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# FORUM -magazine-



***Your Guide to Freshman Year:  
what to do, what not to do,  
what REALLY not to do***

Lost your orientation schedule? Can't  
find a building? We've got you covered.

***Meet your new class presidents! (Yes,  
there are two.)***

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# ORIENTATION ISSUE

## FRESHMEN:

Let me be among the first to welcome you to the University of Richmond. Granted, by the time you read this, chances are I'm not even in the top 100 to welcome you here. We're pretty friendly people at UR. Nevertheless, it is the pleasure of all of us at *Forum Magazine* to welcome you to the place that has been my home for the last three years, and that will be yours for the next four.

Since actions speak louder than words, we are welcoming you by dedicating our very first issue of the year—made up mostly of words—to you! Inside, you'll find tips from Richmond campus veterans that cover everything from making friends to getting a campus job, alongside short guides to fashion, Greek life and more.

Since we know you have already lost your orientation schedule and map, we've included our own versions to get you to the disorienting experience of Vegas Night. Having visited the real Vegas in May, I assure you it's just as fun.

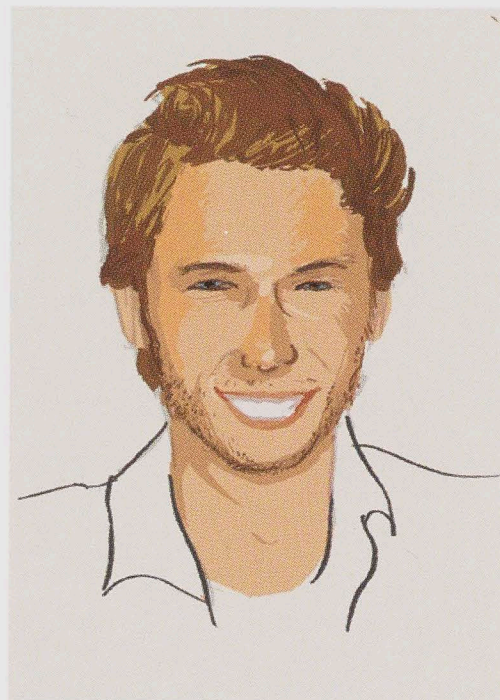
All that is great, but if you only read one thing (okay two things) read the interview and Stand-out Spiderlings. Mimi and Patrick are incredibly passionate and ready to deliver on their campaign promises this year, and last year's freshman did some amazing things in their first year that might just give you a great idea.

You've doubtless figured out by now my advice isn't worth anything, but if you are still reading do this: try and forge a close relationship with

one professor this year. I got lucky and had a great advisor as a freshman that I still consider a personal friend and mentor, and I can't count the number of doors he's opened for me.

Lastly, if you enjoy *Forum Magazine*, or you really hated it, make sure to let us know by shooting an email to [urforumcomments@gmail.com](mailto:urforumcomments@gmail.com). If you REALLY liked *Forum Magazine*, apply for a job by sending a message to [richmondforum@gmail.com](mailto:richmondforum@gmail.com).

Have a great first month—we hope you stick around!



John McAuliff  
Editor In Chief  
On behalf of all of us at *Forum Magazine*



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# FORUM -magazine-

Our mission at the *Forum* is to create an impactful, revealing and balanced magazine designed and reported with students in mind. In awarding time and space to the most impressive people and projects, we hope to make something that strengthens the community by inspiring pride in every student, faculty, and staff member at the University of Richmond. Through sections focused heavily on career advice, national issues, superlatives, and style, *Forum* will be a place for conversation—both serious and light hearted—that leaves students with a deeper understanding of both the college world and beyond.

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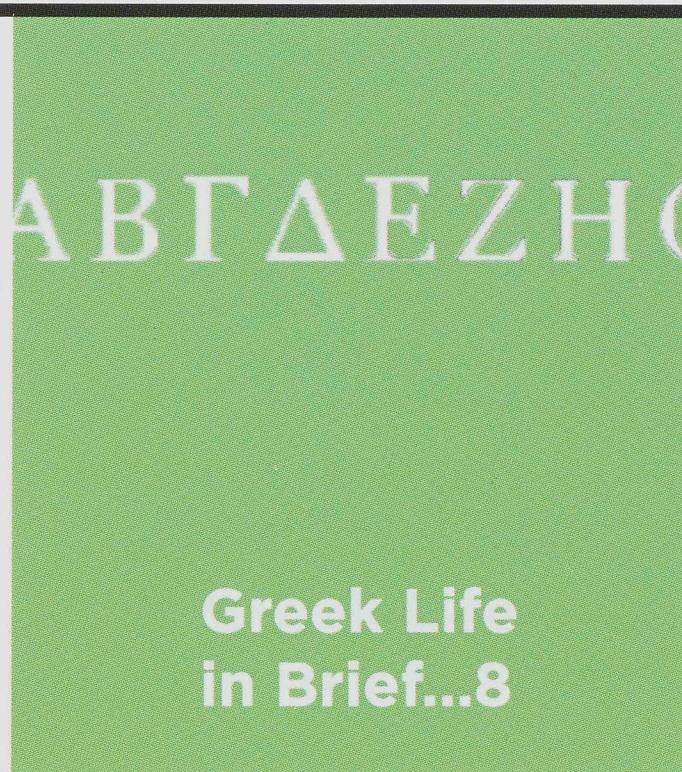
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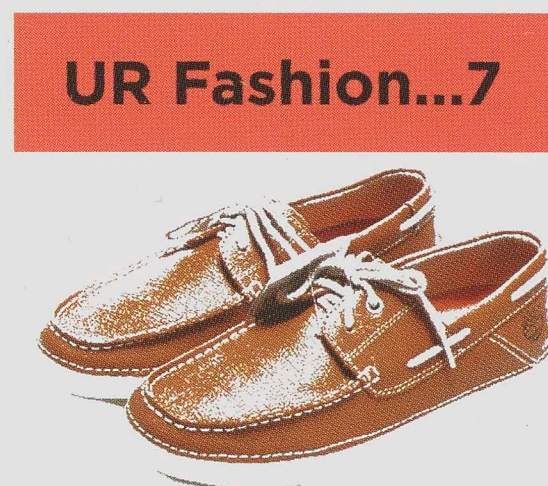


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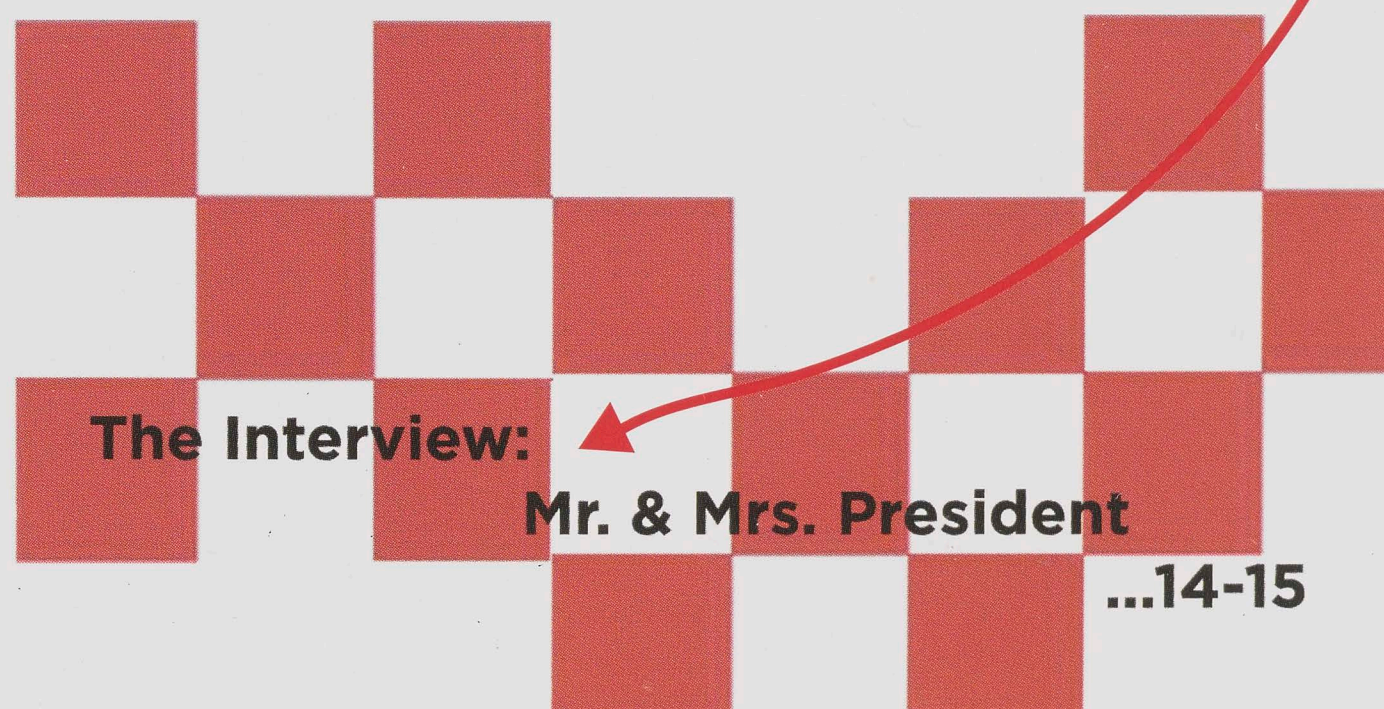
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# Orientation Schedule

## THURSDAY

7:30–8:30 a.m. Breakfast. **D**

8:30–10 a.m. Westhampton College  
Welcome to New Students. **B**

9–10 a.m. Richmond College Welcome  
to New Students. **M**

10 a.m.–4 p.m. New Students Meet with  
Academic Advisors during prescheduled time.

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch. **D**

1–3 p.m. Career Services Open House. **TH**

**2:15–4 p.m. Opportunity  
for Families to Say Good-Bye.**

4:15–5:15 p.m. Richmond College Resi-  
dence Life Meetings – Residents of Marsh  
meet in Queally Hall, Ukrops Auditorium **Q**

Residents of Dennis Hall & Wood meet in  
Tyler Haynes Commons,  
Alice Haynes Room. **TH**

4–5:15 p.m. Westhampton College Resi-  
dence Life Meetings – Residents of Lora Robins  
meet in Booker Hall, Camp Concert Hall **B**

Residents of Moore Hall and Robins Hall meet  
in Weinstein Hall, Brown Alley Room. **W**

5:15–6:45 p.m. Transfer Student  
Dinner **D**

5:30–7:00 p.m. Dinner with your RA **D**  
following the residence life meetings.

7:30–8:45 p.m. Meet with Orientation  
Advisors.

**9 p.m. Playfair** **G**

## FRIDAY

8 a.m. BannerWeb Opens for Schedule  
Changes

8:30–9:30 a.m. Breakfast. **D**

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sign Up for Band, Jazz Band,  
Choir, and Orchestra Auditions – Auditions will  
occur during Orientation weekend or the first  
week of classes. Scheduled by sign up. **B**

10–11:15 a.m. Students depart from  
Westhampton Green for A Richmond Education:  
A Key to Learning and Life. **WG**

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch with OAs. **D**

1–2:15 p.m. Westhampton College: “Think  
Again” – A dramatic presentation about sexual  
violence. Discussion to follow. **M**

2:30–3:45 p.m. Richmond College: “Think  
Again” – A dramatic presentation about sexual  
violence. Discussion to follow. **M**

4:30–6:30 p.m. Dinner. **D**

### OA Groups 1-18

7–8:15 p.m.  
“Toto, We’re Not in  
Kansas Anymore.”  
Discussion. **B**

10–11:15 p.m.  
Navigating the First  
Year. **M**

### OA Groups 19-37

7–8:15 p.m. Navi-  
gating the First Year. **M**

8:30–9:45 p.m.  
“Toto, We’re Not in  
Kansas Anymore.”  
Discussion. **B**

## SATURDAY

8:30–9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast. **D**

10–11:30 a.m. Westhampton College: Gen-  
der Development and Women. **B**

10–11:30 a.m. Richmond College: Men’s  
Development: Who Cares? **M**

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch. **D**

1:30–3 p.m. Westhampton College: Meet  
with the Honor Council. **B**

3:30–5 p.m. Richmond College: Meet with  
the Honor Council. **B**

5–7 p.m. Dinner. **D**

### OA Groups 1-18

7:30–8:45 p.m.  
Bystander Training. **M**

9–10:15 p.m.  
“Love ‘n Liquor” –  
Co-sponsored by  
the Department of  
Athletics. **B**

### OA Groups 19-37

7:30–8:45 p.m.  
“Love ‘n Liquor” –  
Co-sponsored by  
the Department of  
Athletics. **B**

9–10:15 p.m.  
Bystander Training. **M**

**10:30 p.m.–Midnight**  
“Vegas Night.” **TH**

## SUNDAY

**5–6:30 p.m. New Student Picnic w/ President.** **P**

# Orient Yourself!

You can use this coded 3-D map to get around during orientation week. When you see a scheduled event, use the key below to figure out where it is. Like this:

8:30-10 a.m. Westhampton  
College Welcome to New Students

Then on the map, just match the letter on the event to the one on the map and you'll know exactly where to go. We think it's pretty useful...because sometimes we still get lost too.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>D</b> =Dhall                 | <b>B</b> =Booker           | <b>M</b> =Modlin        | <b>J</b> =Jepson |
| <b>G</b> =Weinstein Gym         | <b>W</b> =Weinstein Hall   |                         |                  |
| <b>TH</b> =Tyler Haynes Commons | <b>Q</b> =Queally Hall     |                         |                  |
| <b>WG</b> =Westhampton Green    | <b>P</b> =President's Home |                         |                  |
| <b>FD</b> =Freshman Dorms       | <b>L</b> =Library          | <b>R</b> =Robins School |                  |



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# What can you accomplish freshman year?

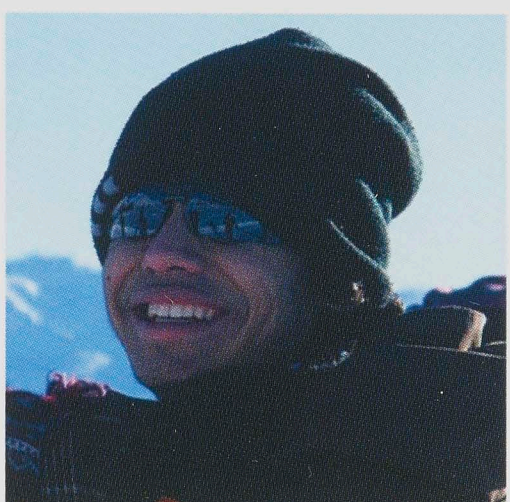
Amazing people are doing incredible things all over campus. Each issue, we recognize a few students or alumni that are working to make their lives—and our community—better through self and social improvement. Here's how these five students made the most of their first year on campus.



## **CASSIE DeCESARE** '16

The student voice

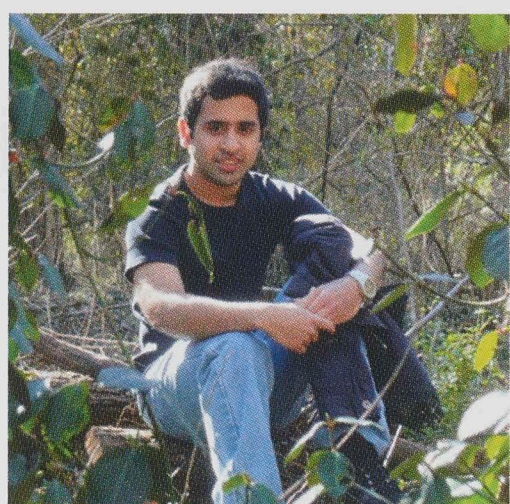
Cassie became an elected member of the Westhampton College Senate while achieving outstanding marks in class during her first year. Developing a rapport with her professors showed Cassie the value of their mentorship, and that their advice often-times transcends curriculum. "I have a few professors that I know I can go to for advice when it comes to classes, careers, or anything else," Cassie said. Cassie spent time volunteering with the World Pediatric Project (WPP) as well, an organization that flies children from third world countries to the U.S. for life-saving surgeries. Each week, she spent time with children and families who were either preparing for or recovering from surgery. Cassie said juggling her volunteer work, Senate duties, and schoolwork, made her time at Richmond more fulfilling.



## **SAMUEL DIAZ** '16

The international social scientist

Samuel Diaz, an international student from Venezuela, returned to his native continent in June to begin summer research. Alongside Dr. Mary Finley-Brook, Sam completed research about the developments of tourism impacts and community involvement around the Lago Yarinacocha in Peru. Sam earned an offer from Professor Finley-Brook to accompany her on research after serving as her CLAC assistant during the fall semester. The CLAC assistant meets with environmental studies students weekly to review their course content in Spanish. When he wasn't helping fellow students beef up on their foreign language skills, Sam frequented the offices of his professors. "In meeting with people from so many different back grounds and perspectives, I've been able to learn a lot," Diaz said. Since Sam's first year at Richmond was already his third abroad, he was well prepared for the organizational discipline required at the university level.



## **MASNOON MAJEED** '16

The thought leader

For Masnoon Majeed, succeeding as a freshman became tied to structure and schedule. An international student hailing from Pakistan, Masnoon took a systematic approach to arranging his courses and allotting his time each day. "By the end of my courses I had specialized my habits and techniques in each," Masnoon said. In French, Masnoon studied new vocabulary that appeared in class, staying mindful to not let it build up over days at a time. He created a spreadsheet that he referred to at the end of each day, adding the French words and translations that appeared in morning class. By the end of the year Masnoon established his presence on campus by campaigning to re-establish the university's philosophy club and launching a non-believer/atheist club. As a member of several recognized campus organizations, Masnoon was quite busy but says that this structured schedule enabled his success.



## **RICHIE WISMER** '16

The freshman intern

Richie Wismer punctuated an admirable first year with an internship at the Law Library of Congress. Upon entering freshman year, Richie was interested in law, so he enrolled in a First Year Seminar (FYS) taught by a professor from the law school. His performance in the class certainly impressed his professor, who provided Richie with a recommendation. Richie formed relationships with other professors as well. Until taking two classes in the Journalism department Richie had never considered the discipline as a potential major. Now he plans to double major in economics and either English or Journalism. Becoming immersed in new and unfamiliar territory helped Richie define a path for his coming years at Richmond. "More involvement means knowing more people and learning more things," Richie said. He also worked in the Parson's Music Library, served as a member of the debate team, and joined a fraternity during his freshman year.

- CLAY HELMS



# Fashion: URStyle

Ahh , the beginning of school. It's a pretty hectic time but you have GOT to love the weather in Richmond. According to the Richmond Class of 2017 Google Map, once again, the North reigns supreme. That being said, many people take the opportunity to extend their summer just a bit more when they head south. With weather generally in the mid-70s, autumn in Richmond is a beautiful time. What's the best way to take advantage of this while prepping for the first week

of school? Just reaching into your closet and deciding what you are going to wear of course! Don't be surprised if the people look like they came straight out of a J. Crew or Vineyard Vines Article. Starting from the ground up, gentlemen will generally sport their boat shoes, grabbing influence from their times spent at the Vineyard. Word of Advice: BREAK THEM IN BEFORE. This is an extremely hilly campus, and walking around with tight leather shoes can be excruciatingly


painful. Women will be sporting one of their favorite pairs of Jack Rogers to head up the rest of their ensemble. Many choose to sport a sundress, but for those looking for a bit more complexity, here's what you can expect.

For the bottoms, shorts are a must. Rain or shine, the weather is warm in Richmond, so both men and women are going to want to grab their club shorts to wear leisurely. Next up are the tops. Men, you will see a lot of pastels in a summer tee, a light button up, or a polo shirt. Now, I know it is TECHNICALLY fall, but we at Richmond like to extend our summer as long as we can with light colors in our ensembles.

Now, although there is a Richmond "mold," don't feel limited! Women tend to spice up their outfits with some nice jewelry, and a colorful sweater. Men, feel free to accessorize with your favorite pair of sunglasses and croakies. Both men and women can tie up their classy outfit with their favorite belt.

This bit of advice will help your transition into college by taking the stress off of one of the many things plaguing the mind of a first year. I hope this article and the rest of our Orientation issues answer several of the questions running through your mind. Oh, and most importantly, WELCOME TO RICHMOND!


- CHRISTOPHER ACQUAFREDDA



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# INS & OUTS of GREEK LIFE

With over one in every three UR students going Greek each year, there is no question Greek life is a prominent part of campus life at the University of Richmond.

According to the latest analysis done by the university in the spring of 2013, of the 3,176 undergraduate students enrolled, 38 percent were members of a Greek organization. There are currently seven national sororities and seven national fraternities represented on campus. Each has their own set of traditions and activities but what all Greek organizations have in common, is their commitment to philanthropy.

Each fraternity and sorority recognizes an organization as their national philanthropy but also commit to hosting other events in support of local charities.

"As a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority we always strive to support our national philanthropy, Reading Is Fundamental Inc. but we also support local organizations as well," Sofia Quinonez, a senior, said. "This year we were involved with Church Hill Activities and Tutoring, mentoring and tutoring young girls and boys in the Richmond community."

With the vast differences among each sorority and fraternity, the leaders of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) aim to unite all Greek organizations.

"One of IFC's main goals is to build and main-



Many Greeks head out to Myrtle Beach for Beach Week after spring exams. Though parties are often hosted by fraternities or sororities, you don't have to be Greek to join in.

tain this unity amongst fraternities. Sometimes it is difficult when specific fraternity chapters have their own philanthropic goals, however, we aim to have fraternity life viewed and operated as a single entity on campus," said Will Plumb, a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the IFC president.

Even before the end of the spring semester, Greek organizations begin planning the approaching recruitment period. During the first week of the spring semester, each sorority and fraternity will commence the recruitment process.

"A lot goes into the sorority recruitment process," Jessie Barford said. "We want to make sure that anyone going through the process has a

good experience."

Barford is a junior and a member of the sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

"When coming to campus for the first time it can be a little intimidating when faced with many different options," Plumb said. "Each fraternity is unique and as a freshman it is in your best interest to get to know as many as you can."

- NABILA KHOURI

Just so you know:

- **Fraternities:** Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi
- **Sororities:** Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi

**Interested in Social Dancing?**  
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**Meetings Wednesdays at 6:30 @ Robins Center 152**  
Review begins at 6:30; Lessons begin at 7:00

**September 4-25 — East Coast Swing**  
\* Blues Workshop (Date TBA)

**October 2-23 — Waltz**  
\* Halloween Dance on Oct 30

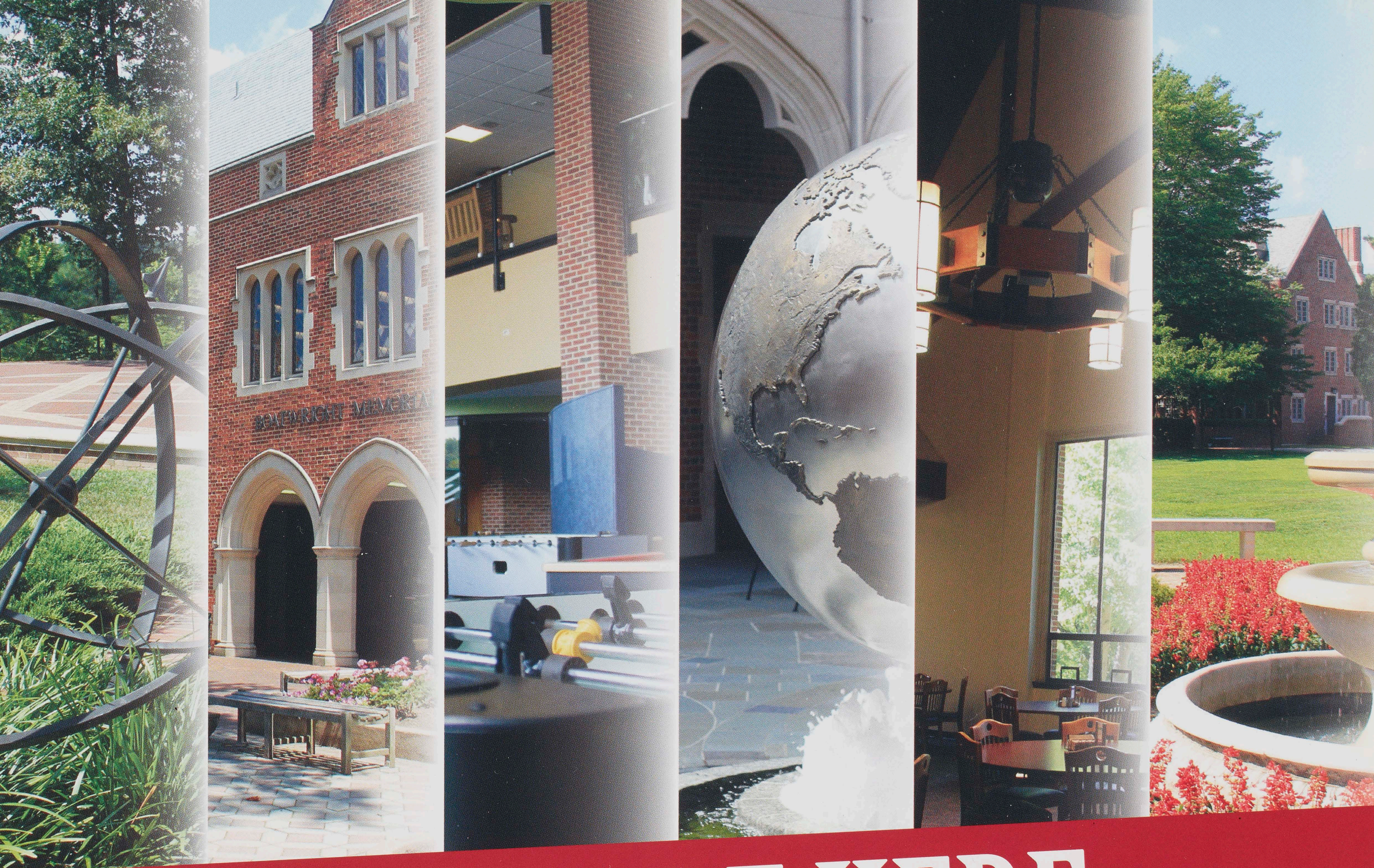
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# ★ YOU ARE HERE

*A Complete Guide to Life at the University of Richmond*

STORY BY SALLY HU & KELSEY SHIELDS, PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRIDGET WHAN TONG

**W**elcome to the University of Richmond! You're beginning an exciting new chapter in your life, and I'm sure you're very eager to jump right in and experience college life. To help you along, we have created a guide that will clue you in about certain information and tips that you may find to be extremely useful to know. Save some time from scrambling around and learning these things on your own, and read it here instead.

## How to Meet New People

During orientation, you may feel as though the only people you really interact with are those that are in your orientation group. However,

although UR is a relatively small school, there are always new people to meet. Unlike bigger colleges and universities where you might meet someone that you will never see again, the size of UR allows students to develop deeper, more personal relationships with their peers, professors, and faculty. Being an incoming freshman, you will probably meet hundreds of people before you find a group of friends that you're really comfortable with. Now is the prime time for you to branch out and get a feel for whom and what you like and dislike. But how? Here are some places you can go to meet new people:

### Sports Events

Attending varsity and club sport events is also

a great way to meet new people. The sports that attract the most spectators are football and basketball, but many other sports attract a crowd, too. You'll find that the student section is glowing with school spirit and energy. The games, meets, and matches give all students one common wish – for UR to win. You won't have problems with finding something to talk about or getting along with anyone.

### Sports and Club Membership

Joining a sport or a club allows you to meet people that have the same interests as you. UR offers a bunch of different sports and clubs that strive to fit each individual's liking. If you're looking to find people with specific passions that

they may share with you, find a sport or club that seems like it fits what you are looking for. Even if you don't end up sticking with a sport or club, you will have made new friends that you might have not had the chance to meet otherwise.

### On a Normal Day of Class

There are common places that the majority of Richmond students go to during the week. Three of the busiest places are the Boatwright Memorial Library, the Weinstein Center, and the Heilman Dining Center (commonly called d-hall). You will almost always find a ton of people at each of these places. Don't be afraid to talk to someone new!

## How to Find and Join Organizations

Joining sports and club organizations on campus is very easy. And as a freshman, you should take full advantage of it! Most, if not all, organizations are eager to expand, and they are very excited when they get new members. But how should you go about joining different groups and clubs?

### Explore all options

It's great to have some idea of what you want to do in college, but don't let your expectations limit your options. Try different things, and maybe you'll stumble across something that you never thought you would like. In my case, I came to UR expecting to join the volleyball team or archery; now I'm on the UR crew team. Unless you are dead-set on joining a specific organization, explore a number of clubs and sports before you commit to a couple.



Making friends with classmates is an easy way to create relationships. If they're in the same class, there's a strong chance that you already have something in common. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself.

### Talk to people

Other students are your best resource for finding out about organizations, especially more obscure ones. They can give you their opinion on certain ones, and share their personal experiences with you. The benefit of talking to people is, if you become interested in an organization that they are talking about, you will already know someone in the group when you go to check it out.

### Stop by the tables

Many organizations will advertise themselves or ask for help with a cause by tabling in the Commons. Oftentimes, when you walk through the Commons, you will see tables representing different organizations who are trying to get your attention. If one happens to catch your eye, be

sure to stop and chat with those who are tabling.

### SpiderFest

As part of welcome week, new students will have the chance to attend SpiderFest, the premier fall kickoff event. It showcases some of the best aspects of UR in a fun and relaxed environment. Enjoy an evening of activities, music, and student organization performances while you connect with friends and 100 of your favorite student organizations and departments on campus.

### Check your SpiderBytes

SpiderBytes is terrific for keeping students up-to-date on what's going on around campus, and also what an organization might be looking for. Put a few seconds aside every day just to scroll through SpiderBytes – you never know what you might find!

## Did You Know?

- When you kiss someone in the gazebo, you're fated to get married. If you realize you've already made a mistake, don't worry! Just push the person you kissed into the lake and run three laps backwards around the lake. **\*Disclaimer:**

**er:** *Forum Magazine* does not condone pushing lovers into lakes.

- The goose armed with the lump on its nose is Triceragoose. He's not the original but may be related. Watch out!



- The campus used to be an amusement park, and a ferris wheel sat where the library is located.

- The horror movie, *Cry\_Wolf*, and an episode of *Dawson's Creek* were filmed here!

- Don't get an X-lot parking pass, you'll have to move your car for basketball and football games around 20 times a year.

- College Humor was founded by an alumnus of Richmond. Go Spiders!

... and Chapstick and Robitussin were also created by a Richmond alumni.



Attending sporting events is just one way to meet people on campus. The E. Clairborne Robins Stadium hosts football games, one of the most popular spectator sports at the University of Richmond.

Once you figure out what organizations you would like to join, you are finished with the difficult part. Generally, to join, all you have to do is give your chosen organization(s) your name, e-mail address, and sometimes your phone number. After that, you're all set!

Academics

If you're having a hard time with a research project, contact one of the university's research librarians. You can contact them through e-mail, texting, or instant messaging!

The university writing center offers workshops throughout the semester that aim to help you improve your writing skills. If you're struggling with college writing, make an appointment with a student writing consultant or attend one of these workshops. And don't feel embarrassed to make an appointment -- writers of all skill levels visit the writing center!

Likewise, the university speech center helps students with their communication and presentation skills. They are useful in assessing the effectiveness of your speaking, as well as the quality of your visual. Even if you don't have an assignment and you would just like to improve your public speaking skills, they will be more than happy to help you.

Ever seen one of those "Safe Zone" stickers on a professor's office door? That means they are certified by the Safe Zone program, a Common Ground-run initiative "to create a network of al-

lies who, together with members of the LGBTQ community, work to create a community of safety and full inclusion for all its members," according to its website. In other words, if you're LGBTQ or questioning and want someone to talk to without fear of being judged, these are the people to go to.

What to Do Off-Campus

Carytown, located just a few miles from campus and reachable with the Daily Connector, is a bohemian-esque, eclectic shopping district that has something for every taste. Thrift stores, up-scale boutiques, and gaming stores that hold reg-

Dear Freshman,

"Keep in mind that you should try to get super involved freshman year. It's really easy and there are lots of opportunities to run for student government positions, get involved with student organizations, or join club sports. I didn't join the crew team until my sophomore year, and that was such a mistake because I found my closest friends and made my best college memories through the team."

- Molly Cramer, Class of '14

"Don't be afraid. Be yourself, but come with an open mindset because you just might find different activities and amazing people you weren't expecting. Don't shut things down so quickly because you will never know what you are missing out on. Just have fun!"

- Moira Lachance, Class of '16

"You might go in thinking you know your major for sure or not at all. A lot of people end up changing majors or ending up in majors they never thought they would choose. So keep an open mind."

- Deanna Dong, Class of '14

"Don't wear your key on a lanyard around your neck!"

- Hadley Roberts, Class of '15

"Definitely get outside of your comfort zone. Take chances and resolve not to live with regret - you'll regret the things you didn't do much more than the things that you do."

- Zac Andres, Class of '15

ular Friday Night Magic tournaments can all be found here. Also, be sure to check out the Byrd Theatre, the oldest theatre in Virginia, where you can catch movies for only \$2.

Want to have a night on the town? To The Bottom and Back bus service is a non-profit organization that offers free shuttles on the weekends to discourage drunk driving. It picks up from the Transportation Center at Tyler Haynes Commons every Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. and offers transportation through the Fan District, Carytown, Shockoe Slip, and Shockoe Bottom.

If you're looking for some adventure, Belle Isle is a great place on the James River to explore. It's a popular place for people to bike, swim, hike, kayak, picnic, and much more. Be sure to check it out before it gets too cold!

Maymont Park is also a gorgeous place to visit. Historical buildings, beautiful gardens, and wildlife exhibits make up the 100 acre park that's only about twenty minutes away from UR. They even have a petting zoo!

## Landing a Job

### Getting a Job on Campus

Applying for a job at Richmond is easy. Just go to [studentjobs.richmond.edu](http://studentjobs.richmond.edu) for a regularly updated list of jobs available. The university offers both federal work-study funded jobs and jobs paid with the University Work Program. Unless otherwise stated, most student jobs only require the UR student application.

If you're unsure of where to apply or what you would like to do, the university hosts a job fair at the beginning of each fall semester. On August 27, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., a job fair will be held in the Heilman Dining Center.

When applying for your first job, however, make sure to fill out your tax and I-9 paperwork at the financial aid office. Otherwise, you will not

be allowed to work or get paid.

### Getting an Internship or Summer Job

Last year, the university implemented a new tool for students and alumni: SpiderConnect. SpiderConnect is a database where alumni can post full- and part-time jobs and internships. An added bonus: these jobs aren't limited to just the Richmond area. Alumni from all over the country, and even the world, post opportunities for current or graduating students to take advantage of.

If you're interested in a more traditional approach, the Center for Career Services, found on the third floor of the Tyler Haynes Commons, is also a great resource. By forging a relationship with a career advisor early on, they can help you set up a four-year plan that helps you get the most out of your college experience. They can also help you plan for graduate school, find internships, and help you explore potential careers if you're unsure of what you want to do after graduation.

### Volunteering in the Community

Looking to get involved in the city of Richmond community, but not sure how? Then visit the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement. By making an appointment or dropping in during walk-in hours, the volunteer coordinators can help you narrow down your interests and find local organizations in the area that are in need of volunteers. And if you're worried about transportation, fear not: the Bonner Center makes a huge effort in providing students transportation options to their volunteer locations. Also: if you're interested in doing a lot of community service during your time at Richmond, be sure to look into the Bonner Scholars program!

## I Wish I Had Known. . .

"I wish I had known that the key to succeeding in every course is to thoroughly read the syllabus and develop some kind of relationship with the professor so that you can obtain the help you need, and the success you want."

- **TJ Fuller**, Class of '15

"Bring shoes you don't care about... you'll need them!"

- **Camille Pittman**, Class of '15

"I wish I had understood dining dollars. I was one of those who used virtually none the first semester because I didn't realize how to use them. Also, take out boxes are your best friend when things pile up around dinner."

- **Camden Cantwell**, Class of '13

"Laundry credits are replenished if you run out. You can have as many as you want, if you need to (athletes need this, along with crazies like me who wash clothes sometimes twice a week). You have to go to the top floor of the Commons, third floor, [to One Card Services]."

- **Julia Picciotto**, Class of '14

"I regret not seeing more Modlin events. They bring in some fantastic groups who can manage a lot on that little stage and student tickets are not that expensive."

- **Ashley Colon**, Class of '14

"The DuPont Fund, which is available to anyone receiving financial aid, is awesome. We have had the opportunity to see amazing shows (Wicked, Les Mis, etc.) at the Landmark for free. We have to buy the tickets, but we are reimbursed (for the lowest ticketed price) after the show. You can use the DuPont fund up to 4 times per year, so take advantage of it."

- **Alex Witt**, Class of '14



**Pre-vet & Animal Science Club**



**BBB Biological Honor Society**



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BARK  
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"I should have noticed  
how much my friend  
was drinking."



**This is not a game.**

**Speak Up, Step Up.**

[studentdevelopment.richmond.edu/bystander](http://studentdevelopment.richmond.edu/bystander)



## Camp Kesem

Love working with kids?  
Want to support a great cause?  
Looking to become more involved on campus?  
Join UR's chapter of Camp Kesem!

***Kesem** (n.): magic; the ability to change a life; an agent of growth; the unique power that transforms kids into Camp Kesem Campers*

Camp Kesem is a student run, non-profit that hosts a week-long **summer camp** for children whose parents have been **affected by cancer**.

Join us! We work during the school year to raise money and plan for this free summer camp.

- Improve leadership skills
- Learn to write grants
- Improve social and advertising skills
- Become an awesome Camp Kesem counselor!
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Email [Marissa.parker@richmond.edu](mailto:Marissa.parker@richmond.edu) for more information and to join our weekly meetings.

What if the  
**Creator of the universe**  
asked you to meet Him this Wednesday?

**Come find out.**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
**8PM Wednesday - Jepson 118**

*Fighting today to find the cure tomorrow...*

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## HAIL TO THE



**Mimi Mudd** ('14), a leadership major from St. Louis, is the 2013-2014 President of the Westhampton College Government Association. Mimi spoke with Molly Rossi from the *Forum* to discuss her goals for the upcoming year and to reflect on how her involvement with WCGA has affected her college experience.

### **As a freshman, how did you decide what to become involved in?**

I did the classic freshman thing where you go to the activities fair and pick up 60 flyers, then attend 20 different meetings, and get a little involved in everything. As time goes on, you narrow it down to three or four things you really care about. That is how you begin to find your passion. When I first joined my class cabinet, I never imagined that down the road I would be thinking about running for WCGA president.

### **What is the goal of WCGA as a campus organization?**

Our central goal is to act as a student-elected and student-run body that represents campus as a whole. We want to function for the needs of the student body, while acting as a liaison to effi-

ciently relay information from the administration to the students.

### **What issues do you intend to focus on this year?**

I want to improve student government's visibility as a campus organization, and make sure that we are getting the full scope of student concerns and ideas. We need better ways to reach out to students. To address this, WCGA will begin to offer an anonymous way of contacting WC Student Concerns. Also, we want to develop more school-wide traditions that foster Richmond pride and bring everyone together. Pat Love and I both want to increase collaboration between WCGA and RCSGA, and we hope that the increase of WCGA-RCSGA joint meetings from once per semester to monthly meetings will allow us to work

towards our goals quickly and effectively for the entire student body.

### **What advice would you give to freshmen who have interest in student government, but are intimidated by the idea of becoming a candidate?**

Just go for it. It was something that I never imagined I would do. I was never part of student government or any groups like that in high school, so I was nervous, but running for class president my sophomore year was one of the best things I have ever done. Just the candidacy itself is an important experience, whether you win or lose. You are able to meet so many different people. I have become more outgoing because student government challenged me to put myself out there. As you transition to college, do things you wouldn't have done before, because that's when you begin to grow the most.

- MOLLY ROSSI

# THE CHIEF(S)



**Patrick Love** ('14), president of the Richmond College Student Government Association, is an economics and environmental studies double-major from Long Island, NY. Also a dedicated cross-country runner and a leader in student environmental efforts, Love thrives at the intersection of academics, athletics, and campus politics. In a momentary lull during a hectic summer of work at a D.C. consulting firm, he shared some thoughts with Jenni Swegan on student life and his upcoming presidency.

## **With such a staggering schedule, how do you prioritize and manage your time?**

My priority is always academics. Other things are extra-curricular. And I try to manage my time by not wasting it. I don't have Facebook, for example, and I ride a bike on campus. Everyone should have a bike—little things like that save so much time.

## **Why did you choose to parcel out some of that time to RCSGA?**

As a freshman, I joined RCSGA because I found it to be the best way to participate directly in campus life. I always found in high school that

student government was the most direct outlet to create positive change. So I joined senate. The older guys paved the path and helped the younger guys understand Richmond.

## **And now that you're an older guy, how do you hope to see UR change during your presidency?**

One of my main goals is to increase transparency and student participation in campus decision-making. This summer I'm creating a database showing all the committees students can join and work with faculty, staff, and administrators to improve campus life. Other projects include getting a shuttle to the river and improving

access to the health center.

## **What do you consider UR's best and worst qualities?**

UR is incredibly eclectic. That's both its best and its worst quality. Everyone's focused and very passionate about diverse interests, which is good. But what's missing is a sense of unity, a collective Richmond student ethos. One of my main goals is to bring that ethos to RCSGA. If the senate is reflecting that commonality to the student body, and upperclassmen are reflecting it to incoming classes, then UR can really come together.

## **Do you think the coordinate college system has something to do with that lack of unity?**

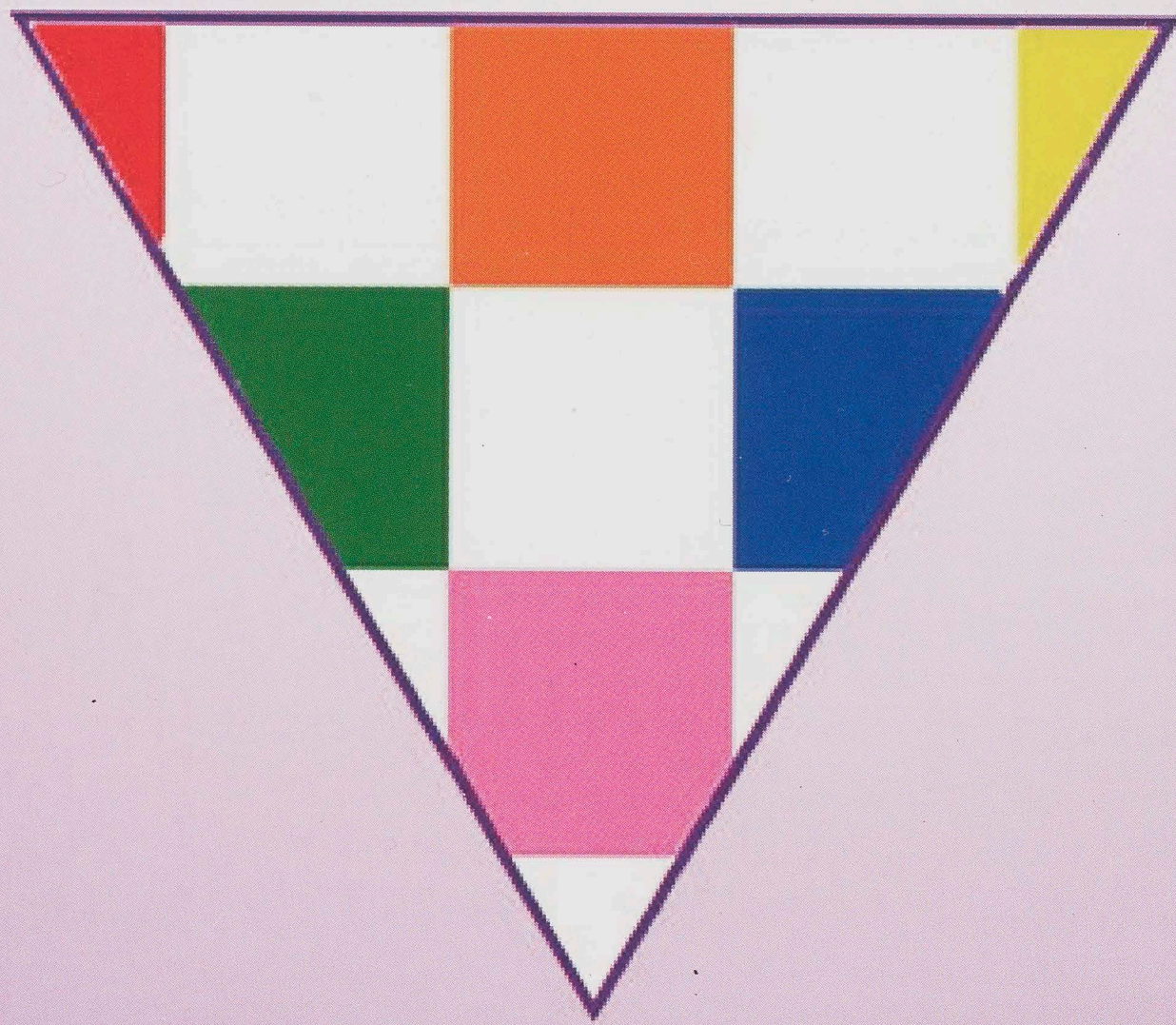
The coordinate college system has its strengths and weaknesses, but I support it. It's always been that way, so it will continue to be. Richmond's traditions are pillars, experiences of commonality, and that's important. But being from UR should be more than just going to Pig Roast together. We should be proud to be here.

**- JENNI SWEGAN**

# Welcome back, Spiders!

The Student Alliance for Sexual  
Diversity wishes you a great  
Fall 2013 semester.

# SASD



The Student Alliance for Sexual Diversity is an advocate for the celebration of all sexual orientations, gender expressions, and the queer identity, including bisexual, lesbian, transgender, gay, pansexual and intersex.

We provide meetings for open discussion of issues regarding the campus body, host speaker events, and create a campus atmosphere that celebrates queer identities through activism.

Come meet us at our mixer on Monday,  
August 26, 6 - 7:30 in Whitehurst Living Room  
and check us out at Spiderfest,  
Thursday, September 5th, 5-8 PM in the Forum.  
Allies welcome!

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