ’93, and her daughter’s family. Having lived there for so many years, it’s always nice to get back.

Joyce Still Gibson, W and G’61, and Harold Gibson, R’56, had a nice trip to France early in the summer. They spent four days in Paris and then took a riverboat trip on the Saône and Rhône, ending in Nice, France, and Monaco. They also enjoyed several weeks with friends and family in Sunset Beach.

Jan Hogge Atkins has moved to Lakewood Manor.

Mary Moore Mullin Mowery had a great trip this spring to Tucson, Ariz., with her son for the annual gem show, and then it was on to Sedona, Ariz., to visit with old friends. She also traveled to Seattle for her grandson’s high school graduation. She still lives in Las Vegas.

Lisa Simmonds Smart traveled to Washington, D.C., with her granddaughter and saw all the sights, museums, monuments, and notable buildings both in daylight and at night. They visited Mount Vernon and its sta­bile, Georgetown, and Georgetown University. They got great photos of the Fourth of July fireworks.

Edna Wastgaff Warncke, W and G’65, took a 20-day trip to South Africa. The highlight of her amazing trip was seeing the animals on a safari. She was almost close enough to touch herds of elephants, cape buffaloes, impalas, zebras, lions, leopards, rhinos, wart hogs, ostrich, and giraffe, among other animals. The Indian Ocean and Cape of Good Hope were beautiful.

Susan Quinn Wagner spent two weeks during the summer in the Pacific Northwest visiting Seattle and Washington’s San Juan Islands. They also visited Vancouver and Victoria in British Columbia, where it was lovely and cool.

Thelma Flynn Helm planned to move back to Roanoke, Va. She said it was hard to believe that she would be returning to the place where she, Liza, Leta Mae, and Alice began teaching after graduation.

Thanks to all of you who shared your news with us. Pat will be writing next, so keep those notes coming.

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CLASS OF ’57

Thank you to those who sent in news for this, my inaugural letter. I am following the practice of Margaret Foster and previous secretaries in using email to gather news. Please email me at my address below if you did not receive my request for news, and I will add you to my email list.

Beverley Ambler Richardson’s husband, Charlie, died Feb. 25, 2012. In 2011 they moved to Charlie’s home state of Tennessee, where their only son and grandchildren live. Beverley is so thankful that they were there with their son when Charlie suffered his quick decline.

Barbara Goodman Hardinge’s new hip and repaired foot are doing fine, and she’s on the move again. Her granddaughter, Megan, is living in Farmville, Va., and attends Longwood University. Barbara enjoys frequent visits from Megan and her friends, in addition to visits from other members of her large family.

She traveled to Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, and Manteo, N.C., last year to visit other grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Kitty Clark Kersey published the book 101 Principles for Positive Guidance with Young Children, which
is the culmination of her 43-year teaching career at Old Dominion University. The 101 principles help adults become conscious of their own practices and beliefs about guiding children by showing how their words, actions, and responses influence the responses of children and others. To top that, she is still teaching at ODU!

After our cruise, Kakie Parr Jenkins went back to her caretaker routine with her grand- daughter, Aly. They went on a family trip to the beach, Little Gym camp, horseback riding camp, summer school, therapies, and the pool. She is volunteering in Aly’s elementary school again. Katharine’s son, Scott Jenkins, B’82, completed the first half of his Appalachian Trail hike in mid-August and, last I heard from Kakie, he was headed south to Georgia.

Aimee Lee Raveling Cheek stays busy writing and reading; taking morning walks with her husband, Bill Cheek, G’57; helping put out a newsletter for their community organization; trying to keep meals interesting in preparation and consumption; and admiring their 15-year-old granddaughter and grandson living nearby.

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CLASS OF ’59 Our sympathy goes to Eileen McCutcheon Hollans, who lost her husband, Harold, in August 2011. They were married 44 years. Her children live in Delaware and Tennessee. It’s a long way from Macon, Ga., where she lives, but Eileen plans to move to Nashville, Tenn., to be near her son and his family as soon as she sells her house. She feels she has been blessed in many ways and has so much for which to be thankful. She is very glad that she and Harold attended our 50th reunion.

Syvia “Sibby” Haddock Young and Paige Young, R’59, spent a won- derful week in Duck, N.C., with their entire family last summer. Their most relaxing time is still on the Potomac River . . . sitting on the pier or out in the boat.

Mary Ann Williams Haake had a get-together on Gwynn’s Island, Va., complete with kayaking, fish- ing, swimming, and eating crabs and oysters. She was able to be with all of her children and grandchildren at some point during the summer. She and I enjoy getting together with high school friends for an occasional lunch.

Bev Brown Peace is having increasing difficulty being independent because of balance problems. She still drives a bit and uses a walker, but she doesn’t venture far. She is grateful for being in a lovely community and part of a small, caring church that has an active senior group that she and Phil started eight years ago.

Barbara Dulin Polis and Charlie Polis, R’58, enjoyed a family cruise to Alaska via Seattle. Twelve of them in four families went, including the kids, ages 16, 13, 11, 7, and 1. (One of her sons-in-law broke his leg a week before the trip and could not come with them.) They sailed the inner passage of Alaska—Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway—and Victoria, British Columbia. For Mother’s Day and Charlie’s birthday, their children grew a bumper crop of tomatoes that they used in a delicious home-cooked dinner. Barbara and Charlie are both retired and living in their condominium that was a fundraising campaign for which she and her husband, Gene Ryder, R’59, helped start at First Baptist, and a new program where they live at Salemtowne Retirement Community. She writes for the campus newsletter; facilitates a discussion group at Shepherd’s Center (a community program for seniors); works with a diversity committee that involves their church and a sister, primarily African-American, church; and spends time with their son Greg and 17-year-old grand twins. She says she is cooking less, and they eat out more than seems right.

Susan Payne Moundalexis’ granddaughter, Megan, married Sept. 15 in Annapolis, Md. Megan participated in the Lake Placid Ironman competition in July. Susan and her husband, John, attended and were totally amazed at her stamina. They now call her Iron Megan.

Jacquelin Connell Atkinson and Charles still enjoy living in the triangle region of North Carolina and live in a retirement community just 10 minutes from Duke. They have a granddaugh-

“We even popped a small firecracker when Maria and the captain kissed for the first time.”

—Mary Mac Thomas Moran, W’59, on seeing The Sound of Music
on a cruise that put them in Egypt between the riots in Cairo, in Turkey between the earthquakes, in Israel while they were firing rockets from the Gaza Strip into Ashdod, Israel, and in Greece when they weren’t picking up the trash. She says despite it all, it was certainly better than the Costa Concordia this fall, they cruised closer and home in New England and Canada.

Patricia Nettles Harrington has six wonderful grandchildren. Her granddaughter Shannon is an art scholar in her junior year at Richmond. Patricia has visited her twice, having much fun walking around campus with her family. Shannon studied in Rome this past fall.

Every two years, the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League chooses a grand Richmond residence and lets Richmond’s best designers loose inside. The results are always spectacular. This fall, Pinifer Park, built in 1910 and located at 4312 Robinson Crossing Drive, was transformed and on display. Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum was a day captain for the Designer House Sept. 11. Family and 20 friends including classmate, Bev Eubank Evans, Ruth Adkins Hill, W and G’85, Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist, and I helped her staff the house that day. We worked as hostesses and hosts in the design rooms of the home, doing such things as pointing out unique features of the interior decorator’s space, engaging visitors, and monitoring rooms for security.

Barbara Kritz Anderson spent her summer in Connecticut at the lake house. She also spent a day with Dinzita Klaupiks Infante and her husband, Tony, swimming, boating, and catching up on all the news. Barbara enjoyed visiting her grandchildren early in June at Camp Seagull and Seafarer in Arapahoe, N.C. Her grandchildren are becoming very good sailors!

As a belated birthday present, my daughter Carol took me to Wolf Trap to see the The Sound of Music in August. Those in attendance sang along with the songs, booted at the Nazis, and cheered whenever Maria appeared on the screen. We even popped a small firecracker when Maria and the captain kissed for the first time. What a great evening! I spent my usual week in Nags Head, N.C., renewing friendships that formed years ago. I continue to enjoy ballroom dancing, singing in the church choir, playing bridge, attending women’s clubs and DAR meetings, and performing with the New and Then Dance Ensemble, to name some of the activities that keep me busy and out of trouble. It’s always nice to see other ’59ers Bev Eubank Evans, Ruth Adkins Hill, Bonnie Lewis Haynie, Mabel Shupe Cosby, and Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist at Dunlora Woman’s Club meetings.

The Rev. James Imel, R retired last summer from teaching history at Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, Calif. He is upgrading his first two books into one Technical Manual for Christians. He is also preparing the heart of his doctoral dissertation from 2009 to help churches retain new members.

Class of ’60

The Class of 1960 extends our deepest sympathy to Cynthia Katz Hoffman whose husband, Ira S. Hoffman, a bridge group, dinner groups, and neighborhood get-togethers. She sent news of Paulita Patterson, who was with us our freshman year and was my roommate. Paulita lives in Raleigh, N.C., and has a mountain home in Virginia.

The annual Boatwright Dinner took place during Reunion Weekend in June, and our “little sister class,” the Class of 1962, was inducted into the Boatwright Society. It was great fun to see the wonderful women these girls have become, and we enjoyed renewing friendships from the 1960s. Evalee Green Slaughter and her husband, Bill Slaughter, R’59 and G’70, Judy Cyrus Johnson, Laurel Burkett Lonnnes and her husband, Jerry, and I were the Westhampton Class of 1960 representatives. Laurel will be serving as vice president for the coming year.

In July, those of us who were in town had a great time catching up with Becky Grissom VanAudsall when she and her husband were in town for a short visit. Millie Buzz Bracey, Jeannette McWilliams Welsh, Phyllis Jenkins Polhemus, Judy Cyrus Johnson, Evalee Green Slaughter, Nancy Rae Taylor Owen, and I met Becky for lunch. It was great fun, as we’re all good at talking and listening at the same time. Becky says she stays busy with her grandson, Tommy, who is in fifth grade. Her husband is still working and recovering from knee surgery. Becky has become involved in PEO after being introduced to the organization by Linda Morgan Lemmon. She attended the state convention in Tampa last May.

Elizabeth Thompson Zimmerman was on her way home from Spain with her granddaughter and couldn’t make the lunch. Laurel Burkett Lonnnes also could not make it because she and her husband were traveling to Spain and Portugal with a granddaughter. Those are lucky young girls to have such giving grandparents! Nancy Jenkins Marrow was in Florida and was unable to meet with us. Joan Batten Wood, W and G’70, a consultant in the healthcare field, was working and could not make the lunch.

Betsy Garthens Snook and David celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. She enjoyed showing wedding pictures to her grandchildren and never dreamed that her family would number 14. Eleanor “Dodie” Tyrell took a cruise on the Mediterranean last year. In Istanbul on the first morning of the trip, her traveling companion fell and ended up with a broken leg. Dodie is still employed as the program director of California’s Alzheimer’s Disease Program and says she daydreams about what retirement might feel like. She had dinner with Gloria Greenfield Harris. Gloria co-authored the book Women Trailblazers of California: Pioneers to the Present.

My husband, Wayne Key Jr., R’60, and I had a great trip through the Florida Keys last February. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and it was fun to see the southernmost point of this great country. Although we had a warm winter and hadn’t suffered from the cold at all, it was still good to see the lush green and beautiful flora in coastal Florida.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our request for news. Please keep in touch. We do want to keep up with everyone.

Westhampton Class Secretary

Westhampton, VA 23238

CLASS OF ’61

Jessica Scarborough Burmester and Raymond took a wonderful trip to Morocco, visiting imperial cities, crossing the Atlas Mountains, and riding camels in the Sahara. More recently, they went to the Yucatan Peninsula and learned much about the ancient and not-so-ancient history of the area.

They continue their advocacy work on behalf of people with disabilities.

Polly Thompson Marshall and Bob Marshall, B’61, took a month-long road trip through Mississippi, Tennessee, and New Orleans. Their oldest grandchildren are twins and graduated from college in May. The following month Polly and Bob enjoyed their 55th high school reunion in Richmond.

Gwynn Barefoot Litchfield, W and G’76, and Dave sailed on the Royal Clipper, which has five masts and 42 sails. In July they attended the Wintergreen Performing Arts Summer Music Festival. There is such a variety of music at the Festival that last year there were 262 events in 31 days!

Martha Hinkle Fleer and Jack joined them for a weekend of music.

We send our deepest sympathy to Barbara Spiers Causey, whose son Andy died.

We also send our love to Mary Catherine Sellers Dunn, W and G’77, whose husband, Jim, died.

Virginia Needham Whitfield foresees a trip to Sacramento, Calif., in the near future to visit her great-granddaughter, Baylie Ann Schumann, who arrived in July.

Joyce Smith Allison and Ed Allison Jr., B’61, flew to Paris and took a riverboat cruise to Normandy and back to Paris. They attended the Boatwright Dinner in June and enjoyed visiting with members of the Class of ’62.

Jennie Stokes Howe, Bob, and son Glenn planned a trip to
Newfoundland to fish and to meet some "newly found" cousins.

Ann Jones Stribling and Bill vacated in Southern Shores, N.C., with the whole family for the 16th year in a row. She and Bill take trips with Jessica Scarborough Burmester and Ray. Bill and Ray "engineer" while Ann and Jess do the gift shops. Between trips, Ann makes jalapeno pickles and stays busy with church work.

Mary Levering Evans joined her siblings and sister-in-law for a trek to Maine’s coast. She had been praying for rain in Ohio last summer and fall.

Robert Arnold Gagliano and Frank Gagliano, R’60, are thrilled that one of the runners from Frank’s New Jersey/New York track club competed in the London Olympics. Roberta has been suffering with CJD, a neuropathy illness, but is improving with treatments.

Betty Wade Blanton Jones and Jerry Jones, 1’65, have grandchil- dren from coast to coast. Last summer they all met and celebrated in Williamsburg, Va.

Cindi Deatzelhauser Nash and Reggie won the Children’s Choice Award for their 1904 Rambler at an antique auto event in Kentucky. The proceeds from the show went to the local Children’s Hospital. Cindi and Reggie hold an old-fashioned ice cream social in their backyard for car clubs. At least 100 people and many cars participate. They have visited family in Atlanta and planned to see Virginia Needham Whitfield when they went to Emerald Isle, N.C.

Jean Stonestreet Lloyd, Ruth Carver Moss, Dona Spencer Link, and Steven Pugh, B’61 and G’70, attended the “Mega Old JM Reunion 1901–1960” weekend this summer. They went from elementary through high school together but reported that this reunion was not as elegant as ours this year.

Dick and I went to Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., in the spring and made several stops along the way. The weather was beautiful, the cities were interesting, and we enjoyed delightful visits with friends we rarely see. In June, we joined a Road Scholar tour to the Scottish Highlands, staying at a former Victorian hunting lodge-turned-environmental field center. Our daily field trips introduced us to much Scottish culture, history, ecology, wildlife, and other elements of the environment. It was both a vacation and a learning experience!

Email makes communication easy these days, so please remember to drop me a line when you have news you’d like to share.

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B. Shelton Rice Jr., R, lives in Fort Mill, S.C., near his three children and 11 grandchildren. In 1999, he retired as regional vice president of group medical claims from Travelers Insurance in Hartford, Conn., and in 2004 he retired as vice president of medical claims from Kanawha Insurance Company in Lancaster, S.C.

CLASS OF ’63
Reunion Reminder
May 31–June 2, 2013
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Please save the date! Believe it or not, our 50th reunion weekend is coming up! It will be held May 31–June 2, 2013. There are so many memories to reminisce about and so much news to

“Almonds were more than plentiful this year; I have picked literally bushes, not to speak of the generosity of my fig tree.”

—Judith Trunzo, W’62, writing from her quiet corner of France

Riffer, Judith Trunzo (in absentia), and me. This is always an enjoyable occasion with time to catch up on news of family, travels, activities, and books.

Libby Wampler Jarrett loved seeing everyone at the reunion. She and Harry marked their 50th wedding anniversary last year. Their celebration began in February with a three-day Disney Dream Cruise with children and grandchildren and continued in other small ways during the year, celebrating and being thankful for those 50 years and all the joy they have brought. Libby’s first great-grandchild, Caiden Charles Whitmore, was born Sept. 11. He is the seventh generation to be living in the Wampler family homeplace. She looks “at this birth on this day as a testament to the fact that no matter what happens, life does go on.”

Barbara Davies Brewer and Richard E. Brewer, R’61, celebrated their 50th anniversary in August with a wonderful land and sea tour of Alaska. The two weeks were filled with beautiful scenery and wildlife, including a fantastic helicopter ride to a glacier where they walked on the surface. They met Iditarod champions and even held puppies that might become team leaders. (Their grand- children envied the photos of them with the puppies as much as anything else!) They heartily recommend this trip to anyone who has not been to Alaska.

On the home front, Paxton and Jim Paxton, B’63, also celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their daughters and their families joined them for a six-night cruise from Baltimore to Bermuda, which was a grand adventure for all nine of them!

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Michael Foreman, R’63, is one of Leslie McNeal Brown and Luther Long’s classmates, as they were both in the senior class of 1961. Michael was born in Washington, D.C. on February 27, 1943, and was the son of the late Allen and Minnie Long. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia in 1967 and received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1970. Michael was a partner in the law firm of Long & Long for many years and then went on to become a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in 2013. He retired in 2018 and now lives in Atlanta, GA with his wife, Mary Jo.

Lyne Griffith Marks
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CLASS OF ’66

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attorney in Boston who is married to the same woman and has three boys under the age of 6. Her daughter Kathrynn is an ophthalmologist and is married to a historian. She has a son who is 3. She is delighted with her four grandsons and has been amazed at how different they are from the daughters she raised.

Judy sees Bruce and his twin, Jay, semi-regularly, but otherwise hasn’t seen other classmates in many years. She looks forward to catching up. I would be glad to share Judy’s address with any classmates. Please contact me if you would like me to give it to you.

Mimi Proctor Games and Dale Games, R’64, sold her family’s historic Burleigh Plantation and moved to Hillsborough, N.C., where they downsized to 1 acre and have become suburbanites. I am also happy to share Mimi’s contact information if you would like.

I am looking forward to retirement in 2013 as Agritourism Manager in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. As executive director of the North Carolina Agritourism Networking Association, I recently presided at the Southeast Region Agritourism Council at the Rock Ranch in Georgia, where close to 30 agritourism professionals from 14 states gathered to share information, successes, and solutions to challenges of farmers and vineyard owners who educate and entertain visitors.

I remain on the board of the North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association for one more year and look forward to the national convention in Portland, Ore., in February. I have been invited to California, Florida, Tennessee, North Dakota, and Alabama to talk about how to start statewide agritourism organizations and may form a consulting company after retirement. Steve and I count seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in our family.

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CLASS OF ’67

Fifteen alumnae attended the Westhampton Class of ’67 45th reunion last June. We shared stories, laughter, and even shed a tear or two. We missed all of you who did not attend and hope you will make it to our 50th Reunion in 2017.

Carol Copley Axford and her husband, George, live near Atlanta, where Carol is an interior designer specializing in the long-term health-care industry. She and George go to Honduras every summer to help with a preschool developmental program.

Mary Jane Barlett Smith lives in Staunton, Va., where she taught music for 34 years. She and her husband recently moved from the city to the county, and they thought they had found a house big enough to accommodate their growing family. However, with three married daughters and seven grandchildren (four girls and three boys) under the age of 8, she and her husband go to the local B & E when the whole family is there so the children can have the run of the house!

Mary Ann James Christian and her husband, Lewis, live in Oakton, Va. Their daughter and family (two grandsons, ages 12 and 16) live in Chesapeake, Va. In 2007 their son, Brent, died suddenly of myocarditis. He was 32. Mary Ann teaches piano and recently celebrated 40 years as organist at Vienna Baptist Church.

Lewis is retired.

While Georgia Clarke Staub was not physically at the reunion, several classmates had the opportunity to visit with her virtually via Skype. She and her husband, Theo, live in Basel, Switzerland. Theo is retired, but Georgia continues to teach English language and literature in the adult education program at the University of Basel. She and Theo have three daughters; the oldest and youngest live in New York and teach at the university level. The middle daughter lives in Basel, where she is a psychologist in a local hospital. All three daughters came to Basel this summer to visit, and Georgia was very excited about all of them being together on the same continent.

Margaret Criddlin Moore lives in North Garden, outside of Richmond, Va. She is a retired elementary music teacher. She and her husband, Don, raised five children. Margaret is a co-organizer/choir director of their church, and Don is its music director.

Linda Cuellar Chance lives in Richmond and is celebrating her 35th year selling residential real estate with Long and Foster Realtors. She doesn’t see retirement in her near future because she still finds it to be a fun, stimulating, and challenging job. (She would be happy to help any of you in the Richmond area buy or sell real estate. Just let her know.) Another pleasure for her is traveling with her husband, Chuck Chance, R’64, who races his 1958 Elva Courier, a British-made sports car, on the Sports Car Club of America tracks. On the calmer side, they also enjoy babysitting for their daughter, Catherine, who lives in Richmond and has a 5-year-old daughter and 2-year-old twin boys, which might not be that much calmer!

For 41 years, Betsy Dillard Cherry and her husband, John, have lived in Clear Lake, Iowa (where Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, and Richie Valens played their last concert at the historic Surf Ballroom before the tragic plane crash Feb. 3, 1959). She taught English and social studies for 33 years in nearby Mason City and has been retired 10 years, but continues to substitute in Clear Lake schools. Their younger daughter, Anne, completed her anesthesiology residency at Duke University Medical Center in June and began a one-year fellowship in cardiothoracic anesthesiology at Duke. Their older daughter, Jane, is a training manager for a company on the oil fields near Bakersfield, Calif., and has an M.B.A. from Duke. Both girls visited Clear Lake last summer. Betsy enjoys biking and usually rides 1,000 miles or more in the warmer weather.

Sara Hays Bateman has moved back to the Richmond area. One of her sons just graduated from UR Law School, another is a clinical pharmacist in the area, and a third son lives in Roanoke and works in the transportation industry. She belongs to the University’s Osher Institute and takes several classes on a regular basis. She also enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren.

Jane Hoge Henson lives in Macon, Ga., with her husband, Bill, who is retired. After teaching high-school mathematics off and on for 13 years, Jane worked at the Georgia Department of Education in Atlanta as an instructor and now a resource specialist. She retired in 2010, and began working part time for Information Transport Solutions in Wetumpka, Ala., where she is testing coordinator for the educational services division.

Their son Cole lives in Maupin, Ore., and plans to start a business providing company river trips. Taylor lives in Emigrant, Mont., where he has started Follow Y’e Nae BBQ catering business. Needless to say, Jane and Bill are frequent fliers to the Northwest.

Suzanne Ivey, W and G’72, taught English and history in middle school for five years and then taught world and British history at the high-school level for 26 years. She sponsored Battle of the Brains teams and worked with senior class activities. In 1998, she retired and returned home to Jarratt, Va., to care for her mother. Her mother passed away in 2005, but Suzanne continues to live there. She often returns to Richmond to enjoy various organizations to which she belongs. Traveling is limited to car trips now, but while she taught, she made three trips to Britain.

Jackie Lasitter Wilkins, W and G’92, retired from St. Catherine’s School in Richmond after 40 years. She and her husband, Dan Wilkins, B’66 and GB’74, live across from the UK campus entrance and enjoy attending all the football and basketball games. They have a son, Daniel, and a daughter, Anne.

Joan Olland Cocker lives in Arlington, Va., and works part time at Habitat for Humanity. She loves seeing her three children, five grandchildren, and one granddaughter, who live in Arlington and Charlottesville, Va., and Minneapolis.

Bonnie Robertson Wheatley and her husband, Jack, live in Raleigh, N.C. They have two married daughters, one of whom lives in the Richmond area and another in Raleigh. Bonnie is a retired public-school librarian and director of volunteer services at Meredith College. She enjoys the extra time retirement affords her to spend with her family both in
Raleigh and at their beach cottage. Brownie Sales Hamilton has recently moved back to Williamsburg, Va., and continues to work as a grant writer for nonprofit organizations. Her son Bryan writes for Saturday Night Live. Her son Reed writes for the New York Post and was married last summer in England.

Martha Anne Whosely Garrison retired in June from working in the local school library in Roanoke, Va., where she and her husband live. She has continued painting and really enjoys it, especially now that she has more time to spend doing it. In between their travels abroad they often visit their six grandchildren, who live in the Richmond and Williamsburg, Va., areas.

Mary-Bo Willis Gassman retired from teaching piano after 25 years but continues to sing in the Richmond Symphony Chorus. She and Ken Gassman, B, have seven grandchildren. Four live in Richmond, and the three who were formerly in France are now in Clemmons, N.C. Mary-Bo had the privilege of singing in Symphony Chorus with Ann Whitley Carter, W’90, the daughter of Pat Rainwater Whitley, W, and G’84.

Our class is looking for a permanent class secretary. It is a rewarding and enjoyable position. If you might be interested, please contact the Office of Alumni and Career Services for more information at 804-289-8026, or at alumni@vcu.edu. Reunion Reminder May 31–June 2, 2013 For more information, email reunion@vcu.edu or call 804-289-8030 or 800-480-4774, option 8.

CLASS OF ’68
Ann Marie Pearson Wood and Reggie Wood, R’69, had a fantastic month dog-sledding on a glacier in Alaska, traveling above the Arctic Circle, fishing for halibut, and watching grizzlies fishing for salmon at Brooks Falls from just 10 feet away. They still enjoy Roanoke, Va., when they are not on one of these adventures. Pat Connell Brady, W, and G’74, and her husband, Kirk Brady, B’70, are the proud grandparents of Thomas Amory. Their daughter, Lauren Brady Carroll, L’05, and her husband, Seth, live in Richmond, so they get to see them often. K.C. Clinedinst Swallow and Steve Swallow, R’69, and their husband and wife, Mabel, who was born April 17, to son Clint and his wife, Meredith. Jo Burnette Cooper and Steve completed their vacation house in Healdsburg, Calif. It’s an interesting concept house, mostly built in an old submarine factory in Vallejo, Calif., and is totally green. I think a trip to wine country is definitely in order!

Linda Weinstein Andrews has a great-nephew, Carter Harrison Weinstein. Carter’s proud parents are Linda’s nephew Nathan Weinstein and his wife, Leigh Anne Collier Weinstein, ’04. He is growing like a weed and is already wearing Spider gear. Linda and her husband traveled to Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C., last winter and thoroughly enjoyed eating at Hyman’s in Charleston.

Sally Andrews Gudas, her husband Steve Buckingham, R’71, and their husband and I have gathered periodically, since Penni Chappell Westbrook’s, passing with her brother Skip to make sure her memory lives on in our hearts and minds. This past August Donna Boone joined us and was a definite ray of sunshine, as you can imagine. She still mourns the loss of her husband but added immensely to our little “Penny group.” It is so wonderful how each of us connected with Penni in a different but meaningful way.

JoAnn Russell Nicholson, her husband, and Kevin and I all spend many hours together rooting for our favorite teams—the Spiders and the Flying Squirrels. We have thoroughly enjoyed season tickets at UR and went to even more baseball games than normal last summer. It is always fun with them, win or lose.

I ran into Sharon Morrissett Caldwell in the grocery store as she was preparing for a trip to China. Her husband Bob’s singing group was invited to sing, and she was tagging along. I hope she will fill us in with stories of her trip.

Susan Cosby Frazier and her husband, Tom Frazier, R’72, went to the laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania last summer after spending time in Winchester, Va. They toured Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, the Frank Lloyd Wright houses. They then went to Wheeling W.Va., and the Gervasi Vineyard in Canton, Ohio, where her son-in-law had a meeting. She was enjoying the scenery and the taste of babysitting her grandchildren. Susan is celebrating 40 years at MVC/VCU Health System.

Milk Kintner led a weekend course in Amsterdam. She and Elizabeth Josephine Rooney Duval spent time together in Paris in June. Milsie and her daughter stayed in Paris at Josephine’s place. Perhaps we can have that Paris reunion next year?

Kevin and I spent two delightful weeks touring Paris, Burgundy, and Provence, France. I am in love with the country and would love to go back with all my “even sisters”!

May 2013 be the best year yet as we age like fine wine. And remember, “Carpe diem”!

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CLASS OF ’71
Carol Barker-Hindley and her husband have two granddaughters, ages 2 and 4, and live in Portland, Ore. They recently took a 12-day cruise around Tahiti. Carol speaks French with other Francophiles, as she calls herself and friends, and continues to do hula dancing.

Gena Shadwell teaches second grade at Jackson Davis Elementary School in Richmond. She recently had visits with friends and relatives in Naples and Panama City, Fla., and in Gwynn’s Island, Sandbridge, and Danville, Va. Gena has five adult children and five grandchildren.

Pat Burton Temples has joined an artist’s group consisting of people who use various types of materials, including watercolors and colored pencils. Pat fits into this group because of her work as a photographer. Last spring she went with the group to Italy, where they stayed in a monastery and then went to Florence and Rome.

Donna Holmes Whiteway lives in Ashland, Va., where she and her family have an 1890s house and barn. In 2010, she retired after 10 years of performing in regional theaters; 15 years of teaching English, speech, and drama; and 15 years in real estate sales. She still solos professionally for area churches. Donna is married to Phil Whiteway III, R’74, works managing director of two national touring companies and three live theater seasons at locations in downtown Richmond and at their beach cottage. Donna is married to Phil Whiteway III, R’74, works managing director of two national touring companies and three live theater seasons at locations in downtown Richmond and their beach cottage. Donna is married to Phil Whiteway III, R’74, works managing director of two national touring companies and three live theater seasons at locations in downtown Richmond and their beach cottage. Donna is married to Phil Whiteway III, R’74, works managing director of two national touring companies and three live theater seasons at locations in downtown Richmond and their beach cottage. Donna is married to Phil Whiteway III, R’74, works managing director of two national touring companies and three live theater seasons at locations in downtown Richmond and their beach cottage.
the world. They have more than two million microfilms from the United States and an equivalent number of international films. While in Utah, they also took a scenic train ride through Heber Valley and Provo Canyon.

Adelle Affleck Medved and Sally Harmonson Wallace, W and G77, met for lunch last summer and enjoyed sharing memories and updates about their lives. Adelle and her husband, Mel Medved, R71, who has now fully retired, recently went to the East Anglia region of England, where her father was based in WWII. Their son, John, and his wife joined them, and they spent several days in London shortly before the Olympics capped off their adventure.

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Betty Conner, W, lives in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF ’72
Judy Samuelson Shapleigh, her sister, and their families spent a week in Las Vegas packing in as many shows and side trips as possible. The only thing they didn’t schedule very well was sleep. After visiting the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam, they went boating up the Colorado River, where the temperature in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., was 117 degrees but the river water was ice cold. They also spent a week in Duck, N.C., recovering from their high-octane vacation in Vegas. Then jury duty called, followed by the political conventions coverage for Politico.

In August Diane Tarkington Biehs’ son Andrew, who is a commander in the Navy, took command of the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Truxtun. Diane and her mom, along with daughter, Carrie, and her two children were able to go to Norfolk, Va., for the change of command ceremony. Carrie is a major in the Air Force Reserves and is the executive officer for the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Diane retired four years ago after teaching elementary school for 31 years but substitutes as often as possible. She was sorry to miss our reunion, but had a wedding to attend in Maryland. I would like to personally thank both of Diane’s children for their military service.

Cwen Fletcher Duncan and her husband, Greg Duncan, R75, attended the 40th reunion weekend activities last June, including the dogs and two horses on her reception at the Lora Robins Gallery, where they saw many friends and made new acquaintances with Chris Taylor, R, and his wife, Carolyn, who also live in Greenville, N.C. For Gwen the highlight of the weekend was attending the Sunday morning chapel service at Cannon Memorial Chapel led by Rev. Craig Kocher. She and Greg were married there in March 1973 and try to go every time they visit campus. They spoke with Janet Ferrell, W’74, after the service. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful weekend.

Nancy MacCaffrey Church has a new granddaughter, Maizy Quinn, who was born last April, to her daughter, Amy. Maizy has an older sister, Ada, who is 5. Nancy’s son, Jeff, has two sons, Geoffrey, 8, and Henry, 4. Nancy still works for Bank of America and hopes to continue to do so for at least another four years. She has five dogs, a cat, and two horses on her 4 acres. Although she no longer rides, she still enjoys the horses as very beautiful “yard ornaments.” She says life is good and that she is “so very blessed.”

Rachel Pierce Newell and Wayne was spent two weeks in Ireland in July. She sang at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin for a week with a group called the Piedmont Singers sponsored by a church in Middleburg, Va. They toured and found the people to be so friendly. Wayne is a fisherman, so he fished for two days in a lough (lake) near Trim while Rachel saw the castle where Braveheart was filmed and visited Newgrange, which is older than Stonehenge and the pyramids. After 25 years in the country, Judy Johnson Mawyer moved to Glen Allen, Va., to be closer to family. In July she celebrated the birth of a new granddaughter, Ryan Slater Mawyer, who was born to parents Taylor and Laura. One of Laura’s first nights out without baby was a ladies’ night out with all of the Mawyer women and Tricia Mason Prillaman and the Prillaman women. Tricia’s daughter, Erin, and her husband are moving back to Richmond.

Thanks for sending such interesting emails. You have made my job an easy one.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Virginia Reynolds, W’72, who passed away in June. She started out with our class but finished early and went on to live and teach school in the Richmond area. At the time of her death, she was teaching at Guardian Christian Academy in a Chesterfield, Va.

Donna Kinqery Hughes and Carter Hudgins, R’72, have settled in to their new home in Charleston, S.C. Their son Cary married last summer. Carter then left for a trip to Ireland, which gave Donna time to recover and unpack. They enjoy time with their twin granddaughters.

Jeanie Nicholson Veith hopes to attend our 40th reunion. Her son Jerome earned a doctorate in philosophy from Boston College and teaches at his alma mater, Seattle University. He was lucky enough to spend the past year in Germany at the University of Freiburg on a Fulbright Scholarship. In June, Jeanie and Jon took a Norwegian fjords cruise on a coastal ship and enjoyed the “white nights” and clear skies. They then took a working tour to Kyiv, Ukraine, and followed up on the European Cup soccer games. Next she was off on a working trip to Ethiopia and planned to be back in time for the Oktoberfest and Christmas market seasons in Germany.

Ann Watlington writes curriculum and other activities at historic St. John’s Church as well as at the John Marshall House in downtown Richmond. Her daughter, Carson, just returned from a trip to Ghana and London and Liverpool, England. She sings with the Greater Richmond Children’s Choir, led by Hope Armstrong, R’74 and G’80.

Last May just 12 miles from Linda Wilkins Mairhead’s home, lightning started a wildfire in a rugged wilderness area and burned almost 25,000 acres! They only had to deal with smoke in the mornings. Linda and George took a 30th anniversary trip in June to Anna Maria Island, Fla.

Agnes Mobley-Wynne’s son, Clint Fuller, is the shift supervisor at Mas Farmhouse Restaurant in Manhattan. Her stepson, Billy, and his family visited with their new baby boy, Levi, whom they adopted from China. Agnes and David planned to spend Thanksgiving with Billy and Christy and their family in Denver as well as with Agnes’ daughter, Laurel Cadmus Fuller, ’05, and Clint.

Cabell Willis, the son of Susan Parrish Willis, W and G77, is a second-classman at VMI. He is a sergeant in the corps and captain of the cross-country team. This year is his Ring Figure year.

Sam and I took our family trip to P Welawes Island, S.C., last summer and loved being with the grandchildren but returned exhausted! Traveling back, we came through some major flooding of the interstate around Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and were concerned about Betty Rodman Harris and Scott. Betty reported that the lower level of her house had a few inches of water but that it cleaned up quickly.

Please contact me and make sure you are on my email list for updates that can’t wait for the magazine. Mark your calendars for our 40th reunion: May 31–June 2, 2013. Westhampton Class Secretary Spring Crafts Kirby 11735 Triple Nutch Terrace Richmond, VA 23233 804-364-3787 SKIRRY451@aol.com


CLASS OF ’74
Susan Brock Harley is in her 12th year of teaching middle school as a reading intervention specialist in Lexington, Ky. In her career, she has taught English at the high school level.
and psychology at the universities of Kentucky, New Mexico, and South Carolina. She spent several weeks last summer in Grand Goâve, Haiti, serving on a work team with Lifeline Christian Missions. It was a truly rewarding experience. She is serving as a lay counselor at her church and is working on a master’s degree—her second one—in counseling psychology. She volunteers weekly with UK freshmen at Christian Student Fellowship.

Last February, Susan joined UR alumni at Xavier University in Cincinnati, including Terry Heilman Sylvester, B’76, to see the Spiders play basketball. Susan and her son, John, her brother, and her nephew attended the Final Four to see her beloved UK Wildcats win the NCAA National Championship in New Orleans in April! In her “spare” time, she attends other UK sporting events and concerts and reads everything she can get her hands on. She wishes us all a happy 60th birthday but wonders how in the world it could be possible.

Through her job as executive director of Historic Richmond Foundation, Mary Jane Massad Hogue saw my husband, Ted Chandler, L’77, on a Richmond Chamber of Commerce trip to Boston, and she has seen classmates Hope Armstrong Erb, W and G’80, and Grace Robinson den Hartog, W and G’80, while on vacation she saw Wendy Church Sydnor. They had a great time ringnog in the new year together. Nancy Heilman Cale, W’75 and G’77, invited Mary Jane to volunteer for the UR Chapel Guild. Mary Jane and Janet Ferrell have reconnected there and at other Richmond nonprofit endeavors.

Mary Jane has interacted with the University’s president, Dr. Ed Ayers, pertaining to the discussions surrounding the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. She says he is an amazing speaker on the topic and that he brings a wonderful perspective to the conversation. Mary Jane now has both granddaughters and grandsons and says there really is gender difference, even at a young age.

Shirley Meadows Trible enjoyed time off last summer after tutoring world history and American history students to prepare them for the Virginia Standards of Learning tests. She and her brother and sister-in-law took her mother to Fort Myers, Fla., in late May and enjoyed day trips to Sanibel and Captiva islands. In June, she enjoyed a family vacation to Corolla, N.C.

Donna Higginbotham Rosser is enjoying retirement after 32 years teaching math. She looks forward to frequent trips to New York City to visit with her son, Jay, daughter-in-law, Nicole, and new granddaughter. Her daughter, Allison Rosser, ’09, lives in Seattle and is working will allow her time to learn some new music!

Janet Ferrell stays busy with club activities and scorekeeping for NCAA volleyball. She and her husband, Mark Bearden, have traveled to Vermont, Hilton Head, S.C., and to Kansas City, Mo., to see daughter Meredith’s U.Va. club volleyball team play in the national club volleyball championships. While Meredith, a U.Va. junior, studied at Oxford last summer, the family visited her and toured the area. Their daughter Melissa graduated from Dartmouth in June and is working in Washington, D.C.

Janet visited Carolyn Ridgway Cook and saw Betty Ray Cobb, Sarah Hopkins Finley, W and L ’82, and Susan Linder Stephenson last spring. During the 2012 Lenten season, Janet and Princess Daniel, the wife of John M. Daniel III, R, joined the team organized by Betty Ann Allen Dillon, W and G’94, to serve lunches at St. Paul’s in downtown Richmond. What a blessing! In April, thanks to a recommendation from Nancy Heilman Cale, Janet served as day chairman at the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club and introduced astronaut Leland Melvin, R’86. He was a wonderful guest speaker. That same month, the UR Chapel Guild members were guests at the annual trustees dinner in celebration of 25 years of the endowment of the chaplaincy. I attended the event along with Diana Blackburn Whitaker, W’75, Michael Mahoney, B’75, and Suzanne Heffner Brown, W’75.

Ram Floyd Pulley and Glenn Pulley, R’73 and L’76, spent two weeks last summer in Kauai, Hawaii, hiking, kayaking, and snorkeling. They also visited Bald Head Island, N.C., with their former exchange student from Berlin. They hosted a family reunion at Wintegreen, Va., to

Copy-editing Washington

Judy Shapleigh, W’72

Edward or Ted Kennedy? Sen. Nelson of Nebraska or Sen. Nelson of Florida? Was Specter or Franken the 60th vote for the Affordable Health Care Act?

Those are just some of the calls Judy Shapleigh has to make with speed and accuracy as the chief of Politico’s copy desk.

At a time when most newspapers are cutting staff, D.C.-based Politico is booming, thanks in part to a growing national obsession with an insider’s view of politics. Shapleigh signed on at Politico nearly four years ago after three decades at Politico’s copy desk. Politico is a stimulating place to work.

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Shapleigh manages the paper’s style guide and fact-checks candidate and lawmaker names, home states, committee appointments, party affiliations, and esoteric nuances about Capitol Hill scandals. She memorized hundreds of names and facts so she can easily spot errors in copy.

To help reporters, Shapleigh writes a blog on style and usage and wrote a grammar guide called Perilous Pairs, detailing words that confuse writers. Being correct and consistent in style is important for a news organization, she says, because “you want people to trust you.”

“We work with people who are really passionate about politics. I guess most of the people here are obsessed. You put out the papers, come home and watch the debates and coverage, and read copy online for another hour as people are blogging. It’s a long day.”

—Catherine Amos
celebrate Pam’s father’s 90th birthday. Pam continues to practice golf and especially enjoys time spent with her art friends taking painting classes.

Leslie Lilley Kellenberger’s celebration of her 60th birthday year has included time with Sandra Sperry in Phoenix seeing stunning vistas and Frank Lloyd Wright sites; attending a game in Richmond with Carol Daly Schreiffer, B; and Bill Daly III, B; and attending Ann Gordon’s wedding. As a board member of the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation, she continues to captain their dragon boat teams in festivals in New Bern, Oriental, and Raleigh, N.C.

Sarah Hopkins Finley continues to promote economic and financial education for Virginia K-12 students as the executive director of the Virginia Council on Economic Education. Last summer, she spent a weekend in New York City with her twin 16-year-old step-granddaughters. It reminded her of a trip with many Westhampton classmates after graduation during which they saved at every opportunity so they could fit in as many plays as possible.

Sandra Sperry earned the gold for most time spent watching the 2012 Olympics! It brings back memories of adventure and a lifelong interest in travel. She traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe, Turkey, Fiji, and Southeast Asia. She had an amazing success and ownership of learning.

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Minding the gap

Brett Wigdortz, ’95

Brett Wigdortz walked into one of the largest secondary schools in West London as a consultant for a pro bono project on how businesses could better support disadvantaged schools.

He walked out knowing there was much more he could do. Wigdortz had no experience with education or public policy. He had only recently moved to Britain and had no professional network. But he had a vision for improving school performance: recruit students with leadership potential, have them complete a residential training program, and ask them to make a two-year commitment to teaching. In 2002, Wigdortz resigned from his consulting job to found Teach First.

“In some ways it was a deliberate sleight of hand,” he writes in his recent book, Success Against the Odds. “No pressure, just a two-year commitment. In reality, I was convinced that the graduates would make it a lifetime one.”

Today, more than half of Teach First’s graduates continue to teach in low-income community schools, while others continue a commitment to education equality through business, public policy, and social organizations.

The early years weren’t easy. Wigdortz faced an uphill battle to secure funding, convince school ministers of the program’s value, and ensure each graduate was adequately trained.

A decade later, no one is questioning the success of Teach First. The organization has placed more than 4,000 teachers in disadvantaged schools. It is the largest graduate recruiter in the country, and it works with more than 500 schools, tens of thousands of young students, and dozens of universities and businesses.

“It’s been a great decade of learning and improving,” Wigdortz says. “The problem of educational disadvantage is so deep and historic, and encompasses so many difficult issues, that it’s hard to make sufficient progress. Every time I see children not receiving the education they need to make the most of their life chances, it makes me realize how far all of us still have to go.”

—Kim Catley
CLASS OF ’97
Alison Lages Carlton and her husband, Josh, have two daughters: Winn, born in June, and Madelyn, 6. The couple opened a new restaurant, The Mill on MacArthur, on Richmond’s Northside. Alison continues work with Marriott International and as an independent representative with ACN, an international telecommunications company based in Charlotte, N.C. She and Josh enjoyed her 15-year class reunion with Jennifer Peck Maitland and Ed, Rick Edwards, Cynthia Cordova Edwards, and a number of other former classmates.

In August Shawn DeMers and his wife, April, adopted their second son, John Paul. Shawn is in the executive MBA program at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

Chris Engels and his wife, Betsy, had their first daughter, Kensli Hartman, May 14. They live in Berwyn, Pa., where Chris is an insurance agent in the family business and Betsy teaches.


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Kimberly Killian Law received the Florida State Bar Young Lawyers Division Most Productive Board Member Award for 2011–12. She represented the Fourth Judicial Circuit for two terms on the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, which—with more than 22,000 members—is the largest section of the state bar.

Chris Smith is visiting assistant professor of law at Widener University School of Law. His research, writing, and publishing focus on medical liability and reform of healthcare payment and delivery systems. In June, his most recent article, “Somebody’s Watching Me: Protecting Patient Privacy in De-Identified Prescription Health Information,” was published by Vermont Law Review.

Karen Smith-Will, C’98, graduated summa cum laude with a master’s degree in leadership from Lubbock Christian University in Texas. Karen is president of a leadership consulting firm in Mechanicsville, Va.

Sarah Graham Taylor and her husband, Jason, welcomed their second son, Jaxon West Taylor, Aug. 28. He joins older brother, Graham. Sarah serves as the executive director of the Oklahoma State Senate Democrats and coordinated 11 races for the Oklahoma State Senate. She and her family live in Oklahoma City.

Sarah Cole-Turner Vincent and husband Hal Vincent, ’96, welcomed a daughter, Caroline Laurence, Feb. 24, 2011. She joined big brother Ben, 4. The family lives in Tampa, Fla. Sarah is completing a master’s degree in speech-language pathology, and Hal is interim director of the Zimmerman Advertising Program and serves as faculty in residence at the University of South Florida.

CLASS OF ’99
Andy Armstrong and Danielle Butt Armstrong, ’00, welcomed their third daughter, Caroline, May 8. Their two sons, Luke, 4, and Colin John, who was born June 30, Meredith is assistant township manager and zoning officer for Middletown Township, Pa.

Jeanne Cassidy Van Ronzenel and her husband, Mark, have a son, Henry Haxton, who was born Sept. 21, 2011. The family lives near Philadelphia.

Megan Katherine Winkler, the daughter of Jodie Eicher Winkler and her husband, Matthew, was born Sept. 13, 2011.

CLASS OF ’00
In fall 2011, Kim Kukulski Doyle and her husband, Patrick, moved from Boise, Idaho, to Morrisstown, N.J., where his active duty career in the Air Force ended. She is legal counsel for Investors Bank in Short Hills, N.J. The couple welcomed a daughter, Reagan Ann, Feb. 5, 2012. She joined big brother Brendan, whose godfather is Kim’s brother Chris Kukulski, ’95, and沿线 family.

Knierim, Susan Howson, G’08, and Virginia Tech graduate Kate Bredimus have opened the full-service branding and advertising agency Bayonet in Richmond.

CLASS OF ’01
Nicole DeFlumere DiVirgilio and her husband welcomed their first children, twins Layton Michael and Melanie Bryn, March 20.

CLASS OF ’02
Kate Stiluka married Brian Daniels in New Canaan, Conn., Oct. 15, 2011. Mollie Eaton Christ, Heather Repicky Watson, Brenna Trauth Becker, and Kate Wheeler were in the wedding party. The couple lives in New York City, where Kate is director of event marketing at UBS and Brian is a senior producer at R/GA.

Timothy Patrick Sullivan earned a master’s degree in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in February. On June 16, he married Beth Viskovicz. Dominick Quartuccio, ’01, was in the ceremony and Ashley Wakeman Pitts, ’00, and Tim Pitts, ’00, attended.

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Sarah DeVoe and Ross Gore married Sept. 22 with many of their fellow Spiders in attendance. Included in the wedding party were Jamie Paulson Diaz, Jocelyn Rhoades, Nick Morales, Brian Pagels, and Cameron Snapp. This year, Ross received a doctorate in computer science from U.Va. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Samuel R. Brumberg works for the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives in its newly created position of association counsel. He provides the association’s governmental affairs department with legal research and counsel on a wide array of issues, with an emphasis on regulatory matters.

Matthew Bruning and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their first child, Charlotte Grace, April 23. He is director of government relations for the Virginia Bankers Association.

Mark W. Dwyer won an Emmy Award last spring at the 55th Annual New York Emmy Awards. He and his colleagues won in the interactivity category for their project “9/11: A Decade Later” (newsday.com/911), which profiled nearly 500 Long Islanders. Mark and his wife, Amanda Hawthorne Dwyer, have a son, Jack Hawthorne, born Feb. 9, 2012.

Jim Morris lives in New York City. Katie Krug Watrous and her husband, Michael Watrous, GB’11, welcomed their first child, a son named Henry James, June 3. They live in Midlothian, Va.

Verena Leisman Weinstein married Ross Weinstein Sept. 8 in Virginia Beach, Va. Vanny Huot and Allison Rivera Guernsey were in the wedding party, and Mimi Lunach attended. The couple lives in Norfolk, Va.

Alanna McManus and Craig Weiss, ’04, married June 2 in Lambertville, N.J. Rebecca Zakian Carlson, Christina Letterese, Gabrielle DiBello Nader, Kaelin O’Connell, Mackenzie Winner, and Evan Abrams, Scott Reiman, Eric Zunic, all in the Class of ’04, were in the wedding party.
CLASS OF ’04
Kelly Thompson Davis and her husband, Paul, live in Moseley, Va., with their daughter Caroline, who was born April 14.

Wallis Beth Morris and James Edward Morris, ’03, married July 21 in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Jocelyn Morris Biever, ’01, Crystal Fernandez Bad, Megan Sikorski, ’05, and Paul Doran, ’03, were in the wedding. Wallie and Jim live in New York City, where she is pursuing a doctoral degree in physical therapy at NYU and Jim is an attorney.

Jennifer White Swenson and her husband, Kyle Swenson, are parents to Owen Jeffrey, who was born Aug. 24.

CLASS OF ’05
Jocelyn Bassette Blizzard and her husband, Linwood Blizzard II, welcomed their first child, Linwood, July 8. The family lives in Boston. Jocelyn is a development officer for Hunt Alternatives Fund.

Oscar Holmes IV is a doctoral candidate at the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama. He recently was named a Southern Region Education Board Doctoral Scholar and received an SREB Dissertation Fellowship Award.

Gregory Thomas Keohan teaches geography at Melrose Memorial Middle School in Melrose, Mass. He earned a master’s degree from Salem State University.

CLASS OF ’06
Joe Leece is a regulatory compliance officer for Fulton Bank in Lancaster, Pa., the largest bank subsidiary of Fulton Financial Corp.

In May Thomas Occhino, GB, again took a team of UR hockey alumni to Las Vegas for the USA Adult Hockey Tournament, and they won once more! Ten alumni, including Occhino, were on the team: Kent Foster and Bryan Evans, both ‘04; Scott Celander, ’06; Grant Garcia, ’06 and GB’09; Stro Ashburn, Matt Callahan, and Matt Curtin, all ’07; Taylor Hastings, ’08; and Matt Impota, ’10. Justin Collins, ’08, could not attend due to a military commitment. Kelly Sallee, who lives in Las Vegas, attended as a UR hockey fan.

Stage might
Nedra McClyde, ’02

New York City-based actor Nedra McClyde decided early to pursue her passion for performance at Richmond. By spring of her first year, she switched from a biology major to theatre and dance.

By senior year, Columbia University and the Actors Studio Drama School had admitted her for graduate school, but she almost never left for the Big Apple at all. She had decided against both offers until an 11th-hour pep talk from a high school friend sent her repacking her suitcases and moving just a week before classes started at the Actors Studio. Today she’s still in New York getting steady work in a tough profession.

“I never thought I could make a living out of it,” McClyde says. “I was never really encouraged to go into performing as a profession.” Her résumé includes writing and performing for stage, television, and film. Her TV credits span shows from Law and Order: Criminal Intent and Blue Bloods on CBS to 30 Rock on NBC. Last fall, she filmed commercials for Pillsbury and Captain D’s before flying to San Diego for a monthlong run of David Lindsay-Abaire’s Tony-nominated play Good People at The Old Globe.

McClyde remembers her first years as a trial by fire. She went into the field with very little guidance and no representation.

“It really does take someone else in your corner to get you in the room,” she says. “Usually it’s your manager or agent who gets you the audition. The rest is up to you and the director.”

Her agent helped land the audition for 30 Rock, but her friend, Keith Powell, who plays Toofer on the show, stopped Tina Fey after seeing Nedra on audition reels. His message: Fey should hire McClyde.

McClyde enjoys acting for TV, but her real satisfaction comes from playing roles on stage that are out of the ordinary and surreal.

“You spend much more time with your cast and your director,” McClyde says. “You have time to really get into your character’s world and understand what’s happening. And, of course, you have the instant gratification of an audience being right there live.”

—Paul Brockwell Jr.

CLASS OF ’07
Tim Clarke married Li Wenbin from China. The couple will have a 2013 wedding in China. Tim earned a GMBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in April.

Chris Daffner and Whitney Koch, ’08, were married in Columbus, Ohio, May 27. Pete Elhes, Grant Hosking, Matt Raggi were in the wedding party, as well as class of ’08 members Caroline Hughes, Amanda Losterdeld, Sara Shangraw, and Sarah Villemarette. There were 47 Richmond alumni at the wedding.

Abby Dutcher Murray and her husband welcomed Liam Dutcher in May. Johnny Campbell and Liz Gillespie Lang are his godparents.

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Susan Howson, G, Carrie Fleck Walters, ’00, Hunter Knierim, ’00, and Virginia Tech graduate Kate Bredirim opened the full-service branding and advertising agency Bayonet in Richmond.

Erin Kendlehart earned a master’s degree in medical science and certification as a physician assistant from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in August. She lives in Richmond and works in obstetrics and gynecology with a doctor affiliated with Henrico Doctors’ Hospital.

Carolyn Stenzel is a librarian, educational technology specialist, and houseparent at Chatham Hall, a private girls boarding school in Chatham, Va.

CLASS OF ’10
Fynn Glover launched RootsRated.com last summer, which helps users tap into the very best in local outdoor recreation across the U.S.

CLASS OF ’11
Julie Rechel and Timothy Patterson, ’10 and L’15, married July 21. Em Mentz, Daniel Rudary, and Jordan Walter, all ’10, and Mary Helen Sheehan participated in the wedding.
IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1931 / Paul J. Forsythe, R, of Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 25, 2012. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War II and pastored several Baptist churches.


1936 / Helen Emery Falls, W and W76, of Richmond, formerly of Bay City, Texas, June 11, 2012. She entered Westhampton at age 16 and went on to serve as dean of women and professor of missions at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. As a missionary, she traveled to 80 countries on four continents. She was the first woman awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Richmond.

1937 / A. Brook Davis Gravatt Jr., R, of Kilmarnock, Va., Aug. 20, 2012. He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II and founded the first licensed clinic in Kilmarnock, Va. He also holds the record as Virginia’s longest-serving medical examiner, a post he held for Lancaster County from 1946 until 2000.

1937 / Winifred L. Schenco, W of Jacksonville, Fla., April 23, 2012. She was a retired schoolteacher who enjoyed travel and nature. She was a member of First Baptist Church.


1939 / Woodrow W. Glass Sr., R, of Rustburg, Va., Dec. 28, 2011. He pastored several churches in Virginia for 30 years. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the Masons.

1940 / William A. Rothenberg, R, of Davidson, N.C., June 21, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later worked for Merck as a senior research chemist. He completed a doctorate at U.Va. and taught chemistry at Davis and Elkins College, Hampden-Sydney College, and Davidson College, where he was on faculty for 33 years. He was a member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

1941 / Dorothy B. Hashbarger, W, of St. Albans, W.Va., June 22, 2012. She taught biology, psychology, and conservation. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

1942 / Archie M. Garigossian, R of Boca Raton, Fla., Oct. 8, 2011. He served as a teacher and administrator for the Virginia Department of Education.


He served on many boards, including the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike Authority and Chesterfield County’s school board. He was a Mason and a member of Winfree Memorial Baptist Church.

1942 / Florence Nuckolls Clayton, W of Jacksonville, Fla., May 19, 2012. She was supportive of the arts in her community. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior.

1944 / William A. MacIverine III, R of Richmond, formerly of Charlottesville, Va., July 6, 2012. He was a doctor specializing in internal medicine. He served as Virginia’s medical examiner and taught at the U.Va. medical school.

1945 / Julian H. Pentecost Sr., R and H70, of Richmond, May 31, 2012. He was a pastor of Grace Baptist Church and served as the president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He was the longtime editor of The Herald, the news magazine for Virginia Baptists, and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Richmond, where he was also a trustee.

1945 / Anne Glazebrook Tompkins, W, of Virginia Beach, Va., March 9, 2012.

1947 / Jane Harp Davis, W of Luray, Va., June 27, 2011. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

1947 / William B. Proper, R, of Richmond, June 6, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He dedicated his time to St. James’s Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry, and to the Virginia Institute for Pastoral Care. He followed a life-long love of the arts through his career in the Richmond printing industry.


1949 / William T. Luck Jr., R, of Rockville, Va., June 19, 2012. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Central Fidelity Bank as a loan officer for 32 years and was a member of Dunn’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

1950 / Charles H. Blount Sr., R, of Richmond, May 28, 2012. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a Mason and a member of Second Baptist Church. For many years, he was a statistician for Spider football and basketball.

1950 / Jean Rainer Rowe, W of Naples, Fla., formerly of Brinkfield, Mass., Aug. 5, 2012. For many years, she owned and operated Rowe’s Auto Parts with her husband. She enjoyed travel and was an avid bridge player.

1950 / Dorothy Maddox Sykes, W of Richmond, March 8, 2012. He served for the Virginia Department of Corrections and was active in community theater.

1951 / David “Dick” Hensley Jr., R of Martinsville, Va., Aug. 24, 2012. He was the longtime football coach for Martinsville High School and a member of First Baptist Church. In February 2012, he was inducted into the University of Richmond’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

1951 / Shirley Hall Murphy, W of Richmond, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., June 15, 2012. Her family helped found St. Bridget Catholic Church. She volunteered at her children’s school and for more than 30 years with St. Joseph’s Home for the Aged.

1952 / Robert Lee Boggs Sr., R of Ashland, Va., formerly of Norfolk, Va., Aug. 22, 2012. He earned advanced divinity degrees from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., served as pastor to a number of Baptist churches in Virginia and North Carolina, and was the associate for ministry to church leaders at the Dover Baptist Association.

1952 / Charles M. Shutt, R of Columbus, Ohio, May 6, 2012.

1954 / Thomas H. Markley, R of Port Angeles, Wash., July 27, 2012. He led several Episcopal churches, including 15 years as rector of historic

1944 / J. Ralph Noonekster, R and H68, of Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 30, 2012. He earned graduate degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and, at age 32, became president of William Carey College. Under Noonekster’s leadership, William Carey became the first private, historically-white college to voluntarily admit African-American students in Mississippi. He led efforts to rebuild the home of a local civil rights leader who died after his house was firebombed. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Richmond.
St. John’s Church in Richmond, Va. He served as a naval pilot for four years before starting a varied career path that led to ministry.  
1958 / Willett B. Bennett, B, of Chambersburg, Pa., formerly of Manassas, Va., July 9, 2012. He served in the Virginia National Guard and later as a personnel officer with the CIA for 30 years.  
1957 / Charles A. Chilton, R, of Fredericksburg, Va., July 25, 2012. He was a pastor and early advocate for church desegregation. He was a missionary who started churches in northern Virginia, Maryland, and the Philippines. He wrote a religion column for the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star.  
1958 / Elinor Delong “Dee” Bell, W, of Fairfax, Va., Dec. 16, 2011. She worked as an educator for children with special needs.  
1958 / Edmund B. Gibson, R, of Richmond, July 4, 2012. He started his own realty company and later worked for Long & Foster as a senior broker. He was a deacon and elder at River Road Presbyterian Church.  
1958 / John E. Jenkins, R, of Newport News, Va., July 21, 2012. He taught and served as an assistant principal at Henrico County Public Schools before joining the faculty of the education departments at the College of William and Mary and then Christopher Newport University. In retirement, he prepared taxes for H&R Block. He was a member of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church.  
1959 / Deane Edwin Beamer, B, of Marion, Va., Aug. 9, 2012. He was a hospital administrator instrumental in establishing a community hospital in Southwest Virginia. After retiring, he cofounded a medical records consulting company with his daughter. He was a member of Royal Oak Presbyterian Church.  
1959 / Darrel L. Hess, R, of Richmond, July 15, 2012. He worked for the Virginia Department of Corrections. He served in the U.S. Navy, taught and coached basketball, and was a member of Northminster Baptist Church.  
1961 / Sidney J. King, B, of Richmond, Aug. 18, 2012. He worked for the Defense General Supply Center for 47 years. He was a member of Congregation Or Ayid.  
1962 / James E. Jarrell Jr., R and L68. of Fredericksburg, Va., July 12, 2012. He worked as a chemist with Phillip Morris before pursuing law. He was a county attorney, a Commonwealth’s attorney, and commissioner of accounts for Spotsylvania County. He was a member of Fredericksburg Baptist Church.  
1964 / Bonnie Higgins Arrington, W, of Greenville, S.C., July 31, 2012. She was an educator who taught math at middle and high schools. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Greenville.  
1965 / Frank Andrew “Andy” Lasley III, R, of Stoneham, Mass., formerly of Staunton, Va., June 20, 2012. He studied dentistry at Boston and Harvard universities and was a specialist in periodontology.  
1967 / Barkev Ben Baronian, R, of Richmond, Aug. 16, 2012. He worked for Albina in the flavors and quality fields. After retiring, he educated the public on genocide, working to make educational resources available to public schools.  
1973 / W. Booth Grier, B, of Onancock, Va., formerly of Salisbury, Md., Sept. 5, 2012. He owned Grier Tire Company and served as a trustee and chair of the Salisbury School Board. He was a Rotarian and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.  
1973 / Charles D. Hill Jr., R, of Appomattox, Va., Sept. 11, 2012. He worked for BASF Corp. and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.  
1975 / Mark D. Bryan, R and G77, of Colonial Heights, Va., formerly of Mechanicsville, Va., Sept. 8, 2012. He was a coach, professor, and athletic director at Richard Bland College.  
1975 / James C. Khoury, R, of Palm Coast, Fla., January 21, 2012. He was active in his church and community.  
1991 / Daniel H. Johnson, R, of Norfolk, Va., June 8, 2012. After Richmond, he earned a master’s degree in international relations at Old Dominion University.  
1992 / Christopher H. Bushong, R, of Richmond, July 25, 2012. He was an insurance agent with State Farm and volunteered with the American Heart Association.  
1996 / Gargi Pahuja, of New York, formerly of Richmond, July 27, 2012. She was a public health advocate who lived 27 years longer than doctors expected when she was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder as a child.  
2005 / David Haas, of Brunswick, Maine, July 28, 2012. He was a captain in the U.S. Army. He served two tours in Iraq and was serving a third in South Korea.
When the first issue of this magazine rolled off the presses in 1936, its masthead read “The Alumni Bulletin.” The name was only temporary, an article explained; alumni would suggest something better. It stuck until 1971.

More than the name has changed over the publication’s lifespan. I should know. On a bookshelf opposite my desk are 11 faded green cardboard boxes containing the magazine’s entire archive, my inheritance when I began occupying a Puryear Hall office earlier this year as editor. As I thumb through the pages of this remarkable gift, their scent is musty, like long-lost memories.

The publication’s purpose, President F.W. Boatwright explained in a column in the inaugural issue, was to assure alumni “that the little college from which he graduated has kept pace with the march of progress and is a far better institution than when he was a student.”

Sufficiently knowledgeable about the institution, alumni “will send us their sons and daughters,” he continued. “They will commend the University to other possible students, and they will give us the money we need.” The institution, in return, “must ever strive to be worthy to receive their more gifted sons and daughters.”

Consider the year in which he wrote those words. In 1936, the Nazis reoccupied the Rhineland; the coming war would worldwide claim 60 million souls, give or take, within the decade. At home, recovery from the Great Depression was ongoing, uncertain, and contentious.

Readers didn’t find any indication of this wider world in the first issue’s pages. Those who opened the cover found a Page 1 story about a $500,000 fundraising campaign for a central library (now Boatwright) and a women’s gymnasium (now Keller Hall). All eight pages have a familiar feel: stories of alumni accomplishments (a weatherman to Charles Lindbergh, an archivist for the state of Pennsylvania), messages from administrators, and invitations to homecoming.

The back cover has surprised everyone to whom I’ve shown it. There, an illustrated, impossibly handsome young couple under a starless sky is lighting Chesterfield cigarettes. “A match can tell you a lot,” the advertisement suggests, suggestively. Social attitudes about smoking might have shifted, but come-hither marketing strategies endure.

Continuity and change nestle side by side throughout the issues that follow. Students learn and graduate; alumni build families, careers, and communities; and class notes ebb and flow. Around them and through them, the institution changes, too. As the University looks increasingly forward and outward, so does the magazine. Over time, students, faculty, and alumni in these pages look and dress differently, and speak of new realities, even as they cradle timeless hopes.

As the covers below show, the magazine has changed its look and feel every bit as much as hair lengths and hemlines have gone up and down. The cover looked far different when FDR crushed Alf Landon than when Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon or the World Trade Towers fell.

In the months ahead, we’re taking another fresh look at the magazine. Our goal is to make it more relevant, thought-provoking, and satisfying to read, and more beautiful to look at; to move it, as one alumna suggested, from her obliged-to-read pile to her pleasure read pile. We expect to roll out a new magazine as the Class of 2017 arrives this fall. Our goal would be familiar to Dr. Boatwright: to reflect an institution ever striving to be worthy of you, our readers.

—Matthew Dewald
Editor
Your gift could be $50, it could be $5,000. No matter the amount, we can help students do what Caroline Cobert, ’12, did: Get a mummy out of a glass case and into an X-ray machine.

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