GOING GLOBAL

The Carole Weinstein International Center creates greater opportunities for students abroad and on campus.
Every fall is exciting at UR, but this one feels particularly special. A few numbers help tell the story. The 8,661 applicants for the Class of 2014—a record—would almost fill our beautiful new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium. Of that stadium full of prospective students, about 800 are settling into life on campus.

Each of these new students is enrolled in one of our 105 first-year seminars. The seminars, created by our faculty last year as the successor to the Core program, focus on writing, research, and oral presentation in classes defined by the passions of the faculty teaching them. Each seminar is limited to 16 students, who will take a different seminar next semester. The classes cover a remarkable range of exciting topics, from bioethics to controllable light, from Darwin to climate change, from judicial leadership to Muslim women, from Shakespeare to Socrates. And that’s only in the fall term! I don’t know of any other place where first-year students have access to such a broad range of faculty from across an entire university. The devotion of all our faculty to all our students is a remarkable testimony to the kind of place the University of Richmond is.

Those new students also are helping us create new traditions. The first football game in the new stadium is scheduled for Sept. 18 against Elon. We are expecting a sellout crowd, including about 2,000 students, for the first football game played on campus in decades. We also look forward to seeing many of you at the dedication ceremony for Robins Stadium scheduled for the homecoming game on Oct. 23.

Another exciting addition to our campus is the Carole Weinstein International Center, which we opened in August and will dedicate on Oct. 14. (See story on page 10.) The new building is home to faculty and programs that provide Richmond students with rich international experiences. Nearly 60 percent of our 2009 graduates studied abroad during their Richmond experience, and our current international students hail from 60 countries.

Our newest students, like all Spiders who have come before them, are the beneficiaries of traditions and commitments that generations of alumni, faculty, and staff have made to Richmond. It is a pleasure to see the annual renewal of what is best about this place.

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Awards
Dining Services wins top national awards
Richmond has won the top awards for residential dining and special-event catering in the annual Loyal E. Horton National Dining Awards sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS).

Earlier in the competition, Richmond won gold medals in both categories for midsize universities. Then Richmond won the grand awards by topping universities of all sizes in both categories.

The gold medal for residential dining is the third in three attempts for the Heilman Dining Center, and many dining hall patrons agree with the NACUFS judges.

“Whatever buffet options were prepared for the day, I could always depend on concocting something satisfying from the selection of food,” says Nick Craft, ’10. “The Impinger (oven), sandwich press, and microwave let me be the chef, using any of the many buffet displays and even a dedicated spice station. … That was truly the magic of D-hall, the creative possibilities that came with all that variety.”

The catering award was for a dinner to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Robins gift to the University. “It’s terrific to see our catering department recognized by NACUFS, and this award is well-deserved,” says Carolyn Martin, C’86, who chaired the committee that organized the dinner. “The creativity and attention to detail they bring to special occasions make the events memorable.”

In related news, the University has promoted Dee Hardy, a longtime Dining Services manager and director, to associate vice president for campus services. In addition to overseeing food service functions, she has taken on additional responsibilities for the post office, events, conferences, and printing services. Hardy joined the University in 1978.

Events
Justice Scalia to serve as orator-in-residence
Antonin Scalia, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at a luncheon in the Jepson Alumni Center on Nov. 19. He is being honored by the University’s Speech Center as its third orator-in-residence. The School of Law is co-sponsoring the event.

According to Linda Hobgood, director of the Speech Center, the choice was an obvious one. “The justice’s book, Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges, was brought to my attention earlier this year,” she says. “A significant portion is devoted to refining techniques of oral argument. The advice applies well beyond the legal community and serves as practical...
wisdom for all speakers in a variety of contexts. Justice Scalia and his co-author, Bryan Garner, have made a compelling case for the Speech Center’s own mission—speaking and listening to good effect.”

Hobgood started the orator-in-residence program in 2001 to bring speakers to campus who are leaders in their fields and articulate advocates of their ideas. Previous speakers have included author Reid Buckley, founder of the Buckley School of Public Speaking, and poet Dana Gioia, who chaired the National Endowment for the Arts.

For information about attending Scalia’s speech, call the Speech Center at (804) 287-6409 or visit speech.richmond.edu.

Fulbrights
Grants send graduates to Korea and Singapore
Two recent graduates were named Fulbright Scholars this spring—Nathan Bullock, ’10, and Rebecca Stewart, ’10.

Stewart will be an English teaching assistant at an elementary school in South Korea. Bullock is conducting research in Singapore under the title “Creation of Cosmopolitan Spaces in the Global City of Singapore.”

“The research project idea comes from my international studies senior thesis on the creation of the modern global city, using Hong Kong as my example,” Bullock says. He decided to study Singapore next because it makes an interesting comparison to Hong Kong, where he already had spent a semester abroad.

“I lived in China when I was younger and have studied Chinese,” he adds.

Gifts
Alumni support UR
Stephen Aronson, R’87, has made a major gift to the Aronson Family Scholarship in honor of his mother, Paraskevi Moisidou. Aronson’s grandfather sent her to the United States from Greece in the 1950s to give her a chance at a better life, and she has made the most of that opportunity.

In awarding the Aronson Family Scholarship, the University will give priority to students from war-torn nations that are allied with the United States. “The next Paraskevi Moisidou is out there,” Aronson says. “This scholarship will hopefully play a part in facilitating a college education” for her or him.

Other major gifts to the University during the first six months of the year include: a contribution to Westhampton Center from Werter Hurt Jr., R’49, of Culpeper, Va., to name the gallery connecting the center to the Deanery in honor of Susan Dickinson.

Remembering Lora Robins
The Robins name runs through the fabric of the University of Richmond. With the news of the passing of Lora M. Robins, H’73, widow of the late E. Claiborne Robins, on Aug. 22, the University reflected on the remarkable life of a woman whose generosity changed the University and the greater Richmond area.

The Robins family’s $50 million gift to the University in 1969 was, at the time, the largest gift ever given to an institution of higher education by a living donor, and it marked the beginning of the University’s transformation into a nationally recognized liberal arts institution. Throughout the following decades, the family continued to give generously to Richmond—with contributions totaling more than $200 million and touching every area of the University.

“The Robins family has given the University of Richmond the opportunity to be more than it could have otherwise imagined, and Mrs. Robins was there at every step of the way, guiding and shaping our future,” said President Edward Ayers.

“We are profoundly grateful.”

Throughout campus, the family’s impact is evident in residence halls and courtyards named after family members, including Mrs. Robins; in the business school, named for her husband in 1979; and most recently in the new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium, which stands next to the Robins Center. Their support also established endowed professorships and chairs, and created numerous scholarships.

In 1977, Mrs. Robins shared her love for beauty in nature by founding the University’s Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature. She generously gave several artifacts from her personal collection and supported the museum throughout her life.

“Lora Robins has been a vital part of Richmond,” said Ayers. “Indeed, there is hardly a nonprofit organization in the city that has not benefited from her generosity and from her refreshing honesty and good humor.”

—Neah Monteiro
The Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness showcases leadership in energy and environmental design.

and environmental design, the national standard for sustainable construction. The Green Building Council uses a point system to measure the sustainability of new or renovated buildings. A project earns points for everything from conserving energy and water to promoting indoor air quality and using construction materials that are more environmentally friendly. The highest LEED rating is platinum, followed by gold, silver, and the basic certification.

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Kong will perform a one-woman duet
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The concerto is the first to feature a single soloist playing both piano and harpsichord. It was written for Kong by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Michael Colgrass after he heard her critically acclaimed CD set of Bach and Beethoven, recordings made possible by a faculty research grant. Kong’s performances have received critical praise in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Oregonian, the San Antonio Express-News, and The New York Times.

Other contemporary works
on the Oct. 22 program will include Traces by Heather Stebbins, ’09. The concert is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For more information, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

BEQUESTS
Donors remember UR
A gift from the estate of Matilda “Tillie” Tisinger Massey, W’33, of Atlanta, tops a list of bequests to the University during the first six months of the year. Massey, who died in June 2009, was profiled in the summer 2008 alumni magazine. She was a retired teacher who served in the Navy during World War II. Her gift to the University will be used to establish a scholarship in her name.

Other major bequests to the University include: a gift to the Frederic W. Boatwright Society Scholars Program from the estate of Martha and William Gross, R’49, of Brownsville, Tenn.; a contribution to the Reed I. West Scholarship from the estate of Martha and Reed West, R’30, of Richmond; a distribution to the Jack Jennings Scholarship in the Robins School of Business from the estate of Jack Jennings Jr., R’49 and H’80; and a gift to the George M. Modlin Scholarship from the estate of Barbara and Harvey Hudson, R’42, of Richmond; a donation to the Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service in the School of Law and to establish the Thomas Jordan Scholarship in Music from the estate of Thomas Jordan, R’49, of Midlothian, Va.; and a gift to Westhampton College from the estate of Dr. Arthur Stoker, of Charlottesville, Va., in honor of his late wife, Marian West Stoker, W’33.

STUDENTS
Lyell wins scholarship to study in Bangladesh
Andrew Lyell, ’13, traveled to Bangladesh this summer on a critical language scholarship from the U.S. Department of State. He learned to speak Bengali, the primary language spoken in Bangladesh.

Lyell is one of 575 undergraduate and graduate students selected from 5,300 applicants to study critical-need languages in countries where those languages are spoken. He became interested in Bengali during a trip to Bangladesh while living in Japan for a year between high school and college.

“I study Bengali seven to eight hours per day,” he wrote during the summer. “But we don’t just learn Bengali; we also learn about the culture. … Living conditions are pretty nice. I have my own room with an air conditioner. … [But] we are in monsoon season, so our streets are flooded.”

Hodierne covers combat
Robert Hodierne, associate professor of journalism and a veteran war correspondent, spent the summer in Afghanistan filming a PBS documentary. He also blogged about his adventures at combatoutpost.blogspot.com.

Hodierne joined a platoon of Marines in Helmand Province in early May, and for two weeks he saw little action. “Right now the Marines in 2nd Platoon are feeling they couldn’t get in a fight if they went into a biker bar and ordered daiquiris,” Hodierne wrote. “I’ve never been with a bunch of grunts (infantrymen) more eager for a fight. Frequently, when I’ve traveled with grunts, there has been an undercurrent of resentment: ‘You’re hoping we get hit so you can get good pictures.’”

Three days later, the young Marines were fighting for their lives. “We had just climbed back into our vehicles when a mortar team in Kenjak-e Olya opened fire on us,” Hodierne reported. “The first three rounds of 82-mm mortars landed about 150 meters too short. The next three landed about 150 meters too short. They had us bracketed. All they had to do was split the difference.”

The Marines returned fire and called in mortar and artillery fire from nearby patrol bases. Some of the artillery rounds landed near the enemy, but some “appeared to land in the heart of the village.” The casualties included five children, who were rushed to a nearby combat medical facility. All the children survived, but 6-year-old Rozya was seriously disfigured—her face scarred and her left arm mangled.

The Americans were concerned that her family would kill her because her wounds would prevent her from being sold into marriage. “Rozya would have been worth her weight in raw opium,” Hodierne wrote. But with her injuries, “she might end up having to marry a cousin at a discounted price.” Her father assured the Americans that she would not be harmed.

—Karl Rhodes
Dr. Gary McDowell defends the Founders’ Constitution

In his latest book, Dr. Gary McDowell, professor of leadership studies, political science, and law, refutes the idea that the Constitution is a “living” document. In *The Language of Law and the Foundations of American Constitutionalism*, McDowell argues instead that the Founding Fathers intended judges to follow the original meaning of the constitution.

“The debate over the proper role of judges in the Anglo-American legal system is as old as the system itself,” he begins. “Long ago, Thomas More summed it up in a way that could have been clipped from yesterday’s news: ‘If you take away laws and leave everything free to the judges … they will rule as their own nature leads and order whatever pleases them.’”

More faculty books

Haiku: An Anthology of Japanese Poems, Dr. Stephen Addiss, professor of art, joins with Fumiko Yamamoto and Akira Yamamoto to translate classic haiku poems from the 17th century through the late 20th century.


*Zen Art Book: The Art of Enlightenment*. Addiss and John Daido Loori (editors) provide commentary on 40 works of painting and calligraphy by Zen masters.

*Heroes: What They Do and Why We Need Them*. Dr. Scott Allison, professor of psychology, and Dr. George Goethals, professor of leadership studies, shed light on what heroism and villainy mean to most people and why heroes—both real people and fictional characters—are important.

*Mother Tongues and Nations: The Invention of the Native Speaker*. Dr. Thomas Bonfiglio, professor of comparative literature and linguistics, traces the origins of the metaphors “mother tongue” and “native speaker” to the anxieties of national identity.

*When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans*. Dr. Laura Browder, professor of American studies, interviewed 52 women from all branches of the armed forces to see how they balance obligations to their families and their military units.

*Real Sucio Habana (Dirty Real Havana)*. Dr. Claudia Ferman, associate professor of Spanish, Latin American and Iberian studies, has produced a film that weaves conversations with Cuban writer Pedro Juan Gutierrez with excerpts from his narratives and poetry.

*Ritual Violence and the Maternal in the British Novel, 1740–1820*. Dr. Raymond Hilliard, professor of English, explores the mythic dimension of 17 narratives that revolve around the persecution of important female characters.

*Financial Accounting*. Joe Hoyle, associate professor of accounting, and C.J.
Skender have developed a free, online textbook that uses the Socratic method to introduce the principles of financial accounting.

**CULTURE**

**Variety distinguishes Modlin Center season**

The Modlin Center for the Arts has launched its 15th anniversary season with a new director and a variety of programming.

“I am delighted to be part of the Modlin Center as it enters its 15th season,” says newly appointed executive director Deborah Sommers. “This upcoming season promises to be quite a spectacular anniversary year.”

The season includes “The Legacy Tour” of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company—the last chance to see this renowned group. Other dance events include master of tap Savion Glover, the Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, and MOMIX in a new production called “Botanica.”

The season includes two Modlin Downtown events at the Landmark Theater. In October, author and humorist David Sedaris returns to Richmond, and in March, the KODO Drums of Japan will display the power and pageantry of taiko drumming. Other world music offerings include the Shanghai Quartet, percussionist Cyro Baptista, and the guitar duo of Sérgio and Odair Assad.

Families will enjoy Cirque Éloíze’s latest production, “ID,” and holiday concerts by The King’s Singers and an Irish traditional music ensemble Danú. Sports fans and comedy lovers alike will enjoy the Reduced Shakespeare Company’s production of “The Complete World of Sports (abridged).”

Classical offerings include the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, violinist Robert McDuffie and the Venice Baroque Orchestra, and pianist Yefim Bronfman.

For a complete listing of Modlin Center events, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

**Sherrier helps renew grant**

Megan Sherrier, ’08, a researcher in the history department, recently helped negotiate a five-year, 450,000-euro grant to fund schools for abused street children that she helped start while studying abroad in India.

The funding comes from Finland, which helps support I-India, the nonprofit shelter where Sherrier interned in Jaipur, India. The grant was up for renewal next year, and Sherrier’s efforts to start a school at the shelter factored into Finland’s decision to continue the funding.

“I had the honor of participating in this negotiation with the Finnish foreign ministers via Skype, along with my co-worker Sheila Das, and the founder of I-India,” Sherrier says. “The foreign ministers were impressed with the model, implementation, vision for future sustainability, and academic outcomes.”

Sherrier worked at I-India in the fall of her junior year. She and Das started teaching basic reading, writing, and mathematics in the boys’ native language of Hindi. They developed a curriculum, found two English volunteers to replace them, and returned to the United States to raise money for the school. I-India eventually was able to find a full-time Hindi-speaking teacher for the boys, and it extended the program to its girls’ shelter as well.

Sherrier is pursuing a master’s degree at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She also volunteers with Port Ministries, tutoring and mentoring students from the Back of the Yards neighborhood, which is plagued by poverty and crime.

“My goal upon completing my degree is to work as a youth minister and develop a community center in Richmond that would focus on academic tutoring, mentoring, and community service for at-risk youth,” she says. “I have previously worked as a Teach For America member in Gaston, N.C.”

—Karl Rhodes
Senior Erin Clark led the women’s tennis team to another A-10 title.

**Tennis**

Spiders win A-10 again, sixth title in seven years

Once again, the rest of the Atlantic 10 was unable to stop Richmond’s powerhouse women’s tennis team at conference tournament time. For the second year in a row, and the sixth time in the past seven years, the Spiders won the A-10 Conference championship.

The team was seeded second in the tournament, which was held in Belleville, Ill., in April. But no team came close to beating the Spiders in three rounds. The team opened with a 4-1 win over St. Louis and topped Temple 4-1 in the semifinals.

The opponent in the championship round was George Washington. The Colonials had dealt the Spiders their only regular-season conference loss, 4-3, in February, but this time Richmond swept to a 4-0 victory. The No. 1 doubles team of senior Erin Clark and junior Helen Cunningham won easily, as did the No. 3 combination of sophomore Sydney Grant and junior Joanna Matuszczyk. Cunningham, Grant, and senior Kelly Tidwell also won their singles matches.

Spiders coach Mark Wesselink praised his team for its toughness. “We battled through injuries all spring,” he said, “but we always kept our focus on the A-10 championship. We have waited for this moment all season, and I am very proud of my team.”

The Spiders advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they lost to second-seeded North Carolina in the first round.

Clark, a two-time A-10 Student Athlete of the Year and three-time all-conference selection, was named the Atlantic region recipient of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Cissy Leary Award for sportsmanship.

**Track**

Llano takes ninth place at NCAA championship

Distance runner Matt Llano finished ninth in the 10,000-meter event at the NCAA Track and Field Championships, posting a time of 29 minutes and 10.27 seconds.

It had been 30 years since a Richmond distance runner had earned a spot in the NCAA championships, and Llano, a redshirt junior, plans to make it two years in a row. Llano says he and fellow redshirt juniors Andrew Benford and Jon Wilson are determined to raise Richmond’s profile on the national running scene.

Going into the championships in Eugene, Ore., in June, Llano had posted the 14th fastest time among the 24 qualifiers. In the contest, a race with plenty of jostling and shoving, Llano ran 15th during a slow-paced opening mile. As the pace quickened, he moved up, running as high as sixth before finishing ninth—good enough to earn all-American status.

Coach Steve Taylor says Llano “makes all the sacrifices required with his training, sleep patterns, diet, and mental preparation to be ready for the effort it takes to achieve
greatness in this sport.”

Llano plans to become a professional runner and will eventually attend graduate school. He says his Richmond experience “has been nothing short of amazing. I couldn’t have asked for a better team, coach, group of friends, or school. I wouldn't trade what I have at Richmond for anything.”

ALUMNI
Nicosia’s Swiss team claims national title
The University of Basel in Switzerland turned to Ina Nicosia, ’95, last year to turn around its woeful women’s basketball program.

Spider fans remember her as the all-conference forward who led the Spiders with 14.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game during her senior season. Nicosia took over a Basel team that was on the brink of being demoted to a lower level of competition. In its first season under Nicosia, Basel went 39-2, including a 16-point victory in Switzerland’s national championship game.

Nicosia, who held the javelin record at Richmond for many years, turned the Basel team around with hard work and aggressive recruiting. “I think the hard work ethic I learned by being a two-sport athlete at Richmond taught me how to push my new team,” she says.

After graduating from Richmond, Nicosia played professionally in Belgium for two years until a knee injury sidelined her. Back in the United States, she earned a master’s degree and built an impressive college coaching resume. She returned to Switzerland as a player-coach, but she suffered another knee injury. Taking a break from basketball, she founded a private, bilingual school called Kids Camp International. She also started managing a small, independent record label.

Nicosia does not get back to the United States often, but her connections to Richmond remain strong. “One of my teammates, Ginny Doyle (W’92), is still an assistant coach at UR,” she says. “So last time I was in town, I got a tour of the new locker rooms and facilities. Quite impressive!”

FOOTBALL
Spiders kickoff 2010 schedule

Sept. 4 at Virginia
Sept. 18 Elon
Sept. 25 Delaware
Oct. 2 Coastal Carolina
Oct. 9 at New Hampshire
Oct. 16 at Massachusetts
Oct. 23 Towson*
Oct. 30 at Villanova
Nov. 6 James Madison
Nov. 13 Rhode Island
Nov. 20 at William & Mary

* Homecoming

FBS transfers bolster offense
A pair of transfers from Rutgers University and the University of Southern California could play key roles on the football team’s offense in its first season under head coach Latrell Scott.

Quarterback Aaron Corp, a 6-foot-3 redshirt junior (above), comes to Richmond from USC. Offensive lineman Richard Muldrow, a 6-foot-6 redshirt junior, left Rutgers to join the UR program. Both transfers are looking for opportunities to play more.

Corp, who is athletic and mobile, had been touted as the likely starter for the Trojans last season, but he injured his leg and moved lower on the Trojans’ depth chart. At Richmond, he and redshirt sophomore John Laub were the top preseason candidates to replace four-year starter Eric Ward, ’09, at quarterback.

Muldrow played on the scout team at Rutgers, but he wanted more Saturday action. Richmond needed to reinforce its offensive line because four of five starters from last year’s 11-2 squad have graduated.

When Muldrow visited Richmond to talk to Scott about a possible transfer, he met with Corp, and the two players discussed their situations and what UR offered as an elite Division I Football Championship Subdivision program. Talking to Corp “was a big factor in my decision,” Muldrow told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. “You start off and you have dreams and aspirations to play at [a Football Bowl Subdivision] school, and then it’s turned around like that. You’ve got to deal with it.”

Richmond will be dealing with new starters at 15 positions this season after winning the FCS national championship in 2008 and advancing to the FCS quarterfinals last year. The Spiders were scheduled to kick off the season at Virginia on Sept. 4, followed by three home games in the new E. Claiborne Robins stadium on campus. For information about tickets, parking, traffic flow, and tailgating, visit RobinsStadium.com.

—Randy Hallman

RICHMOND 9
The opening this fall of the Carole Weinstein International Center—a $20 million, 57,000-square-foot academic building—attests to the University’s strong commitment to global education. The center is named in honor of former Trustee Carole Weinstein, a longtime proponent of international education who committed $10.5 million to build a new home for the University’s rapidly growing international programs. The building embodies The Richmond Promise, the University’s strategic plan, by bringing together students, faculty, and staff—from all five schools—who are focused on global issues. The center also brings together various international programs that have developed during the past 20 years and gives them room to grow and an opportunity to soar through greater collaboration and proximity.

The building symbolizes the University’s efforts to reach “across borders and oceans and continents to embrace diversity in all its colors, shapes, and flavors,” says Weinstein, W’75, G’77, and H’04. “It has taken two decades of steady commitment to achieve this goal, but we can boldly claim that what we envisioned is now a reality and that our University is a leader in international education.”

Even the building’s architecture has an international flavor. Its central courtyard resembles those found in many cultures, with archways, balconies, and a mandala featuring stones from 48 different countries. In
the center of the courtyard, a bronze and stainless steel globe rotates on its axis above a gurgling fountain.

Located across the street from the admission office, the international center is now the first stop on campus tours for prospective students and their families. It houses the Office of International Education and several departments and programs that focus on global issues, including American studies, English as a second language, environmental studies, geography, international law, international studies, languages across the curriculum, Latin American and Iberian studies, and modern literatures and cultures.

“The center is literally the center of all international activity in which all five of the University’s schools will participate,” says Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education. “We have been building the elements of internationalization for many years. Now, in the center and as a result of it, we can combine and expand them. Consequently, we are moving to a new level of activity. We are working on developing collaborative teaching and research with partner institutions, on making the campus multilingual, on involving students, faculty, and staff, as well as the Richmond community, in the generation and implementation of new elements of our comprehensive and integrated approach to making the University of Richmond truly international.”

Technological highlights include extensive video-conferencing capabilities, a global studio to enhance language and cultural skills, and a spatial analysis lab with the latest systems for geographic information, global positioning, and remote sensing.

Most importantly, the Carole Weinstein International Center is a nexus for people and ideas. It provides many attractive gathering places, such as the Passport Café, which opens out to tables in the courtyard, and the International Commons, which provides versatile space for formal and informal events.

“For me, the value of an International Center here at the University of Richmond is the visual statement it makes every day to all who pass by it and through it,” Weinstein says. “It symbolizes our openness to the study of other cultures, other values, other legal systems, and other business and leadership models.”

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Before the Carole Weinstein International Center opened, the international education office was housed in Puryear Hall. Just inside the front door, there was a map that answered the question, “Where is UR in the world?”

Blue dots marked the countries with one or more study abroad programs. Red dots denoted the home countries of Richmond’s international students. Every continent—except Antarctica—was covered by a host of red and blue dots. “Essentially, our students can go just about anywhere in the world,” Gabara says. Nearly 60 percent of UR students graduate with a study abroad experience.

“We live in a global world that requires us to understand and appreciate different cultures and ideas,” says Barry Flaming, ’94. “Having such an understanding is necessary these days and highly sought after by employers.”

Flaming majored in biology and spent his junior year studying and traveling in Australia. He joined the Peace Corps and worked with fisheries in Thailand. After earning a master’s degree in 2001 from the University of Washington in Seattle, he returned to Thailand as a natural resource management officer for CARE, working with hill tribes on forest conservation and income generation. Since 2009, he has been a program development specialist in
Bangkok with the U.S. Agency for International Development, working on Asian environmental programs, such as timber trade, wildlife trafficking, and conservation financing.

Lindsey Ryan, ‘06, is another graduate whose Richmond experience led to international career opportunities. “I’ve learned skills I never thought possible and developed my resume in ways few U.S. students are able to do,” says Ryan, who worked as a teacher and administrator in Zacatecas, Mexico. “All of this is due to my study abroad experience at UR and the opportunities it gave me,” she says.

Ryan, who double-majored in sociology and Spanish, studied for a semester during her junior year at ITESO, a university in Guadalajara, Mexico. She became fluent in Spanish and returned to Mexico after graduation to teach English and humanities in a private school, where she became coordinator of international programs.

CUSTOM FIT

Nearly 600 Richmond students study or conduct research abroad each year. The key to their success, Gabara says, “is to make sure that the country and the program fit each student’s academic and personal needs.”

For Julia Bizer, ‘09 and L’12, that meant fitting her international experience around her dedication to the women’s soccer team. “My coach knew from the first day of classes that I wanted to study abroad,” says Bizer, a Northern Virginia resident who double-majored in international studies, world politics, and diplomacy, and Latin American and Iberian studies. She spent the spring semester of her junior year at the Universidad Catolica in Santiago, Chile.

Even now as a law student, Bizer says her study abroad experience continues to help her. She volunteered this summer with Just Neighbors Ministry, a nonprofit that provides legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in Northern Virginia.

“I think my perspective as someone who had to go through another country’s government bureaucracy in order to spend five months in Chile allows me to empathize better with people who have been waiting more than six months for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to process their applications,” she says. “There is just no way to fully describe how traveling abroad can change one’s perspective of the world.”

Buddy Cassidy, ‘11, is equally enthusiastic about his study abroad experience at Oxford University last year. Like Bizer, he had some extra things to consider as he looked for the best fit.

An English major with a passion for English Renaissance poetry and drama, Cassidy gets around in a motorized wheelchair. Dealing with both a disability and a language barrier would have been too much to handle, he says, so Oxford was a good choice. But the path was not easy.

“Initially, the obstacles seemed insurmountable,” he says. “My room had not been modified (for wheelchair use), and it was immensely difficult to find an adapter that would allow me to charge my scooter. But within that first week of October, with the help of my parents, I was able to get things in order,” he says.

Cassidy thrived during his year at Oxford. He won the Master’s Book Prize in recognition of outstanding written evaluations he received during the first term. He also made many close friends.
among his fellow students and gained confidence from navigating a foreign country. “I intend to take a trip back next year,” he says. “Now I know I can do it myself.”

DEEP IMPACT

Many college students equate international education with study abroad, but at Richmond, global education is a two-way street.

When Gabara was chosen to lead the Office of International Education 22 years ago, her long-term goal was to integrate global learning into all aspects of the University. “My primary charge was to change the culture of the institution—to internationalize the culture,” she recalls.

In the late 1980s, when Gabara’s office was getting started, perhaps a dozen UR students studied abroad, and no more than six or eight students from other nations were on campus. In the University’s most recent academic year, 226 international students from 60 countries were enrolled, and those numbers do not include many domestic students who were born in other countries.

“Richmond owes its internationalization to Dr. Gabara,” says Gil Villanueva, dean of admission. “Her vision, leadership, and unwavering promotion of the University through the years have paved the way for the admission office to recruit scholars from all over the world. Admission staff cannot be more pleased to hear visiting prospective students and families comment about our commitment to international education and to our success in developing a student body that is rich in culture and perspective.”

Viren Mascarenhas, ’02, left his home in India in 1998 and arrived at UR with a desire to challenge the status quo. “I relished being the student who saw the world—instinctively, intuitively—from a different point of view,” he recalls.

“Why not make India and Brazil permanent members of the U.N. Security Council?” he asked in his political science class. “How does free trade benefit developing countries?” he wanted to know in his economics class. “Why aren’t more Third World and minority writers included among the classics?” he asked in his literature class.

The discussions were far-reaching and left their mark on young minds, including Mascarenhas, an English and economics double major. He now practices international law at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in New York and is an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Law, where he earned his law degree in 2005. Since then, he has clerked for the head of the International Court of Justice in The Hague and has served as a legal officer in Sierra Leone for the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal.

“International students are essential to learning at the University of Richmond,” Mascarenhas says. “International students make American students question basic assumptions about their own lives.”

That interaction makes the University a more dynamic place, offering students from all nations greater opportunities to learn—particularly from one another, says Suren Daryanani, ’11, a Dutch national from the Caribbean island of Curacao.

Daryanani, who is of Indian descent, is the first international student to be elected president of the Richmond College Student Government Association. He is an economics major, president of the South Asian Student Alliance, and a campus tour guide. He also served two years as a Richmond College senator.

“Richmond has given me the opportunity to learn more about myself, meet great people from both the United States and other countries, and given me a superior business education,” Daryanani says. “I had the opportunity to promote not only where I came from, but also, along with my fellow internationals, provide insight.”

FACULTY ABROAD

During the past 20 years, Richmond has attracted more professors with international backgrounds and connections while providing greater opportunities for existing faculty members to travel, teach, and conduct research abroad.

Since 1989, for example, the University has sponsored 15 faculty
International education champion

Carole Weinstein has encouraged and supported international education at Richmond for many years. In addition to her $10.5 million commitment to the Carole Weinstein International Center, she endowed the Carole M. Weinstein Chair in International Education, currently held by Dr. Uliana Gabara, Richmond’s dean of international education.

Weinstein also funds the Carole Weinstein Grants for International Projects and Study, both during the summer and the academic year. These grants are available to full-time students, faculty, and staff members who have innovative ideas for personal enrichment that will contribute to campus-wide internationalization.

During the past 37 years, Carole and Marcus Weinstein and their family—including daughter Allison Weinstein (who will return to the Board of Trustees next year) and son-in-law Ivan Jecklin—have contributed to many academic programs, faculty chairs, scholarships, lectureships, and construction projects at Richmond.

The Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness, which opened in 2007, and Weinstein Hall, an academic building for the social sciences that opened in 2003, are named in their honor.

—Karl Rhodes

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rowing up the son of Virginia’s governor in the early 1970s, Woody Holton learned at a young age that the political and the personal are often intertwined. Forty years ago, Gov. Linwood Holton became a lightning rod for opponents of a federally ordered busing plan to desegregate Richmond’s public schools. Rather than cave in to the pressure, Governor Holton sent his four children to public schools, sparking bomb threats and angry protests.

Dr. Woody Holton, now an associate professor of history at Richmond, never forgot that dramatic lesson in a life rich with family, politics, teaching, writing, and historical research. “As a kid, I thought I would go into politics like dad, but those were mighty big shoes to fill,” Holton reflects. The younger Holton also had a passion for writing, and in high school, he started an underground newspaper—which he compares to the pamphleteering of Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams. He taught at Bloomsburg University before joining Richmond in 2000. His first book, *Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves, and the Making of the American Revolution*, won the Merle Curti Award from the Organization of American Historians. The annual award recognizes the best book about American social or intellectual history. His second book, *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*, was a finalist for the National Book Award. Then he won a Guggenheim Fellowship that allowed him to...
devote a full year to writing a biography of Abigail Adams.

As Holton delved deeply into her life, he realized that it was her personal influence and risk-taking that made her a unique, often misunderstood, figure in American history. “To me, her influence on President John Adams’ public actions was less important than her influence on his private actions,” Holton says. Finding the essence of that influence was one of the major discoveries of his research. It boiled down to her determined, and rebellious, efforts to own property. “Persuading him to go along with this idea … was an important victory on the road to women’s rights,” he explains.

The book won a 2010 Bancroft Prize, one of only three awarded to books of exceptional merit in the fields of American history, biography, and diplomacy. “The Bancroft prize is the prize in American history,” notes Dr. Hugh West, who chairs Richmond’s history department.

Holton has since delivered 50 public lectures across the country, but the notoriety has not affected him in the least. “You would think that someone with his scholarly reputation would want to strike a deal where all he did was scholarship,” West marvels. Instead, “he taught, with enthusiasm, our first-year core course.”

HORSE SENSE

In addition to his love of teaching, Holton is known for engaging students in research.

“The thing I’ve pioneered, for better or worse, is having students get involved in my scholarship,” he says. “I’m able to do that more than most history professors because I’m working with English documents that are more accessible.” Research projects have “so much more meaning for students if they’re working on something that’s real rather than theoretical,” he adds. In the case of Abigail Adams, they were researching a woman who lived more than 200 years ago, but her articulate letters to John Adams about the struggles of life, love, and personal liberty still speak to students today.

Katie Moyer, ’11, says her interest in history burned brighter in Holton’s History 100 Abigail Adams course. “It was an interesting and exciting time for me to take the class because he said our class discussions and ideas were really helping him flesh out ideas for his book,” she recalls.

Holton rarely lectures. Instead, he pushes students to dig deeper into historical texts and arguments. “History is not a series of dates. It is a series of debates,” he often says. “There were a lot of discussions back and forth about what feminism means,” recalls Bridget Westhoven, G’09. “Did feminism exist at the time, and is that a legitimate way to view 18th century American life?” Westhoven is one of the students whose work was cited by Holton in the book’s footnotes. He acknowledged her insight about Adams’ likely state of mind when she was home with the children after they all had been inoculated against smallpox—a painful and dangerous ordeal in the 18th century. Meanwhile, John Adams, who was away from home, was pestering his wife in letters to buy him a horse because he was too busy to find one for himself. “That was not something Woody particularly noticed reading the documents,” Westhoven says. “But that was something that jumped out at me when I asked myself, ‘Gee, how would I feel if I were home with all the kids and they were sick and my husband wrote to ask me to get a horse because he was too busy?’”

POLITICAL WILL

Holton cites other examples of how his students helped illuminate the life of Abigail Adams.

“The section of the book that most bears the imprint of my students compares her 1776 letter in support of women’s rights to one she wrote in 1782,” he says. This was the period in which Adams wrote her famous letter admonishing her husband to “remember the ladies” in the creation of the new nation. Holton’s students helped him see that by 1782, Adams seemed resigned to the fact that when it came to property rights and other personal liberties, the Founding Fathers had indeed forgotten the ladies. “The students were amazing in coming up with differences” in the tone of her letters, Holton recalls. “Actually, I went in thinking that she would have been more confident in 1782, because she had more experience running her household and acquiring personal wealth. “But my students convinced me of the opposite.” Although Adams may have been more confident handling her
own affairs, “she was less hopeful about the future of women’s rights.” Adams went on to become “a shrewd and unscrupulous” businesswoman “because she wanted to keep her family together,” Holton says. “She saw her brother’s family divided because they didn’t have enough money.” She speculated in bonds that “had been inveigled from Revolutionary War soldiers. The people to whom we owe our freedom were forced to dump their bonds for pennies on the dollar.” But her quest for capital was tied to her more sympathetic side as well: She used the money to help her sister and others in need.

“Sometimes I really admire her, and sometimes I think she’s horrible,” Holton confides. In the end, Adams “lost the big battle” of achieving more rights for women in her day, but “she made a decision that since she couldn’t change the law, she would defy it,” Holton says. She took the unprecedented step of writing her own will, relying on her husband to carry it out since she had no legal authority to bequeath her personal property. John Adams ultimately adhered to her final wishes, which helped other women in the family.

Dividing her property was both a personal act and a political act, Holton concludes, one that helped make Adams a compelling and complex character.

**WET SWIMSUIT**

Although Holton has mixed emotions about Abigail Adams, his students hold no such ambivalence toward their engaging professor, who is known for coming to class still wet from noonday swims. Holton’s swimming ritual has become something of a campus legend, according to West, who noted a student evaluation that said, “He’s a great teacher, but I wish he wouldn’t bring in his wet bathing suit.”

Yet, when it comes to leaving a positive imprint on students, Holton is anything but all wet. His students recite one of his favorite methods of scholarship: To form an original argument, you must discover two things that seem similar and find the differences. “I have used this methodology in many subsequent papers with other professors,” Moyer says. One of Holton’s graduate assistants, Kylie Horney, G’09, learned that “research and writing is a process, not a destination… One of the most important things is that you feel some kind of connection to your work—that you are invested in the project and have a passion for it.”

Now a doctoral student in history at the University of Georgia, Horney credits Abigail Adams’ biographer for helping launch her academic career. So if Holton is right, and “the political is the personal,” he clearly has achieved presidential status among his students. “He instilled in me a passion for interpreting history,” Moyer says, “making me feel that while I was just a student, I could be a historian, too.”

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Richmond has a long tradition of encouraging community service, and many alumni have used their experiences at the University as a springboard to leadership positions in the nonprofit world.

Students will have even greater opportunities for service under The Richmond Promise, the University’s strategic plan, which promotes community engagement as a key principle. The plan builds on the University’s community service legacy by making engagement programs more intentional and integrating them with coursework. The strategy gives students broader perspectives as they supply manpower and brainpower to nonprofit organizations.

“Our mission is to provide transformational opportunities for our students that meet community needs,” says Dr. Amy Howard, executive director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, which coordinates much of the University’s volunteer work. In many cases, these experiences shape how students think about their futures and their careers.

Jenna Garber, ’10, discovered a transformational opportunity early in her Richmond experience at the International Hospital for Children (IHC) in Richmond. She quickly bonded with the organization, which provides medical care to critically ill children in developing countries. She worked at IHC during the summer and later traveled to Honduras with a surgical team. A month before she graduated, IHC offered her a full-time job.

Those experiences, coupled with a Jepson School class on Justice and Civil Society, helped shape Garber’s view of the world while demonstrating the importance of nonprofit work. “We were faced with real-world examples of what we were learning in class and in our textbooks,” she says. “I think that’s when I really formed a love of volunteering.”
**BUSINESS FIRST**

Many alumni enter the nonprofit sector after gaining valuable experience in the business world.

“When you’re running a nonprofit, you really are running a business,” says William McLennan, R’83, executive director of Paul’s Place, an organization that provides social services to residents of a struggling neighborhood in Baltimore.

At Richmond, McLennan majored in political science. He worked in banking for 12 years before becoming deputy director of the Maryland Food Bank. He served there for seven years, moving to Paul’s Place in 2002.

Rebecca Hancock Powers, B’76, started the nonprofit Impact Austin after a successful career in sales for IBM and the Pampered Chef. Business experience helped her build an organization based on philanthropy and democracy. Women donate $1,000 apiece to Impact Austin and vote on how to distribute the money to local charities. Powers founded the group in 2003 after reading about a similar organization on the flight home from visiting her dying brother. Helping others in Austin, Texas, helped heal her broken heart as she threw herself into the project with entrepreneurial zeal.

Last year Impact Austin had 525 participants, enough to fund five $105,000 grants to Austin-area organizations working in the women’s five areas of focus: culture, education, family, environment, and health and wellness.

“What I learned in college and what I learned in the business world helped me put together a very strong business model,” says Powers, who majored in finance. Now she’s spreading the concept to other cities, mentoring fledgling organizations that want to replicate the success of Impact Austin.

**TEACH FIRST**

Brett Wigdortz, ’95, followed a business route to London, where his career unexpectedly veered into the nonprofit sector.

He had worked as a management consultant for McKinsey & Co. in Indonesia, Singapore, and the Philippines. At his new post in London, he was asked to research ways to improve public education in the United Kingdom. As part of that assignment, he wrote a business plan for Teach First, a nonprofit designed to bring more good teachers into disadvantaged schools. He developed a program similar to Teach For America that would recruit top graduates from British universities.

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**LIBERAL ARTS EDGE**

Business experience is common among nonprofit leaders, as is liberal arts education. It produces alumni who are well-rounded and articulate—solid writers, free thinkers, and good networkers.

“A strong liberal arts background prepares you to relate to anyone at any level,” says McLennan. “That happens in my world every day. I can be giving a millionaire a tour, and at the same time, I can be talking to someone the millionaire might not even notice. You have to have the ability to go back and forth and bridge gaps.”

Liberal arts education is a common denominator, but alumni credit vastly different aspects of their Richmond experience for starting them on the path to nonprofit leadership. For McLennan it was volunteer work and leadership opportunities in his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. For Alexander Hitch, ’05, it was his Spanish minor. He spent part of his junior year in Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia.

After graduate school in Australia, Hitch worked as a project director and coordinator for Kiya Survivors-Peru Positive Action, a nonprofit that provides housing and other resources for special needs children and young adults in Peru. He recently returned to Boston, his hometown, where he is recuperating from a back injury and planning to return to nonprofit work in Latin America.

“The opportunities are out there,” he says. “I can’t wait to get back.”

**READY TO WORK**

Many students come to Richmond with impressive backgrounds in community service, and some—like

“What I learned in college and what I learned in the business world to teach two years in London’s most challenging schools. By the time the business plan was finished, Wigdortz was hooked on the idea, and in 2002, he agreed to become the founding CEO of Teach First.

“I loved being a management consultant,” he says, but leading Teach First has been even more fulfilling. “There has not been one morning when I did not want to go to work.”

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**What’s your story?**

Tell us about your nonprofit work—professional or volunteer—and we will include it in Class Connections. Send information to alumninand careerservices@richmond.edu.

“**The point of the class is to expose students to some of the challenges facing the disadvantaged.**”
Nikkia Ellis, ’13—arrive with even more compelling experience. As a child, Ellis benefited greatly from a summer enrichment program. Now her goal is to create her own nonprofit to help inner-city children.

Since coming to Richmond, Ellis has become a “Build It” volunteer and a member of that group’s leadership team. Build It is Richmond’s largest community engagement initiative. It partners with schools and other organizations in the Highland Park neighborhood to provide tutoring, mentoring, and other assistance. The experience of Build It volunteers is enriched by classes, internships, and fellowships that combine the practical with the theoretical, giving them a fuller understanding of how to meet community needs.

That approach is especially evident in classes taught by Dr. Gill Robin- son Hickman, professor of leadership studies. She teaches a series of courses—Leading Change, Leading Socially Active Businesses, and Leadership in a Diverse Society—that combine classroom instruction with field work.

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**HOLISTIC EDUCATION**

Dr. Thad Williamson, assistant professor of leadership studies, teaches the Justice and Civil Society class that helped spark Jenna Garber’s enthusiasm for service. He requires students to spend about two hours per week volunteering—whether it’s mentoring inner-city children or helping former prison inmates adjust to life on the outside.

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**Williams calls it the “culture of community engagement,” and it leads not only to careers with nonprofits but to more students making a habit of volunteering and getting involved in their communities.**

Another way to describe it is “holistic education,” says Howard at the Bonner Center. “It helps make the whole region better as we all work together.”

“**It’s an eye-opening experience, and they get really interested in the question, ‘What can I do to serve?’”**

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The team celebrates its best-ever No. 7 seed in the NCAA tournament.
Great Expectations

Coming off a record-breaking season, the men’s basketball team is setting even higher goals for the campaign that begins this fall.

Mention the Richmond Spiders to most college basketball fans, and the words “giant killers” usually follow. Since 1984, the team has knocked off a half-dozen basketball Goliaths in the NCAA tournament—including a dramatic win over Syracuse in 1991, the first time a 15th-seeded team had ever beaten a second-seeded one.

Last season, after setting a school record for most wins, the Spiders took the court against St. Mary’s College in the NCAA tournament wearing home-white uniforms, a reflection of the team’s best-ever seventh seed. But the white uniforms also represented a dramatic shift for the Spiders. They were no longer under-rated, under-the-radar predators. They had become the prey.
Athletic Director Jim Miller made a strategic decision, when he took over Spider sports in 2000, to raise expectations for men’s basketball by rejecting the “Little-Spiders-that-could” label. Inside the athletic director’s office, “we did not refer to ourselves as ‘giant killers,’ ever,” Miller recalls. “Our goal was to be one of the top-ranked programs in the country, and last year we raised ourselves to that point.”

Securing an at-large bid and a No. 7 seed was a big step for the program, says Justin Harper, the team’s senior forward. “But as soon as you realize it, you also know the responsibility that comes with it. You’re expected to win the game.”

The Spiders lost the game, an early exit for a nationally ranked team. Yet some sports analysts believe Richmond’s nine-point loss to St. Mary’s could be the beginning of the big time for the Spiders, a stumbling block turned stepping stone for a team on the rise. This year Richmond was nationally ranked by the Associated Press for the first time since 1986, and the Spiders finished 24th in the final AP poll, released after the team’s season-ending setback.

“The expectations are high among our fans that we will be at least as good, if not better, than we were last year,” Miller notes. “We want to compete at the highest level.”

With three senior starters—guard Kevin Anderson, center Dan Geriot, and Harper—leading a seasoned group of 10 upperclassmen, coach Chris Mooney and the Spiders might be able to eclipse last year’s extraordinary campaign of 26 wins and nine losses. One Fox Sports preseason poll even ranks the Spiders 21st in the country.

“We think we deserve it with the talent we have,” Geriot says. “But that comes with a cost, and the cost is we’re going to get every team’s best shot. Teams know we’re good now.”

Even so, the Spiders have set lofty goals for themselves: Anything short of an invitation to the big dance—and more than one win once they get there—will be a disappointment.

“I’d love to see us go to the NCAA tournament every year,” says Lynne Hummel Kelley, W’77, a perennial season ticket holder who grew up around the game. “Not every good team does that; not even the powerhouses, but that’s the dream.”

MENTAL TOUGHNESS

Greg Beckwith, R’85, was the starting point guard on the first giant-killer team in 1984, the squad that stunned Auburn and its future NBA star Charles Barkley.

Beckwith has observed the current team closely as a commentator for the radio broadcasts. He says the Spiders have come a long way since Mooney’s first season in 2005. Both the coach and the players have adjusted to one another. “It was a struggle. They lost a lot of games the first couple of years,” says Beckwith. Mooney’s precision, cut-and-slash offensive scheme did not mesh with the players he had on hand. There was some impatience among players as well as fans, he recalls, but “those in the know were patient” with Mooney and his long-term plan.

Now that patience is paying dividends. The components are in place to take the program to the next level, Beckwith says, but Richmond’s fortunes will depend on the team’s ability to handle the pressure that comes with winning.

“Mental toughness, that will...”
be the difference,” Beckwith says, noting that the Spiders have added upper-echelon teams like Arizona State, Georgia Tech, and Wake Forest to their 2010–11 schedule. That strategy worked well last year, he notes. The team played six tough games early in the season, including five on the road. “Everyone was sitting there, looking at the schedule, saying, ‘This is going to be ugly,’” Beckwith recalls. But they finished the December stint with wins against Mississippi State, Missouri, Old Dominion, and 13th-ranked Florida. “They had the mental toughness to stick it out,” he concludes. “There are a couple of kids on that team who do not like to lose.”

The wins over Mississippi State and Missouri in the South Padre Island Invitational tournament boosted the team’s confidence, says Kelley. “I think that was the point when everyone started saying, ‘We can do this.’”

Led by Anderson and his backcourt mate, David Gonzalvez—the emotional fire to Anderson’s ice—the Spiders went on a tear. Gonzalvez, ’10, averaged 14.6 points a game, second only to Anderson’s 17.8. After the team’s win over Florida, some experts ranked them among the best guard combinations in the nation.

Gonzalvez is proud of what the team accomplished last season, and he expects this season to be just as successful, pointing to a highly regarded incoming class that he thinks can contribute right away.

However, he does not think Richmond’s basketball program has achieved the same status as teams like Gonzaga or A-10 rival Xavier—programs that routinely knock off top-20 opponents and win their conferences. “I still don’t think we’ve earned that type of respect,” says Gonzalvez, who worked out with the team this summer to prepare for opportunities to play professionally overseas. “I think it takes years of being good. That’s their goal, and that’s where they’re headed.”

**STAYING FOCUSED**

Mooney says the key to another great season is maintaining mental discipline, and he acknowledges that will be difficult, especially with the distractions that accompany success: greater media attention, glad-handing from well-intentioned friends, and speculation about who will play in the NBA someday.

Anderson is at the top of that list. He was named honorable mention AP All-American and Player of the Year in the Atlantic 10. And in April, he put his name on the NBA draft list, making him eligible to work out with NBA teams and get feedback about his projected draft position. He decided to return to Richmond for his senior year, but the NBA scouts will be watching him closely.

Mooney also was among the postseason distractions this spring. He was a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award, and *The New York Times* featured him on the front page of its Sunday sports section. Boston College interviewed him for its head coach vacancy, but he has signed a contract with Richmond through the 2016–17 season. “That’s the nature of college basketball,” Mooney says. “But the focus (on winning games) has to come from within our team. The best way, really, is to get back to work: What are our new weightlifting goals? What are our new shooting percentage goals? Making sure everybody understands that we still need to improve.”

If the players and coaches prepare themselves for the responsibilities and distractions that come with a team on the rise, then success is unlikely to spoil the Spiders, Mooney predicts.

So far, the team’s senior leaders seem to be taking the right approach. “The history of this program is unbelievable,” says Geriot. “We have to make that tradition even greater.”

**Web Poll**

How far will the men’s basketball team go this season? Give us your prediction at magazine.richmond.edu.
Awards
Alumni receive awards for distinguished service
The University of Richmond Alumni Association has chosen Terry Heilman Sylvester, B’76, and Sean Casey, ’99, to receive its Awards for Distinguished Service.
Sylvester recently joined the University’s development office as a major gifts officer after completing her second four-year term on the University’s Board of Trustees. She has served as a volunteer consultant and motivational speaker for numerous nonprofit organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area. At Richmond, she and her husband, David Sylvester, B’77, established the David G. and Terry H. Sylvester Chaplaincy Endowment in 1980 to help stimulate spiritual awareness on campus.
Casey, a commentator for MLB Network, retired last year from a 12-year career in Major League Baseball. He maintained a career batting average of .302 while playing first base for the Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Cleveland Indians. He was commonly called “the nicest guy in baseball” because of his friendly demeanor and charitable work.

Cycling
Gardner honors Popp in cycling fundraiser
Dr. Doug Gardner, R’83, took a two-month break from his pediatric practice this summer to ride a bicycle across the United States—more than 4,000 miles from Oregon to Virginia. But he was not just riding for his own benefit. He was raising money and awareness for the James D. Popp Student Research Fund at VCU’s Massey Cancer Center. Jim Popp, R’83, died of cancer in 2007.

Dr. Doug Gardner, R’83, takes a break in Ashland, Va., on the last day of his bicycle trip across the United States. The trip helped raise money and awareness for the James D. Popp Student Research Fund at VCU’s Massey Cancer Center. Jim Popp, R’83, died of cancer in 2007.

Major leaguer Sean Casey, ’99, “the nicest guy in baseball”—was a big hit at the plate and in the community.

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**Notables**

**NBC shows Thompson working in Afghanistan**

Michael Thompson, '08, a graduate of Richmond’s ROTC program, was featured prominently in an NBC Nightly News report on the war in Afghanistan. The June segment showed Thompson and his platoon climbing over walls and wading through irrigation canals as they entered a village on the outskirts of Kandahar.

Thompson, a first lieutenant with the Army’s 1-71 Calvary, tells a religious leader in the town to “put your faith in the new government of Afghanistan and the police, and you will be well taken care of.” But the religious leader isn’t interested.

“It’s frustrating for Thompson,” says the NBC reporter. “But this is the new mission—part soldier, part ambassador for the Afghan government.”

**Sizemore wins award for community service**

Dr. Christian Sizemore, R’60, of Liberty, Mo., has received the Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award in recognition of his leadership in higher education, health care, community development, and historical preservation and research.

Sizemore has served as president of three colleges, including William Jewell College. He is currently director of business expansion for the Clay County Economic Development Council in Missouri.

**Alumni testify before Congressional committee**

Curtis Dubay, ’02, a tax policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, testified before the Small Business Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in May.

After the hearing, he introduced himself to Hugh Joyce, B’85, president of Richmond-based James River Air Conditioning, who also testified before the committee about tax policies that could help small businesses.

“What are the chances that two Spiders would testify to the same committee at the same time?” Dubay asks.

**Legacy students welcome**

The academic year is in full-swing at Richmond, and members of the Class of 2014 are settling into life as first-year students. It was an honor to welcome the legacy members of this class and their families at a special luncheon. Multigenerational families are the core of our strength at Richmond.

As we begin the admission process for the Class of 2015, we hope those of you with high school age children will encourage them to consider Richmond as you help them find the best fit. Look for places that meet your students’ standards for academics, average class size, community culture, faculty access, food, housing, social opportunities, and student body composition. Encourage your students to think about the three things they like most about their high school. Remind them to be sure those things exist at the universities they are considering. Finding those three favorite things will make their college transition and experience much more enjoyable.

It is our sincere hope that the University of Richmond possesses the three things on your student’s list and that your family understands the following about us:

- Our courses are never taught by teaching assistants, rather all courses are led by experienced faculty members.
- Richmond is about discovery through collaborative environments and experiential learning.
- Our graduates become leaders in society because they have learned to think critically about the world around them.
- Richmond attracts engaged students who embrace a diverse and dynamic community.

Finally, don’t forget that Richmond waives the application fee for the children of alumni. For a better picture of all Richmond has to offer, visit richmond.edu or come tour our campus.

Go Spiders!

Gil J. Villanueva  
Dean of Admission

Tracey Holgren Ivey, B’82  
URAA President

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Books
Lohmann lures tourists off Virginia’s highways
Bill Lohmann, R’79, highlights the history and natural beauty of Virginia in *Backroads & Byways of Virginia*, which features 19 detailed itineraries for scenic drives, day trips, and weekend excursions.

“Interstate highways can carry you through Virginia, but only the back roads will bring the state to you,” Lohmann writes. “I’ve lived here for most of my adult life, but it wasn’t until I started venturing into the hinterlands of the commonwealth that I truly started appreciating—and knowing—the state.”

More alumni books
*Esther Has a Living Will and Other Fairy Tales for Adult Children*, Brenda Barnes, W’75, provides legal advice and other pointers for adult children who care for their aging parents.

*Murder in the Métro: Laetitia Tourreaut and the Cagoule in 1930s France*, Annette Finley-Croswhite, W’81, and Gayle Brunelle delve into the unsolved murder of a young Italian immigrant turned counter-terrorist spy.

CONNECT
New stadium ready for homecoming game
This year’s Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 22–24, will feature a game in the new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium against Towson University on Saturday, Oct. 23. Homecoming also will include departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2010, and a young grad reunion for classes 2001–10.

If your class year ends in a one or a six, make a special effort to return to campus and reconnect with your classmates at next year’s Reunion Weekend, June 3–5, 2011.

For more information about Reunion Weekend, Homecoming Weekend, or alumni events in your area, visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumniandcareerservices@richmond.edu.

Events
Richmond welcomes 33 legacy students
At the beginning of each academic year, the University invites legacy students to a luncheon honoring them and their alumni parents. To see a list of these students and their parents, visit the magazine’s “Bonus Content” at magazine.richmond.edu.
Volunteer
UR classmates host regional alumni events
As Richmond classmates in the 1970s, Rebecca Hancock Powers, Wendy Haynes Eastman, and Susan Moomaw Humphreville spent a lot of time together. Their fond memories of Richmond include studying together in the business school and time as roommates both during school and immediately after graduation.

The three of them still reunite annually when possible. This year all three of them also hosted University-related events in their home cities. Eastman, B’76, and her husband, Kevin, R’77 and G’89, welcomed Boston-area alumni to a private suite at a Celtics-Lakers game in January. Powers, B’76, hosted a reception where University Rector George Welde, B’74, spoke to Austin-area alumni in February. And Humphreville, B’76, opened her home to Los Angeles-area alumni in April for an evening with Gil Villanueva, Richmond’s dean of admission.

In addition to hosting University events, Humphreville serves on the Board of Trustees, while Powers and Eastman serve on the Alumni Association Board. For information about regional alumni events or to learn how you can help in your area, go to UROnline.net.

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CLASS OF ’42
Lindsay Rumor, ’10, who received our class scholarship for two years, graduated this spring with a degree in business administration. Ada Moss Harley had the pleasure of meeting Lindsay at a lovely luncheon for scholarship recipients. Our scholarship fund has helped many young women with the expenses of their education. Please continue to give if you can.

Dorothy Quinn Keeling’s granddaughter graduated magna cum laude from Hildale College in Michigan with a major in American studies and a minor in music. Her grandson graduated from North Raleigh Christian Academy with many honors last spring and started at Hampden-Sydney. Dot is doing well and keeps in touch with Ann Pavey Garrett and Winnifred House Gill. Winnifred, a former teacher, is in good health, still drives, and keeps busy.

When I called her last spring, Jayne Maire Massie was ailing with a sore shoulder from a fall. She was excited about the impending graduations of two grandsons, one with a bachelor’s degree in psychiatry, the other with a master’s degree in aerospace engineering.

I regret to report the death on March 3, 2010, of Dorothy “Dee” Hall Schenck. She and her husband, David, founded the Schenck School for dyslexic children in Atlanta. Dee loved books and was instrumental in building the school’s fine library. We send our sincere condolences to David and to their large family, including four children and 11 grandchildren.

Our sympathy also goes to Gene Woodfin Steussy and her supportive family. Her husband, Calvin, died unexpectedly in May. She has moved to an assisted-living facility in Zanesville, Ind.

Alice Gray Simpson Newcomb’s only son, David, died in June 2009. Alice also had a heart attack and is recuperating at home with the help of her niece and another caregiver. Alice can surely use our prayers and warm wishes.

I wish I had more e-mail addresses. Communication has become more difficult, and I need your help in keeping the lines open. Please be sure to tell me about any address or phone number changes.

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CLASS OF ’45
Our 65-year reunion was held in April, and nine of us attended some of the events of the weekend. Jane Wray Bristow McDorman, of Chester, Va., made the original plans with the alumni office. She leads a busy life that includes participating in church activities, tracing family genealogy, and visiting Lakewood Manor retirement center, where she sees Doris Mills Harrell.

Natalie Heller Barnicle and her husband, John, live in Owings Mills, Md. Natalie’s primary occupation is quilting, and she has made 50! She participates in exhibits and has won several ribbons. John taught bridge for years and both of them are expert bridge players.

Liz Parker Cone enjoys gardening at her lovely Richmond home by the James River. Remember the Sunday brunches we had there at reunion time? Howard passed away in November 2009.

Nancy Lazenby Stables and Anne Seay Jackson both enjoy living at Cedarfield retirement center in Richmond. Nancy plays bridge twice a week and plans to start duplicate bridge. Her children live nearby and visit her frequently. Anne has recovered from a small stroke and participates in exercise class and group singing.

Glady Lowden Metz moved to a retirement center in Medford, N.J., after Art’s death in 2008. She enjoyed the reunion and the congeniality of our group.

We were pleased that Mary Campbell Paulson’s daughter brought her to the University from her home in a retirement community in Newport News, Va. Macular degeneration limits Mary’s vision, but she remains independent and busy with social activities and exercise classes.

Wanda Walton Pate is as pretty as ever. She has lived in a condominium at Mooreland Commons in Richmond for the past 29 years. I am living—and staying busy—in the independent section of a retirement center in Annapolis, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay. I am on the board of directors of our residents’ association and on the staff of The Breeze, our bimonthly newsletter. I also am a member of the grounds and arbor committees, and I enjoy playing croquet and bridge and putting golf balls. I had a lot of fun this spring preparing for a variety show, for which I wrote four short skits.

I attended four memorable events during reunion weekend. Jane Wray, Glady, and I went to the Boardwright Society dinner on Friday at the Heilman Dining Center. The Class of 1960 was inducted into the society and our class was recognized. There were several short speeches and a delicious steak and crab cake dinner. The event made us feel as if we were really back at the University.

Saturday was a busy day. Remember the Deeney? Contiguous to it and identical in architecture is the new Westhampton Center. The dedication of the center, with many praiseworthy reflections of Dean May Keller, was quite an inspiration. After a welcome by Dean Juliette Landphair and remarks by President Edward Ayers, we heard guest speaker Gayle Goodson Butler, W73, the editor-in-chief of Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Liz Parker Cone and her family were recognized for their contribution to and support of the foyer next to the dean’s office in the new center.

Eight of us, along with Liz’s daughter and Kathe Edmonds of the alumni office, enjoyed a luncheon in the Hartz Dining Room of the Jepson Alumni Center, where we looked at photographs, shared personal reflections, and read letters and phone messages from those who were unable to attend.

On Saturday Nancy hosted a social hour and dinner at Cedarfield. Both Anne’s and Nancy’s children were there. The wonderful evening was capped off with a birthday cake for Anne. We had difficulty parting.

Jane Wray attended the memorial service at Cannon Memorial Chapel on Sunday. On the program was a listing of the deceased members of the reunion classes. We have lost 11 members of our class in the past five years.

Prior to reunion weekend, I mailed

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you a list I had received from the alumni office of 40 classmates. Some of you who were not coming to the reunion responded by mail or phone. Here is a brief review of your news.

I received a note from Temple Adair Glen, W’73, the oldest daughter of Betty Clement Adair. They had planned to attend the reunion, but Betty died peacefully on March 6, 2010.

Others extending their greetings by letter include Charlotte Thomas Partrick, who lives in Greensboro, N.C. Hall died five years ago and two of their children live nearby.

Lottie Blanton Applewhite of Chapel Hill, N.C., reflected on her memories of our beautiful campus in the spring. (And yes, it was very special for our reunion.)

Mildred Draper Atkinson and her husband, Frank, lead a busy life in Closeret, N.J., and frequent New York City. Mildred is in good health and participates in yoga and swimming. All three of their children live nearby.

Alma Rosenbaum Hurwitz included a poem in her letter. Regarding attending the coming reunion she wrote, “My heart says, ‘Go,’ but my mind says, ‘No.’”

Ann Leland Twombly Cross is a full-time Floridian. She and Ernie, whom she married in 1998, enjoy a retirement community in Winter Park. They travel to see children in New England and do river boating in Europe.

I received best wishes from two others by phone: Betty Richards Warner of Colesville, Md., and Virginia Nicholas Sanders of Richmond.

We will have another reunion in five years! In the meantime, please send news. The next deadline is Nov. 15.

Then and Now

In 1955, the Alumni Bulletin reported that “SIX FOREIGN MAIDS” were students at Westhampton College. From the left, the front row included: Sylvia Grigorowitsch Dickerson, W’56 and G756, of Brazil; Cathy Blair Armbrister, W’57, of Scotland; and Michaela Maschke of Germany. Behind them are: Lise Hartvig of Norway; Judy Calder of Australia; and Brigitte Zickmantel Reimer, W’56, of Germany. In its most recent academic year, Richmond hosted 226 international students from 60 countries—too many to include in the photo below. For more information about the internationalization of Richmond, read the cover story that begins on page 10.

CLASS OF ’46

Reunion Reminder

June 3–5, 2011

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Frances Newman Stevens called to tell me that Irene Taylor Martin passed away April 17, 2010. Frances saw the obituary in the Roanoke newspaper. As you may recall, Irene lived in Spencer, Va. We send our sympathy to her family.

I spoke by phone briefly with Calley Goode Jackson, Jean White Robeson, and Frances Anne Beale Goode, all of whom are fine, but I have not heard anything from the rest of you. So, this is all about me!

My daughter Susan and I traveled to California in May to attend the commencement exercises of the College of Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. My granddaughter, Melissa, received her Ph.D. in chemistry. The academic procession was colorful with the traditional gowns and hoods representing the different disciplines and institutions. I’m sure I have never seen as many celebrated scientists assembled as we did that day, including a number of Pulitzer Prize winners. There was a celebratory gathering afterward on the plaza with champagne.

I have one other granddaughter who received her Ph.D. in science from the University of Colorado. She is teaching at the university in Boulder. Unfortunately, I did not attend that ceremony. That’s all for now. Sorry not to have more news, but I need your help. Best wishes to you all.

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CLASS OF ’47

Nancy Richardson Elliott traveled with her family to USC for her grandson’s graduation.

Helen Cole Richardson and Straughan Richardson Jr., R’46, also attended the USC graduation for their granddaughter.

Gin Ellett plans tours for Cedarfield and remains very active. She also continues to plan the Lunch Bunch get-togethers. Frances Coles McClennen was present in May. She often stops by when she is on the way to see grandchildren.

Virginia Wagstaff enjoyed a wonderful cruise to the Netherlands. It took place during the Iceland volcanic eruption, and her trip was extended by a week. Virginia says she visited Brussels and the tulips the week before
they were able to head safely home. Our granddaughter graduated from Clemson University and we experienced a week at Corolla, N.C., with members of the family. We also enjoyed Dick’s 60-year reunion at Virginia Tech.

Please plan to visit the UR campus and share the excitement. Remember, even the smallest contribution to the alumni fund helps the University demonstrate alumna support.

When you receive a questionnaire in the mail from me, please take time to respond. Your friends would like to know about you.

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CLASS OF ‘50

I understand from Janice Brandenburg Halloran that our reunion was a joyous occasion, and it is thanks to her that I have the roster of everyone there: Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara Coleman Augustine, Jean Tinsley Martin, Agnes Feild Burke, Hilda Moore Hankins, Maryanne Bugg Lambert, Barbara Beatrice Fannin, Mary Howard Holloway, Gene Hart Joyner, Rosa Lou Soles Johnston, Pat Kelly Jordan, Lee Reeves Childress, Barbara White Balderson, Audrey Lynn Moncure Jones, Helen Lampathakis Kostyal, Frances Sutton Oliver, Marjorie Parson Owen, Virginia Sims, Gatewood Holland Stoneman, and Ludie Hickerson Wiley.

Ruth Morrissey Bain sent me a lovely note saying how much she enjoys reading our news. Her “get-aways” are usually with family on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, but last fall she enjoyed a trip to Canada.

Our class endured several major losses last spring. I wish to extend our sympathy to Wilda Whitman Oakley and her husband on the death of their son, Brett; to the family of Virginia T ech. Our class endured several major losses last spring.

Our granddaughter graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1952. LeNeve’s son, Spencer, said that she was surrounded by her family when she passed away April 22, 2010, after a short illness. She was in the Westhampton Class of 1952 for the Class of ’52. It is amazing to think how the Class of 1952 scholarship fund has grown over time. We were pleased to read the letter from Westhampton student Grace Leonard, recipient of the 2009–10 scholarship. Think what students do today as compared with what we did in 1948–49! If you did not receive your copy, please let me know.

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Charles Gibson, R., is a certified intentional interim pastor serving Bybee’s Road Baptist Church in Troy, Va. Before retiring in 1992, he served nine Virginia churches as senior pastor. He lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF ’54

Our sympathy goes to Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey, whose husband, John Barton Dorsey, R’55, died March 14. John was always so special to our class and enthusiastic about our activities. John and Mary Lu often surprised each of us with special mementos at our class reunions.

Cos Washburn Barnes had wonderful trips to Israel and Ireland. She writes a monthly column for PineStraw, a local magazine, and she writes book
reviews for another publication.

Sara Sherman Cowherd and her husband attended their grandson Joe’s graduation at Virginia Tech.

Nancy Graham Harrell and Walter visited the Czech Republic and took a river cruise through France and Germany.

Claire Millhiser Rosenbaum is enthusiastic about attending games at the new stadium on campus. Claire and I saw each other in March at a gathering to tour the new Westhampton Center. This new building is connected to the Deanery. In addition to other spaces, there is a wonderful living room where students can study, socialize, and hold events. There are display areas for Westhampton memorabilia.

I would like to include news about as many classmates as possible, but I need your help. Please send news about yourself and classmates by Nov. 15.

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CLASS OF ’55

The fifty-fivers enjoyed a beautiful weekend for our 55-year reunion. We began on Friday with a luncheon in the lovely new Westhampton Center living room (the center is an addition to the Deanery). That night we had the Boatwright Society dinner and annual meeting, presided over by our own Joy Winstead. Saturday at noon we had the alumni picnic in the park, and that evening we had the Class of 1955 reunion reception and dinner in the lovely new Westhampton Center.

No stranger to hardship

Hunter Keck, R’38

One year after Hunter Keck was born, his mother died of the Spanish influenza that killed more than 20 million people around the world. By the time he finished high school, America was mired in the Great Depression. “None of us had much,” he recalls. “A lot of people couldn’t afford college.”

But Keck’s aunt, Lola Woodward, managed the Refectory, the dining hall for Richmond College. She introduced him to Frederic Boatwright, the University’s president at the time, and Keck soon had an academic scholarship and a job in the Refectory.

“I remember it as a beautiful campus,” he says. “A lot has changed—lots of new buildings—but it is still so beautiful.”

Keck majored in business and applied economics and started working for Reynolds Metals the day after he graduated. He lived in The Tuckahoe, across the street from the Country Club of Virginia, so he joined the club and took up golf, but life wasn’t going to be that easy.

As World War II heated up in Europe, Keck joined the Navy. He met Winston Churchill in 1941 aboard a British vessel, and he flew patrol missions over the China Sea. He was flying over Iwo Jima on Aug. 6, 1945, when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. By then he was a lieutenant commander.

After the war and eight more years at Reynolds Metals, Keck went into business for himself and eventually acquired Photo Template, a company that laminated computer housings, manufactured carts for casinos, and produced templates for aircraft parts. Keck retired in 1989 as the company’s chairman and president.

Now he spends time with his family, plays golf, and manages investments. He and his wife, Elaine, have endowed a presidential scholarship given annually to a full-time Richmond undergraduate. “I’m proud of Richmond,” he says. “And I’m glad to help.”

—Randy Hallman

Virginia Swain Saunders, Ida Mae Speeks, Burrell Williams Stultz, Margaret “Marty” Glenn Taylor, Margaret “Peggy” Armstrong Tustaz, Sue Smith Van Wickler, Grace Phillips Webb, Nancy Johnson White, Barbara Turner Willis, Joy Winstead, Myra Embrey Wormald, Barbara “Bobbie” Reynolds Wyker, and Jody Weaver Yuhase Smith Amacher had signed up to attend but, as we learned after the fact, she injured her shoulder and the doctor told her she was not to drive or fly. Emily Menefee Johnston and her husband, Bill, have a new granddaughter, Lighton, born Jan. 7, 2010. She is the daughter of their son, Mark.

Marjorie Moeschler Hahn’s husband, Henry Hahn Jr., passed away March 6, 2010.

Peggy Hall Flippen and her husband, Edward A. Flippen Jr., R’56, did a lot of traveling in 2009. They spent a week at Sanibel Island, Fla., in June and came to Richmond in September for a family reunion. They also flew to Dallas in September, where Ed performed the wedding of his nephew Mark.

Last May Bobbie Reynolds Wyker saw Al Roker on the Today show talking to a group of students from the Broadwater Academy on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Among the students on this field trip were the two youngest grandchildren of Polly Bundick Dize. Bobbie had another happy surprise when she was volunteering at a Chesterfield County (Va.) middle school. She saw a bulletin board with a picture of several students including her granddaughter, Jami Orrell, who had been selected as a “growing cel-list” in the seventh-grade orchestra.

Bobbie and Alice McCarty Hagerty attended a Minds Wide Open program in Kilmarnock, Va., in May and heard Marty Glenn Taylor read a chapter from her book on growing up in Morattico, Va. Minds Wide Open celebrates Virginia’s women in the arts.

 Hats off to Bobbie for her excellent job as class secretary for the past five years! Please send your news so we can keep sending it out to our classmates.

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**CLASS OF ’56**

**Reunion Reminder**

**June 3–5, 2011**

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I hope all of you are planning to attend our 55-year reunion in June. There will be more details when Pat writes in the next alumni magazine.

**Janie Smith Vega** joined the Los Angeles alumni chapter in April for an evening with Gil Villanueva, dean of admission at UR. The event was hosted by Susan Moonaw Humphreys, Bʼ76, a member of the Board of Trustees, and her husband, Jack, at their beautiful home in Los Angeles. Approximately 50 alumni and guests enjoyed refreshments and talking with the dean.

Ann Peery Oppenheimer and her husband have been busy planning the Folk Art Society of America’s 23rd annual conference, which is in Santa Fe, N.M., in September. The theme is “Native American and Hispanic Folk Art of the American Southwest.” Last spring Ann was on a panel at the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Va., speaking as a collector of folk art.

My class co-secretary, Pat McElroy Smith, attended a Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1952 lunch at the Westwood Club in April. At her table were: Helen Melton Lukhard, Ann Carroll Yeaman Malcolm and her husband, John, and Arnold Frederick, Rʼ54, and his wife, Jean Hudgins Frederick, Wʼ56.

Pat and Janet Knobel Jones represented our class at the scholarship donor recognition luncheon last spring and met with our scholarship recipient, Nadia Parikh, ’11. Nadia is an accounting major and French minor, and she spent a semester in Paris last year. We thank all of you who continue to support our scholarship endowment. You can write a check to the University of Richmond and write “Westhampton Class of ’56 Scholarship Fund” in the memo line.

In March Pat went to England with her daughter and granddaughter to visit friends, and in April she went to Nags Head, N.C., for a week. In May she went to an Elderhostel in Chicago for a week. In May she went to an Elderhostel to Nags Head, N.C., for a week. In May she went to an Elderhostel to visit friends, and in April she went to the Boatwright Society Board. On May 24, those of us in the Westhampton Center had lunch at Crab Louie’s restaurant. While there I learned that Edna Wagstaff Warncke took the “Holland and Belgium in Springtime” river cruise. When it ended, the passengers were unable to fly home because of the volcanic ash from Iceland. Grand Circle Tours let them keep their cabin on the ship and they cruised for an additional week and then were transported back to Brussels for their flight home.

Diane Brown Higgins is still teaching piano and has students from pre-teens to senior citizens.

Helen Melton Lukhard and Dee spent a week at their condo on the Great Barrier Reef, three days on the Great Barrier Reef, three days in the aboriginal Desert in North Territory, two days on Kangaroo Island, and three days driving along the Great Ocean Road.

**CLASS OF ’57**

Several classmates attended events in April during reunion weekend. Jackie Randlette Tucker saw Joyce Garrett Tidey, Pat Moore Ewell, and Lovey Jane Long at the Boatwright Society dinner on Friday. Jackie said it was a lovely evening, and she wished more of our class members could have attended. The next morning, the four of them were joined by Nancy Archbell Bain to attend the dedication ceremony for the new Westhampton Center. Joyce has a photo of the group in front of the wall plaque that marks the Class of 1957 gift for the pergola.

Jennie Sue Johnson Murdock, and her husband, Bill, live in Salem, Va. They recently participated in the Roanoke College Elderscholar Program, and Jennie Sue serves as president of the Roanoke Valley unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She continues to tutor with Literacy Volunteers of Roanoke Valley and works with five ESL. She also tutors once a week at Bethany Hall, a residential center for women with additions. Jennie Sue looked forward to a summer break in which she would not be teaching an adult Sunday School class. She and Bill are trying to have a small garden with basic vegetables, and she has an herb garden again. New Kent, Va., residents Mary Garland Cox Johnson and Miles enjoyed a day trip in April to Surry, Va. After taking the ferry across the James River and dining at the Surry House Restaurant, they visited Smith’s Fort Plantation. In warmer months, they enjoy their second home in Highland County, Va., where Mary Garland and Miles tend their garden during the short growing season. Carolyn Wood Aldredge and James Buren “Bo” Aldredge Jr., Bʼ59, also have a second home in Highland County.

Mary Pratt and her husband have a large collection of bonsai, and she wrote in the process of reporting them all.

Lee Feld Griffiths enjoys seeing her family frequently on weekends. It is a challenge to keep up with her 10 growing grandchildren. She still enjoys the choir and volunteer work at the hospital and with Love Inc.

Carolyn Naumann Robertson and Jim were in Australia in April visiting their daughter, Carol Elizabeth, who planned a wonderful tour for them. Highlights included five days in Palm Cove Resort in Queensland, with a day trip to Cape Tribulation (the rain forest). They also spent three days on a boat with divers and snorkelers on the Great Barrier Reef, three days in the Aboriginal Desert in North Territory, two days on Kangaroo Island, and three days driving along the Great Ocean Road.

Kakie Parr Jenkins is happy to be on the go again with her daughter and granddaughter. They spent spring break just south of Knoxville, Tenn., seeing friends and visiting the Smoky Mountains. For Mother’s Day, they went to the Kennedy Center for a children’s show. They planned to go back in July to see Mary Poppins. Kakie continues to volunteer at grand-daughter Ały’s elementary school.

Ruth Tipton Powers was unable to ski on her trip to Colorado in January. Shortly before the trip, she found out she had a torn meniscus. The good news is that arthroscopic surgery in February seems to have fixed the problem. In March she went on a hike at Harpers Ferry, W.Va., and walked close to four miles without a problem.

Aimee Lee Raveling Cheek reports that spring flew by with home refurbishing in San Diego and refurbishing in Albuquerque, N.M. Aimee Lee and her husband, Bill Cheek, Rʼ54, did take the time for a brief but rewarding trip to Los Angeles, during which they saw the great Artex exhibit at the Getty Villa and the Renoir and American stories exhibits at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In May they had an eight-day trip to New York City. They stayed in a flat in West
CLASS OF ’58

The dedication of the Westhampton Center was a special event with perfect weather, impressive speakers, and a large crowd, including a number from our class. I was there, along with Connie Booker Moe, Lola Hall McBride, Susie Prillaman Willshire, Eugenia Borum, Emily Damereel King, Marrett Ayers Eggleston, Jean Hudgins Frederick, Peggy Ware, Carolyn Moss Hartz, Libby Jarrett Burger, Dottie Goodman Lewis, Susan Hudson Parsons, Nancy Goodwyn Hill, Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains, Jean Anderson Farmer, Marjorie Gail Carper Russell, Cora Sue Elmore Spruill, Mary Alice Revere Wooner, Shirley Hill Bishop, Mary Jean Garrett Simpson, and Phebe Goodie Holladay.

Attached to the wall under the Westhampton Center leggins overlook the garden is a large bronze plaque with the following inscription: “The Westhampton College Class of 1958 Leggins, given by The Westhampton College Class of 1958, April 10, 2010.”

There are other reminders of our class on campus. Two granite benches located by North Court in front of the doors that used to lead to the reading room are inscribed with “Westhampton College Class of 1958.” Were these our senior gift? If you know their history, please let me know.

We all thank Carolyn Hoss Hartz and Peggy Ware for the lovely luncheon held at Carolyn’s home after the Westhampton Center dedication. We are saddened by the unexpected death of William Elmore Spruill, L’02. Bill was the son of Cora Sue Elmore Spruill and her husband, Joe Spruill Jr., R’55 and L’58. Bill graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the T.C. Williams School of Law, where he was an editor of the Law Review.

In April Jean Hudgins Frederick and her family were at St. John’s College in Annapolis, Md., where their older grandson is a member of the enroot team. The occasion was the annual match that attracts more than 2,000 spectators, who dress up in all kinds of festive attire. Jean spoted a young woman wearing a dress like she and others wore in our 1958 May court, albeit without a hoop or crinoline. (Jean took a picture and I confirmed by a look in our yearbook that it is absolutely the same dress.) The young woman told Jean that she purchased the dress at a vintage shop in Takoma Park, Md. Small world!

Jo Anne Garrett West and Bill spent 10 days in Kiev, Ukraine, with Helping Hands Mission/Music Mission. They tidied up apartments of the elderly, and they planted a flower garden near a playground. Helping Hands also offers free music lessons for children, employment for musiciens, and a children’s choir. During their trip, Jo Anne and Bill heard The Creation by Haydn, and they saw Bellini’s opera Norma and Prokoﬁen’s ballet Romeo and Juliet.

Libbie Jarrett Burger and Wilbur enjoyed a trip to Oak Island, N.C., where they are seafood, walked on the beach, and played golf.

Peggy Williams Lowe is recovering from her fourth knee operation. This year she tutored third- and fourth-grade students in math.

Lastly, I found the college ring that I lost more than 10 years ago. I was bored one evening, so I cleaned out a drawer in my chest of drawers. It just popped out.

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CLASS OF ’59

Our classmate, Peggy Dunin Crews, died in Miami on April 5, 2010. Her family has requested that memorials be made to the University of Richmond or to Hands on Miami/United Way in her name. If you choose to send a memorial gift to UR, please write “Westhampton College Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund in memory of Peggy Dunin Crews” in the memo line.

Peggy was a trustee and longtime United Way volunteer who worked one or two days a week for more than 20 years. Her twin sister, Barbara Dunin Polis, has requested that our news include the following, which she read at Peggy’s funeral: “Dear Peg, A part of me is missing today. You fought a good fight. Your last words to me, ‘I am hanging in there.’ That you did, my sweet sister. So many memories I have in my heart. People would say, ‘How does it feel to be a twin?’ We answered, ‘What else is there?’ We were fortunate; we always had each other. … Thanks, Peg, for sharing so much with me. It would take forever to tell it all. I will miss you more than words could say. My life is better because of you—my sister, my twin, and my friend. I love you dearly.”

Our condolences go to Peggy Powell Daniel, whose son, Lin Daniel, 49, died unexpectedly June 5.

Our sympathies also go to Patricia Nettles Harrington on the death of her husband, Dick, who passed away last October. They had been married 50 years and have three daughters and six grandchildren. One daughter lives in Florida, one in Annapolis, Md., and the youngest in Poquoson, Va. When Dick and Patricia had their sailboat and later their trailer, they spent the winters in Florida and lived aboard the boat near their daughter, Susan. Their middle daughter and her husband have a boat business in Annapolis but spend most of the winter in Costa Rica. Dick and Patricia enjoyed sailing to the Caribbean numerous times. One of the happy things they did was a great deal of traveling in the 10 years before Dick’s illness.

The whole family is proud of Patricia’s granddaughter, Shannon, whose mother is Patricia’s daughter, Courtney. Shannon won a full scholarship to the University of Richmond as a Richmond Artist Scholar. She loves the campus and has met many of the professors.

Margaret Spencer Hernandez had breast cancer surgery in April. There was no involvement in the lymph nodes, and she met the criteria for hormone therapy, so she is hoping she will not need chemotherapy. She expected to have radiation.

In January Sylvia “Sibby” Haddock Young’s fifth grandson, Blake Peter Fell, arrived healthy and happy. Sibby and her husband, Paige Young, R, spent a few weeks helping with Blake and the boys, ages 6, 4, and 2.

Sibby and Paige’s son, Allan Young, ’93, was in Haiti on March 5 and was able to bring home his newly adopted son, Jameson Dot Young, grandson number six. Allan and his wife worked for three-plus years on the adoption process. Because of the earthquake, the adoption finally went through. In April Sibby and Paige hosted an in-law weekend at their river place. Their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law arrived Saturday and left Monday. They had a great time getting to know each other a little better. They lounged at Stratford Plantation and had a personal tour of Wakefield, the birthplace of George Washington.

Sibby and Paige spent a week in April playing golf at Bryce Mountain Resort, where they were joined by one of Paige’s UR roommates. Sibby plays tennis at least twice a week. Paige continues to serve on numerous boards, including the Virginia Baptist Children’s Home (now called Hopetree) in Salem, Va., and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Karen Diedrich Gardner and her husband, Jim Gardner, R’55, are still farming. Karen stays busy cooking for the local food kitchen and working at the food pantry. She and Jim enjoy following their grandchildren and their sports. She is helping to move the local craft house, Holston Mountain Artisans, to a new location in an old jail.

At the Tuckahoe Women’s Club art show in April, Beverly Eubank Evans won first place for a mirrored window, a set of hand-painted wineglasses, and a decorative slate titled Risqué. Bonnie Lewis Haynie won second place for a painted window and a knotted mens scarf, and first place for a knotted shawl.

Jean Gerdy Deitz and her husband, David, are enjoying their granddaughters, who was born in March. They have made several trips to see her. They spent a week in May with my daughter, Carol, at Hilton Head, S.C. She and her husband, Bob, are moving to Ashburn, Va., where Bob is head golf pro at Belmont Country Club. Carol enjoyed her job in Hilton Head as executive director of the Sandbox Children’s Museum. I am still entertainng with the Now and Then Dance Ensemble.

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CLASS OF ’60
The Class of 1960 celebrated its 50-year reunion in April, and it was magic. All who were there had a marvelous time, and we came away with a renewed kinship among ourselves and our alma mater.

The following classmate attended: Alice Thompson Zimmerman, Millie Bagley Bracey, Ruthi Greenfield Byrne, Elizabeth Brown Creech, Anne Hurd Eastridge, Nancy Wheeler Farthing, Anne Loving Fenley, Judy Cyrus Johnson, Loretta Hudgins Johnson, Sue Ludington Jones, Em St. Clair Key, Linda Pugh Woods, and Jeanette McWilliams Welsh, Lynn Lemmon, Laurel Burkett Lonnies, Nancy Jenkins Marrow, Meurial Webb McClain, Marjorie Donald Miller, Joan Silverstein Oberman, Joyce Birdsell O’Toole, Nancy Taylor Owen, Jo Anne Young Payne, Phylis Jenkins Polhemus, Barbara Ramsey Robbins, Suzanne Hatcher Rooney, Nancy Maddin Simmons, Evalane Green Slaughter, Betty Gathings Snook, Dodie Tyrrell, Rebecca Grissom VanAusdall, Mary Lou Walden Wagner, Lanetta Ware, Jeanette McMWilliams Walsh, Lynn Mapp Wiggins, Joan Batten Wood, Martha Pugh Woods, and Elizabeth Thompson Zimmerman.

We missed everyone who wasn’t there and remembered you in our talks about how it “used to be.” We passed around our cell phones and talked to Paula Williams Davis and Peggy Gore Sykes.

Alice Clement Boone says she enjoys watching her husband, Chuck Boone, play baseball with their grandson in the backyard.

Millie Bagley Bracey returned from a great trip to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. In June the whole Bracey clan visited Ocean Isle, N.C. Ruthi Greenfield Byrne and her husband, Brendan, were in Richmond for reunion weekend. Ruthi is still working and traveling extensively in the United States and abroad. She and Brendan have 16 grandchildren between them, so Ruthi’s schedule is full.

Elizabeth Brown Creech and her husband, Frank, have been in their Brevard, N.C., home for eight years. They enjoy the music center with summer concerts, the local arts community, and the great outdoors. Betty is active in an international group that collects antique scent bottles, and she and Frank have made presentations in London and on national television on The Incurable Collector.

Anne Hurd Eastridge stays busy studying piano and volunteering twice a week in the Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, Fla. She looks forward to getting some of the Florida group of the Class of 1960 together.

Nancy Wheeler Jones Jr. spends time at her house at Smith Mountain Lake and enjoys being “kept” by her teenage grandchildren when their parents are away.

Anne Loving Fenley serves on the local planning commission and as judge of elections in Pk Ckase, Pa. She stays busy with her civic duties and membership in a women’s club.

Judy Cyrus Johnson was anticipating her oldest grandchild’s graduation from William and Mary and babysitting for her youngest grandchild, a 2-year-old from China, daughter of her son Brian and his wife, Judy says having a baby around keeps them all young.

Laurel Burkett Lonnies says that she and Jerry enjoyed our reunion, which was followed by a trip to Minnesota to celebrate Jerry’s 50-year reunion. They planned to visit family while they were there.

Sue Ludington Jones and her husband, Samuel, have retired and moved to Broadway, Va., where they have a view of the West Virginia mountains. Sue says a traffic jam there consists of eight cars passing through town, which is a welcome relief from Northern Virginia traffic. Sue is the choir librarian for Harrisonburg Baptist Church, and Sam is happy in his fourth interim pastorate. I met Sue for lunch last fall in Harrisonburg, Va., and we had a great reunion.

Loretta Hudgins Johnson and her husband, Doug, live in Raleigh, N.C. They have two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter is a CPA for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., and their son is an electrical engineer in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Lanetta Ware reports that there is a new calf on her farm that has been named Westbrook. We know she will be a fine lady!

One of the most moving events of our reunion happened on Saturday night when our class visited the new Westbrook Center and went to view the lovely portrait of Miss Bell, painted by our own Nancy Maddin Simmons. We shared many favorite Miss Bell stories.

I have included only some of those who attended the reunion. We’ll catch up with the rest in the alumni magazine’s next issue. Please write, e-mail, or call me with news. We’d love to hear from all of those who could not make it to the reunion and we hope to see you in 2015, Westminster Class Secretary

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CLASS OF ’63
There is not much news this time, but I must brag about the newest grandchild, Peggy St. Clair Stevens and Dan Stevens, R’62, are happy to report the birth of their third grandchild, Mark Nathan Daniel, born Feb. 21, 2010, to their son, Mark, and his wife, Liz. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you before our next deadline of Dec. 1. Send me news!

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Thomas Hill, R., was named the top financial advisor in Maryland for 2010 by Barron’s magazine. He lives in Easton, Md., and is managing director of The Hill Group at Smith Barney.

CLASS OF ’65
What a wonderful 45-year reunion we had in April, thanks to careful planning by Susan Gunn Quinnsberry, Nancy Puryear Spence, Barbara Vaughan, and Cynthia Shelhorse. Twenty-two members of our class attended at least one of the many reunion functions, and we had a great time seeing all the changes on campus and catching up on personal news. We even sang a rousing chorus of the “Odd Team Song,” at the Deanery reception. I took scads of photos and have put them online to share. If you would like to see them, drop me a line, and I’ll send you the link.

Carrie “Liz” Morris Meador and her husband, Dave, are celebrating their 45th anniversary this year. They have one daughter, Sara, who has been in the Peace Corps. Liz is a docent at the Chrysler Museum, teaches the Eastern Virginia Medical School admissions committee, and other civic duties. Linda belongs to a mahjongg group. They looked forward to taking their 12-year-old granddaughter to Paris for a week in June.

Linda Webb Taliaferro enjoys meetings of the Peninsula Westhamp ton Alumnae Club, where she has met Jackie Harper Burrell and our class advisor, Augusta Chapman. After 30 years of teaching, Linda is taking a break this year and is eager to find out what the next phase of her life will bring.

The reunion committee is already tossing around ideas for our big 50-year reunion in 2015. I know they would love to have your suggestions and—most of all—we want you to come! We also are looking for a new class secretary to take my place, any volunteers? In the meantime, please keep sending your news to me, and I will forward it to the new person.
Charles Thornvard, R., is a physician with the Veterans Administration Prince Islands Healthcare System in Honolulu.

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Nancy Saunders Kaplon lives in Marietta, Ga., where she is semi-retired from Renaissance Hotel sales. She has been working part time for more than two years at AAA Auto Club South. In May she went with a group to a village in the Tuscany region of Italy near Siena, where they leased a villa with lush grounds and a pool. She is part of a group that has rented houses in several parts of France, Italy, and Spain since 1997. Nancy has two wonderful daughters. One lives in South Florida, and one lives in Marietta with her husband and children, Colin, 4, and Annie, 6. Nancy says despite the “numbers,” she hopes everyone is enjoying life as much as she is and feels as young as she does.

Joanne Haft Jennings retired in June after 30 years of teaching at the same elementary school in Venice, Fl. She hopes retirement will give her more time to visit her grandchildren in Colorado and Virginia.

Nancy Ketter Fowler rode through campus on Mother’s Day/graduation weekend with her son and husband, and she says the campus is beautiful. It had been a long time since she had been there, and seeing the graduates walking around with their families brought back a flood of wonderful memories.

Patricia Schultz Hoy, W and G’73, taught Spanish from 1966 until 2001, was an interpreter at Chesterfield Technical Center for almost two years, and has tutored in Spanish. She and Terry Hoy, R’69, have a son, Sterling, who is an engineer with Clark Nexsen in Norfolk.

Archiving American history
Steve Tilley, R’69

Three years after graduating from Richmond, Steve Tilley tackled a once-in-a-lifetime task—indexing original papers of the Continental Congress for the Bicentennial Office of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

As an archivist for the NARA in College Park, Md., Tilley has enjoyed many rare opportunities to preserve American history. He has worked with the records of the Watergate special prosecutor and the John F. Kennedy assassination. He served as head of the JFK collection and was NARA’s liaison to the JFK Assassination Records Review Board from 1994 to 1998. He also worked for the National Security Council from 1989 to 1993, processing more than 600 freedom of information requests per year.

Beginning in 1977, when the Watergate records were transferred to the National Archives, the trend has been toward fuller and earlier disclosure of information concerning historic events of intense public interest. “Passage of the Ethics in Government Act really changed things for us,” he recalls. “All the records of closed independent counsel investigations came into the archives in one fell swoop.”

Tilley personally supervised the transfer of the Watergate records from the special prosecutor’s office across Pennsylvania Avenue to the National Archives. “I still remember taking the remaining few items out on a hand cart, pushing it one block down and one block over,” he says.

At Richmond, Tilley lived in “Barracks D” before it was razed, later serving as a resident assistant in Thomas Hall. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Scabbard and Blade, the history honorary (Phi Alpha Theta), and the ROTC.

Tilley credits history professors John Billing and Joseph Robert for developing his passion for history, which has evolved into a rewarding career. “I couldn’t have asked for more,” he concludes.

—Betty M. van Iersel

CLASS OF ’69
Erana Leiken, G, is a principal and internet marketing consultant with Tiger Marketing in Phoenix. She recently led a creative writing workshop in the Tuscan region of Italy.

CLASS OF ’70
Have you viewed the pictures from our 40-year reunion on the UR alumni website? Many of us have been captured in photos! If you were not able to attend the reunion, please try to come to the next one.

Thank you to Donna Boone for the fine memory book she compiled. Donna is director of the Evidence Based Practices initiative in the Virginia Department of Corrections. This includes the services and treatments that research says will produce pro-social behavior and cessation of criminal behavior. This program inspires her to continue working.

Ann Dowdy Anderson’s newest grandchild, Joslyn Elisabeth Bivins, had a congenital heart defect and underwent surgery. She spent over a month in a PICU unit at the University of Virginia hospital and at MCV, but she is home now and thriving. (One of the many benefits of us staying in touch is that we had all of our class praying for Ann’s grandchild, and the prayers were definitely answered.)
Did you know? 
This spring, the women’s tennis team won the Atlantic 10 Conference championship for the sixth time in the past seven years. Read more about the team’s success on page 8.

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Kittery, Maine, which is only 25 minutes from their home. Their daughter, Lindsay, lives in South Boston, Mass., and their son, Clint, and his wife, Meredith, live in Seattle.

Look for more news next time after I have had a chance to go through more of the notes from our reunion. Until then, thanks for reading, and please send updates as they occur. May the celebration of life go on!

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Metta Harris Nickerson and her husband, Stewart Nickerson, C’83, live in Midlothian, Va. Their son, Andrew, and his fiancée are working on their M.B.A.s at George Washington University.

Sally Harmonson Wallace received a Fulbright fellowship. She was chosen as one of just 60 teachers from the United States to be part of a yearlong teacher exchange program. She will teach English to students in Chambery, France. Since this is a teacher exchange, the French teacher whom Sally is replacing will come to Richmond and teach at the high school where Sally usually teaches. They will also swap houses. The teacher from France plans to bring her attorney husband, who is taking a sabbatical, and their two young children. Since Sally’s husband, Lee Wallace, R’69 and GB’77, cannot take the entire year off, he is planning to make frequent visits to France.

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Ronald Fink, B, received the Golden Candlestick Award from the Richmond Chapter of the American Marketing Association for being Volunteer of the Year. He is managing partner of Strategic Marketing Solutions.

CLASS OF ’72

Nancy MacCaffrey Church, who is still with Bank of America, plans to celebrate her 60th birthday by going to New York with her daughter. Some of us already have reached this milestone, but what an active group of 60-year-olds we are.

Nancy Boykin continues to teach acting at Temple University, Villanova University, and privately. She is appearing in a world premiere of the play, Silverbird, at the InterAct Theatre Company in Philadelphia. Her husband, Dan Kern, has established a new professional theater company at Temple University, and they did two plays in repertory this past summer. Son James is studying jazz drum performance, and they have had the pleasure of hearing him perform with a number of theater groups and jazz ensembles. Nancy’s dad, J. Wesley Bay, R’38, and her mom are doing well and living at Cedarfield at ages 93 and 91, respectively.

Congratulations to Jeanie McFall Silverhill, R’72, whose daughter, Purdy, and her husband, Nathen Hart, made them grandparents again. Evangeline was born in May.

Rachel Pierce Newell’s husband, Wayne, retired in October 2009, and in November Rachel became a grand- mother again. She has taught music in Loudoun County, Va., for 30 years and was recognized in May for her career in education.

Both of Barbara Crews Speece’s boys are fine, as is her husband. Coleman, Barbara saw Susan Clarke Schar in January while attending the Virginians for the Arts conference.

Faye Patteson Green, Donna Abbott Livesey, Libby Lynch Heskett, Gail Bruar Boyles, and Ann Stewart Belk attended a birthday party, R’71, and her mom are students.

Tricia Mason Prillaman’s daughter, Emily, is back in the states with her husband, Arthur, after more than two years in Germany. They are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Sallie Stone Cook is chief medical officer of the Virginia Health Quality Center, a health care consulting and Medicare quality improvement organization. Her husband, Marshall Cook, R’71, stays busy with his law firm.

Sallie and Marshall have three grandchildren: Katherine, Sallie, and Douglas Marshall, the newest grandchild. Their daughter Elizabeth Cook Miller, ’03, and son-in-law Andrew C. Miller, ’03, are Douglas’ parents. The couple returned to Richmond in January after Elizabeth completed a residency in pediatric dentistry.

Elizabeth works in a local dental practice, and Andrew has his own business, Your Search advisor, which specializes in search engine optimization. Marshall and Sallie are fortunate that their daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Will, and their youngest daughter, Susan, also live in Richmond.

Hollie came from Ann Stewart Belk and Susan Clarke Schar. Susan told me that our classmate, Kathy Kirk, lost her battle with brain cancer in May. She was diagnosed last October and still managed to send her greetings to us via Marilib Henry Tomb for the spring class notes. Susan went to Kathy’s funeral and represented our class. The picture of Kathy with her obituary reminded me of her beautiful smile, and how I really don’t remember Kathy ever not smiling.

Several of you shared your memo- ries of Kathy. Nancy Boykin wrote, “I am so very sorry to hear the news of Kathy. And, yes, that smile will stay with all of us.”

Gwen Fletcher Duncan said, “Kathy and I had stayed in much closer touch than I do with anyone else in our class. We always met dur- ing her Christmas visits to Richmond. Kathy and I were hockey buddies. … We shall truly miss her.”

“Kathy worked for me one ses- sion,” wrote Susan Clarke Schar. “She always had a smile on her face, and it made me feel better on truly hectic days just to see her smile.”

“I was so sad to read about Kathy,” wrote Sallie Stone Cook. “My mem- ories of Kathy were that, in addition to having a wonderful personality, she was so athletic. We often talked about tennis. She loved sports. … While I enjoyed playing, she was the one who was good.”

While I wish I were not ending on such a sad note, I think it’s fitting to leave you with these thoughts of Kathy. My best wishes go out to you and yours. Happy 60th birthdays! If you are reading this and wonder why you are not getting my class notes reminder e-mail, it’s because I don’t have your correct e-mail address. Please let me hear from you.

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CLASS OF ’73

Last spring we had a Wonderful Weshampton Women’s Weekend at the home of Sharon Foster Burdick and Rick in Whitemore, Va. The setting was beautiful, the food was scrumptious, and the conversation never stopped. The opportunity to be with old friends and reconnect with friends we haven’t seen in many years was unforgettable. Six new brave souls joined us for the fun. Attending were Sharon and me, Kelly Hardy, Pam Minter Comfort Melson, Donna Kingery Hudgins, Donna Strother Deekens, Nancy Bendall Emerson, Carol Reeder Throckmorton, Agnes Mobley Wynne, Peggy Peters Stalnaker, Betsy Davis Buskhar, and Betty Rodman Harris.

Sharon Foster Burdick’s daughter Amanda and her husband, Brewster, were married in a big wedding in Northern Virginia. The newly- married, Emily, lives in Alexandria, Va. Daughter Emily and her husband, Sam, live in Birmingham, Ala., with Ginny Grace. Daughter Madelyn is working on a fellowship with the National Institutes of Health in Washington and hoping to go to medical school. Rick has quite an impressive oyster farm off their dock. Many thanks to Sharon for being the hostess with the mostest!

Kathy Hardy had all kinds of tales to tell about Jack’s nephew living with them for the past nine months. She said it was an eye-opening experience for a couple with no children.

It was great to visit with Pam Minter Comfort Melson, whom many of us had not seen since graduation. Pam and Burch live in Chesapeake, Va., where Pam is still teaching and Burch is enjoying retirement. Pam’s son, Adam, lives in Harrisonburg, Va., and her daughter, Emily, lives in Arlington, Va. While we were together, Pam learned that her granddaughter had won a Little Miss pageant in Chesapeake.

Donna Hudgins came from Fredericksburg, Va., where she and Carter Hudgins, R’72, work for the University of Mary Washington. Their son Carter and his wife live in Charleston, S.C., where he is direc- tor of preservation at Drayton Hall Plantation, and she is a veterinarian. Their son, Cary, lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works for Bank of America. Daughter Caroline Hudgins Nson, ’08, and her husband, Josh, live in Beaufort, S.C., but plan to move to the Fredericksburg area, where Caroline will enter a master’s degree program at Mary Washington and Josh, a Marine Corps officer, will take classes at Quantico.

Donna Deekens and Bill live in Midlothian, Va. One of their sons is at Shenandoah University and the other son works and goes to school in the Richmond area. Donna had lots of tales about the filming of Wife Swap. Her book, Christmas at Miller and Rhoades: Memoirs of a Snow Queen, has been quite successful, and she is work-
ing on a children’s version.

Nancy Bendall Emerson and her husband, Ben Emerson, R and L’84, live and work in the Richmond area. Son Benjamin is pursuing a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech, while son Taylor graduated from the College of Charleston in May.

Carole Reeder Throckmorton traveled to the family’s ranch in Oklahoma. She and her husband, David Lee Throckmorton, R, live in Houston. Carole works in student services at the local community college and Dave is in the marketing consulting business. Daughter Lesley is a physical therapist in Austin, Texas, while daughter Whitney is in Fort Worth studying to become a physical therapist’s assistant. Carole enjoys playing in her church’s handbell choir.

Agnes Mobley Wynne is in her third season conducting Schola Cantorum, a Hampton Roads, Va., a cappella choir. Her son, Clint Fuller, lives in New York and is the chef at MAS, which recently was named one of the top 10 restaurants in Manhattan for the past decade. Her daughter, Laurel Cadmus Fuller, ’05, continues to write and is looking for a publisher. Agnes and David have three grandchildren.

Peggy Peters Stalnaker and Jamie are retired and living in Whitestone, Va. She very graciously made us feel at home in her adopted town. She and Jamie volunteer a lot of their time to activities in Whitestone. Both of Peggy’s children live in the Washington area.

Betsy Davis Bushkar and her husband, Bob Bushkar, R’71, live in Mechanicsville, Va., and work in accounting. Their older daughter is in investment banking in New York City and their younger daughter is in architecture in Raleigh, N.C.

Betty Rodman Harris came from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., where she continues to sell real estate. Son Scott and his wife and son live in Raleigh, N.C. Son John is in Nepal studying, teaching, and mountain climbing.

Sam and I are getting ready to take a cruise to Bermuda with friends. It’s our first time cruising, but our friends promise to keep us straight.

I’ve also heard from some of you by e-mail or Facebook. Drew Chapman Brown volunteers for Chesapeake Bay restoration projects and is learning more about using native landscapes in Baltimore-area residential areas for habitat restoration. Her son, Ben, finished his first year studying psychology at Drexel University.

Sandra Snidow Howard and Mike visited their son, John, in India, where he runs a start-up company in Bangalore that manufactures and sells a low-cost solar energy system for homes and villages that are off the grid. They toured the backwaters of southern India, visited Bangalore, and finished the trip with a stay at a tea estate in the Himalayas. Their daughter, Molly, finished her master’s degree and is an environmental consultant in Washington.

Ann Warren Wellington’s daughter has been selected to attend a leadership conference in Washington sponsored by People to People. Ann’s daughter was the only one chosen from Richmond and will attend with children from all over the nation and world. The group will visit the Supreme Court, talk with members of Congress, visit Georgetown, tour the spy museum and several other museums, and attend an embassy dinner. They will cap off the week with a dinner dance on a riverboat.

The Icelandic volcano wreaked havoc on the travels of Jeanie Nicholson Veith. Many travelers from her office were stranded in far destinations, but everyone got home safely.

Polly Winfrey Griffin was gearing up for Princetonian’s graduation when she wrote. Son Page and his wife, Piper, live in New Orleans, where Page is in his last year of law school at Tulane. Daniel was at home studying for the first step of the national medical board exam. Polly’s youngest son, David, has transferred to the University of Oregon.

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Judith Owen Hopkins and her husband, Marbury Benjamin “Hop” Hopkins III, R, spent a week in April birding and snorkeling on Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands. They also spent a few days in April hiking and birding along Big Sur. They saw four endangered California condors, which was a special treat.

Tina Marston Kury made an unexpected trip to Idaho in April to be with her sister, whose husband had leukemia. She was so glad she went. Jim died soon after she arrived, and it was important to be there with her sister.

Tina, Dan, and Julia had the “trip-that-wasn’t,” an April vacation in which they had planned to stay a week in the hills of Provence, France. The morning they were to leave was the first day that the Icelandic volcano stopped air travel in Europe. They were in limbo for three days, trying to figure out alternatives, before giving up. The good news is they were able to reschedule their flights, cottage, and London theater tickets for the last week of summer.

Beth Woody retired this summer after working 54 years, mostly in the Guilford County, N.C., schools. Most recently she had been coordinator of the PBS (Positive Behavior Support) Initiative. After taking some time off, she may do some consulting/training on her own or perhaps work with a national company. Her son, Zack, is at the local community college and her daughter, Emma, is at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Her stepson, Matt, just bought a house in Charlotte and works for Muzak. Beth looks forward to traveling with her husband, Randy, and spending more time visiting friends.

Ellen Early Lusk reconnected with Gayle Shick Shull after learning that Gayle’s first cousin is a member of her church on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Gayle and Ellen went all through school together from first grade through Westhampton. Gayle now lives in Texas. Ellen and her husband, Frank “Pat” Lusk, R, traveled to Eugene, Ore., last summer to visit their daughter, Erin, who is a certified midwife. In August, they headed back to Jackson Hole, Wyo., where Ellen again worked at Triangle X Ranch for a month.

Laura Lee Hanks Chandler attended the spring 2010 reunion weekend, accompanying her mother, Hilda Moore Hankins, W’50, and her mother’s roommate, Agnes Field Burke, W’50, to their 60-year Westhampton College reunion. Laura Lee says having the two former roommates staying with her, reminiscing about school days 60 years ago, was delightful. Gayle Goodman Butler, W’73, was an entertaining speaker for the dedication of Westhampton Center during reunion weekend. The campus was beautiful with the dogwoods, azaleas, and tulips in bloom.

Laura Lee and Ted Chandler, L’77, had a fun-filled vacation bareboat sailing in the Caribbean with daughter Katie and her husband, Tim Merritt, and daughter Becca Chandler, ’07, and her fiancé. Swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving in those gorgeous waters makes great memories.

Beth Neal Jordan, B, and her family, from Gig Harbor, Wash., spent time hosted with Laura Lee in May and again in July for the Cannon Memorial Chapel wedding of Beth’s daughter Laura Jordan, ’07, to Robert Agaba, whom she met while she was teaching in Kigali, Rwanda.

In addition to working part time in her sister’s speech therapy practice, Sandra Spery has always been the unofficial family photographer and regularly takes photos at weddings, showers, church programs, and funerals for friends. She then creates slide shows or photo books. One of her current projects is digitizing the family vacation albums and making copies for family members.

Grace den Hartog, Jean Dagnenhart Smith, Donna Persing, and Betsy Ray Cobb had a great four days together in March in Snaart, Fla., where they enjoyed the warm weather and catching up with each other. Westhampton Class Secretaries Laura Lee Hanks Chandler 761 Double Oak Lane Manakin-Sabot, VA 23113 lauraleechandler@gmail.com

Barbara Hancock Crockett, W, is a teacher with Montgomery County (Va.) Public Schools. She lives in Blacksburg, Va.

CLASS OF ’76

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Nancy Kirkland Klein, W, received the Robert L. Stern Award for Excellence in Teaching from the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University. She is director of the University’s Master of Music Education degree program. In 2008 she received the University’s Joel C. Lewis Award for excellence in student mentoring.

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CLASS OF ‘79
Demitri Kornegay, R, is a lieutenant with the Montgomery County (Md.) Police Department and is deputy district commander at the Fifth District Station. He is also a motivational speaker and the author of several books.

CLASS OF ‘80
It was a great 30-year reunion for our class on April 10 in the atrium of the newly renovated Gottwald Center for the Sciences. It was fun to see everyone and catch up on the years since graduation. We missed all who couldn’t be with us, but everyone looked great and it was unanimous that, even though it’s been 30 years since college life, we still feel as if we’re 21!

Cheryl Forrest Land, B, was at the reunion, broken foot and all. She and Kathy Wormley Barret, B, had vacationed in Mexico, where Cheryl broke her foot while playing tennis. Cheryl lives in Virginia Beach, Va., and Kathy just moved from Harrisonburg Va., to Walpole, Mass., where her husband, John, has a new job.

Herb Hughes, R, is still enjoying his orthodontic practice and is expanding his hobby as a magician. His older son, Justin, is a first-year dental student at VCU-MCV and is the fourth generation in the family to go into dentistry.

Elizabeth Joyner Taylor and her husband, Jeff, live in Chesterfield County, Va., where she has retired from educational consulting and works part time as a substitute teacher.

I caught up with Dianna Turman Flake on Facebook, and she and her husband, David Flake, R, have been living near Charleston, S.C., for almost a decade. Their son is a junior at Clemson University. Dave is configuration manager for Extron in Goose Creek, S.C., and Dianna is a temporarily retired Methodist youth director. Bunny Wilks couldn’t get to the reunion because she and her husband, Ephraim Seidman, were on a trip to Israel. Bunny keeps up with Valerie Collins Thomas, Nancy Garnett Osborne, Kathy Wormley Barret, Julie Wyatt Patterson, and Anne Stanton Britt, B.

Anne is a program director for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Richmond. She and her husband, Ron, have a daughter, Bailey, who is in her second year at the University of Virginia, and a son, Alex, who is a junior in high school.

Julie Wyatt Patterson lives in Charlottesville, Va., with her husband, Jim, and son Wyatt, who is beginning the college search. Julie volunteers in the community and has a hobby/business buying and selling silver and small antiques.

Scott Sagester, R, worked for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals for 22 years and has lived in North Carolina for the past 14 years.

Mike Nation, R, and Alan Scebo, B’82, were at the reunion. Mike lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Al lives in New Jersey, where he owns a car dealership and a coffee shop.

My husband, Perry Jefferson, R, and I have been back in Richmond for 11 years. We celebrated our oldest son’s graduation from East Carolina University last spring. We have two in college now (MU and Longwood) and one more to go! Perry is a national marketing manager for sanofi aventis pharmaceuticals, and I volunteer in the community and at school. We didn’t get to talk to everyone at the reunion, so please send your news to the address or e-mail below. I’d love to hear from you and update our class notes.

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Lois Ragdale, W, is an assistant professor at Florida Coastal School of Law, where she directs the mock trial team. The team placed second in the national finals of the 2010 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in Boston. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

CLASS OF ‘81
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Jody Buffington Aud, W, is associate director of internal communications for MedImmune, a biotechnology firm. She lives in Mount Airy, Md., and has two daughters, ages 13 and 9.

Annette Finley-Crosswhite, W, has co-authored Murder in the Métro: Laetitia Lorraine and the Gangster in 1936th France. She is a history profes-
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CLASS OF ’89
Hugh Breckenridge Little, GB, is a certified public accountant in Cockeyesville, Md. He is currently working in Kabul, Afghanistan, supporting infrastructure rehabilitation programs related to the development of hospitals and schools.

Michael Winiecki, B, was named assistant coach of the men’s basketball team at Clemson University.

CLASS OF ’90
Stephanie Grana, W and L ’93, was recognized by Virginia Lawyers Weekly as one of the Influential Women of Virginia for 2010. She is a co-founder of Cantor Stoneburner Ford Grana & Buckner, a Richmond law firm.

CLASS OF ’91
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CLASS OF ’93
Kimberly Brown was named interim associate provost for academic support services at Virginia Tech. She lives in Christiansburg, Va.

Julie Kyse was named vice president-commercial for the Latin American and Caribbean regions for British Airways. She lives in Miami.

CLASS OF ’94
Melanie Anne Farman and David Neil Kreiling were married on April 3, 2010, in Lumberville, Pa. They live in Wexford, Pa., with their children, Noah, Aveline, and Oriana.

Lawton Logan was named by SportsBusiness Journal/Daily to its Forty Under 40 list for 2010. He is senior vice president of collegiate properties for IMG College, a marketing and media company. He lives in Louisville, Ky., with his wife and three children.

Ina Nicosia coaches the women’s basketball team at the University of Basel in Switzerland. The team won the Swiss national title this year.

Matthew Pater and his wife, Rachel, had a son, Alexander Christian, on March 20, 2010. He joins brother Zach, 3. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

CLASS OF ’95
Tracey Flynn Portillo is president of Bun Bun Bags, a custom handbag company in Richmond.

CLASS OF ’96
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CLASS OF ’97
Kevin Baron and his wife, Dawn, had a son, Nathaniel Balady, on March 5, 2010. He joins brothers Freddie, 5, and Sid, 2. Kevin is a reporter for Stars and Stripes, where he covers the Pentagon and national security issues for the newspaper’s Washington bureau. He was honored last year with a George Polk Award in Journalism for military reporting.

Meredith Lawrence Van Voorhis, GB’05, and her husband, Joseph, had a son, Pierce Michael, on Feb. 20, 2010. He joins brother Trent, 4. The family lives in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF ’98
Adrienne Capps is senior director of development for the Graduate School of Media, Pa.

She has relocated from Philadelphia to Charlotte, N.C., where he is radio studio host for the NBA’s Charlotte Bobcats.

CLASS OF ’99
Peter Sousa has relocated from Philadelphia to Charlotte, N.C., where he is music director for the NBA’s Charlotte Bobcats.

CLASS OF ’00
Parker Griffin and his wife, Aimee, had a son, Emmett Rainer, on Jan. 12, 2010. He joins brother Joseph, 5, and sister Elizabeth, 3. They live in Potomac, Md.

Thomas Hayes and his wife, Meredith, had a son, Charles Moore, on Feb. 18, 2010. He joins brother Thomas, 2. The family lives in Monroe, La.

CLASS OF ’01
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Matthew McCabe earned a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in May. He is assistant professor of musicology in the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University in Georgia.
Rebecca Pinkham and Ajay Kuchibhatla were married on May 2, 2010. Included in the wedding party were Marsha Kronman Ackerman and Suzanna Schmeeck. Rebecca and Ajay live in Charleston, W.Va., where both are psychiatrists.

Courtney Sullivan Ranson and her husband, William, had a son, Liam Charles, on Aug. 8, 2009. They live in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF ’02

Don’t miss “Going Global,” featuring Viren Mascarenhas, ’02, on page 10.

CLASS OF ’03

Joshua Abramson and Gabrielle Finley were married on May 1, 2010, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The couple lives in New York, where Josh is president of CollegeHumor Media, an online entertainment company.

Erin Brandt and Scott Olmstead were married on Oct. 31, 2009, in Tucson, Ariz. Included in the wedding party were Taylor Conner Cook, Catherine Hopkins Royce, and Tim MacGougan, ’05. Andrew Nabband, ’04, performed the song for the couple’s first dance.

Lanier Hall and Brian Pietras, ’02, were married on Feb. 20, 2010. Included in the wedding party were Alexander Bushel, ’02, Sandra Yetman Adams, Erin Hussey, Katherine Whitehead Hutchens, and Yuri Namkung, ’02. The couple lives in New Orleans.

Erin Hancock Haneline and her husband had a daughter, Cora Leante, on March 8, 2010. They live in Matthews, N.C.

Robin Hoffman is pursuing a Ph.D. in children’s literature at the University of Pittsburgh. She recently won the annual Graduate Student Essay Award from the Children’s Literature Association for her essay, “Holiday House, Childhood, and the End(s) of Time.”

Natalie Karp earned a medical degree from the School of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Virginia.

Anna Farley Thornley and Doug Thornley, ’04, had a daughter, Elizabeth Anna, on Jan. 1, 2010. They live in Reno, Nev.

Beth Zielazny and Dmitri Medvedev were married on April 24, 2010, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party was Jonathan Nichols. The couple lives in Richmond, where Beth is a senior underwriter for James River Insurance.

CLASS OF ’04

Tracey Holmes Gibbins earned a master’s degree in English education from New York University. She and her husband, Geoff, live in New York, where Tracey is an editor with Oxford University Press.

Samuel Reyes earned a master’s degree in divinity from Duke University in 2009. He spent the past year in Wisconsin at Nashotah House as part of his training for ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Yurtur Ozcak was selected by the British government as a Chevening Scholar and is pursuing a master’s degree in Middle East politics at the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies. He was previously a research analyst for the Turkish Research Program at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

CLASS OF ’05

Michelle Burt graduated from the North Carolina Central University Law School. She is an assistant commonwealth’s attorney in Norfolk, Va.

David Larkin earned the certified financial planner designation. He is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch in Short Hills, N.J.

Brett Walton earned a master’s degree in central Asian studies at the University of Washington. He lives in Seattle, where he is a part-time correspondent for Circle of Blue, an Internet news agency focused on global water issues.

Rebecca Workman graduated from the George Washington University School of Law. She is an associate at Connelly Bove Lodge & Hutz in Wilmington, Del.

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Herbert Balsells earned a doctor of osteopathy degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is completing a combined residency in emergency medicine and internal medicine at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York.

George Cauble, GB, and Eva Horn Cauble, ’03, had a daughter, Claire Virginia, on Aug. 29, 2009. They live in Glen Allen, Va., where George is senior manager of financial planning at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Hannah Braud Cavey is a founding member of Antiphony, an a cappella ensemble based in Winnipeg, Canada. The group recently performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. Hannah lives in Winnipeg with her husband, Phil, and their daughter, Grace Georgia.

Christina Cochran graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, where she was named a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She is completing a residency in the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Christin Puschauver Jones participated in the Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange, a month-long cultural and vocational exchange for professionals. She was part of a New York team that traveled to Taiwan.

Mark McCommons graduated from the Temple University School of Medicine. He has begun a one-year residency in preliminary medicine in Brooklyn, N.Y., which will be followed by four years of residency in diagnostic radiology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

Lindsey Zanchettin is pursuing a master’s degree in English literature at George Mason University. Last summer she spent a month in Peru, where she took Spanish lessons and taught English.

CLASS OF ’07

Nicole Buell was awarded a Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship. She is pursuing a master’s degree in environmental economics and policy at the Nicholas School for the Environment at Duke University.


Kelly Reman is pursuing a master of arts degree and a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. In May she was awarded The Covin Award in Youth Ministry, which recognizes outstanding students who are preparing for a career in youth ministry.

Trevor Tetzlaff is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He recently completed a 12-month deployment to Iraq. He is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

CLASS OF ’08

Allison Speicher is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Indiana University, where she was recognized this year as the best new composition instructor.

Gray Turner is a communications specialist in the Development and Alumni Relations Division at George Washington University, where he is also pursuing a master’s degree in publishing.

CLASS OF ’09

Jason LaValla is studying at the Fordham University School of Law.
1934 / Frances Lundin Van Heuveln, W., of Midlothian, Va., March 21, 2010. She served in the Women’s Army Corps during World War II. She worked as a fashion artist for Thalhimers department stores and was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

1935 / Gary A. Bouman, R., of Phoenix, Dec. 1, 2009. He served as an Army chaplain during World War II and at Veterans Administration hospitals. He was pastor of churches in several states.

1935 / Margaret Taylor Galloway, W., of Richmond, March 5, 2010. She was a high school teacher and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1935 / Helen Caulfield Hoffman, W., of Norfolk, Va., March 6, 2010. She taught English, French, and history in the Norfolk Public Schools. She was active in the American Association of University Women and was a member of Ghent United Methodist Church.

1935 / Frances Eleanor Rowlett Perkins, W., of Galax, Va., April 1, 2010. She was a teacher in Henrico County and a school counselor in Richmond. She taught at Richmond Professional Institute, Towson State College, and the Medical College of Virginia. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

1935 / Sydney C. Swann Jr., R., of Williamsburg, Va., Feb. 16, 2010. He was a Navy chaplain during World War II. He served as minister of several Episcopal churches in Virginia and received an honorary doctorate in pastoral ministry from Virginia Theological Seminary.

1936 / Martha Lazenby Richardson, W., of Bluefield, W.Va., Jan. 21, 2007. She was a high school teacher and a member of First Baptist Church.

1937 / Margaret Harris Bradner, W., of Roanoke, Va., Feb. 18, 2010. She was superintendent of the Charlotte County Department of Social Services and served as vice mayor and acting mayor of Charlotte Court House, Va. She was a member of Mount Tiramah Baptist Church.

1938 / Allie Martin Halbleib, W., of Ashland, Va., Dec. 21, 2009. She was a teacher and guidance counselor in Hanover County and Henrico County Public Schools.

1938 / Minna Williams Tornace, W., of Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 11, 2010. She was active in Girl Scouts. She enjoyed sailing and volunteering.

1939 / Roy M. Newton, R., of Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 13, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked at the National Bank of Commerce in Norfolk, Va., retiring in 1982 as senior vice president. He was a member of Eastern Shore Episcopal Church.

1939 / Roland N. Rackett Jr., R., of Richmond, March 20, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II and retired in 1981 as president of Richmond Paper. He was a member of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church.

1940 / Paul G. Watson Jr., R., of Richmond, March 22, 2010. He was principal of Hermitage High School in Henrico County. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Skipwith Baptist Church.

1940 / Jean Miller Yelver, W., of Westvile, N.Y., Feb. 20, 2010. She served as a Navy WAVE during World War II and was a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts.

1941 / Murray M. Barr, R., of Laguna Beach, Calif., August 20, 2008. He was a doctor of aerospace medicine and a world traveler.

1941 / Charles R. Booth Jr., R., of Warsaw, Va., Nov. 10, 2009. He was an accountant with Peoples Life Insurance and a member of Warsaw Baptist Church.

1942 / William H. Bingham, R., of Richmond, Feb. 15, 2010. He founded Bingham GMC Trucks. He was a Navy dive bomber pilot during World War II and a member of River Road Church, Baptist.

1942 / John Dixon Jr., R., of Burlington, N.C., Oct. 28, 2006. He was a photographer with the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., police and a lifeguard at Virginia Beach.

1942 / Dorothy Hall Schenck, W., of Atlanta, March 3, 2010. She was co-founder of The Schenck School for dyslexic and learning-disabled children. She served as a lieutenant in the Marine Women’s Reserve during World War II.

1943 / James Bruce Kellison, R., of Seattle, formerly of Washington, D.C., March 16, 2010. He served as a pilot in the Naval Air Corps during World War II. He was a lawyer and a member of St. Albans Episcopal Church.

1943 / Ann Tucker Moore, W., of Coats, N.C., March 29, 2010. She was a history professor at Campbell College and an author. She served in China as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Church and was a member of Memorial Baptist Church.

1944 / Anne Gordon Nebblett, W., of Richmond, April 2, 2010. She worked with the FBI and the Army Corps of Engineers and taught high school English, French, and Spanish. She served as vice president and secretary of Nebblet Construction and was a member of Dover Baptist Church.

1944 / William R. Snead, R., of Culpeper, Va., April 24, 2010. He was administrator of Liberty House Nursing Home in Clifton Forge, Va., and Culpeper Baptist Home. He was pastor at several Baptist churches.

1945 / Marion “Betty” Clement Adair, W., of Culpeper, Va., March 6, 2010. She taught in Harrisonburg, Lexington, and Charlottesville, Va. She was a partner in the Clement Insurance Agency and a member of Culpeper Presbyterian Church.

1946 / Irene Taylor Martin, W., of Spencer, Va., April 17, 2010. She taught and served in supervisory positions in the Henry County, Va., school system. She also supervised beginning teachers for the Virginia Board of Education.

1946 / John S. Shortwell, R., of University Park, Fla., formerly of Richmond, Feb. 22, 2010. He was director of religious activities and professor of religious education at Richmond from 1952–56. He was founding pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church and pastor of churches in several states.


1949 / Thomas D. Jordan, R., of Richmond, April 1, 2010. He served in the Army during World War II and later commanded the Virginia Army National Guard. He worked in medicine and law and was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

1949 / Warren E. Rowe Sr., R., of Richmond, April 19, 2010. He served in the Navy during World War II and edited publications for Southern States Cooperative. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

1950 / Chester A. Beck, R., of Stuart, Fla., Feb. 23, 2010. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a history teacher in the Dade County school system.

1950 / Harry W. Fore Jr., R., of Richmond, March 25, 2010. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a professor of restorative dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia.

1950 / Elizabeth Givens Pierce, W., of Richmond, April 22, 2010. She served on the board of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and was active in the Lee District Women's Club.

1951 / Lawrence J. Del Papa, R., of Kinsale, Va., April 5, 2010. He was a communications engineer for CSX. He served in the Marines during World War II and was a member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church.

1951 / Walter A. Hoffman Jr., R., of Richmond, formerly of Nelson County, Va., April 26, 2010. He owned an excavating business. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church.

1951 / James H. Lawrence Jr., B., of Richmond, April 10, 2010. He worked for Bowman Transportation and was Richmond terminal manager for Harris Trucking.

1952 / LeNeve “Ollie” Hodges Adams, W., of Raleigh, N.C., April 22, 2010. She worked for the North Carolina Department of Tax Research and wrote a newspaper column on gardening.

1952 / William M. Bryant Jr., R., of Richmond, March 17, 2010. He worked in the mortgage loan division of Life of Virginia. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Paige (right) was a rising junior majoring in accounting. Jamie (left) had just graduated from the University and planned to teach fourth-graders this fall at Maybeury Elementary School in the Richmond area.

Both women were members of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and were active in student life and community service. They were on their way to work at a camp for children and adults with disabilities when the accident occurred.

“This family is our family,” said President Edward Ayers, as he broke the news to the University community. Two more siblings, Terence Malone, '06, and Daphne Malone, '08, are graduates of the University. In lieu of flowers, the Malone family requests contributions to a new scholarship fund at the University in loving memory of Jamie and Paige, “so that another young woman can be given the chance to have her dreams come true at the school that is such a part of this family.”


1953 / Marvin F. Burgess, R. of Farnham, Va., March 1, 2010. He retired from NASA and the Coast Guard Reserve.

1953 / Melvin R. Morrison, R. of Virginia Beach, Va., March 18, 2010. He served in the Marine Corps. He practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery for 50 years and was a founding member and past president of Temple Israel.


1955 / John B. Dorsey, R. of Irvington, Va., March 14, 2010. He served in the Army and was vice president and corporate marketing officer for Johns Manville Corp. He co-founded a real estate firm with his son and was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

1955 / Parke D. Pendleton Sr., B. of Richmond, April 18, 2010. He was an accountant and bank examiner. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of First Presbyterian Church.


1956 / Barbara Jankins Keville, W. of Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 27, 2010. She was active in the U.S. Equestrian Federation.

1956 / William M. Wandall, R. of Atlanta, Nov. 9, 2009. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Army. He later worked for the Army as a civilian.

1957 / Norman M. Millar Jr., R. of Newport News, Va., March 11, 2010. He worked for Newport News Shipbuilding and was a member of North Riverside Baptist Church.

1958 / Henry D. Maxey Jr., B. of Richmond, May 12, 2006. He worked for Philip Morris and was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

1958 / Christ J. Rubis, R. of Richmond, Dec. 23, 2009. He served in the military during the Korean War and was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church.

1959 / Peggy Dunin Crews, W. of Miami, April 5, 2010. She taught physical education in high schools in Richmond and Alexandria, Va. She also volunteered with AmericaCorps VISTA and the United Way.

1961 / Linda Veatch Frank, W. of Carrboro, N.C., April 16, 2010. She was a librarian at the North Carolina State Library and the University of North Carolina Health Sciences Library. She led mission groups from United Church of Chapel Hill for Habitat for Humanity.

1961 / Thomas O. Reardon Sr., B. of Richmond, Jan. 18, 2010. He worked in the Richmond Department of Public Safety.


1964 / James G. Rennie Jr., GB of Hayes, Va., formerly of Richmond, March 12, 2010. He served in the Army and became a banker. He was a member of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

1965 / Alvin P. Reynolds Jr., R. of Battery Park, Va., April 9, 2010. He was a genealogist and a member of Battery Park Baptist Church.

1966 / Charles B. Foster Jr., B. of Richmond, April 9, 2010. He was an accountant and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

1968 / Robert Wayne Dawson, R and L71. of Richmond, April 19, 2010. He was a practicing member of the Virginia State Bar Association.


1970 / Joseph C. MacPhail Jr., B. of Chesapeake, Va., Feb. 28, 2010. He owned and operated Joseph’s Cabinet Shop of Jarrett Morris and was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church.

1972 / Leonard M. Alley, R. of Richmond, April 11, 2010. A former member of the US sports information department, he continued to assist at Richmond football and men’s basketball home games.

1977 / Loy C. Collingwood, GB. of Pittsburgh, April 26, 2010. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was vice president of H.K. Porter Industrial equipment company, and he worked for Newport News Shipbuilding. He also was vice president of Newport News Industrial.


1978 / Burdell “Deale” H. Wright, G. of Richmond, March 8, 2010. She worked as a school librarian in Chesterfield County and was a member of Providence Forge Presbyterian Church.


1986 / Mallory B. Bott, R. of Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20, 2010. He worked for Bott Realty and was a member of Larchmont United Methodist Church.


2001 / Kenneth D. Farrar, of Peabody, Mass., March 20, 2010. He coached football at Richmond, the University of Charleston, and Assumption College.

2003 / Marilyn Segmüller Roberts, C. of Charleston, Va., Jan. 4, 2010. She worked for Ukrop’s Super Markets and taught in Chesterfield County. She was a member of Betha United Methodist Church.

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1955 / Alton E. Owen, R and G’57, of Jarrett, Va., March 28, 2010. He served on Richmond’s Board of Trustees from 1989–95 and was president of Owen Ford. He served as mayor of Jarrett and was a lifelong member of High Hills Baptist Church.
I believe in student-athletes

By Harold Babb, B’72

For the past 26 years, I have had the pleasure of serving as the University’s NCAA faculty representative. While helping to ensure the integrity of our athletic programs, I have gained a greater appreciation for the positive impact of intercollegiate sports. Now, more than ever, I believe in student-athletes.

First and foremost, I believe in the ideal of student-athletes. Just as our minds and bodies are symbiotically connected, academic rigor and athletic vigor are mutually beneficial. Academics must come first, of course, but there are many complementary lessons to be learned from sports. Student-athletes gain a greater understanding of teamwork, hard work, and time management. Certainly, students can learn those lessons as part of a debate team or theater company or musical group, but for many college students, there is no substitute for the highly competitive environment of intercollegiate and club sports.

Second, I believe in our student-athletes’ ability to take our University to a higher level. Quite simply, better sports can produce better academics. Successful teams generate greater public interest, which translates into more applications from prospective students, which increases our ability to select the best and brightest. Winners help create winners in all aspects of life.

Our basketball team’s national ranking this year—24th in the final Associated Press poll—and our football team’s national championship two years ago have put Richmond in the national spotlight. And quite often, discussions of our sports teams’ success are punctuated by mentions of the University’s strong academic reputation.

Third, I believe in student-athletes’ ability to bond our University community more tightly together. College athletics create a shared experience among students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This common bond becomes stronger, of course, when our teams win. During the Sweet 16 in 1988, I thought nothing would ever exceed the level of excitement on campus. But our football team’s amazing run to the national championship in 2008 generated a buzz that was truly unprecedented.

Finally, I believe in student-athletes’ ability to raise expectations. Richmond was at a low point in 1968 when our football team won the Tangerine Bowl. The following year, E. Claiborne Robins Sr. and his family made a financial commitment that put Richmond on the path to where we are today. I don’t know how much sports entered into their thinking, but I believe the Tangerine Bowl victory gave the entire University community a sense of possibility that was in short supply at the time. More than any other Spiders, the Robins family acted on that sense of possibility, and I think it is fitting that both our basketball arena and our football stadium now carry the Robins name.

We recently christened the new E. Claiborne Robins Stadium, a major piece of the puzzle to make our campus complete. Our first true home football game in decades was sold out, and since I am writing this column in July, I don’t know if we won or lost, but I do know the University has good reason to celebrate its long, proud history of sports. For universities like Richmond—that put academics first—intercollegiate athletics are tremendously positive.

Dr. Harold Babb, B’72, is professor of marketing in the Robins School of Business and the proud parent of two Richmond Spiders. Send comments about this column to krhodes@richmond.edu.
Every Bit Helps

Growing up in the Bahamas Jade-Evette Strachan, '13, was encouraged by her mother to help others, no matter how stressed or challenged she felt herself. "We all needed help at some point," she says. "And we still do."

Today, at the University of Richmond, Jade-Evette continues to live by that philosophy. She is an international student peer mentor for the Office of International Education, works with the Peer Advisors and Mentors group, and is involved with the Multicultural Student Union and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She’s also a member of Women Involved in Living and Learning (WILL). Last semester, she shared her knowledge of gender roles and stereotypes with the 3- to 5-year-old girls and boys at the downtown Richmond community center where she volunteers.

Jade-Evette soon witnessed these children, “starting to see they can do what they love,” from girls playing with blocks to boys playing in the toy kitchen. She continues her work by building a gender-neutral storybook collection for the center, and encourages other Richmond students to get involved there.

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