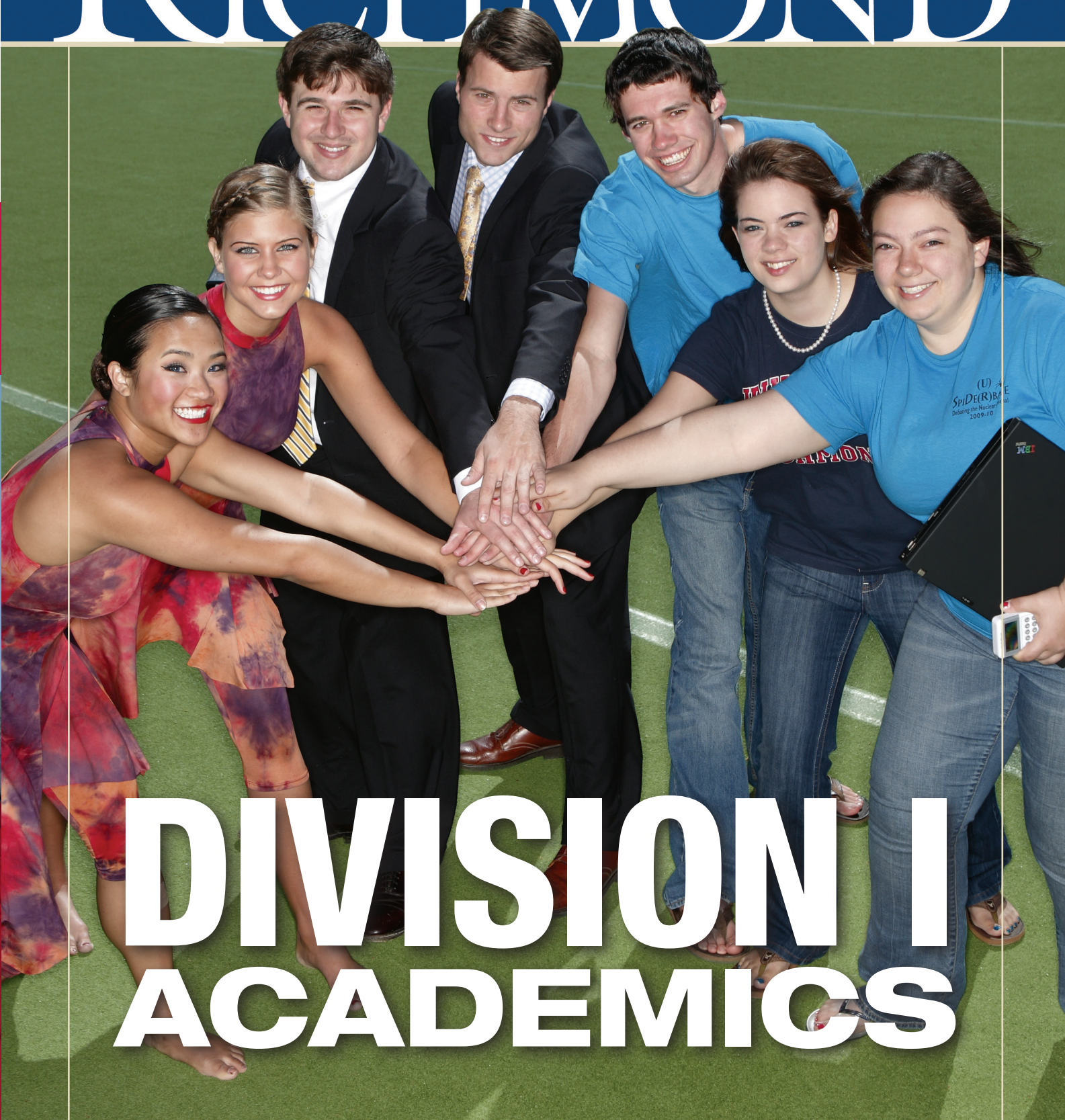


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“Become
a Spider
volunteer and
help spin
our web.”

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The spider is a great mascot, truly unique and memorable. Especially inspiring is the spider's way of making its place in the world: building intricate, strong, and beautiful webs. No other creature makes such things—marvels of engineering, ingenuity, and determination.

Richmond Spiders have long been spinning webs of support, connecting our students with alumni, connecting the past with the future. Alumni volunteers and the webs they spin have a profound impact on Richmond. This is particularly important when the job market is so tight. Volunteers help students and graduates find internships and jobs, and there is no greater gift one Spider can offer another.

To continue to expand and strengthen our career networking web, the University has aligned our Career Development Center with our Office of Alumni Relations. This newly reorganized Office of Alumni and Career Services will help us leverage the deep commitment of our alumni. In collaboration with the University of Richmond Alumni Association, we can engage students early in lifelong relationships with fellow Spiders.

We are grateful to the many alumni who already assist our students and young graduates. David Ong, R'87, director of corporate recruiting at Maximus, has hired many of our alumni over the years. Another great example is Brandt Portugal, '02, a Citigroup executive who has assisted dozens of Spiders as they explore careers in finance. If you would like to follow their lead, visit the UR Career Network at cdc.richmond.edu/resources/career-network.html.

Of course, we need alumni volunteers in many other areas, too—everything from serving on reunion committees and planning regional alumni events to interviewing prospective students. Beginning in the next issue of the alumni magazine, we will highlight alumni volunteers on the “Alumni News” pages. When you spot an opportunity that interests you, visit UROnline.net or call the alumni office at (800) 480-4774, option 8, or send an e-mail message to alumnioffice@richmond.edu.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and let them know that reinforcements are on the way. In my last column, I asked you to “wear your Spider Pride loudly and proudly”—seizing every opportunity to tell the Richmond story. Now take it another step: Become a Spider volunteer and help spin our web.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Ayers

Points of Pride

- Five excellent schools working together in unique collaborations
- Eight-to-one student-faculty ratio
- Students involved in cutting-edge research and engaged in the Richmond community
- Perennially ranked among the best values in American higher education
- Ranked 30th among best national liberal arts colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Record-breaking number of applications (8,616) for the Class of 2014
- One in five of our first-year students is the first in their families to attend college
- 58 percent of the Class of 2009 studied abroad
- Students from 68 different countries among our 3,000 undergraduates
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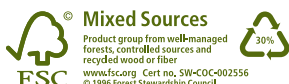
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by participating in
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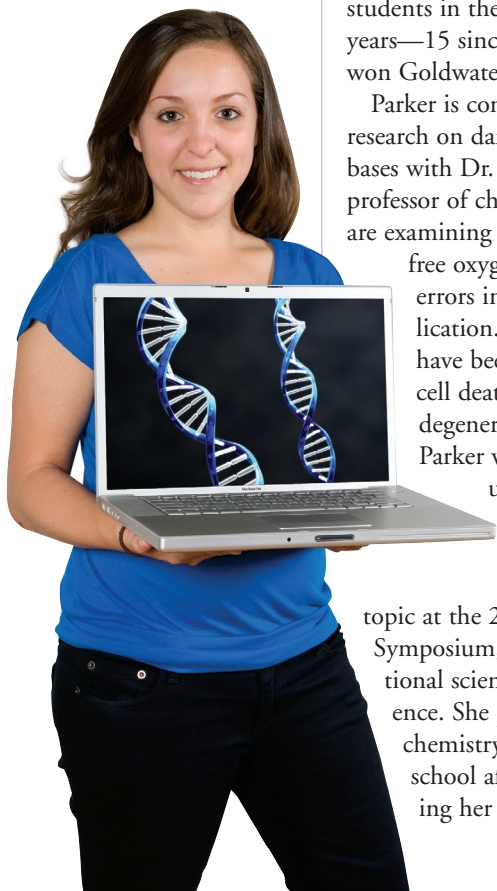
Rising senior named Goldwater Scholar

Anna Parker, '11, has won a Goldwater Scholarship, the country's premier undergraduate scholarship in mathematics, science, and engineering.

A chemistry major from Wilmington, N.C., Parker is one of 278 undergraduates selected from a field of more than 1,100 students nominated by college and university faculties nationwide. Goldwater Scholarships provide up to \$7,500 a year for tuition, fees, books, room, and board. Six Richmond students in the past three years—15 since 2000—have won Goldwaters.

Parker is conducting research on damaged DNA bases with Dr. Carol Parish, professor of chemistry. They are examining the effects of free oxygen radicals on errors in DNA replication. Such errors have been linked to cell death, aging, and degenerative diseases. Parker won "best undergraduate poster" for a presentation on the topic at the 2010 Sanibel Symposium, an international science conference. She plans to study chemistry in graduate school after completing her senior year.

Anna Parker, '11, is researching errors in DNA replication.



Build It volunteer Jack Wisnefske, '12, and Bea Robinson sort clothes at a thrift store run by Boaz & Ruth, a nonprofit organization that works with former prison inmates to build the community.

COMMUNITY

Service programs gain presidential recognition

Richmond has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a federal program that recognizes innovation and commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

"This award acknowledges the high value that the University places on supporting educationally meaningful opportunities for community engagement," says Amy Howard, executive director of Richmond's Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

Honorees were chosen based on several factors including the scope and innovation of service programs, student participation, incentives for service, and the availability of academic service-

learning courses. Three key programs helped Richmond earn the honor roll designation—Build It, Bonner Scholars, and Collegiate Disaster Relief Team.

Build It, the University's largest civic-engagement initiative, develops long-term community partnerships that create experiential-learning opportunities for students while meeting critical needs in the community. The program is in its third year of service to Richmond's Highland Park neighborhood.

Richmond also operates the nation's largest Bonner Scholars Program, which offers scholarships to qualifying students who maintain high levels of community service. Richmond currently supports approximately 100 Bonner Scholars.

The third program considered was the Collegiate Disaster Relief Team, a stu-

dent-run organization that coordinates non-credit service-learning trips. Students formed the organization following Hurricane Katrina in 2006 and have sponsored three trips to New Orleans.

TRUSTEES

UR board elects Ledsinger as rector

The Board of Trustees has elected Chuck Ledsinger as the University's rector, effective July 1. He is chairman and managing director of SunBridge Capital Management and former president and CEO of Choice Hotels International.

Ledsinger and his wife, Anita, reside in Fauquier County, Va., and Bethesda, Md., and their daughter is a 2007 graduate of the University. He has served on the board since 2005.

The trustees also re-elected Lew Boggs, GB'78, as the University's vice rector. He is chairman of Richmond-based Property Investment Advisors, a company he founded in 1994. He joined the University's board in 2006.

The board also elected five new members to four-year terms, including three trustees who have served previously on the board. The new members are Alan Breed, Tim Finchem, R'69, Paul Queally, R'86, Bobby Ukrop, B'69, and Allison Weinstein.

Breed is president of Edgewood Management, a

New York-based company that manages portfolios for families, individuals, and institutions. He also serves on the board of managers of Spider Management, the University's investment affiliate. His daughter is a rising senior at the University, and his son will be a first-year student in the fall.

Finchem is commissioner of the PGA Tour, based in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He attended the University on a debate scholarship. (See "Lifelong Lessons" on page 15.) His daughter is a rising junior at the University.

Queally is co-president of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, a New York-based private equity investment firm that focuses on information/business services and health care. He previously served on the board from 1999–2007, and his son is a rising sophomore at the University.

Ukrop was president of Ukrop's Supermarkets in Richmond for many years. He previously served on the UR board from 1984–88 and from 1991–2006. He also is a member of the UR Athletic Hall of Fame.

Weinstein is president and chief operating officer of Richmond-based Weinstein Properties, which owns and manages apartment communities in Virginia and North Carolina. She previously served on the University's board from 2001–09.



Duncan stresses service in commencement speech

At Richmond's main commencement ceremony in May, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan urged graduates to make community service a hallmark of their lives.

Duncan spoke to 734 graduates of the School of Arts & Sciences, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and Robins School of Business. He noted that at Richmond, students have made a commitment to being engaged with the city and rest of the world.

"I'm impressed that just about all of you have participated in some form of community service or community-based learning," he said. "Keep it at the center of your ongoing learning experiences." Richmond students refer to themselves as "practical idealists"—a term that Duncan insists is no paradox. "I believe it's only when we put our ideals into practice that they can transform lives," he said.

As an example, Duncan recalled how his mother opened a free, after-school tutoring program on the South Side of Chicago to help elementary school students who could not read. Many of those children have gone on to become scientists, surgeons, actors, and educational leaders.

"I learned that in the right environment, all children can learn and succeed," he said. "That experience is the reason why I've tried to dedicate my life to reforming America's schools." Prior to joining the Obama administration, Duncan spent seven years as CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

Despite significant challenges in the world today, Duncan said he is optimistic about the future because of the smart graduates from around the nation who will use their educations to solve problems. "Your knowledge will help you change the world," he said. "I urge you to go out and do just that."

—Linda Evans



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The board also established an endowed internship fund in the name of George Wellde, B'74, who served as rector for the past four years. Wellde also received the Trustees' Distinguished Service Award.

STUDENTS Richmond establishes UR Organizing Project

In February, the University started the UR Organizing Project with a two-day program designed to help students learn the ropes of community activism. The program was developed by a committee of faculty and staff organized by Dr. Glyn Hughes, director of Common Ground, and Dr. Amy Howard, executive director of the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement.

The first day of the program featured Mandy Carter, a guest speaker who described herself as a "black, lesbian, social justice activist, and community

From the left, Johanna Gehlbach, '12, Koldo Gutierrez-Boada, GB'10, and Catherine Matthews, '11, participated in the UR Organizing Project.



Christie Barrows, '11, Maggie Brown, '10, and Elizabeth Hailand, '11, carry daisy chains at the dedication of Westhampton Center. The daisy chain tradition goes back to Westhampton's first graduation.

organizer." She spoke about the importance of seeking justice for everyone, not "just us." On the second day of the program, representatives of the Virginia Organizing Project led a workshop on community organizing tactics and strategies. Participants attended for a variety of reasons, but all were passionate about making a difference in the world.

"I feel that this project will empower me to take productive and meaningful action," says Emily Hagemann,

'12, who is interested in education and health care issues.

Johanna Gehlbach, '12, wants to use what she learned to promote equality for members of the lesbian,

gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning community. "One thing that really meant a lot to me was Mandy Carter's concept of 'justice' [versus] 'just us,'" she says. "All issues—race, class, sexual orientation, gender, etc.—are tied up in one another. It's important that individual groups ... make that connection and work for equality for all."

Business students win Virginia CFA contest

Four Robins School students won the CFA Virginia Investment Research Challenge in February, defeating six other teams from Virginia colleges and universities.

Each team produced a research report and oral presentation analyzing the stock of Richmond-based CarMax. Richmond team members were seniors Nicholas Chew,



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of South Orange, N.J.; Jill Gramolini, of Belmont, Mass.; Jessica Murray, of New York; and Gordon O'Brien, of Bronxville, N.Y.

Dr. David North, associate professor of finance, assembled the team and served as its faculty adviser. The students also were mentored by Christopher Dion, associate director of investments for Spider Management, the University's investment management affiliate.

LEADERS

Two schools collaborate on new master's degree

For the past 15 years, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies has taught students about leading change in organizations and corporations. Now students preparing to lead change in education have the same opportunity.

In a cooperative program between the Jepson School and the School of Continuing Studies, the University has begun offering a master's degree in educational leadership and policy.

"This interdisciplinary program utilizes the resources of multiple schools on campus to serve both teachers and current school administrators. Classes are conveniently scheduled on nights and weekends to accommodate their schedules," says Tom Shields, director of Jepson's Center

for Leadership in Education. "We are breaking away from just teaching management to discuss what educational leadership really is."

The first group of students began in January.

GRANTS

Beckman award boosts undergraduate research

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is giving Richmond a 2010 Beckman Scholars Award for scientific research by undergraduates.

Under the \$96,500 grant, five Richmond students will be named Beckman Scholars. The award will cover their costs and supplies for two summers and one academic year of research on campus, plus travel to an academic conference in California each summer. The foundation granted Beckman Scholars Awards to only nine of the 157 colleges and universities that were invited to apply. Dr. Carol Parish, professor of chemistry, directed Richmond's application.

Two other Virginia schools—the College of William & Mary and the University of Virginia—also received 2010 Beckman awards. Other winners were Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Harvey Mudd College, Miami University, University of Texas-Austin, and Yale University. UR previously won in 2006.



Robins School names dean

Dr. Nancy Bagranoff will become dean of the Robins School of Business on Aug. 9. She is currently dean of Old Dominion University's College of Business and Public Administration and president of the American Accounting Association.

"Nancy brings to the Robins deanship just the skill set we were looking for—national leadership in her field, deep and varied administrative experience, and a record of engagement with the business community," says President Edward Ayers.

"She was the consensus first choice of the search committee and the faculty, staff, and students of the Robins School of Business," adds Provost Steve Allred. "She will enjoy broad, enthusiastic support as she begins her deanship."

Bagranoff began her teaching career as an accounting instructor at Syracuse University. She then went on to obtain her doctoral degree in accounting from George Washington University. She later taught at American University, where she chaired the accounting department, and at Miami University, where she served as director of its master of accountancy program.

Before becoming president of the American Accounting Association, she served the organization as president of its information systems section, vice president for education, and was a member of a consultative advisory group to the International Accounting Education Standards Board.

In the Hampton Roads community, Bagranoff serves on many boards. She chairs the Economics Club of Hampton Roads, and last year she became chair-elect of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. In May, the Virginia Port Authority gave Bagranoff the "Key to the Port" to recognize her efforts to expand ODU's maritime and port curriculum significantly during the past seven years.

At Richmond, Bagranoff succeeds Dr. Robert Schmidt, who has led the Robins School as interim dean since June 2009.

—Brian Eckert



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Documentary to show faces of communism

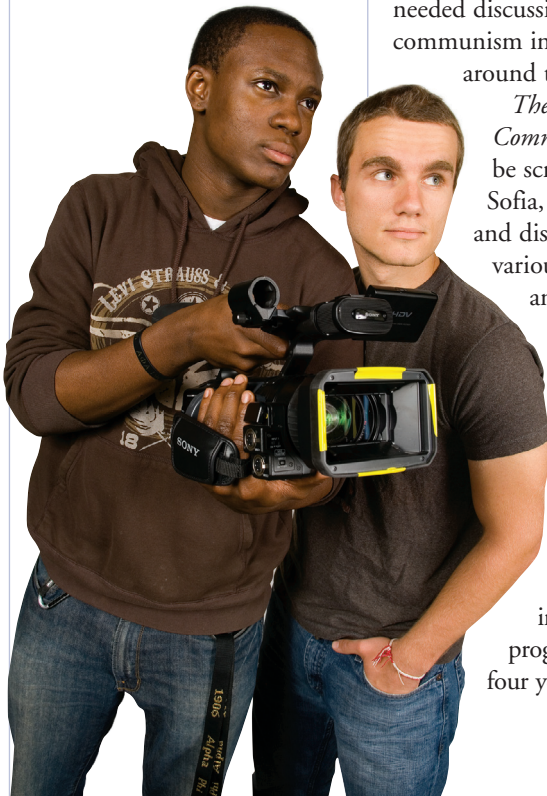
Rising seniors Zhivko Illeieff and Charles Mike have won a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Projects for Peace to film a documentary, *The Faces of Communism*, and create a corresponding website, facesofcommunism.com.

Illeieff and Mike are filming the documentary in Bulgaria this summer to capture the story of communism and its impact on the country's residents, towns, and villages. "We will document personal stories that would otherwise be lost and forgotten," says Illeieff, an international student from Bulgaria. "This is how we will empower future generations and initiate much-needed discussions about communism in Bulgaria and around the world."

The Faces of Communism will be screened in Sofia, Bulgaria, and distributed to various universities and nonprofit organizations throughout the country.

UR students have received Davis Projects for Peace grants in each of the program's first four years.

Charles Mike, '11, (left) and Zhivko Illeieff, '11, are filming *The Faces of Communism* in Bulgaria this summer.



Grace Leonard, '12, a collections and curatorial assistant for University Museums, displays porcelain dogs from an exhibition she co-curated.

RANKINGS

BusinessWeek ranks Robins School No. 15

BusinessWeek magazine has ranked the Robins School of Business No. 15 on its 2010 list of America's best undergraduate business programs.

The school placed third for academic quality and ninth as an M.B.A. feeder school. It received an A-plus for teaching quality, as it has every year since the *BusinessWeek* rankings began in 2006. The Robins School also earned an A-plus for facilities, even as construction continues on Queally Hall, a 33,000-square-foot addition scheduled to open in January 2011.

Dr. Robert Schmidt, interim dean of the Robins School, says the school is distinguished by its small classes and the faculty's work with students in competitions,

research, clubs, student-managed investment funds, and other programs. "More than half of our business majors study abroad," he says, "and we are building a strong program for professional skills development."

CULTURE

Robins Gallery displays porcelain dog collection

The Lora Robins Gallery of Design From Nature has unveiled "Best in Show: Staffordshire Dogs from the Collection."

The exhibition was co-curated by Richard Waller, executive director of University Museums, and anthropology major Grace Leonard, '12, a collections and curatorial assistant. They selected the porcelain dogs from a recent gift to the museum's permanent collection by Fletcher Stiers, R'48.

The dogs— different breeds, sizes, and styles— will be displayed through September 2011. They were created in Staffordshire, England, from 1845 to the mid-20th century. They were mass-produced, reasonably priced, and marketed to the middle class.

For more information about exhibitions at University Museums, visit museums.richmond.edu.

BOOKS

Money Enough

Dr. Doug Hicks, professor of leadership studies and religion, has written *Money Enough: Everyday Practices for Living Faithfully in the Global Economy*.

Hicks, a Presbyterian minister, suggests that people of faith can benefit from some financial soul-searching—re-evaluating their approach to earning, spending, saving, and sharing the all-mighty dollar. “The Gospel promises abundant life,” not necessarily wealth, Hicks writes. “Abundance entails an overall quality of life ... much more than material goods.”

More faculty books

Dnevnik istorika S.A. Piontkovskogo. Dr. David Brandenberger, associate professor of history and international studies, A.L. Litvin, and A.M. Dubrovskii (editors) annotate the diary of S.A. Piontkovskii, a noted

historian and Stalin-era purge victim.

Natsional-Bol'shevizm. Brandenberger discusses the systematic co-opting of heroes, myths, and iconography from imperial Russian history under Stalin's regime.

Political Humor Under Stalin. Brandenberger tells several hundred jokes and anecdotes that highlight the counter-culture that existed in Stalin's Russia.

Real Phonies. Dr. Abigail Cheever, associate professor of English, examines the ideal of authenticity during the 20th century.

Social Software and Web 2.0 Technology Trends. Dr. Candace Deans, associate professor of management, (editor) explores the role of social media in corporations and other organizations.

The Book of Mormon: A Very Short Introduction. Dr. Terryl Givens, professor of literature and religion, illuminates a text that millions of people hold sacred.

When Souls Had Wings. Givens explores the evolution of Western ideas about pre-mortal existence.

Quarentine::Contagion. Brian Henry, associate professor of creative writing, presents a book-length poem narrated by a man dying of the plague in 1665.

Wings Without Birds. Henry explores family, time, selfhood, and physical space with poems about quotidian events.



Chief Dillard to retire

Bob Dillard, Richmond's first and only chief of police, is retiring this summer after serving the University for nearly 40 years. Dillard started as chief of security in 1970 before being named chief of police.

“To provide the level of service the University desired, we had to upgrade from security to law enforcement,” he recalls. The campus police force now includes 42 people, including 18 sworn officers. “Our police department serves with the same power and authority as those in cities, towns, and counties,” he says.

In 1990, the department became nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. “We were at that time only the second university in the United States to be accredited and the first private university in the U.S. to be accredited,” Dillard notes. “That really was the turning point.”

Dillard is proud of his accomplishments at Richmond, including his work with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. “We established a set of standards for campus law enforcement and public safety departments,” he recalls. “After that work was done, I chaired a committee that put together a process for that organization to accredit colleges and universities that met the standards.”

In recognition of his many achievements, the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators created the Robert C. Dillard Award for Campus Safety Excellence in 2008. “I was absolutely speechless,” he says. “I wasn't expecting it.”

As Richmond's chief of police, Dillard met many dignitaries, including four U.S. presidents, but his best memories came from his interactions with students and alumni. He remembers one particular encounter with a former student who had become a doctor. “I was in the hospital for surgery,” Dillard recalls, “and the doctor snaps his glove and says, ‘Okay, Chief. It's payback time.’”

—Joan Tuppence



SPIDER SPORTS

BASKETBALL

**UR ranks 24th
in final AP poll**

The 2009–10 men's basketball team was one of the best in Richmond's history. Led by junior guard Kevin Anderson and senior guard David Gonzalvez, the Spiders were nationally ranked by the Associated Press for the first time since 1986. In the final AP poll, Richmond was 24th.

The team won 26 games, including victories over Temple, Xavier, Dayton, Missouri, Old Dominion, Florida, and Mississippi State. The Spiders finished third in the Atlantic 10 Conference and advanced to the championship game of the A-10 tournament,

losing a tight game to Temple. Anderson was named honorable mention AP All-American and Player of the Year in the Atlantic 10. He led the team in scoring (17.8 points per game), assists (2.7 per game), and free-throw shooting (81.6 percent). Gonzalvez was not far behind him

Junior Justin Harper drives to the basket against a Dayton defender.



Sophomore quarterback Aaron Corp, who transferred from the University of Southern California, takes a snap during the spring game.

with 14.6 points and 2.3 assists per game.

Richmond entered the NCAA tournament as a No. 7 seed, the best seed any Spider team has ever received, but Richmond's first-round opponent, St. Mary's College of California, turned out to be much better than its No. 10 seed indicated. After beating Richmond 80-71, St. Mary's advanced to the Sweet 16.

The Sporting News named head coach Chris Mooney the A-10 Coach of the Year. He was among 15 finalists 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. Mooney was courted by an Atlantic Coast Conference team, but he signed a contract extension with Richmond through the 2016–17 season.

In April, Anderson 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. However, he did not hire an agent, which gave him the option of returning to Richmond for his senior season.

FOOTBALL

**Spiders start fresh
in Robins Stadium**

With a new coach, new stadium, and new starters at 15 positions, the football team will make its own mark.

The 2010 Spiders and coach Latrell Scott—the youngest head coach in Division I football at age 34—have a tough act to follow. Richmond has competed three years in a row in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The Spiders won the national title in 2008, and last year's team only lost two games.

In late April, Scott was still deciding who would replace four-year starter Eric Ward, '10, at quarterback. The

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favorite might be sophomore Aaron Corp, who transferred to Richmond from the University of Southern California. He won the starting job at USC last year during spring practice, but when an injury sidelined him, his replacement took over the position for the rest of the season.

The other quarterback contender is sophomore John Laub. In the spring intra-squad game, Laub posted better passing numbers, but both quarterbacks had to scramble to avoid sacks. That's a good sign for the Spiders' defense, but a concern for Scott, who must replace four offensive-line starters from last year's team.

The Spiders will kick off the season at Virginia on Sept. 4, and they will open E. Claiborne Robins Stadium by hosting Elon on Sept. 18. For information about tickets, parking, traffic flow, and tailgating, visit RobinsStadium.com.

2010 Schedule

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| 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

HONOREES

Hall of Fame inducts 2008 football team

The Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted the 2008 national championship football team as a "Team of Distinction."

After struggling to a 4-3 start, the 2008 Spiders reeled off nine consecutive do-or-die victories, including a 24-7 shellacking of Montana in the title game of the Football Championship Subdivision.

This year's individual inductees included three basketball players: Kenny Atkinson, R'91, Kate Flavin, '05, and Aron Stewart, R'74. Atkinson led the men's team to three postseason berths and was a member of the 1988 team that advanced to the Sweet 16. Flavin led the women's team to three postseason appearances. She is Richmond's all-time leader in field goal percentage (57.7 percent). Stewart averaged a school-record 28.1 points per game. He played only two years, but ranks 19th on Richmond's career scoring list with 1,237 points.

Inductees from other sports were Tim Stauffer, '04, and Winston Whitehead, R'71. Stauffer won 31 games in three years for the baseball team. He now pitches for the San Diego Padres. Whitehead was a defensive back on the football team that won the 1968 Tangerine Bowl.



Swim streak stops at eight

It took nine years, but one of Richmond's Atlantic 10 swimming rivals finally finished ahead of the Spiders.

After winning eight consecutive conference titles, the Richmond women slipped to second at the A-10 championship meet in February. Fordham University—the preseason favorite to win the conference—slipped past the Spiders.

On the first day of the four-day meet, Fordham built an imposing lead by scoring 80 points. Richmond earned only 34 points on the first day after losing a relay race because of a false-start disqualification. By the end of the day, Richmond had fallen from second to ninth in the 10-team field.

But Coach Matt Barany's team came roaring back to tie the score at 536 during the last day of competition. Then Fordham pulled away in the 3-meter diving event because Richmond had no divers. Fordham finished with 676 points, while Richmond earned 596 points. Massachusetts came in a distant third with 428 points.

Overall, the Spiders won nine gold medals. Freshman Lauren Hines won six, including gold medals in the 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, 400 medley relay, and 400 freestyle relay. She was named the "Most Outstanding Rookie Performer" of the championship meet.

Sophomore Charlotte Brackett (pictured above) claimed individual gold medals in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, and 200 freestyle, plus relay gold medals in the 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle.

Senior Katie Sieben once again distinguished herself, winning five medals, including gold medals in the 100 butterfly and 400 medley relay. She also earned a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team for the third consecutive season.

Junior Nicole LePere joined Sieben on the 10-member All-Academic Team. She won four medals at the championship meet, including gold medals in the 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, and 400 medley relay.

—Randy Hallman





By Chip Jones

DIVISION I ACADEMICS

Richmond students excel in high-level academic competition.

Beating a rival university is always sweet, but for Erica Giovanni, L'10, the victory came not on the football field or basketball court, but in a federal courtroom in Washington, D.C.

During her first year in Richmond's School of Law, Giovanni's legal team won the American Association of Justice regional competition, defeating the University of Virginia in the final round of the 16-team event.

"It's always good when Richmond beats U.Va.," says Giovanni, president of the law school's Trial Advocacy Board.

From the courtroom to the computer lab, the dance studio to the debate hall, hundreds of the University's students excel in academic competitions, where they proudly build Richmond's strong academic reputation.

"It's a tremendous amount of work on the part of the students," notes John Paul Jones, professor of law and faculty adviser of the law school's Moot Court Board. "It says they have the ability to juggle more than one ball—keeping their grades up while putting a considerable amount of effort into something like this."

The regional and national competitions for law students also provide great networking opportunities because the judges are generally prominent lawyers. "If you're interested in being noticed as a student with an exceptional grasp of patent law, one way to demonstrate that is to represent your law school in the patent law moot court," Jones says.

Giovanni has benefited already. "As I was interviewing and applying for jobs, that's what employers wanted to talk about," says the future trial lawyer. "Not the

Academic competitors representing debate, moot court, and dance celebrate their success.



Richmond's dancers have been selected to perform in the closing gala of the American College Dance Festival in five of the past six years.

grades, but the practical experience" from moot court competitions. "It absolutely helps in the job market."

Jones also has noticed a distinct esprit de corps among moot court teammates. The many hours of preparation and competition develop "a cadre of alumni who have

altogether.

"If you do that in the Ethics Bowl, you will be penalized," says Dr. Terry Price, professor and associate dean for academic affairs in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. "The idea is for students to model good, ethical behavior in debate."

produced meat morally preferable to animal-grown meat?"

"It differs from debate in that teams are not trying to argue either side," Price says. Instead, they are trying to come to the right conclusion. "There is no incentive to disagree, but there is a real incentive to demonstrate deeper reasoning." Judges assign scores based on the clarity and intelligibility of teams' presentations. The teams with the highest scores meet in a series of elimination matches, including the final one before an audience.

This year Richmond sent a team of four students to the Southeastern Regional Ethics Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. Richmond has reached the semifinals of the national Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, but winning is not really the point, according to Price. "The skill it teaches is how to locate where the ethical issue actually is, and then apply sound reasoning to the case. It leaves them room to change their minds, hone their arguments, and understand why some reasons work and others do not."

"You come through an entire year of training and practicing. ... Then, at the time of the festival, you can appreciate all the hard work. It was the highlight of my college career."

a special relationship to the school," he says. "Many of them turn around and contribute time and money to support future contests."

ETHICS BOWL

When a politician faces a difficult question, a typical ploy is to dodge it by answering a different question

A couple of months before the annual contest, the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics gives student teams a dozen cases involving ethical questions. The cases range from policy matters, such as health care reform, to questions taken right off the talk show circuit—such as "Is synthetically

Colette Connor, '04, vividly recalls one of the cases. "A photo-journalist took a picture of a vulture in Africa, and the vulture was 10 feet away from a starving baby," she says. "It was a very powerful picture, but it led to some debate over why the journalist was taking the picture and not helping the child."

Connor spent her senior year on the Ethics Bowl team and became an assistant coach the following year while working at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. She now practices law at Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. She says her Ethics Bowl experience helped prepare her for a legal career by teaching her how to think on her feet and consider all sides of an issue. "The ethical problems and cases are fascinating and really difficult," says Connor, who returned to campus to judge a regional competition last year. "It was a very good team-building experience, which is part of what we study at the leadership school, but it was also intellectually challenging and fun."

THE BIG DANCE

Myra Daleng, director of dance in the Department of Theatre and Dance, sees similar benefits for the University's competitive dancers.

"We are such a family, and the dancers are incredibly supportive of each other," she says. "The camaraderie is so beautiful. We spend many hours together, and they build lifelong friendships. I saw that when 50 alumni returned this year for the 25th anniversary performance in the Modlin Center. They stay in touch with each other and with me."

For Rachel Chikowski, '09, preparing for the American College Dance Festival provided welcome relief from her intensive studies as a pre-med biology major. "I have always been interested in science, and I have always danced," she says.

"Dance is really therapeutic for me. As soon as I walked into the dance studio, I would just forget about all the stress of school and life. I think that's what happens to most dancers. You're so involved in your body and the choreography."

Chikowski, who was dance captain, attended four consecutive American College Dance Festivals with her mentor, Daleng. "You come through an entire year of training and practicing for hours on end. Then, at the time of the festival, you can appreciate all the hard work," Chikowski says. "It was the highlight of my college career."

For the past nine years, Richmond has participated in the festival, which is judged by nationally recognized choreographers and dancers. Of more than 50 pieces performed each year, about 10 are selected for the closing dance gala. And in the past six years, Richmond has been invited to perform in the gala five times. Daleng emphasizes that the festival focuses on nurturing talent, not promoting competition, but she was overjoyed when this year's group was chosen. The winning dance routine was created by Robert Battle, an internationally known choreographer who has done pieces for the UR dancers to premier in each of the past five years.

The Festival requires student-choreographed pieces as well, and Hannah Rolfes, '10, spent up to 20 hours a week, outside her normal dance class schedule, preparing "Tangent Relations" for this year's festival. After the gala, Rolfes became the first student to graduate from UR as a dance major. She credits Daleng for pushing her to perform at a higher level.

"She lit a fire under me," says Rolfes, who transferred from Montclair State University in New Jersey. "I was a new student, but Myra and Anne Van Gelder (assistant direc-



Prize-winning Research

Richmond has long been a place where undergraduate students engage in research with faculty. Each spring, much of that research goes on display at the Arts and Sciences Student Research Symposium in the Modlin Center.

The symposium began in 1986, with 20 to 30 presentations, and has grown steadily to more than 200 participants this year as exhibits spilled over into the Gottwald Center for the Sciences. It started with science, but now stretches across other disciplines, including art and music. Students present posters, papers, and other works in one-hour sessions throughout the day. The event culminates with a banquet, where four prizes are given in different categories of student research. Additional prizes go to faculty members who mentored the winning students.

"I try to make it a symposium in the tradition of the Greeks, of Plato," says faculty sponsor Dr. William Ross, professor of mathematics. "It is a chance for our faculty to engage students about what they have done, and for students to engage each other."



Danielle Taylor, '13, and James Farr, '10, hone their debating skills.

tor of dance) let me choreograph a piece. It's an honor to have people trust you to perform."

WALK-ONS WELCOME

In 2003, the University's debate team qualified for the National Debate Tournament, starting a

maintains an open-door recruiting policy. "Anyone who is interested can give it a try—no experience necessary," he says. "That's not the case at a lot of the big schools. They only have varsity programs." But at Richmond some of the best debaters start out as walk-ons with no high school

from the sciences.

"She decided in her first year that she wanted to improve her public-speaking skills, and she came by out of the blue," Kuswa recalls. "She improved really quickly, got to the junior varsity level by the end of her first year. Now I would consider her a strong varsity debater. She and her partner have done very well this year. I would say they are one of the top 20 teams in the mid-Atlantic."

Last year, the duo of Liz Lauzon, '09, and Ashley Fortner, '11, placed 40th among two-person debate teams at the National Debate Tournament. Now Lauzon is pursuing a master's degree in public diplomacy on a full scholarship at the University of Southern California. She also helps coach the USC debate teams.

Focusing on Richmond's best debaters probably would push its teams even higher, but Kuswa has no intention of trading his walk-on policy for taller trophies. "We'd

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seven-year winning streak.

"That would be equivalent to the basketball team making it to the NCAA tournament every year," says Dr. Kevin Kuswa, director of debate. The achievement is all the more remarkable because Kuswa

debating experience. Kuswa works with dozens of students competing on three levels—varsity, junior varsity, and novice. And while most of the debaters are majoring in political science or English, a few—such as senior Callie Dowdy, '10—come

rather make it available to everyone, rather than only try to compete at the very highest level.”

Another point of emphasis is “the connection between debate and academics,” he says. “We really work hard on getting our students to do well in their classes, and work on papers that might connect to their debating.” Those students often present to the Student Research Symposium. (See “Prize-winning Research” on page 13.) “That’s the kind of thing we encourage,” Kuswa says. “We also have a number of debaters who go on to graduate school in communications.”

One of them is Flemming Schneider, ’08, a graduate student in communications studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He credits debate with enhancing his research skills, which improved his studies in political science and religion. He learned to ask the right questions. “What is the important issue and why? How is the credibility of a source established? How are different claims compared and weighed? When is conceding arguments strategic?” All of those considerations made him a better student.

DARK HORSE GLORY

Dr. Barry Lawson, associate professor of computer science, marvels at the tenacity and success of Richmond students who compete in a contest sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery.

The ACM competition is the computer industry’s equivalent of football’s Bowl Championship Series. But instead of tackling large athletes, the students tackle big computer programming problems.

In the mid-Atlantic region alone, Lawson says, “Our students are competing against teams like Virginia Tech, Duke, Johns Hopkins, the University of Virginia, and the

University of Maryland. We’re a liberal arts college. The fact that we have teams who compete so strongly against teams from much larger computer science programs says a lot about the quality of our students.”

The contest employs personal computers, but the key to winning the ACM is teamwork. The best teams bring together a mixture of computer, mathematical, and problem-solving skills. “It’s more than a programming contest. It’s really a problem-solving contest,” says Lawson, who sponsors the team along with Dr. Lewis Barnett, associate professor of computer science. Students attempt to solve eight complex problems in only five hours, so time management is critical. With only one computer allowed per team, some students work by hand on other problems.

This year’s problems were “rather nasty,” Lawson says, but the “We R UR” team of Yigit Aytan, ’12, Matt Der, ’10, and Cosmin Pancratov, ’10, solved three of them—good enough to place seventh among 161 mid-Atlantic teams. Only the top seven teams solved three or more problems.

The emphasis on problem-solving prepares students for job interviews, Lawson notes. “We’ve had several students go on to work at Microsoft or Google, and in the interview process, they were presented with problems they have never seen before, just to see how they would react, to see if they can think on the fly.” That was the case for Mike Pohl, ’07, a software engineer at Google in Pittsburgh. The ACM and another national contest—the Putnam Mathematical Competition—“will help you get into the interview process,” he says.

Pohl’s fondest ACM memory is competing against Virginia Tech and other universities with larger computer science programs during



Lifelong Lessons

Tim Finchem, R’69, commissioner of the PGA Tour, was a star debater at Richmond. He includes his UR connection in his executive biography at PGA.com, noting he attended the University on a debate scholarship.

“The debate coach was Dr. Bert Bradley, and he was a very highly regarded coach on a national level,” Finchem recalls. “He taught me a great deal, and I will always be indebted to him.” Debate conveyed four lifelong lessons to Finchem: “One, consider both sides of an issue. Two, outline your arguments of the case. Three, think on your feet. And four, connect with the listener.”

Finchem (pictured above between Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus) still savors winning the U.S. Naval Academy Invitational in 1967, when the topic was whether the United States should reduce its foreign policy commitments. “We were on the negative (side of the question), and the University of Miami was on the affirmative, and their plan was to get out of Vietnam, which at that point in time was a fairly unpopular position, especially at the U.S. Naval Academy. That may be the reason we won.”



From the left, Cosmin Pancratov, '10, Yigit Ayta, '12, and Matt Der, '10, placed seventh among 161 mid-Atlantic teams in computer programming.

his first year. "We weren't supposed to beat anybody, but we won the local competition," he says. "I think it kind of caught everybody off guard."

TRIALS BY FIRE

Each year, scores of Richmond law students refine their legal skills in various types of moot court competition—client counseling, negotiation, mediation, trial practice, and appellate practice.

"Although in moot court you're playing with fake scenarios, it is a chance to get in the courtroom and get in front of real judges and research other parts of the law you wouldn't get to otherwise," says Jaime Wisegarver, L'10, president of the Moot Court Board.

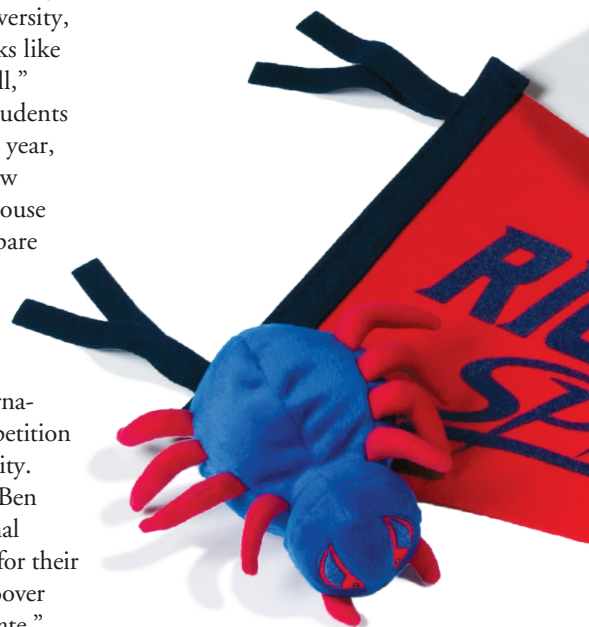
This has been a good year for her teammates. At the regional Spong Moot Court Tournament at the College of William & Mary, the team of Andriana Shultz, L'10, and Tricia Dunlap, L'11, finished second. Shultz was named "Best Oral

Advocate," while Dunlap was the runner-up. They also won first prize for their written brief.

"What the Moot Court Board has done really well is getting a lot of our students involved, and getting a lot of exposure for the University, especially when you have folks like Andi and Tricia doing so well," Wisegarver says. About 26 students competed in moot court this year, while another 65 first-year law students took part in an in-house competition designed to prepare them for moot court competition next year.

Five Richmond students reached the quarterfinals of the prestigious Jessup International Law Moot Court competition sponsored by Tulane University. Kyle McLaughlin, L'10, and Ben Hoover, L'10, reached the final round and won second prize for their written brief. In addition, Hoover was named "Best Oral Advocate." Meanwhile, the team of Tony

Bessette, L'10, Matt Hull, L'10, and Laurel Huerkamp, L'10, won first prize for their written brief, with the highest score in that competition's 18-year history.



Jones says the competition helps students develop greater poise and self-confidence. “The students who return from a Moot Court competition now have considerable experience in making an argument, both in writing and on their feet, to an appellate court,” he notes.

The Trial Advocacy Board has nearly 50 participants—more than triple the number of participants during Giovanni’s first year of law school. In early March, the team posted its third top-four finish of the year. “Schools that never would have known us, now know who we are, and to look out for us when they see us in competition,” she says.

Like their counterparts in the Ethics Bowl, the fledgling lawyers put a premium on how they represent the University. “Part of our success is how we interact with people when

we meet them at competitions,” Giovanni says. “When you come in and are encouraging and polite, you’re helping your reputation in the law school community.”

That reputation is particularly strong at admiralty moot court competitions. Admiralty law is the branch of international law that regulates the private maritime industry. Richmond’s admiralty moot court program ranks among the top five in the nation with Jones steady at the helm. ✨

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Spiders vs. Spiders

The University’s interscholastic competitions are augmented by several contests held on campus each spring.

Organizers downplay the competitive nature of the Student Research Symposium, which features undergraduate research from the School of Arts and Sciences, but students and faculty mentors do compete for cash prizes. (See “Prize-winning Research” on page 13.)

Another spring contest is the McWick Case Competition, which since 1998 has challenged business majors taking a capstone course in strategic management. It is sponsored by alumnus, Kathleen McBride, B’76. (See “Enterprising Spiders” on page 24.)

“Teams of students are given a business case one week before the competition,” says Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, professor of management in the Robins School of Business. “They evaluate the company and its competitive situation, and they present a strategic plan.” Teams that advance through three rounds are then judged by leaders from the business community.

Yet another spring competition is the Business Pitch Competition, an annual event that invites students from all undergraduate schools to showcase their entrepreneurial ideas. First place pays \$3,500. (See “Pitchers’ Duel” on page 29.)





All Things Green

Richmond's sustainability efforts and goals touch every aspect of campus life.

In the two years since President Edward Ayers signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, the movement to reduce the University's impact on the environment has become integrated into all aspects of campus life.

Environmental considerations factor into major administrative decisions. Faculty and staff meet regularly to discuss sustainability. And most importantly, the students are learning—and demonstrating—every day what it means to be environmentally responsible. By the time they graduate, Richmond students are steeped in sustainability.

President Ayers' endorsement of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment brought with it other obligations that the University is energetically working to achieve. "The biggest of all is the Climate Action Plan, which is currently being developed,"

says Hossein Sadid, vice president for business and finance. "Under the plan, the University pledges to work to become climate neutral by a certain date." To begin moving in that direction, Richmond will set an initial goal of reducing emissions significantly by 2020.

To support this work, the University hired a sustainability coordinator, who has helped focus consistent attention on sustainability issues, ensuring steady forward progress. But achieving the goals of the Climate Action Plan will require the entire campus community to get involved, Sadid says, and that has begun already. From recycling, to the food that is served in the dining hall, to architectural design, to curriculum, there is no part of the University that is not making positive changes to enhance sustainability.

The Climate Action Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the coming academic

year, addresses five key areas: administration commitment, bringing sustainability issues into the classroom, transportation, energy use on campus, and materials management.

"The administration's commitment is firm, and we already are making measurable progress in all of the key areas," Ayers says. "The goals we have set are attainable with the continued enthusiasm and involvement of students, faculty, and staff. It is part of the nature of a university to be a steward of resources for future generations, and these commitments are a new way of fulfilling that obligation."

GREEN POWER

Electricity usage accounts for about half of the University's carbon footprint. So reducing power consumption will be vital to implementing the Climate Action Plan.

"One thing that we are really going to be pushing is a phantom



Anyone on campus can ride green bikes and eat takeout meals from the dining hall in reusable containers.



energy or vampire energy initiative,” Sadid says, referring to the energy that is consumed by appliances that are turned off but still plugged in and drawing current. “Unfortunately, as we Americans have become more and more dependent on technology and electronic devices, this energy use has skyrocketed. Anywhere from 5 percent to 15 percent

students to stop consuming so much electricity.” Until March, Sebasky was co-president of the campus environmental group Green UR. The organization’s goal is simple—to promote sustainability on campus. It started with just a few dedicated students, but lately, its core membership has grown to well over a dozen.

Sebasky notes that as environmen-

shows energy use in real time so students can see the impact of their conservation efforts. It seems to be working. Electricity consumption is decreasing in the dorms.

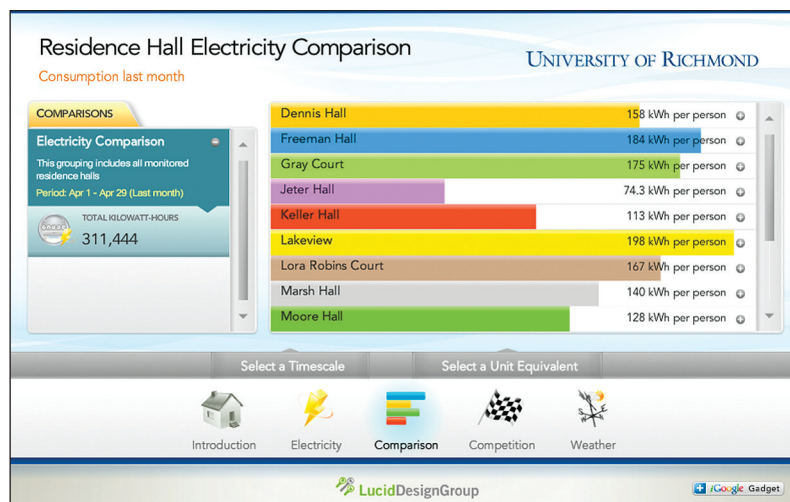
GREEN EGGS AND HAM

As they strive toward sustainability, Richmond dining services managers put everything on the table—from the food that is served, to where it comes from, how it is prepared, how it is served, and how waste is handled.

Dee Hardy, associate vice president for campus services, says sustainability has become a top priority in the dining hall. “It boils down to maintaining and improving what we have so it will be here for generations to come,” she says.

Some of the dining hall’s new initiatives cost money, says Cathy Moran, assistant director of dining services. “But as sustainability becomes a more prevalent movement around the world, I think the cost of doing some of the things ... is going to come down.”

Dining services managers buy food and supplies locally as much as possible to cut down on transportation costs and carbon emissions. They recycle their cooking oil into biodiesel fuel, eliminating the oil from the waste stream and turning it into a useful product. They also conduct waste studies that let students know exactly how much food is being thrown away. To further reduce that waste and raise awareness,



Students can monitor real-time energy consumption in the residence halls at buildingdashboard.com/clients/urichmond.

of the University’s electrical usage is phantom energy.” Just getting everyone to unplug cell phone chargers and other electrical devices when they are not in use will save a lot of energy and reduce the University’s carbon footprint.

Environmental studies major Megan Sebasky, ’10, says that the administration’s initiatives are laudable, but “it’s really up to the

tal awareness increases, students are becoming more willing to help. This year they stepped up recycling efforts and participated in a campus-wide competition to reduce energy use in residence halls. With a grant from the Dominion Foundation, Richmond installed energy-monitoring equipment in all 14 residence halls. A large display in the dining hall and an online dashboard (shown above)



they occasionally promote “trayless Fridays.” Without the convenience of trays, students are less likely to take more food than they eat, and dining hall workers save water and energy by not having to wash trays.

Dining services also is working with the Virginia Department of Corrections on a composting initiative using a prison’s composting operation in Goochland County. “They’re going to produce compost from our pre-consumer waste, and we’re hoping we’ll get some compost back to use on campus,” Hardy says.

Even dietary considerations can have a positive impact on sustainability efforts. “If you eat healthier, you are eating fewer processed foods so there’s a reduced impact on the environment from the processing,” Moran says.

In recognition of its sustainability initiatives, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has named the Heilman Dining Center a Virginia Green Restaurant.

GREEN EVERYTHING

Richmond has been encouraging campus-wide recycling for two decades, and Al Lane, manager of custodial and environmental services, believes the University is approaching a tipping point that will bring dramatic results in coming years.

During an average week, for example, Richmond recycles more than five pounds of recyclables per person, including paper, cardboard,

containers, scrap metal, wood pallets, yard waste, cinderblocks, tires, oil, grease, light bulbs, carpeting, yard sale items, and electronic waste. For the past several years, the University has participated in RecycleMania, a 10-week recycling competition among colleges and universities. In the per-capita category, the University placed 91st among 346 institutions. Richmond recycled 15.84 pounds per person, up from 13.88 pounds per person last year.

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“Good things are happening, and great things are going to happen,” Lane predicts. “The awareness and the education and a lot of things that have been heading in the right direction for years are gaining momentum. The campus as a whole is just more focused on doing the right things.”

The University’s Sustainability Working Group, for example, sponsors a community garden on campus, where members of the faculty, staff, and students grow fruits and vegetables using organic fertilizers and no pesticides. Potted plants that

decorate events such as Homecoming or Reunion Weekend are later planted on campus. Even the magazine you hold in your hands is now printed on 30 percent recycled paper that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. (Please recycle it when you finish reading.)

Transportation is another area making many right turns. Richmond promotes carpooling and subsidizes public transportation, including free passes for local bus

Student organizers of URot plan to donate their compost to the University’s community garden.

service for all students and employees. The University provides public bicycles for trips across campus and designates special parking spaces for hybrid vehicles and charging stations for electric cars. The University also is experimenting with alternative fuels. About half of its service carts run on electricity or propane gas, and much of Richmond’s heavy equipment uses biodiesel.

“What we’re seeing now really makes me feel good about where we are, where we have been, and most importantly where we are headed,” Lane says.



Dr. Mary Finley-Brook (right) touts renewable sources of energy like the biodiesel that powers this backhoe. She and Carrie O'Rourke, '11, are researching climate action plans at other universities.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Sustainability goes beyond recycling, carpooling, and changing personal habits. Constructing and renovating buildings to higher environmental standards is also part of the solution.

In 2000, a small group of faculty and staff petitioned the University's president to adopt LEED standards for all new construction on campus. LEED stands for leadership in energy and environmental design, the recognized rating standard for sustainable construction. LEED certification uses a point system to measure the sustainability of new or renovated buildings. A construction project earns points for everything from conserving energy and water to promoting indoor air quality and using construction materials that are

more environmentally friendly.

Richmond strives to earn as many points as possible for each of its new or renovated buildings, starting with Weinstein Hall, which opened in 2003. Now there are nine buildings that are either LEED certified or in the LEED-certification process. "We're something of a pioneer in the state," says University Architect Andrew McBride. Weinstein Hall, for example, was the second higher education building in Virginia to become LEED certified. "Every building we have taken on since Weinstein Hall has been designed using the LEED rating system," he says.

The nine LEED buildings include Weinstein Hall, Heilman Center, Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness, Lakeview and Free-

man residence halls, Westhampton Center, Carole Weinstein International Center, Queally Hall (the Robins School addition), and E. Claiborne Robins Stadium.

GREEN STUDIES

The long-term impact of the University's sustainability initiatives will hinge on what happens after students graduate.

"We are a university, we are about education," says Dr. Mary Finley-Brook, assistant professor of geography and environmental studies. "If we are effective, we can change students' behavior for the rest of their lives." And that will pay dividends to the environment for decades to come.

Finley-Brook and Carrie O'Rourke, '11, have been researching climate action plans at other universities. They are looking at such things as renewable energy credits and offsets, timelines, and whether students volunteer to pay a small annual fee for renewable energy, as they do on many campuses nationwide.

Finley-Brook says renewable energy "is the direction U.S. institutions, like universities and the world more broadly, are heading, so we might as well figure out how to do it now."

Dr. Christopher Stevenson, associate professor of chemistry and environmental studies, coordinates Richmond's growing environmental studies program. The University's first six environmental studies majors graduated in 2003. Now the program produces about 20 graduates per year including majors and minors.

"The president's initiatives are great and sweeping, and I have no doubt that they are improving our eco-footprint," Stevenson says. "Now we need to connect this to the general student population. I'm not talking about the core students who are members of Green UR—people who tend to be favorable to

all this—I'm talking about typical students. Because if you make a difference in their habits over their lifetimes, that's huge."

The long-term impact of environmental education is not lost on Richmond's alumni. Many of them have become prominent advocates of sustainability. (See Vantage Point column by L. Preston Bryant Jr., G'88, Virginia's former secretary of natural resources.)

"As societies transition to new and renewable forms of energy, universities like UR will play a special role," says Dr. Robert Cox Jr., R'67, former president of the Sierra Club and a communications professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Just as faculty in the arts, sciences, business, and other fields are discovering new principles and breakthroughs, universities will serve as incubators for the ideas and tools of sustainability."

Shari Wilson, W'83, Maryland's secretary of the environment, sees it much the same way. "UR's commitment has multiple benefits," she notes. "The University will realize meaningful cost savings in the short term. Students can accelerate those savings with their own actions, and in the process, we all benefit by being cognizant of the value of making decisions using lifecycle analyses and considering long-term consequences."

Sustainability takes the long-term view, Stevenson agrees. "This concept has been around since the pioneer days. The end of the frontier came and all of a sudden they realized that resources are not endless. We need to be good stewards."

GREEN FUTURE

Richmond's next step is to complete the Climate Action Plan, a roadmap to carbon neutrality with milestones to pass along the way. One proposed milestone is to become a "zero-waste" campus by 2030.

"That gives us 20 years to improve our recycling efforts, to educate the campus community, to work with suppliers, and so forth," Sadid says. That's a pretty ambitious timetable, but the Climate Action Plan will have some flexibility. Richmond will revisit it every year or two to assess progress, adjust goals, incorporate new technologies, and consider economic constraints.

The plan will detail specific strategies for the next decade, but after 2020 it becomes somewhat speculative, Sadid notes. "I don't feel comfortable going beyond 2020 in stating what specific technologies will be incorporated, for example. We just don't know what's going to be available."

Financial constraints are also difficult to anticipate. Though many initiatives can save money, being environmentally responsible and sustainable will require new investments. But the hidden costs of environmental damage must also be factored into the financial equation. "What price do we put on external costs like impact on future generations, altering natural resources, and health considerations?" Sadid asks.

Richmond does not have all the answers, but people are beginning to applaud its efforts. In October, the Sustainable Endowments Institute named Richmond a campus sustainability leader. As part of the institute's College Sustainability Report Card, Richmond earned top marks for administration, food

and recycling, green building, and transportation.

The recognition is encouraging, but there is much more work to be done. Dr. David Dean, associate professor of economics, chairs the University's Environmental Awareness Group. One of his goals is to boost faculty awareness of sustainability efforts in recycling, transportation, and conservation. He is working to expand his group to include liaisons to all five of Richmond's schools.

"I'm an economist," he says. "I understand the scarcity of resources, and I believe it's important to preserve them for future generations."


Urban studies major Michael Rogers, '11, believes students are becoming more environmentally aware

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and responsible. He recently led an effort to build a compost station on campus with a \$2,000 grant from the Class of 1992 Environmental Awareness Endowment.

"We're going to have to conserve and reuse, and it has to fit into our daily lives," Rogers notes. President Ayers' endorsement of the Presidents' Climate Commitment was an important milestone, he adds. "More than anything, he made a serious commitment. ... We are headed in the right direction." 🌱

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By Pamela Babcock

ENTERPRISING SPIDERS

Richmond alumni attribute their entrepreneurial success to a liberal arts education and business training.

Over the years, Richmond has produced a notable array of successful entrepreneurs. They have invented new products and services and reinvigorated old ones. Some have built enterprises worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Others have developed smaller companies that allow them to pursue their passions on their own terms.

The University is building upon this strength with a new Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program designed to inspire and prepare the next generation of alumni entrepreneurs.

“Some people believe that entrepreneurs are born not made, but I believe that many people are unaware of their entrepreneurial talent,” says Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, professor of management and director of Richmond’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program. “A University with a top business school and a strong liberal arts curriculum is a great place to help students discover and develop that talent.”

The program—open to business school undergraduates—combines classes from the schools of business, law, leadership studies, and arts and sciences. By making the program broadly interdisciplinary, its leaders are applying two key principles of the University’s strategic plan—to offer integrated academics and to create a distinctive student experience. (See “Generation E” on page 27.)

The program is only two years old, but Richmond has a long tradition of nurturing successful entrepreneurs. Some of them—like Bob Jepson, B’64, GB’75, H’87—majored in business, while others—like Michael Walrath, ’97—focused on English literature or other liberal arts disciplines. Jepson started Jepson Corp., an investment banking firm that he sold in 1989 for \$233 million. Then he helped the University establish the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Walrath started Right Media, a virtual marketplace for online advertising that he sold to Yahoo for \$720 million in 2007.



Tod Wilson, R'92, tempts the taste buds with his award-winning pies.



Jim Purcell, B'87,
creates custom
calendars at Time
Factory Publishing.

While it is difficult to spot the next Bob Jepson or Michael Walrath, there are many strong candidates among Richmond's entrepreneurial alumni. The six profiled below are a cross-section of the hundreds—if not thousands—of enterprising Spiders.

SHARK TANK

Tod Wilson, R'92, burst onto the national scene last year on ABC's *Shark Tank*, a television show with a panel of celebrity investors who consider ideas from budding entrepreneurs.

On the show's premiere, Wilson pitched plans to turn his small pie-baking company into "America's next greatest food brand." Two of the celebrity investors were impressed enough to offer him \$460,000 for a 50 percent stake. Wilson will not say whether he accepted the deal, but the primetime exposure has been great for business at Mr. Tod's Pie Factory in Somerset, N.J. Annual sales have topped \$1 million.

At Richmond, Wilson played on the football team and majored in political science and criminal justice.

After a couple years of selling insurance, he returned to his godfather's bakery in Paterson, N.J., where he had worked as a teenager.

"I built a half-million-dollar route going door to door in the Bronx and Queens," Wilson recalls, but he and his godfather disagreed about how to run the business, so Wilson started Classic Desserts. The company failed, and Wilson lost everything, but he learned from the experience. Determined and resilient, he tried again with Mr. Tod's Pie Factory in 2002. Now the company has three stores and sells desserts nationwide at whybake.com.

In addition to his appearances on *Shark Tank*, Wilson and his company have been featured on NBC's *Today* show and on CNBC. He also did a radio spot with fellow entrepreneur Sean Combs, better known as P. Diddy. The national publicity is helping Mr. Tod's Pie Factory grow, but Wilson also gives credit to the relationships he built at UR. His chief financial officer is fellow alumnus Erwin Matthews, B'89, and most of his start-up money came

from classmates and a UR mentor.

After giving the student address at his graduation, Wilson made a pledge to Dr. Richard Morrill, president of the University at the time, that one day he would give \$1 million to the University. "I'm extremely proud to be a UR graduate and always encourage my customers' kids to take a hard look at Richmond," Wilson says. "Not only can you get a great education, you will foster relationships that will last a lifetime."

TIME FACTORY

After graduating from Richmond and earning an M.B.A. from Duke, Jim Purcell, B'87, took a job in marketing for Merck. But he quickly realized he wanted to work for a smaller company where he could "create and achieve every day, not run in the wheel of life and sleep under the blankets of bureaucracy."

In 1994, he moved to Indiana to run the division of a small company that made wall calendars for Nike, the NFL, and Disney. It wasn't long before he started Time Factory Publishing to do similar work.

Like many entrepreneurs, Purcell turns problems into opportunities. In 1998, encumbered by a one-year lease for space he needed only six months each year, he started Midwest Fulfillment to capitalize on the extra space. It became one of the Midwest's largest warehouse and distribution companies.

The business employed nearly 500 people during its peak season, but many of its employees needed year-round work, so Purcell started a temporary labor division that outsourced hourly workers. Within a year, his new idea became the company's most profitable division.

He sold Midwest Fulfillment to its managers in 2003 to re-focus on Time Factory Publishing. More recently, he started Pikcal.com, a Web-based custom-printing company that helps consumers design and print notebooks, posters, calendars, photo books, and greeting cards.

Purcell says Richmond played a critical role in his success "by providing the foundation, knowledge, and contacts. ... UR surrounds students with successful people, both faculty and peers," Purcell says. "I am a firm believer that 'success breeds success' and that to be successful, you need to hang around with successful people." Purcell continues that association by attending UR sporting events and alumni functions and by supporting the University financially.

He is a gregarious guy who loves to promote new ideas. Two years ago, for example, his company installed the first wind turbine in Indianapolis. It supplies half the electricity his companies use. He has helped other companies "go green," and he speaks to public school children about wind power and solar energy.

"There is so much opportunity in the world today and so much that can be done," Purcell says. "I just wish I had more time in the day."

ENTREPRENEURING

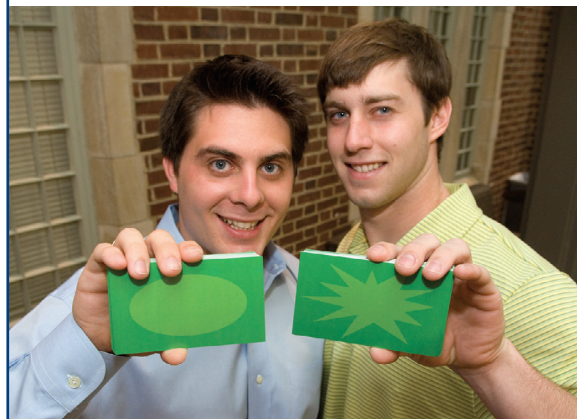
Kathleen McBride, B'76, made her entrepreneurial mark with a medical equipment start-up. She and her former husband built Production Research, a company that manufactured wheelchair parts and accessories, into a thriving business with 80 employees. They sold the company to Invacare Corp. in 1996.

After selling the wheelchair parts company, McBride earned an M.B.A. from George Washington University and focused on raising her three sons. She consulted part-time and volunteered on various boards and in education-related endeavors. At Richmond, she has served on the Robins School Executive Advisory Council and has provided invaluable input on the new Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program. For the past decade, she has sponsored—and often judged—the McWick Case Competition, a capstone experience for seniors in the Robins School. (See "Spiders vs. Spiders" on page 17.)

McBride, who lives in Falls Church, Va., attributes her success to hiring and working with great people, "being in the right place at the right time," and "graduating from a great program at U of R."

Several Richmond experiences helped pave her entrepreneurial path. A senior business policy course forced her to "look outside the box of accounting and financial reporting." Taking classes outside the business school in history and English was also important, she adds, because "an entrepreneur learns to take ideas from a wide spectrum."

Her latest business idea is Massage Matters, a therapeutic massage company she launched in 2008 with two partners in Stafford, Va. McBride is not involved in the day-to-day operation of the company, but it has allowed her "to dabble back into more active entrepreneuring."



Generation E

Richmond's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program is developing the next generation of enterprising Spiders with practical experience and a wide range of classes in business, leadership, law, and liberal arts.

"There are a lot of entrepreneurship programs in the county, but we wanted something unique," says Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, professor of management and director of Richmond's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program. Unlike many other entrepreneurship programs, the Richmond program focuses primarily on undergraduates.

Students start their own businesses in the innovation and entrepreneurship course taught by Dr. Jeffrey Pollack, assistant professor of management and faculty adviser to the Entrepreneurship Club. Last semester, Connor McMahan, '10, (above left) and his partner, Max Prokell, '10, (above right) developed Smart Stacks, flash cards designed to aid in memorization by using colors and geometric shapes.

"We are hoping to start marketing this soon to some of the schools in the Richmond area," McMahan says. Prokell and McMahan collaborated with the University's psychology department to test Smart Stacks, and they received some advice on the project from Patrick Galleher, '95, of Boxwood Partners, a Richmond-based investment banking firm. McMahan worked for Boxwood as a part-time analyst during the spring semester and took a full-time job with the company after graduating.



Alli Gentry Flota, '94, offers a slice of paradise at El Pescador Resort in Belize.

EL PESCADOR

After majoring in English at Richmond, Alissa "Ali" Gentry Flota, '94, moved to Manhattan and worked as a marketing coordinator for a women's fashion line for three years.

In 1997, her brother took a fishing vacation at El Pescador Resort on the island of Ambergris Caye in Belize. He got hooked on El Pescador, and when he ended up buying it, Flota joined him in the venture. Together, they revitalized the resort, doubling its occupancy and paying off its debt in four years.

Flota began as general manager and is now the company's president, CEO, and majority owner. The 42-acre resort specializes in fishing and eco-tourism adventures, and *Forbes Traveler* ranks it among the world's "top 10 luxury eco-resorts."

Flota is passionate about the environment, particularly the reef and mangrove eco-system in Belize. She works with Green Reef, a local organization, to educate residents and tourists about environmental issues. Also, El Pescador was the first hotel in Belize to institute a carbon

emissions program to offset guests' flight footprint, and Flota hopes to get it certified as a "green" hotel.

"I enjoy people and making a difference in my community," she says. "I've been blessed to have the opportunity to live and work in Belize and believe that it's my responsibility to give back to Belize as much or more than it has given to me."

Flota travels globally and has earned her captain's license. She pilots her three young daughters to school on the *Andie and Anna*, an 18-foot whaler named after her first two children. She says a semester abroad during her junior year at Richmond ignited her passion for travel and her appreciation of other cultures and different ways of life. She hopes to work with UR's international education office to develop internships and other opportunities for students at El Pescador.

"UR and my parents taught me that I can do anything as long as I try," Flota notes. "UR gave me confidence, self respect, and a desire to be an active participant in my community."

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Entrepreneurship is a family affair for Michael Babb, '99, whose father, Harold Babb, R'72, is a professor of marketing in the Robins School.

Together they founded Academic Financial Solutions (AFS), a consolidator of student loans. And in only four years—with the younger Babb at the helm as president and CEO—they grew it to more than 120 employees, originating more than \$2 billion in loans annually. They sold a majority stake in the company to a private equity firm in 2007.

After graduating from UR, Babb spent three years as a sales rep for Pfizer but was intrigued by his father's early entrepreneurial success with a small health care business and investment banking firm. Eventually, he and his father launched AFS.

In 2001, Babb met Robert Thomas, R'77, who owns Two Rivers Ranch, a company that does everything from raising cattle and developing real estate to providing Crystal Springs water to Nestle. Thomas recognized Babb as a fellow alumnus because he was wearing a UR T-shirt.

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They struck up a conversation about their alma mater, and Thomas invited Babb to visit Two Rivers Ranch. Thomas eventually invested in AFS, and in 2009, he hired Babb to help run all of their families' holdings.

They recently launched Florida Energy Capital, a company that plans to break ground this year on a 60-megawatt biomass power plant in Manatee County, Fla. They hope to have three more biomass power plants operational by 2013.

Babb says Richmond played a key role in his success by teaching him to think critically and creatively. He and his wife, April Patterson Babb, '99, are active with the Tampa Bay Area Alumni Chapter and are always looking for ways to give back to the University.

Babb also leads church-sponsored mission trips to Costa Rica to reconstruct homes and churches. Babb says, "When you are an entrepreneur, you always have to take advantage of opportunities."

E-SHIP ENTERPRISE

Jack Long, B'81, has started five companies. The first two failed, but the next two appeared on *Inc.* magazine's list of the 500 fastest growing privately held businesses in the United States. The fifth one is brand new.

As a UR student, Long tried—and failed—to start a business to export Corvettes to Europe using his UR post office box as the business address. He exchanged lots of letters with car dealers in Europe, but never closed any deals.

After graduating from UR, Long earned an M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University and spent five years in banking, but he realized he wanted to pursue what he calls e-ship. "I like to do things my own way and have control of what I do and when I do it," Long admits. "Creating businesses is one of the few creative outlets I have. It really feels great to see a business

grow and take on a life of its own."

Long, a self-described "extreme introvert" and pragmatist, has been an entrepreneur since 1988. After a failed attempt at real estate development, he and a business partner started Lone Star Overnight, a regional air express company that employs more than 600 people and generates more than \$50 million in annual revenue.

They sold the company in 1996, and Long co-founded PeopleAdmin in 2000. The software company is based in Austin, Texas, with more than 600 customers nationally, including the University of Richmond. It provides Web-based systems for managing the administrative side of human resources.

The business is doing well, Long reports. He continues to serve as the company's chairman but is no longer involved in its day-to-day management. He retains a substantial stake in the company, but he sold his majority interest just before the financial meltdown of 2008. Last summer, Long and a new business partner formed SchoolAdmin, a startup designed to produce Web-based administrative systems for independent K-12 schools. The first module is expected to be released this summer.

Long says UR gave him "a great foundation in business fundamentals." Over the years, he has taught entrepreneurship and helped start an M.B.A. program at The Acton School of Business in Austin.

"I'm a huge advocate for formal education in e-ship," Long says. Years ago, the conventional wisdom held that entrepreneurship could not be taught in the classroom, he notes. "You just had to try it and learn in the school of hard knocks. ... I don't believe that at all." ✱

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Pitchers' duel

Richmond's annual Business Pitch Competition invites undergraduates from all the University's schools to showcase their entrepreneurial ideas. The competition attracted 27 entries this spring.

Business major Tom Borwick, '10, (above) placed first and won \$3,500 for his Kindle-like device that displays sheet music. When completed, his prototype would automatically advance pages and highlight mistakes for musicians. In addition to the cash, Borwick earned an opportunity to present his idea to a group of local investors.

In recent years, students have pitched everything from a portable aromatherapy device (breath mints for the nose) to a networking website for semi-professional athletes.

Remo Kommnick, '12, president of the Entrepreneurship Club, made it to the final round of the competition last year for swaboo.com, an online platform that allows students to buy and sell used textbooks on campus. Kommnick says he and his business partner, Vladimir Hruda, '09, learned a lot from the competition.

"As an entrepreneur, you are sometimes forced to be the chief technology officer, chief financial officer, and chief executive officer all at the same time," says Kommnick, who is double majoring in economics and Chinese. "I have gained insights into all parts of these business operations."

ALUMNI NEWS

MUSIC

Montsinger's CD brings back soul

Lawson "Buzz" Montsinger, R'70, who was co-captain of Richmond's Tangerine Bowl championship team, has co-produced a CD designed to bring back "good 'ol soul music."

The CD—simply titled *Monumental*—features many of Richmond's top musicians in a group called Richmond Heart & Soul Revue. The group includes Steve Bassett, Robbin Thompson, Janet Martin, Page Wilson, R'76, Billy Ray Hatley, Ron Moody, R'71, Ray Pittman, and Gayle McGehee.

Everyone involved in producing the CD donated their time and talent to help Montsinger, an accomplished saxophone player who suffered a severe spinal cord injury in 2006. He was paralyzed from the neck down, but after one year of rehabilitation, he was able to walk using a cane. Today he can play a specially modified saxophone, and his recovery continues. Producing the *Monumental* CD was a huge step in the right direction.

Buzz Montsinger, R'70, plays a specially modified saxophone.



MICHAEL WAINE



Susan Purcer Aprahamian, '93, and Michelle Carey Jenkins, '93, test a new recipe for You'veGotSupper.com.

URAA

Board re-elects Ivey

The University of Richmond Alumni Association's Board of Directors has elected Tracy Holgren Ivey, B'82, to a second, one-year term as URAA president.

Other members of the executive committee are: Sam Kaufman, '99, vice president for planning and operations; Rebecca Hancock Powers, B'76, vice president for outreach; Wendy Haynes Eastman, B'76, vice president for membership; Hunter Allen, '06, treasurer; Betty Ann Dillion, W'48 and G'49, secretary-historian; and John Brecker, '02, Matt Marrone, '95, and Brandt Portugal, '02, members-at-large.

Board members elected to second, three-year terms include: Allen, Brecker,

Wayne Dementi, B'66, Ryan FitzSimons, '01, and Ben Sabloff, '95. New board members are: Rick Naschold, B'75, Dr. Camille Cade Hammond, '97, Maurice Henderson, '97, and Dr. William Mallon, R'91 and G'96.

NOTABLES

You've Got Supper

Susan Purcer Aprahamian, '93, and Michelle Carey Jenkins, '93, have incorporated an iPhone application into You'veGotSupper.com, the meal-planning website they started three years ago.

The iPhone app—You've Got Supper Shaker—allows the website's 25,000 members to download dinner recipes on the go. They can select any basic food ingredients and receive a tried-and-true meal plan. To see more options, they can shake their iPhones

or push a button until the perfect recipe appears.

Richmond's School of Continuing Studies is the lead advertiser on You'veGotSupper.com, which also offers weekly menus, seasonal options, and grocery lists.

Skidmore taps Howson for arts administration

David Howson, R'92 and G'01, has been named the director of arts administration at Skidmore College. The new program will prepare students for management positions in the visual arts, music, dance, and theater.

At Richmond, Howson joined the Modlin Center as associate director in 2004. Most recently he was the center's interim executive director. He also was co-coordinator of the University's arts management concentration.

BOOKS

University of Richmond

John Rueben Alley, R'84, adjunct professor of photography, has written a brief history of the University that includes more than 200 photographs and illustrations.

Alley grew up on campus, where his father, the late Dr. Robert Alley, R'53, taught religion for many years. By writing a history of the University, John Alley followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Reuben Alley,

R'22, who wrote the *History of the University of Richmond, 1830–1971*.

More alumni books

An Eyewitness Remembers the Century of the Holy Spirit.

Vinson Synan, R'58, provides an insider's perspective on the charismatic and Pentecostal movements.

Anatomy of an Execution: The Life and Death of Douglas Christopher Thomas. Laura Trevvett Anderson, G'91, and Todd Peppers examine the life of a troubled youth who ended up on death row.

Becoming Clara Belle: A Novel Approach. Libby Wampler Jerrett, W'62, gives a semi-autobiographical account of growing up on a farm in Rockingham County, Va., and entering "Southampton College."

It's A Life. John Barker, B'97, tells the fictional story of 16-year-old April Warren, who loses her beloved father in an automobile accident and is left with an alcoholic mother and a despised older sister.

Lift. Kelly Corrigan, W'89, delves into the world of parenting and what it means to be a mother.

The Physician's Guide to the Business of Medicine: Dreams and Realities. Jeffery T.

Gorke, GB'95, offers a guide to help young physicians join the practice of their dreams or establish their own successful practice.



Connect with classmates

Homecoming 2010

Oct. 22–24, 2010

Homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football against Towson in the new, on-campus stadium, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2010, and a young grad reunion for classes 2001–10.

Reunion Weekend 2011

June 3–5, 2011

If your class year ends in a 1 or 6, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in June.

Regional Events

Year-Round

For information about alumni chapter events in your area, visit UOnline.net and click on "Regional Alumni Chapters" or call the alumni office at the number below.

UOnline.net

Anytime

This password-protected website connects alumni to the University and each other. UOnline.net carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows alumni to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events and permanent e-mail forwarding.

Contact Information

For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit UOnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumnioffice@richmond.edu.

REUNION

Chris Sizemore, R'60, and Anne Mills Sizemore, W'61, enjoy the alumni picnic on Westhampton Green.



Lori Bailey, '05, (left) and Sarah Harrison, '05, reunite at the Robins School of Business event.



From the left, J.T. Matthes, '95, and her daughter, Margo, join Katelyn and her mother, Lori Ann Riehl, '95, at the alumni picnic.



From the left, Brent Meadows, B'90, Paul Fallon, R'90, and Jason Fair, B'90, pause for a photo at Reunion Celebration.



Karen Multhaup Ibay, '00, and Gerry Ibay, '00 and L'07, brought their son, Austin, to the alumni picnic.



Emily Daggart (left) brought her grandmother, Dell Williams Smith, W'40, to the Boatwright Society dinner.



Christine Slinghoff Crowe, B'90, (left) and Trudy Hosang Sanderson, W'90, renew their friendship at Reunion Celebration.



From the left, 2005 classmates Ladi Mosadomi, Tim May, Brian Platt, and Matt Carew enjoy the Richmond College reception.



President Edward Ayers leads alumni on a Richmond history tour during Reunion Weekend.



From the left, Cynthia Lee Shelhorse, W'65, Millie Bradshaw Hotchkiss, W'65, and Liz Morris Meador, W'65, reconnect at the Westhampton College reception.



WEEKEND 2010



From the left, Margie Donald Miller, W'60, Linda Morgan Lemmon, W'60, and Nancy Wheeler Farthing, W'60, display a photo from their Westhampton College days.



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to alumni@richmond.edu, fax it to (804) 287-1221 or mail it to: Class Connections, Alumni Relations Office, Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, VA 23173

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Key

- B** Robins School of Business
- C** School of Continuing Studies
- G** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- GC** Graduate School of Continuing Studies
- GB** Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of Business
- H** Honorary Degree
- L** School of Law
- R** Richmond College
- W** Westhampton College

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CLASS OF '41

Reunion Reminder

June 3-5, 2011

If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

A Christmas card came from our scholarship student, **Leona Ying Lei Chan, '09**, thanking us for our support in helping her achieve her goals during her senior year. She says she wishes to learn more about the women of 1941.

I have spoken with **Antoinette "Toni" Wirth Whittet** and **Mayme O'Flaherty Stone**. We exchanged physical problems—numb fingertips for Toni, making writing and typing difficult, and decreasing eyesight for Mayme. She and her son, **Richard "Dick" O'Flaherty Stone, R'73**, enjoyed visits with family in June 2009 in Nags Head, N.C., and during Thanksgiving at daughter Beth's home in Charlotte, N.C.

We're not too old to travel, but it isn't easy. I am living with an aortic aneurysm, but I am feeling fine and keeping busy. I have spent a week or two in Sandbridge, Va., with my son, Enders, who is from Michigan.

Please send me news or phone me. Our 70-year reunion will take place in spring 2011.

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CLASS OF '42

Mary Wilson Worthington still lives alone and is able to drive. One of her granddaughters will enter the University of North Carolina in the fall. Mary's grandson was married in May 2009 in Nags Head, N.C., where the family enjoys her 1885 cottage five or six months each year. In December, Mary spoke to **Laura Jenkins Cornell**, whose grandson was in Afghanistan. I'm sad to report that Laura and her husband, George, were mourning the recent death of their oldest son in Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their family.

Congratulations to **Marjorie Wilson Glick**, who has a new great-grandchild.

Dorothy Hall Schenck was ill and very weak when I called her Atlanta

home. We sincerely hope for Dee's full recovery.

Clarine Cunningham Bergren is still playing bridge and driving. Her youngest son, a surgeon and Naval Reservist, was being deployed to Germany for a year. Clarine recently heard from **Rosellen Hoffman Via**, who enjoys traveling.

I was able to have only a brief conversation with **Eunice Bass Browning**, but her daughter assured me that Eunice is keeping busy at HeartFields.

Many thanks for keeping in touch.
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CLASS OF '46

Reunion Reminder

June 3-5, 2011

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I heard from **Irene White Bain**, who has been living near her daughter in Chesapeake, Va., for several years. She still misses Richmond, but feels that Chesapeake is home now. She was able to visit their "rivah house" several times last summer.

Jean White Robeson's husband, Andy, sent a Christmas greeting last year with a collage of family photographs showing their wonderful 61 years together. Andy's comment was, "We hope there is no end in sight."

Marie Peachee Wicker has been living in a retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C., since 2004. She has recovered from two strokes. Her daughter, Beth, lives in "a cow pasture" in South Carolina, according to Peachee. Her granddaughter goes to Wooster College in Ohio. Peachee's daughter, Fields, is still in London and has a country place in Wiltshire. Fields travels extensively in her work with Leader Quest. She was named a member of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

Nancy Todd Lewis, of Gatesville, N.C., had a knee replacement. Nancy's son, daughter-in-law, and grandson traveled to Peru on a mission trip. The couple had started a church called Faith Outreach in a garage at the sawmill that is run by

her daughter, Nan, and her husband. The church now has several hundred members, and they are ready to build a new sanctuary. Nancy's daughter, Jackie, lives across the road from Nancy on the family homestead. Daughter Georgia Lee teaches in Suffolk, Va.

I'm sorry to report a number of deaths. Alfred Howe Todd, Nancy's brother and the widower of our classmate **Joyce Eubank Todd**, died in January. Howe retired as acting city manager of Richmond in 1986. Many of us knew and admired him. As you may remember, Joyce died in 1998.

Anne Beverly Ryland died peacefully on Dec. 29, 2009, in Alexandria, Va. Bev had retired from teaching Spanish in Natural Bridge, Va. She has enjoyed many trips, ranging from the Grand Canyon to the Great Wall of China to a balloon ride over Kenya. Those of us who regularly went to Deltaville, Va., in the summer will miss the blessing she always gave for lunch in Español.

I'm distressed to also tell you that **J. Ralph Shotwell, R**, husband of **Virginia Lambeth Shotwell**, died in Palmetto, Fla., on Feb. 22 of complications from surgery. Ralph was known for his involvement in social justice and ecumenical projects. His ashes were interred in the University's Columbarium and Memorial Garden next to Cannon Memorial Chapel. Our sympathy goes to Virginia and the family.

In case you didn't see the "In Memoriam" section of the last alumni magazine, I want to tell you that **Margaret Macy Chevins** and **Marjorie Webb Rowe** passed away. Margaret lived in Key Largo, Fla., and died in July 2009. She and her husband played golf all over the world, and she won many tournaments. She especially enjoyed playing courses that frowned on women players. We send our sympathy to her family. Marjorie, a former teacher in Chesterfield County, Norfolk, and Henrico County, Va., died on July 27, 2009. She worked for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* from 1959 to 1974 as a reporter and later as editor of the women's section.

Please let me hear from you.
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CLASS OF '48

A beautiful portrait of Jessica Lynn Suttentfield appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Jan. 10, 2010, the day after her wedding to Christopher Bernard Duke. If you saw it, you undoubtedly recognized her striking resemblance to our own **Jacqueline Pitt Suttentfield**, wife of **James Emerson Suttentfield, R'49**. Jackie hosted a bridesmaids' luncheon at the Country Club of Virginia.

Jean Brumsey Biscoe is recuperating well from a fall that injured her sternum. Jean and I reminisced about our role models when we were growing up—our mothers particularly—and others at Westhampton College and the University of Richmond. We were extremely fortunate to have so many caring people to emulate.

Judy Barnett Seelhorst was named United Methodist Woman of the Year for her district last fall. Judy knits French fur trader hats for her son and his two boys, who participate in the reenactment of Kentucky's founding. Judy also serves on the county library board and is helping to plan a new main library. I hope she makes time to visit her grandchildren. One is a voice major at the College of Charleston and the other is a Ph.D. candidate at Cal Berkeley.

Frances Stuart Bailey and her husband, **Rolen Bailey, R'49**, are happily ensconced at Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community in Culpeper, Va. They now can gather the Richmond contingent for trips to Massanutten and the lake. Their son, John, town manager of Orange, Va., can visit them along with his son and daughter, Augusta and Chase, who live nearby. Rolen and Frances do miss their Ridge Baptist Church fellowship.

Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles of Tulsa, Okla., loved receiving the University's beautiful 2010 calendar. "Buildings appear and the acres of woodlands are diminishing," she says, "and yet our campus is still quite lovely." She often is on the road visiting daughter Mary in San Antonio, son Jim in Plano, Texas, or son Sid and his family in Oakland, Calif.

My grandson is home from Afghanistan after the success of his infantry sniper unit in Marjah. Sgt. Brock has mustered out and is in college, while his wife, Allie, is finishing up at U.Va. Their son, Gunner Lee, is five months old.



Then and Now

Ellie Faye Hines Kilpatrick, W'48, and Robert Kilpatrick, R'48, were among the first alumni couples to celebrate their weddings in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The colorized photo from that day (above) hangs in the Bride's Room of the chapel. Hundreds of double alumni couples have followed in their footsteps, including Tara Stanley Zinna, '97, and Michael Zinna, '96, pictured below.



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CLASS OF '50

As I was writing this, preparations for our 60-year reunion were underway. When you are reading this, that wonderful event will be over. Just making it to our 60th is an amazing accomplishment.

We have some great news from **Maryanne Bugg Lambert**. She and Pete are now great-grandparents. Little Ben was born Oct. 30, 2009, and Maggie, who arrived on Jan. 1, 2010, was the first baby of the year to be born at Richmond's St. Mary's Hospital.

Ellen Largent Perlman and Al enjoyed a Caribbean cruise for Christmas vacation. They continue to be active members of their local World Affairs Council and are involved in the Florida Life Care Residents Association. Their varied cultural interests include going to the theater, poetry classes that Ellen teaches, and attending international telecasts at local theaters from the Metropolitan Opera.

Frances "Franny" Sutton Oliver writes that she and Raymond have had a difficult year physically, but they continue to support each other and their children and grandchildren. Her daughter, **Cynthia Oliver Butler, W'81**, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to celebrate her 50th birthday. Franny and Raymond recently enjoyed a personal tour of the Virginia governor's mansion conducted by former First Lady Anne Holton.

Jean Tinsley Martin and Roy spent several weeks in Florida in January.

Frances "Franie" Chandler Long regrets that she will be unable to attend our reunion. Her son, Allen, who lives in California, will be coming to visit on his spring break during the same weekend. Franie sent an obituary for **Peggy Campbell Tait**, a member of our freshman class, who died Nov. 29, 2009.

Prior to his last illness, Les and I enjoyed a relaxing cruise to Bermuda. After his death, Les was honored at Hathaway Tower with a memorial celebration on Veterans Day. He was interred on Jan. 20, 2010, in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Our family has been blessed by the warmth and compas-



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sion of loving friends.

This might be my last letter as secretary of the Class of 1950. Thank you for the splendid flow of information that you have sent to me throughout my tenure.

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CLASS OF '51

Reunion Reminder

June 3-5, 2011

If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

Betsy Bethune Langhorne left the February snow behind and enjoyed a cruise to the Panama Canal with friends from Westminster Canterbury.

Jean Love Hanson is recovering well from total knee replacement surgery in February.

At Christmas, my husband, **Bob Coppock, L'67**, and I were in Denver for a cold, snowy week with our children and grandchildren.

I would love to hear from all of you.

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CLASS OF '52

The new Westhampton Center, which is linked to the Deanery, was completed in October 2009. The 5,900-square-foot, multipurpose building features a large living room as well as office space upstairs. It is absolutely beautiful. There are display cases in place, but they cannot possibly hold everything, so there most likely will be a rotating exhibit of memorabilia.

Addie Eicks Comegys continues to gather Westhampton memorabilia from class members to be archived at the Deanery. Class contributions include a Westhampton beanie, Daisy Chain pillows, photographs, and ballet shoes.

Georgianna McTeer Cooke and **Mary Ann Coates Edel** had a brief but wonderful reunion on Christmas Day in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Georgianna was visiting her son, Dawes, and family, while Mary Ann was spending Christmas with her daughter, Cammy, and family. The two children live near

each other in Mount Pleasant. Georgie and her daughter, Betsy, live in Port Royal, S.C., overlooking the McTeer Bridge, which was named for her father. Mary Ann and her husband, **Don Edel, R'49**, are retired and live in Richmond.

S.E. "Betty" Fugate recently saw **Barbara Ferre Phillips**, one of her freshman roommates. Betty lived in Jacksonville, Fla., for 20 years, moved to Virginia for the next 20 years, lived in Asheville, N.C., for four years, and is now in Fernandina Beach, Fla. She has a son in business in Florida, a daughter who acts and teaches in Chicago, and a daughter in Asheville, N.C., who is an attorney. I hope that Betty and her sister, **Jo Fugate Lozier, W'53**, can come to the next reunion.

After spending two weeks at Elderhostels in Florida, **Harriet Willingham Johnson** and **Walter** visited **Henrietta Dow Vinson** and B.C. at their home in Orlando, Fla.

Sarah Barlow Wright visited British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, last summer. On another trip, she took her grandchildren, ages 10 and 12, to Shenandoah National Park, the Children's Museum in Portsmouth, Fort Monroe, and the Casemate Museum. She continues to travel within Virginia, including a trip to the annual scholarship luncheon at UR and to lunch with **Eleanor Persons Hays** and **Robert Hayes, R'49**, and **Kathleene Cooke O'Bier** and **Aaron H. O'Bier, R'51**. She volunteers at the local nursing home, where she reads to residents with macular degeneration.

Keep your news coming.

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CLASS OF '53

Patti Thompson Stoy and **Dut** enjoyed a trip to San Francisco. Patti has heard from two of our Westhampton classmates who are members of PEO, as she is, and she would like to hear from others who also belong to the organization.

Carolyn Carter Birdsong's daughter, Ann, teaches science at Pocahontas Middle School in Henrico County, Va., and her son-in-law, Jim, is on the faculty at St. Catherine's. The couple's daughter, Grace, attends Connecticut

College, where she is studying to become a museum curator. Their son, Bennett, is at the University of Tampa, learning to play all of the orchestral instruments in preparation for a career as a symphony conductor. Carolyn's son, Bill, has decided he wants to go back to college for additional degrees.

Betty O'Bannon Culp and **Ralph** enjoyed a visit from **Betty Lear Miller** in September. Betty says she and Ralph "remain in reasonably good health and were pleased to have the children home for Thanksgiving." They have two sons and two daughters. Their grandchildren's many activities include competing on swim teams and playing soccer, the French horn, and classical guitar.

Betty Montgomery Marsh forwarded the obituary for her husband, the late **Cecil E. Marsh, R**, which appeared in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Jan. 20, 2010. Cecil's service to others spanned nearly 60 years. Those were years of momentous change, but the kindness, energy, creativity, and will to service exemplified by Cecil have never gone out of fashion.

If you did not receive an e-mail message from me requesting news for this edition of the magazine, it is because the address that I have for you is no longer current. Please send your correct e-mail address to me.

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CLASS OF '54

Jane Gill Tombes and her husband, **Averett Tombes, R**, moved from Northern Virginia to Richmond. They live in Brandermill Woods and enjoy being closer to their three sons, who live in the area. Their daughter lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Cos Washburn Barnes visited Israel in February with a group from her church.

George and I have lived in an independent-living cottage at Cedarfield for over a year. We enjoyed the snow this past winter, as Cedarfield did all the shoveling and road clearing.

Please send me news about you and other classmates by Aug. 15, 2010. There is a four-month lapse between the news deadline and when it appears in the alumni magazine.

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CLASS OF '55

I hope you had the pleasure of attending the 55-year reunion for the Class of 1955. Our reunion activities will be reported in the next issue of the alumni magazine by our new secretary, **Nancy Johnson White**. Please stay in touch with Nancy by e-mail, white@vcu.edu, or at her home address, 8228 S. Mayfield Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. **Burrell Williams Stultz** will chair the Class of 1955 for the next five years and will direct our 60-year reunion.

On Jan. 29, 2010, classmates who live in the Richmond area gathered for lunch at the Heilman Dining Center. Those enjoying the excellent food and cheerful conversation were **Jean Crittenden Kauffman**, **Ann Shirlee Garrett Maxson**, **Nancy Johnson White**, **Jackie Kilby Brooks**, **Alice McCarty Haggerty**, **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Grace Phillips Webb**, **Jean Ruddle Migneault**, **Sue Smith Van Wickler**, **Burrell Williams Stultz**, **Joy Winstead**, and me.

Peggy Armstrong Tluszc has led a fulfilling life in the Shenandoah Valley, where she likes being surrounded by her beloved mountains. She helps with the Valley Music Festival Guild and with her church's neighborhood missions.

Maritza Garrido McManus was hoping to travel from California to Virginia for our reunion weekend.

Renee Gartner Diamonstein has traveled extensively on each of the seven continents, with the exception of Antarctica. While in South America, she traveled in every country except Brazil.

Mariah Chisholm Hasker and her husband made a Christmas trip to Los Angeles to celebrate with their older son. They then flew to Houston to visit their younger son.

Jean Crittenden Kauffman was planning a June trip to Provence, France, with her three daughters.

Bev Drake Herring and her husband are happy living at the Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury. Their greatest joys come from their 17 grandchildren. Four are married and five are in college.

Myra Embrey Wormald and her husband also enjoy five granddaughters and 12 grandsons. Three are in college, and earlier this year, one was competing for a scholarship at the University of Richmond. Myra and Bob are very active in their faith.

Marty Glenn Taylor has written and published a book about Morattico, Va., her hometown village in the 1930s and 1940s.

Peggy Hall Flippen enjoys playing golf at her Florida retirement location in a ladies' nine-hole league. Peggy did take a break from the game while recovering from hip and knee replacements.

Ann King Lucas has moved back to Radford, Va., and is pleased with her new home. One of her former kindergarten students manages the grocery store where she shops.

Pat Minor Hoover, Arnett Kizzia Bromell, and Sarah Dornon Bradley planned to come from Florida for our reunion weekend. Arnett was expecting **Mary Nelson Bolton** and **Pat Kantner Knick** also to be in attendance.

Ruth Owen Batt planned to travel from Florida to visit with **Nancy Johnson White** and attend the class reunion events.

Emily Menefee Johnston celebrated the birth of a granddaughter on Jan. 7, 2010.

Virginia "Sunshine" Murden continues to arrange flowers for her church and for friends' special events.

After 25 years of living in the woods on 30 acres, **Ann Pettit Getts** has bought a condominium and is enjoying an easier lifestyle. Ann is part of a street ministry to the homeless in Concord, N.H. She also enjoys a community Bible study and spending time with her large family.

Ethel "Smitty" Amacher's daughter and family have moved to Charlottesville, Va. Ethel says her grandsons, who attend Woodberry Forest School in Madison, Va., could be potential recruits for the UR football coach.

Gail Tench Miller enjoys playing bridge, knitting, and reading in retirement. Gail has lived in Emerald Isle, N.C., for 10 years.

Alice Creath McCullough may be our newest retiree.

This past year **Joy Winstead** served as president of the Boatwright Society, and she will continue on the board as past president.

Serving as our class secretary has been a joy because it has kept us in



A life full of surprises

Ellen Hodges Proxmire, W'46

"We took our education very seriously," says Ellen Proxmire, recalling her days at Westhampton College. "The Richmond years were full of learning, optimism, and friendship—truly treasured times."

Ellen moved to Richmond with her family during World War II because the U.S. Patent Office, where her father worked, relocated temporarily from Washington, D.C., to Richmond. At Westhampton, she majored in psychology and competed on the women's field hockey, basketball, and swim teams.

Ellen moved to Wisconsin and married William Proxmire, who won a special election in 1957 to replace Joe McCarthy in the U.S. Senate. Proxmire represented the Badger State for 32 years, setting a Senate record by casting more than 10,000 consecutive roll call votes. He was known for his "Golden Fleece Awards," which lampooned wasteful government spending. On the Senate floor, he sat next to fellow freshman Senator John F. Kennedy, and the Kennedys and Proxmires became good friends.

Ellen joined the other senators' wives rolling bandages for the Red Cross, but she eventually developed her own career. After co-chairing Kennedy's inaugural balls, she and two friends began a wedding consulting business, a company that eventually became Washington Inc., the largest event-planning enterprise in the city.

Last year Ellen received the President's Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recognizing her longtime support of the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington. She also has helped raise money for Alzheimer's research through Copper Ridge, the residential facility that cared for her husband in the last years of his life.

Now she is writing a book about her career after participating in an oral history project featuring interviews with her late husband's associates. "I haven't yet listened to it," she says, "but I'm sure there are things in there that I don't know. Bill was full of surprises."

—Betty M. van Iersel

touch. Please continue to share your news with **Nancy Johnson White**, but do not delete my e-mail address. It will still be good to occasionally see a classmate's name pop up in a message. Please also remember, when you send your monetary support to the University, to direct your contributions to the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George Modlin Scholarship.

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CLASS OF '56

Reunion Reminder

June 3-5, 2011

If you would like to help plan your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

Prior to the Boatwright Society board meeting last December, society members were invited to a breakfast and update by the University's director of admission, Michael Kabbaz. In attendance were **Edna Wagstaff Warncke, Ann Peery Oppenheimer** and **Boo, Helen Melton Lukhard** and **Dee, Pat McElroy Smith, and Dottie Stiff Price** and **Madison Price, R'55**. Afterwards, Helen and I attended the board meeting.

On Jan. 25, a group of us from the Richmond area met at the Heilman Dining Center for lunch. **Doris Huffman Moore, Charlotte Hart Simpson, Janet Knobel Jones, Phyllis Gee Wacker, Helen Melton Lukhard, Joyce Still Gibson, Dottie Stiff Price, Pat McElroy Smith,** and **Nancy Denton** from the Office of Planned Giving attended. We were given a delightful tour of the new Westhampton Center by Dean Juliette Landphair. This is the second addition to the Deanery as we knew it, and it is quite lovely.

It's hard to believe, but our 55-year reunion is approaching! It is scheduled for June 3-5, 2011. We're hoping to see all of you there! **Helen Melton Lukhard** was so impressed with the Westhampton Center that she has scheduled a luncheon for us there on Friday, June 3, 2011, so be sure to come to our Reunion Weekend.

Edith Borjes Greer's twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl, are in col-



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lege in North Carolina.

Jan Hogge Atkins was excited to read about UR's basketball team in the Illinois newspaper. She usually comes to Richmond each spring to visit her sister.

Charlotte Hart Simpson and Bill are enjoying mall walking, eating out, reading mysteries, Second Baptist Church, their children, grandchildren, and five cats.

Betty Brinkley Hayward enjoys working at a college tennis tournament each year, visiting her sister in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., visiting her children in Boston and Vermont, and playing tennis and bridge.

Joyce Still Gibson and **Harold Gibson, R**, enjoy traveling, spending time at their beach house, and attending UR basketball and football games. They have teenage granddaughters and twin toddler grandchildren—a boy and girl. Joyce is active at River Road Church and enjoys playing bridge.

Barbara Pratt Willis and Mac spent three weeks in India and Nepal. Barbara flew around Mount Everest and also took a long camel ride. She said she felt totally safe and enjoyed it all.

In February **Janet Knobel Jones** enjoyed a three-week trip to southeast Asia, cruising from Hong Kong to Singapore. Along the way, she toured Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand.

I am getting ready to represent our class at the University's scholarship donor luncheon. To continue adding to our scholarship, please make your checks out to the University of Richmond and put "Class of '56 Scholarship" in the memo line.

On a sad note, **Barbara Jinkins Keville** died Feb. 27, 2010. She had liver cancer but had only known about it for a short while. While Barbara did not graduate with our class, many of us remember her fondly.

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CLASS OF '57

In February, **Katherine "Kakie" Parr Jenkins** was recovering nicely from a broken kneecap. She was still going to physical therapy at the time and had

returned to full-time volunteering in her granddaughter Aly's school.

Beverley Ambler Richardson and her husband travel back and forth between their homes in Bowling Green, Ky., and Signal Mountain, Tenn. She and her husband want to live on the mountain close to their son and family, but real estate in Bowling Green is not moving at all, except starter homes. They enjoy their two teenage granddaughters. Bev's most exciting news was a visit from a junior high school friend.

Pat Fitzwater Dean lives in Jamestown, N.C. She was a science teacher in Newport News, Va., and North Carolina, but is now retired. Her older son has two children.

Lucy Burnett Garmon is staying active professionally, even though she is semi-retired. Last winter, she was preparing to present a paper,

Madison Square Garden. She and a friend also attended the pre-Westminster dog fashion show, Skybark, at the Hotel Pennsylvania's Sky Bar.

I attended the annual meeting of the Biophysical Society in San Francisco in February. While there, I enjoyed a morning walk through the forest of stately coastal redwoods at Muir Woods and an afternoon visit to the Exploratorium.

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CLASS OF '58

Elinor DeLong Belk lives in Fairfax, Va., where she continues to teach fifth- and sixth-graders with learning disabilities at Daniels Run Elementary

Did you know?

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan delivered the keynote address at Richmond's main commencement ceremony on May 9. Find out what he told the graduates on page 3.

"Workshop Approach in Physical Chemistry: A Preliminary Evaluation," at a conference on engaging students of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Lucy and her husband planned a June trip to Florida, where their son has been voted permanent minister of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville.

Grace Raveling Cofer and her husband, **Richard "Gent" Cofer, R**, enjoyed a visit from Aimee Lee, her daughter Pam, who teaches at the University of New Mexico, and Aimee Lee's two grandchildren. They had a wonderful time getting to know the children, and reminiscing. Gent's daughter, her husband, and three children visited them during Christmas week and loved all the festivities at Colonial Williamsburg.

In February, I met **Lee Feild Griffiths** in New York City, where we enjoyed the day together. The main reason Lee came to the city was to attend the Westminster Dog Show in

School. Both of her daughters, **Mary Belk Farrar, W'82**, and **Elinor Belk Mutascio Kinnier, W'87**, live fairly close by. Grandson Bo is on the football team at Oakton High School. Granddaughter Rebecca is attending a nearby community college, and the two little ones are in first and second grade.

Carol Brie Williams enjoyed spending the winter in her new home in Mexico.

Margaret Williams Ketner and Bruce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island, Fla. Daughter Laura, her husband Greg, and the grandchildren celebrated with them. Margaret and Bruce were married in 1959 in Cannon Memorial Chapel.

Last winter **Mary Simpson Garrett** traveled to Arizona to get away from all the snow. She later enjoyed a golf trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Sarah Ashburn Holder, along with her son and his 8-year-old daughter, visited **Carolyn Smith**

Yarbrough. Prior to that, she enjoyed a visit from **Kay Trimble** and **Bob Trimble, B'61**. Sarah's late husband, **Gene Liewellyn Holder, R'59**, and Bob were in SAE together.

Carolyn Smith Yarbrough has a new grandchild, Dabney Lewis Yarbrough. He is the son of Carolyn's youngest child, Walker, and his wife, Melissa. Carolyn has four other grandchildren.

Libby Jarrett Burger and Wilber spent last January and February in Florida.

Violet Moor Neal and **Jack M. Neal, R'57**, have a new granddaughter, Ellie Rose Neal. She is the daughter of their son, John, and his wife, Lindsey.

Cora Sue Elmore Spruill and **Joe Spruill Jr., R'55**, took their granddaughter and her parents on a Richmond campus visit during Christmas break. A professor saw them peeking around and let them into the Modlin Center. The door to the Gottwald Science Center was open, and they were impressed by that facility. They ran into **Suzanne Kidd Bunting** in the Weinstein Center for Recreation and Wellness.

Carolyn Moss Hartz and **Ransone Hartz, R**, enjoyed their tradition of spending five weeks in Barbados. Carolyn's sister and brother-in-law were there with them again. Carolyn is doing well and continues exercising three days a week at St. Mary's Hospital rehab center.

Peggy Ware visited **Lola Hall McBride** and her husband at their mountain home in Highland County, Va. Peggy was impressed by the windmills they are erecting to generate electricity. Lola was looking forward to the Highland Maple Festival, which is held every year in March. Lola and **Dottie Goodman Lewis** see each other about once a month with their high school "lunch bunch."

Dottie Goodman Lewis is still working with publications of the Church and Synagogue Library Association. She has an editor in New York City, a printer and mailer in Kansas City, and columnists all over the country. Dottie was in Houston for a board meeting and had a lovely dinner with **Anne Hite Owen Huband**. Anne taught high school math but is now retired and works with the opera. She goes to Europe every year.

Dottie met **Carolyn Smith**

Yarbrough, Carolyn Moss Hartz, and **Ransone Hartz, R,** in Durham, N.C., for the funeral of **Gene Liewellyn Holder, R'59.** She says it was a lovely service.

Anne Hite Owen Huband and **Otis** traveled to a weeklong baroque festival and later went to Paris and northern France for a month.

Joanne Byrd Giles has spent a lot of time in the doctor's office or the hospital with her husband, **Leslie Haile Giles, R,** who had bypass surgery. He is now recovering at home.

Mary Alice Revere Woerner thanks everyone for their prayers and thoughts during her hospitalization in 2009. She is almost back to 100 percent.

Marti Haislip Padgett and her husband, **Robert Padgett, B'60,** had a wonderful trip to Ireland. Among the places they visited were Galway, the Cliffs of Moher (where they hiked the rugged cliffs), many castles, the village of Cong, and the Donegal Tweed Center. They also spent five days seeing the sights in Dublin.

Nancy Goodwyn Hill's grandson earned his Eagle Scout badge. She and **Jackson** planned to travel to New York for the ceremony.

Eleanor Driver Arnold and **Chuck** are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a cruise on the *Queen Mary* from New York to Halifax, Nova Scotia, by way of Boston. Their two sons, their wives, and all the grandchildren will be on board.

Nancy Jane Cyrus Bains and **George** planned to visit Panama and will join an Exploritas group (a new name for Elderhostel). They will learn about the history of the country and the construction of the canal as they travel through the canal on a small ship.

Suzanne Kidd Bunting works part time in the UR admission office. There were more than 8,600 applications this year—the most ever. Her grandson, **Jake**, graduated from James Madison University last year and is working on a master's degree in teaching history. Granddaughters **Lia** and **Allyn** are both involved in service programs—one in Africa and the other in South America. **Lia** is at the College of Charleston and **Allyn** finished high school a semester early.

Suzanne accompanies Heartstrings, a diverse group of women who sing each week at different assisted-living facilities. She finds it a remarkably rewarding experience. **Suzanne** has two beautiful King Charles spaniels.

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CLASS OF '59

At the annual UR scholarship luncheon in April, **Bonnie Lewis Haynie** and **Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum** received a certificate for the Westhampton College Class of 1959 Scholarship on behalf of our class.

Mary Ann Williams Haske's son, **Jim**, and his wife, **Liz**, took a three-month hike through Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Ecuador and spent a week in Bali. In July they flew to Jakarta and spent a week in New Zealand. Her grandson, **Reed**, is an excellent first-grade reader. Granddaughter **Madison** is a sixth-grader and a member of Indian Princesses.

Sylvia "Sibby" Haddock Young and **Paige Allen Young, R,** and their family were featured in *Boating World Magazine* in June 2009. They welcomed the arrival of their fifth grandchild, **Blake Peter Fell**, born Jan. 12, 2010, to their daughter **Grace Young Fell, '94**, and her husband, **Brian Michael Fell, '96.** **Sibby** and **Paige** have exchange students from Australia in the family—their own son and daughter-in-law.

Nancy Hopkins Phillips and her husband, **William Phillips Sr., R'58,** went to Arizona in early March to get away from 55 inches of snow at their home and to visit their grandson at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he is doing intelligence training. **Nancy** and **Bill** welcomed their first great-grandchild, **Luke Caleb Edwards**, in May.

Barbara Kriz Anderson went with her daughter and family to Hershey, Pa., where Hershey's Chocolate World was first on their list. Her grandchildren loved Hershey Park, and the Santa brunch at the Hershey Hotel was a highlight for both young and old. **Barbara** also received a card from **Dzintra Klaupiks Infante**, who was visiting her son over the holidays.

Cary Hancock Gilmer and her husband, **Don**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2009 at Breaks Interstate Park in Virginia. During their family vacation at Ocean Isle, N.C., in July 2009, their daughters and their families hosted a party in their honor. In fall 2009, **Cary** and **Don** took a rail trip across Canada.

They remain actively involved at Cave Spring Baptist Church, where **Don** continues to enjoy his work with Habitat for Humanity.

Cary's granddaughter, **Morgan**, daughter of **Garylee** and **Doug**, attends college at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. Grandson **Ike** is a high school senior, and **Jess** is a freshman. **Cary** and **Don** spent Thanksgiving with friends in Roanoke, Va., and Christmas in Jacksonville, Fla., with family. Son **Justin** is still in the Marine Corps Reserve and also attends college. **Liza** is a junior at Liberty University. **Melanie**, who has been battling a resistant staph infection in her sinuses for almost a year, has been at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

Ann Copeland Denton Ryder, R'58, and her husband, **J. Eugene Ryder, R**, wrote that the past several years have been very trying. **Gene** was in the hospital for a week in January, but as of early March he was doing well.

Elizabeth Goldman Solomon visited Atlanta for both Christmas and New Year's. She has three wonderful children, one of whom is a daughter-in-law, and two wonderful granddaughters. She continues with her tutoring business.

Bonnie Lewis Haynie and her husband, **Robert "Jerry" Haynie, B**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 16, 2010. Their daughter, **Anne Wallis**, and their son, **Scott**, threw them a surprise party. They later spent several days at the Greenbrier Hotel in West Virginia.

Eileen Cordle Harris and **I** both spent the first week in August 2009 in North Carolina; she vacationed in Rodanthe and **I** spent the week in Nags Head.

In March **Jean Gardy Deitz** and her husband, **David Deitz, B'60**, became grandparents.

Nancy "Kippy" Kipps Hughey and her husband, **Ray**, attended not only our 50-year reunion, but also a "mid-fifties reunion" in October in Blacksburg, Va. Members of the classes from 1953–56 spent two days at Mountain Lake Resort near Blacksburg. In February 2009, **Nancy** and **Ray** drove to Sarasota, Fla., for **Ray's** annual checkup. After 10 years, there are no signs of returning cancer. They spent their winter vacation in Florida, as well as visiting friends in North Carolina and South Carolina.

In April 2009 they were in Virginia

Beach, Va., for **Nancy's** birthday, and they celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in the Brandywine Valley of Delaware.

In May 2009, **Nancy** and **Ray** traveled to Indianapolis to visit their son, **Mike**, and his family. They enjoyed Thanksgiving with their daughter, **Jo**, and her husband, **Wayne**.

Mary Marlowe Price continues to work at Volume II Bookstore near Virginia Tech. She is learning how to say "thank you" in many different languages in order to thank customers in their native tongues. Her grandson, **Andrew**, has changed his major at Virginia Tech to landscape construction. Her granddaughter, **Jocelyn**, a senior in high school, was first team all-state in volleyball, and she has accepted a spot on the team at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C.

Mary Jackie Connell Atkinson and her husband, **Charles**, love living in North Carolina. They recommend the continuing-care retirement community lifestyle. Responsibilities in their community and at church keep them busy. They enjoy their grandchildren: **Ben**; **Missy**; **Randy**, a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill; and **Sarah**, a ballerina and freshman at the UNC School of Arts in Winston-Salem.

They have one grandchild graduating from high school every year for the next four years. It was a special treat for them to have the whole family home for the holidays.

In February 2009, after **Charles** recovered from a fractured pelvis, they took a roundtrip cruise from San Diego to Hawaii. They also took a trip to Branson, Mo. **Charles'** multiple myeloma is still "smoldering," and **Jackie's** cancer was in remission as of Christmas 2009.

Jolien Edwards Mierke and her husband, **Edward Mierke Jr., R'60**, went to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas in December 2009 and planned to stay a week, but Mother Nature had other plans. The Washington area had a huge snowstorm the day before they were to return, and they were stuck in Las Vegas for two extra days.

I'm afraid I must close this letter on a sad note: **Peggy Dulin Crews** passed away on April 4. Her obituary will appear in the fall issue.

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CLASS CONNECTIONS

CLASS OF '60

Paul Gross, R. was elected to the board of trustees for Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga.

CLASS OF '61

Reunion Reminder

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CLASS OF '62

Sandra Wallace enjoyed a nice weekend at Dandridge Resort near Knoxville, Tenn., courtesy of her son, Matt, and daughter-in-law, Christi. Sandra particularly enjoyed it because Matt and Christi did all the cooking.

Judith Trunzo wrote a lovely letter asking all of us to please remember the people of Haiti in their time of need. She continues enjoying her kittens and life in her French village.

Nancy Byrd Vaughan Downey is enjoying her grandchildren. She often travels to Charleston, S.C., to visit her son, who has just opened a tour business. She and Pete are enjoying the golden years by way of a knee replacement.

Libby Wampler Jarrett has published the book *Becoming Clara Belle: A Novel Approach*. The setting of the book is Rockingham County, Va., where Libby grew up, and the characters are fictional but familiar. She says that the section in which Clara Belle enters college should be of particular interest to the Class of 1962. Libby missed most of the snow last winter on her annual RV trip to Florida.

Pamela Koch Fay-Williams and her husband moved to Ashland, Va., this spring to be near their daughters and grandchildren. Pam's mother died in February at age 91.

Bill and I visited friends and relatives on the way to Florida in February. In Atlanta, we had lunch with **Karen Blake Wible**. It was so good to see her. Karen moved to Atlanta to be near two of her children, Sarah and Jed. Her daughter Mary lives in Durham, N.C. Karen is thoroughly enjoying her six grandchildren. Please let me know if you would like Karen's new address.

When we arrived in Florida, we

visited **Marcia Bowman Mosby, W'61**, and **Sandy Mosby** in their RV park in Punta Gorda.

Please send class news to me anytime. The deadline for the winter issue is Aug. 15.

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CLASS OF '63

It is with deep sadness that I report the death of **Carol Winfield Eliot**, who died of cancer on Jan. 25, 2010. She had been a religion and psychology teacher for 25 years at National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. She is survived by her husband, Frank C. Eliot, sons Andrew, Christopher, and Phillip, and one granddaughter.

Patsy Anne Bickerstaff was surprised to find she was a "cover girl" on UR's Osher Institute catalog for spring 2009. She also was in the institute's fall catalog. After spending time last year with her son and his family in Vermont, Patsy visited the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Boston, and New York. She had the honor of being accepted into the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and currently is in her last year as president of the Poetry Society of Virginia. This summer she will teach a mini-course on writing light verse at the Osher Institute.

Jose Lovelady Cuffe enjoys visiting various family members in Ohio, Georgia, Florida, and Nags Head and Emerald Isle, N.C. In January she and Frank enjoyed a seven-day cruise with family to Honduras, Belize, Mexico, and Key West, Fla. They are involved in their church and in various community organizations. Jose is also taking piano lessons and loving it.

I love hearing from all of you. The next deadline for news is Aug. 1.

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at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

Nancy Hilliard Campbell lives in Norfolk, Va. She was a reading specialist for 22 years in nearby Hampton, retired two years ago, and has gone back to work. Her daughter, Jean, who graduated from Virginia Tech, is married and teaches in Durham, N.C., and she has a daughter, Angela, 7. Travel is Nancy's favorite pastime. She has been to Alaska, Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru. Last year she spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand.

Last Christmas was the "best ever" for **Millie Kaiser Fleetwood** with the most wonderful gift—her first grandchild, Ethan Chase Dievert. He was born Dec. 19 with a full head of brown hair and lives with his mom and dad only four miles from Millie, so she sees him every day.

Betsy Spenser Townsend passed away in March 2008 from cancer. Her husband, **Daniel Townsend, R'64**, is from Martinsville, Va., where he and I were in high school together. Betsy and Dan lived in Richmond.

Mabel Bailey Carr says Betsy was a joy to be around and an expert in their bridge club. Betsy came to our 40th reunion with Mabel and her husband, **Jim Carr, R'59**. Mabel retired in 2002 after working as an associate actuary for a life insurance company in Richmond. Since retiring, she and Jim have driven across the continent five times. Their daughter teaches high school English in Chesterfield, Va., and their son is a partner in an accounting firm and lives in Menlo Park, Calif. He has two boys, ages two and four. Mabel and Jim fly to California several times a year to spend time with them.

Martha Cramme Ewell and **Jeff Ewell III, R'65**, attended a UR baseball game at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. The Spiders won big! The Ewells still live in St. Marys, Ga., near the Florida-Georgia line. Martha had double knee replacement in March and was looking forward to returning to golf three days or more a week instead of once every couple of weeks. She was even looking forward to yard work and gardening.

Faye Newton Johnson and **Larry** live in Warrenton, Va. Faye hoped that after all the snow last winter, her shoveling muscles would translate into power tennis.

During a blizzard in February, I

presented a workshop on how agritourism farmers can form statewide networking associations and develop rural tourism "trail" systems. The workshop was part of the North American Farmers Direct Marketing and Agritourism Association's national meeting in Lancaster, Pa.

I'm still looking for information on classmates from the great class of 1966. Please send your news for the winter magazine to me by August 1.
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CLASS OF '68

George A. Fisher, R. lives in Lambertville, N.J., and was elected to the West Amwell Township Committee. He is a retired airline pilot.

CLASS OF '70

You probably will be seeing many green shirts that say, "Even Sisters Never Die—Westhampton Class of '70." When you do, make sure you stop whoever is wearing such a shirt and ask her about the awesome 40-year reunion we had in April. In future letters, I will expound on all the news gleaned at that big event.

A number of us had so much fun planning and attending our group 60th birthday party in April 2008 that we could not bear the thought of not getting together before 2010. Regular meetings—both on campus and at Phil's—to plan our 40th reunion took place for well over a year. Our committee varied from month to month and included **Sally Andrews Gudas**, **Jo Ann Russell Nicholson**, **Shirley Beck Unger**, **Donna Boone**, **Ann Marie Pearson Wood**, **Carolyn Smith Boggs**, **Susan Breed Beach**, **Susan Cosby Frazier**, **Ann Dowdy Anderson**, **Cathy Musselman Melton**, **Helen Outen Owens**, **Judy Baughan Lankford**, **Bron Bradshaw**, **Sharon Morrissett Caldwell**, **Cynthia Norris Vogel**, **Linda McCubbin Warren**, and maybe a few more whom I can't remember!

There was not much time for news, but pictures were passed of **Ann Dowdy Anderson**'s newest grandchild, **Joslyn Elisabeth Bivins**, born to Ann's daughter, **Elisa**, and **Dustin**. We also remembered the people who were

unable to make the reunion. **Trudy Seely** is still living in Atlanta and stays busy. Others who were unable to get to the reunion due to previous commitments were **Joanne Herrington Sargent**, **Susan Bain Creasy**, **Nancy Ball Sharp**, **Alston Stirling Turchetta**, **Marcia Flake Uhl**, **Marcia Nieder**, **Pam Niedermayer**, **Anne Park Young**, **Jo Pidcock Wilkerson**, **Sandy Davis King**, **Bettie Shaffer Biehn**, **Sallie Shipp Avery**, **Fritzie Vaughan Coates**, **Linda Weinstein Andrews**, **Gail Williams Campbell**, **Priscilla Humbert Bischoff**, **Milne Kintner**, **Susan Andrews**, and **Jane Martin Dunaway**, W'69. Even though they hated to miss all the fun, they were happy to be included in the communications.

That's all for now, but there will be much more next time after I've gone through all the notes from our reunion weekend. Until then, may the celebration of life go on! Carpe Diem. *Westhampton Class Secretary*
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CLASS OF '71

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Cheryl Carlson Wood and her husband, **Andrew W. Wood**, R'64, live in Richmond. They are partners in their own law firm. They have two sons: **Andrew Wood**, U'10, and **Tab Wood**, a second-year law student at the University of Oregon.

Dorothy Susan Boland now goes by "Thea." She is retired and lives in Richmond. She is writing a novel and does volunteer work with CARE, the Cat Adoption Rescue Effort. Thea has four cats of her own and occasionally takes a class at UR.

Nancy Jarvis BrisBois has moved from Virginia Beach, Va., to Frisco, Texas, north of Dallas. She is glad to be near her son and 8-year-old granddaughter. Nancy and her husband, **Bill**, adopted a Lhasapoo puppy. Last fall Bill returned to his alma mater, Old Dominion University, to attend a couple of football games.

Lisa Byers lives in Monroe, Mich.



The art of clockwork

Gordon Converse, R'69

At a Richmond reunion in 1979, Gordon Converse, R'69, told his classmates he had become an antiques dealer specializing in clocks.

"They were looking at me like I was crazy," he recalls.

It took courage—and maybe a bit of craziness—to leave a comfortable job selling insurance to pursue his passion. But in 1979, Converse started Gordon S. Converse & Co., and today he is well-known in the world of antiques. He has worked on clocks for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Independence Hall, and the Barnes Foundation. He has written extensively on the subject, and has appeared frequently on *Antiques Roadshow*, the popular PBS television series.

Clocks had little to do with Converse's ambitions in college. He double majored in English and art and was president of the journalism fraternity. He did, however, pick up some spending money fixing watches and clocks, a hobby he acquired as a teenager.

Richmond did not offer Horology 101, but Converse believes his education has played a key role in his career. He has been successful, not simply because he is good at restoring antique clocks, but because he has a well-trained eye for art.

"Most people judge antiques by their outward appearance," he explains. "But I try to view art holistically, and with clocks, it's the art of the mechanical innovation—the mechanism—together with the casement that holds it."

Twenty-five years after Converse changed careers, his son, **Todd**, joined him in the business. One day, Todd brought a clock to the shop from the Franklin Institute. "As soon as I saw it, it was like seeing one of my children," says Converse, who had restored that same clock for the museum early in his career.

It had lasted more than a quarter century, and this time his son would fix the clock. Perhaps it will last another generation.

—Leigh Anne Kelley

She retired four years ago from teaching music in the public schools, where she taught more than 160,000 students in 32 years. She plays the organ and is active in her church. Lisa had kidney cancer in 1995 and in 2006, but she has recovered and is doing well.

Pat Gatling Middlebrooks lives in Midlothian, Texas. Last year she and her husband, **Charlie**, both turned 60; their daughter, **Lauren**, was married; and their son, **Charles**, became engaged. To celebrate Charlie's birthday, they attended a Moody Blues concert in Dallas, and found that watching the "old" people there was especially enjoyable. (That couldn't include us!) For her birthday, they took a hot-air balloon ride.

Naina Harper White continues to teach kindergarten in Thaxton, Va. She and her husband, **Rick**, have five children, the youngest a sophomore in college. Last year Naina spent an enjoyable three weeks in China, where she visited her brother, who works there. One of her hobbies is hiking in the Peaks of Otter.

Kay Brasure Loving lives in Ashland, Va., and recently met some family members of the late **Emily White Zehmer**. She was glad to have the opportunity to speak to them about Em and her many good qualities. Kay wrote that she has now gotten herself attached to another nonprofit board: the Hanover Mental Health Association Board. She wishes to remind everyone in our class to give to the Catherine Bell Scholarship Fund. It is especially important now, when money is so tight for students.

Sally Harmanson Wallace is chair of the world languages department at Tomahawk Creek Middle School in Chesterfield County, Va. She teaches French and international studies. Last year she and her husband, **W. Lee Wallace**, B'69, went to France, where they visited Normandy, Brittany, and the Chateaux country along the Loire Valley. Sally said that going to Normandy and seeing the 10,000 gravestones for the soldiers who sacrificed their lives there was an emotional experience. She and Lee have a new grandson, **Harrison**.

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CLASS OF '73

Sam and I had a wonderful trip to Pawley's Island, S.C., last winter to try to get away from the snow, but it even snowed down there!

Kelly Hardy and her husband, Jack Cergol, took a winter trip to Florida to escape the cold. She said it wasn't very warm, but they did play some golf.

Peggy Peters Stalnaker and her husband also had a winter trip to Florida. Peggy had a visit with **Sharon Foster Burdick** and enjoyed catching up. Peggy says she loves retirement.

Meg Kemper spent a weekend in Los Angeles with a graduate school friend and took a Caribbean cruise at the end of February. Meg's son, Will, graduated from Duke in May and her daughter, Susan, will earn her graduate degree in education in August. Susan is job hunting in Nashville, Tenn., North Carolina, and Washington, D.C. Will starts a job with Google in the fall but hopes to first return to India for an internship making low-cost incubators for babies.

Sam and I saw Mike Smith, the husband of **Mary Susan Hamill Smith**, at a VMI function in February. Susan was busy with tax season. Their son, Jeffrey, lives and works in Texas.

Nancy Bendall Emerson and **Ben Emerson, R and L'84**, stay busy with work. Nancy is a partner in a catering company and Ben is a managing partner in a law firm. Their son, Benjamin, is a graduate student at Georgia Tech in aerospace engineering and works as a research assistant in the combustion lab. Taylor planned to graduate in the spring from the College of Charleston with a degree in international business and Spanish.

Sally Voris and **Linda Wilkins Muirhead** had a wonderful visit in February. Linda and her husband, George, planned a February trip to Phoenix to get out of the white stuff.

Jillayne Corbin Graybill lives in the Roanoke, Va., area with her husband, Pat. She teaches dance and coaches competition teams. Jill and Pat have three daughters, a son, and three granddaughters.

Nancy Bass Zilli and her husband, Ken, had a wonderful trip to

Tahiti after stopping in California to visit family. Their trip included a 26-day Pacific cruise through French Polynesia and on to Pitcairn and the Easter Islands. After a side trip to Machu Picchu, they continued to Ecuador, through the Panama Canal, and on to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Jeanie Nicholson Veith was chosen as a photo model for the state garden show in Germany. She said, "Never in my life [had I] thought I'd be sniffing a dahlia on a billboard!"

Ann Watlington's daughter, Carson, is singing in the Greater Richmond Children's Choir led by **Hope Armstrong Erb, W'74**. Ann has enjoyed reconnecting with Hope and attending concerts.

Please keep me updated with your correct e-mail address. I can't write these notes without you!

Did you know?

Anna Parker, '11, has won a Goldwater Scholarship, becoming the University's sixth Goldwater Scholar in the past three years. Read more about her achievement on page 2.

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CLASS OF '74

Donna Higgenbotham Rosser's husband, **Aubrey Jones Rosser Jr., R**, is going to India as a board member of ICM, a ministry started by his uncle that builds churches in third-world countries.

Leslie Lilley Kellenberger's news is that she did not run in the Raleigh, N.C., Krispy Kreme 5K, where 6,000 runners had to eat a dozen donuts midway through the race. **Ann Gordon** in Washington, D.C., and **Carol Schreffler Daly** in Richmond recently hosted Leslie's husband, Jimmy, in his travels.

Diane MacIlroy Moncure and **Cindy Nunis Evans** went together to see UR play George Washington in basketball.

Susan Lindler Stephenson and **Ned Stephenson, R'76**, love being grandparents to Henry Aiden Pietrantoni, born in July 2009 to their daughter **Ann Paige Stephenson, '00**, and her husband, Jim. Susan worked for the Virginia Senate during this year's session of the General Assembly. She learned a lot about the legislative process as one of three supervisors working with 32 senate pages. Her boss was **Susan Clarke Schaar, W'72**.

Linda Fernald Honaker's latest adventure was to completely renovate their home of 26 years. Now she and Paul feel as if they live in a new house at the same address. Their son, Stephen, is in Richmond and has started his own business, Accent, which specializes in interior painting and wall finishing. Linda sees **Esther Hopkins Barnes** more often now that

practice. ... My activities include providing primary support to friends, a husband and wife, who both have stage-4 cancer and no other family."

Beth Neal Jordan's daughter, Elise, graduated from the University of Virginia and the graduation party was held at my home. Elise will attend graduate school. Beth's son, Paul, completed his first year at Duke. Beth spent much of her time organizing all the information services, banking, and auction tracking for Chair Affair, a fundraiser for a local nonprofit that provides furniture to those in need.

Mary Ann Ligon Riter loves her job at the transplant lab at MCV Hospital in Richmond. During one of the snowstorms last winter, she slept overnight in the hospital so she could be there to cover her weekend shift. She also continues to tutor chemistry students that **Diane MacIlroy Moncure** sends her way. Mary Ann is raising her 2-year-old granddaughter and 5-year-old grandson. Nathan will start kindergarten in the fall, and Nadia loves to tumble and sashay around, but she also loves monster trucks like her brother.

Mary Ann's daughter, Rachel, won a national competition to name the Comforts for Baby firefly for the Comforts brand baby products that are found at Kroger. Rachel won a \$10,000 scholarship for her 1-year-old son, Andrew.

Gayle Shick Shull writes that it was great to meet with other UR alumni at the first meeting of the Austin (Texas) Alumni Chapter with Rector **George Wellde, B**, as their special guest.

Karen Gay Lukhard's daughter, Johanna, is married to a seminary student in Waco, Texas. Karen travels there as often as she can. She also visits her daughter in Northern Virginia. Karen and Ralph vacationed in Disney World.

Carolyn Ridgeway Cook retired on Jan. 1. She says to call her if you want to do fun things. Carolyn took husband Dick to Texas to celebrate his birthday with the kids and grandkids. She especially enjoyed it since she spent the past 20 years celebrating his birthday with General Assembly members. Carolyn has joined a knitting crowd at the local yarn store and has met some fascinating women.

Janet Ferrell had much news to report. In the space of a week, she saw **Betsy Weaver Haskins Brandt**

Esther's son, Brian, is in Richmond.

After 27 years of teaching psychology at Richard Bland College, **LeAnn Stanley Binger** was named director of advancement to oversee the school's first capital campaign. This July she adds provost and dean of faculty to her job title. LeAnn and Roy have three granddaughters and enjoy traveling.

Ann Gordon flew to Arizona to meet four friends from her days in Senegal, Africa. They spent four days in Hereford, saw masses of cranes and birded the Fort Huachuca Canyon. This trip was followed by an eight-day trip to Costa Rica with her yoga group. Their time at the beach resort on the Nicoya Peninsula was extended due to inclement weather in Washington. This was followed by another five days in San Jose, Calif., waiting for National Airport to reopen.

Sandra Ruth Sperry wrote: "I am retired [and] happy. ... I am working part time two days a week managing my sister's pediatric speech therapy

and her mother at a DAR luncheon and **Ann Stewart Belk, W'72**, at the Woman's Club. And within two days, Janet says that Ann and **Susan Clarke Schaar, W'72**, and **Alice Dunn Lynch, W'85**, were either pictured or quoted in the newspaper. Westhampton women are everywhere! **Donna Strother Deekens, W'73**, also was featured in a newspaper article about her book recounting her experiences as the Snow Queen. Then, at a book signing, Janet saw Dr. and Mrs. Erb, **Hope Armstrong Erb's** in-laws.

Janet was happy that **Terry Almarode Licklider's** son, Wesley, stayed with her when he had a golf tournament in Richmond. Janet had lunch with **Lee Price Davis, W'75**, and **Mallory Davis III, L'76**, as they traveled through Richmond to visit their daughter, Ginny, in New York. Janet also spoke with **Charlotte Chapman, W'75**, but hasn't persuaded her to stop long enough for lunch yet.

Janet also reported that **Pat White, W'72**, is back in Virginia, and that **Pam Floyd Pulley** and **Glenn Walthall Pulley, R'73**, live in Danville, Va. Their sons are involved with television. Carson is in New York, and Drew is in Washington. Drew has produced several National Geographic specials.

Janet gets to see **Carol Byrd Barr, W'76**, **Carolee Dykes Hall, W'72**, **Martha Poston Turner, W'73**, **Clemmie Williams Lankford**, and **Suzanne Heffner Brown, W'75**, once in a while at the Tuckahoe Woman's Club. **Joan Wagner Rial, W'75**, has moved back to Richmond and is renovating the family home she and Dick bought. Janet enjoyed a visit with **Ann Gordon** and **Laura Janet Feller** when they were in Richmond a few months ago. She also has seen **John Moncure Daniel, R**, and **Dick O'Flaherty Stone, R'73**, at UR basketball games. **Nancy Heilman Cale, W'75**, is serving as president of the UR Chapel Guild, and Janet is now a member and very much enjoying it. **Diana Blackburn Whitaker, W'75**, also has joined the guild.

Teaching citizenship class at her church to residents pursuing naturalization has led Janet to join the DAR. She still enjoys the Garden Club, an artist group, the programs at two women's clubs, her church circle, and playing tennis. She and Mark hosted his family for Thanksgiving.

They spent a week sailing in the British Virgin Islands last summer before sending Melissa back to New Hampshire for her sophomore year at Dartmouth. Meredith enjoyed a busy senior year in high school.

Judy Owen Hopkins and **Marbry Benjamin "Hop" Hopkins III, R**, went skiing at Beaver Creek, and Hop and their son, Ben, spent two weeks in Antarctica in January. After reading the news from Janet Ferrell, Judy sends Janet this message: "I think Obama should have named you his new social secretary!"

I continue on the board of the local Richmond YWCA and am now past president. I serve on the council at Maymont and am involved in Comfort Zone Camp, a national camp for grieving children. **Beth Neal Jordan** visits regularly, and we try to see **Peggy Heath Johnson** in Vienna, Va. *Westhampton Class Secretary*
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CLASS OF '79

Maria Guarisco, W, lives in Atlanta, where she hosted **Sue Kravetz Cutler, W'78**, and **Susan "Cissy" Daniels Tabor, W'78**, for a mini-reunion last fall. **Mary Kiley, W'78**, had planned to attend but was unable to travel due to the flu.

CLASS OF '81

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Mary Beth Capasse Carroll, B, **Anne Lee Nottingham McCoresy, B**, **Kim Carpenter Shelton, W**, **Mary Babb Morris, W**, **Mary Rothrock Bessos, B**, and **Tracy Schwartz, W**, celebrated their 50th birthdays on

a Caribbean cruise with family and friends in June 2009.

CLASS OF '82

Victoria Stender Oakley, W, was named chief academic officer for Richmond City Public Schools in September 2009. She was formerly a reading specialist, principal, and director of instruction for the school system.

CLASS OF '85

Susan Hillsman Hurley, W, was a field director for the campaign of Jeff McWaters, who was elected to the Virginia Senate in a special election in January 2010. Susan has worked on winning campaigns in two primaries and two general elections. She lives in Virginia Beach.

Westhampton classmates **Claire Grant Pollock**, **Beth Hart**, **Kathy O'Hara Stevens**, **Ann Smith Scavilla**, **Jeannie Nicozisis Arida**, and **Melissa Coggeshall Carey** enjoyed their annual mini-reunion at the Chesapeake Bay last summer.

CLASS OF '86

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CLASS OF '89

Kelly Corrigan, W, is the author of *Lift*, which was published in March 2010. Her first book, *The Middle Place*, was a *New York Times* bestseller. Kelly lives in Oakland, Calif., with her husband and two daughters.

CLASS OF '91

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Laura Trevvett Anderson, G, is the co-author of *Anatomy of an Execution: The Life and Death of Douglas Christopher Thomas*. She lives in Charlottesville, Va., where she is executive director of Piedmont House.

Christine Creighton Lambert, B, and her husband, David, had twins, Emma Susan and William James, in October 2009. The family lives in Wayne, Pa.

CLASS OF '94



Don't miss "Enterprising Spiders," featuring **Alissa "Ali" Gentry Flota, '94**.

CLASS OF '96

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Maria Chavez Levy is a director in the corporate finance group at Siemens Financial Services. She lives in Belle Mead, N.J.

Sarah Marshall and **Rob Taggart** were married on Nov. 14, 2009, in Midlothian, Va.

CLASS OF '97

Maurice Henderson lives in Washington, where he is chief operating officer of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission.

CLASS OF '98

Christian Dawson is chief operating officer at ServInt, a global provider of Web hosting services. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

Greg Hayken earned a law degree from the George Washington University Law School. He is a corporate attorney and director of ethics for BAE Systems, an aerospace and defense contractor in Rockville,



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Md. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Herndon, Va., with their daughter.

Brian S. Kelly is a partner and shareholder in the law firm of Tatusko Kennedy in Fairfax, Va.

Holly Reddington Mangano and her husband, Steve, had twin girls, Lia Peyton and Kiersten Marie, in August 2009. The family lives in Glen Allen, Va.

CLASS OF '99

Kevin Farrell and his wife, Meredith, had a daughter, Erin Marie, on Sept. 27, 2009. She joins sister Caitlin, 3. The family lives in Glen Allen, Va.

Richard Franco Jr. and his wife, Melissa, had a daughter, Mia Antoinette, on Jan. 15, 2010. The family lives in Branchburg, N.J., where Richard works in sales for Sanofi Aventis.

Jessica Haines Grant and **Matthew Grant**, '98, had a son, James Robert, on Aug. 10, 2009. He joins brother Ethan, 3. The family lives in Scotch Plains, N.J.

Wendi Moss and her husband, **Christopher Senfield**, '98, had a son, Landon Christopher, on Jan. 20, 2010. The family lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '00

Meg Lawrence Karchner is manager of proposal development at AECOM, an engineering and architectural design firm. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Joan "Joni" Lindenstruth is a communications consultant at T. Rowe Price in San Francisco.

Justin Lindquist is a captain in the Air Force. Last summer he completed a residency in neurology and a flight surgeon's course. He was deployed to Afghanistan in October 2009.

Elizabeth Hopfinger Thompson is pursuing a master's degree in international development at Eastern University. She and her husband, **Jeffrey Thompson**, live in Cincinnati with their son.

Megan Greene Westerberg is associate senior counsel at Eisai, a pharmaceutical firm in Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

Allison Dolan Windon is a vice president with Aon's Financial Services Group. She lives in Barrington, Ill., with her husband, **Robert Windon**, and their children, Clayton, 5, and Margaret, 2.

CLASS OF '01

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Michael "Mugsy" Barnett is a senior marketing manager at Honeywell Security and Communications. He lives in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Charles Caldrony is an associate in organization and strategy at Booz Allen Hamilton. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Ginger Doyel is an author and illustrator in Annapolis, Md. Last year she traveled to Israel and Palestine to conduct research for a children's book scheduled for publication later this year.

Emily Griffey is a management analyst for the Office of Program Accountability in the city of Richmond's Department of Social Services.

Chandra Mitchell Lane is an academic and career advisor at James Madison University. Last year she received the Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association. She and her husband, **Mark Lane**, live in Staunton, Va.

William "Billy" O'Brien is a manager for Deloitte Consulting, where he specializes in cybersecurity issues.

Elizabeth Parker and **George Visscher** were married on Oct. 12, 2008, in Napa Valley, Calif. Included in the wedding party were **Nicole DeFlumere DiVirgilio**, **Erica Galinski**, and **Siobhan Strott**, '02. The couple lives in Encinitas, Calif.

Sarah Shear and **Jonathan Turner**, GB'00, were married on Nov. 21, 2009, in Irvington, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Cassie Veatch Muir**, **Greg Suskind**, GB'00, and **William Turner**, L'95. The couple lives in Richmond.

David Shimp earned a master's degree in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an associate administrator at the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Heather Shortlidge is an associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis in Maryland.

Meghan Sturges is a vice president

and account supervisor at Saatchi & Saatchi, a global advertising agency in New York.

CLASS OF '02

Stacy Bromley Cheetham passed the certified association executive exam. She and her husband, Richard, live in Falls Church, Va., where she is a senior manager at the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Matthew Devine, is a senior consultant with EMC, a global company that specializes in designing, building, and managing information infrastructures. He lives in Weymouth, Mass.

Aaron Graham earned a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a national field organizer for Sojourners, a Washington-based organization focused on social justice.

Katherine Kinsman is associate director of development in the New York office of The Posse Foundation, a program focused on college access and retention.

Laura Knouse and her husband, **Stephen Barkley**, had a son, Liam Stephen, on Nov. 25, 2009. Liam's uncle is **Ken Barkley**, '06. Laura is a post-doctoral fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, where she researches depression in adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Stephen is a librarian at MIT.

Kate Materna and **Joe Rezabek**, L'05, were married on May 9, 2009, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Samantha Bonom**, '99, **Sarah Murphy**, '03, and **William Wright**, L'05. The couple lives in Richmond, where Kate is director of group exercise at Gold's Gym Midlothian and Joe is an attorney at LeClair Ryan.

Gretchen VanGetson Meek and her husband, Wyatt, had a son, Anders Anton, on Dec. 14, 2009. The family lives in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Matthew Murphy Jr. earned the chartered financial analyst designation last year and was promoted to senior associate at Matrix Capital Markets Group in Baltimore. He and his wife, Abby, live in Silver Spring, Md.

Laura Cummins Roudabush earned a master's degree in arts management from Carnegie Mellon University. She is director of marketing at Barrington Stage Company.

Her husband, **Jeff Roudabush**, '01, earned a master's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He is operations and production manager at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. The couple lives in Pittsfield, Mass.

Scott Ungerer and **Sheila Haga** were married on Sept. 26, 2009, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Scott Kauffman**, '01, **Johnathan Collins**, '03, and **Mike Skrocki**, '04. The couple lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '03

Evan Baum is assistant dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at George Mason University. He recently joined the board of The Phoenix Project, a nonprofit organization focused on educating emerging social entrepreneurs and building community support for social innovation. Evan and his wife, Beth, live in Fairfax, Va.

Matthew Bruning and **Jennifer Thrift** were married on Sept. 5, 2009, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Douglas Boyle**, **Louis "Skip" Molnar**, **Michael Watrous**, and **Brian Gorman**, '04. The couple lives in Goochland, Va., where Matt is a legislative liaison for Gov. Robert McDonnell.

Ann Carley and **Jonathan Gavin** were married on July 18, 2009, in Concord, N.H. Included in the wedding party were **Heidi Grothaus** and **Jackie Beadle**, '01. The couple lives in Brookline, Mass.

Maggie Dearden lives in Charlottesville, Va., with her husband, Wes Fink, and their daughter, Anna.

Kelly Decker is a commercial underwriter for Philadelphia Insurance Companies. She lives in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Allyson Ladley Gibson is an education outreach coordinator with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, Md.

Amy McCurley earned a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology from Boston University. She is completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Molecular Cardiology Research Institute at Tufts Medical Center.

Nicholas Morales is a third-year student at Harvard Law School.

Scott Olmstead and **Erin Brandt** were married on Oct. 31, 2009, in Tucson, Ariz. Included in the wedding party was **Tim MacGougan**, '05.

Emily Poag earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware. She is an associate at the Delaware Academy for School Leadership.

CLASS OF '04

Rebecca Brenner and Robert Diehl were married on Sept. 5, 2009, in Camp Hill, Pa. The couple lives in Washington, where Rebecca is a physician assistant at Artemida Transcultural Health.

Evan Chalk is completing a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Noah Nelson is a second-year student at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Kyle Swenson is a mortgage banker at First Horizon Home Loans Corp. He lives in Richmond.

Amy Vest earned a master's degree in higher education administration and a master's degree in divinity from Harvard University. She lives in Cambridge, Mass.

CLASS OF '05

Alison Clark and Darren Scher were married on March 28, 2009, in Media, Pa. Included in the wedding party were **Catherine Miller Willie**, **Joanna Bounds**, and **Catherine Black**. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Kimberly Bowers Dale is a major gifts officer at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Jillian Fasching is completing a master's degree in public policy at Duke University. She lives in Durham, N.C.

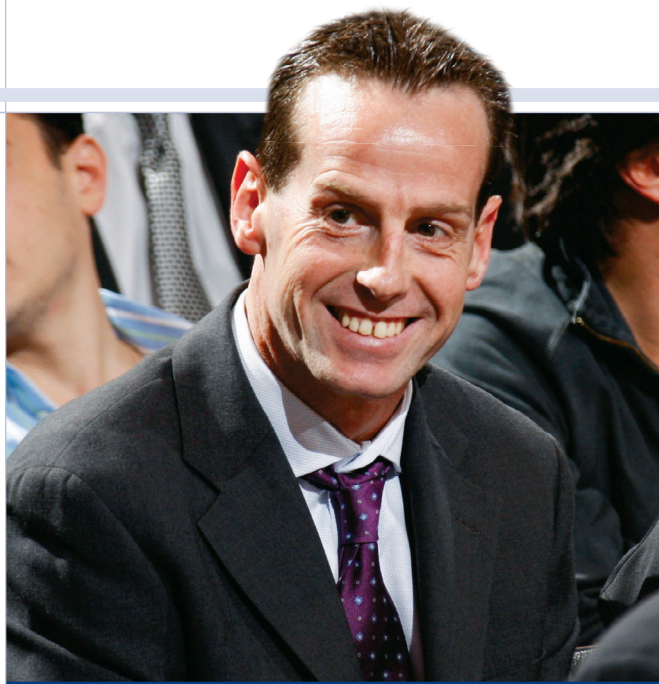
Melanie Mayhew and John Rimel were married on Aug. 8, 2009, in Kennedyville, Md. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where Melanie works for the World Bank and John is a political consultant.

Alison Smith earned a master's degree in political science from Boston College. She lives in New York, where she is a development officer for the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

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Euro route to the NBA

Kenny Atkinson, R'91

Kenny Atkinson was a two-time all-conference basketball player who was not selected to play in the NBA, but the former Spider guard has no qualms with his international career path.

Missing the NBA cut "was a blessing in disguise," says Atkinson, who is now in his second season as an assistant coach with the NBA's New York Knicks. "I played in Spain, Germany, Italy, and ended up in France. I tell people that is the reason I am (coaching) in the NBA. I learned a lot playing and coaching in Europe. ... The NBA has become more global."

Atkinson was hired by the NBA's Houston Rockets prior to the 2007-08 season as director of player development after he had been an assistant coach and director of player development for a team in Paris. "My international experience was the reason why the Rockets hired me," he says. "It kind of separated me from the crowd."

Now that he is with the Knicks, Atkinson's international experience helps him work better with players such as Danilo Gallinari of Italy and Sergio Rodriguez of Spain. "There is no doubt I have a connection with those guys," says Atkinson, who grew up in New York. Not long ago, the Knicks didn't have any international players, he says. "Now we are building better relationships overseas."

At Richmond, Atkinson was an all-conference player as a junior and senior. But Spider fans mostly remember his sophomore season, when the Spiders upset Indiana and Georgia Tech in the NCAA tournament to earn a spot in the Sweet 16.

"That was neat," recalls Atkinson, who was named to the UR Athletics Hall of Fame earlier this year. "Johnny Newman started it. We kept it going and enhanced the program a little bit."

—David Driver

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Brittany Brown graduated from the Virginia Commonwealth University Brandcenter last year. She lives in New York, where she is a brand strategist and consultant.

Cara Campbell earned a law degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law. She is an associate in the Litigation Department at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Roseland, N.J.

John Michael Parker earned a law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law School at Louisiana State University. He is an associate with Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge, La.

Andrew Wasuwongse is a donor relations assistant at International Justice Mission. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

Colleen Wevodau earned a master's degree in business administration from George Mason University. She is a senior accountant at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause in Vienna, Va.

CLASS OF '07

Kathryn Connolly Bell is assistant director for regional initiatives in the Office of Alumni Relations at the University of Richmond.

Dane DeCiero is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Texas at Austin. He is completing an internship as a school social worker at Becker Elementary School in Austin.

Karen Dubas is a paralegal for the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, a bipartisan commission created last year by the U.S. Congress. She lives in Arlington, Va.

CLASS OF '09

Logan Finerty is an associate analyst at Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley, an investment advisory firm in Richmond.

Rebecca Kauffman is a program analyst in the Federal Acquisition Service of the U.S. General Services Administration. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Garrett Schlein is an Internet organizer for Environment America, a federation of state-based, citizen-funded environmental advocacy organizations.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1933 / Thomas H. Neathery, R. of Falconer, N.Y., Oct. 26, 2009. He retired in 1975 as chairman of the Falconer office of Marine Midland Bank Chautauqua. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

1938 / Adele Donati Bagley, W. of Richmond, Oct. 31, 2009. She worked for Reynolds Metals and was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

1938 / Helen S. Gray, W. of Richmond, Oct. 22, 2009. She worked in the accounting department of C&P Telephone for 25 years. She was a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

1938 / Minna Williams Torrance, W. of Matthews, N.C., Feb. 11, 2010. She served on many community boards and enjoyed sailing.

1941 / Edgar M. Arendall, R. and H'82, of Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 20, 2009. He was pastor of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church for 36 years. He gained national prominence through services broadcast on television. In recent years, he was a member of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church.

1941 / Virginia Omohundro Purcell, W. of Richmond, Nov. 1, 2009. She was president of the K.S. Club and a member of Louisa Christian Church.

1941 / Marion L. "Mike" Rice Jr., R. of Richmond, Dec. 20, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps following World War II and practiced medicine for 61 years. He founded endoscopy labs at Retreat Hospital and Richmond Memorial Hospital.

1945 / Philip L. Minor, R. of Richmond, Jan. 18, 2010. He volunteered as a ship's doctor during the Korean War. He later became a pediatrician, delivering more than 10,000 babies in his career.

1946 / Virginia B. Manry Daughtrey, W. of Richmond and Courtland, Va., Jan. 7, 2010. She was a member of several historical societies and Courtland United Methodist Church.

1946 / Anne Beverly "Bev" Ryland, W. of Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29, 2009. She was a high school Spanish teacher in Alexandria and was active in the Salvation Army Auxiliary.

1947 / Martha Henley Berkle, W. of Richmond, Nov. 23, 2009. She taught mathematics.

1947 / Ann Wiley Kelly, W. of Yorktown, Va., Feb. 3, 2010. She

worked as a school librarian and community volunteer. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

1947 / Harry L. Snead Jr., R. and L'50, of Richmond, May 24, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught in Richmond's law school for many years and was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

1948 / Rose Annabell Kidd, W. of Roanoke, Va., Oct. 28, 2009.

1948 / Thomas H. Leath Sr., R. of Martinsville, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. He received the Bronze Star in Germany during World War II. He was secretary and then president of Townes Furniture Co. He was a volunteer firefighter and a deacon of First Baptist Church.

1949 / William R. Anderson Jr., R. of Los Angeles, Jan. 15, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps. He worked for Pacific Telephone and as a real estate agent.

1949 / Richard A. Bragg, R. of Mechanicsville, Va., Dec. 31, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II and worked as a real estate appraiser.

1949 / Melvin J. Dillon, R. of Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 11, 2009. He served in the Navy and the Navy Reserve. He was president of the Dillon Pritchard Insurance Agency and a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

1949 / Robert G. Gibson, B. of Jackson, Miss., Jan. 31, 2010. During World War II, he served in Germany and France. He was a member of Briarwood United Methodist Church.

1949 / Mary Copeland Hogue, W. of Monterey, Va., Jan. 30, 2010. She worked for the International Foreign Mission Board. She was a member of Bon Air Baptist Church and later attended Highland Baptist Church.

1949 / Harry L. "Sonny" Mears Jr., R. of Mechanicsville, Va., Jan. 18, 2010. He served in the Army during World War II and was a dentist.

1949 / John A. Ryan Jr., R. of Richmond, Nov. 21, 2009. During World War II, he participated in four island invasions. He was a vice president of J.B. Eurell Co. and a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

1950 / Herbert A. Atkins Jr., B. of Arlington Heights, Ill., Nov. 15, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and worked for Allstate Insurance.

1950 / Donald W. Roth, R. of Jupiter, Fla., Nov. 25, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps. He owned and operated Don's Drive-In in

Livingston, N.J.

1950 / Margaret "Peggy" Campbell Tait, W. of Rockville, Md., Nov. 29, 2009. She worked as an administrative assistant at the Air Force Association.

1951 / Taylor R. Copping Sr., R. of Richmond, Dec. 12, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps and was executive director of the American Lung Association in New Mexico and Virginia.

1951 / Robert T. Ryland Jr., R. of King and Queen County, Va., Nov. 15, 2009. He retired as head of the Engineering and Information Systems Department at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, Va., in 1992. He received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and was a deacon of Bruington Baptist Church.

1952 / Eleanor Bradford Tunell, W. of Columbia, S.C., Nov. 16, 2009. She was a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. She enjoyed golf and gardening.

1952 / William B. Wheeler, B. of Bonita Springs, Fla., Dec. 13, 2009. He served in the Navy and worked as an analyst on Wall Street. He later joined the Foreign Service and was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1953 / Cecil E. Marsh, R. of Richmond, Jan. 18, 2010. He was the first pastor of Randolph Memorial Baptist Church near Lynchburg, Va., and held many positions with the Virginia Baptist General Board.

1953 / Garvin C. Martin, R. of Goldsboro, N.C., Nov. 12, 2009. He served as a Baptist missionary in the Philippines and led several churches in Virginia and North Carolina.

1954 / Richard H. Guilford, R. of Richmond, Dec. 9, 2009. He was principal officer and director of Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance in Richmond. He later developed condominiums in Orlando and served as executive vice president of HazWaste Industries.

1954 / Jane Watkins Read, W. of Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 3, 2009. She worked for Peddler Antiques in Forest, Va., and was a member of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church.

1955 / O. Earl Grubbs Jr., R. of Richmond, Jan. 26, 2010. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked in the insurance industry and chaired the Henrico County School Board. He was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

1955 / Grover S. Paulett, R.

of Richmond, Dec. 31, 2009. He worked for Experiments Inc. and retired from Texaco/Chevron. He was a member of Union Baptist Church in Amelia, Va.

1955 / Kenneth H. Ramsey, B. of Woodstock, Ga., Nov. 22, 2006. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for Ace Mailing Services and was active with Boy Scouts and Kiwanis.

1956 / James H. Wheatley, R. of Weems, Va., Oct. 18, 2009. He served in the Army, worked for Ford Motor Co., and purchased a Ford dealership. With his wife, he founded Harrisonburg Auto Auction. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

1957 / Stanley F. Norman Jr., R. and GB'65, of Granger, Ind., Jan. 4, 2010. He worked for International Minerals and Chemical Corp., then purchased BFC Industries, a vitamin company. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

1958 / Arthur L. Clark Jr., B. of Greensboro, N.C., Dec. 7, 2009. He served in the Air Force and worked for CIT Corp. He attended Christian City Church.

1959 / Richard E. Conquest, R. of Temperanceville, Va., Jan. 9, 2010. He served in the Army and was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He worked as an industrial engineer and was a member of Assawoman United Methodist Church.

1959 / William Lester "Les" Duty, R. of Richmond, Nov. 6, 2009. He served in Germany at the end of World War II. After being severely wounded in the Korean War, he became a lawyer, starting the firm of Duty, Duty and Landry.

1960 / Lois Marie Grasty Harris, W. of Overland Park, Kan., Oct. 30, 2009. She taught mathematics in Pennsylvania and Kansas. She was a member of Overland Park Presbyterian Church.

1962 / Allison "Al" Reese, G. of Reading, Pa., Dec. 29, 2009. He served in the South Pacific as a Marine during World War II and worked for Aetna Life and Casualty. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

1963 / Carol Winfield Eliot, W. of Washington, D.C., Jan. 25, 2010. She taught religion and psychology at National Cathedral School and the National Holocaust Museum. She was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.



Joseph A. "Jack" Jennings, R'49 and H'80, of Richmond, died Jan. 20, 2010. He joined the University's Board of Trustees in 1969 and served as rector from 1987 to 1991. He became a trustee emeritus in 1994.

His career at United Virginia Bankshares (formerly State Planters Bank) spanned five decades, but it got off to a rocky start. After several years as an office boy, he quit the bank to become a Virginia State Trooper. "Banking just didn't seem to present a great opportunity to people like me," he told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

After serving as an intelligence officer in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Jennings returned to the bank, working part time while he earned a business degree at the University. He retired from the bank in 1986 as chairman and CEO.

At Richmond, Jennings received the Trustees Distinguished Service Award in 1978. The Joseph A. Jennings Chair in Business, currently held by Dr. Marshall Geiger, and the Joseph A. Jennings Scholarship, which helps business students from Virginia, continue to reflect his dedication to the University.

1963 / Susan Smith Duer Sites, W, of Maidens, Va., April 24, 2008. She was a painter with works in numerous corporate and private collections.

1965 / Edmond E. Miller Jr., R, of Richmond, Nov. 25, 2009. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and worked for the Virginia ABC Board. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

1965 / Larry A. Pryor, B, of Bell Acres, Pa., Oct. 28, 2009. He worked for Derby & Co., where he rose to senior vice president. He became a founding partner of Bomar Resources, then founded his own company, AICO-Pryor, an international broker of ferrous metals and carbon products.

1966 / William E. Billingsley, G, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Dec. 21, 2009. He served as a medic during the Korean War and became the executive director of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. He was a member of University United Methodist Church.

1966 / Edward F. Colston, R, of King George County, Va., Dec. 6, 2009. He was a physicist at the Naval Surface Warfare Center.

1967 / William H. Slate, R, of Suffolk, Va., Nov. 27, 2009. He taught biology in high school and later served as an administrator and principal in the Portsmouth public school system. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

1968 / Robert M. Dills, R, of Roanoke, Va., Oct. 27, 2009. He was executive director of the Virginia Museum of Transportation and design director of the Smithsonian Institution Museum Shops.

1968 / Sally Bryant Ripley, W, of Richmond, Nov. 10, 2009. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

1973 / Earl D. Hammit, G, of Conroe, Texas, Nov. 1, 2009. He served in the Army for 30 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a dentist and orthodontist, who participated in mission trips to Central and South America as a member of First United Methodist Church.

1974 / William A. Taylor Jr., B and GB'78, of Katy, Texas, Dec. 25, 2009. He served as director of emergency services for several cities, most recently Corpus Christi, Texas. He volunteered with the rescue squad in Katy.

1977 / Mark A. Gallaher, R, of Chesterfield, Va., Dec. 14, 2009. He was a dentist and a member of Bon

Air Presbyterian Church.

1984 / Sarah Alden Tucker Nieboer, W, of Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 19, 2009. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Baileyton.

1986 / Douglas J. Yocum, B, of Moorestown, N.J., Feb. 4, 2010. He earned a law degree and re-entered military service as an Army Judge Advocate General, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel while serving in Japan, Germany, and Italy.

1989 / James R. Flinn, C, of Richmond, Oct. 19, 2009. He retired from the Federal Reserve Bank as a senior auditor.

1998 / Mary Blackwell Barnes, GB, of Richmond, Dec. 27, 2009. She was a public finance specialist at the law firm of Hunton & Williams. She was a member of Crenshaw United Methodist Church.

2003 / Marilyn Seegmiller Roberts, C, of Chesterfield, Va., Jan. 4, 2010. She taught in Chesterfield County Public Schools and worked for Ukrop's Super Markets. She was a member of Bethia United Methodist Church.

FACULTY

Kelley Hollabaugh Bartges, L'85, of Richmond, died on Jan. 21, 2010. She joined the University in 1994 and was clinical professor of law and director of the Delinquency Clinic.

Barbara B. Wallace, of Mineral, Va., died on Nov. 29, 2009. She served as an instructor of Italian in the Department of Modern Literatures and Cultures from 2001 to 2009.

STAFF

Brett W. Haddon, C'08, of Richmond, died on Jan. 10, 2010. He joined the University as a security officer in 1990 and was promoted to communications officer in 2003.

CORRECTION

The spring 2010 issue of the alumni magazine incorrectly reported that **William W. Furr, R'70**, and **Betty Crews Watkins, W'52**, had died. Both were cases of mistaken identity. They are alive and well.



Francis B. "Frank" Leftwich, R'56 and G'58, of Richmond, died Feb. 10, 2010. He taught biology and endocrinology at Richmond from 1964 to 1996, chairing the biology department from 1985 to 1996, and retiring as professor emeritus.

Leftwich was instrumental in the planning and construction of the original Gottwald Center for the Sciences, which opened in 1977. He won many teaching awards, including the University's Distinguished Educator Award in 1976, the Student Government Teachers Award in 1979, the Mortar Board Teacher Award in 1981, and the Richmond College Student Government Faculty Teaching Award in 1994. Many of his former students have done outstanding work in their fields.

"He never used notes in a lecture. He was well-prepared," his daughter, Dr. Julie Leftwich Beales, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "When the buzzer went off signaling time for class to start, he locked the door. He was very strict but very fair and very well-liked. He wanted people to do the best they were capable of doing. He wanted his students to reach their potential."



VANTAGE POINT

UNIVERSITIES ARE LEADING THE SUSTAINABILITY REVOLUTION

By **L. Preston Bryant Jr., G'88**

When it comes to educating the next generation about energy and resource sustainability, it should surprise no one that America's colleges and universities are leading the way.

It's a movement that stretches from coast to coast, including public and private institutions of all sizes. Students are often at the heart of these campus efforts, first serving as catalysts for action, then helping to shape their universities' go-green plans.

It's generational for sure. Living smaller and more efficiently, sociologists say, is a way of life for today's teens and 20- and 30-year-olds. The trend is arguably less common among us older folks, but that is changing, too, as the younger brigades shape the marketplace that encompasses—and influences—all consumers.

The Princeton Review recently released its *Guide to 286 Green Colleges*, and Richmond is prominently listed among a Who's Who of top universities—Yale, Princeton, Stanford, MIT—great company to keep. The guide features seven universities from Virginia, but Richmond is the only private university in Virginia to earn the distinction.

One of Edward Ayers' early actions as president of the University was to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, a venture that today boasts some 300 signatories. In Virginia, 16 university presidents have agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote sustainability education and research among students and faculty.

Ayers' signature set the University on a course to develop our first-ever

Climate Action Plan. This baseline strategy will push the University to cut our greenhouse gas emissions significantly over the next decade en route to becoming fully carbon-neutral. Such plans don't come together—much less succeed—without university-wide support. And we seem to have it. Richmond's administrators, faculty, staff, and students are embracing a “teachable moment” that could last a lifetime.

Of course, campus-wide buy-in also must include a capital funding com-

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mitment. Retrofitting existing buildings and going the extra mile to construct highly energy-efficient new ones comes at a price, but often with calculable savings, too. Yale, for example, says it will meet its aggressive energy goals by spending less than 1 percent of its annual operating budget on sustainability initiatives between now and 2020. Big projects with the greatest greenhouse gas reductions and return on investment are being done first.

UR, like Yale, is unquestionably committed when it comes to energy-efficient construction and renovation. Already, nine Richmond buildings are LEED-certified or in the process

of becoming LEED-certified. That's a remarkable number for an institution of our size. LEED, by the way, stands for leadership in energy and environmental design.

It is essential that Richmond's administrators have made this commitment, but ultimately the University's ability to achieve its sustainability goals will depend on our students. The good news is they are motivated—if not passionate—and broadly influential when it comes to protecting the environment.

The most successful campus sustainability plans are curricula-based, where work spreads from classroom discussion to student-faculty research to cutting-edge facilities management. UR's new environmental studies program—which brings together science, geography, economics, and politics, among other disciplines—has students actively engaged in researching and developing the elements of the University's Climate Action Plan.

Universities can be more dynamic than most people realize. They are uniquely positioned to deploy human and intellectual capital to solve problems. They can quickly turn theory into action, measuring the results and refining the approach as they progress. It is gratifying to see this happening right now at the University of Richmond. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators are working together to learn from the past, seize the moment, and shape the future.

L. Preston Bryant Jr., G'88, is a senior vice president of McGuireWoods Consulting. He served as Virginia secretary of natural resources from 2006 to 2010. Send comments about this column to krhodes@richmond.edu.

Active Ambassadors

André and Dottie Nielsen

André Nielsen graduated more than 50 years ago, but the University of Richmond is still an important part of his life. As an active alumni ambassador, André has served on his 50th Reunion Gift Committee, is a former president of the Boatwright Society, and is a longtime supporter of the Spider Club and Annual Fund.

"It seems so natural to support the University in various ways," says André, who received a B.A. in political science in 1953 and then graduated from T.C. Williams School of Law in 1958. "I would encourage all alumni to give to the University to the extent that they are able."

To ensure his legacy will continue, André and his wife Dottie recently established a charitable remainder trust to benefit the University of Richmond. "It's a way to do something now that will benefit the University in the future," André explains. "It's a win-win for us and for Richmond."

The Niensens have no plans to slow down their active participation on campus. As avid sports fans, they look forward to cheering for the Spiders in the new Robins Stadium this fall. They also volunteer regularly as ushers at the Modlin Center for the Arts.

"The University has a bright future," Dottie says, "and we want to be a part of it."

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