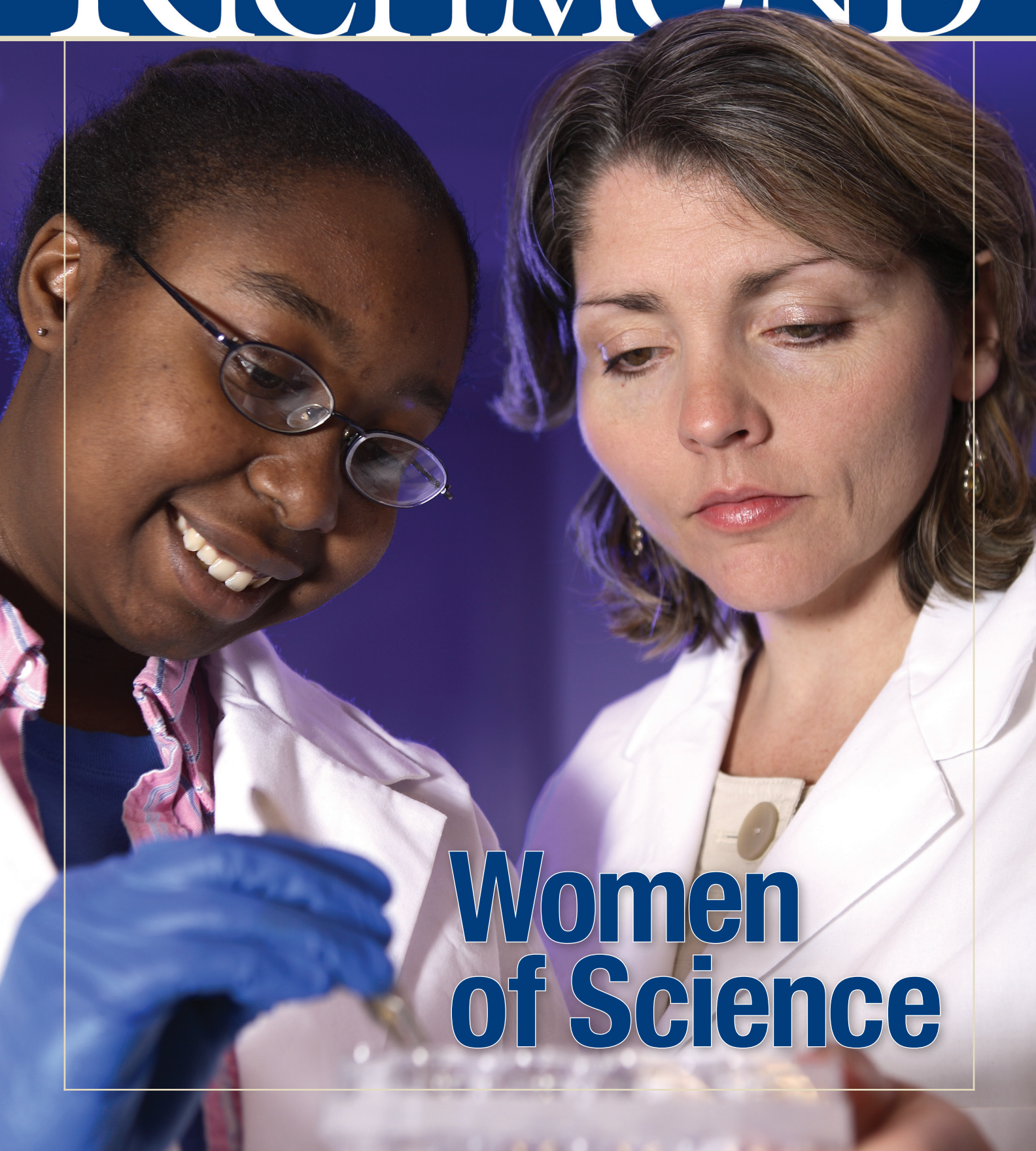


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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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We've had a very good year at the University of Richmond. Coming off last year, my first as a Spider, so full of new discoveries, new friends, and new beginnings, I worried that this year might be a letdown. Had I known about the financial crisis the world would confront this year, I would have worried even more, of course. No one needs to be told about the pain of layoffs, market downturns, and unemployment across our nation and around the world.

All the more reason, then, to be grateful for the year we've had. Although our endowment suffered losses, those losses were not nearly as devastating as many schools suffered. Our conservative fiscal tradition meant that we had not been spending all that we had gained during the good financial years, and we were thus better positioned to weather the current storm. We have been able to continue our construction projects, taking advantage of the hard times to get low interest rates and favorable prices for materials. We have been able to continue to recruit faculty and staff, adding terrific new people who help make a Richmond education possible. And, most important, we have been able to sustain our commitment to financial aid, winning widespread recognition as one of the best educational values in the United States. We are very fortunate indeed.

Moving forward, this year saw the unanimous endorsement of *The Richmond Promise*, our ambitious plan for the next five years. I could see in my travels and many conversations last year that alumni from every generation and every school of the University cared about the same issues for UR: access and affordability, diversity and inclusivity, and connecting to the world and to our own neighborhoods. I could see that people recognized the great strength that comes from having five excellent and distinct schools, each with something remarkable to offer to our students and to one another. I could see that everyone wants our students to be successful and fulfilled in all aspects of their lives while they are at Richmond. *The Richmond Promise* articulates that shared vision and makes a pledge that we will do our best to make it come to pass. With your help I believe it is possible.

We enjoyed seeing the Robins School ranked 12th in the nation among undergraduate business schools by *BusinessWeek*. We enjoyed a national symposium on Abraham Lincoln and an economic summit sponsored by the Jepson School. We celebrated when our faculty won a Howard Hughes grant to reinvent our introductory science course and an Andrew Mellon grant to use our strength in international education to understand the United States more deeply. We celebrated with our students as they won national competitions in mock trial and debate, in research and art, in major scholarships such as Fulbrights and Goldwaters. And we enjoyed seeing the University named by *SmartMoney* as one of the nation's "colleges that pay off" in recognition of the lasting value of a Richmond education. The year was great, too, of course, because we won the national championship in football and succeeded in one sport after another. And we did so with distinction, with several teams among the top 10 percent in the nation in graduation rates.

As you can see, I was wrong. This year has been every bit as good as last year. Some might say even better. Our goal now is to keep the momentum going, to make every year a bit better than the one before. So far, so good.

Sincerely,

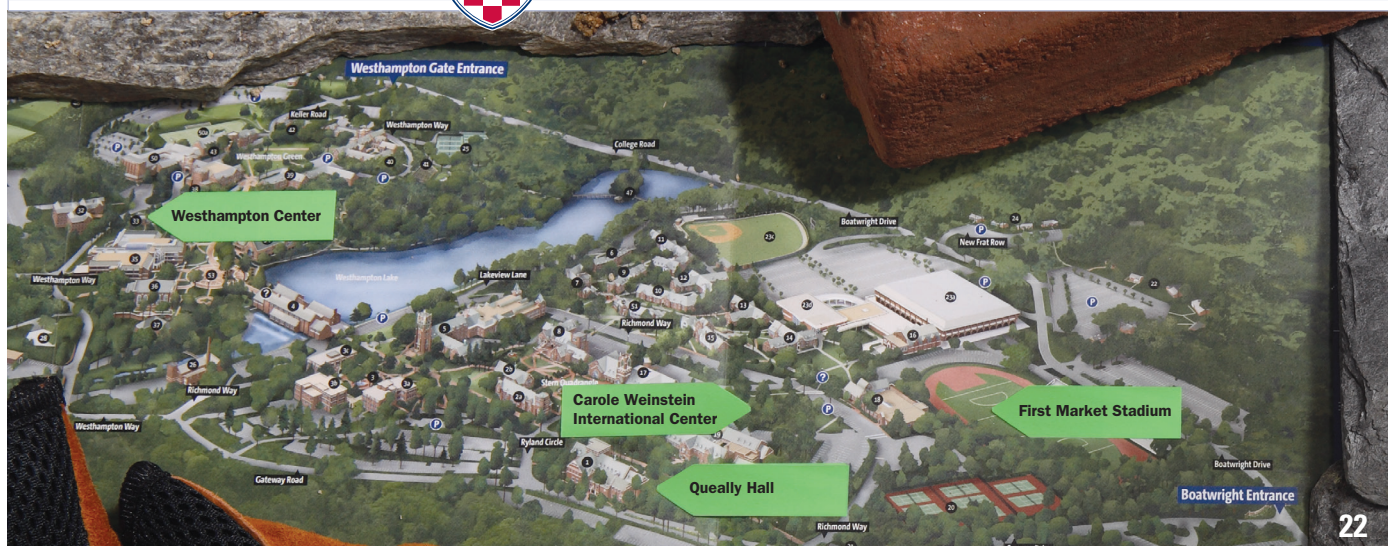
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Edward L. Ayers





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# AROUND THE LAKE

## CAMPUS

### Hoyle's 'last lecture' raises six questions

Joe Hoyle, associate professor of accounting, delivered Richmond's first "last lecture" to an overflow crowd at Jepson Alumni Center in early April.

A "last lecture" is one given by a prominent professor who answers the question, "If you were to speak for the last time, what would you say?" The format was made famous in 2007 by the late Dr. Randy Pausch, a Carnegie Mellon professor who gave his last lecture while battling terminal pancreatic cancer.

Hoyle, who enjoys good health, has not lectured much since 1991, when he switched to the Socratic method of teaching. True to that style, he challenged his audience by asking six questions inspired by six former students. What is your biggest dream? When was the last time you made a new friend? When was the last time you were a good Samaritan? When was the last time you did something you got excited about? When was the last time you did something you thought was bold? And who are your heroes?

"You are some of the most talented people God ever created," Hoyle told his audience. "And with talent,



The Tocqueville Seminars will examine American culture from international perspectives.

there's responsibility. Society needs you ... to make a difference in this world."

Hoyle has been named the University's distinguished educator five times during his 30 years at UR. He also was Virginia Professor of the Year in 2007.

To view Hoyle's "last lecture," visit Bonus Content at [magazine.richmond.edu](http://magazine.richmond.edu).

### Mellon grant to fund Tocqueville Seminars

Richmond has received a three-year, \$968,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop a series of Tocqueville Seminars that will explore the American experience in an international context.

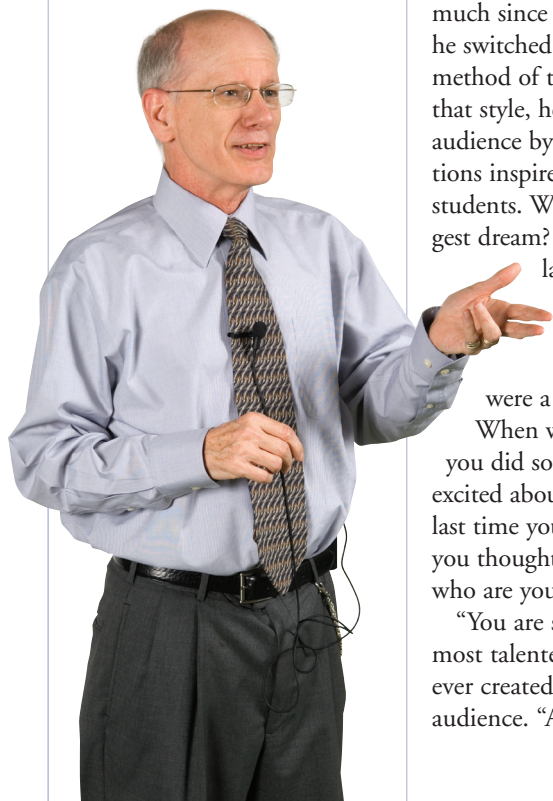
The seminars are named for French historian Alexis de Tocqueville, an early 19th century visitor to America who described the country's emerging cultural identity.

Working with visiting scholars and international partners, the University's faculty will create a series of seminars analyzing the evolution of the United States using cross-cultural perspectives. Faculty and students will use a variety of approaches—including examining other societies' impressions of America—to consider social, political, and cultural development in the United States.

Faculty from other Virginia private liberal arts colleges, Virginia's historically black colleges and universities, and the College of William and Mary will be invited to join the project.

President Edward Ayers notes how well the Tocqueville Seminars fit into the University's new strategic plan, *The Richmond Promise*. "We are creating an interdisciplinary and cross-

Joe Hoyle, associate professor of accounting, delivered Richmond's first "last lecture" to an overflow crowd.





school educational experience unlike any other in American higher education,” he says.

The grant will fund three course-development seminars for 12 faculty members beginning next spring. Prominent American and international scholars will contribute information and give public lectures, and the new courses will be offered in fall 2010.

## FACULTY

### Professors receive Fulbright grants

Two Richmond professors have won Fulbright grants to teach and conduct research abroad next year.

Dr. Jennifer Nourse, associate professor of anthropology and women, gender, and sexuality studies, will travel to Indonesia to teach medical anthropology and women’s health care at Universitas Hasanuddin in South Sulawesi. She also expects to investigate the impact of new democratic policies in Central Sulawesi that give local people governance of public health projects.

Dr. Jimmy Kandeh, associate professor of political science, will travel to Sierra Leone to lecture and conduct research on the country’s development and democratization following civil war. “As the only post-conflict state to experience an alternation of political

parties in power, Sierra Leone represents a test case for the liberal peace project in Africa,” he says.

Kandeh will be based at Fourah Bay College of the University of Sierra Leone, his undergraduate alma mater.

### Leopold wins grant to study proteins

Dr. Mike Leopold, associate professor of chemistry, has received an \$85,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his research on proteins. He expects the grant to be renewed to provide a total of \$255,000 over three years.

The funds will support summer research for Leopold, three undergraduate students, and a post-baccalaureate fellow.

Leopold’s team is researching the use of specialized nanoparticles, known as monolayer-protected clusters, as a functional component of protein monolayer electrochemistry techniques designed to probe the electron transfer properties of immobilized redox proteins.

The study is significant to the development of electron transfer model systems and biosensor technology, as well as the understanding of fundamental biological processes such as mitochondrial respiration and photosynthesis.

Leopold has published several articles on interactions between proteins and synthetic nanomaterials.



## Governor challenges grads

At Richmond’s commencement ceremony in May, Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine challenged the 2009 graduates to work with their parents and professors to reverse the backsliding of America’s educational system.

“If the power and the accomplishments and the opportunities of our state and our nation rest deeply on the kinds of investments that we make in education, we’ve got to do a lot better at it than we have been,” Kaine warned.

The governor compared Virginia’s education and economy today with that of 50 years ago, when a smaller percentage of children went to school than in “virtually any other state,” the higher education attainment rate—the percentage of adults with college degrees—was less than half the national average, and the commonwealth was 36th in per capita income.

Virginia overcame those deficits, but in the past 15 years, educational attainment in the United States has been “kind of stuck on a plateau” while other nations continue to climb higher, Kaine said.

Following the governor’s address, President Edward Ayers presented special honors to Pam Spence, retiring dean of admission, and E. Claiborne Robins Jr., R’68 and H’86, a longtime trustee.

Spence received the title of dean emerita of admission. She has been dean since 1993 and has worked at the University’s admission office since 1975.

Robins received the President’s Medal for his outstanding service to the University. He and his family have provided extensive financial and personal support to Richmond’s facilities, programs, and scholarships. Robins also has served on the University’s Board of Trustees for more than 40 years.

The University conferred 702 baccalaureate and 74 graduate degrees at its main commencement. In separate ceremonies, the School of Law granted 155 law degrees, while the School of Continuing Studies bestowed 124 associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees.

—Brian Eckert





## AROUND THE LAKE

### STAFF

#### UR police lieutenant completes FBI training

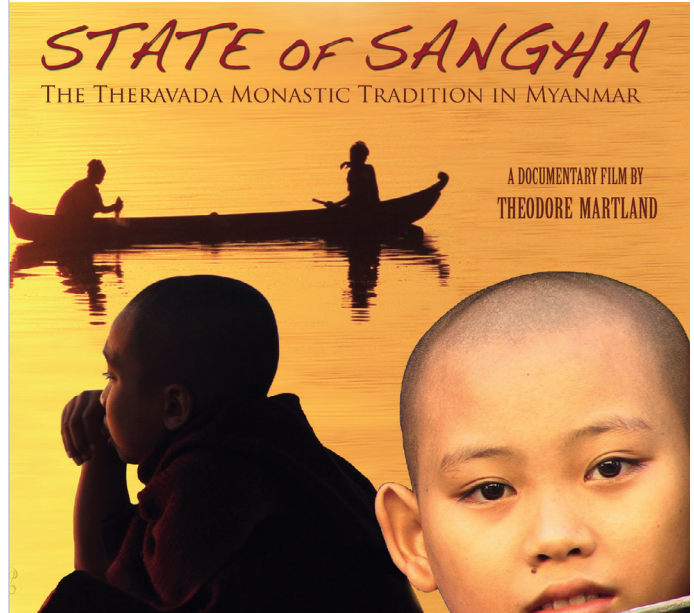
Adrienne Meador Murray, '08, a lieutenant in the UR Police Department, has graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Va.

Murray is the first member of Richmond's campus police force to complete the program.

During her 11 weeks at the residential academy, Murray studied law, behavioral science, forensic science, terrorist mentality, leadership development, communication, health, and fitness. She also earned a yellow brick for completing an optional fitness test called the Yellow Brick Road, a grueling 6.1-mile course built by the U.S. Marines. Yellow bricks guide runners across rugged terrain. Along the way, Murray climbed over walls, ran through creeks, jumped through simulated windows, scaled rock faces, and crawled under barbed wire in muddy water.

But perseverance is Murray's trademark. Last year she graduated with honors from the School of Continuing Studies, completing the major in human resource management she began 15 years ago. Now she is pursuing a master's degree in emergency management through SCS.

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*State of Sangha*, a documentary by Theodore Martland, '09, debuted on campus in late April.

### STUDENTS

#### Student film features Burmese Buddhists

While studying Buddhism in India, philosophy major Theodore Martland, '09, of Groton, Mass., met a Burmese nun and social worker who rescues young girls from the South Asian sex trade.

With the nun's help, Martland gained permission from the Burmese government to film a documentary in Myanmar (Burma) called *State of Sangha: The Theravada Monastic Tradition in Myanmar*. Theravada is the orthodox Buddhism followed in Myanmar and much of South Asia.

Filmed entirely in Myanmar, *State of Sangha* captures the beauty of the

Theravada monastic tradition, showing how Burmese Buddhists find freedom within themselves.

Westerners, tourists, and journalists are not usually allowed into Myanmar, so Martland was constantly asked for documents showing he had government approval to film there. "My subject was Buddhism, so I was very careful to film only that subject," Martland notes.

Martland traveled in Myanmar with the nun and two other people. They stayed in monasteries and meditation centers, sometimes sleeping on hard wooden floors. They traveled on overnight trains and buses, including one trip on top of a bus.

At Richmond, Martland majored in philosophy with a minor in rhetoric and com-



munications studies. *State of Sangha* debuted on campus in late April. Now Martland is working on a proposal to film a documentary about the South Asian sex trade.

### Der receives Goldwater

Matt Der, '10, of Chester, Va., has won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the premier undergraduate scholarship in mathematics, science, and engineering.

He is among 278 undergraduates selected nationwide from 1,097 nominees. The awards provide up to \$7,500 a year to cover tuition, fees, books, room, and board.

Der is double majoring in mathematics and computer science, and he plans to continue his studies in graduate school. He has been conducting research on sequence design in wireless communications with Dr. James Davis, professor of mathematics, through the University's Long-term Undergraduate Research Experience (LURE). Der and Davis are searching for sequences that are suitable code for a transmission scheme called OFDM (orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing).

### Debate team climbs in national rankings

Coached by Dr. Kevin Kuswa and Kelly Congdon, Richmond's debate team broke into the national rank-

ings at No. 24 and earned a bid to the 2009 National Debate Tournament.

"The main accomplishment behind the rankings is that we have novice, J.V. and varsity teams all doing well at their respective levels," Kuswa says.

In college debate competition, two-person teams speak both for and against the proposition of the year in alternating matches. They also cross-examine, trying to undermine each other's arguments, and then sum up their positions with closing rebuttals. This year's question was: "Should the federal government substantially reduce its agricultural supports?"

Richmond's debaters began researching that proposition last summer and continued throughout the 2008–09 academic year.

The varsity duo—senior Liz Lauzon of Spotsylvania, Va., and sophomore Ashley Fortner of Addison, Texas—won 32 of 63 matches at 11 major tournaments around the nation, including UR's 100-team Jay Weinberg Autumn Debate Tournament last October.

Lauzon attributes Richmond's success to its coaches, who were outstanding college debaters. As a student at Georgetown University, Kuswa and a teammate won the 1992 national tournament. Congdon qualified for the national tournament quar-



## Robins School ranks 12th

*BusinessWeek* has ranked the Robins School of Business No. 12 among America's top undergraduate business programs in the magazine's 2009 rankings.

The Robins School moved up from No. 20 on last year's list, No. 23 in 2007, and No. 25 in 2006—the first year that *BusinessWeek* published rankings.

To identify the top programs, the magazine used nine measures of student satisfaction, post-graduation outcomes, and academic quality. The Robins School tied the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and Wake Forest University's Calloway School for No. 1 in academic quality.

"With Richmond's strong performance in the classroom, it's no surprise that the school moved up the overall ranking eight spots to No. 12," the magazine states. "Robins is not only tops in [marketing, financial management, and macroeconomics], but also in corporate strategy and quantitative methods, making it the most celebrated program" on the list.

*BusinessWeek* asked senior business majors to grade the school in 12 academic areas including marketing, accounting, calculus, financial management, and corporate strategy. Richmond business students describe "a small program focused on hands-on, real-world experiences with engaging, accessible professors, and a strong alumni base," the magazine concludes. "Students laud the fact that up-to-the-minute news is incorporated into core business courses with current market trends and announcements from the Federal Reserve directing daily discussions."

Dr. Jorge Haddock, the school's dean, says outstanding faculty and students, strong corporate support, and alumni backing continue to drive Richmond's rise. "The generosity of alumni and other supporters enables us to provide students with a small-class environment that is conducive to high-quality education," he says. "And the median starting salary of our graduates has increased again this year, continuing the upward trend of the past several years."

—Brian Eckert



## AROUND THE LAKE

terfinals as a student at the University of Texas.

Before Kuswa began coaching in 2001, Richmond had not qualified for the national tournament since the 1970s. Since Kuswa's first year, Richmond has sent a team to nationals every year.

### BOOKS

#### *Medicating Children*

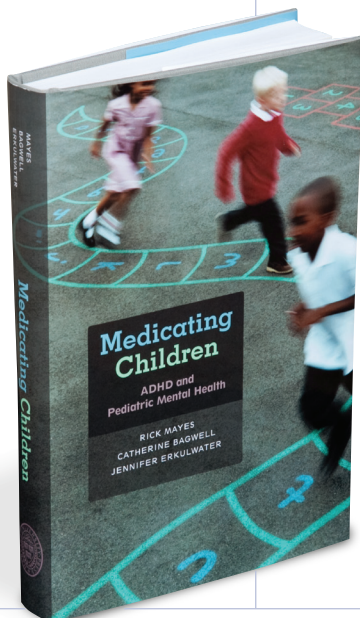
Three faculty members—two of them alumni—have written *Medicating Children: ADHD and Pediatric Mental Health*, a new book from Harvard University Press.

The authors are Dr. Catherine Bagwell, '94, associate professor of psychology, Dr. Jennifer Erkulwater, associate professor of political science, and Dr. Rick Mayes, R'91, associate professor of public policy. They explore how and why ADHD has become the most commonly

diagnosed psychological disorder among children and adolescents.

Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, of the University of California at Berkeley, calls their book "a beacon of reason ... in the loaded crossfire between big pharma, media frenzy, biology versus culture, and the very nature of childhood itself."

*Medicating Children* takes a comprehensive look at ADHD and pediatric mental health.



Clarinettist Michael Maccaferri rehearses with eighth blackbird before the world premiere of "Double Sextet" at the Modlin Center.

#### More faculty books

*Buchanan's Reach*. Dr. William Cooper, University professor. Matt Preston, a university president, faces crises and opportunities for Buchanan University during his last year at the fictional Ivy League school.

*Flashpoint China*. Dr. William Cooper, University professor. Tensions between Taiwan and China bring the world to the brink of war in 2012.

*Legalizing Identities*. Dr. Jan Hoffman French, assistant professor of anthropology. French shows how legal maneuvering played a key role in creating two distinct identities—Xocó Indian and quilombo—among similar people in northeastern Brazil.

*Racism and Sexual Oppression in Anglo-America*. Dr. Ladelle McWhorter, James Thomas Professor of Philosophy. McWhorter describes racism, sexual

oppression, and discrimination against the disabled, and poor as kindred aspects of the same societal malady.

### CULTURE

#### Reich wins Pulitzer for 'Double Sextet'

Composer Steve Reich has won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in music for "Double Sextet," a piece he wrote for eighth blackbird, the University's Grammy Award-winning ensemble-in-residence. Co-commissioned by the Modlin Center for the Arts, the composition's world premier occurred in Camp Concert Hall in March 2008.

"We are incredibly excited that 'Double Sextet' was the Pulitzer winner this year," says Lisa Kaplan, eighth blackbird's pianist. She adds that the Modlin Center's role as co-commissioner "was absolutely essential in making this project happen, and for that,



we are extremely grateful.”

Reich is considered a pioneer in minimalist music. *The New York Times* recently called him America’s “greatest living composer.”

## LAW

### VSB honors Swisher for lifetime of service

In March the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section presented its 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award to law professor Peter Swisher.

“He has propelled and contributed to the evolution of family law in Virginia for nearly three decades,” says Fairfax attorney Aaron Christoff. In addition to teaching family law to an entire generation of lawyers, Swisher has written seminal books about practicing family law.

He co-authored *Virginia Family Law: Theory, Practice and Forms*, *Understanding Family Law*, and *Family Law: Cases, Materials and Problems*. Swisher joined the Richmond School of Law faculty in 1974.

### Law students win ABA competition

A team of students from the School of Law defeated teams from 69 other law schools to win the American Bar Association’s Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

The ABA’s Labor and Employment Law Section hosted the finals, with feder-

al judges, law professors, and prominent employment lawyers from around the nation serving as evaluators.

Coached by Paul Thompson, adjunct professor of law, Richmond’s team featured third-year students Scott Jones, of Stafford, Va., Kristen Wright, of Atlanta, Jeannine Panzera, of Rockville, Md., and second-year student Hank Gates, of Richmond.

### Sincell accepts award for pro bono work

In April, Miriam Sincell, L’09, of Oakland, Md., received the Virginia State Bar’s 2009 Oliver White Hill Student Pro Bono Award for providing extraordinary public service during her law school career.

Tara Louise Casey, director of the University’s Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service, describes her as “an ambassador of the legal profession and the law school to the Richmond community.”

Sincell worked with the Street Law Project, where she recruited volunteers to teach disadvantaged youths about basic legal concepts. She was among the first volunteers in the Richmond Child Health Advocacy program, which addresses legal needs of low-income children who are patients at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center. She also has worked with the Richmond Housing Law Project and the Christian Law Fellowship.



## Six grads earn Fulbrights

Six 2009 graduates have accepted Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) grants.

Kyle Bell of Wyomissing, Pa., and Aaron Daugherty of Oregon City, Ore., will teach approximately nine months in Spain and Indonesia, respectively. Lauren Grewe of Tulsa, Okla., and Kate Simma of Richardson, Texas, will teach for one academic year in Bangladesh and Peru, respectively, while Jill Eisenberg of Lexington, Mass., and John Calhoun of Bronx, N.Y., will teach in Taiwan.

“Receiving a Fulbright grant is an honor, a great opportunity, and a significant item on any job or graduate school application,” says Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education. “By applying in the fall of their senior year and receiving the grants in increasing numbers, Richmond students have demonstrated that they are aware of the Fulbright program’s value for themselves as individuals and for the country as a whole.”

The year’s Fulbright scholars expressed a strong desire to continue the international educations they began or expanded at Richmond.

“People are like mosaics, shaped and colored by experiences and relationships,” says Bell, who studied abroad in Spain and India as a UR student. “Studying in the Basque Country and conducting original research in South India (pictured above) certainly colored my mosaic, fanning my passion for other cultures and scholarship.”

Fulbright ETA grants cover the cost of travel, living expenses, health insurance, and enrichment activities overseas. The Fulbright program, established in 1946, is named after the late Sen. J. William Fulbright, who introduced a bill in Congress to create a program “promoting international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science.”

—Karl Rhodes



# SPIDER SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

### Spiders top JMU in women's NIT

It has been nearly two decades since a Richmond women's basketball team has won as many games as the 2008–09 Spiders. Fourth-year coach Michael Shafer's squad advanced in postseason tournament play to finish 24-10, the highest victory total since the 1990–91 team went 26-5.

The Spiders reached the Atlantic 10 tournament finals and earned a first-round bye in the WNIT.

Richmond beat James Madison in the second round before losing to Georgetown in the third.

After the Georgetown game, Shafer paid tribute to his team and seniors Johanna McKnight and Augustina Zygaite. He thanked "Jo for five and Augie for four great years. ... They really stepped up the leadership." Shafer said the season was characterized

by the team's determination in the face of injuries to key players. "They never made excuses."

Senior Johanna McKnight scored 1,106 career points for Richmond.



Senior Lauren Beaudreau won six gold medals at the Atlantic 10 meet.

McKnight ended her career with 1,106 points, placing her 12th on the Spiders' all-time scoring list.

Shafer also looked to the Spiders' future. Sophomore Brittani Shells led the team with 15.1 points per game. She made the all-conference first team, the all-conference defensive team, and the A-10 all-tournament team. Freshman Rachel Bilney made nearly 38 percent of her three-point field goal attempts, the third-best percentage in the conference. Other returning players include the Spiders' top two rebounders, juniors Crystal Goring (6.8 per game) and Nikita Thomas (5.4 per game).

"I'm very, very optimistic," Shafer said. "I think we're going to be a force to be reckoned with in the A-10."

Next year's team will be tested early against reigning NCAA Division I champion Connecticut on the Huskies' home floor.

## SWIMMING

### UR wins 8th straight A-10 championship

Few college teams in any sport have dominated their conferences the way the women's swim team has dominated the Atlantic 10. In February, the Spiders won their eighth straight A-10 title.

The Spiders easily out-scored second-place St. Bonaventure 742-540. Richmond won 11 of 18 events and set seven A-10 records during the conference meet. Senior Lauren Beaudreau won seven medals, six of them gold.

Richmond's dominance and Beaudreau's competitive fire were evident in the 200-yard breaststroke. Beaudreau has owned the conference record in the event for three years, but in a preliminary heat, LaSalle's Shannon Duval broke Beaudreau's record with a time of 2:14.64. But Beaudreau was

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not finished. In a sport that often sees records trimmed by a few 100ths of a second, the Richmond senior won the gold medal in 2:11.43—beating Duval's short-lived record by more than three seconds.

Other A-10 records set by Spiders during the championship meet included the 200 individual medley (2:00.11) by Beaudreau, the 100 backstroke (54.65) by junior Alex Hellend, and the 200 backstroke (1:58.00) by sophomore Nicole LePere. The relay team of Beaudreau, Hellend, junior Katie Sieben, and freshman Charlotte Brackett set A-10 records in the 200 medley relay (1:40.17), the 400 medley relay (3:40.34), and the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.87).

### Beaudreau sets marks at NCAA nationals

She swam in the U.S. Olympic Trials. She set new standards for Richmond swimmers, helping her team maintain its dominance over the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Lauren Beaudreau closed her college athletic career by representing the University for the third time in the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, held in March at College Station, Texas.

She finished 17th in the 400 individual medley, 21st in the 200 individual medley, and 26th in the 200 breaststroke.

## TENNIS

### Spiders topple Temple to win A-10 title

Richmond left no doubt why it was the top seed in the Atlantic 10 women's tennis tournament, brushing aside second-seeded and defending champion Temple 4-0 in the finals. Winning the tournament clinched a spot for Richmond in the NCAA Women's Tennis Championship.

The team rolled through the conference tournament with 4-0 victories over St. Louis and Charlotte en route to the finals.

The point that finished the tournament sweep came when freshman Helen Cunningham punctuated her 6-3, 6-1 singles victory over Temple's Anastasia Rukavishnykova with an overhead slam.

Richmond had taken a 1-0 lead after capturing the doubles point. Senior Pamela Duran and sophomore Isabel Arana won the No. 2 doubles match, 8-1, while seniors Ashlee Vosters and Erin Clark rallied from a 4-3 deficit to win the No. 1 flight, 8-5.

Clark's 6-3, 6-0 win against Temple's Lucie Pazderova in No. 2 singles pushed the Spiders' advantage to 2-0 before Duran recorded a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Elyse Steiner in No. 1 singles. Then Cunningham won the deciding match.



## Robins Center banners honor Davey and Jordan

New banners in the Robins Center honor two of Richmond's greatest women's basketball players, Karen Elsner Davey, '85, (above left) and Pam Bryant Jordan, '90, (above right).

The banners are the first to pay tribute to female players. Three banners honor members of the men's program: Warren Mills, B'57, Johnny Newman, R'86, and former coach Dick Tarrant.

Davey's statistics dominate the Spiders' record book, just as she dominated opponents on the court. She is Richmond's all-time leading scorer with 2,367 career points, and holds eight of the Spiders' top 10 single-game scoring efforts, including a school-record 39 points against Radford in 1983. Her scoring averages for each of her four seasons, ranging from 18.8 to 23, are the four best in the program's history. Her nine individual records include the most rebounds in a season (347) and game (23) and the most free throws made in a season (146) and game (19). Davey was a two-time captain, and the Spiders' went 64-48 during her four years.

Jordan was also a two-time captain. She led Richmond to two postseason appearances, including the Spiders' first NCAA tournament berth when the team won the Colonial Athletic Association championship her senior year. The Spiders went 25-5 that season, 11-1 in CAA play. Richmond had three 20-win seasons during Jordan's career, and the Spiders' record during her four years was 83-37.

She is the program's third all-time scorer (1,766 points), fourth in field goals made in a season (232), and steals in a season (69).


—Randy Hallman





Dr. April Hill (left) works with Crystal Richardson, '10, to explore which genes are important when animal cells acquire symbionts.





By Pam Feibish

# Women of Science

Strong role models and undergraduate research opportunities attract women to science and math majors.

Crystal Richardson, '10, is passionate about researching genetic events between marine sponges and microorganisms. Gabriela Timoney, '11, spends countless hours in a lab studying the structural basis of the dual effects of fatty acid on Kv4 channel function.

"UR has some of the best technology and opportunities for science," says Richardson, who also considered attending the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia. "The undergraduate research here is on par with graduate level projects at other universities."

Richardson and Timoney chose Richmond because of its strong science curriculum, outstanding professor mentors, and opportunities to conduct significant research as undergraduates. Both exemplify the commitment Richmond has made to attract and retain women undergraduates as science majors.





**Dr. Linda Boland** works with **Gabriela Timoney, '11,** (above) and **Michelle Drzewiecki, '09,** (right) to get unfertilized frog egg cells to make brain ion channel proteins.

Fifteen years ago, men outnumbered women nearly two-to-one among seniors majoring in science and math. But those numbers were almost even among 2008 graduates—45 men versus 44 women.

Women at Richmond are particularly drawn to the biological sciences. From 2000–08, the University awarded degrees to 280 female biology majors and 159 male biology majors. Sixty-two women and 63 men graduated with chemistry majors during those same years.

This summer is Richardson's fourth in a campus lab. One thing that attracted her to Richmond was the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) program, a five-week pre-freshman program supported by HHMI. The program gives underrepresented students, including women, a head start on undergraduate research.

"I was able to come to campus early and shadow a scholar," Richardson says. "Luckily, I was paired with Dr. April Hill (associate professor of biology) and have been working with her since then."

The focus of Richardson's research is to understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved during the acquisition of symbionts by marine sponges. "The biomedical importance of these marine symbionts is vast, including the production of anti-cancer and immune system drugs," she says.

Because of Richmond's low student-faculty ratio, students often form close working relationships with professors, says Richardson, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Fredericksburg, Va.

"Dr. Hill has had a great impact on me," she says. "It's amazing what she can juggle"—research, teaching,

mentoring, and raising a family. "I really enjoy my research experience here. I'd like to go to graduate school and continue researching. I'd like to be a professor."

National studies from the late 1990s and early 2000s concluded that one reason why women were underrepresented in science and math is that they lacked sufficient female role models in those fields. When Dr. Andy Newcomb became dean of the School of Arts & Sciences in 2001, only 31 percent of faculty members in math and science were women. That number has increased to 38 percent in the past eight years.

In addition to Hill, Richardson praises Dr. Laura Runyen-Janecky, associate professor of biology. She is "phenomenal," Richardson says. "There are so many good women role models here."





## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Gabriela Timoney knew she wanted to conduct research and major in science after working with graduate students from Princeton University in a program arranged by the high school she attended in Lawrenceville, N.J.

She looked at universities that offered undergraduate research, including the University of Wisconsin and the University of Maryland, but when she considered smaller schools, Richmond became her top choice.

"I liked how the students interacted with professors, especially the research students who form really close relationships with their professors. I've been studying with Dr. Linda Boland (associate professor of biology) for two years. She's brilliant. She's incredible, dedicated to her research. The dedication shows with the amount of time and care she puts into it."

Like Richardson, Timoney took advantage of the pre-freshman program supported by HHMI. She spent that summer and two subsequent semesters studying how different fatty acids modulate fast-inactivating Kv4 potassium channels by inhibiting peak current and speeding up inactivation. Last summer, an undergraduate sum-

mer research fellowship from the American Physiological Society funded her work with Boland. This year, Timoney looked at channels in the brain and the heart, essentially trying to uncover why fatty acids inhibit those channels. Their work eventually could enhance people's ability to remember and learn.

"It's more fulfilling to follow a project through to the end, not just for a semester or two," says Timoney, a biochemistry and molecular biology major considering medical school. A paper to which she contributed—"Inhibitory Effects of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids on Kv4/KChIP Potassium Channels"—was recently accepted by *The American Journal of Physiology*.

"I love Richmond," Timoney says. "The personal relationships have been special, and other professors know your name and what you're working on. They have your best interests at heart." The caring culture "has helped the science program thrive."

## THE LURE OF MATH

Richmond also encourages more women to major in math. In 2006, Dr. Jim Davis, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Kathy Hoke, associate dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and associate professor of mathematics, secured a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to encourage students to major in math and go on to graduate school in the subject.

"We want to make sure we're attracting all students to math," Hoke says. "We want to catch them early and let them experience mathematics, work on a problem they don't know the answer to."

Richmond is the lead university for LURE (Long-term Undergraduate Research Experience), a 10-week summer program funded by the NSF. UR has extended offers this

summer to 16 students—eight women and eight men. "If those 16 all come, we will have had 50 students in the program (in its first three years), 24 of them women," Hoke says.

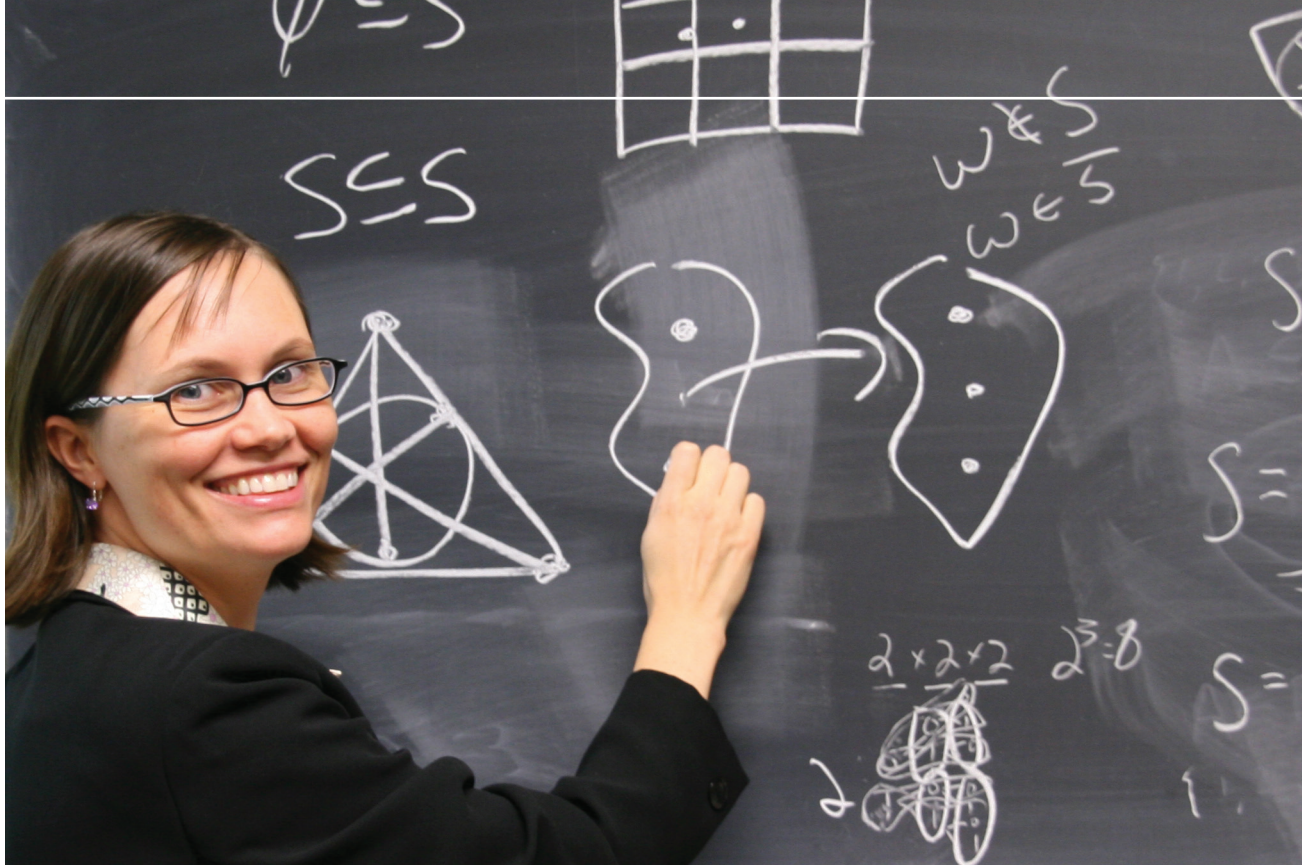
Richmond's math and computer science department issues personal invitations to participate in research programs, especially to female students. Women are more likely to respond to a personal invitation, Hoke explains.

Hoke joined the Richmond faculty in 1985, straight from graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has seen an increasing number of women majoring in math and science, but says gender balance can vary arbitrarily from one year to the next. "It's hard to say what's a result of program change," she says, "and what's a result of women coming in and expecting more."

In the past three years, 377 students have immersed themselves in summer undergraduate research

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in science, not counting psychology students. One hundred seventy-nine of those students were women. "We had 52 percent women last summer," Hoke says. Newcomb notes that funding for summer research has increased nearly 350 percent in the past 10 years, increasing opportunities for women and men alike. His goal is to provide 250 summer research fellowships annually—up from 170 last year.



## PASS IT ON

Hoke enjoys following the careers of women who have graduated from Richmond and are making names for themselves in math and computer science. One she recalls vividly is Dr. Sarah Spence Adams, '97.

Last fall Adams, an assistant professor of mathematics at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering near Boston, spent the semester in UR's Jepson Hall, teaching math classes and conducting research with Dr. Jim Davis as a visiting professor.

Adams was involved in writing the LURE grant with Hoke and Davis. "I'm having the opportunity to work with her," Hoke says. "She was incredible [as a student] and unbelievable now."

At Richmond, Adams won a Clare Boothe Luce scholarship, a national scholarship awarded to female students majoring in computer science, mathematics, or physics. It covers the cost of the student's tuition, room, and board.

She helped build Olin College, which aims to be gender balanced and is very selective, from the ground up. The college graduated its first class last year. Adams maintains an active research program that focuses

on increasing the reliability and efficiency of wireless communications.

"She's having a strong influence on women," Hoke says. "It's cool to see that."

Doing research with professors was a "huge highlight" of her years at Richmond, said Adams.

"The experience with Jim (Davis) and Gary (Greenfield, associate professor of mathematics) really kick-started things for me," Adams says.

"Della Fenster (associate professor of mathematics) was a new faculty member when I was there. She taught abstract algebra 2, and there were only three of us in the class. She was so wonderful. She even had us over to decorate Christmas cookies. We're still in touch. Della has three kids now, and I've watched her family grow.

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Adams, from a small town in Massachusetts, stumbled upon Richmond as her college choice. She and her mother were flying home from

Richmond International Airport after visiting other universities in Virginia and North Carolina. They had a few hours to kill. "I wasn't even planning to look at Richmond," said Adams, "but my mother, a guidance counselor, had heard of it, and suggested we stop by." Once Adams learned what opportunities were available and saw the beautiful campus, she put Richmond at the top of her list.

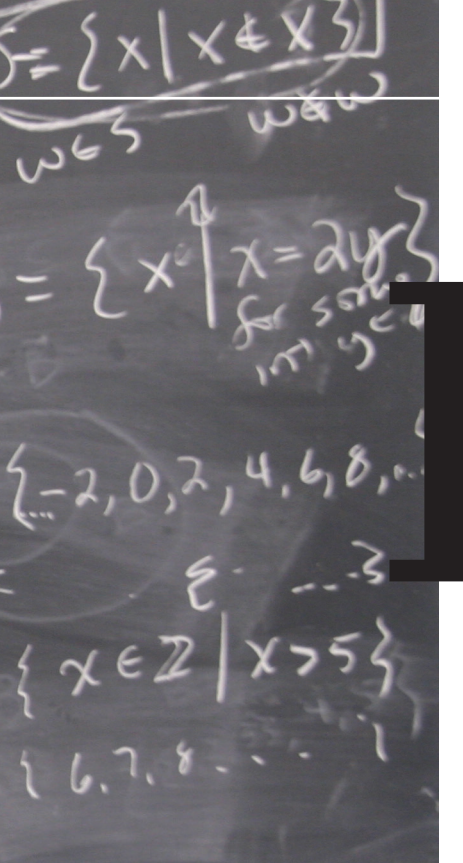
"I knew I wanted to be a mathematician, but I didn't know what that meant until I was at UR," Adams says. Richmond gave her confidence and skill. "They continued to support me after I graduated, when I was in grad school. I would contact Jim and Della when I had questions. Now I'm their peer.

"Watching Della balance her career with her family gave me the confidence that I could do it, too," says Adams, who has a 1-year-old daughter. "She gave me hope that it was possible."

## A RISING STAR

Richmond was a nurturing place for Dr. Olga Troyanskaya, '99, an assistant professor in the department of computer science and the





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Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics at Princeton University. She runs the institute’s Laboratory of Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics. She was named a “rising star” in the field of computer science, according to an analysis published by ScienceWatch.com last May.

Richmond “was really a home for me,” says Troyanskaya, who grew up in Moscow. She was living with a family in Woodbridge, Va., for her senior year of high school when she first visited the University.

“They did amazing things for me to be able to come,” says Troyanskaya, who received a full scholarship. “In Russia, everyone at the time was studying economics, business, or law. I never took a single business class.”

Troyanskaya, who received her Ph.D. from Stanford University, says she stays in touch with Dr. John Hayden, professor of biology. “He took me on in research and taught me how it was done. I was treated as a graduate student when I was a junior and senior.”

She also mentions Hoke as a great math teacher and role model.

Hoke got to know Troyanskaya when Troyanskaya asked her for

help with mathematical questions in an honors thesis that combined computer science and biology. “Doing an honors thesis in biology and computer science was very unusual,” Hoke recalls. “There were and are very interesting questions at the forefront of research boundaries in the interface between computer science and biology, but Olga was here before we began teaching courses in this area.”

It’s important for women in science to see other women as examples, Troyanskaya says.

“I wouldn’t have gotten where I am if it weren’t for Richmond. Because of the support and mentors who believed in me, they taught me to think like an independent scientist. They gave me confidence.”

## BALANCING ACT

Female students gravitate to April Hill’s lab, perhaps because they see in her what they can become.

“I manage three kids, my classes, my research, and apply for grants,” says Hill, who was a first-generation college student. “It’s certainly possible to be a woman, have a family, and be successful. I’m not going to lie and say it’s easy, but it is really

rewarding. I think that having more role models that seem similar to you can go a long way in helping you believe you can achieve something.”

Students work from six to 12 hours a week with Hill, studying sponges to gain insight into animal body systems. “Anytime you can spend that much time with your mentor, you learn about the discipline, how to manage your career.”

Hill has been teaching for 10 years, five of those at Richmond, long enough to see long-term results. “I now have students who have finished post-docs and are getting their big jobs. I try to keep track of all my students. A mentorship need not end with graduation.”

Hill could be conducting research with dozens of doctoral candidates at a large university, “but I can’t imagine that would be nearly as rewarding as working with an 18-year-old for four years,” she says. “I love being part of helping someone launch their career.” ✿

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# AMERICA ON THE EVE

Nationally recognized historians discuss the country's prospects in



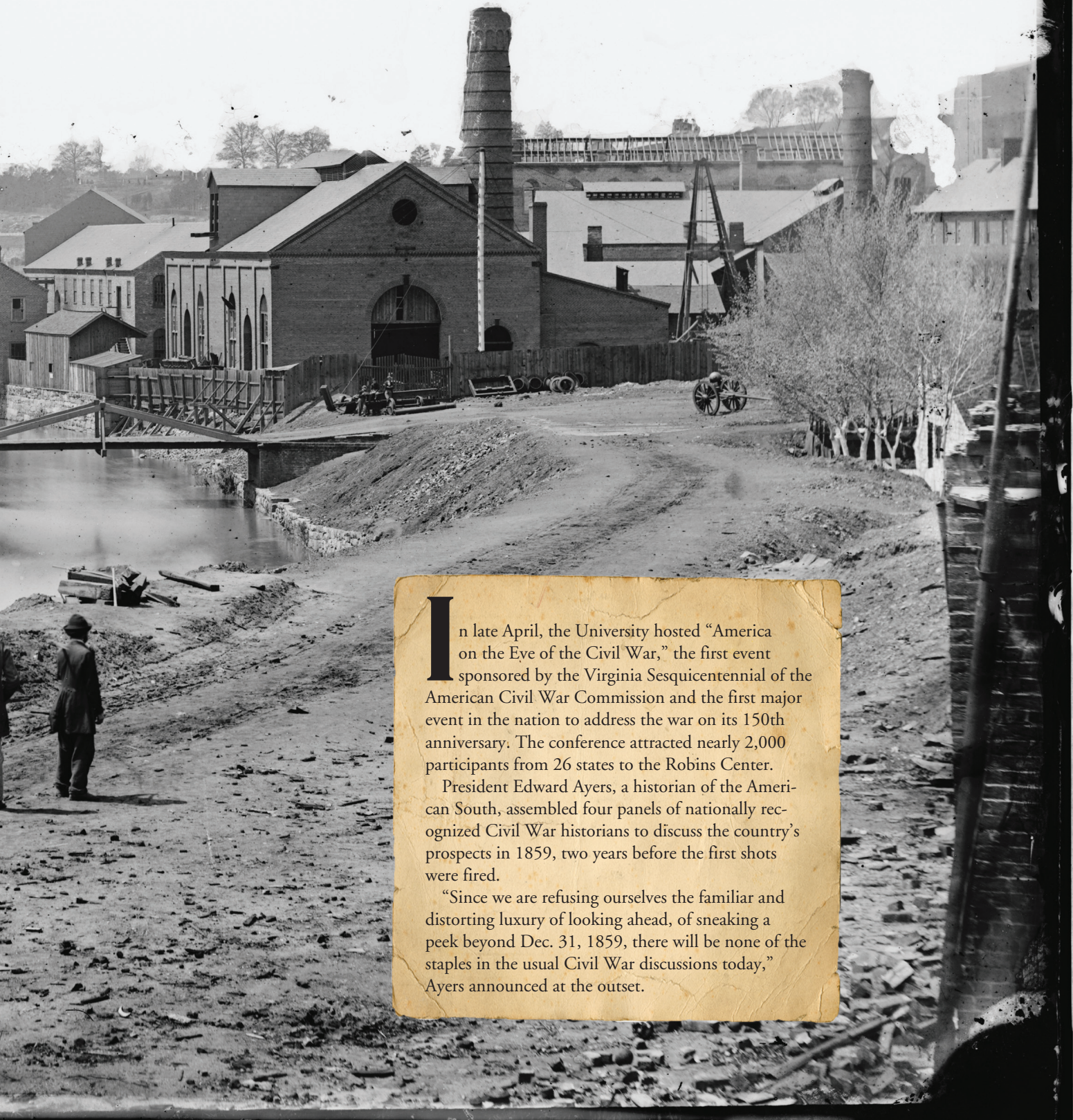
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# OF THE CIVIL WAR



1859, two years before the first shots were fired.



**I**n late April, the University hosted “America on the Eve of the Civil War,” the first event sponsored by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the first major event in the nation to address the war on its 150th anniversary. The conference attracted nearly 2,000 participants from 26 states to the Robins Center.

President Edward Ayers, a historian of the American South, assembled four panels of nationally recognized Civil War historians to discuss the country’s prospects in 1859, two years before the first shots were fired.

“Since we are refusing ourselves the familiar and distorting luxury of looking ahead, of sneaking a peek beyond Dec. 31, 1859, there will be none of the staples in the usual Civil War discussions today,” Ayers announced at the outset.



“No one secedes; in fact, the Confederacy does not exist,” Ayers said.

Robert E. Lee was still in the United States Army in 1859, and Tom Jackson was still a math professor at VMI. Sam Grant was a bill collector in St. Louis, and “Cump” Sherman was heading up a military school in Louisiana. Jefferson Davis was still a United States senator, and Abraham Lincoln was a successful lawyer and a failed senatorial candidate with good prospects.

“Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Appomattox were just everyday places where people lived,” Ayers pointed out. “Richmond was a booming modern city, full of immigrants, free black people, and factories. Four million people across the South, hundreds of thousands of them in Virginia, struggled to build lives and hold families together in a system of slavery that had never been stronger or more firmly entrenched.”

The 16 historians who discussed those issues represented many different schools of thought on the Civil War, but they all “accepted the premise and then worked within that,” says Ayers, who moderated the unscripted discussions. “Nobody was putting forward their own arguments. Everybody was trying to help everybody else understand what was going on. That’s what was different—and exciting—for all the historians.”

The conference was a unique opportunity to highlight “25 years of scholarship that has revolutionized our understanding of the field, but that the general public has no way of knowing,” Ayers pointed out. The conference integrated women’s history, cultural history, African-American history, and economic history—“all the kinds of things that aren’t in the Civil War section of the bookstore.”

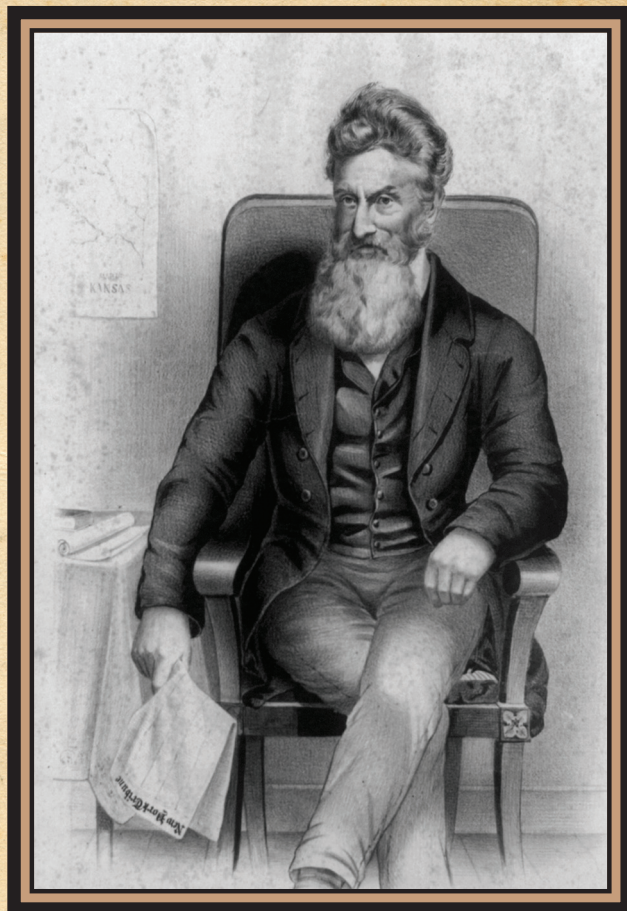
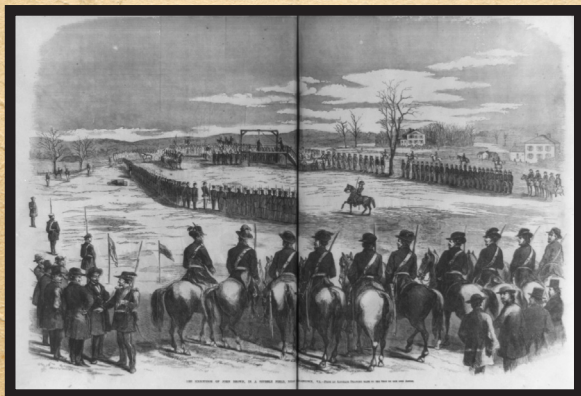
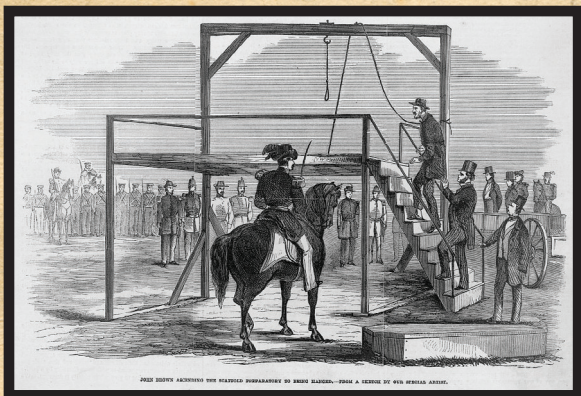
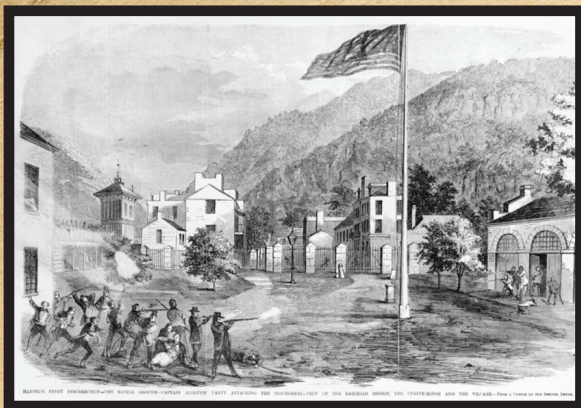
Conference participants shared Ayers’ enthusiasm. After two sessions, Kevin Levin, G’05, a teacher at St. Anne’s-Belfield School in Charlottesville, posted this comment on his blog: “I am looking at eight of the top scholars engaging an arena full of people. What a treat. I can’t think of a better way of opening Virginia’s Civil War Sesquicentennial.”

Though funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the conference was very much a University of Richmond production. More than 100 members of the campus community, from 37 different departments, served as volunteers. University Dining Services prepared and distributed 700 lunches to conference participants and volunteers. Historical organizations from throughout the Richmond region set up informational displays in the Robins Center, and others offered

special promotions for conference attendees. Twelve members of the media, print and online, covered the conference. The UR Bookstore sold nearly \$10,000 in books, with the profits going to the general scholarship fund.

The University webcast the event, and more than 22,000 Web site hits were generated on the day of the conference, says Carolyn Martin, C’86, the executive assistant to the president who organized the event. “People were logged on to the video archive 10 minutes after it was posted,” she says. “It’s unbelievable how engaging this has been. We started planning two years ago, hoping we would get 300 to 500 people in the concert hall for a morning. Then ... we decided that wasn’t adequate, so we started building a studio in an athletic arena and invited the world.”



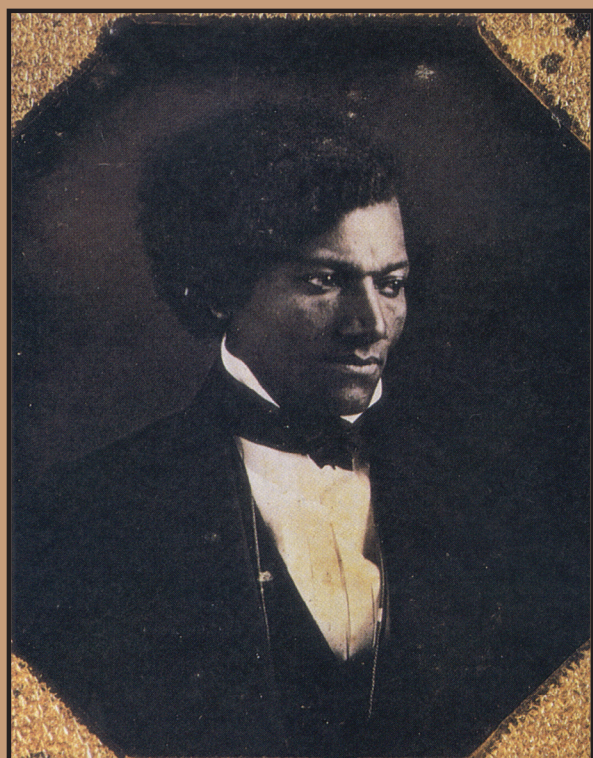


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TO JOHN BROWN (IN THE NORTH)  
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BROWN ON THE GALLOWS BECAME  
AN AMERICAN CRUCIFIXION.”**

DR. DAVID BLIGHT  
CLASS OF 1954 PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY  
YALE UNIVERSITY

John Brown's raid on the federal armory at Harper's Ferry (top) stunned the nation in 1859. His execution (middle and bottom) and his letters from prison galvanized opposition to slavery in the North.





The conference highlighted abolitionist icons such as Frederick Douglass (left), Harriet Tubman (top right), and Sojourner Truth.



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CHRISTY COLEMAN, PRESIDENT  
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR CENTER AT HISTORIC TREDEGAR



Hosting the first event of Virginia's Civil War Sesquicentennial gives the University more than bragging rights. It exemplifies UR's strategic commitment to become more engaged with Virginia in general and Richmond in particular.

So many people came so far for the conference, Ayers told them at the beginning of the conversation, "to help us reckon with the hardest parts of American history to comprehend. You have come here to help us think through the meanings of slavery, of violence, of nation, and of history itself. You have come here because you know that if we do not lay the foundations for our understanding of the Civil War in the 1840s and 1850s, there is no understanding the 1860s and 1870s. And you know that if we do not understand the Civil War, we can-

not understand the decades in the 150 years since, including our own. You have come here to show that Americans are ready, even hungry, to examine the Civil War on its 150th anniversary with fresh eyes."

The University is uniquely suited to providing a safe space where people can talk about difficult issues, Ayers says. One of his goals was to place the Civil War in a larger context, and to engage Virginia's and Richmond's heritage.

"I would like to think that the conference marked a step toward an open, constructive, and even exciting conversation about the pivotal event in our nation's history," he says. ✨

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From the left, panelists included: David Reynolds, distinguished professor of English and American studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York; Edward Ayers, president of the University of Richmond; Walter Johnson, the Winthrop professor of history and professor of African American studies at Harvard University; Joan Waugh, professor in the history department of UCLA; Clarence Walker, professor of history and cultural studies at the University of California, Davis; Laurant Lee, founding curator of African American history at the Virginia Historical Society; Nelson Lankford, R'70, editor of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* at the Virginia Historical Society; Jean Baker, professor of history at Goucher College; Daniel Crofts, professor in the history department of the College of New Jersey; Manisha Sinha, associate professor of Afro-American studies and history at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; David Blight, Class of 1954 professor of American history at Yale University; Elizabeth Varon, professor of history at Temple University; Charles Dew, the Ephraim Williams professor of American history at Williams College; Gregg Kimball, director of publications and educational services at the Library of Virginia; Robert Kenzer, the William Binford Vest chair in history and American studies at the University of Richmond; and Gary Gallagher, the John L. Nau III professor in the history of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia. Not pictured: Christy Coleman, president of the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar.

President Edward Ayers (center) worked closely with Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine (right) and William Howell, B'64, to plan the first event of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. Howell chairs the sesquicentennial commission and is speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.





Westhampton Gate Entrance

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# UR UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Richmond moves forward with four major campus construction projects.

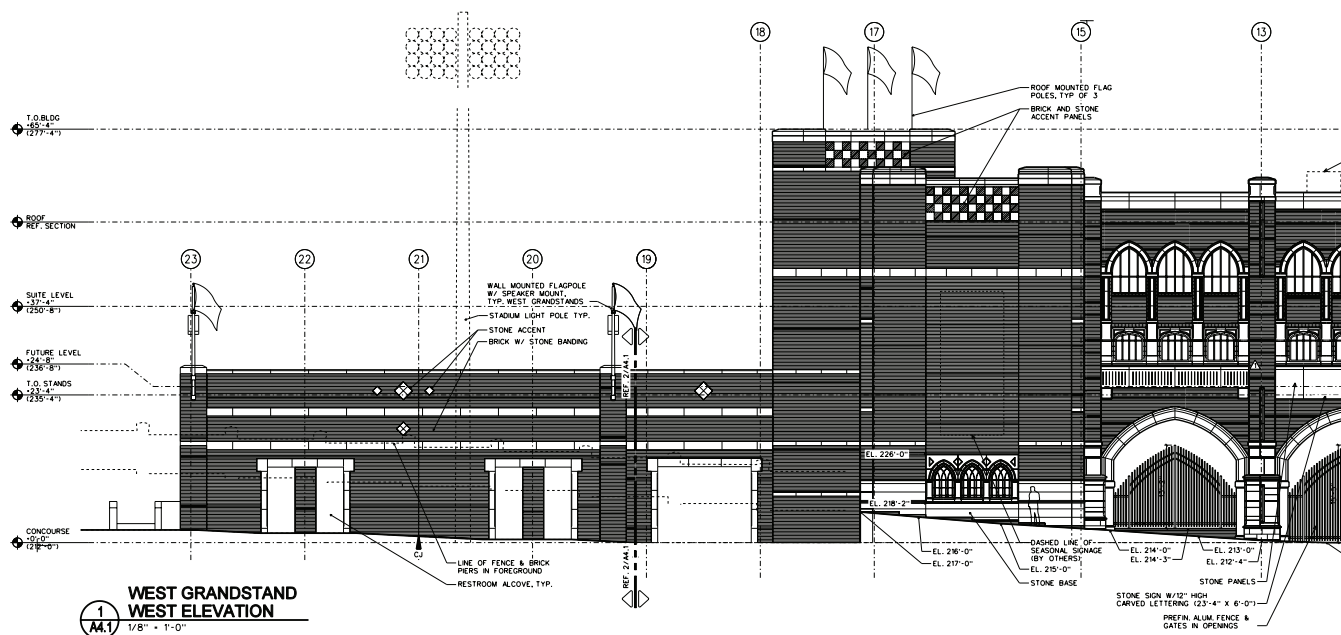
**W**ork has begun on three campus construction projects: Westhampton Center, the expansion of First Market Stadium, and the Carole Weinstein International Center. Construction is scheduled to start this summer on Queally Hall, a major addition to the Robins School of Business. The projects represent 100,000 square feet of new construction and an 8,700-seat stadium, a combined investment of more than \$70 million. “The simultaneous construction of these projects, made possible by generous philanthropy, reflects the remarkable momentum of the University,” says President Edward Ayers. “These projects help to ensure ongoing excellence in the areas for which we are already known: undergraduate education, athletics, and student life—as well as first-rate facilities and a beautiful campus. The projects also fit perfectly with the aspirations of *The Richmond Promise* and will give us the kind of teaching, learning, and social spaces that will enable us to achieve important goals of the strategic plan.”

Several factors make this an ideal time to be building, says Herb Peterson, B'64, the University's vice president for business and finance/treasurer. The factors include “the philanthropy that supports these projects, the favorable rates on new debt, the availability of excellent contractors and subcontractors, and costs of materials in the current economic climate. The fact that we are creating construction jobs in difficult economic times is a bonus as well.”

John Hoogakker, associate vice president for facilities, who is overseeing the projects, agrees. “We have the very best contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers, and we are fortunate to have the capacity to undertake this ambitious array of projects.”

All of the new structures will reflect UR's Collegiate Gothic architectural tradition, though each project will feature distinguishing characteristics, such as Queally Hall's commanding round tower. All will be certified under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.





Follow the progress of the construction projects via webcams at [construction.richmond.edu](http://construction.richmond.edu).

"A building must be effective and inspirational," Hoogakker says. "To those, we've added a third imperative: It must be constructed in an environmentally sustainable manner."

## WESTHAMPTON CENTER

Westhampton Center, which includes the Deanery and an adjacent building under construction, will serve as a hub for campus activities while carrying forward the history and heritage of Westhampton College. It will connect the past and the future, says Dr. Juliette Landphair, dean of Westhampton College.

"We have seen wonderful support from alumnae for this project that sustains and strengthens Westhampton's traditions, gender-based educa-

tional and leadership opportunities, residential community, and mentoring programs," Landphair says.

For many years, Westhampton College maintained its own faculty, housing, and governance on the south side of the lake. When Westhampton's academic programs were integrated with those of Richmond College in the 1970s, UR took a different approach from other institutions with coordinate colleges that merged during the second half of the 20th century.

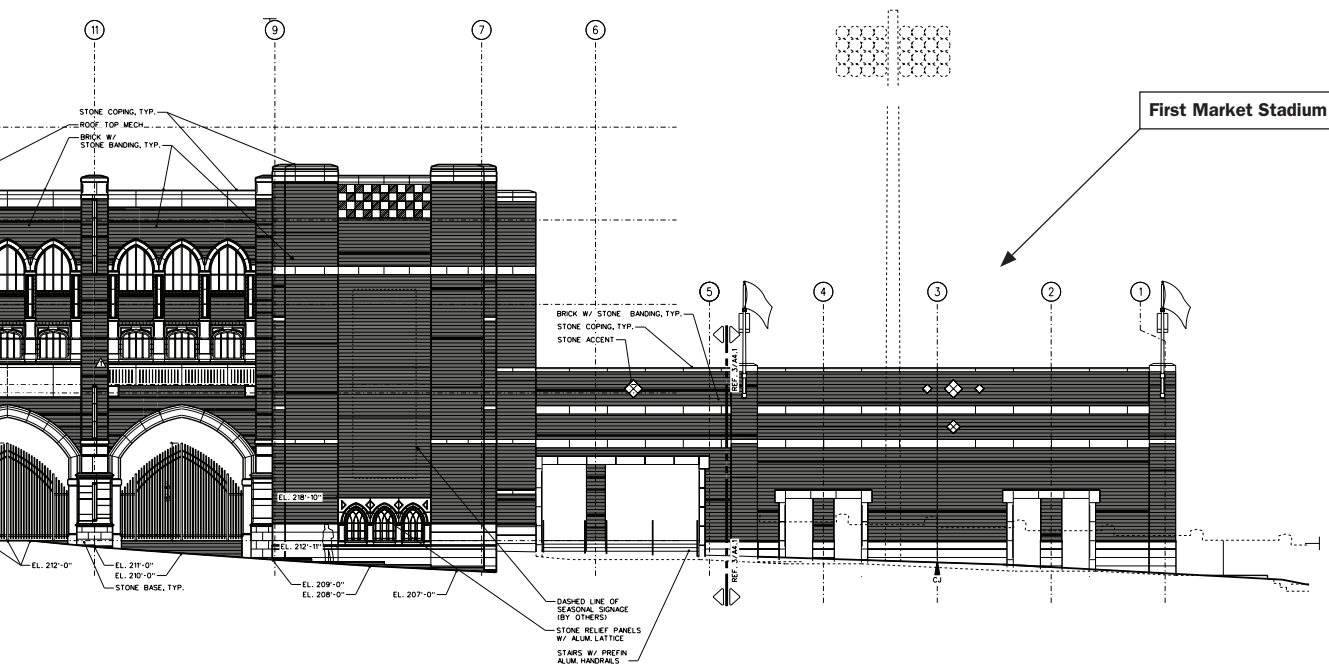
"We decided to preserve the colleges in the co-curricular lives of students," Landphair says. "We recognized there were ways in which we could build upon this focus on women, which is the heart and soul of Westhampton."

Westhampton Center will be in the middle of those efforts. The new, 6,000-square-foot building will feature a large living room that will serve as a place for students to study and socialize. It also will maintain the residential feel of the Deanery, which was built as a home for Westhampton's first dean, Dr. May Keller.

The Deanery already is a gathering spot for students, but it is small, and on most days it closes before dinner. Westhampton Center's new building will stay open late, fitting more comfortably into students' schedules. The living room will include display space for Westhampton artifacts and memorabilia, and it will host meetings of student and alumnae organizations. The second floor will house the Women Involved in Living







and Learning (WILL) program and a range of new programs and resources for female students.

The building will cost \$3 million, which is part of a \$10 million project to provide new programs and opportunities for Westhampton women. About half of that amount has been raised, including a significant grant from the Robins Foundation and gifts from more than 200 Westhampton alumnae and students. Construction is scheduled for completion by November.

“Westhampton Center symbolizes the ongoing importance of women’s education at the University of Richmond and nationally,” Landphair says. “It’s about where Westhampton should be going into the 21st century. Anyone who comes to campus sees how our women students flourish, and I think a lot of that has to do with the legacy of our predecessors.”

To learn more about Westhampton Center and Westhampton College, visit [wc.richmond.edu](http://wc.richmond.edu).

## FIRST MARKET STADIUM

When the expansion of First Market Stadium is complete in the fall of 2010, the University community will enjoy football on campus for the first time since the 1920s.

UR’s soccer, lacrosse, and track

and field teams also will compete in the new stadium, and it will host community events, such as the Virginia Special Olympics. But the stadium’s biggest impact will be on Richmond’s national championship football team.

“The game day atmosphere will be so much better,” says Jim Miller, director of athletics. The team has played in University of Richmond Stadium (formerly City Stadium)

will be energized by football games that are truly home games. “They can walk right over from their dorm rooms and fraternity houses,” he says. “We think the students will really come out.” In recent seasons, student attendance has averaged 1,000—about one-third of UR’s traditional undergraduates. In the new stadium, the athletics department expects to reserve at least 1,700 seats for students.

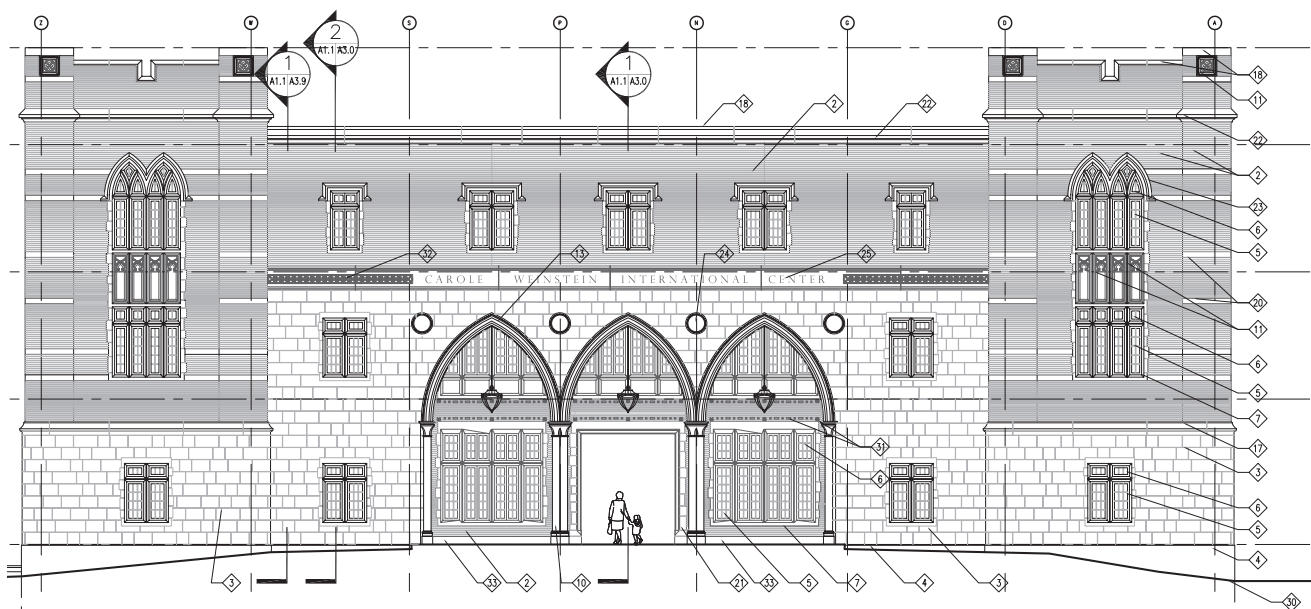
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four miles from campus since 1929. Bringing football back to campus will enhance the student experience and attract more alumni to games. “For our size institution, playing FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) football, we will fill that stadium with 8,700 people, and it will be really exciting,” Miller says. “You can come back and bring your family and show your children and grandchildren where you went to school and enjoy the tailgating and the excitement.”

Likewise, Miller expects students

The stadium will feature grandstands on both sides of the field and a facade with distinctive arches. “There aren’t a lot of gothic-inspired stadiums around,” Hoogakker notes. The stadium also will adhere to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. One environmental question was what to do with the old stadium debris. In the past, demolished concrete would have gone to a landfill, but the University has crushed and stockpiled the debris and plans to use it as the pad for a future building.

Carole Weinstein International Center



Fundraising for the \$28 million stadium included a major gift from the Robins Foundation, a challenge grant from an anonymous donor, and a gift from Earl Dickinson Jr., R'75, to honor the memory of his father, Earl Dickinson Sr., R'48. The stadium's playing surface will be called Dickinson Field.

For updates on the new stadium, visit [richmondspiders.com](http://richmondspiders.com) and click on "Construction Zone."

## CAROLE WEINSTEIN INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Building the Carole Weinstein International Center is "like pulling a flag to the top of the University of Richmond mast," says Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of the Office of International Education.

"Its symbolic meaning is almost as powerful as its physical presence," says Gabara, who also holds the Carole M. Weinstein Chair of International Education.

The Carole Weinstein International Center will be situated between the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Sarah Brunet Hall, which houses the admission office. "Anybody considering the University of Richmond will come for an

orientation at the admission office, and the path will lead directly to the courtyard of the Carole Weinstein International Center," Gabara says.

In a recent national study, more than 80 percent of high school students said they wanted to study abroad, Gabara notes. "That predisposition to see the world as truly interconnected will be visually and conceptually reinforced by demonstrating that we believe no undergraduate education is complete without a serious international component."

The \$20 million, 57,000-square-foot building, which is scheduled to open for the 2010 fall semester, is named in honor of former Trustee Carole Weinstein, W'75, G'77, H'04, a strong advocate of international education whose gift made the project possible. The structure will house several departments and interdisciplinary programs that focus on global issues as well as the Office of International Education, which coordinates the internationalization of the University, including study abroad, international students and scholars, international exchanges, and faculty international engagement.

Since the office was created in 1987, the international component

of a UR education has increased dramatically. Fifty-eight percent of the graduating class of 2008 studied abroad, and 8 percent of UR's undergraduates are international students.

The Carole Weinstein International Center will provide high-tech classrooms that will allow students and faculty to collaborate in real time with professors and students around the world. They also will gather to view displays of art, listen to live music, or enjoy a cup of coffee at the center's café. The central feature of the building will be an open courtyard with a fountain surrounded by a cloistered walkway with spiral columns and balconies.

The project is being constructed to LEED standards, as are all campus buildings that carry the Weinstein name. Weinstein Hall, an academic building completed in 2003, was the first building on campus to earn LEED certification.

"Richmond has been recognized as the 'hottest school in America for international studies' by *Newsweek*," Gabara notes. "The Carole Weinstein International Center embodies and enhances our strengths in international education and its centrality to the Richmond academic experience."



To learn more about the Carole Weinstein International Center and international education at UR, visit [international.richmond.edu](http://international.richmond.edu).

## QUEALLY HALL

Queally Hall, a major addition to the Robins School of Business, will provide a new gateway to the University in more ways than one.

Visitors arriving on campus via Campus Drive and Gateway Road will notice the building's signature architectural feature, a grand round tower named in honor of former Robins School Dean David Robbins and funded by Bob Jepson, B'64, GB'75, H'87. Visitors to the Robins School will discover new spaces and programs that will nurture interaction—on and off campus—among students, faculty, business leaders, and the broader community.

Queally Hall is named in honor of Paul and Anne-Marie Queally, whose foundation made the lead gift toward the \$19.4 million project. Former Trustee Paul Queally, R'86, is co-president of the investment firm Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe. Anne-Marie Flinn Queally, W'86, worked as a marketing rep-

resentative for IBM and as a budget and financial analyst for Morgan Guaranty Trust.

The University plans to begin building the new addition this summer with completion scheduled in time for the 2011 spring semester. The 37,000-square-foot facility will be built to LEED standards thanks in part to a donation from Richard Harrison, B'84, and his wife, Susan.

The new addition will house new programs focused on experiential learning. A finance lab will allow students to access extensive real-time data, and new video technology will facilitate long-distance dialogue between students and industry experts around the world.

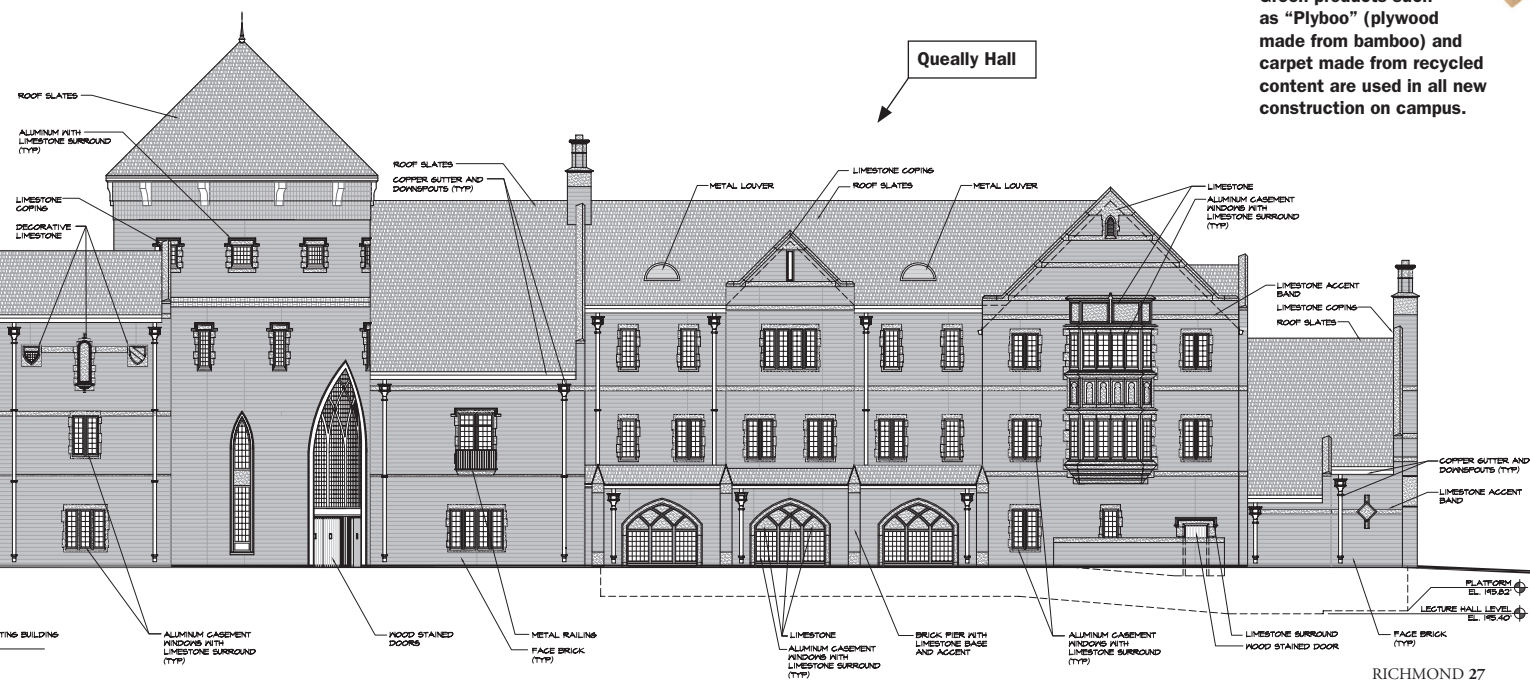
"Queally Hall will be an outstanding resource that supports and strengthens our academic programming," says Dr. Richard Coughlan, senior associate dean of the Robins School. "We are already recognized as being among the best in the country for undergraduate business education generally and teaching quality and facilities in particular. This addition will help ensure that these qualities remain hallmarks of the Robins School for a new genera-

tion of students."

A new 225-seat auditorium, more than five times the size of any current meeting room in the Robins School, will make large public events more feasible, including the University's annual international film series. A café will offer a light menu of food and a comfortable place for conversation. "It's not only for students in business, but students in the law school and Jepson School as well as faculty and the business community," Coughlan says. "The café is meant to get them talking to one another about issues of common interest."

To learn more about Queally Hall and the Robins School of Business, visit [business.richmond.edu](http://business.richmond.edu).

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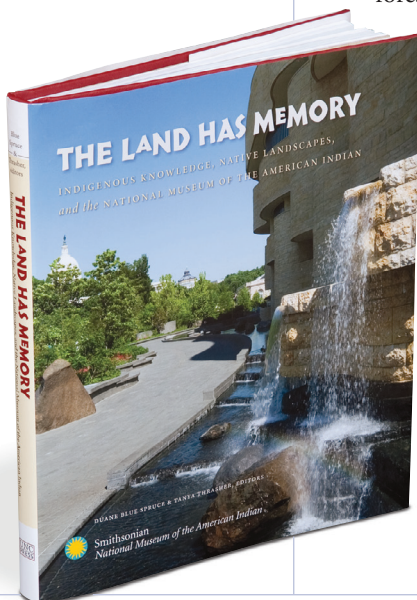


Green products such as "Plyboo" (plywood made from bamboo) and carpet made from recycled content are used in all new construction on campus.



**Web Poll**  
Who is your  
favorite alumni  
author?  
Cast your vote  
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Tanya Thrasher, '95,  
co-edited *The Land Has  
Memory* for the Smithsonian's  
National Museum of the  
American Indian.



## BOOKS

### *The Land Has Memory*

Tanya Thrasher, '95, and Duane Blue Spruce have edited *The Land Has Memory: Indigenous Knowledge, Native Landscapes, and the National Museum of the American Indian*.

The book features the unique landscape surrounding the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington. Thrasher, of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, has worked for the museum since 1998. She served on the project team that opened the museum on the National Mall in 2004, and she is now the museum's assistant head of publications.

The museum's landscape features four distinct habitats that portray the Chesapeake Bay region before European settlers arrived—hardwood

forest, wetlands, meadows, and traditional croplands. The museum and the book introduce indigenous ways of thinking about land and its uses.

"Mother earth is the ultimate giver," according to the book's forward. "She reveals her beauty in countless variations."



From the left, alumni award winners are Stephen Kneeley, R'85, Greg Efthimiou, '99, Walter Stosch, B'59 and GB'84, Amy O'Neill Richard, W'87, and Ben Wallerstein, '99. Award winners not pictured are Holly Payne, '94, and Jonathan Zur, '03.

## More alumni books

*Abraham's Bay & Other*

*Stories.* Jack Greer, G'73.

Greer spins tales of people seeking adventure aboard sailboats in the Atlantic and Caribbean.

*The Federal Art Project and the Creation of Middlebrow Culture.* Victoria Grieve, '94.

Grieve explores how intellectual trends, government forces, and the New Deal's Federal Art Project redefined American taste in visual art.

*Invisible Scars.* Catharine Dixon Dowda, W'70.

Dowda examines all aspects of psychological abuse, offering insights and suggestions to both victims and abusers.

*Some Worthy Women.*

Michael Foreman, R'63.

Foreman provides biographical sketches of 115 notable women from the Winchester, Va., area, including singer Patsy Cline and author Willa Cather.

## REUNION

### Alumni win awards for distinguished service

The University of Richmond Alumni Association honored four of the University's most outstanding graduates during Reunion Weekend.

Recipients of Awards for Distinguished Service are: Stephen Kneeley, R'85, Holly Payne, '94, Amy O'Neill Richard, W'87, and Walter Stosch, B'59 and GB'84.

Kneeley is a senior partner of Logan Circle Partners, an asset management firm based in Philadelphia.

Payne is a novelist, screenwriter, and writing coach in the San Francisco Bay area. Her novels include *The Virgin's Knot*, *The Sound of Blue*, and *Kingdom of Simplicity*.

Richard advises the director of the state department's Office to Monitor



and Combat Trafficking in Persons in Washington.

Stosch has represented Henrico and Goochland counties in the Virginia General Assembly for more than 20 years. Last year he was named Republican leader emeritus.

Also during Reunion Weekend, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies presented its Tenth Year Reunion Recognition Award to Ben Wallerstein, '99. He is a managing director of Dutko Worldwide, a Washington-based lobbying and public affairs firm.

The Jepson School also gave its Award for Leadership and Service to Greg Efthimiou, '99, and Jonathan Zur, '03, for co-chairing 150 Days in a Lifetime of Service, a campaign to promote and recognize community service among Jepson alumni.

Efthimiou is a communications manager for Duke Energy in Charlotte, N.C. Zur is chief operating officer of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

## URAA

### Alumni association elects new president

On July 1, Tracey Holgren Ivey, B'82, will become president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA).

Ivey lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and is director of consul-

tant relations for Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley, an investment advisory firm based in Richmond. She has served the URAA Executive Committee as treasurer and most recently as a member-at-large.

Other URAA officers for 2009–10 are: Tripp Perrin, '95, immediate past president; Rebecca Hancock Powers, B'76, vice president for outreach; Kelly Gribbin, '02, vice president for membership; Sam Kaufman, '99, vice president for planning



**Tracey Holgren Ivey, B'82**

and operations; Bill Ranson, R'64, secretary; Ryan FitzSimons, '01, treasurer; Betty Ann Dillon, W'48 and G'49, historian; and three members-at-large, Craig Flinn, R'87, Matt Marrone, '95, and Brandt Portugal, '02.

New members elected to the URAA Board of Directors are Gayle Goodson Butler, W'73, and Wendy Haynes Eastman, B'76. Members elected to a second, three-year term include Otis Brown, R'56, Carla DeLuca, '93, and Ken Kraper, '05.



## Connect with classmates

### Homecoming 2009

*Nov. 6–8, 2009*

This year's homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2009, and a young grad reunion for classes 2000–09.

### Reunion Weekend 2010

*April 9–11, 2010*

If your class year ends in 5 or 0, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in April.

### Regional Events

*Year-Round*

For information about alumni chapter events in your area, visit [UROnline.net](http://UROnline.net) and click on "Regional Alumni Chapters," or call the alumni office.

### UROnline.net

*Anytime*

This password-protected Web site connects alumni to the University and each other. [UROnline.net](http://UROnline.net) carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows members to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events, career networking features, and permanent e-mail forwarding.

### Contact Information

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



# REUNION

From the left, Pat McElroy Smith, W'56, Walter Tucker, B'53, Jackie Randlette Tucker, W'57, Helen Melton Lukhard, W'56, and Rawley Lukhard at the Boatwright Society dinner.



Neil Singh, '04, and Christina Erickson, '04, at their class reception in the North Court courtyard.

From the left, Dan Caldwell, B'87, Kara Dey Short, W'89, Kristin Kane Wohlfert, W'89, Jon Wohlfert, and Sally Daniel Caldwell, B'89, at the Class of 1989 reception.



From the left, Archie Yeatts, R'64 and L'67, William Thomson, Laura Yeatts Thomson, '94, and Elaine Johnson Yeatts, W'64 and G'89, at the alumni picnic.

Dominic Finney, '99 and G'04, and Mary-Kathleen Todd Hartenstein, '99, at the alumni picnic.



From the left, Mary Keiter, Bob Keiter, B'74, James Detwiler Jr., B'74, and Jacquelyn Detwiler at the reunion celebration.

From the left, Bobby Ukrop, B'69, Glenn Tallia, B'84, Suzanne Tyner Tallia, B'84, and Kevin Cox, B'74, at the Robins School of Business reception.



Tom Austin, R'29, swaps stories with President Edward Ayers at the reunion rally.

From the left, Katharine Ford Albers, W'84, Nancy Bass Wright, B'84, Michael Delea, R'84, President Edward Ayers, and Anna Harrington Lee, B'84, at the Class of 1984 dinner.



Michael Babb, '99, and April Patterson Babb, '99, with their son, Logan, at the alumni picnic.



# WEEKEND 2009



From the left, Laura Lee Hankins Chandler, W'74, Ted Chandler, L'77, and Beth Neal Jordan, B'74, enjoy the music at reunion celebration.





# CLASS CONNECTIONS

## Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to [alumni@richmond.edu](mailto: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

## Deadlines

Winter issue..... August 15  
Spring issue..... November 15  
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Fall issue..... May 15

The magazine uses W, B, C, or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year is used. We continue to use abbreviations for alumni with law, graduate, or honorary degrees regardless of their year of graduation.

## 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

## CLASS OF '40

### Reunion Reminder

April 9-11, 2010

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

## CLASS OF '41

I received a phone call from Peter Wren, brother-in-law of **Margaret Forrer Darling**, who said she is still doing fine.

We have a 70th reunion in 2011. In the meantime, please send news of you and your classmates.

*Westhampton Class Secretary*  
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## CLASS OF '42

**Evelyn Clifton Wisowaty** has recovered from a terrible case of pneumonia. She is able to drive and take care of the house she has lived in for 58 years. We talked about her good friend **Margaret Kalajian Tavetian**, who died unexpectedly in 2006. Evelyn still keeps in touch with Margaret's husband, Ed, who lives in California. She is an avid reader and was reading a book about President James Madison. She expressed a deep appreciation for professors like Dr. Susan Lough and Dr. Maude Woodfin, who started her on her keen interest in history.

**Marjorie Wilson Glick** also talked with me about a growing appreciation of her Westhampton education, especially Dr. Lough's teaching.

I had a pleasant chat with **Dagmar Jacobson Crosby**, who continues to enjoy her condo in Florida. She still drives and attends theater performances.

I was unable to contact **Lucy Burke Allen Meyer** at Morningside of Bellgrade, but **Ann Pavey Garrett** visited Lucy and found her to be very happy. She receives therapy to strengthen her legs, and her wheelchair keeps her going from one activity to another.

**Frances Calisch Rothenberg** should be fully recovered from repair of a broken hip. She was at Beth Shalom Rehabilitation Center when I called but was eager to get home and see her new twin great-grandchildren.

Sadly I report news of the death of **Mildred Tabb Trent** on Aug. 23, 2008. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Did you remember to make a contribution to our class scholarship fund this year? It's a worthy cause. Have a good summer. I'm eager to hear from more of you.

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## CLASS OF '44

By the time you receive this, our reunion will be over, but I will report it in the fall issue of the magazine.

**Ann Burcher Stansbury** is recovering from back surgery and looking forward to getting back into water aerobics.

**Molly Warner Stephenson** and Jim had to cancel their plans to join us in Richmond since their son, Larry, and his family were coming from the West Coast to visit them in Florida.

I talked to **Billy Jane Crosby Baker** when it was snowing in Richmond. It brought back memories of the beauty of our campus when it snowed, and especially of the ice storm our senior year when we were without electricity for two days. The kitchen staff was very resourceful in its efforts to feed us!

**Kay Hanley Wery** enjoys the retirement home where she lives in Hawaii. She was especially interested in the last presidential election. As fellow history majors, she and I shared our hopes and concerns when we talked.

When I asked **Helen Curtis Patrick** how she was doing, she replied, "I'm lucky I'm walking around." I can echo that for the moment since I am recovering from recent surgery, but I expect to be a full 100 percent before long. Keep the news coming!

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## CLASS OF '45

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April 9-11, 2010

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## CLASS OF '46

A letter from **Frances Newman Stevens**, who lives in Roanoke, Va., brought further details about **Marjorie Webb Rowe**. After a fall last year that resulted in a broken bone and a hospital stay, she moved into a care facility near her brother. I know we all send her greetings.

Christmas greetings came from **Jean White Robeson** and husband Andy. She included a brief note about their two great-grandsons, Michael, 3, and Issac, nearly 2, who live just a block away from them in Blacksburg, Va. Jean also mentioned a paddle-boat cruise up the Columbia River.

**Caroline Goode Jackson** and Cato, her cat, sent a charming greeting at Christmas. In her own words, Calley's message was, "My life is good—defined by a few beach and mountain trips, a trip to San Diego, opera, symphony, and lecture preparation." Calley has agreed to work part time at MCV for one more year.

Things are fine in Virginia Beach. I have enjoyed two lecture series—the Hermitage Auxiliary and the Norfolk Society of the Arts—at the Chrysler Museum. One speaker this year was Peter Rockwell, son of the painter Norman Rockwell, who talked just before his father's show opened here about his experiences growing up with such an artistic dad and how he, Peter, was often a model.

Please remember that I need to hear from you.

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## CLASS OF '47

Since our reunion, news about the class members has been scarce. Please drop a few lines about your activities and your family in the mail to me.

**Susie Guard Woody** wrote that she spent the holidays with daughter **Beth Woody, W'74**, and family in Greensboro, N.C., and daughter **Korrel Woody Kanoy, W'77**, in Durham, N.C. For the first time in 12 years, she saw **Martha Edwards Allen**, who was visiting her daughter



in Raleigh, N.C., and they spent three hours talking. Martha's husband, Robert, died in 2008.

The Richmond "Lunch Bunch" continues to meet monthly in different venues selected by **Virginia Ellett**. In January we met at my home and realized that when there is a University function, perhaps out-of-town class members might want to join in the lunch arrangements.

**Nancy Richardson Elliott** continues to hone her writing skills with a new class. She gains great satisfaction in teaching advanced ESL classes.

**LaVina Watson Reilly** spends time renovating her family home in Hampton, Va. Because of this, we see her more often. She still flies frequently to California and she enjoys her beautiful new grandson.

**Helen Cole Richardson** and **Straughan S. Richardson, R'46**, are enjoying life in an active retirement community in Richmond. She is a docent at the executive mansion.

**Virginia Wagstaff** enjoyed a European cruise in November and spent the early winter in Florida.

**Frances Coles McClelland** often joins the lunch group when she is traveling to and from Washington, where she visits her grandchildren.

**Lena Thornton Small** is recovering from foot surgery, and Holmes is responding to chemo.

**Marylou Massie Cumby** stays busy with family activities and travel.

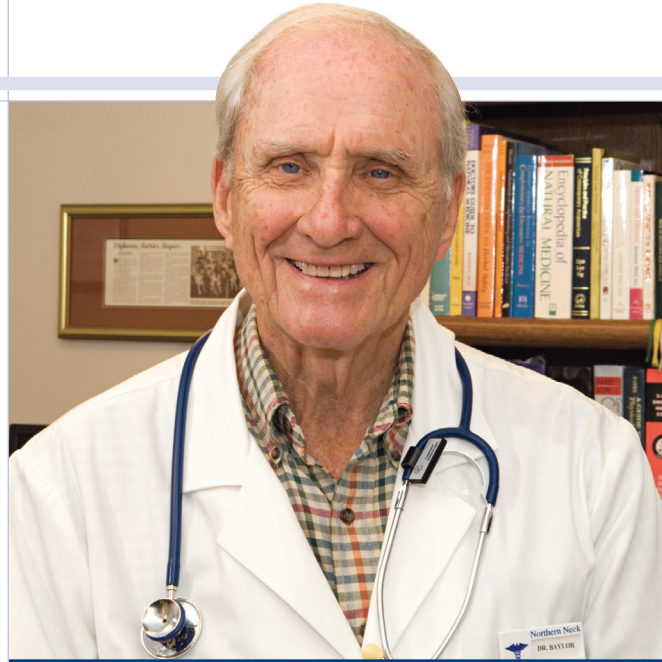
**Marion Collier Miller** took a special sailing trip and has been traveling abroad. She has now turned her attention to traveling in the United States, which includes visits to her granddaughter and sister in California.

**Jean Sadler Surgi** lives in Maryland and sometimes visits with the Richmond group.

**Bev Patton Browne** enjoys the activities of the Heartfields in Richmond.

Since our reunion, sadness has touched class members. **Carey M. LeSieur, W'77**, daughter of **Marie Walthall LeSieur**, passed away on Aug. 30, 2007. Carey was a nurse practitioner in North Carolina. **Alice Cralle Dumville, W'83**, daughter of the late **Alice Mason Cralle**, died May 16, 2008. She was a master at teaching dance to young children and instilling in them a love of the art and a sense of self-esteem. We extend our sincere sympathy to these families.

We also lost **Betty O'Brien Yeats**



## Payback time

Dr. Richard "Dick" Baylor, R'44

Twenty years ago, Dr. Richard "Dick" Baylor retired to Virginia's Northern Neck after serving in the Army Medical Corps and practicing internal medicine for 36 years in Richmond and Suffolk, Va. When the local medical society asked if he wanted to be classified as active or inactive, he unhesitatingly chose to be active.

While vacationing on the Northern Neck over the years, Baylor had seen its dire need for medical and dental care, and he dreamed of providing free health care to the region's uninsured, working poor. In 1993, during his presidency of the Northern Neck Medical Association, his dream started to come true when the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic opened one night a week.

Now the facility operates full time, with 400 volunteers delivering \$5 million worth of health care last year. Ninety percent of the practicing physicians in the five-county region volunteer at the clinic. Baylor has worked there five days a week, initially as president, then as medical director, and now as a board member.

The American Medical Association recently honored him with the 2009 Jack B. McConnell, M.D., Award for Excellence in Volunteerism for outstanding service to the clinic. He shares the accolade by saying, "This never would have happened if I didn't have support. I've been fortunate enough to have a good education and good friends. Now it's payback time."

Practicing medicine runs in Baylor's family. His grandfather was a Confederate army doctor. (His other grandfather sided with the Union.) His father, orphaned after the Civil War and raised in a Masonic Home, secured scholarships from the United Daughters of the Confederacy to pay for Baylor's education at Richmond. Baylor has given back to the University, as well as his community, by creating a bequest scholarship to benefit pre-med students.

—Sarah McComas

on March 11, 2008. Who can forget her infectious laugh and her love of Westhampton? Her daughter, **Katharine Yeats, W'80**, wrote that, "Mom always spoke so highly of her time there that it was really the only school I wanted to go to."

If you are in a position to make plans to benefit future Westhampton College students, you may make a bequest. **Virginia Ellett**, in honor of her parents and her education, has decided to make a scholarship available.

Dick and I continue to be well and look forward to hearing from you.

*Westhampton Class Secretaries*

**Betty Tinsley Andrews**

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## CLASS OF '48

**Sally Taylor DuBose**, of Davidson, N.C., is the source of much of our news. Instead of sending Christmas cards, she makes calls at some point during the holidays or following them. She says, "Hearing the human voice is truly rewarding—and each call turns into a visit, sharing treasured memories of our years at Westhampton."

**Doris Vickers Lektorich** from Anaheim, Calif., and **Jeanne Decker Swank** of Claremont, Okla., spoke about their roles in church and their responsibilities in their communities, as well as the warmth that comes from having family close by, including children and grandchildren.

**Margaret "Peggy" Stone Cunningham**, of West Palm Beach, Fla.—ever the athlete—meets her recreational needs with golf and bridge. (Peggy, do you remember when your dad came down from Maryland and took us to lunch at that divine Tuckahoe? You and he spoke the "classic" Hicksite thee and thou to each other. You set me on the path of becoming something of an expert in Quaker history.)

**Ann Clark Little** and **Randel Q. Little, R**, visited with the University's president, Dr. Edward Ayers, when he was in the Chicago area. Their daughter, **Pat Little Rowland, W'77 and GB'81**, hosted a luncheon honoring President Ayers in her home. Pat serves on UR's Board of Trustees.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Hengeveld Bradshaw**, of Wilmington, N.C., has volunteered at New Hanover Regional Health Network for more than 36 years, alternating between the





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

medical center there and Cape Fear Hospital. Betty was one of 20 recipients of the North Carolina Medallion for Outstanding Volunteer Service last year.

On Feb. 9, 2009, violist William Frampton, grandson of **Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles**, debuted at Carnegie Hall in New York. He is a graduate student at Juilliard and a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. Elizabeth's daughters, Martha Frampton and Mary Friday, attended the debut with her.

**Frances Stuart "Stukie" Bailey** talked with **Anne Bruner Woo's** daughter in Beaumont, Texas. Anne is in a nursing home in Port Arthur, Texas, which is near Beaumont. Anne is alert and knows her family and friends and is still "her own sweet self."

Stukie and her husband, **Rolen C. Bailey, R'49**, are so active in church and association work that she finds she cannot continue as our class secretary. I am sure you join me in thanking her for her leadership and devotion.

Last February I adopted a new puppy. My 12-year-old miniature poodle was languishing while I had my leg up in the air following surgery. My puppy is a Maltese. The breed is 6,000 years old and the Roman aristocrats took to them when they somehow migrated to Malta from Asia. This puppy brings joy and laughter to everybody here at the farm.  
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### CLASS OF '49

**Marilyn Alexander Kubu** sent me a lovely Christmas card titled "Winter in Williamsburg." It was quite unusual, including the many scenes we all know, and brought memories to mind.

**Betty Ann Allen Dillon** and I visited Williamsburg in December to see the decorations. At the time of our visit, Marilyn was recovering from surgery and from time spent in respite care.

**Peggy Hassel Ford** has been recovering from back surgery and is doing well. Peggy now has her mother, who is 104, residing with her.

Our class members are still traveling. **Elizabeth "Beth" Wilburn Hooker** and her daughter visited Austria for two weeks during Christmas. Beth told me of trips

made by **Audrey Bradford Saupe** last fall to Canada and to Mexico. **Betty Evans Hopkins** and Jim went on a Caribbean cruise in February. **Elaine Leonard Davis** spent Christmas in Tennessee with family. **Cynthia Patrick Otte** and Ray were in Florida for a month during the winter, and **Gilda "Randy" Mann Ellis** and Cyn visited Long Boat Key in Florida.

**Frances Hix** called me to say that she was well and her sister was doing well after an illness.

**Jean Moody Vincent** and I spoke on the phone. She and Stuart are enjoying his retirement and their two young grandchildren. Jean stays in touch with **Ida Eanes Patrick**.

**Betty Ann Allen Dillon** was elected to the board of deacons at First Baptist Church in Richmond.

We were unable to find a new class secretary at our reunion. I plan to write our class letter for the next

ter Karen Kostyal's book, *Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era*, is now for sale at bookstores around the country.

**Francis "Franny" Sutton Oliver** shares her happiness over the award presented to her husband, Raymond, at his 60th class reunion at Lynchburg College last year. He received the T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award for Meritorious Service, which is the college's highest alumni award. Last June their congregation, First Christian Hampton, celebrated the 60th anniversary of Ray's ordination. Frannie and Ray continue to lead an active life.

**Louise "Ludie" Hickerson Wiley** kept in touch with **Margaret Alexander Anderson** at Christmas while on the way to visit family in Germany.

News comes from **Joyce Gustafson Crawford** of their family's mini-reunion in October. In November she

first for me." Libby also notes that **Mary Howard Holloway** keeps in touch with her.

I received in a note from one of the "boys across the lake," **Alan L. Creedle, B.** Alan and I were classmates in the summer of 1947 when we were both studying French. He wrote to tell of his pride when his grandson was ordained in Huntsville, Ala. The charge of ordination was given by Alan's son-in-law, William Spinlo Jr. Alan and Doris are thrilled with the birth of their first great-grandchild, Cairlyn.

On Nov. 28, 2008, Les and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, and this February we went on our 51st cruise, this time to the Mexican Riviera. We have spent nearly two years of our married life at sea together, and it's still such fun.

I am closing out this letter with news and philosophy from **Margaret "Peggy" Wells Meador**. Our deepest sympathy goes to her after the death of her husband, Ray, in November. Nonetheless, to quote Peggy: "We've hit that rather unpredictable time in the aging process. The speed may not set any records, but I'm still happy to get from point A to point B without any major complications or serious consequences."

I look at the calendar and realize that our 60th class reunion is rapidly coming into view.

Take care, each one of you, and keep the news coming.  
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### CLASS OF '51

I heard from **Libba Eanes Baskerville** that **Joan Dalvé Heizer** died on Dec. 1, 2008. She is survived by her two daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

**Anne Marie Hardin Bailey** traveled to Massachusetts for Christmas at the home of her granddaughter. She was joined there by her daughters, Lynn and Beth, and by her granddaughter Melissa, who flew in from Alaska, where she is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

**Eleanor Wright Woodward** and Manning were in Louisa, Va., for Christmas. Thirty-five family members joined them for a holiday

### Did you know?

Four major projects are under construction on campus: Westhampton Center, First Market Stadium, Carole Weinstein International Center, and Queally Hall. Read more about these projects on page 22.

issue, but after that I am looking for a replacement. Please contact me or the magazine's editor if you are willing to try it.

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### CLASS OF '50

**Reunion Reminder  
April 9-11, 2010**

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Dear classmates! We have more exciting news about our "baby cup girl." **Helen Lampathakis Kostyal** told our class president, **Doris Balderson Burbank**, that her daugh-

and her husband, **Doug Crawford, B.** went on a tour of northern Mexico, which she says, "was both a vacation and an education."

**Ellen Largent Perlman** and Al also went to Mexico, where they visited Mexico City and enjoyed seeing the art of Diego Rivera. Their stay was replete with mariachi bands and Teotihuacan pyramids. In addition, they traveled to Canada for what they call their "annual pilgrimage," as well as to Orlando, Fla. Their adventures centered on Ellen's birthday celebrations, which were attended by numerous friends and relatives.

**Jean Tinsley Martin** and Roy spent a leisurely month near Tampa, Fla., after Christmas.

**Libby Rowe Wilson** writes that she took a one-week trip to California with her eldest grandson, who did all the driving. "That," she said, "was a



reunion. In April 2008 Eleanor and Manning traveled to Rhode Island and in October they visited Massanutten in McGaheysville, Va.

**Anne Jackson Morledge** and Alan have downsized from a cottage to an apartment at Williamsburg Landing. Anne writes for *The Tattler*, the community magazine.

**Lea Thompson Osburn** traveled to Maine in January to visit her grandson and his wife, both of whom are doing their medical residency at Maine Medical Center. They were joined by Lea's daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild.

**Mary Lee Moore May** is recovering from hip surgery. She celebrated her birthday with a luncheon with **Maryglyn Cooper McGraw**, **Betsy Bethune Langhorne**, **Lea Thompson Osburn**, and **Jean Love Hanson**.

**Charlotte Herrink Sayre**, who is recovering from back surgery in February, is happy about the arrival of another great-grandson, born in January.

Bob and I made our trip to Denver for Christmas with the children, and we celebrated the arrival of another grandson in February.

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## CLASS OF '52

**Charlotte Babb Edmonds** called while visiting her daughter, Ann, here in Raleigh, N.C. Charlotte moved into her new house next door in May 2008 and loves it.

**Isabel Sanford Rankin** sent a pair of leotards to **Addie Eicks Comegys** for the Class of '52 display for the new building on the Westhampton side of campus. A copy of the group picture in *The Web* for the 1952 modern dance group will accompany the leotards.

Addie would like to send an additional group of items to the dean of Westhampton College. Please send any Westhampton College items to Addie to include in her package. Her address is 120 Morris Ave., Providence, RI 02906. Thanks, Addie, for collecting so much information from classmates.

Our sympathy is extended to **Kathleene Cooke O'Bier** in the loss of her brother, **Samuel L. Cooke, R.**

**Eleanor Lee Persons Hays** reports that she and husband **Robert Hays**,

**R'49**, celebrated his birthday in October with a Southern Caribbean cruise and joined their daughter and her husband on a Valentine cruise to the Eastern Caribbean.

**Sarah Barlow Wright** and her family were in charge of the Barlow reunion, and 92 family members came. She attended her high school's 60th reunion and was at the University of Richmond for President Edward Ayers' inauguration.

**Marianne Shumate Jensen** and **Arnold** have always had international guests in their home on holidays and at other times. Their daughter, Kate, is park ecologist at Valley Forge National Historical Park in Pennsylvania.

**Nina Landolina Byrd** attended her nephew's graduation from the University of Richmond on Mother's Day 2008. Her grandson, Nicholas Byrd, graduated from Princeton the first week of June 2008. Her daughter, **Laura Byrd Earle, '93**, is teaching reading in the continuing education program at UR.

**Monty Wiley Schutte** retired after 15 years volunteering for an area food pantry. She enjoys church work, quilting, playing bridge, and gardening—even growing orchids. She has lived in Texas so long that she "feels like a Texan with Virginia roots." Her two daughters and their families live in Texas and her son lives in Louisiana. Her two oldest grandchildren are attending Texas A&M and Baylor. Monty is involved with Wiley family reunions, which are held in the mountains every four years. The July 2008 reunion in Arkansas included her sister, **Ann Wiley Kelly, W'47**, niece **Katherine "Kitty" Kelly, W'76**, and husband, **Bollin Millner Jr., R'76**, as well as children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

**Jill Lobach Graybeal**, of Hilton Head, S.C., writes that she and **John Patrick "Pat" Graybeal, R**, "are so fortunate to live in a beautiful place that we all call paradise." Jill is captain of the Super Seniors 70s team and is excited about playing people in our age group. The Graybeals recently returned from a river cruise to Prague, Salzburg, Vienna, and Budapest. They also followed the trail of Lewis and Clark by riverboat and took a train trip in Western Canada from Vancouver to Alberta, visiting Jasper National Park, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary along the way.

**Nola Texley Breckenridge** writes

from sunny Arizona. They attended the annual dog show held in Indio, Calif., traveled to San Diego, and then cruised down the west coast of Mexico. They also traveled to Florida to meet members of the family on the beach. Nola volunteers in the mother-baby unit of Tucson Medical Center every week and is busy with P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), bridge, and church work. Rob writes a column for the West Point alumni magazine and serves as budget committee chair at their church. Son Chip is dean of the business school at Mercyhurst College, and his wife is vice president of the College of Notre Dame in Cleveland. Daughter Betsy is a high school guidance counselor. Granddaughter Katie is at the U.S. Army Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va. Another granddaughter works for Booz Allen on a contract to the State Department. Another granddaughter will graduate from Virginia Tech and yet another finished her master's degree in Florence, Italy. One grandson is finishing at George Mason University. Daughter Annie, who is assistant attorney general for Arizona, and her husband, an attorney with a major law firm, live near the Breckenridges.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Barbara Rhudy Comer**, who died in June 2008 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Barbara attended Westhampton College her freshman and sophomore years. She was the wife of **James Comer, R'50**, of Roanoke Va., and the mother of **Helen Comer Sutton, W'74**.

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## CLASS OF '53

**Kay Beale Coates** is "almost back to speed" after major surgery last summer. Thanks to successful radiation treatments, she's back into Meals on Wheels, church choir, daily walks, etc. In January, she and her older granddaughter, an opera aficionado, enjoyed a weekend trip to New York for Marilyn Horne's 75th birthday gala at Carnegie Hall.

**Betty Montgomery Marsh** reports that she and **Cecil E. Marsh, R**, are raising their grandchildren, who are doing well. Sixth-grader Celia

is loving middle school, and Eric is anxiously awaiting replies from the six colleges he has applied to.

In January 2009, **Joan Perlin Ruby** traveled with the Hadassah Solidarity Mission on her 18th trip to Israel. The purpose of this four-day visit was to see the Israeli-Gazan conflict for themselves and to serve as a liaison between Israel and the United States.

This summer **Patti Thompson Stoy** and **Dut** will sail from Southampton aboard the *Queen Victoria* to celebrate their 55th anniversary with a cruise through the Mediterranean. Meanwhile, one grandson graduated from Virginia Tech, and a granddaughter will be married in June. Patti is president of a North Carolina chapter of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) and would be pleased to hear from other P.E.O. members in our class.

**Jane Wilson Rolston** writes that on March 1, she and **Holmes** celebrated the publication of *Saving Creation: Nature and Faith in the Life of Holmes Rolston*. She notes that this "intellectual biography of Holmes, written by Christopher Preston and published by Trinity University Press ... is timely with Earth Day coming in the spring." Jane confesses that she does "appear in the book here and there."

For some reason, my most recent mass e-mail inviting your news seems not to have reached a number of you and, of course, I have no e-mail address for many others. Please write to me soon if I haven't heard from you in a while and let us know where you are and what you are doing. Thank you.  
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## CLASS OF '55

**Reunion Reminder**

**April 9-11, 2010**

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"Walk around campus and ask every acquaintance about their general well being." This was the No. 1 item enumerated in a list of 25 things learned at UR in the Feb. 19, 2009, edition of *The Collegian*. How good to





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

read that UR students continue to be friendly and caring.

My roommate, **Polly Bundick Dize**, and I frequently communicate, mostly about our grandchildren.

The Christmas card snapshot from **Myra Embrey Wormald** indicates that Myra still holds the record for the greatest number of grandchildren. The picture was taken during a family reunion at Buck Island on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**Cameron Freeman Napier** and her husband have helped preserve the Riverboat *Harriott II* in Montgomery, Ala. Cammie and John also took a cruise on the steamboat *Delta Queen*, which she enthusiastically recommends.

**Shirlee Garrett Maxson** had the honor of watching the Corps of Cadets at a Virginia Tech parade in honor of her husband. He has received many awards for his service as an alumnus of the university. Travel has been curtailed for the Maxsons while Shirlee deals with back problems.

Snow news came from **Peggy Hall Flippen** and **Edward A. Flippen, R'56**. Their grandson, a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, started a ski team there. He took first place in several giant slalom races and planned to participate in regional races at Lake Tahoe and in Colorado.

February fun was again planned by **Nancy Johnson White** for her annual visit to Florida to see **Ruth Owen Batt** and **Arnett Kizzia Bromell**. On Dec. 22, 2008, Nancy celebrated her birthday with her youngest grandson, Dylan White, who is five. Nancy had 15 times as many candles as Dylan!

In the fall of 2008 **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Barbara Turner Willis**, and **Jackie Kilby Brooks** traveled to Tappahannock, Va., for an enjoyable visit with **Betty Jean Parrish Knott**. They shared many Westhampton memories as they toured the town, lunched at Lowery's Restaurant, and played games.

Creating original and ingenious fresh flower arrangements for her church and friends continues to bring joy for **Virginia "Sunshine" Beauchamp Murden**.

**Ethel "Smitty" Smith Amacher** is happy to report that the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic is up and running with support from the communities of Seabrook and Kiawah, S.C. Smitty has been a dedicated volunteer with this project.

**Burrell Williams Stultz** and **John L. Stultz, B'58**, had a wonderful Christmas with their daughter and family in Athens, Ga. An added pleasure was an overnight stop at a lovely old inn in Pinehurst, N.C. Burrell and John continue to usher for events at the Modlin Center. She also joins **Joy Winstead** for programs at the Woman's Club in downtown Richmond.

On Jan. 14, 2009, 13 ladies from the Class of 1955 met at a Richmond restaurant for lunch. Those enjoying the reminiscing and updating included: **Jean Crittenden Kauffman**, **Shirlee Garrett Maxson**, **Nancy Johnson White**, **Jackie Kilby Brooks**, **Alice McCarty Haggerty**, **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Betty Jean Parrish Knott**, **Grace Phillips Webb**, **Sue Smith VanWickler**, **Barbara Turner Willis**, **Burrell Williams Stultz**, **Joy Winstead**, and me. Having our class scholarship recipi-

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## CLASS OF '56

Thanks for all your e-mails and phone calls. It's great to keep in touch.

**Marilyn Sorce Klumpp** and her husband, Elmer, took trips in September to Turkey and in December with her daughter and family to Hawaii.

**Betty Brinkley Hayward** wrote that her son, Dave, married Lucie Janusz on Feb. 29, 2008, in Las Vegas with all the families gathered. The couple met in Minneapolis and they live in Vermont. Betty lives in Wisconsin, where she saw 54 inches

King, husband of **Peggy Smith King**, passed away on Oct. 19, 2008. In January they had cruised the Caribbean, and in April they cruised the Seine from Paris to the beaches of Normandy. They renewed their wedding vows in a ceremony at their church in June. Doctors discovered his cancer one month later.

Another sad loss is **Lt. Col. Clarence "Red" Keville Jr., R**, husband of **Barbara "Bobby" Jenkins Keville**. Red was a four-year starter at tackle for the Spiders football team. He served his country for 22 years as a pilot and was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Bronze Stars with honors. He died Jan. 30, 2009, at home in Cotati, Calif.

**Helen Melton Lukhard, Eliza Hubble Severt**, and I are your representatives on the Boatwright Society Board of Directors. Eliza lives too far away to attend, but Helen and I are usually there. Our meetings, which are held about four times a year, include breakfast, a short business meeting, and a speaker—normally a vice president, dean, or new hire from the University. **Tom Gutenberger, B'87**, UR's vice president for advancement, spoke in December and stated that in recent years UR has lost many of its small donations. The percentage of annual giving for UR alumni is 24 percent, which hurts the University. The percentage of alumni giving is one of the figures looked at by companies and foundations before giving grants. It is also one of the figures used by magazines ranking colleges. So let's give a little extra thought to donations this year, even if they are in small amounts.

I have the e-mail addresses of about 40 of our classmates and send messages several times a year. If you would like to be added to or deleted from the list, please let me know. Also, I have four class members for whom we have no address: **June Gregg**, **Doris Harris Wickham**, **Fay White Chilton**, and **Dorothea Wacker**. If you know of their whereabouts, please let me know.

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## Did you know?

The University hosted "America on the Eve of the Civil War," the first event sponsored by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. To learn more about the conference, turn to page 16.

ent, **Lauren Milam**, join us added cheer to the occasion. In the winter 2009 edition of the alumni magazine, Lauren is quoted as saying, "What's different with my scholarship is I have established a relationship with these women. I jokingly refer to them as my adopted grandmas. They give me a sense of accountability." Classmates, take pride in Lauren's accomplishments as a Westhampton student.

In 1951 our charges to attend Westhampton College for one year were \$825. This school year, students will pay \$47,050! UR is committed to keeping its need-blind admission policy, which means acceptance is not based on an ability to pay. About two-thirds of UR students receive financial aid of some sort. Please continue to remember the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship in the Arts when you

of snow by mid-January.

**Ann Peery Oppenheimer** and husband Boo went to China in November for 18 days on a cruise. They went to Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai, with a trip on the Yangtze River in between. They found the Chinese to be energetic, progressive, and striving for success. They report Shanghai to be a city of the future with skyscrapers that dwarf those in New York. They found a great difference between the people they met in India last year and those they encountered in China. Meanwhile, their collection of folk art from India traveled last year from UR to the University of Kentucky to Longwood University.

**Phyllis Gee Wacker** left on Feb. 25 to teach health psychology for a month at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland.

We were sad to hear that Bob



## CLASS OF '57

**Jackie Randlette Tucker** reports that she, **Joyce Garrett Tidey**, and **Lovey Jane Long** attended the Christmas luncheon for the Boatwright Society board. Lovey shared news from the following classmates.

**Meg Kidd Tenney** continues to live in Birmingham, Ala. Her daughter, Brook, and her family are nearby and Meg helps with the children. Meg plays lots of bridge, walks each day, and does a great deal of church work.

**Katherine "Kakie" Parr Jenkins** continues to live in Wolftown, Va. Her youngest granddaughter, Aly, is in a special needs kindergarten, and Kakie volunteers at her school. "Life is good," Kakie says.

**Beverly Ambler Richardson** and her husband, Charlie, divide their time between homes in Bowling Green, Ky., and Signal Mountain, Tenn., near Chattanooga. Their son, John, and his family also are on Signal Mountain.

**Kathryn "Kitty" Alford Connor** and **F. Gale Connor, R'56**, are celebrating the arrival of a new granddaughter, Kathryn Li Na Connor. Their son, Gale, and his wife, Mei Ling, who live in San Francisco, recently adopted the 2-year-old from China. Kitty and Gale moved to Cockeysville, Md., in the fall of 2008 to be nearer their daughter, Caryl, and her family.

**Jennie Sue Johnson Murdock** and Bill continue to live in Salem, Va. Jennie Sue enjoys co-tutoring a weekly ESL class with women from Colombia, China, Japan, India, Jordan, Egypt, and Russia. She also enjoys teaching a multigenerational Bible study class at her church. For five years she has been singing with the Salem Choral Society. Periodically, Jennie Sue teaches a course in CPR and first aid to those who speak Spanish. She has been working on Spanish seriously for the past nine years (plus her two years at Westhampton).

Peace, justice, and human rights are Jennie Sue's major interests. She presented a program on the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all kinds of Discrimination Against Women) treaty to the Southwest District of the American Association of University Women. She notes that 185 countries have signed the treaty, and she is hopeful that the United States will ratify it this year.

Jennie Sue serves as both the branch and state bylaws chair and as program chair for the Roanoke Valley Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

**Carol Dickerson Kauffman** lives in Indiana, Pa., where she enjoys hiking and swimming. She exercises with a trainer and works in a fitness center part time. She shows her Ibizan hounds and is a board member of IHCUS (Ibizan Hound Club of the United States) and on a committee of the YMCA. Her son and daughter-in-law and their two small children also live in Indiana, and her daughter, who is newly married, lives in Atlanta.

**Lee Feild Griffiths** continues to enjoy time with Chris, her German exchange student. Although he comes from a small family in Germany, he enjoyed Christmas with her large family. Lee had 23 people at her home for Christmas dinner. She will miss him when he returns home at the end of June. Nearly four years ago, Lee joined Bedford Methodist Church, where she enjoys singing in the choir and participating in prayer and Bible study groups. She also has joined the church council.

**Ruth Tipton Powers** enjoyed nine delightful days of skiing with her ski club at Snowmass, Colo., in January. They had wonderful weather and, most importantly, returned home in one piece.

For a number of years, I have participated in Great Decisions discussions. This year I am co-leading a discussion group once a month at the local library. This program is promoted by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association, which selects eight topics each year and prepares a briefing book with background information and questions for discussion. Topics this year include the United States and rising powers, Afghanistan and Pakistan, energy and the global economy, the Arctic age, Egypt, the global food crisis, Cuba, and human rights.

In November I took an 18-day dream trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. It seemed like two trips in one. In November it was spring in South America. We walked on the beach with sea lions and their young pups, and we saw frigate birds displaying their bright red throats to attract females. We saw blue-footed boobies, marine iguanas, and several species of giant tortoises.

Please continue to send me your

news. If you would like reminders, send me an updated e-mail address at the address below.

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## CLASS OF '58

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are extended to **Pattie Winship**, on the loss of her granddaughter, Ashley Kesler, who died of leukemia and meningitis at the Medical College of Virginia in April 2008. Pattie writes that last year was difficult. The day before Ashley was admitted to the hospital, her grandfather, **J. Ashton Kesler, R**, Pattie's ex-husband, died of a massive heart attack. Pattie is retired after 35 years of teaching special education. She lives in Lexington, N.C., and has 15 grandchildren. Her two sons live in Richmond. Her oldest daughter lives in Ossining, N.Y., and her younger daughter lives in Lexington, Ky.

**Jo Anne Garrett West's** son, Edward, returned from Afghanistan in November. He experienced summer temperatures of 120 degrees and extreme winter temperatures along with attacks by the Taliban.

**Beverly Coker** loved watching the Spiders win the national championship football game! She enjoys watching **Mike London, R'83**, coach the team to victory.

**Connie Booker Moe** has season tickets to UR football games. She hoped to see **Tim Hightower, '08**, make a touchdown in the Super Bowl, but alas, that didn't happen.

**Carol Brie Williams** has a new GPS, which comes in handy when she is in Baja, Calif., overseeing construction of her second home. She received an electronic Spanish-English dictionary for Christmas from her son and family. She had asked for a dictionary but was expecting a paper one. Her daughter had two prints custom-framed for her. She was ecstatic because the color scheme for her new house is based on the colors in the prints.

**Jean Hudgins Frederick** and **Arnold Frederick, R'56**, attended his 50th class reunion at MCV. **Charles "Charlie" Graham Jr., R'55**, was in the same MCV class. He and **Nancy Yarbrough** planned to stay with them

and Nancy and Jean wanted to help the guys celebrate. Jean says the event brought back memories of fun times many years ago when she and Nancy were both working at MCV and living together at Suburban Apartments.

I enjoyed reading a card from **Nancy Brooks Flowers**, who lives in Bedford, Va. She gave words of encouragement to me for my endeavors as class secretary.

**Dorothy "Dottie" Goodman Lewis** sent an e-note saying she has been tied up with family matters. She hopes things will straighten out soon so that their lives will return to a more normal pace.

Thanks to **Emily Damerel King** for the phone message.

**Margaret Williams Ketner, W**, reports that she and her husband, Bruce, traveled to New Zealand and Australia, where they ran into **Carolyn Moss Hartz and Ransone Hartz, R**, on their cruise ship and had dinner with them one night. After a wonderful cruise through New Zealand, Margaret and Bruce extended their trip for a week and explored the Outback in Central Australia and the Great Barrier Reef. Then they went on to Sydney before returning home. They hope to take their RV along the Lewis and Clark Trail this year. Their grandson, John, is in his third year at the University of Georgia. Their granddaughter, Meghan, has been accepted at Florida State University, where she wants to study hotel management. Grandson Luke is in the fifth grade in Miami.

I hope you all will send news for the next newsletter. It is always such a pleasure to hear from you!

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## CLASS OF '59

**Peggy Yarbrough Boulden** is recovering from a heart attack. We wish her a speedy and full recovery.

**Margaret Spencer Hernandez** and her husband, Jess, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December with a special evening with their children and spouses. Two days later they left on a two-week western Caribbean cruise that included the Panama Canal. They spent most of November in England. Margaret and





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

Jess try to return as often as they can to the 17th-century cottage that used to be owned by our Psychology 101 professor, Dr. Filer. He sold it, but it is still available for rent. They have made lots of new best friends—carpenters, painters, masons, electricians, and plumbers—who arrive at 6:30 a.m. daily, as their house is undergoing major renovations. In March they took a grandchild to New York City for a weekend. They do this with each grandchild as a fifth birthday gift.

**Bev Brown Peace** and husband Phil hosted a reunion with family from Montana, Texas, Missouri, Florida, and California. Ages ranged from four to 90!

**Jackie Connell Atkinson** went on Holland America's *Zaandam* for a 15-day cruise from San Diego to Hawaii and back. They toured four islands with five port stops in as many days. Most of the cruise was a treat except for the second night when they hit a storm with 55-mph winds and 30-foot seas. Jackie got shin splints from doing a 5K walk on the last sea day as part of "On Deck for the Cure." In the past two years, Holland America passengers have raised \$1 million for breast cancer research through this activity. It's always an emotional time for Jackie when she's with all of those other survivor sisters. In February they had a special visit with **Nancy "Kippy" Kipps Hughey** and husband Ray, who were on their way home from Florida by way of Charlotte and Durham, N.C.

**Sylvia "Sibby" Haddock Young** and **Paige A. Young, R.** are still reminiscing about their fun after-Christmas cruise with 26 others, including several UR grads. They also went on a cruise to the Bahamas. In February they spent time with their grandsons at the Great Wolf Lodge. Fredericksburg's hometown newspaper, *The Free Lance-Star*, did a feature article on Sibby's bridge group. The four ladies in the group met 39 years ago as teachers. Their most exciting event happened in November when the Salem Education Foundation and Alumni Association inducted Paige into its hall of fame.

**Peggy Dulin Crews** and **Merrill** are enjoying their grandchildren. They spent time at Ocean Reef, a resort where they celebrated Merrill's 70th birthday, a granddaughter's second birthday, and the 40th and 35th birthdays of their daughters-in-law.

Even though **Ann Copeland Denton Ryder, W'58**, didn't graduate with our class, she would like her news to appear with ours, since she spent three years with us. Her husband, **Eugene "Gene" Ryder, R.** was chaplain and in corporate education at Forsyth Hospital for 34 years. He retired and served in several churches as minister or interim minister. Ann worked locally and for the state in mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse for 30 years and then for the Shepherd's Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ann and Gene have two sons. I regret to report that they lost their oldest son, Rick, in June 2008. When he was 20, doctors found a malignant tumor in his spinal cord. Although he dealt with the resulting paraplegia valiantly, complications and infections related to the paralysis ultimately took him. Their younger son, Greg, lives nearby, and they frequently get to see their wonderful twin grandchildren, a girl and a boy, age 14.

**Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist** has been the chaplain of Dunlora Woman's Club and she will be the club's first vice president for 2009–10. She and her husband, Jerry, spent the first two weeks of February in Hilton Head, S.C., where they spent time with **Beverly Eubank Evans** and her husband, **Tommy R. Evans, B'61**, who were there for the whole month. They also saw **Bonnie Lewis Haynie** and **Robert "Jerry" Haynie, B.** who came for a visit with Tommy and Beverly while they were there.

**Martha Jordan Chukinas** spent Thanksgiving in Nashville, Tenn., enjoyed a First Flight celebration at the Outer Banks in December, and had Christmas in Danville, Va., with all of her family. She makes trips down to her "little paradise" at the Outer Banks whenever she can.

**Katharine Schools Covington** and her husband, Bill, went on an Elderhostel trip to Sanibel Island, Fla., in January. They added on a couple of days to visit the Everglades. They both enjoyed bird watching, nature walks, and shelling. She doesn't know if Sanibel is always this good or not, but she brought back more than 42 different kinds of shells—both gastropods and bivalves.

**Mary Ann Williams Haske** is enjoying her new webcam, which allows her to see the progress of her grandson, Owen, who is one and lives in Shanghai. She writes, "What fun to

be able to see him crawl across the living room floor. His idea of 'talking to Grandma' is to bang on the keyboard!"

**Jehane Flint Taylor** and husband Sam visited London in December, mainly to be with friends who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. They rented a cottage in Hampstead, near Keats' house and Hampstead Heath, and they enjoyed walking around the area where they lived in the early years of their marriage.

**Barbara Dulin Polis** is back on the tennis courts, and her knees are doing well.

**Bonnie Lewis Haynie** and husband Jerry celebrated her big birthday by taking a three-day trip to Chicago.

For **Elizabeth Ramos Dunkum's** birthday, **Bonnie Lewis Haynie, Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist,** and **Beverly Eubank Evans**, along with other members of her bridge club, took her to lunch at the Keswick Club near Charlottesville, Va.

Elizabeth's grandson and granddaughter are thrilled to be ball kids for the women's and men's basketball games at UR. Elizabeth and her husband, **Ellis Dunkum, B and GB'69**, were the host family for Augustina Zygaite, a senior from Lithuania who was on the women's basketball team.

**William K. "Bill" Phillips, R'58**, husband of **Nancy Hopkins Phillips**, had the honor of escorting their granddaughter at the Westhampton Class of 2010 Ring Dance as she was introduced coming down the grand staircase at the Jefferson Hotel in February.

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## CLASS OF '60

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## CLASS OF '62

**Frederica Boatwright "Bunny"**

**Lynch Baxter** writes that she built a home in Maine about five years ago that is "high on a mountain with wonderful views." She divides her time

between Maine and Maryland, her official residence. Bunny enjoys her retirement from the banking business.

I recently ran into **JoAnne Wortman Andrews** in South Boston, Va. She has built a cabin in the mountains, where she goes to relax. She enjoys traveling with friends from Chase City, Md.

**Barbara Harrell Holdren** loved the food, amazing history, and people of China who "bent over backwards to present their country in the best light possible" on their three-week visit last summer that included the Olympics.

**Pamela Koch Fay-Williams** and Gary had a great trip to Alaska last fall. They had one week of independent travel in a car, then a week's cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver. Their daughters and son are all doing well, and their grandchildren, who live in Richmond, Phoenix, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Asheville, N.C., are all healthy and fun. During the holidays, they celebrated Pam's mother's 90th birthday with a big party at Cedarfield.

**Diane Light Riffer** sends news of two new granddaughters. **Isla Terese Wickersty** was born Dec. 15 and **Mira Alina Aziz Riffer** was born Jan. 11. Both babies have 2-year-old siblings.

**Mary Jane "M.J." Willet Puckett** sings for the Jefferson Choral Society and the Skyline Harmony Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. She is regent of the Amherst NSDAR Chapter and was elected to the Session of Amherst Presbyterian Church.

**Camille "Toni" Cousins Ewell** is teaching a contractor class. She enjoys living on the river, where she can see both sunrises and sunsets. She took a short trip to Prague before Christmas. She says her visit, while short, was just long enough to make her aware of the fact that there is so much of the world that she has never seen.

**Julie Perkinson Crews** and **Robin Crammé Perks** joined Robin's sister, **Martha Crammé Ewell, W'66**, and **Jeff Ewell, W'65**, and other friends last fall on a cruise of the Greek Isles with extra days in Rome and Venice. Julie says she kept remembering Miss Turnbull's words from art and mythology classes as they explored the sights. She has a new granddaughter who arrived from Vietnam.

**Arete Gallins Patterson** and **John** have both retired twice. Arete retired as an assistant principal in Northern Virginia and was called back three

consecutive years to fill in for assistants on maternity leave. At the same time, she also taught courses for teachers at George Mason University. After that, she completed two long-term substitute assignments in a neighboring school district. John retired as the controller of one company and then got called to return to a nonprofit organization for which he had previously worked. In early 2008, they sold their house and moved from Northern Virginia to Tennessee, where they built a house overlooking a golf course about an hour west of Knoxville.

Both of Aretie's children work in higher education, her daughter in Manhattan and her son in Tennessee. She and John traveled to New York at Christmas and plan another trip in November, when their daughter will run the New York City Marathon.

**Charlotte Adams Higgs** has finished remodeling her home. She lives among dedicated Montana Grizzly fans, so being the only Spiders at a party for the National Football Championship was fun for her and her husband, **Wilson Higgs, R'59**. She dug out her old school ring for the occasion. Their son, Steve, lives nearby in Bozeman, Mont., with his wife and two young daughters. The whole family gets together every summer for up to three weeks.

**Betty Morris Villers** and her husband, Jim, drove a 1961 Mercedes 190SL to California in September for the annual convention of the International 190SL Group. They also enjoy traveling in their 1971 MGB to wine weekends in Virginia with their local MG club.

Bill and I are busy in the vineyard, pruning and tying vines. I had a nice visit with **Judith Trunzo** and her sister, Sheryl, at the Virginia Wine and Garlic Festival in Amherst in October. Bill and I were there pouring wine for Rebec Vineyards, which is how we sell our grapes. Judith looks wonderful, and it was great to see her. "Trunz" was visiting from France and after I saw her, she traveled to Charlottesville, Va., and had lunch with **Julie Perkinson Crews, Diane Light Riffer, Robin Crammé Perks, Kitty Borum Fitzhugh, and Judy Acree Hanson**. Julie reported that Trunz's mother has died since the visit. We send her our sympathy.

Be sure and send me your news. Also, remember our 50th reunion will be in 2012. Be sure to save the date.

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## CLASS OF '63

Our beloved classmate, **Claudia Lane Dodson**, who died Aug. 18, 2007, was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held Jan. 17, 2009, on campus. Claudia's sister-in-law, Barbara Dodson, received the award for Claudia. While at UR, Claudia played field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. Prior to her death, she was inducted into the Virginia Softball Hall of Fame, the Virginia High School Hall of Fame, and the National School Hall of Fame. She was instrumental in expanding athletic opportunities for girls. **Marge Burkett Rozum** had a significant role in presenting Claudia's accomplishments to the hall of fame committee at UR. She attended the ceremony, along with **Carolyn Anthony Powers, Ann Hurd Wilson, Josie Rogers Cuffe, and Gail Marcus Genderson**.

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**Michael M. Foreman, R**, is the author of *Some Worthy Women*, which was published by the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society. The book contains biographical sketches of 115 notable women, including Patsy Cline and Willa Cather. Michael lives in Winchester, Va., where he is an adjunct instructor at Shenandoah University.

## CLASS OF '65

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I've enjoyed hearing from many of you.

**Leslie McNeal Barden** and **Luther K. Barden, R**, are thrilled to announce the marriage of their son, Ben, to Heather Halberg this winter

and are happy that the newlyweds are living nearby. Leslie and Luther enjoyed a trip to Florida and a cruise to the eastern Caribbean in February.

**Brenda Netherwood Gibrall** no longer helps out at her husband George's office but keeps busy with travel, Canterbury Book Club, volunteer work for the Henrico Christmas Mother program, and babysitting her 10 grandchildren.

**Linda Holt Lilly** enjoys bridge, mahjong, tennis, serving as a docent at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Va., teaching Sunday school, entertaining visitors from France, and traveling to France. Eddie's mother suffered a stroke in January and is now in a retirement community. We wish her continued improvement.

**Jackie Harper Burrell** is the proud grandmother of Lucas William Burrell, who was born in October 2008 and lives in Mississippi.

**Barbara Gardner Cook** has "retired" from her medical practice, although she continues to see patients once a week. She works part time at Johns Hopkins to establish a program that will give uninsured local residents access to medical specialists. Barbara serves on the board of Maryland Outward Bound and traveled to Santiago, Chile, this winter as part of her Johns Hopkins duties. Barbara is involved in her church as a member of the choir, the stewardship committee, and the associate pastor nominating committee. She also travels to Central America with the church's mission committee.

We send our condolences to **Harryet Hubbard Wallace-Boulster** on the death of her mother in December.

**Linda Webb Taliaferro** is enthusiastic about the energy radiating from her eighth-grade students. She serves as yearbook adviser and is excited about the eclectic edition they produced this year.

**Eleanor "Millie" Bradshaw Hotchkiss** reports the addition of another grandson, William Mills Ruiz, who was born in October 2008. Millie continues to teach math part time and enjoyed a trip last November with Edward along the length of the Natchez Trace.

In January, Bill and I joined Bob and **Linda Armstrong Farrar, Barbara Vaughan**, and a number of other friends, family, and neighbors on a cruise from Florida through the Panama Canal to Lima, Peru. After

the cruise we continued on to Cusco, Peru, and I spent the most memorable birthday of my life at Machu Picchu.

Happy summer to all. Eat your veggies and send your news.

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While we are still reveling in the wonderful memory of our 60th birthday party last year, plans are already being made for our 40th reunion, to be held in April. I hope you will all mark your calendars. It is my hope that between the information sheets filled out in preparation for our birthday party and our planning sessions for our next gathering, I will have a letter in every magazine. I will continue where I left off last time for this letter and will gratefully accept any news that anyone wants to send.

**Dale Terry, B'67, and Susan Andrews Terry** have been married for more than 40 years. They live in Suffolk, Va., and have two sons and three granddaughters. Susan is a CPA and managed a law firm for 10 years.

**Judy Baughan Lankford** and **Nelson Lankford, R**, live in Richmond. Nelson is director of publications and scholarship at the Virginia Historical Society and has published several books. Judy is a fundraising consultant for nonprofit organizations in Virginia and Washington. She is a former president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**Bron Bradshaw** was on the committee to plan our gala event. She lives in Richmond with her two cats. She has had a varied career in medicine and also works in the tax business during the winter.

**Ann Dowdy Anderson** and **Les Anderson, R'69**, live in Richmond and have been married more than 39 years. They have two children—Elisa, 27, and Andrew, 24—and a new grandson that has brightened all their lives. Ann taught for 17 years and has been an elementary counselor in Chesterfield





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County, Va., for 18 years. She continues to work part time in retirement.

**Kathleen "Kitty" Taimi** lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband and 11-year-old son, Tommy, who is on the honor roll and excels in sports. Kitty took early retirement from the federal government in 2003, but now that her son is older and her parents have passed away, she finds that she has the time and the energy to begin anew. She plans to start a nonprofit foundation that will support tutoring in math and science for low-income kids.

**Patricia Thomas Comess** lives in Richmond with her husband, **Barry Comess, L'68**, who is a retired lawyer and active real estate developer. Their son graduated from college in 2007 and works in the field of hotel/casino development. Pat formerly worked at the University of Virginia in the Office of Institutional Analysis and at VCU in planning and budgeting. Now she stays busy with part-time work, volunteering, and serving as treasurer for her investment club.

**Susan Thornhill Morris** and **George Morris, B**, live in Winchester, Va. They have two sons. Chris, 33, is a lawyer in Richmond, and Todd, 29, earned an MBA last year. Susan teaches first grade in Front Royal, Va.

**Susan Ward** is vice president and general counsel at the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association, where she has worked since 1990. Her son, Chris, is a freshman at Virginia Tech and is majoring in horticultural science. Her stepdaughter, LeAnn, lives in Prince William County, Va., with her husband and three children.

**Grace Yeatts Copeland, W'69**, and Gary have been married for more than 36 years and live in Memphis, Tenn., near both of their sons. Son Michael is married and has one son, Joshua. Son Nathan returned home after his service project in India and graduate school in genetics and public health at the University of Michigan. Grace taught in the Memphis school system for more than 25 years. She loves to travel, and she and Gary got certified in diving a few years ago.

**Lynda Zimmerman Wiseman** and her husband of more than 37 years live in Langhorne, Pa., where he is on the faculty of Penn State Abington. Their 25-year-old son, Andrew, is an assistant sports information director at Georgetown University. Lynda, who has had a diverse career in health and safety, recently earned a certificate in

historic preservation. She assists nonprofits in creating and implementing strategic plans. Her jobs have afforded her many opportunities to work with diverse cultures and travel in the U.S. and abroad.

That's it for this time. Please send me news and I will keep this communication going.

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**Jay Feldman, R**, is a partner in Feldman & Feldman, a law firm in Tamarac, Fla. He recently welcomed his son, **Michael Feldman, '00**, as a junior partner in the firm. Michael is married to **Trisha Havasy Feldman, '00**.

## CLASS OF '71

It is with great sadness that I start this column with news of the death of **Emily White Zehmer**, who died at Alexandria Hospital on Feb. 17, 2009. Em was a fine person and an outstanding member of our class. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh and worked at the Library of Congress as a senior manuscript cataloguer for 30 years before retiring in 2004.

Anyone in our class who has an accurate e-mail address listed with us should have already received a copy of Em's obituary from Yvonne. If you did not receive a copy but would like to, please contact Yvonne or me. We also would like to know if you have changed your mailing address and/or telephone number.

There are some class members we cannot find because the information we have about them is incorrect. If you have a mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number for **Paula Galbraith, Marilu Dixon, Rosie Ryan Johanson, Beryl Beamer Rankin, or Cheryl Carlson Wood**, please send it to us.

And now for some news. **Nancy Monk Durrett** and her husband, Dale, live in St. Peters, Mo. She volunteers with the Francis Howell School District, where she used to work as a coordinator. Nancy also helps with Habitat for Humanity. She and Dale have four children, ranging in age from 17 to 35, as well as six grandchildren. This summer 19 of

her family members plan to do some "boot scooting" in Amarillo, Texas, on their way to the Grand Canyon, where they will ride horses and raft down the Colorado River.

**Ann Hodges** lives in Reston, Va., and works with homeless adults in the area. She enjoys the political buzz and being near Washington, but she returns at times to her home in Roanoke, Va., for some peace, comfort, and time with friends. She also works on her house there a bit each time she visits, so that at some point in the future she can rent it.

**Carol Kress Coukos**, who lives in the Bon Air section of Chesterfield County, Va., is in her 30th year as a school psychologist for Richmond Public Schools. She has a daughter, two young grandsons, and two elderly dogs. Carol was married and lived off campus during the time when she was at Westhampton. She is no longer married and now goes by the name of Carol Frances Antonius.

**Kathy Neal White** and husband Bill live in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. They were excited to welcome their first grandchild, Bo White, son of Ramsey and Brien White. They also have two other sons, Neal and Matt. Kathy does some consulting for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York. The family recently spent time in Napa and Sonoma, Calif.

**Debra Furches Crowder** and her husband, Spencer, live in South Hill, Va. They have two children, **Shannon Crowder McCall, '99**, and **Hunter Crowder, '96**, and three grandchildren. Debra is a volunteer in the gift shop at Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill.

**Suzie Stansbury Leslie** recently went with the Virginia Tech Whitewater Women's Canoe Club to paddle some rivers in South Georgia. This is a trip she has enjoyed for a number of years. While on a garden tour last summer, she ran into **Nancy Clevinger Carpenter, W'72**, whom Suzie recognized immediately. She enjoyed catching up with Nancy.  
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## CLASS OF '72

**Kathy Kirk** wrote in to say that she and **Marilib Henry Tomb** got together for supper recently in Chester, Va. Marilib had been in Georgia watching her son play baseball for several days and Kathy had enjoyed two family reunions.

**Rozanne Dean Oliver** and Bob have moved to Charlottesville, Va., and they are enjoying the change.

**Nancy MacCaffray Church** enjoys watching her three grandchildren grow. She is still riding horses and golfing but mostly spending time with the kids. She works for Bank of America.

**Judy Samuelson Shapleigh** wrote to say that after nearly 32 years at *U.S. News & World Report*, she has crossed the river and is back in Virginia, where she works for POLITICO, a newspaper and Web site covering national politics and policy. She is hoping that some of what she learned in Dr. Gunlicks' political science class will come back to her. Judy's daughter, Alison, is back home studying forensic science in graduate school at George Washington University. They had a great visit to Colorado and New Mexico last September. Judy joined Facebook, and we both agree it would be great to have more classmates as Facebook friends.

**Faye Patteson Green** reports that her daughter-in-law, Kristen, will graduate in June from the Kennedy School at Harvard University with a master's degree in public administration. Faye admits that this is a great reason to go to Boston again to see their granddaughter, Amaya. Faye and Chuck are still working, but are looking ahead to retirement with some degree of eagerness.

**Judy Johnson Mawyer** reports that the UR choir had another reunion around Jim Erb's 83rd birthday. **Chris Torres Palmer** and **Joyce Clinkscales** came from Georgia, and **Steve Salter, R**, came from Texas. **Nancy Clevinger Carpenter, Rachel Pierce Newell, and Marilib Henry Tomb** were all there. They had more than 20 for lunch, singing, and birthday cake. Judy said that it was great fun singing the songs they sang back in school, including "Shenandoah," and they even wrote a song in honor of Jim's birthday. Judy went to New York City for a weekend in February and saw some plays with friends. Her children are well and are putting down roots

in Richmond with their growing families. Judy says we should start thinking about 2010 when many of us will be turning 60. We agree that this sounds like a great excuse for a trip to the river, since some of us have places there. We could go there to celebrate (for lack of a better word).

I heard from **Marilib Henry Tomb** this month via Facebook, which is not just for our children anymore. More and more of our classmates have Facebook pages. We should all sign up and get a group together. Marilib can be our organizer since she knows a lot more about this than I do, as I am new to the process. Marilib tells me that her son Jonathan is engaged and that she is hoping to attend her son Jacob's college baseball games. Unfortunately, he is five hours away, so that makes it a little difficult.

**Rachel Pierce Newell** is in a group called the Piedmont Singers. They are preparing to sing evensong at Canterbury Cathedral this summer for a week in August. What a great opportunity. Rachel also attended Dr. Erb's birthday bash last January, having a wonderful time spending the night with **Vivian Stephenson Clingenpeel** the night before.

**Gwen Fletcher Duncan** reports that she spent time at home with her parents in February while her mother recovered from surgery. She attended a bridal brunch for her goddaughter in New Kent, Va. She and Greg took a short trip to Atlanta in January for some continuing education for him at the International Society for Neuropsychologists. She went along to play, and they visited the Georgia Aquarium, Coke World, and CNN.

All is well in the Mollen household. My husband, **Allen Mollen, R'69**, is still a real estate agent with Long & Foster. I am still working at the University in the registrar's office. I have a front-row seat as I watch the new football stadium going up out my back window and the new international center going up out my front window. It is very exciting. Our daughter, **Rian Mollen Madayag, '00**, and her husband, Kevin, have joined us in Richmond. They are putting down roots, and Kevin is learning about Richmond ways. He is not the first New Jersey boy to do so, I'm sure. Our daughter Abby is finishing up her clerkship in Washington and will be making career choices in the very near future. It has been great hav-



## South of the border banking

Karen Wimbish, W'75

Banking executive Karen Wimbish took a roundabout path to Latin America. She cites timing and flexibility as the keys that led to her position as president of Wachovia Securities Latin America Group. But Wimbish built the foundation for her career at Richmond, where she majored in mathematics and economics.

"I loved my years there," she says. "They rank up there as the best years of my life." Wimbish maintains close ties to the University, and in March she gave the annual Stanley L. Watts lecture for the Robins School of Business. She stays in touch with many of her classmates and joins a dozen UR alumnae on annual vacations. For their 50th birthdays, they went to Italy. This year, they plan to gather in St. Louis, where Wimbish now lives.

She had no idea she would end up working in international finance. Her math abilities helped her land summer jobs with NASA, but she decided that applied mathematics was not the career for her. Instead, she became a management trainee with United Virginia Bank, which became Crestar and then SunTrust. She spent 17 years there working as a retail banker and a credit analyst.

Wimbish left for a job as financial officer and treasurer of the former Judith Fox Co. to learn more about small business. "I found I was not a small business person," she says. "In small business you could do anything you wanted, but the problem was you had to do everything."

So in 1996, she joined the investment advisory subsidiary of Wheat First Securities, which was sold in 2000 to First Union, which merged with Wachovia in 2001. Five years after the dust settled, Wachovia asked Wimbish to take over its Latin America Group. From her St. Louis headquarters, she manages 450 to 500 employees in New York, Miami, Puerto Rico, Central America, and South America.

—Andy Taylor

ing her closer this past year, since she was in Chicago for school.

As always, it is wonderful to hear from all of you. I know I am missing e-mail addresses for some class members. If you are reading this and do not hear from me every three months or so asking for class notes contributions, please send me your e-mail address and news at [jmollen@richmond.edu](mailto:jmollen@richmond.edu). All my best to you!

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## CLASS OF '73

**Sharon Foster Burdick** and Rick have bought a vacation home on the Northern Neck in Virginia and are looking forward to summer on "the rivah." Their youngest daughter, Madeline, is in graduate school at VCU. Emily and Sam have moved back to Birmingham, Ala., and their middle daughter, Amanda, lives in Washington.

**Jeanie Nicholson Veith** has been traveling a lot. She and Jon went to Turkey and the Canary Islands, and they led tours to Russia, Greece, and Egypt. When she wrote, she was planning a trip to the United States to pick up her mother for a visit and to travel in Germany.

**Ann Watlington** travels around Richmond and the state doing presentations on the Valentine Museum. Her daughter, Carson, is participating in Holton Elementary School's production of *Pinocchio*. Ann and Carson enjoyed a winter visit from **Ann Freeman** and her husband, Ron Zumstein, and their daughter, Ellie. They live in Carrboro, N.C., where Ann is a clinical psychologist.

**Nancy Bendall Emerson** and family enjoyed skiing in Colorado over Christmas. Nancy stays busy with her catering business. She recently catered an event at Old City Hall in Richmond where she saw **Donna Kingery Hudgins** and **Carter Hudgins, R'72**. Donna and Carter had a wonderful 10-day trip to Israel with a church group. They enjoyed riding a camel, boating along the Sea of Galilee, and visiting the ruins of Massada as well as Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

My old roomie, **Gayle Goodson Butler**, is staying busy in Des Moines,





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Iowa. She was promoted to senior vice president for Meredith Publishing Group and editorial director for the Des Moines magazines, in addition to her job as editor-in-chief of *Better Homes and Gardens*. Gayle's daughter Sarah lives in Chicago, where she is finishing her master's degree in education. Daughter Ellen will graduate from Vassar in the spring with an independent study degree focused on adolescent education.

Clint Fuller, the son of **Agnes Mobley Wynne**, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and is working in Greenwich Village at MAS. Agnes' daughter, **Laurel Fuller, '05**, is putting the finishing touches on her first novel. Her husband, Dave, is in sales/management in Virginia Beach and teaches English at Tidewater Community College. Agnes is still teaching at Old Dominion University and is artistic director of Schola Cantorum.

**Meg Kemper** took a trip to Tucson, Ariz., with her sister, Sue. They enjoyed seeing the cacti and the desert and enjoyed the warm weather. Meg highly recommends Arizona in February.

Sam and I were thrilled in January when our daughter, **Lee Kirby West, '00**, presented us with our first grandson. Peyton is a wonderful addition to our family, although five-year-old Hannah is not quite sure yet. *Westhampton Class Secretary Spring Crafts Kirby 11735 Triple Notch Terrace Richmond, VA 23233 skirby451@aol.com*

**Benjamin W. Emerson, R and L'84**, was elected to a fourth term on the board of directors for Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, a law firm in Richmond. He is an attorney in the firm's local government practice group.

### CLASS OF '74

**Janet Ferrell** and her husband, Mark Bearden, enjoyed an early spring break in March skiing with daughters Melissa and Meredith at Whistler/Blackcombe in British Columbia. Last August they flew to Saint Thomas, ferried to Tortola, and from there they chartered a 40-foot Beneteau for a week's bareboat sail. Captain Mark somehow survived with only his family as crew. It was idyllic, despite riding out a couple of huge evening storms. Melissa began her

freshman year at Dartmouth, where she is cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, watching ice hockey, taking polar bear swims under the ice, and generally embracing the cold New Hampshire environment. Alas, **Polly Winfrey Griffin, W'73**, former registrar at Dartmouth College, moved to Princeton University in 2006 and is, therefore, not in Hanover to keep watch over Melissa.

Janet's and Mark's daughter Meredith is a junior at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond. She is playing volleyball on a travel club team again this year, working at cotillion, volunteering at the SPCA and the Science Museum, and tutoring elementary students. She hopes to help coach her summer swim team again. Janet is still teaching citizenship through the ESL school at her church and attending many naturalization ceremonies at the federal courthouse.

**Helen Ruth Clemo** reports that her son, Sam Meredith, is at the Governor's School with the youngest daughter of **Janet Ferrell**. He also plays volleyball for the Governor's School.

Janet has enjoyed seeing **Carolee Dykes Hall, W'72 and G'76**, **Martha Poston Turner, W'73 and G'81**, **Clemmie Williams Lankford**, and **Suzanne Heffner Brown, W'75**, at multiple events over the past few months. She is hoping for a visit from **Ann Vincent Gordon**. Surely Ann's retirement will allow her to head this way for at least a short visit.

Janet was fortunate again to have spent New Year's Eve at the river home of **Sarah Hopkins Finley, W and L'82**, and **Donald J. Finley, B'61**. Also attending were **Carolyn Ridgway Cook** and Dick, as well as **Tina Marston Kurys** and Dan and their daughter, Julia, visiting from Boston. Carolyn is the director of planning and budget at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester, as well as "honorary aunt" to Janet's daughters. Sarah and Don's daughter, Katie, is in her senior year at William and Mary, having spent multiple terms abroad, both in Europe and South America. Tina's and Dan's daughter, Julia, is in high school and already an outstanding chef.

Janet reports that many classmates were at the last home football game of the 2008 season, when former coach Jim Tait was honored. She didn't get to talk to everyone, and she says her memory is faulty, but she

recalls **John Nugent, R**, and **Carole Goode Nugent, W'75**, were there with daughter Erin. Often a host at pre-game tailgates, **Pat Kelly, B**, and Tricia arrived early with son **Sean Kelly, '07**, who also played football at UR. The Kellys' son Brian plays football for the University of Buffalo.

**Wade Hairfield, R'76**, lives in Richmond. His older daughter, Sara, played lacrosse at the University of Virginia and younger daughter Cary is in high school.

**Thomas A. Costello, B and GB'83**, and Donna live in North Carolina but were at the game with pictures of a new grandbaby!

**George Crossman, C'75**, lives in Strasburg, Va., and has two daughters. **Alicia Crossman, '07**, swam for UR, and Erica Crossman swam for Radford.

**Mark Semkew, R'75**, and **Drew Tryens, B**, traveled from Pennsylvania, and **Harry Knight, R'75**, traveled from Ohio.

**David Yount, R'75**, lives in Luray, Va., and **George Perry, B'76**, lives in Danville, Va.

**William H. "Bill" Daniel, B'75 and GB'82**, is an attorney in Yanceyville, N.C.

**Lewis Little, R'77**, lives in Richmond and sent many e-mail messages to coordinate the gathering. His son, **Lewis Little Jr., '05**, played football at UR. Also there to celebrate the afternoon were **Joey Owen, B'72**, **Larry Pochucha, R'72 and L'76**, and **Rodney Elam, R'76**.

The family of **Henry J. "Ace" Owens, R**, which included his widow, Mary, and children Faith, Joseph, and Joshua, were encircled at the tailgate party before the game by teammates who shared memories for the family to record. Joshua was given a jersey with his dad's name and number to wear for the ceremony.

Janet also sends news of **Lee Price Davis, W'75**, and **Mallory Davis, R'76 and GB'82**, of Baton Rouge, La., whose daughter, Ginny, moved from Texas to work in Manhattan.

**Joan Wagner Rial, W'75**, and husband Dick plan to move to Henrico County, Va., from Oklahoma City. Son Kevin is living in Texas and daughter Christina will stay in Oklahoma.

**Charlotte Chapman, W'75**, and her husband, Dwight McCall, say they are defining the "good life" at their home in Afton, Va. Charlotte is director

of counseling services at the Women's Center of the University of Virginia and was able to spend an evening with Janet and Mark on her way to a training session in Williamsburg, Va.

The November 2007 *Hampden-Sydney College* magazine featured **Anita Holmes Garland**, the college's dean of admissions since 1996. She was awarded the Keating Medallion in recognition of her outstanding service and dedication to Hampden-Sydney. The article says, "Her tenure has proven so enduring and successful that she has admitted more than half of the college's living alumni."

**Terry Sue Almarode Licklider** called Janet recently and reported that with both Wes and Cody having graduated, she is playing tennis again in addition to teaching at the middle school level. Her sons may have chosen golf and baseball, but in our pre-Title IX days, Terry paved the way with swimming, tennis, and field hockey!

**Susan Lindler Stephenson** is traveling to Belize with a group of students from St. Margaret's. They will spend time in the jungle and visit an island to study the Barrier Reef ecosystem. Daughter Carolyn is at the University of Virginia working on a Ph.D. in speech pathology, and daughter Claire is at the University of Denver studying for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

**Judy Owen Hopkins** writes that she has moved her mom closer to her in Kernersville, N.C. Her husband, **Marbry "Hop" Hopkins, R**, found a rare tufted duck on a bird-watching outing and more than 700 people have since been to see it. They had a trip planned to Aruba in May.

**Beth Neal Jordan** of Tacoma, Wash., is West Coast mom to my daughter, **Becca Chandler, '07**, who lives in Seattle, while I am East Coast mom to Elise, Beth's daughter, who is in her third year at the University of Virginia. Beth's son, Paul, was accepted early decision to Duke. I celebrated my mother's 80th birthday in May.

Thanks for sending all your news. By the time this is published, many of us will have spent time reminiscing and catching up at reunion weekend in March and will have more news to report in the fall issue.

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**James E. "Jack" Wilberger, R**, was named vice president for graduate medical education for the West Penn Allegheny Health System in Pittsburgh. He is surgical director of the Allegheny General Hospital Comprehensive Epilepsy Program and is vice chair of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation.

## CLASS OF '75

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**G. Richard Jackson, R**, was named executive director of the Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health in Williamsburg, Va. The center is a consortium of Virginia Commonwealth University, the College of William and Mary, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and the Riverside and Sentara Health Systems.

## CLASS OF '79

**William W. "Bill" Reynolds, R**, is a senior vice president and partner of CB Richard Ellis, a commercial brokerage in Richmond. His wife, Kelly, passed away in 2008 after a long battle with kidney disease.

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## CLASS OF '82

**Joel Bryce Chambliss, B**, is a corporate relationship leader with Zurich Financial Services in London.

**Michael J. Monaco, R**, is a partner in PIM Brands, a candy manufacturer based in Somerset, N.J. The company manufactures well-known products such as Welch's Fruit Snacks and SunMaid chocolate-covered raisins.



## Multidisciplinary man

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

Preston Bryant, Virginia's secretary of natural resources, was hurting when he began graduate school at the University in 1986. He had just contracted Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammation of the digestive tract. The painful condition made him postpone plans to study abroad.

"I wasn't quite ready to pick up and move halfway across the world," says Bryant, explaining his dilemma upon graduating from Randolph-Macon College with a degree in English. "The University of Richmond offered a very reputable program in the humanities, which was going to feed nicely into what I would be doing."

So he hobbled across the UR campus on crutches as he coped with Crohn's, all the while pursuing a multidisciplinary course of study from philosophy to modern political thought to romantic literature. "I'm a big believer in the value of the liberal arts," he says.

As the Lynchburg, Va., native considered a career in college administration, "U of R played a very significant role for me. It allowed me to stay active academically while I had a bit of a prolonged recovery from Crohn's disease. ... But I recovered nicely and moved along."

In 1988 he earned his master's degree in the humanities from UR, then relocated to the University of London, where he earned a master's degree in British literature from Royal Holloway College.

Returning to Lynchburg, he entered business development at Hurt & Proffitt, a large civil engineering, surveying, and planning firm. He also launched a political career, quickly progressing from Lynchburg City Council to the Virginia House of Delegates.

In 2006, Gov. Timothy Kaine appointed him to the cabinet position. One of only two Republicans in Kaine's Democratic administration, Bryant laughs about his future plans. "One thing you know about taking a cabinet job is that in four years you don't have one," he says. "That's the only certainty."

—Chip Jones

## CLASS OF '84

**Mark T. Simerly, R**, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He is serving his third tour of duty in Iraq and is commander of the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the First Cavalry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas. His wife, **Cynthia Eckenrod Simerly, W**, and their two children live in Texas, where she is vice president for development for the Girl Scouts of Central Texas.

## CLASS OF '85

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**Michael S. Munger, R**, was named a partner at Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst, a law firm based in Blue Bell, Pa. He is a member of the firm's subrogation practice group, where he focuses on large-loss property recovery.

## CLASS OF '88

**Christian "Diehnee" Belz Hogan, W**, lives in Summit, N.J., with her husband, Chris, and their children, Sarah Warren, 17, Caroline Elizabeth, 15, Peter Joseph, 12, and John Richard, 3. She is a paramedic with Atlantic Ambulance and is pursuing a nursing degree.

**Lucy Muckerman Lamb, W**, lives in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, Faron, and their five daughters. In January she and her family attended the commissioning of the *USS George H.W. Bush* in Norfolk, Va. She worked at the White House as part of the Office of Presidential Advance during the first Bush administration.

**Monica Riva Talley, B**, and her husband, Tod, had a daughter, Anna Rane, on Aug. 22, 2008. Monica is a partner in the Washington office of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, an intellectual property law firm.

## CLASS OF '89

**Leslie Rudnick Distler, W**, and her husband, Jonathan, had a daughter, Elsie Rose, on Nov. 20, 2008. The family lives in Fairfax, Va.





## CLASS CONNECTIONS

**Brian O. Jordan, R.** was named to the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame this year. He was recognized for his 15-year career in Major League Baseball and three years playing in the National Football League. He and **Pamela Bryant Jordan, W'90**, live in Atlanta with their two children.

**Hugh Breckenridge Little, GB**, is owner of Hugh Little Consulting, a health care financial consulting firm. He recently returned from a four-week engagement in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he was part of a joint effort between two nonprofit organizations focused on providing health care and education to exploited children in the military and mining. He lives in Hunt Valley, Md.

**J. Jason Poulis, R.** and his wife, Marina, had a daughter, Julia Pier, on March 16, 2008. She joins sisters Madeline, 4, and Jacqueline, 2. They live in Huntington Station, N.Y.

### CLASS OF '90

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**Catherine Shelsy Collins, W**, and her husband, Scott, had a son, William John, on Dec. 5, 2008. He joins sisters Amanda, 4, and Allison, 1. The family lives in Broomall, Pa.

### CLASS OF '91

**Bradley D. Meeker, R.** has been named a partner at Turner Investment Partners, where he is director of client service. He lives in Swarthmore, Pa.

### CLASS OF '93

**Philip L. Tighe** and **Jenha Peters** were married on Aug. 31, 2008. They live in Allentown, Pa.

### CLASS OF '94

**Jacey Pedalino Miller** and her husband, Bob, have two daughters, Sadie, 5, and Lena, 2. They live in Maitland, Fla., where Jacey is an early childhood educator.

### CLASS OF '95

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**Crystal Wright Colter** is an associate professor of psychology at Maryville College. Last summer she traveled to Quito, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands with her husband, Shane, and her stepdaughter, Tabitha, 14.

**Jenny Reifenberger Howell** and her husband, Cameron, had a daughter, Elizabeth Wilder, on Dec. 26, 2008. They live in Charlottesville, where Jenny and Cameron are on the faculty at the University of Virginia.

### CLASS OF '96

**Lisa Wheeler Craig** and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Katherine Grace, on Nov. 24, 2008. She joins brother Scott, 3, and sister Mary Phillips, 3. The family lives in Atlanta.

**Maureen Fagan Frink** and her husband, Dan, had a daughter, Dana Demmon, on Sept. 18, 2008. She joins sister Ann Marie, 2. The family lives in Richmond.

### CLASS OF '97



**Don't miss "Women of Science" featuring Dr. Sarah Spence Adams, '97, on page 10.**

**Kevin L. Baron** is a Washington bureau reporter for *Stars and Stripes*, the independent newspaper of the U.S. military.

**Nicole Berkebile Cohen** and her husband, Richard, had a daughter, Leighton Burke, on Jan. 6, 2009.

They live in Atlanta, where Nicole is employed by Quintiles Transnational, a pharmaceutical research company.

**Emily B. Compton** and Jerry Monaco had a son, Atticus William, on Nov. 2, 2008. They live in Astoria, N.Y.

### CLASS OF '98

**Garrett M. Condon** was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. He continues to practice law as a JAG at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

**Simon B. Gray** and his wife, Anne, had a daughter, Elisabeth Marie, on Jan. 8, 2009. She joins sister Emilie, 2. They live in Richmond, Ky., where Simon is associate athletics director at Eastern Kentucky University.

**Danni Schwartzman Leombrone** and her husband, Jon, had a son, Ethan Joseph, on Oct. 21, 2008. They live in Fairport, N.Y., where Danni is manager of general accounting for Constellation Wines U.S.

### CLASS OF '99

**Brandon C. Cox** earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Georgetown University. She is a postdoctoral research fellow at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

**Joanne Klaar Walker** and **James D. Walker, '00**, had a daughter, Rosemarie Lee, on Nov. 13, 2008. They live outside Washington, where Joanne is a painting conservator at the National Gallery of Art and James works for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### CLASS OF '00

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**Trisha Havasy** and **Michael Feldman** were married on Jan. 18, 2009, in Palm Beach, Fla. Michael is the son of **Jay Feldman, R'70**, and the grandson of **Julian Feldman, R'42**.

**Rian C. Mollen** and **Kevin L. Madayag** were married on Oct. 18, 2008, at Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were **Lindsay Goulet Wilkins**, **Mason Leigh Morris**, and **Samantha Paulson**. Rian is the daughter of **Allen J. Mollen, R'69**, and **Jere**

**Hudson Mollen, W'72**. The couple lives in Richmond.

**Amy Hunt Olson** and her husband, James, had a son, Colin Joseph, on Dec. 5, 2008. They live in Ledyard, Conn.

**Robert G. St. Jean** and **Angie Miller** were married on March 29, 2008, in Marietta, Ga. Included in the wedding party were **Jeremy W. Battles** and **Patrick D. Healy**. The couple lives in Atlanta, where Rob is an account executive for New Horizons Computer Learning Centers and Angie is a kindergarten teacher.

**Lee Kirby West** and her husband, Paul, had a son, Peyton William, on Jan. 29, 2009. They live in Richmond.

### CLASS OF '01

**Leslie Wilson Bazin** and her husband, Todd, had a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Jan. 18, 2009. They live in Houston.

**Julia Fischer** and **Adam Romeiser III** were married on Nov. 8, 2008, in Kingsport, Tenn. The couple lives in Chicago, where Julia is a pediatric resident and Adam is an internal medicine resident.

**Vickie Schneider Lukachik** earned a master's degree in business administration from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin in May 2008.

**Matthew O. Page** and **Maryellen Mikoleski** were married on June 7, 2008, in Sayville, N.Y. The couple lives in Arlington, Va., where Matthew is an analyst with NASDAQ.

**Jason "Jack" Tomasino** is a financial analyst for the HealthCentral Network in Arlington, Va. He recently earned his CFA (chartered financial analyst) designation.

**Cristin Witcher** and **Adam Siegel** were married on Oct. 19, 2008. The couple lives in Chicago.

### CLASS OF '02

**Adam W. Bayes** and his wife, Haley, had a daughter, Gemma Juliet, on Jan. 7, 2009. The family lives in Falls Church, Va., where Adam is a senior consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton.

**Jamieson Richardson Beatty** and **Eric John Beatty, '01**, had a daughter, Lillian Rose, on Oct. 20, 2008. She joins sister Isabella, 3. The family lives in Gum Spring, Va.

**Beth Regan Donovan** and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Regan

Mae, on Feb. 4, 2009. The family lives in Glen Head, N.Y., where Beth is a special education teacher and Ryan is a CDS broker for Rafferty Capital Markets.

**Karianne Earner-Sparks** and **Scott E. Sparks, '00**, live in Norfolk, Va., with their son, James Richmond, 1. Scott is pursuing a medical degree at Eastern Virginia Medical School and Karianne is a stay-at-home mom.

**John N. Hill** and his wife, Nancy, had a daughter, Rebecca Marie, on June 21, 2008. They live in Bethpage, Tenn., where John and Nancy are co-pastors of Bethpage United Methodist Church.

**Jennifer E. Owens** and James Simpson were married on Oct. 4, 2008. They live in Dayton, Ohio, where Jennifer is a junior high school history teacher and Jamie is a meteorologist.

**Lauri Sheibley Cielo** and **Christopher M. Cielo** live in Philadelphia, where Lauri is coordinator of communications for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and Chris is a pediatric resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

**Robyn Romer Tomasino** and **Jason "Jack" Tomasino, '01**, had a daughter, Avery Claire, on Nov. 12, 2008. They live in Vienna, Va.

## CLASS OF '03

**Sarah B. "Sally" Duerson** and **Douglas N. Boyle Jr.** were married on May 24, 2008, in Arlington, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Anne Marcie Lipper Hall, Carolyn E. Boyle, '05, Christina M. Petry, Colin L. Rooney, Joseph M. Cady, James G. Deppeler, Garrett B. Hall, and Gregory J. Milos, '02.** Sally is employed by NewMarket Corporation in Richmond as a tax accountant, and Doug is pursuing a law degree at the University of Virginia.

**Andrew W. Pulley** is a producer for the National Geographic Channel. His recent projects include *Darwin's Secret Notebooks*, which aired in February.

**Jason Limin Wen, GB,** is a Certified Licensing Professional and is co-founder and president of United Elite Consulting. His wife, **Connie Guiling Su, GB'00,** is a Certified Public Accountant and is co-founder and vice president of United Elite Consulting. They live on Long Island, N.Y., with their two children.

**Katherine Whitehead** and **Charles Carter Hutchens, '02,** were married on Nov. 8, 2008, at Cannon



## Trash to treasure

Christa Donohue, B'96

Christa Donohue vividly remembers her Richmond accounting professor asking for a show of hands: "Who wants to run your own business?" She was the only person in the room with two hands neatly folded on her desk.

Her career plan was more conventional: nice safe salary, good benefits, and a generous expense account. She definitely wanted to leave the stress of work behind at the end of the day. But sometimes, she says, you can be so focused on your plan that you miss opportunities.

After Donohue graduated from the Robins School, she joined the Peace Corps as a small business advisor. She later worked for a consulting company, then a dot-com startup. She completed a master's degree at Georgetown University and took a job at the Loudoun County Small Business Development Center.

"After helping lots of other people start and grow their businesses, I decided it was time to take the plunge," Donohue says. She founded Reworks, a company that combined her business interests with her creative side. It sold a variety of products from recycled materials, including handbags from license plates, jewelry from bottle caps, and clocks from vinyl records.

One of the most challenging aspects, she says, is finding reliable sources of discarded raw material to meet the growing demand for eco-smart products. Customers include specialty shops, wholesalers, and individuals—people who want to make a statement with their personal possessions.

In August 2006, Reworks merged with one of its suppliers, Green Glass, based in Weston, Wis. The company now has 10 employees, including Donohue and her husband, Brian Roome.

—Leigh Anne Kelley

Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were **Nicole Spadafora Salter, Laura A. DiLuigi, Lanier D. Hall, Erin K. Hussey, Lauren M. Zimmerman, and Samuel Max Cohen, '02.** The bride's father is **David Callaway Whitehead Jr., R'69,** and the groom's grandmother is **Mary Campbell Paulson, W'45.** The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

## CLASS OF '04

**Jenny Hobgood, L'07,** and **Matthew C. Connors, '03 and L'09,** were married on Aug. 9, 2008, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Courtney L. Connors, Kathleen L. Connors, '08, James Daniel Hobgood, '02, Jeff M. Slanina, '03, Brett M. McMahon, '03, Matthew T. Dunlap, '03, Lauren M. Wheeling, L'07, and Emily J. Ashby, '06.** The couple lives in Richmond.

**Jessica Schumann Weaver** and **Adam D. Weaver** had a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, on Oct. 27, 2008. They live in Antioch, Tenn.

## CLASS OF '05

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## CLASS OF '06

**Amanda M. Smith** and **Anthony J. Favero** were married on Sept. 6, 2008, in Leechburg, Pa. Included in the wedding party was **Carolyn F. Whitebread.** The couple lives in Costa Mesa, Calif., where Amanda is a transfer pricing consultant for Ernst & Young, and Anthony is a judicial law clerk for the Department of Justice.

## CLASS OF '07

**Yates C. Moon** and **Kathryn E. Joyce** are Peace Corps volunteers in Mauritania, West Africa. In February they attended the West African International Softball Tournament in Dakar, Senegal, where they met **Dennis M. Bryant, B'73,** who is the regional inspector general for USAID in Dakar.





# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI

**1929 / Frances Elmore Clift, W.**, of Elmore, Md., Aug. 14, 2006. She was a substitute teacher in Baltimore County schools for many years.

**1929 / Gertrude "Trudi" Ryland Harlan, W.**, of Miramar Beach, Fla., Sept. 9, 2001.

**1933 / Frederick W. Chapman Jr., B.**, of Richmond, Jan. 16, 2009. He was vice president of Williams and Reed and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

**1933 / Elizabeth McKee Kemble, W.**, of Bristol, Va., Jan. 24, 2009. With her husband, she operated Kemble-Cochran, a long-standing business in Bristol. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and past president of the Blue Stocking Club. She was a member of State Street Methodist Church.

**1934 / Dorothy Grantham Morgan, W.**, of Southern Pines, N.C., formerly of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 15, 2008. She was a librarian and past president of the Episcopal Women of the Diocese of Virginia.

**1936 / Griffin T. Garnett Jr., R.**, of Arlington, Va., June 15, 2007. He served in the Navy during World War II as executive officer and later commanding officer of two landing ships. He practiced law in Arlington, Va., and was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He wrote the Arlington Trilogy of suspense novels, including one published in 2006.

**1936 / Helen Denoon Hopson, W.**, of Richmond, Dec. 30, 2008. She was a member of the Tuckahoe Woman's Club and a deacon of Second Presbyterian Church.

**1936 / Harry L. King Jr., R.**, of Martinsville, Va., Nov. 11, 2008. He was professor emeritus of romance languages at Wake Forest University.

**1937 / Helen Roper Howell, W.**, of Punta Gorda, Fla., Nov. 25, 2008.

**1938 / Jack Alfred Eady, R.**, of Virginia Beach, Jan. 7, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. He later served as commanding officer of the Naval Photographic Center in Anacostia, on NATO staff in Malta and on the staff of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He finished his 26-year Navy career in Antarctica, where the Eady Ice Piedmont is named for him. He was an avid sailor and ham radio operator.

**1938 / Robert B. Page, R.**, of Minneapolis, Jan. 5, 2009. He served

in the Navy during World War II. He retired from the University of Minnesota as an associate dean.

**1939 / T. Nash Broadus, R.**, of Richmond, Feb. 1, 2009. During World War II, he became the youngest commanding officer of a commissioned Navy warship. He also served in the Korean War, rising to the rank of commander. He pursued a career in textiles, acquiring Prodesco, a company that developed fabrics for the aerospace and medical device implantation industries. He won the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service for his work as a director and later chairman of the National Defense University Foundation.

**1940 / Emmett H. Anderson Jr., R.**, of Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 16, 2008. He served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. He studied in France as a Fulbright Scholar and taught in the foreign language department of Rhodes College. He was a member and elder at Evergreen Presbyterian Church.

**1940 / Roberta Winfrey Cannon, W.**, of Boca Raton, Fla., Jan. 24, 2009. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

**1940 / John S. Jones, R.**, of Richmond, March 1, 2009. He served in the Army during World War II. He worked as an accountant, then as an actuary at the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance. He was an Eagle Scout.

**1941 / Charlotte Dudley Patteson, W.**, of Irvington, Va., Jan. 14, 2009. She was one of the first female bank tellers in Richmond. She was president of the Ginter Park Junior Woman's Club and a board member of Crippled Children's Hospital (now Children's Hospital). After moving to Irvington, she was active with Historic Christ Church, the American Red Cross, and local chapters of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

**1941 / Melvin Clyde Hawkins, R.**, of Richmond, Jan. 30, 2009. He served as a communications officer in the Navy during World War II. He worked as a chemist and engineer at Reynolds Metals Co. He was a Boy Scout, a Boy Scout leader, and a member of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church.

**1942 / Robert A. Gary III, R.**, of Deltaville, Va., July 17, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II. He worked as a CPA, founding the

accounting firm of Gary Stosch Walls & Co. He was active in civic affairs in Richmond and in Deltaville, particularly the Lions Club, and was a member of River Road Church, Baptist, and Zoar Baptist Church.

**1942 / Meyer B. "Lefty" Lefkowitz, R.**, of Richmond, Feb. 1, 2009. He served as an Army staff sergeant in Guam and the Philippines and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. With his wife, he owned and operated Morris Romm Plumbing and Heating Supplies.

**1942 / Mildred Tabb Trent, W.**, of Appomattox, Va., Aug. 23, 2008. During World War II, she worked in the tabulating department of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock. She later worked as a nurse. She served on the board of the Appomattox Unit of the American Cancer Society, was a charter member of the Appomattox Woman's Club, and was active in Girl Scouts. She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

**1943 / Oscar A. Pohlig Jr., R and G'94**, of Richmond, Dec. 29, 2008. He was an Army veteran. After working for General Electric in New York, he joined Pohlig Brothers, the family box-making business, rising to president and chief executive officer. When the company was sold in 1987, it had been doing business in Richmond for more than 100 years. He served on the board of Richmond Goodwill Industries, including two years as its president. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church.

**1944 / F. Stanley Lusby, R.**, of Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 29, 2008. He taught at the University of Richmond, Miami University in Ohio, and the University of Tennessee. He was a member of the Church of the Savior United Church of Christ.

**1947 / Junius E. Foster Jr., R.**, of Virginia Beach, Va., Dec. 4, 2008. He served as a Navy aviator during World War II and was twice decorated for meritorious service in the South Pacific. He was pastor of several Baptist congregations in Virginia and Florida, retiring from Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach.

**1947 / Robert Q. Greene, R.**, of Wilmington, Del., Jan. 9, 2009. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, flying 35 missions as a B-24 radio operator and gunner, and receiving the Purple Heart. He worked in various capacities with DuPont.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

**1949 / Conrad B. Mattox Jr., R, G'49, and L'52**, of Richmond, Jan. 3, 2009. He served as a B-25 fighter pilot in World War II. He was city attorney of Warwick, Va., until the town merged with Newport News. Then he became city attorney for Richmond until his retirement in 1980. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a past president of the Richmond Bar Association and the National Institute of Municipal Law Offices. He was a member of Reveille United Methodist Church.

**1949 / Janet Richards Stanton, W.**, of Frederick, Md., Dec. 6, 2008. She worked as a research analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, then for the Maryland Department of Social Services. She later became a real estate agent. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wildwood Crest, N.J.

**1949 / Wilbur E. Thomas, R.**, of Quinton, Va., Jan. 28, 2009. He served stateside in the Army during World War II. He was a Methodist pastor for many congregations in Virginia, most recently Amelia United Methodist Church. He attended Corinth United Methodist Church.

**1951 / William M. Claytor, B.**, of Roanoke, Va., Nov. 14, 2008. He served in the Army, then embarked on a career in the insurance industry, founding Claytor Associates. He was a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Roundtable and a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

**1951 / Clarence B. "Sonny" Gill Jr., R.**, of Richmond, Jan. 1, 2009. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the Pacific theater. He worked in many fields, including as a travel agent and as a motivational speaker. He was a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church.

**1951 / Melvin C. Vernon Jr., B.**, of Danville, Va., Jan. 16, 2009. He served in the Army in the early 1950s. After working in the trust department of American National Bank, he became a stockbroker at J.C. Bradford. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

**1952 / Elmo L. Stephenson, R and L'66**, of Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 21, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II and in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He taught and coached several sports



**W. Dortch Oldham, R'41 and H'74**, of Nashville, Tenn., died Feb. 26, 2009. The former UR trustee and his wife, Sis, established the Oldham Scholars program in 1983 with an initial contribution of \$2 million.

They dreamed of helping "up to 100 outstanding young men and women" with full tuition, room, and board. The 100th Oldham scholar graduated last year, and 17 Oldham scholars are currently enrolled.

Oldham paid his way through Richmond College by selling Bibles, dictionaries, and encyclopedias door to door for Southwestern Publishing Co.

"The dean once told me that I probably made more money than some of the professors," he recalled in 2006. "I don't think that was true, [but] I did pretty well. ... Sometime later, I was able to buy the company."

Oldham sold Southwestern Publishing for \$17 million in 1969 and ran unsuccessfully for governor of Tennessee in 1974. He remained active in Republican politics, and in 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed him commissioner general of the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn.

at high schools in Newport News, Va., then worked for the City of Newport News in the Juvenile Justice Department. After receiving his law degree, he entered private practice and served in the city court system. He was a member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and American Trial Lawyers Association and president of the Newport News Bar Association.

**1954 / Virginia Rowe Christian, W**, of West Chester, Pa., Nov. 19, 2005. She was a teacher in the Delaware State School System. She was a member of Baptist Church of West Chester.

**1954 / Jabe F. Cooper Jr., B**, of Denver, N.C., Jan. 22, 2009. He served in the Army then worked for General Electric. He was a member of Denver United Methodist Church.

**1955 / John Van R. Kelly Jr., B**, of Richmond, July 5, 1994.

**1956 / Clarence H. Keville Jr., R**, of Cotati, Calif., Jan. 30, 2009. He was an Army pilot for 22 years, including two tours in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Bronze Stars with honors. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

**1957 / Charles E. Maxwell Jr., R**, of Richmond, Jan. 9, 2009. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was an executive at Philip Morris and a deacon at Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

**1958 / Vernon V. Jennings, R**, of Roanoke, Va., Jan. 19, 2009. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked as a machinist for the Norfolk & Western Railway and later worked for the Virginia Probation and Parole Board. He was pastor emeritus of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

**1958 / Louis A. Michaux, R**, of Richmond, Oct. 21, 2008. His advocacy for people with disabilities grew from his experience with cerebral palsy. Typing with one finger, he wrote six books, including the novels *The Healing Journey* and *Anger Until Sunset*. He was co-founder and program director of the Adult Development Center for the Physically Handicapped. He served as community relations director at the Human Dignity Center and was director of Christian education at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

**1959 / A. Floyd Griggs Jr., R**, of Richmond, June 1, 2003. He retired from Signet Bank as an executive vice president.

**1959 / George H. Jenkins, R**, of Carolina, Puerto Rico, March 28, 2008.

**1960 / Conrad C. Lewane Sr., B and L'62**, of Richmond, Jan. 7, 2009. He served as a captain in the Army and attended the Judge Advocate General's Corps School. He worked as a trial lawyer for almost 50 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**1961 / Bonnie A. Cox, W**, of Adamstown, Md., Dec. 9, 2008. She was a social worker with the Washington, D.C., Department of Mental Health and ran a private counseling practice with her husband. She volunteered as a counselor at Rainbow Place, a women's shelter.

**1962 / James Thomas Mills Jr., G**, of Middletown, Va., Dec. 27, 2008. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was president of Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania and Cumberland University in Tennessee. He was a member and elder of First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Va.

**1962 / Peter J. Mutascio Jr., B**, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Jan. 31, 2009. He was regional manager for Jersey Infrared Consultants in Burlington, N.J. He attended St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church.

**1962 / William S. "Sam" Kerr, R and L'65**, of Bent Creek, Va., Dec. 29, 2008. He served in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps before practicing law with McGuire Woods Battle and Booth in Richmond. He was commonwealth's attorney for Appomattox County for 12 years. He re-entered private practice and later served as a juvenile and domestic relations judge. He was a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the Float Fishermen of Virginia, and the Blue Ridge River Runners. He attended Grace Hills Baptist Church.

**1962 / Arthur W. McGee, B**, of Richmond, Dec. 18, 2008. He served in the Army and later worked for DuPont. He was involved in the Henrico County girls' softball program and coached youth football. He was a member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church.

**1965 / Carroll W. Adams, R**, of Heathsville, Va., June 8, 2005.

**1967 / Frank A. Cosby, G**, of New Castle, Va., March 11, 2008. He was superintendent of Virginia school systems in Tazewell County, Craig County, Salem, and Covington. He was a member of New Castle United

Methodist Church.

**1969 / Carolyn Hodges Cromwell, W**, of Midlothian, Va., Dec. 12, 2008. She worked at Bank of Virginia and taught in the day-care program at Salisbury Presbyterian Church. She co-founded the Richmond Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She was a member of Manakin Episcopal Church.

**1969 / Edmund E. Hamilton, R**, of Richmond, Jan. 17, 2009. He worked in real estate and was a member of the Boy Scouts, Handicaps Unlimited, Lions, and Community of Grace Church.

**1970 / Marjorie A. Scott, W**, of Boston, Jan. 28, 2009. She was an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and served on the staff of several congregations in the Boston area, most recently the Church of the Covenant.

**1973 / Cloyd Mitchell "Skip" Johns, R**, of Richmond, Jan. 26, 2009. He taught history of American film at Trinity Episcopal School and was the strength coach for the school's athletic teams. He was an award-winning weightlifter, who played on several professional football teams. He enlisted in the Army, serving in Beirut, Lebanon. After returning home, he worked at the Beaumont Learning Center, the University of Richmond, and Collegiate School before joining Trinity.

**1976 / Ted E. Barrett, G**, of Naples, Fla., Oct. 14, 2005.

**1984 / Kurt H. Billing, B**, of Southampton, N.Y., Feb. 3, 2009. He operated the family swimming instruction business. Nicknamed "Nature," he was active in land preservation, serving on the boards of the Peconic Land Trust, the Group for the South Fork, the Southampton Trails Preservation Society, and the Southampton Town Trails Advisory Committee.

**1986 / John P. Flanagan, R**, of Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 24, 2008. He practiced law at Pullman & Comley and was a founding partner of Integrated Corporate Relations, a financial communications consulting firm. He was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

## Correction

In the winter 2009 issue, the last name of **Robert A. Gary III, R'42**, was misspelled in his obituary. A corrected obituary appears above.





# VANTAGE POINT

## THE UNFOLDING OF A MIRACLE

**By Dr. E. Bruce Heilman**

More than 40 years ago, a miracle began to unfold. It saved this University, and it made all things seem possible for those of us who served Richmond in the years that followed. Unfortunately, the story of this miracle has faded with time, but it remains fresh in my memory, and it should never be forgotten.

At a trustees meeting in 1967, E. Claiborne Robins, R'31, listened intently as President George Modlin outlined the University's precarious position. Tuition and fees were no longer enough to pay the bills. The facilities on campus were grossly inadequate, and the University was facing increased competition from state-supported colleges. In short, it would take a miracle to save the University.

The question, of course, was how much this miracle was going to cost. Modlin, a professor of economics, walked to the blackboard and wrote \$25,000,000–\$50,000,000.

The situation continued to deteriorate in the months that followed, but Claiborne started thinking about making a large gift to the University. He had built the A.H. Robins Co. into a major manufacturer of pharmaceuticals, and he dreamed of seeing his alma mater transformed into one of the nation's finest institutions of higher learning. He discussed this dream with his wife, Lora, and their first inclination was to donate \$25 million. After more discussion, they decided to make it \$50 million. At the conclusion of commencement ceremonies in May 1969, Modlin announced the miraculous gift. The people in the crowd gasped, then jumped to their feet, clapping and shouting.

After I became president of the University in 1971, I was amazed that the Robins family turned out to be more important to me than the Robins' philanthropy. From the moment I arrived at Richmond, Claiborne, Lora, and their children were my strongest advocates, supporters, and mentors. Whenever I needed a friend, Claiborne was there. Whenever the University needed money, he was there. Whenever I asked him to call on a potential contributor, he was there, often agreeing to match major gifts to close the deals.

The entire family has set a new standard for transformative philanthropy. Only \$10 million of the \$50 million gift was a challenge grant, but our alumni and other supporters matched the entire \$50 million by 1980. This was an incredibly ambitious undertaking, and some of our supporters advised against it—including some of the University's trustees. They were afraid we would come up embarrassingly short. They suggested that our alumni would say, "Why does the University need my \$50 when the Robins family just gave \$50 million." But Claiborne did not see it that way, and neither did our alumni. The Robins gift inspired greater generosity among alumni, and I believe their generosity further inspired Claiborne.

Over the years, the Robins family has donated more than \$200 million to the University. Typically, the family responded to critical needs with few strings—or no strings—attached, but their contributions have been far more than monetary. They have been intimately involved in every aspect of Richmond's development. They built dormitories, the Robins Center, and

a major expansion of the business school. They endowed scholarships and professorships, and filled leadership positions. E. Claiborne Robins Jr., R'68, chaired a \$60 million campaign from 1982–87, our largest fundraising effort to that point.

E. Claiborne Robins Sr. died in 1995, but said that he lived long enough to see his dream come true. I am glad he felt that way, but I personally believe the miracle that began with the Robins gift is still unfolding on our campus today. Tens of thousands of alumni and friends have answered Claiborne's call to support education and create the best small University in the country. All gifts, large and small, continue to ensure Claiborne's vision—from 71 percent of the Class of 2009 participating in the senior gift and more than 11,346 alumni and friends making a gift last year, to 851 endowed scholarships making an education at Richmond possible, 44 endowed professorships bringing the finest teacher-scholars to our classrooms, and remarkable facilities projects, including the four major initiatives now underway to enhance academic and student life.

In no small measure, private philanthropy has created the University we know today—and it will enable us to fulfill Richmond's further promise. Cultivating this spirit of generosity—this awareness of what we can achieve through individual and collective support—is truly one of the enduring gifts of the Robins family. All of us here are enormously grateful.

*Dr. E. Bruce Heilman is a chancellor and former president of the University. Send comments about this column to [krhodes@richmond.edu](mailto:krhodes@richmond.edu).*



“Grants for student groups allow us to create change.”

—Cloe Franko, '10  
Floyd, Virginia  
Environmental Board  
Representative, RENEW



## YOUR GIFT IN ACTION



Environmental sustainability has always been important to Cloe Franko. Growing up in a solar-powered house with environmentally conscious parents, “thinking green” became second nature. So it was only natural that upon arrival at Richmond, she immediately began to raise awareness on campus.

Cloe is a key player in the emergence of RENEW, a new student organization that is rallying the entire campus around environmental issues. RENEW is funded in large part by grants from the Student Organization Budget and Appropriations Committee (SOBAC). That committee, in turn, is funded largely by annual fund contributions from alumni and parents.

“Alumni funding is an amazing help,” says Franko. “It allows students to take initiative and, in the case of RENEW, confront a real danger that faces us all.”

Your gift to the University of Richmond does amazing things. You give students the resources they need to begin promising careers. You help faculty members show students a life beyond the classroom. Your gift can grow and mature as part of an endowment and strengthen the University for years to come. Thank you!





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