Sweet Briar Women in Force in D.C.

Front row, from left: Kristin Chapdelaine ’08 (Edelman Public Relations), Michelle English ’71 (Fight for Children), Samira Hossain (International Monetary Fund), Megan Behrle ’09 (Strategic Insight Ltd.), Phoebe Brunner Peacock ’68 (Library of Congress), Emily Pegues ’00 (National Gallery of Art), Yolanda Davis Saunders ’96 (Strategic Analysis Inc.), Debra Elkins ’93 (Department of Homeland Security), Jee Park Pae ’02 (Urban Alliance). Back row, from left: Jesse K. Martin ’02 (Troutman Sanders LLP), Angela Grisby Roberts ’03 (Advanced Resources Technologies), Lauren Byrne ’04 (Center for Naval Analyses), Liz Medaglia ’69 (Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President), Alison Stockdale ’00 (Department of the Interior), Susan Scanlan ’69 (NCWO, WREI), Phyllis Watt Wilson ’80 (The Hatcher Group), Marian Spivey-Estrada ’01 (American Red Cross), Margaret Moss Guegan ’92 (National Rifle Association), Carolyn Leddy ’98 (U.S. Senator Jon Kyi), Wendy White ’74 (Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP), Ariana Welynner Werner ’01 (senior policy officer), Jane Hutcherson Frierson ’74 (MITRE), Erin Kingston Betro ’87 (Naval Criminal Investigative Service).
**On the Quad**
Faculty spotlights, exploring engineering, sustainable farming, Osinga goodbyes

**Q&A with the President**
President Parker explains the strategy behind recent program reductions in relation to sustainable excellence.

**Giving Back**
Sue and Lee Piepho found a lot to love at Sweet Briar. Their generous gift will help to preserve all of the things that have come to mean so much to them.

**Alumnae Focus**
Class notes, 2011 spotlights, commencement and more
DEAR FRIENDS:

The rituals of Commencement and Reunion that close each academic year are wonderfully satisfying. In the span of just a few days we celebrate first the young women who have earned the roses they will proudly bear throughout their lives, and then the alumnae whose life stories exemplify the enduring value of a Sweet Briar education.

In this issue of the magazine — as in every issue — you’ll find profiles of Sweet Briar women doing remarkable things. We’re especially proud to present this year’s alumnae award winners, Distinguished Alumna Theresa Pike Tomlinson ’87 and Outstanding Alumnae Diane Dalton ’67 and Nancy Hudler Keuffel ’62.

You’ll also find an interview in which I address some frequently asked questions about the curriculum changes Sweet Briar has recently announced. (At sbc.edu there is a companion video of the interview on which the article is based, if you’re interested in more detail.) Sweet Briar is taking responsible and thoughtful steps to ensure the long-term sustainability of the academic excellence that has meant so much to all readers of this magazine. That has required that we make some difficult decisions. I am extraordinarily proud of the way Sweet Briar has responded to this challenge: collegially, thoughtfully, frankly, and with an eye always to the experience of our students.

Taken all together, the articles in this issue illustrate the many ways Sweet Briar is making tangible progress on the goals of the Plan for Sustainable Excellence while continuing to support student and faculty achievement. Whether the focus is on our “Landscape for Learning” — featured in the pieces on Joel Salatin’s lecture, rider Greer Gordon and the late dairyman Jan Osinga — or on “Expanding Whom We Serve” by reaching out to high school students interested in engineering and to middle school runners, or on using “digitally sophisticated” tools such as Facebook to reach out to Sweet Briar’s friends across the globe, or on increasing enrollment and adjusting instructional staffing to achieve a sustainable student-faculty ratio, Sweet Briar is moving forward. Meanwhile, from first-year students to faculty authors, the vital and exciting intellectual community on campus continues to work its magic.

At Reunion I summarized all this and more in my “State of the Campus” update. That presentation was livestreamed, and immediately afterwards I received several emails from alumnae who had enjoyed participating virtually. You can find the full presentation at sbc.edu/live, in case you’d like to learn more.

Now, here on campus, we begin the joyful process of preparing to welcome a new generation of students to the campus. I hope that all of you will be enjoying an equally productive, refreshing and peaceful summer.

Jo Ellen Parker
"I have been able to participate in multiple organizations, including the Student Government Association, Riding Council, the Sweet Tones and the Traditions Committee. Through these, I was able to secure leadership positions, learn how to organize groups and events, learn how to work with group financials, and also run elections, tests and even events, all for the entire campus. I also have my own horse in the stable here and I have participated on two of the riding teams offered at Sweet Briar. I was able to meet women at all different levels and in all different facets of riding. I have learned about horse care, and the program has taught me to be an independent, competent horsewoman. I absolutely love having my horse so close to me and knowing he is in the capable hands of the riding staff and instructors."

–Greer Gordon ‘12, a double major in psychology and English/creative writing
IN MAY, SWEET BRIAR PARTNERED again with Girls on the Run to bring 300 regional elementary and middle school girls to campus. “Sweet Briar and Girls on the Run share some core values — values about empowerment and achievement for girls and women,” says President Parker. “It’s moving to watch the runners cross the finish line to the cheers of the crowd. Holla holla, Girls on the Run.”

A Fringe Landscape
IN FEBRUARY, SWEET BRIAR’S ART COMMUNITY celebrated its third biannual Fringe Festival. Centered on the College’s “landscape for learning,” the festival featured several outdoor events, as well as a number of music and dance performances, a puppet show and stand-up comedy. Highlights included Sweet Briar’s first concert musical, “Baby,” and a poetry reading set against the backdrop of the exhibit “This Green Earth” in Pannell Gallery.
Local Rocker Celebrates Sweet Briar Women

LYNCHBURG MUSICIAN JEFF CARL VISITED campus just in time for Valentine’s Day. A buzzing crowd of students and off-campus guests gathered for the WNRS student radio-sponsored concert in Prothro. To advertise for his show, Jeff released his own version of “Sweet Briar Woman” on YouTube.

Pizza with Parker

IN FEBRUARY, NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS gathered at Sweet Briar House for the annual “Pizza with Parker” event. They spent the evening chatting with President Parker about their first few weeks at Sweet Briar.
REMEMBERING DAIRYMAN

Jan Ype Osinga

IN LAST ISSUE’S “YOU WENT TO SWEET BRIAR IF. . . .” ONE THEME repeated again and again: fond recollections of cows, fresh milk and yogurt. As a community, we mourn the loss of the man who helped make those memories possible. Jan Ype Osinga passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at the age of 85.

by Jennifer McManamay
“Mr. O was bigger than life, he owned the room when he walked in,” says Nancy Herr, who grew up on Dairy Road with the Osinga children. “He was always happy to see you, always asked about people. He was extremely blunt, but that was his upbringing. I can still hear him saying, ‘Vell, Nancy …”

Jan arrived at Sweet Briar in 1953 with his wife, Douwina, to work as a dairy herdsman. They left five years later, but returned in 1961 and Jan resumed running the dairy. In 1965, he became the Sweet Briar Farm manager until his retirement in 1990. He continued running the dairy part time until it closed in 1994.

Jan loved his work, the land and his herd. He was a consummate dairyman and revered the life of a farmer. It’s what drew him to the U.S. from the Netherlands, where he was born in the town of Wouwsend in 1927. After serving in the Dutch army, he graduated from Rykslandbouw Agricultural College and attended the agricultural exchange program at Purdue University.

He pursued his passion at Sweet Briar. In 2007 he released a small memoir called Sweet Briar Dairy 1953-1994: The Best Years of My Life. Although appreciative of Sweet Briar, he writes that the day in 1994 when the dairy herd was auctioned was one of the saddest of his life.

It was a full life. He and Douwina — the farm bookkeeper, secretary and sometimes field worker — raised three children, Nelly Martha Branson, Ieke Marie Scully and John Harold Osinga. A daughter, Henrietta Irene, died at the age of 3.

Nelly ’75 and Ieke ’78 both graduated from Sweet Briar, while John earned his degree in dairy science from Virginia Tech. It was Ieke’s idea to expand Jan’s yogurt hobby into Dutch Yoghurt Inc., a company supplying about 100 college dining services, grocers and health food stores. Jan was already making the delicacy for campus and local customers from cultures he’d brought from the Netherlands years before.

The yogurt is now part of Sweet Briar lore. Jan is remembered for it, but not more than for his tenor voice and exuberant singing. He was a member of the Amherst Presbyterian Church Choir, but people heard him sing everywhere, especially in the dairy barns where the acoustics were good.

College grounds superintendent and fellow choir member Donna Meeks says he loved to tell of the time he sucked in a bee while practicing “O Holy Night” on a tractor in the fields. “That was his signature song. He used to pack the house for the Christmas Eve candlelight service.”

Jan was a storyteller and natural entertainer, who even acted in College plays. He led local school children on field trips to the dairy.

“Dad used to joke with the children and ask them if they knew how milk came from a cow, and he would pump the tail like a water pump, and then say that another cow was capable of producing chocolate milk,” Nelly recalls.

He gave his own children confidence in themselves, Ieke says, remembering a day he told her to drive the tractor home from Girl Scouts. “My dad never told me I couldn’t do something because I was a girl or a woman, not that day nor into the Dutch Yoghurt days. He would put so much trust into us that you had no choice but to live up to it.”

But Nelly says he was like that with everyone. “He took every person as an individual, and recognized that not everyone was given the same opportunities in life. Although working with folks who barely had an elementary school education, and I do mean no education beyond the second or fourth grades, he recognized their ability to think, and respected them for it.”

Jan became an American citizen and proudly flew the flag in front of his Dairy Road home. He was active in the Amherst community and served his profession tirelessly as a member of numerous local, state and regional farm and dairy associations. He was especially proud of his 25 years on the board of the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association and his membership at church and in the Ruritan Club.

He always spoke his mind, and the passing of the farm and dairy saddened him. Jan the farmer simply wanted the land to be used.

Near the end of his memoir, he writes, “… it is encouraging to see how little by little the academic world is coming to the rescue of the remnants of the Farm.”

In the next sentence, he worries about a fast-spreading weed called Johnson grass, which, no longer contained by grazing, threatens to get a “foothold on the beautiful campus.”

Driving around campus, he writes, “old and former barns are still a silent witness of the past, part of the Sweet Briar Farm History, while the open fields, once planted in hay, corn and small grain will remain a constant reminder of the past.”

It is no wonder that stories about Jan and the dairy quickly caught President Jo Ellen Parker’s ear when she arrived in 2009. She came to know Jan and Douwina.

“From the moment I arrived I was curious to meet him,” Jo Ellen says. “Every time someone spoke to me of Jan Osinga, they did so with a big and affectionate grin. Once I had the chance to know him myself, I could certainly see why. I have rarely met anyone so vividly full of life. Jan Osinga loved the land and the College he served with such distinction, and Sweet Briar is a better place for it.”

Osinga’s daughter at the dairy in the 1970s
Would You, Could You, Eat 'Green' Eggs?
LOCAL FOOD ADVOCATE AND OWNER OF Polyface Farm Joel Salatin visited Sweet Briar in January to talk about his book “Folks, This Ain’t Normal.” He also cooked for students, faculty and guests in the E.B. Room kitchen before his evening lecture. Armed with organic eggs from his farm in Swoope, Va., and a handful of Campbell County goat cheese, he was there to illustrate his point: It’s not that difficult to return to a more historically normal way of eating. Food doesn’t have to be loaded with unpronounceable additives and transported 1,500 miles from farm to fork, he says.

Joel accompanied his buttery omelets with raw milk (it was legal) and pure “cold-squeezed” apple juice from a Shenandoah Valley farm. Associate professor of environmental studies Rebecca Ambers brought in homemade breads, artisanal cheeses, and chili made with local meats and vegetables from her own garden. Bonnie Kestner, associate professor of physical education, and Rebecca co-sponsored Joel’s visit. Bonnie covers his “beyond-organic” farming philosophy in her class “Nutritional Challenges of the 21st Century.”

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE RECENTLY received five CASE awards for several of its publications. CASE, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, honored the College with an Award of Excellence for its feature and news writing. Sweet Briar also was named a Grand Award Winner in four categories: total programs (publications programs), magazines (alumni magazines), audiovisual communications (films and videotapes) and printed publications (student recruitment).

“Sweet Briar College’s recruitment materials are fun, clean and crisp,” the judges said, adding that the “message of a women’s academic and creative college comes through consistently.”

CASE’s North American districts offer awards programs to recognize outstanding programs and individuals. Virginia is part of the Southeast District III, which also includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
SONIA OLIVERA, ASSISTANT professor of modern languages and literatures, was invited by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to serve on the U.S. Fulbright Regional Committee, an honor bestowed to only four representatives of the Southern Cone.

Research by Claudia Chang, professor of anthropology, is featured in the exhibition “Nomads and Networks: The Ancient Art and Culture of Kazakhstan” at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at New York University. Displaying artifacts from burial mounds in the Altai Mountains of eastern Kazakhstan. More information can be found at isaw.nyu.edu

Rob Granger, professor of chemistry, will publish a modernized textbook on chemical instrumentation through Oxford University Press. The book also contains chapters by Hank Yochum, Jill Granger and Karl Sienerth (Elon University).

Keith Adams, adjunct professor of anthropology, is traveling to western Turkey this summer to serve as the project photographer for the Central Lydian Archaeological Survey.

TWENTY-FIVE SIXTH-GRADE GIRLS FROM NELSON MIDDLE School in Lovingston came to Sweet Briar in February for the first “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.” The event was part of National Engineering Week (Feb. 19-25).

While Sweet Briar has hosted high school girls before, this marks the first time 11- and 12-year-olds were invited to put their engineering skills to the test.

“Many of them are scared of science because they think it’s a boy thing,” says Vickie Mays, math teacher at Nelson Middle School. And yet, she says, the girls had been excited about this day. “I actually have a lot of boys that were upset that they couldn’t come.”

The event focused on building an audio speaker. The girls were each given small plastic containers that held a speaker kit. The kit contained all the necessary elements for building a simple speaker: one plastic cup, one Styrofoam cup, one piece of sandpaper, one small square magnet, one speaker jack, insulated wire and two rubber bands. It also came with detailed instructions and pictures.

In addition, the engineering department provided a variety of miscellaneous items students could use in the process, such as colorful paper plates, cupcake holders and wire whisks.

“We want to encourage them to be creative,” says Hank Yochum, director of the Margaret Jones Wyllie ’45 Engineering Program. “We want them to say, ‘What happens if I do this …?’ ”

Throughout the two-hour session, Hank and assistant engineering professor Bethany Brinkman, as well as student assistants Kate Fanta ’15 and Kelsey Barta ’15, roamed from table to table to help the girls build their kits, and to explain how electromagnetism works.
Megan Kelly
Cascade Senior High School, Everett, Wash.

MEGAN RECENTLY MADE HER double major in German and international affairs official. She also took a directed-study Korean language course with Professor John Goulde, which she sees as a good fit for her plans to pursue education and refugee work. Megan applied for several scholarships to study abroad in Korea next year, and when we last spoke was waiting to hear about them.

She’s stayed busy lifeguarding for the Vixens and the Amherst County High School swim team, but found time to help start up the Sweet Potters, a Harry Potter club that hosts the occasional quidditch match. She is the vice president of the Environmental Club and, when we spoke to her, was running for that office with the German Club. If she’s not in Korea next year, she will live in Randolph on the Eco Hall.

Megan says it took a while, but managing schoolwork, finding a social life, even adjusting to a roommate, all fell into place. After the first semester, she made a conscious effort to attend events on campus and make friends.

“With these new friendships I am actually really busy socially. So between friends, events and homework I am actually working now to make ‘me’ time.”

Rosalie Purvis
homeschooled, Montgomery City, Mo.

ROSIE’S YEAR WENT pretty much according to plan — a good plan being essential when you’re training to be an Olympic athlete. She remains determined to pursue her degree in engineering, loves the classes, and has been working for Professor Hank Yochum in his optics lab to gain experience. Next year she hopes to earn credit for the work.

In November Rosie competed in the Modern Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina, then went to Colorado over the winter break for a Modern Pentathlon World Cup qualifier. She made the cut, and competed for the Cup in Charlotte, N.C., in March.

Although the World Cup was a qualifying event for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Rosie’s sights are set on Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

“I had personal bests in all of my events, which was very exciting,” she says. “This is the best I have done in an international competition yet. I was able to see where I stand compared to the best athletes in the world — which means numerous Olympians. My training is definitely on the right track.”

Modern pentathlon includes events in fencing, swimming, riding, and combined running and pistol shooting.
EunYong “Rani” Jang  
Pyeongtaek International Christian School, South Korea

RANI VIEWED HER FIRST YEAR AS AN exploration, an opportunity to discover new interests and passions. “I want to see what I am truly passionate about and what I am truly good at,” she told us.

This thoughtful approach was part of her decision to attend a liberal arts college and she appreciates the supportive environment she has found at Sweet Briar.

“I am positively shocked by the faculty and the administrative staff’s efforts to help students with all their best,” Rani says. “After listening to some of my friends’ experiences who went to big state universities, I am glad I chose Sweet Briar.”

Rani quickly developed a circle of friends — last fall we dropped in on a dinner party jamming to “K-pop” music and sampling her authentic Korean cooking. She is her class treasurer, but otherwise hasn’t joined any clubs, so she is looking forward to being more involved in the College’s co-curricular life next year.

This summer, Rani has a job as a translator and English tutor. She’s also taking courses at Korea’s Yonsei University. They include economics — a favorite subject, she says — and a music class on K-pop. “Right now Korean pop is ... setting a new music trend called the Korean Wave in Asia and furthermore in the USA and European countries ... I am really excited to take those classes.”

Sixtine Abrial  
Princess Anne High School for International Baccalaureate diploma, Virginia Beach, Va.

SIXTINE EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY DURING her first two semesters and she has a particularly busy summer ahead of her. First, it’s off to NATO headquarters in Brussels, where she has lined up an internship to work with professional international conference interpreters. It is her ambition to be an interpreter, and this is her chance to try her hand at it.

In June, she heads to England for the Virginia Program at Oxford.

Pursuing her love of languages, Sixtine declared her major in German in the spring, while considering a second and possibly third major in French and history. “I’m going to talk to the interpreters at NATO and see what they recommend,” she says.

Socially, she says there’s a lot to do. “It’s just a matter of not worrying about homework for a few hours.”

As for the absence of men on campus, “it gave me the opportunity to focus on my academics, get used to college life and take time to settle in,” she says.

And there are the weekend trips to the Virginia Military Institute, she points out. “Problem solved!”

Sixtine applied for transfer to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland because her parents are moving back to France from Virginia Beach this summer. She learned in March that she doesn’t have to go.

“I’ll not be transferring to St. Andrews, which means I’ll be staying at Sweet Briar College, which I am really, really, really happy about, actually!”
CAVERS FACE TO FACE WITH

Bat Epidemic

For those who like dark places and clambering between rocks, caves are exciting already.
BUT IF THERE’S ONE THING THAT CAN UP their wow-factor, it’s bats. Recently, Sweet Briar students saw both during a spelunking trip to Island Ford Cave in Covington. Director of outdoor programs Tasha Purcell and instructors Jordanne Ryan ’12 and Victoria Litos ’13 led the excursion. They joined up with Sweet Briar’s naturalist-in-residence, Mike Hayslett, and bat educator Bonnie Miles, who was recently recognized for her work by Bat Conservation International in the winter issue of BATS magazine.

The Tyvek-clad spelunkers discovered 21 of the small creatures and noticed that one was clearly sick with white-nose syndrome, named for the white fungus evident on the muzzles and wings of affected bats. To prevent the spread of WNS, the BCI decontamination protocol requires cavers to wear disposable coveralls. White-nose syndrome is the first disease known to target a hibernating animal, Bonnie says.

The fungus enters their system and interferes with hibernation, usually leading to the animal’s death.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that the disease was first documented at four sites in eastern New York in the winter of 2006 and 2007. Since then, WNS has spread rapidly to multiple sites throughout the Northeast, affecting 19 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces. Nineteen species of bats have been infected with the disease, and more than six million bats have died from it so far.

“That equates to between seven hundred and thirteen hundred metric tons of insects not eaten each summer,” Bonnie says, alluding to the ecological consequences of the disease.

While WNS wasn’t the focus of the caving trip, it was a poignant illustration to students who had talked about the disease before, but never experienced it first-hand. □
Sweet Briar women across the country know what it means to be part of a special network. Ask any alumna, from Palmetto, Fla., to Battle Ground, Wash., and she’ll tell you that Sweet Briar College is more than just a community. It’s family. Yet, few places are as strong in numbers and as tightly knit as Washington, D.C. Just three hours north of campus, the nation’s capital boasts a staggering 951 alumnae.

by Janika Carey and Jennifer McManamay
THIS SPRING, WE TRAVELED TO the heart of D.C. to talk to some of these accomplished Sweet Briar women about their remarkable careers, and about the unique ties that connect each and every one of them. We spoke with lawmakers, women’s rights activists, journalists, CEO’s, scientists and national security advisors.

For some, life has been full of surprises, with career paths unfolding into uncharted territories. Others never waivered from long-held dreams. Their jobs, politics and backgrounds are as diverse as their liberal arts education. Yet all of them are making a difference in the world, whether they’re shaping policy, teaching the next generation, defending the country or improving their own neighborhoods. And they all say it started right here, at Sweet Briar.

But what, we asked in a series of questions, is so special about Sweet Briar? Many cited “the network,” the connection that helped them get started in their careers or that they can rely on for support. They talked about professors who enlightened and classmates who inspired. And they spoke of the all-important all-women advantage.

“Those four years at Sweet Briar were the most empowering of my life,” says Susan Scanlan ’69, one of the most influential alumnae we spoke to. Susan is chair of the National Council of Women’s Organizations and president of the Women’s Research & Education Institute.

“Skills I honed at Sweet Briar that I didn’t realize would be important — presenting myself with confidence, being comfortable with public speaking, learning to be inclusive, writing thank-you letters, following up on every opportunity that presents itself, taking a risk — turned out to be key in distinguishing myself from the competition for jobs or honors or choice assignments.”

Yolanda Lynn Davis Saunders ’96, one of the most influential alumnae we spoke to, is one of numerous alumnae who support the Department of Homeland Security.

“I am one of only a few women to work in the area of chemical/biological defense and it is quite obvious when I travel abroad or attend meetings,” Yolanda says. “Very few people look like me in this career field, and I’m perfectly fine with that, because Sweet Briar has taught me to be comfortable in my own skin and to excel wherever I go.”

Samira Hossain ’05:
Senior Accounting Assistant, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

“In the waiting room [in the place of my first job] I met three other applicants, all male from Ivy League schools, and I was the only one with a liberal arts background. … My liberal arts education made me feel I could apply what I learned to any job. … The small school environment and small classes helped me become a better team player, something significant in any job.”

Jesse K. Martin ’02:
Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP

“Sweet Briar provided countless opportunities. I completed two majors, participated in two varsity sports, studied in Seville, Spain, for a semester and participated in [the] Washington Semester at American University in the District. [Now] I look out for the health and welfare of other women in all aspects of my life. My hope is to generate opportunities so that they are positioned to fulfill their potential if they choose to embrace it.”
Michela English ’71: President and CEO, Fight For Children

“I attended Sweet Briar in a period of turmoil (amid protests against the Vietnam War, civil rights, integration of Southern schools, etc.) and left filled with social reform zeal — wanting to make the world a better place. Being at a small, supportive women’s college like Sweet Briar really allowed me to develop leadership skills and build my self-confidence.”

Angela Grisby Roberts ’03: Policy Analyst, Advanced Resources Technologies

“I change the world each and every day by actively engaging in my community, adapting to the ever-present social and economic changes and transforming the world by my active participation. These are the core values that Sweet Briar taught me; to be a leader of tomorrow.”

Alison Stockdale ’00: Drug Program Manager, Department of the Interior

“Now that I am twelve years out of college, nothing Sweet Briar women do surprises me anymore. ... My reaction now when I read or hear something amazing from an alumna is, ‘Yup, that sounds about right.’”

Lauren Byrne ’04: Chief Development Officer, Urban Alliance

“Going to a women’s college allowed me to form lifelong friendships with incredibly strong, intelligent and lovely women. In a male-dominated industry, the strength of character and education I received serves me well every day.”

Jee Park Pae ’02: Chief Development Officer, Urban Alliance

“Our ability to change the world comes from where we started — our education and experience at Sweet Briar is life-changing, so in turn, when we have this unique experience to constantly challenge ourselves, our worldview changes. To me, success in the professional sense is when we are good stewards of our gifts, and we cultivate our gifts to ensure that our communities are flourishing. I know that in my circles of Sweet Briar friends, each person is working towards that goal.”


“I treasure, and carry with me each day, the close relationships and the ‘dare to be different’ mentality that I nurtured at Sweet Briar. It definitely nurtured my fierce independence and confidence to speak my mind.”

Phoebe Brunner Peacock ’68: Classics Specialist, Library of Congress (retired in 2011)

“I know that I can always find a contact through Sweet Briar for virtually any need. The network is broad in scope, geographically and professionally.”

Debra Elkins ’93: Section Chief (Risk Assessments and Analysis), Office of Risk Management and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security

“If I’m not working on $10 billion problems every day, we’re not tackling big enough problems in Homeland security.”

Kristin Chapdelaine ’08: Account Supervisor, Edelman Public Relations

“It is reassuring to know that you will be a part of the SBC community for life.”
Professor marches

to his own beat

Gun-shy? Not exactly

“This project critically — and scathingly — analyzes the EU’s philosophy and actions concerning expansion into this formerly communist region,” John says. “It also critiques the elitist and urban nature of integration.” He is not apologetic, but acutely aware of the reaction he will stir. “My conclusions will be provocative and controversial to say the least,” he says.

He’s a bit gun-shy about how his views are received among his colleagues. While he’ll be the first to admit you can’t trust stereotypes, let’s just say former presidential candidate Rick Santorum wouldn’t pick John out of a crowd as an intellectual snob.

Indeed, Professor Gerry Berg considered him the diversity candidate when the history department hired him as a visiting assistant professor in 2005. “He’s a modern Europe historian who, unlike most modern Europe historians at a small school, specializes in Eastern Europe, and that’s out of the mainstream,” Gerry says.

“Along those same lines, he has a unique background for someone in academe. I think he is the only faculty member at Sweet Briar who is a lifetime member of the [National Rifle Association]. He has a point of view that isn’t representative of mainstream academe. That is a product of an independent critical mind and that’s ultimately what we look for.”

John is unabashedly hard right, politically, economically and socially. That is, he believes in small government except in national defense and policing, mostly hands-off foreign policy, minimally regulated economic policy, individual responsibility, and welfare only in the form a fair tax system.

On religion, he is a “secularist who defends the right to believe.” And guns? “Everyone, everywhere for any reason should be packing a firearm.”

In conversation, colleagues and students say John loves to stir the pot. “I think he does this because he is interested in seeing how people will react, even more so how far people will go in response,” says Theron McLeod ’09, a former student who today regards him as a good friend.

Around the faculty lunch table he “talks trash” to be funny, says biologist Janet Steven. But as someone who sits left of center politically, she appreciates that his opinions are fact-based and logical.

“History was never my best subject, but if I had had John as a professor I might have thought otherwise. I really like hearing his perspective on current or historical events because he explains the political and social factors that helped cause them.”

Once past first impressions, John seems to have a warming effect on people even when they disagree with him. That was Theron’s experience.

“I think, like most people who first meet him, I was surprised by his demeanor, personality and appearance,” she says. “However it did not take long for me to know that I would like him immensely.”

When it comes to persona, the only thing professorial about him is his spectacles. Trouser suspenders are dapper on some, but on John they really are there to hold his pants up. His wife hates them. He favors a camouflage jacket in cold weather. His gun collection numbers around 30 pistols, shotguns and rifles, including an AK-47. His wife doesn’t like those, either.

In 1991, at 13, she spent several months in a basement during Croatia’s war for independence from Yugoslavia. Her family escaped on a train running at night with its lights off. Ten years later she met John in the capital, Zagreb, while he was finishing his doctoral dissertation as a Fulbright fellow.

Ironically, he turned down a teaching Fulbright in Croatia for
spring 2012. The move isn’t good for a career in academia, he admits, but he did it for his wife and son.

The books on his office shelves share space with portions of his other two collections, model and toy military vehicles and military headwear — real helmets and hats from numerous countries spanning more than 100 years of war.

Militarism is one of John’s lifelong interests and it has fueled his passion for history.

He speaks, often loudly, with the Southern Appalachian dialect of Lebanon, the small coal-mining town in far Southwest Virginia where he grew up. Raised by his mother after his parents split, his father’s family was nonetheless an influence on him.

“My dad’s family was redneck, but I never saw that word as particularly negative,” he says. “They were not really cultured, I guess. My grandfather had been, in his younger years, a semiprofessional thief, a moonshiner, a fighter, and all his friends were like that. I grew up in that circle. It was actually, even though I was from a broken home, it was pretty enjoyable to be around those folks.”

While he appreciated the plainspoken people and their hard-living ways, he wasn’t about to follow his father into the coal mines. He wanted to be a helicopter gunner, but it was 1987 and the Army didn’t need gunners with less than perfect eyesight. So, he went to college.

He enrolled at Radford University where, by his junior year, he suspected he wanted to pursue graduate studies in European history, particularly Germany.

“I had that perception that the German people were sort of militaristic and that appealed to me, since I’ve always had an interest in militarism and war,” he says. “But that was just a stereotype that graduate school soon taught me was something that was not necessarily true.”

John first visited Croatia in 1995 to witness what he thought would be the “last European war of my lifetime,” he says.

From the start, he felt a kinship with the Croats and Serbs.

“The hard drinking, hard fighting, easy laughter, and importance of local and regional identities and history as well as the ubiquitous patriotism reminded me of rural Appalachia,” he says.

By then he was at Michigan State working on his master’s in European history. He later went to the University of Florida for his Ph.D. to specialize in modern Eastern European history.

His research eventually focused on how and why Croatian politicians and elites manipulated identity differences between regionalists and nationalists — which manifest as urban versus rural cultures and values — in the debate to join the European Union. His doctoral dissertation led to his first book, “Buying and Selling the Istrian Goat: Istrian Regionalism, Croatian Nationalism and EU Enlargement,” published in 2008.

Seeing how the rural-urban divide emerged in the research, John undertook his current book to examine whether it would apply to a larger political organization, such as the European Union as a whole.

“Initially I came into the project with a very positive opinion of the EU as a primarily economic union,” he says. “However, since I began my research in 2008, the evidence suggests that the EU is an elitist-urbanite project, directed primarily by the more powerful and larger member states to promote a failed European culture, identity, social system and mixed economy. I know this sounds like a rant. But I think all of it is true. And much of the evidence supports it.”

It would be natural, by now, to wonder how John’s persona translates in the classroom, especially since history is one of Sweet Briar’s most popular majors. He claims he stole his style from a professor at Radford who “was crude, rude, outspoken, tough as nails” and “got results from his students.”

Cristina Keating, a sophomore from Northern Virginia, agrees with some of that.

“He’s a really good teacher, but he’s not an easy teacher,” she says.

While he is openly opinionated, “he’s even-handed in the classroom, and that’s one of the reasons I like him,” Cristina says.

She describes his courses as interactive and entertaining. He doesn’t distance himself from students, but keeps a “disciplined classroom.” And he’s always helpful.

“I’m a terrible writer and I’m a history major …,” she says, her words trailing off. “He really is always available, and that’s not [a cliché].”

First-year Rachel Byrd, a Spanish and international affairs major from Mathews, Va., took “Soviet Russia and Beyond” with John because her advisor suggested she take something she’d enjoy.

The small, discussion-style course was a completely new but welcome learning environment for the recent high school grad. Rachel responded to his “unconstrained and gregarious” nature.

“I do like Dr. Ashbrook as a person because, although he can be loud and, well, crazy — it’s Ashbrook, though, most people know this — he was pretty funny and gave us his opinions honestly, which I respect, and taught us without changing the facts to suit what he believed.”

Assistant professor of international affairs Spencer Bakich is not so inclined as John to engage in partisan analysis. Nonetheless, he is unequivocal in his defense of his colleague’s scholarship and classroom presence. The two published a paper together in 2010 and team-taught a course on World War I contrasting the disciplinary approaches of historians versus political scientists to answer critical questions about the conflict.

“When it comes to his work, he’s willing to let the chips fall where they may,” Spencer says.

Further, he says John’s commitment to the intellectual life of the College is evidenced by the quality and quantity of his own research and by how much he obviously cares about the work others are doing.

“It would be easy to caricature John, but it wouldn’t be accurate or fair,” Spencer says. “The guy’s complex and he’s really good. It’s his sophistication that makes this place better.” Others must agree. John made tenure this year. □
TEACHING ART

Sweet Briar’s teaching program is all about practical experience. After getting a feel for it her senior year as an undergrad, Ashley Winters ’11 (M.A.T. ’12) was ready for the real deal. She spent the past academic year at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg student-teaching for Kimberly Gibson-McDonald ’05 (M.Ed. ’08) in Kimberly’s art classes. Professor Jeff Frank observed her progress.
Use this QR code or visit sbc.edu/magazine to see more images and get a glimpse into the classroom.
Sweet Briar has historically been proud of its very low student-faculty ratio. Why is it so important to reach 10-to-1 now?

The current student-faculty ratio is about 6-to-1. Most of the colleges that we compare ourselves to, both for quality and for the kind of liberal arts program that we want to maintain, have student-faculty ratios of between 10-to-1 and 14-to-1.

At 10-to-1, Sweet Briar will still be among the very smallest and most personal campuses in America, offering a strong liberal arts program, but it will be able to operate in a more financially sustainable way.

When we created the strategic plan, the Plan for Sustainable Excellence, one of the study groups was called “Sustainable Size and Ratios.” That study group worked with the director of institutional research to understand institutional characteristics that would promote financial sustainability for the College. Those characteristics included things like the relationship between the annual budget and the size of the endowment, student-faculty ratio, the proportion and structure of debt, staff-faculty ratios, and so on. With the leadership of that study group, the administration worked to describe some of the financial characteristics of a healthy and sustainable institution.

So, for example, we saw that we need to reach the enrollment goal of 750 to 800 students. Along with that, we saw we need to be at about a 10-to-1 student-faculty ratio. We saw that we need to have an endowment that is approximately three times the size of our annual operating budget. So, the 10-to-1 ratio grew out of analysis of the financial characteristics of a healthy, sustainable institution and is one of several targets that the plan identifies.

It’s important to remember that a student-faculty ratio has two components: one is the size of the faculty and one is the size of the student body. Even as we make modest reductions to the size of the faculty, we need to make aggressive increases to the size of the student body, because we certainly can’t achieve our target student-faculty ratio only through reductions. We need to combine modest reductions with enrollment growth.

Do you think having a larger ratio will enhance the quality of education at Sweet Briar?

I’m sure it will. A slightly larger student body will enrich the academic experience of the College because it will bring more perspectives, backgrounds and intellectual energy into Sweet Briar’s classrooms. At 10-to-1 we can still be very small and will work very closely together while benefitting from more wonderful students and their perspectives, experiences, backgrounds, questions and talents.

How many faculty positions will be eliminated to reach the 10-to-1 goal?

Two years from now Sweet Briar will have the equivalent of 11 fewer full-time faculty positions than at the start of the 2011-12 academic year.
Which departments are likely to be affected the most by faculty reductions?

The biggest impact of the plan will be on German, which will no longer be offered as a major. Students who are currently in the pipeline for the German major, those who’ve already declared that major, will be able to complete their programs. But no future students will be able to declare a German major. Another program being discontinued is the minor in law and society.

Some other programs will be consolidated or combined. Major programs will continue to be offered, but they may be grouped together in new configurations. So, for example, the archaeology and anthropology majors will be combined into a single major. The two government and international affairs majors will also be combined. In order to focus on our vibrant and growing engineering sciences major, we will no longer be offering a major track in engineering management: however, engineering sciences students can take courses in management and entrepreneurship through the business program if that is their area of interest.

Why German versus another program?

The dean and the faculty Academic Planning Committee did very careful research into current and historical enrollments, interest trends among prospective students, and curricula at peer institutions. As a result of that study it became apparent that German was a program that Sweet Briar would have difficulty sustaining. The strategic decision was to eliminate the German major, consolidate language offerings around French and Spanish (because of the signature Junior Year programs in France and Spain) and actively pursue ways to offer instruction in other languages through new technologies and collaboration with other colleges.

When will we see the first reductions go into effect?

This will vary in each case. Some reductions will be the result of retirements, some will be the result of adjunct faculty contracts that are not renewed, and some will be determined by the timing of student completions. The first changes will be in place next year but the process will continue throughout the next two years as, in each case, we look at student needs and the specific personnel issues involved.

Given that these reductions are being phased in, will we see immediate financial benefits to the College?

The financial benefits will be fully in place in two years. Some benefits will be felt in the budget a year from now.

If the financial situation improves, will any of these reductions be reconsidered?

No. These reductions are not an emergency response to a particular budget cycle. They’re changes designed to move Sweet Briar toward an academic program that’s more sustainable and that will allow the faculty to move forward with curriculum review and potentially curriculum renewal as called for in the strategic plan.

Eliminating faculty and programs reduces options for prospective students. Will this impact enrollment, and how will Sweet Briar address that problem?

With careful advising and customized work plans, the vast majority of applicants will find that they can get everything they’re looking for at Sweet Briar.

Obviously, there may be one or two students specifically seeking a German major who choose to go elsewhere. But for the vast majority of students a wide range of attractive options will still exist.

One of the strengths of the Sweet Briar curriculum has always been the ability to customize a student’s program. We have the self-designed major and a number of ways to combine major, minor and certificate programs to produce the course of study that’s going to help each student advance toward her goals. Virtually all of the subjects we currently teach are going to remain available. They may simply be available at different levels or in different combinations or be offered every other year instead of every year.

Are you concerned that reducing the number of academic programs weakens the “liberal arts” identity of the College?

People don’t think about it this way, but originally the liberal arts tradition started with seven fields of study. Just seven. The currently dominant curricular structure that emphasizes a wide number of highly specialized departmental majors is actually more characteristic, historically, of a research university than of a traditional liberal arts college. In pruning back some of Sweet Briar’s offerings to achieve a more streamlined curriculum, you could argue that we’re actually moving a bit closer to our roots as a liberal arts college.

What were those seven subjects?

They’re known as the “trivium” and the “quadrivium.” The trivium includes grammar, rhetoric and logic. The quadrivium includes music, astronomy, geometry and arithmetic. Together, these were the studies considered to be fundamental to all human knowledge and a “liberal” education — that is, an education that frees the mind from the constraints of the immediate and practical.
But what about the modern notion of the liberal arts, which generally includes literature, languages, philosophy and so forth?

The modern notion of a liberal arts education emphasizes the ability of a student to move among and between disciplines representing various areas of human knowledge, developing skills in critical thinking, reasoning, analysis and expression fundamental to all. Curriculum is central to this vision of the liberal arts, but so is a pedagogy that develops active and synthetic learning, strong advising and a coherent general education program. The modern definition of a liberal arts college is best realized by making sure that students experience academic rigor in a number of disciplines as they move through the curriculum, being taught by faculty members who insist on active engagement, critical thinking and creative problem-solving no matter what subject they teach. Which is exactly what we do so beautifully at Sweet Briar.

You’ve said that students will be allowed to finish their programs. Could you be more specific about how that is going to be accomplished?

This will depend on each individual student, where she is in her progress and what she needs to accomplish. For example, a student who’s advanced in German and only needs one more semester to complete the major may be able to take that here on campus. Another student may complete her German studies through study abroad, or she may be able to take a course at a neighboring institution as part of our regional exchange. If needed, we may be able to acquire tutoring or other services to help students meet their goals. With careful timing and thoughtful advising, it will be possible to be sure that every student will have the support she needs.

What criteria did the Academic Planning Committee use to frame its recommendations to the dean?

The role of the Academic Planning Committee was to provide perspective, advice and analysis to the dean as various curricular options were considered.

They were looking at not only the major and minor programs but also at the way departments contribute to general education requirements, the pattern of students who enroll in those fields for electives, and at comparative data of what’s commonly available at similar colleges.

What other actions have been taken or considered to put the College on more sustainable financial footing before deciding to reduce academic programs?

In the last three years, Sweet Briar has reduced non-instructional staff by about 20 percent. We’ve been very aggressive in combining administrative departments and reviewing all staff positions in order to make sure that, on the administrative side, we’re being as frugal and as responsible as possible. We’ve reviewed everything from purchasing to utilities usage; we’ve refinanced our debt to lower debt service costs; we’ve examined the budget annually from top to bottom to make sure that we find every possible way of ensuring that resources are being directed to the academic program and not to administrative overhead or infrastructure. As we approach the question of staff reduction, we’re looking to increase efficiency of operation, to increase collaboration across units.

We have retained and indeed increased our commitment to a strong financial aid program because we know that families depend on financial aid and that keeping Sweet Briar affordable is central to our mission. We are deeply grateful to those alumnae who have supported financial aid with their philanthropy over the years, and I am always reminding alumnae of how essential support for financial aid is to the intellectual health of the College and the achievements of our students.

Is there a point where you would say that, regardless of how many students we have, there are certain core functions that need to be met, and further streamlining doesn’t make sense?

There are core functions on every campus that need to be fulfilled, whether you have one student or 10,000 students. Obviously, you can’t cut staff to the point where those functions are jeopardized. But it is essential to always seek the most cost-effective possible way to fulfill those functions. We look at how new technologies enable more efficient work processes, we look at inter-institutional collaboration, we look at outsourcing (as for example with the dining program); we are always examining the way those core functions are provided to make sure they are as cost-effective as possible.

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WHEN SUE AND LEE PIEPHO TALK ABOUT SWEET Briar College, they always come back to one thing: love. For its landscape and treasured spaces. For the sciences and the liberal arts. Love for the community. Having lived on campus for more than 40 years, their roots at Sweet Briar run deep. “We’ve kind of grown up with the place,” says Sue, who taught chemistry from the early 1970s until 2007. “It’s been like a big family. You really get to know a lot of people pretty darn well.”

Lee, English professor from 1969 until 2005, agrees: “Since it’s such a small liberal arts college, you get to know people outside your discipline. It’s a very open community. We’ve always liked that.”

Between the two of them, the Piephos’ academic interests span the entire spectrum of a liberal arts curriculum, from the sciences to the humanities. They’ve also been able to venture outside of their specialties — something they both say would not have been possible at a large university. While teaching, Sue pursued her interest in quantum mechanics, and Lee continues to do research in Latin culture and literature. “The College gives you an incredible amount of freedom to define both what you teach and your research,” Sue says. “We’ve seen Sweet Briar really make a difference in people’s lives.”

Now, they’ve decided to make a difference in the life of Sweet Briar. Their generous endowment of $1.5 million will help to preserve all of the things they love about the College: its expansive gardens and lakes, its library, its interdisciplinary science programs and international scholarships.

You can shape lives at Sweet Briar College through a bequest or other type of planned gift. To learn how you can make a difference today, please contact us at giving@sbc.edu or (888) 846-5722.

Lee Piepho, Ph.D., Sara Shallenberg Brown Professor of English emeritus and Susan Piepho, Ph.D., professor of chemistry emerita have been a vital part of Sweet Briar’s community for more than 40 years.

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One Challenge at a Time
Lacrosse Magazine Features Sweet Briar Grad

BEFORE COMING TO SWEET BRIAR IN THE LATE 1990s, Jessica Livingston ’00 hadn’t planned on playing lacrosse at all — much less becoming an All-American player and ending up on the cover of Lacrosse Magazine. Yet that’s exactly what happened.

Maybe, the magazine speculates in its January issue, it is because “she can’t resist a challenge.”

When Jessica moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 2002, lacrosse wasn’t exactly a thriving sport there. To help get the game off the ground, Jessica took over as head coach of the Chaparral Varsity Girls Lacrosse Club that year.

“There was a need. It worked out well,” she said in an interview with the magazine.

Under her guidance, the club has won two state championships. But Jessica’s focus didn’t remain on high school sports alone. In 2004, she founded AZ Girls Lacrosse, a league for girls in grades K-9. Since then, lacrosse in Arizona has grown dramatically.

“It had five girls when it began,” Jessica says. “I’ve had about a thousand girls go through my program now.”

She also started the state’s only post-collegiate program, Arizona Storm. While a knee injury last March stopped her from playing on the team, her coaching career is just getting started. In 2010, US Lacrosse honored Jessica with the Excellence in Growing the Game award.

To her, it’s not just an award. It’s a whole new challenge.

with a Thanksgiving letter. She is well and looks forward to spending time in Ariz. in winter. I love hearing from Ann Hauslein Potterfield and Tom at Christmas, and from Betty Blackmer Childs and Mackail, and other SBC friends, including the children of my roommate, Grace Bugg Muller Thym. I celebrated my 91st birthday in January, while visiting my good friend at her home at Boca Brande. Sadly, we’ve lost classmates Jessamine Boyce Bowles Morris in Greensboro, Ginny Thayer Boothby, and Nancy Golbarth Glaser in Richmond. Do send news or bring it with you at Reunion.

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Alice Lancaster Buck: We’re all gaining in years, but hopefully gaining in grace too. Many of us have transitioned to retirement communities, but two more have recently made the move. Our class president, Louise Smith Barry’s new address is: 242 Peconic Landing, 1500 Brecknock Rd., Greenport, NY 11944. The other is Catherine “Tee” Tift Porter now at 3747 Peachtree Rd. NE, Apt. 1215, Atlanta, GA 30319. Betty Williams Gookin and Richard arranged a wonderful class mini-reunion in Richmond last Oct. Peggy Gordon Seller and Bob were there as well as Louise Barry, Marlam Stanley Jacobs, Jean Blanton Stein, Carlisle Morrisett Branch and myself. We were privileged to have Betsy Muhlenfield and her husband Larry join us for dinner at the Jefferson Hotel. Peggy Seller and Bob are planning a trip to Savannah to attend the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts by Peggy’s aunt, Juliette Gordon Low. My daughter, Dorsie Buck Harrison ’73, and I (Alice Buck) had a great trip to San Francisco last May for the wedding of her daughter Kristin. Life is great here at Ashby Ponds in northern Va., and I’ve become good friends with Carolyn Cannady Evans ’49. We’ve enjoyed going to SBC functions together.

Anita Lippitt Clay sent a delightful article about the “Savanna Cuties,” which she and two other friends started more than 21 years ago. The article explains that “they’re part musical group, part novelty act, part social group.” They play for birthdays, parties, nursing homes, grand openings, graduations and now have a standing gig at the Whistle Stop restaurant in downtown Savannah. Anita, the matriarch of the group, plays the accordion and is referred to as “The General” by her bandmates, partly in reference to her role with the group as well as to her World War II service in army aviation. Congratulations, Anita! It’s always hard to report the loss of more of our wonderful classmates. Martha “Marty” Falk Vallery died on 1/7/12 and Martha “Marty” Falk Vallery died on 1/7/12 and Anna Guthrie Yokana on 3/4/12. We are grateful for having known them.
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Mary Pease Fleming: Holiday greetings came from some alumni. Barbara Birt Dow and Bill were heading to their winter nest in Vero Beach, Fla., on 1/2/12. Jean Duerson Bade came from some alumnae. Mary Pease Fleming: It seems amazing that once a month (I think) she would load her harp on the train and travel to Washington, D.C., for lessons with Sylvia Meyers, the principal harpist with the National Symphony. Then at Junior year she transferred to SMU where she met and married Shelby Lee Richardon. I was in her wedding in Helena and visited her in Texas in the 50’s. Life’s changes: Last summer we sold our house of 42 years and moved to the Episcopal Retirement Home, Goodwin House, here in Alexandria (same phone number). Our address is 4800 Fillmore Ave., Apt. 458, Alexandria, VA. 22311.

Lynee McCullough Gush: Recently, I saw performances of Fiorello and Gershwin in Dec. I well remember Anna Leslie Coolidge Richardson who periodically loaded her harp in a taxi and took off somewhere for a lesson, I shudder with anxiety when moving my belongings to be included in their collection as there is nothing like them, as far as content and revelations of employ-ee’s life.

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The holidays brought many greetings, but sad reminders that some of you—or your spouses—have health issues that prevent your coming to our 60th reunion in May. With her customary enthusiasm and diligence, Joanne Holbrook Patton is leading the rally to come to Reunion. Marty Legge Katz and Bill will not be joining us at Reunion. Benita Phinizy Johnson received special urging from Nancy Hamel Clark to make the trip, I’d love to see my dear roommate again. Mary Lois Miller Carroll wrote that since husband High has been having health problems they’re considering relocating closer to their children. After Peggy Nelson Harding lost her husband Nort, she became ill, but hopes for a brighter 2012. Unfortunately a partial commemoration of the life of Susanna Cist Lee was lost in the process of repring my last Class Notes. As I wrote then, I wish I had kept up with Susanna over the years. Her obituary reflects a rich, rewarding life. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. More recently, Edith Marsh Fonda passed away in Dec. 2011. Edie left behind 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Susanna and Edie, we miss you.

Grace Wallace Brown: It was such fun being your camera!) She has also traveled to Ireland, which is beautiful. It was such fun being your camera!) She has also traveled to Ireland, which is beautiful. She is married to her 7th husband and has two daughters and 9 grandchildren. Grace Wallace Brown: It was such fun being your camera!) She has also traveled to Ireland, which is beautiful. She is married to her 7th husband and has two daughters and 9 grandchildren.

Nan Locke Rosa’s big 80 is coming up as well as her wedding anniversary. Ginger Timmons Ludwick wrote from Palm Desert, Calif., where she and David participated in a Social Golf Tourney. She and David have a thespian grandson in Calif. as do Chet and I. Ginger is getting a head start on plans to attend our 60th Reunion. So listen up! The reunion dates have been changed to May 31-June 2.

Sug Cantey Patton is well and enjoying day-to-day living, especially during football season. Anne Joyce Wyman sent a photo collage of some of the places she and Joseph have been with no notes. I can identify the Parthenon, I suspect the camel is either from Egypt or Jordan. They are also shown with their daughter Anneke, their very tall son-in-law and two handsome grandchildren—the men all in jackets and ties. At lunch with Jeanne Duff and Patti Tighe Walden, I learned that Mary Littlejohn Belser have become a great-grandmother. Patti had also heard from Carol Exnicios Tucker, who is alive and well in Fla. After spending their lives in Va., Ted and Dale Hutter Harris have moved to Durham, N.C. I received word from Sallie Gaye Beck’s daughter Gaye that Safie died on 11/20/12 in Merida, Mexico, where she and Doug spent the last years of their lives. Her ashes were mixed with...
Bile, and Pensacola. Then we have a short trip with some old Yokohama High week in Feb. We’re about to take a I don’t think I told you that I went to the damage caused by a huge old tree home soon. Very sad.

She’ll be going to live in a nice nursing I got a nice note from to Ark. to teach school in the late 18th Jean “Sissy” Morris Long has published then a month in South Africa with a of things: Pioneer Day in Paso Robles, Korea. Jerry still is active in a number of things in his home. Her other son Chris also went to Ireland for 10 days and systems in his home. Her other son Chris fell while climbing, resulting in a cracked vertebra and damaged ankle, but is recovering.

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First, some sad news. Nancy St. Clair Talley died in Dec. 2011. Nancy was one of our outstanding Richmond students. She is survived by her 4 sons, their wives and children. Louise Barry Bennett Gibbs, who died in 2012, was her husband, and 2 of their daughters live 16 houses from me. I travel around pretty much, and also write and play bridge and see many friends. "We're the toppers, We're the greatest!" (For all reading this I am in a class of '57, that was our class song and we just might really think it!)

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Many thanks to everyone who wrote in. I'd love to hear from more of you the next time for news.


I'm sure you have written others about you. Pickie Payne Hestor's funeral at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Richmond, where there were a host of classmates. The other sad death is that of Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler's husband, Alvin. It was quite sudden, and the funeral was Feb. 9. They have been living these many years in Orinda, Calif., and their 3 children all live in the area.

Ginny Marchant Noyes: I celebrated Christmas in Berlin with all my kids, and leave next week for India where I'll view Rajasthan palaces and gardens (a subject on which I have lectured widely).
Colby Stinnette with mother MJ Stinnette ’16

Sally Lauck Harris and aunt Grayson Harris Lane ’83

Heather Bradley and sister Amanda Bradley Spivey ’09
Will be in Hong Kong (where we lived and worked and to which I have not returned since Tom died) to...I'll...the kiss over here. Nita Nixon Cox: Jim and I are retired, having taught about 29 years each at the U. of Louisiana. Moved to Georgia to take care of my parents, and now are engaged in volunteer work and "grandchildren watching." I was saddened to learn of the death of my dear friend Ruthie Weaver and her husband McRae Williams.

Marcia Payne Grant: New email address: Marcia.P.Grant@gmail.com.

Ann Pegram Howington: My Charlottsville bookseller son Byron Harris is closing down Splintered Light, and his theology book emporium. I see that Betsy Brawner Pittman is signed up for Living Room Learning this year (19th-century French fiction), good!

Cay Ramey Wiemer: All of the class of ’59 Sweet Briar Book Club were distressed by the death of Mary Picton Payne Hester on Jan. 9 after a brave struggle with colon cancer. She leaves a spell that cannot be filled. Betsy Colwill Weigers and her husband George, Virginia MacKethan Kitchen, Courtney Gibson Pelley and her husband Herb, Susan Tredway were among the many people there for her memorial service and to support each other.

Debbie Von Reischach Snyder: Don and I were in Boothbay from the beginning of June thru Oct. 1 with a lot of sailing and golf. We were married in Maine, July 2. Don’s grandson (19) was his Best Man and my granddaughter (12) was my Maid of Honor. We went back to Williamsburg this April for a trip to Boston for Thanksgiving and then to N.Y.C. A beautiful Christmas in Williamsburg with Don’s family, and the day after Christmas in Boston for a skiing and people there to skate at the Boston Common and to help my grandchildren (4, 6, and 7) on the baby ski slope. Now have 12 grandchildren between us.

Mary Blair Scott Valentine: There are no children here to take care of me in old age. I guess I’ll go to them. Kiawah Island was nice and Delray Beach and Charlotte, N.C. Polly Space Dunn: Going skiing in Feb. (Vail). I hope to see Betsy Weigers in Vail.

Susan Taylor Montague: Mary Picton Payne Hester died Jan. 9. You might not remember her because she got married after freshman year, but she did attend some class reunions. Sweet Briar was well represented at her for her and I went.

Courtney Pelley Ott. Betsy Colwill Wiegers flew in from N.Y.C., Virginia MacKethan, Tabb Farinholt, Betsy Sea- man, Mary Blair Valentine, Sorel MacEley, Cay Weiner, Tricia Cosee, Mary Ballou Williams and Dede Ulf Mayer all attended the service. The service was lovely, and it was great see- ing everyone despite the sad occasion.

Tabb Farinholt: The only news I have is about the death of our classmate, with us only freshman year, Mark Pickton “Pickie” Payne; she came to prefer “Pic.” She left to marry Pat Hes- ter with whom she has 3 children and went on to get her doctorate in psychol- ogy; she had developed a respected practice in Richmond. She was a part of our book group; we were all pulling for her through the horrendous treatments. I continue to be grateful for our health and joyfully follow the activities of our 6 grandchildren.

Kathy Tyler Sheldon: I was to receive once again a Christmas parcel from the ’59 Book Club in Richmond. They sent one last year with many small goodies and it certainly made my bleak, cold Ian. The beautiful gold butterfly sent by Pickie Payne reminds me each day of her.

Dede Ulf Mayer: Six years ago I moved to Richmond, Va. and am so thankful that I did. My 2 sons and their wives and my 4 grandchildren all live here, as well as wonderful friends and the SBC Book Club members (Tricia Ware, Mary Blair Valentine, Betsy Seaman, Cay Weiner, Tabb Farinholt, Sorrel McEloy, and Mary Ballou Williams.) We all miss Pickie. Two weeks ago I inadvertently sat next to Betsy Muhlenfeld at a lecture and was so surprised. She is also a Richmond resident.

Judy Welton Sargent: All is well in Austin. My grandson (4) and I are taking a weekly music class at the Austin School of Music. It’s so much fun to see him grow and learn to play the piano. We are married in Dec. to Richard Towell, a wonderful English professor. My 2 sons and their wives are both engaged in volunteer work and "grandchildren watching," and avidly follow the activities of our 6 grandchildren.

Ginger Newman Blanchard (Green Vili- lage, N.J.): I’m in charge of the SBC Book Club meeting for the National Society of Colo- nial Dames this fall. Bob and I had a nice visit with Dotsie Woods and her husband at a Dames meeting in Natchez, Miss.

Patrick Russell Howard (Toronto, On- tario) continues her new full-time career of painting. You might view her work on her website, www.patriciarichow.ca.

Lucy Marie McElroy: I get my weekly club activities, and playing with our 6 grandchildren. I’m currently a Garden Club of America horticulture judge, and also apprenticing as a photography judge.

Carol Barnard Ottenberg (Seattle, Wash.): I’m about to head north to Lake Superior and Isle Royale on a National Parks Conservation Assoc, tour, learning about the fur trade, Ojibwe native culture, and moose/wolf wildlife studies. The Adirondacks and Maine, permanent summer haunts, should seem tame after all that.

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Anita Perin Grymes (Richmond, Va.): I was married in Dec. to Richard Towell, a former colleague at Collegiate where we taught. We enjoy traveling, visiting mu- seums, hiking and kayaking.

Jane Ellis Covington (Richmond, Va.): I’m reeling from the success of a Pi- casso exhibit at the VA. Museum! Red Dog and I are spending much time at the newly purchased farm between Rich- mond and Charlottesville.

Isabel Ware Burch (Williamsburg, Va.): I finished my job as Head of the Rector Search Committee at Bruton Parish Church. In May, 7 members of our class, Teddy Hill, Grace Suttle, Jane Covington, Anita Towell, Margot Saur Meyer, Liz Few Penfield, and I gathered at a view, a family house on the Rappahannock River. Jane and I are thinking about our 55th Reunion and want everyone to be there!

Jacquie Tanman Walker (Indianapolis, Ind.): We have a very small number of alum- nae here. My recent contacts have been with 2 young alumnae, Kelly Hughes, Kaufman ‘03 and Jan Jennings Need ‘05, both young mothers. They came to my Dec. 2010 Indianapolis area alum- nai gathering in Frank and I last fall to a new home. Address: 343 Mill- ridge Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46290.

New phone number: 317-564-4470. Rebecca Towill McNair (Charlottesville, N.C.): Daughter Harriet reported to her wonderful 25th SBC Reunion. With 7 grandchildren, I’m hoping we can continue the trend. I keep in touch with classmates, most recently Susan Hendricks Slayman and Jean Morris Stevenson, both of whom still travel a lot. Susan was off to Europe. Jean was fulfilling her responsibilities on a Texas jury among other ventures.

Melinda Moore Sue Street (Sharon, Conn.): My main contact for the class of ’60 is Katie Mendelson McDonald. Both of us left school in 1958, me to marry the wrong man from UVA Law School (corrected many years later with Dr. Right), and she to go back to her N.Y. roots, flourish and marry Jack. I am retired from a 30-year law practice in N.Y.C. Involved in affordable housing, land trust work and 24/7 with my hus- band.

Nancy Corson Gibbes (Columbia, S.C.): Had a marvelous trip with my art mu- seum curator to Rome and Florence. Had a great, if brief, visit with Teddy and Liz in New Orleans in Feb., and in July headed out to see Jane Yerkes in Seat- tle for a week’s playtime. Meanwhile, I still play tennis and follow art shows all over town.

Jane Milhollandt Yerkes (Seattle Wash.): We are taking Nancy Gibbes to Mazama (a country retreat in eastern Wash.) for a few days—that it would be fun for her to see the REAL west.

Elizabeth Meade Howard (Charlottsville, Va.): Just back from a week at Chautauqua and will fly to Ireland with a friend in fall. Pleased to have a recent essay in Virginia Living on the quandaries of divesting family “stuff.”

Ann Weingart Teig (Oslo, Norway): I am well and have enough money to rent my grandson (15) to N.Y.C. for a week—I won’t get him out! We spend summers at our cabin by the Oslufjord.

Lucy Martinez (New York, N.Y.): Our daughter and grandchildren spend the summer with us while her husband, son of Lara Coleman Wampler, travels back and forth on weekends. Lara and husband Fred were just here for a 3-day visit. Our son, an actor, is about to leave for LA for 10 weeks to do a new adaptation of The Trojan Women. I’m still busy with acting and keeping my hand in Real Estate for Corcoran Group.

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Valerie is in the U.S. in summer and Paris in winter and rents her apt. She has an apt. in Park Slope, Brooklyn, near her younger son and his grand- children Lulu and Burke (5).

Tish Skinner Dace has been doing a lot of traveling: 9 weeks in Europe in fall 2010; 5 weeks on her own roaming China in spring 2011; and 2 weeks in
Egypt in fall 2011 on a tour which turned out to be just her and a guide because Americans are avoiding Egypt. During these trips she worked on her new book “Martin Sherman: Skipping Over Quicksand,” which was published in Jan. She calls the Caribbean Island Bonaire home.

Sallie Von Williamson spent Feb. in Istanbul, Turkey, where her son Courtney and his wife Nazli live with her grandchildren Sedik and Emry. Son Whit is well-settled in N.Y. with his new wife and grand- daughter Augusta (9). Whit spends a lot of time with her grandchildren, but still manages to volunteer at the beach hospital.

In July, Keitt Matheson Wood and Frank joined Anne Carter Brothers and John for a trip through the Canadian Rockies, then went to Turkey in Oct. and explored Istanbul and areas associated with St. Paul and the early Christians. Closer to home she terms Denver and Kansas City constants as they visit children and grandchildren.

Luccetta Gardner Mannion and Ed took a Caribbean cruise in Jan. and stopped in Vero Beach for a visit with Betty Stanly Cates on their way where they are involved with Meals on Wheels and the Williamson County (Tenn.) Election Board.

Mary Ann Utterback Burritt keeps busy minding grandchildren and doing volunteer work with the International Order of the King’s Daughters at the city and state levels. In Feb. she left for Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands for 2 weeks. In Feb., Ginger Cates Mitchell and Ed spent 3 weeks in India, which in spite of the hugely populous amount of people, poverty, and pollution was quite an amazing experience!

In June 2010, Harriet Reese Jensen had a visit in DK from Nervissa Von Baur Rohrs and her husband Heinrich who were touring Scandinavia. In July she took her granddaughter (15) to Beaver Dam, Wis., to visit friends for 5 days. Then she planned to Estonia and visited her Reese cousins in Martha’s Vineyard. In Dec., she celebrated her birthday with her children and looked forward to a trip to the Virgin Islands.

Barby Rockefeller Bartlett (Fla.), and John are healthy and looking forward to a trip with Betty Stanly Cates. They visited Gini Joachim Wade Baldwin last spring in Calif., and traveled to Venice and Croatia in June. They have 6 grandchildren, 5 boys and a girl.

Ann Clute Obenshain is still in Ky. and in the midst of renovating a 35-year-old house. She spent Christmas in Belgium with both daughters; Liza still lives in Louisville and Meg in Paris. Ann had dinner with Judy Kay Alspaugh Harrison.

Lee Kucewicz Parham keeps busy as Regent of her local DAR and chairman of a state committee. She’d like to hear from classmates who are also DAR members to compare notes. She and John continue to enjoy visiting their grandchildren Emmeline (6th grade) and Jackson (9th grade). She. Stevie Fontaine Keown, and Kathryn Caldwell Patterson get together often for lunch and to catch up. The Kucewicz and the Parhams are planning a trip to Rich- mond to visit Lucy Boyd Lemon Edmonds this summer.

Margaret Millender Holmes moved to VT. 3 years ago to share the grand- daughters’ love of horses. After 45 years without riding a friend calls her a “born again” rider. She is looking for- ward to our 50th Reunion not only as an opportunity to reconnect with all of you, but another chance to see the beautiful SB students. In Neighborhood mass,. Prue Gay Sturh now has 2 Dalmatians with the addition of puppy “Ticket.” Prue has become more active in the regional Dalmatian Club, enjoying photographing various club events and working on her writing skills for Dalmatian publications. Ed and Prue enjoy an annual trip to Washington, D.C. (Mass.). They and she attend various events to watch their 5 grandchildren perform and participate in their school activities.

Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch has 7 grandchildren in Houston who are busy with sports. She’s able to get a horse- back ride in too.

Lucy Otis Anderson and David are grandchildren to parents Graham Cook (1).

Rinda King deBeck wrote that she is still teaching history at UNC-Greensboro and enjoying life including her 6 grand- children.

Mary Lou Morton Selheimer and Charles are also enjoying grandchildren who live in Charlotteville; Charles and his wife Nora have Henry (3) and Partlie (2). Anne and her husband Josh live in Geneva, Switzerland, have Julian (5) and Louisa (3). She and Charlie have an annual travel schedule: N.Y., in Jan. for antiques; Fl, in Feb. to see her brother-in-law’s New England inn.; and Geneva in fall.

Lynn Carol Blau and Jeffrey still live in West Hartford, Conn., and enjoy their apt. in N.Y.C. Lynn is active on the board of the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Hartford Art School. Like many of us they like to visit parents, children, and grandchildren. Lynn’s mother is in Delray Beach, Fl, and her children and grandchildren are in Nashville and Las Vegas.

Jean Meyer Aloe wrote an update that she has 2 back surgeries Jan. ‘09; received M.A. in Creative Writing (poetry) May ’09; elected to Pen Women in Letters Sept. ’10; retired April ’11 to move with the SB Board.

Mary Lucy Croft has scaled down her volunteer activities (Roosevelt Island polio), to free up time for reading her apt., but is still the copyeditor-plus of a biweekly newspaper.

Dottie Norris Schipper: “I visited with Germaine Keller Theus and her husband Jim this summer in Cashiers, N.C. Harriet and Charlie Shauffer also visited during that time. I’m dancing about 6 hrs a week with my partner Roy who is a national ballroom champion. He and I were contestants in Dancing with the Carolina Stars for a local fundraiser along with 18 other couples. Many thanks to the classmates who supported us! Roy and I started a Teen Ballroom Dance Program, which is free to all Greenville Teens. The idea was based on the true story of a successful program in the N.Y.C. inner schools. I’m working with my photography when I have time. A month ago, when Newt was in Greenville, I was his local photographer.

Penny Writer Thies: “We’re now up to 6 grandchildren (2 from each of our children). They live in Charlotte, Chicago and upstate N.Y. We’re enjoying life in our condo in the Cleveland area. It’s large enough to hold all the kids and grandchildren when they have a chance to visit. Stu and I are looking forward to celebrating our 70th birthdays with a Viking River Cruise trip in the fall with stops at Versailles, Normandy Beaches, Paris, etc.”

JoAnn Soderquist Kramer retired at the end of Sept. and says she’s figuring out what to do when she gets up. “I took a river cruise of the Netherlands and Bel- gium this spring with Vesta Lee Gordon (VM’s friend from childhood in Charloteville, with whom I have several dates I’m told. Our other son, Holcombe, has scaled down my sports. She’s able to get a horse- back ride in too. Our children, Patricia and Jean-Philippe have 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Joan Moore Biddle: “Nick and I traveled to India and Nepal for 2 weeks in early Nov. While in Nepal we took a flight to see the Himalayas up close. I’ve had the ongoing pleasure of visiting our daugh- ter, Barbara, Peter, and our 2 grandchil- dren, Emmet and Ellie, either here in Temecula or at their home in Redondo Beach nearby.”

Metacalf Seymour is now living in Calif. where she and Jack are enjoying the sparkling light (sun), the scent of roses, lavender and rosemary and the call of the coyote. They went with The Friends of the Freer and Sacker Gal- leries on a curator-led trip to Korea. As I (Ginny) go to press, I’ve just re- ceived the above news that Sheila Carroll Coopdier has died from a fall caused by her Parkinson’s disease. She had just written to me about plans to travel to the Carolinas, Texas and Florida, and had no plans to fully retire. She was en- joying her new home in Col. and being near her children and grandchildren.
Annie Little Poulot is now retired from the Frick and is splitting her time between a home in the Boston area and Paris. VM Grecco Galgano’s news is that she has SBC connections on her mind. JoAnn Soderquist Kramer and Mollie Johnson Nelson visited after their SBC board meeting and Dona Van Ansdale Jones and I are trying to arrange a “meet in the middle” lunch with Grace Mary Gary Oates and Gail Roothroox Trozo. Old friends remain great treasures! Let’s start a trend of connecting...Suggestions anyone? It just takes a phone call or email and remembering to put that special date (May 30-June 1, 2014) on the calendar. Yes, we’re turning 70, but can’t think of anyone who will be among us to all come to our 50th Reunion! As for me, I’m happily enjoying 4 mos. in Saratoga, Fl. We’re expecting newly retired Libby Kopper Scholleart and Jim for a visit soon. (Last season, we took a day trip to Naples, where Lynn Youngs Es may gave us a delicious lunch and tour of her favorite spot.) Earlier in the year we went to Breved, N.C. to see Milbrey Sebring Rich at 215 and on the way stopped at Sweet Briar for a night. Band camp was in session. We toured the new fitness center, watched bands marching and the athletic fields during dinner, and saw young deer cavorting in the dell near Sweet Briar house. The campus never sleeps! Happy 70 and, as Dottie might say, keep dancing!

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The loss of our classmate, Alice Perry Parke on, 12/11/11, prompted increased email and queries about our class numbers. There have been 20 deaths since 1977, and 156 of us are living. Messages of sorrow and condolence were received from Laura Haskell Philbin, Gabrielle Fraser Hale, Sarayn McAfee Smith, and Stephanie Eggleston Harrover. Then the computer crashed; apologies for any messages that are not received from this report.

Sarah Porter Boheim remembered how extraordinary it was for Alice to attend reunions all the way from Guatemala.

Melinda Musgrove Chapman expressed sorrow about Alice’s death, and says what keeps her going are her grandchildren, working out 3 times a week, and her real estate job.

Mary Ellen Freese Cota’s husband Alberto turned 80 this year. Mel and Alberto go almost every weekend to visit his widowed sister Rosa in San Luis de la Pal, Guanajuato. Mel studies yoga journals in preparation for teaching and doing yoga, and loves being with her grandchildren.

Alice Virginia Dodd wrote about the 20 classmates we have lost and praised to remember them.

Alice Foster Ficken said she could not imagine our 50th Reunion without enthusiastic and generous support. Elizabeth Hunt’s son Hunt Alcott (31) received a $3 million grant from the McArthur Foundation for his pollution research. Beth’s daughter Elizabeth works for the award-winning King Estate Winery in Ore. Husband John continues in the practice of medicine. Beth continues seeing adults and couples in her psychosis practice. Once a year Beth sees Mimi Vogt Macht. Mimi gives French and German lessons.

Libba Hanger Luther and her husband Steve lived in Guatemala City in the mid-70s and Libba reminds us that Alice Perry was president of her family’s meat packing company, Empacadora Perry, which she took charge of after her father’s death during our years at Sweet Briar. Alice later married Bob Park. Her mother had recently died before our last Reunion. She is survived by her brother Jim and one nephew. Her very little smile, laugh, dry sense of humor, and honesty will be so missed when we gather for our 50th. Please note in your records that Libba’s new address is Libbalu@gmail.com.

Dana Wasson Noyes Paulus wrote that she enjoyed seeing other alumnae on a SBC trip to Sicily a few years ago and appreciates getting news about our classmate.

Milbrey Sebring Raye has talked with Alice’s husband Bob several times since her death. She has both his and Alice’s brother’s mail and email addresses if any of you want to contact them. Recently Milbrey sang the Rutter anthem of George Herbert’s “God Be in My Head” at church, and tears made it difficult to sing the last line, “God be at my head, and at my departing.” But she heard Alice’s voice teasing her, “Oh, come on, Milbs, you can do it!” She sang it well and with a smile.

Sally McCrady Hubbard (retired from the Medical College of Georgia) is probably because of increased caregiving duties at home, but also geriatric resistance to adding Twitter, Facebook, etc. etc. to an already busy work day, dang. Her husband Charles began hemodialysis in Jan. Book club, chorea, a writers’ group, two local brothers, and grandson Duncan, who plays violin, keep her going.

We should all begin to think about whether we’d like to plan a group trip after our 50th. Be thinking about it; and contact our class president, Brenda Muhlhausinger Bargier, or Sally with your ideas. Wouldn’t it be fun?

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With sadness I report the death of Judy Kelseyer in Feb. Judy worked for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the Washington Ballet and the Milwaukee Symphony before founding her public relations firm, Kelseyer & Assoc. I enjoyed renewing my acquaintance with Judy, who I knew lived in Milwaukee. Carroll Randolph Barr will be on a golf vacation to Ireland and will miss our 45th Reunion. She enjoyed a small gathering of House 3 girls in Yulee, Fl. With Shelly Gearhart Linstrom, Jacqueline Stevenson Bennett, Beth Glaser Isaacs, Lisa Braden Moody, Marry Dortch Brooks, Gayle Dearborn Vance, and hostess, Emily Chenoweth.

Ginny Stanley Douglas and Bill live in the same neighborhood as their daughter and her family and enjoy having time with their grandchildren, Miles (7) and Georgia (5). They’re just finishing a major house and garden remodel and have traveled to England and the Baltic countries and will be going to Egypt and Jordan 2012.

Linda Fite: I retired from my job at The Times Herald/Record in late June of 2011—a great 20 years. In Jan., I went with 2 of my sisters and their husbands for a 10-day trip to Costa Rica. I’m reming a corner of an artist friend’s studio and am painting again. I have 6 loving grandchildren, I feel so very blessed.

Toni Naren Gates’s daughter Lindsey moved to N.Y. from San Francisco with her soon-to-be step-daughter, Lindsay. Lindsey is back to her acting career. Son, Ryan and his family have moved to Wichita, Ryan is working for his father, Bud. Ryan and his wife, Kate, now have a son (1), Toni is very involved in the museums in town.

Adleise Lassie Kellman retired from her career as an actuary in 2005, and she and Paul have been traveling and spending summers at their 2nd home in Great Barrington, Mass., where they enjoy going to Tanglewood, seeing theater and dancing, and kayaking. Both kids live in N.Y.C. with their significant others.

Victoria Baker continues to enjoy retirement, teaching an occasional anthropology course and engaging in travel and ballet dance with partner Lee Daigle. This year they spent a vacation in the Netherlands with Victoria’s son, and also explored parts of Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Then her husband was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Thank goodness it’s a slow version of this blood cancer that seems to be maintained by chemo in pill form.

Gracey Stoddard has worked for Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney for the past 3 years, loves it. She had been involved with several committees at her church and a new non-profit board, The African Dream Academy. Gracey enjoys opera, jazz concerts and traveling. She will travel to China this spring and miss our Reunion.

Marion MacRae is in Alexandria, Va., where she keeps busy with volunteer work and tennis. Her mother (92) died last summer, and she’s been busy settling her affairs.

Randy Brown says that after teaching for 44 years, she hit a “big bump” and had to half of her right lung and parts of several ribs removed. She appreciates every day and everyone!

Direzca Dick Dearie is busy teaching and with her 8 grandchildren.

Jill Berguido Gill: Bruce and I have been living in our circa-1884 Haverford home for almost 28 years. Bruce is still the director and curator of the historic Hart- fen House in Bryn Mawr. Our company, Tim Clement, is pursuing a master’s degree in public health at Drexel. I’m still doing freelance tutoring, working with children from elementary to high school age. I have no plans for retirement as yet, as I 45 SWEET BRIAR MAGAZINE | SBC.EDU
enjoy my work. I enjoy taking long walks with my dog and spending time gardening. I'm a lay reader and chalice bearer at Christ Church, Philadelphia.  

Stephanie Ewalt Coleman writes that by far the most thrilling event of 2011 was the birth of her first grandchild! Reagan Grace Ayers, daughter of Son, Lee, and his wife Kari, was born May 11. Then in Oct. she and husband Ron enjoyed their first Mediterranean cruise, which was fabulous.  

Jane Stephenson Wilson: I love this time of year and am head-over-heels in love with my 3 grandsons. The twins are 1 ½ and their brother is almost 4. I'm lucky to have them close. And I'm amazed to think that we left SBC 45 years ago!  

After 30 years with Milwaukee Rep, I retired last summer and spent 5 weeks in Canada transitioning to my new lifestyle. I remain involved with the Rep as a volunteer serving on the Friends of the Rep Board. And, I remain active in my volunteer work with SBC. Along with Jane Eastin Hager, I serve on the SBC Board of Directors, and I want you all to know that SBC finances are in Jane’s capable hands as Chair of Finance. Many of you have sent glowing comments about your years at SBC—I hope to see you all at Reunion because I know you’ll find it better than ever.

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Ladies, do you remember where your envelope is? Have you added to it each year? Our 45th Reunion is May 31-June 2, 2013. We have SUCH a good together.  

and so I hope that the one and every one of you will put on your calenders right now—in INK. The last time I sent out a request for news, I had almost 50% out of date email addresses. Please send me your updates! I need you all to help me! And send news via email or in Christmas letters.  

Suzanne Edlinger Boas retired from CreAbility in June 2011. She was president of the nonprofit credit counseling and education agency for 19 years. Lynne Gardner Detmer (yours truly) and Jim went on a cruise over Christmas 2011. We started in Cape Town, S.A., and cruised the Indian Ocean all the way to Singapore, 35 days at sea, with 23 ports of call. Wonderful!  

Frances Kirven Morse: We enjoy our retirement in Calif. I'm still involved with The Art of Yoga Project, doing yoga and creative arts with incarcerated teen girls with the Art of Yoga Project, doing yoga and creative arts with incarcerated teen girls. Lynne comes up with all sorts of new ideas. I hope to see you all at Reunion because I know you’ll find it better than ever.

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1971 Andrea Bateman: I’m still practicing law. I’ve become active through church delivering food to families of homeless school children through their guidance counselors, and I’m serving on the Outreach Committee. I’m part of a writing workshop and volunteering for a historic museum.

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Still teaching Adult Ed at the nearby college part time and giving private computer classes to the elderly. Enjoying sunny days, nice beach walks, my wonderful parents, dear cats and lots of good books. Planning a trip to Newfoundland this summer to visit my father’s new found (pun intended) relatives.

Alicia Yust Rowe: Our news is our new grandson, Rowan (1). He is number 4 for us and a delight. I continue to be involved with Arts for Rural Texas near where our farm is, and we enjoy spending weekends there when we can. ARTS is a small nonprofit bringing the visual and performing arts to children in rural areas.

Susan Schmidt: As developmental editor, Susu advises authors how to revise book manuscripts for publication, both scholarly and popular, including self-published novels and memoirs: www.susan-schmidt.net. Happy in Beaufort, on the coast of N.C., she rows and kayaks, gardens, walks dogs, and does yoga.

Beverly Van Zandt: All is going so well in San Miguel. Daughters, Beverly and Roberta, are doing well. Beverly is married and teaching school in Dallas, and Roberta works in hedge funds in N.Y.C. Planning a whirlwind trip to Texas, the east coast, and Aspen this summer. Working on a nonprofit in Aspen and will be there the longest time period. Are there any alumnias nearby? Would love to get together in Colo.

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Sue Dern Plank: We were in Belize for several weeks in Nov., then had friends and family here for the long Thanksgiving weekend. In Jan., I accompanied my husband to his company’s annual meeting in Savannah, Ga., and caught up with a friend there. David and I then headed to Clarksville, Tenn., to see our daughter and her husband. They’re expecting their first grandchild in June. Start planning now to attend our 40th Reunion—it’s just around the corner on May 31-June 2, 2013—no excuses for not coming.

Barb Prentiss: My oldest son John and his wife Mackenzie are expecting their 2nd child in Sept. My son Chris is in the Coast Guard and has been stationed in the Middle East since last June. My Chris, and his wife Mackenzie (yes, I have two daughters-in-law with the same name!), will be stationed in Hawaii upon his re-
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with a degree in English and creative writing, Shavonne Wei-Ming Clarke ’07 has made quite a name for herself. Last fall, her short story “Third Wife” was published in the Bellevue Literary Review and nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Set in Singapore, the narrative pays homage to Shavonne’s grandmother, who was born there and fled to the U.S. during World War II. “Third Wife” is the result of a novel Shavonne began to write for her senior thesis project at Sweet Briar.

“The story was an attempt to enter the mind of one of the wives — eight are spoken of in the novel — so that I could characterize her more effectively if she were ever mentioned in one of the chapters,” Shavonne explained. “Of course, Reumah’s story really took on its own life once I began to write it.”

While the novel remains in progress, Shavonne is also working on a new project — another novel and a short story that is part of it. This summer, she is traveling to England to finish the first draft of the novel, which is set about two hours south of London.

“I’m interested in writing about the riots that took place there last summer, exploring the social and political climate,” she says.

The short story will be published in the next issue of Hayden’s Ferry Review. With her writing career taking off, Shavonne hasn’t forgotten where it all started.

“I think I had some idea of how to express myself in writing before I went to Sweet Briar, but I was bottled up verbally. It was the best place for me to learn how to speak — and speak up — in a classroom.”

Sweet Briar’s small class sizes and the close collaboration between faculty and students proved a real advantage for Shavonne.

“I wouldn’t have received the encouragement I did for my thesis at a larger school,” she said. “It was a unique, important experience, since a writer’s gotta have nerve, and my professors were nothing but supportive.”

After graduating from Sweet Briar, Shavonne went to Texas A&M University for a master’s degree in English. Since fall 2010, she’s been pursuing her M.F.A. in fiction at Purdue University, where she also teaches rhetoric, composition and creative writing and co-edits the Sycamore Review.
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Carol Anne Provence Gallivan: Mills continues to head up his law firm; loves it. We’ve been traveling a good bit, as he has become involved with several at-
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Hospital there. Linda Lipscomb: I’m enjoying living and working in Nashville with a lot of commu-
back to Dallas. In Richmond, I have had great visits with Jane Potts, Lacy Williams, Lisa Wickham Haskell, and Melinda Williams Davis. Over the holidays, I was in New Orleans for Cary Davis King’s daughter’s wedding and saw Deborah Ziegler Hopkins and Terry Christovich.
Choline Eng Leventhal: I’m still teaching foraminifera science, genetics, and au-
thesis science research at Darien High School, as well as one fitness class at our local parks and rec. Last summer our extended family spent 2 weeks on Block Island, and I spent a week at the Henry Lee Institute of Forensic Science taking a class in Re-
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Diane Dale Relling: Chuck and I are en-
joying retirement in S. Ore. I worked at Macy’s for the holidays. Both of our kids have been to visit, (Steven is in Seattle and Erica is now in LA), and they ap-
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Jimmy Shannon before the wedding festivities began for the daughter of Gray Thomas Payne ’75. At that wedding, Meg caught up with Anne Wesley Ramsay ’75 and Beth Montgomery ’75. Gray and Tom were guests of the Dukes in Vail, Colo., over Martin Luther King weekend. Meg is the Sweet Briar representative to Denver’s “College for a Day” committee. This organization of 9 colleges (the “Seven Sisters,” plus Sweet Briar and Mills College) rotates bringing in professors from their colleges each Jan. This year we met in San Francisco, Environmental Economics Prof Rob Alexander, who spoke to a sell-out crowd of 300 at the Botanic Gardens.

From St. Louis, Mo., Ann Stryker Busch’s oldest daughter Katie is getting engaged to be married Sept. 2012. Middle child Allie started her own business, AM Busch Performance Horses, which breaks and trains horses. Ann’s son has one more year at Colo. State U. as a finance major.

And I, your Class Secretary, Cissy Humphrey, am living proof you can reinvent yourself at any age! I earned my 3rd generation Oil & Gas Texan and have employ- ment in the Oil & Gas industry after years in Legal and Telecom. I’m using my international Law skills from Prof. Ken Grimm’s class! When I helped out with my father’s independent oil and gas business in the 1970s and 80s, everything was done manually. In 2012, everything is computed and I am learning the business from a whole new perspective! Keep those notes coming in!

Carolyn Williams Seelig keeps in touch with Jane Mooney ’80, Dorothy Lear Mooney,黎明等女士, and I ran into them for research! From time to time I see Dee Hubble Dolan and Cindy Kendree Theuring.

Carolyn Williams Seelig: Sarah (19) is a sophomore at Franklin & Marshall, studying psychology and working in F&M’s primate lab; son Justin (25) is liv- ing and working full time in the Fishtown area of Philadelphia and is enrolled in a master’s program at Boston U. for Int’l Business Marketing. Carolyn and family enjoyed trips to Korea, Bali, Lombok and India.

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Carolyn Williams Seelig: I got to go to Birmingham to visit my youngest daugh- ter Kate who goes to Samford U. and had dinner with Lochrane Coleman Smith ’76 and her husband Mel. I’m helping Jill Steenhuis ’80 put on a paint- ing workshop in Montgomery in April. Hope to see all 1977 alumnae at Sweet Briar in May. We’re planning a fun class meeting with a TEX MEX appetizer cook- off. Don’t miss it!”

Libby White Drbal (Princeton, N.J.): “Our oldest, Drew, graduates from Elon U. this summer as a Finance major. My son, Tyler, is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., along with Andrew Niss- man! Molly Reb Nissman and I ran into each other in the dining hall the first day of school! We ended up rooming to- gether later at Parents’ Weekend. Hope everyone comes to our 35th Reunion.

Linda Uihlein: I have started a 2nd busi- ness, Owl’s Nest Games LLC, which cre- ates an all-USA preparedness outdoor survival board game. I’m President of Paks LLC, an emergency preparedness company, which I started in 2004. I took an animal rescue course from Nan Stuart’s rescue school. I drive out to Salt Lake City every summer then go out- door Retail Summer Market held the first 5 days in Aug. I also fly out in Jan. for their Winter Market. Last summer on the way back I audited 7 days at Shuck Brannaman’s, “The Horse Whisperer.” I’m going to spend 8 more days with him in Ariz. in March. Busy planning a central Va. emergency preparedness demo and trade show with about 25 vendors in late April. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2012 Re- union.

Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn and husband, Stuart, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Their oldest son (25) is trading options in Los Angeles. Her sec- ond son graduated from Vanderbilt U. in May. He is still studying in Japan for a year. Her twins (17) are graduating from high school and headed to Colo. College and U. of Denver in fall 2012. In June 2011, Vivian has been General Counsel at Chicago Underwriting Group, Inc. for 22 years. She also continues to serve on the SBC Visiting Committee for the Rid- ing Program and returns to campus reg- ularly. She’s looking forward to seeing everyone at the 35th Reunion.

Tricia Waters loves her job as exhibi- tions registrar at The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. Tricia and John con- tinue to live in Alexandria, Va. Lucy (21) is a junior at Radford hoping for an in- ternship in N.Y.C. this summer; Will (19) juggles college community work, and booking house shows for touring bands. Staci and husband Maxx Kenyon’s (our classmate) baby Jay, started at Lynchburg College this year. Our youngest is applying to Va. schools.

Debbie Koss McCarthy: Courtney is ex- pecting a little brother for Anna Grace (2).

Elvira Cash Pecora (Chapel Hill): Oldest son Greg (26) is working for Duke U. in their anesthesiology dept. Second son Kent (23) graduated in June from Dickin- son College and went on the following week to win 1st place in the 3rd divisionsteenhouse for the U.S. Harvey Cup and Chip is with SunTrust bank as a financial ad- visor. I’m at Talbots as a “fashionista advisor.” Hoping to make the reunion. Just spoke to my old roommate Chris- tine Davis Boulware who has just joined the advisory board. She even found a few lost SBC classmates, like Cain Thomas Linzee.

Barb Wennberg Peyrommet: Doug and I are proud of our Maggie (22). She grad- uated a semester early from William & Mary and began a master’s in education at VCU in Jan. Annie (17) participates in the 3 high school plays a year. Doug is still “rockin’” with his ‘60s rock and roll band. I love golf and skiing. Our nine-hole group (I’m the treasurer) hosted the Massey Cancer Center Tournament this year and we sent $45,000

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Margaret Nixon Grimm: Have my new art website managed by FASO. Just browse Margaret Grimm Fine Art. I’m now a member of Oil Painters of Amer- ica.

Almea Kasa: I’m an attorney in N.J. for the public defender’s office defending parents whose children have been taken by child services, but don’t have the means to petition the court to get them returned.

Piper Allen Severns: Still in Orlando, Fla., teaching 1st grade at a charter school. Annabel (11) is busy with ballet, piano and school. Husband Keith is a general contractor and is now working as city manager. Last summer we trav- elled through Mich., Wis. and Minn. and had the time of our lives.

Lauren Neyott: Still in Concord, Mass., only 1 ½ hours from our Cape Cod house. Kids as follows: Kate (28) NYC, Phil (26) Tufts, Peter (23) Stark Corp at Boston Design Center, Chip (21) Gettys- burg College, Susan (17) applying to col- leges. Bill is still with McKinsey and Co. and traveling everywhere. I’m still a resi- dential interior decorator and was part of a holiday house tour.

Ashley Wilson Brook: Looking forward to our next reunion. Mary Grayson (19) loves UNC-Chapel Hill, Sterrett (15) is busy being a Life scout and playing the violin.

Corby Hancock Pine: 13th year of teaching biology at Towson U., love it. I also teach preschool science at a nurs- ery school where Hannah Crohighl Morehead teaches. My son, Alex, a high school senior and daughter is 9th grader.

Becky Trulove Symmes: We’re empty nesters in Winston-Salem, less than 5 miles from my parents and sisters. Sally graduated from Chapel Hill in N.C.Y. Elizabeth will graduate in May from UNC and is student teaching 3rd grade in Carborro, N.C. Anne is a freshman at UNC. Had dinner with Jenney Kelsey Breining in N.Y.C. and ran into Ashley Wilson Brook I see Sally Colhoun En- gram around town. Nancy Wolfe: One fabulous year since I opened the flower bar in Larchmont, N.Y. Great staff and have learned a lot. My husband is my partner on this. He’s a retired CEO/actuary of a multi-national corp so he brings the corporate and I bring the creativity.

Susan Anthony Lineberry: I am a daughter-in-law in Sept. when Mark married Lindsay in Colo. That makes 4 sons, 2 daughters-in-law and 3 grand- children. Neal and I enjoy being grand- parents to Adam, Claire and Drew. In Dec., I went on the White House Christ- mas Tour with Cindi Little Townsend and Pat Guild.

Nancy Hatch Schwartzmiller: Our son is a freshman at UGA and our daughter is a high school junior who plays lacrosse. Between vocations for 2 financial literacy nonprofits, keeping up sports sched- ules, touring colleges and caring for aged parents, Frank and I have full plates.

Jenney Kelsey Breining: Working the night shift as an RN on the maternal/neonatal unit at Hackensack U. Medical center in northern N.J. My oldest daughter is in N.Y.C. and was an account exec. with a PR firm. My son is pursuing a career in screenwriting and my youngest is a sophomore at Roanoke College, so I get to Va. about twice a year.

Mary Bingham: My father (85) died in June 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pa. My family decided to move back to Pittsburgh. I was teaching in Albuquerque, N.M.; now I’m working on getting my teaching li- cense in Pa. My sons are 13 and 16 years old.

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Jane “Ellie” Craddock ’11 is at the University of Virginia working on a master’s degree in the areas of mechanical and aerospace engineering. In her spare time she also works as a producer at 1070 WINA, part of the Charlottesville Radio Group. “Sweet Briar prepared me very well for the classes that I am taking at UVa,” she says. “I am at the same level or above most of my classmates from all over the world in each of the classes that I have taken.”
TERESA PIKE TOMLINSON GRADUATED FROM SWEET Briar in 1987, the same year the College established its Distinguished Alumna Award. Twenty-five years later, Sweet Briar announced that Teresa is the Distinguished Alumna of 2011.

Given out by the board of the Alumnae Association, the award honors alumnae, preferably graduates, who have brought distinction to themselves and to the College through outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity. Any member of the Sweet Briar family — including students, alumnae, faculty, administration, staff, and members of the Alumnae Board and the College Board of Directors — is asked to nominate candidates.

Teresa was elected the first female mayor of Columbus, Ga., in November 2010. At Sweet Briar, she majored in government, with a minor in economics. After receiving her law degree from Emory University School of Law in 1991, she began working as an attorney for Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood in Columbus. The firm’s only female partner, Teresa practiced law there for 16 years and is now of counsel with the firm. In 2006, she became the first executive director of MidTown Inc., a community renewal organization seeking to revitalize the nine square miles in the center of Columbus.

Over the years, Teresa has been recognized repeatedly for her community involvement. The Columbus City Council honored her three times for her work on government-appointed boards and task force committees, and the Georgia House of Representatives recognized her as an Outstanding Volunteer. In addition, Teresa received a Certificate of Special U.S. Congressional Recognition for “outstanding achievement, service and public distinction.” She was also named a Columbus Woman on the Rise and Exceptional Role Model in Business, and a Concharty Council of Girl Scouts Woman of Achievement.

A member of the Boxwood Circle Committee for nine years, Teresa has been involved in many alumnae activities and has donated to the College throughout the years. Twice, she helped to raise funds for her alma mater as a member of her class’ Reunion Gifts Committee.

Teresa received the Distinguished Alumna Award this spring in her hometown.
and is playing goalie on the school soccer team. If you’d like to get in touch with Leele, her email address is leele-hazard@comcast.net.

Mary Stuart Bolling is living in Richmond, Va. Daughter Lucy Gordon (18) is a senior at College of William and Mary sometimes sees Susan Clay Russel and Kathy Leoni Hoover at Career and Family Network events. Susan has offered Lucy Gordon a scholarship endowed by her grandmother’s classmate from the class of ’49. Son Stuart is a junior at the U. of Maryland where he is majoring in history/philosophy/classics. Mary writes: “Sarah Martin Herguner, Nancy Smith Jackson ’82, and I attended a Sweet Briar luncheon in Richmond on the Jefferson Hotel.”

Sharon Resemer Miller is living in Orlando, Fla., with husband Tony. Son Bailey (18) is a freshman at NYU. Sharon gets to see Sharon McGrath Gardner every couple of months while in N.Y.

Kearsley Rand Walsch is in Atlanta, Ga., is now an empty nester, Angus (21) is at Marshall and Duncan (19) is at Mil- ami of Ohio. I’m working as office manager at Habitat for Humanity of Northern Va.

Kathy Leoni Hoover was sorry to have missed Reunion. That’s the difference between Kate’s (22) graduation weekend from UVA. She’ll have another graduation this May, as she finishes her master’s degree. She looks forward to seeing my SBC friends from the D.C. area more, as Kate will begin working there in Oct. Daughter Anna’s (16) travel volleyball team will have a tournament at Sweet Briar. She loves hearing from/seeing her SBC friends.

Susan Campbell is living in Philadelphia and continues to work at PNC. Daughter Sarah (25) has lived in Manhattan for 5.5 years working as a freelance writer. Susan is looking forward to a trip to Gasparilla Island in March and trip to Seville, Spain, to ride in July. Susan Pinkard Morgan and Bill live in Lighthouse Point, Fla. Susan teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math at Deerfield Beach Middle School. Susan stays busy with daughter Casey (15), who can’t wait to drive in July! Susan writes, “I just finished reading a book in the science of teaching from Fla. Atlantic U., and am working hard in karate class.”

Carol Hays Hunley and family moved to Boston in the beginning of 2012. Carol has taken a new job with Sovereign Bank, after 26 years with PNC Bank in Pittsburgh. Carol writes “Last year was a tough one after losing my dad, going through breast cancer treatment with my mom, so we’re making a fresh start. Our old-graduate schools. Sovereign is owned by my mom, so we’re making a fresh start.

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Vickie Archer, husband Tad Imbrie, and family are living in Pittsburgh, Pa. Daughter Annie (20) is a “sophomore extraordinaire at SBC. She is getting ready to graduate from Bethel Park High School. Daughter Addison (16) is in the 10th at Bethel Park High School.”

Kathryn Ferguson is in Baltimore and has a small bookkeeping service called Beeswax Bookkeeping. Brendy Reiter Hantzes and her husband Tom are working in finance. She enjoyed a mini-reunion in Jan. Lucy is at the Orlando City Attorney’s Office. She enjoyed a mini-reunion in Jan. Lucy is at the Orlando City Attorney’s Office. She enjoyed a mini-reunion in Jan. Lucy is at the Orlando City Attorney’s Office.

Brendy Reiter Hantzes writes from Chapel Hill, Va.: “I’m running an appraisal firm. My husband Nick has given up golf because he became addicted. My son Harrison had a house fire; he was very appreciative of underwear as a Christmas present. My son Will is working as a paralegal while trying to decide if he should apply to law school. My daughter Molly lives at St. Mary’s Home for Dis-abled Children and is doing well. De-Dee and I are doing fairly well. She is very healthy and for that we are grateful.”

The Reunion last May was lots of fun. Brendy and her husband Kevin travel where their employers take them; it’s lots of fun being tourists in Indianapolis. Lele spent Jan. in Hawaii visiting a high school friend. Unfortunately she broke her foot and tore ligaments in her ankle, but no worries, Lele will be out of the boot and in fine shape for Reunion! Her career teaching yoga, Pilates and spin-ning is flourishing. Son Eli is in graduate school studying physiology at Indiana U., and he and his wife Liza married last June. They are raising beef cattle and sister Sophie left Sweet Briar after freshman year to pur-sue a nursing career at Indiana U. Lele looks forward to becoming a grandmother in early March.

Kitt John Parks is enjoying her free time exploring the Raleigh area and other activities now that her home is complete. She hikes and plans to make a section of the Appalachian Trail this June.

Lei Watson Lombardy’s daughter Georgi-a has her learner’s driving permit and continues to excel in Irish dance competi-tions. The family looks forward to a trip to the North American National Irish Dance Championships in Chicago this summer. Husband Warren continues his career at Darden restaurants, while Lucy is at the Orlando City Attorney’s Office. She enjoyed a mini-reunion in Jan. with Lizzie Redmond Flourney and her sister, Frances Malone.

As part of the co-chair fundraising trio, Nancy-Dirt Daugherty Davidson prefers the term fun agent. They had loads of fun at Molly Finney Grenn’s house in Nov., everyone picking up where they left off years ago! Nancy says about SBC, “Whether you graduated with a degree or not, you are part of a body of women who are bonded together for the rest of our lives...We’re not just a group of people who graduated from a school with the same major—we’re a diverse group of women who have forged differ-ent paths into the 21st century and are succeeding!” She shared a recent email conversation with Amoret Thissell and Molly Finney Grenn as they discussed their battles with breast cancer. She also came up with an excellent idea to discuss, in a forum-style, events impact-ing our lives, families, careers, futures...Arthur has been invited to Reunion and to continue the dialogue after our Reunion. Finally, Nancy reiter-ated that our class gift and participation not only helps sustain SBC for future young women, but also demonstrates the long-term life power of maintaining rela-tionships with others (Class of 1982) through an institution that supports and encourages women. Jennifer Ray has thrilled to be back in touch. She’s grateful to have regular work. Jennifer registered with several employment agencies, the one that came through with full-time work was the one she had the best working part-nership. The agency markets itself na-tionally as All U Need Personnel with a personal, professional approach to busi-ness—Jennifer’s cup of tea. Jennifer looks forward to hearing from our “amazing” Class of 1982.

Heidi Slavin Willard teaches history to 9th graders who need support staying sober. She also is a board member of Scrapbooks That Teach. The business keeps her busy designing unique class-room activities in motivating students and helping them to remember their les-sons for assessments. And she has traveled to over 120 countries. Heidi is a breast cancer survivor from 2000. She looks forward to seeing everyone at Reunion and found the party last Nov. for local VA residents a wonderful night to remember. Heidi ex-pects the same liveliness and red wine at Reunion!

Jill Fallon writes that all is well in west-ern Mass. JFallon & Company (jfallo-nando.com), her strategic marketing communications and events company, continues to grow. She’s extending her expertise into planning social events with JFallon Celebrations. Son Jack (17) is honing his artistic skills in drawing and sculpture, while younger brother Harrison’s (13) fascinated with sports.

1982

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Gracie Tredwell Schild wrote from Santa Fe, N.M.: “after a rough year of custody, money battles and moving” she’s settled in with 2 cats and son Christoph (13). Gracie works at The In-stitute of American Indian Arts. She hopes to attend Reunion.

Monica Kaiser wrote: “2011 started out cut-ting back.” Daughter Alexa is a senior at UMC’s Frost School of Music. She’ll graduate in May with a double major in musical theatre & English liter-ary, a minor in music business. Moni-ca will attend the graduation and have to miss Reunion. Son Julius, a high school junior, wants to pursue a career in the medical field. He’s active in the drama club and will be an Internation-Thespian. Husband Richard still works at Pepsi while Monica is busy with the drama club and school activities where she’s joined the Thespians to the Fl. State Thespian Festival last March and remains an active member of the PTOS.

Jean Bryan, the dancing machine, wrote “not much is going on in Norfolk, Va.,” which is hard to believe, and looks for-ward to seeing everyone at Reunion. Fun was had at all Molly Finney Grenn’s “get psyched” for Reunion party. All who attended committed to coming to our class Reunion. Together with co-chair agents, Nancy Davidson and Daugherty Davidson, Brianna Boswell Brown, Molly is spearheading our class gift par-ticipation for our Reunion and appreci-ates all contributions. Kathy Miltz and her husband Dan will not attend Reunion as she and her husband are going on a riverboat cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, Russia. Daughter Madeline returned from her winter term in England studying business and economics. She is studying at Randolph-Macon. Second daughter Ali, a senior in high school, plans to attend Ferrum in the fall to study criminal justice. Husband David and Kathy continue to enjoy their work.

Lele Frenzel Casalini also enjoyed the pre-reunion festivities last Nov. with Jean Bryan, Briana Boswell, Molly Finney Grenn and Nancy Davidson and Molly Finney! She did the D.C. cancer walk with Molly and her daughters Grace, Jean, and Bri-anna. Lele enjoyed a visit from Molly John son’s (18) senior at the University of Miami, who was very healthy and for that we are grate-ful.”

The Reunion last May was lots of fun. Brendy and Mary Kate’s (22) graduation weekend to-gether. We stayed in Dew Residence Hall. Our hospitality room was deco-rated with pink and green. On Friday night, we played a Class of 1981 trivia game. After that, very late, we painted the hatching pink and green. The whole weekend was fun because of the efforts of Brendy and Mary Kate who have been re-elected as our class presi-dents.

As for me, we are still in Annapolis, Md. Mary (18) is a senior waiting to hear from colleges. Lizzie (15) is a freshman in high school, and she is beginning to think about a summer job. Thanks to everyone who sent their news.

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Colleen Kuebel Berthelot: Greetings from New Orleans, 27 years as a com-mercial real estate broker in New Or-leans, mom of 2 wonderful boys Colin (23) and Alex (11), headed to London and beyond honoring our half century! Liz Rodgers Boyd: Louie (my baby) has been accepted to The Citadel. I’ve con-NECTED with several alumnae during my trips to Charleston. Kathy Toney Gre-gorie will be his official mother away from home! I’ve also seen Cheri Burritt Yates, Ginger Reynolds Davis, Helen Pruett Butler, Erika Dorf Foster and Lizzie Przybylo. My older son, Tommy, transferred to Bethel U. He’s
James Thompson and our 2 dogs. I’m still senior editor with Active Interest Media’s Equine Division, working from home. In my spare time, I’m a living historian/reenactor in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, which makes me busy when it comes to Civil War Sesquicentennial events and events at Henricus Historical Park (which just celebrated its 400th)! I visit my mare Margaret (29), who is happily retired in Aldie, Va., every chance I get, and still try to stay geologically active in UDC, DAR, Jamestowne Society and Colonial Dames XVIIIth Century. I enjoy keeping in touch with fellow SBCCers Amy Longley, Erika Dorr Marshall and Sarah Babcock through the miracles of Facebook.

Ann Alleva Taylor: I’ve been meeting new alumnas in Vero Beach. In addition to new SBC friends, I’ve begun a new career as the director of development at the Indian River Land Trust. The girls are adjusting to not having me around probably more easily than I would like!

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Kelly Meredith Jacobellis is a director of Industry Communications at Coca-Cola, and she looks forward to several trips to Las Vegas this year. She bumped into Stacy Meadows Aptor in an elevator at Coke, and they recognized each other instantly. Stacy works in the Office of the Treasurer as the director of Global Benefits & Finance. In Oct., Kelly was wearing an SBC sweatshirt at a corn maze. A friend of Wendy Hastings started a conversation with Kelly, and later Kelly and Wendy were able to connect. Wendy coordinates EMS for 3 Georgia counties, is the Sullivan County Coroner, and teaches local EMS through the Dept. of Health at a local community college. She was a field paramedic for 17 years, but when she got married 5 years ago, her husband was much happier for her to have a job where she didn’t have to wear a bulletproof vest!

Susan Detweiler has a love in her life—Ned, who shares her passion for the outdoor/travel lifestyle that seasonal contract field work provides. Recently, they went back east to meet his family. On the trip, Susan enjoyed getting together with Wendy Hastings over lunch. Susan plans to guide climbers in the Tetons again this summer. She and Ned will return to Antarctica in the fall.

Kathryn Deriso-Schwartz writes from Miami that her family is doing well. Kaci is a senior at FSU and is heading to medical school. The twins, Burger and Webb are juniors in high school. Chandler is busy with photography. Brenda Payne has been retired from work for a year and finds herself missing it. Her daughter, Kristy, had a beautiful wedding at SBC on 2/11/12. Brenda enjoys her grandchildren in Calif.; grand- daughter Zoe just turned 5 and granddaughter Austin is almost 3.

Linda Thompson Barnes had a beautiful wedding in Vero Beach, Fla., over Thanksgiving weekend. Linda was thrilled to have Stacy Meadows Aptor in town for the wedding celebration. Linda and Trevor went on a transatlantic cruise from Spain back to the U.S. She reports that they’re settling into married life in Vero Beach. Her law practice keeps her busy. She enjoyed attending the annual Sweet Briar alumnae reception in Vero Beach.

Stacey Sickers Locke married Lyn Locke in July 2011 at St. Margaret’s Church in Annapolis followed by a reception at Old South Country Club. Her sister, Susan Sickers Dyer ’91 (who lives near Seattle and whom Stacey still calls by her O.V. nickname, “Button and Bows”), was her maid of honor. Leland is in 7th grade, an avid soccer player. Kent attends a high school in N.H. She loves her job as VP for Development and Global Fund for Children, Lyn works with intercontinental Hotels. They’re living in Annapolis in the house she grew up in. Kate Cole Hite writes that she loved getting together for a girls’ weekend in D.C. in Feb. with Katie Keogh Weidner, Kathryn Ingham Reese, Mary Halliday, and Wendy Holt Lewis. Mary Halliday Shaw and Whitney Holt Lewis. Mary Halliday Shaw says things are great in Atlanta. Twins Jack and Mike are 20 and just finished their sophomore year of college. Kevin (16) is a sophomore in high school. Mary continues to teach at Holy Spirit Preparatory School, and husband Brad is still in Corporate Communications at The Home Depot.

Lori Ann Comar who is a pediatrician writes that she just moved to Cincinnati to work in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. I’m looking forward to our 25th Reunion just a year away. Please make plans to attend!

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Jacy Carter Allen: Husband Ben is a builder in Aspen and continues to have work. Children Noah (8) and Amelia (6) keep us busy and happy. Keep in touch with Carol Witherington Lumpkin, Brandi Beck, Elizabeth Mason Horsely, and a few others. Would love to hear from anyone.

Stachelle Gilmore Hanley: My daughter Haylee is starting her junior year in high school. My son is four. Love catching up with classmates on Facebook.

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Meredith Williams: My daughter Caro-line and I joined Maren Howard Leggett and Eileen Yates Von Herbulis and kids in Oct, for a trip to the National Zoo, and then we all had a fun dinner catching up with Lynn Ivey Turner and family that evening.
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Amelia Dudman Atwill: Daughter Pierce is in 2nd grade and thriving after having major skull surgery. My son, Thomas, taught all of us what it means to be brave and graceful. Also, Pierce is going to be a big sister. Her little brother is scheduled to arrive in May 2012. Thank you to my precious readers for all the love, prayers and support during our several months at UVA. 

Bridget Bayless Curren: Bridget and Rich welcomed their little girl, Aisie Rose on 5/10/11.She’s doted on by her grandparents, and has visited Jesse Durham Straus during several occasions. Ang Conklin Abell: I’m owner and principal broker at Beach Bay Realty and coaching my Alde ‘kids’ teams: soccer, bas- ketball, and softball. I enjoyed having Tracy Walters and Lisa Aumiller visit me during last summer for the Chincoteague Island Pony Swim. Where my daughter bought a pony with her own money from selling lemonade. I’m heading to Dominican Republic with Heather Terry Adams ‘97 this May 2012 for a BFF getaway! Miss ya all! 

Sarah Chaffee Paris: I had a great time reconnecting with Elizabeth Groves Aycock when we visited Baltimore. I was so happy to spend time with Jesse Durham Straus when she came to Boston in Dec. Bella (9), Stevie (4), and Charlie (1) are doing great. 

Julie Baer Diter: Moved back to France the summer of 2010 with my husband Grégo and children Alexander (13), Justin (12), and Guillaume (2). We love living on the Côte d’Azur; it’s beautiful here and the kids are finally bilingual. Lee Foley Dolan: We kicked off the New Year in Atlanta cheering on UVA in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. Henry (10) and Mattie (7) (3-year-old Fred stayed back in Rich- mond) enjoyed their first plane ride. Later in Jan, we went skiing at the Homestead. In April, we’ll be in Virginia Beach for spring break where we hope to hang out with Laura Lechler. 

Sarah Reidy Ferguson: Jim and I are in the Druid Hills neighborhood of Atlanta, with our 4 rescue dogs and 2 rescue cats. I’m in my 3rd year of writing my daily lifestyle blog, Duchess Fare. I con- tinue to sell my 1920s & Mid Century home furnishings through my Etsy store. I’m looking forward to mini reunions this spring and summer with girls from the Classes of 1946 and 1947.

Robin Bettger Fishburne: I work at Keller Williams Realty in Greenville, S.C., in my 7th year as a Realtor, love it. We have a baby due on 7/9/12. This lit- tle one is due one year and one day af- ter I lost my brother, Chris Bettger (40).

Gibbs (7) has been asking for a baby brother or sister for years. Joe and I just celebrated our 11th anniversary in Oct 2011.

Melissa Snyder Giggenbach: We’re looking forward to baseball season. Thomas (6) will be coached by his dad, Bader. Nikolaus (9) is moving up to the next level, kid-pitch. I’m involved with part-time law practice and chairing the board of directors of our local homeless shelter, Bartlett House.

Rachel Cooper Gray: I’ve decided to go back to school. I’m appointed to two assistant schools right now, taking pre- requisites and gaining patient care experience to strengthen my application. I was also really sad to see Julie Wilkinson move back to Jacksonville, Fla., at the end of Jan. After living up the road for me for two years. 

Victoria Gajda Hartwell: Things are all good with Victoria Hartwell. Leighton turns 5 in May, with a week- long celebration at WDW in the works. And then starts kindergarten in Aug. Leliani turns 2 in July, not sure yet what our plans will be due to the arrival of Tiki, baby #3, on 6/29. We still keep in close touch with Auntie Linda (Linda Towers) and meet up with her at Disney! Working in CVCU and raising our family have been the ‘new normal’ since 2002.

Nicole Johnson Kaler: An international exchange student from China has be- come part of my family for the past 3 years. She’s now a freshman at Sweet Briar. I love being a Reator in Okla., en- joy married life, and love my retired horse, Yukon (I showed while at SBC), who is still with me today!

Beth Ike: Charlotteville continues to treat us well. We send lots of love to all the Vixens, everywhere!

Catherine Lanter: I’m teaching French to 3rd-7th graders at Viewpoint School in Calabassas, Calif. This March I’m moving 14 high school students to France. Re- minds me of the fantastic trips I took during my Junior Year Abroad in France with Sweet Briar, 1994-1995.

Jenn Beck Locke: Our life is wonderfully chaotic with our 3 wild Indians. Hunter is General Manager at RockTenn Corpo- ration and received Plant of the Year honors for the 2nd year in a row. Marte (9) is in 3rd grade and enjoying soccer, piano and art. She was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, and we’re exploring therapy and social classes and new experiences. Thomas (6) is in a regular K, but works with an autism aid daily. We’re active with his autism support group. Trae (4) has an amazing person- ality and enjoys working on any projects involving tools. I’m active on the PTA board, and volunteer at the school li- brary, health clinic, room mother (for all grades) and am in charge of Spring Festivals in their school. We joined a new Church and have become involved in a wonderful ministry there. Looking forward to a mini-reunion in April with famil-y.

Julie Hildebrand Nelson: Brett, Big Brother Grant and I welcomed twins Brooke McKinley and Luke Kohut to the family on 9/14/11. We enjoy attending the Hunt Country Alumni Foundation events and see Becky Moats Miller ‘97 and Imogen Slade Rex as often as possible.

Cindy Rakow Readhough: Patrick, Sam and I are busy here in Va., near family and friends! Patrick is running an exterior remodeling company, and I’m the marketing director for a local bank in Reston, Va. I’m still riding—helping Tracy Walters keep her horse exercised. Eileen MacMurtie, Meg Magistro Arcadia and I keep in touch. I got to see Arcas Khalsa (Alex Higgins) and our Scott Jorgensen over the holidays. Imogen Slade Rex: Imogen and hus- band Chip (VMI ’95) are enjoying year two outside of Portland, Ore. Chip loves his job with Bonnevile Power, and I’m home with Isabelle (4) and Connor (2). I’m also tutoring, editing, and selling Mary Kay. I love catching up whenever possible with fellow Portland resident, Leah Jorgensen. Jesse Durham Straus: Celebrating 10 years as a meeting and conference planner at Strategic Analytics, Inc. in Ar- lington. Jesse and I are honeymooning catching up with class- mates. I enjoyed seeing Rachel Baltus Price (and daughter Winona) when Ja- neen Sharma came to town for a quick visit in Jan. Work also took me to Boston in Dec. so I had lunch with Sarah Chaffee Paris and her handsome boys too.

Kelly Walker: Eric and I are expecting our first child, a girl, in January. Kindness Shaeen White: I was fea- tured in the paper and on our local news for my paperless classroom, the only one I am aware of in the Memphis area.

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Hola! Hola! It’s hard to believe that we’re getting closer and closer to our 11th Reunion. Please mark your calen- dars for May 2013!

Stephanie Belk Loter and family moved to Hillsborough in Sept, 2010. She be- gan working full time for Novartis Animal Health (Greensboro, N.C.) in Jan. 2012. They have 2 children, Abilene and Ben- jamin. Stephanie has returned to her love of horseback riding. She saw Cady and Breezy Whitley ’99 at a local Sweet Briar Day.

Kristy Winstead Anderson’s daughter Katelyn (20 mos.) was hospitalized 3 times this year with severe asthma and respiratory complications. Fortunately, she has recovered. Kris- ty is now a full-time medical director for a large community hospice agency. Her son (8) continues to grow and her stepson (12) participates in the Tournament of Roses Parade on 1/2/12. Husband Todd re- turned safely from his TDY and contin- ues to serve military men and women with mental health concerns.

Anne-Claire Wackenhut Kasten and husband Scott blessed their civil union (held in July 2010 in France) with a reli- gious service and reception in Atlanta last summer. Sisters Sophie Wackenhut Szymanski ’02 and Celeste Wackenhut ’08 were bridesmaids. Gretchen Grave- ley Tucker and Kate Rinehart Eskew were also wonderful! Scott and I continue to en- joy motherhood to Jacques (born 04/30/11) and still teaches 1st/2nd grade at the Friends School of Atlanta.

She met with Gretchen again at Sweet Briar Day in Jan. I promised to let her know all about Kamala Utley, Isabel Jean-Pierre, and Sara Cof- fey ’06.

Kate Rinehart Eskew’s daughter is now 18 mos. and they had their 2nd child this spring! They love life on their farm in Portland. She looks forward to seeing everyone next year!

Tonya Grudler Montgomery and family enjoy residing and working from ”Aunt Katie Martin” in Jan. They also surpassed Katie with the news that she’ll be an aunt again in July. Tonya continues to work at Indian Creek School.

Astrid Liverman and husband Taylor had their first baby in May. More baby news: Catherine Zahrn and Shannon Bazar Zahrn ’99 welcomed daughter Maggie Carrington in June 2011. Catherine con- tinues to teach music to preschoolers in Austin, TX.

Andrea Sheetz McCamry and family moved into a new home, and she’s opening a new store, Classy Dish with a friend. Andrea is a certified teacher through North American Irish Dance Fed- eration and became the national adult champion this year. Andrea’s son is in 3rd grade and her daughter started kindergar- den. Last fall, Andrea was diag- nosed with thyroid cancer, but surgery went very well. Andrea reported that her dad runs into Anne Smith Culver all the while. As a former classmate, Andrea has continued to keep her household running.

Laura Lechler: Jim and I are in Reston, Va. I’m still working for a local bank in Reston. I'm busy with a book and have been busy in the Hartwell household!

Leah Jorgensen: Our son (8) contin- ues to serve military men and women at a large community hospice agency. Her son (8) continues to grow and her stepson (12) participates in the Tournament of Roses Parade on 1/2/12. Husband Todd re- turned safely from his TDY and contin- ues to serve military men and women with mental health concerns. Fortunately, she has recovered. Kristy is now a full- time medical director for a large community hospice agency. Her son (8) contin- ues to grow and her stepson (12) participates in the Tournament of Roses Parade on 1/2/12. Husband Todd re- turned safely from his TDY and contin- ues to serve military men and women with mental health concerns. Fortunately, she has recovered. Kristy is now a full- time medical director for a large community hospice agency. Her son (8) contin- ues to grow and her stepson (12) participates in the Tournament of Roses Parade on 1/2/12. Husband Todd re- turned safely from his TDY and contin- ues to serve military men and women with mental health concerns.
welcomed their first child, Katie Anne Mitchell, on Sept. 5. They continue to work on their small organic farm in Mooreville, Ala. They hope to add goats this year. Jory is the president of the local SORBA (Southern Off Road Bicycle Assc.) chapter and manages the local bike shop. Rush just finished her 3rd year as the volunteer coordinator for the Greater Huntsville Humane Society Dog Ball. Lately she has enjoyed talking with Heather Thomas Armbruster and Cynthia Bumgardner Packett about babies and to Fiona Matheson and Kelsey Larus about their recent moves (Kelsey to N.C. and Fiona to Va.). Anna Meres Wade and husband Patrick live in Keller, Texas. Anna has a licensed marriage and family therapist. Kelsey Larus left the White House last summer to be a director for the DNC Convention 2012 in Charlotte, N.C. She said it’s been an exciting adventure these last few years with the Obama campaign, the Presidential Inaugural Committee, the White House, and now the DNC Convention.

Natia Nemetsheva welcomed a 2nd daughter, Eliana, last June. In Jan., the family moved to London. They’re settling in and enjoying their new adventure! Chante Brown is still in job search mode. Admittedly, it’s been harder than she anticipated. She keeps in close contact with Candice Broughton Maillard, Kim Izquierdo, Cynthia Bumgardner Packett, Natia Nemetsheva and Andrea Kubler Robinson ’00.

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Evangeline Easterly Taylor: Living in Azerbaijan, the past few months husband Eric and I have traveled to many places: Ireland, Maldives, United Arab Emirates, and Republic of Georgia. In Dec., met up with Amy Hess Snawder and Susan Bobb in Nuremberg, Ger-

manny to visit the Christmas Markets. Amy Smouder has been leading a Family Readiness Group at the military base in Schweinfurt, Germany, and in Dec. wel-
comed back husband Jared after his deployment to Afghanistan. Susan Bobb is a producer and testing at a univer-

sity in northern Germany.

Jason Voss
at Ashley Moring Voss’s Oct. wedding to Brieanne Vogler Migura, Rachel Souder-
Judge and Rebekah Burr. Annie Dickson Moore resides in Lynchburg, Va., with husband Scott and 2 children, Timbre (9) and Jeremiah (4). Daughter Timbre, in 4th grade, is a runner and swimmer. In fall 2011, she ran her 3rd 5K at Sweet Briar through the Girls on the Run program. Jeremiah enters kindergarten in Aug. 2012. Ameka teaches mathematics at Jeff-

erson Forest High School, was awarded Teacher of the Year, Va., at her school and High School Teacher of the Year for her county. Ameka, along with another teacher, started a Unity club to combat bullying and to embed cultural diversity.

The school was recognized in 2011 as a Mix It Up Model School by Teaching Tolerance, and Ameka now serves on the Teaching Tolerance Advisory Board. Ameka and family visited SBC during Re-

union weekend with Angela Aiken Cameron and family.

Tana Mabel Baer and Chip (HSC ’00) welcomed baby girl Tapanga Leigh on 1/23/12. Big brother Tank and family are doing well.

Joy Powell Talmon still works at the Ani-

mal Rescue League in Des Moines, loves the volunteer coordinator. This July she’ll become president for the loc-

cal DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) after serving on the board for the past few years. Joy is enjoying mid-

west living with her husband Tamir and 2 kids, Oren (4) and Liara (1).

Alden Rivers Potts, Carter and Carter Potts, Jr., announce the birth of son Brookleycain Potts born 9/13/11.

Lys Burdette Paulhus and husband Michael welcomed their 2nd daughter Elizabeth Camille Renaut “Camiille” in July. Lys was sad to miss the Reunion in May, but still keeps up with many class-

mates.

Sarah Herndon Snyder and husband Raph welcomed their 2nd child, Henry Wingfield Herndon Sydnor, on 7/19/11.

Sarah Hartson Kenning was busy visit-

ing with Sarah Belanger Levinson, Dwmn Martin and Natasha Nikodem Stevens over the Thanksgiving holiday in Va. She has been the pleasure of working with her husband Tamir and 2 kids, and moving to Caribbean.

Kate Wood Rae and family in char-
lottesville, and visited Emily Keating Haag in Philadelphia. Sarah and family are going to have a busy June/July, as husband Tyler will finish his fellowship and their family will move (hopefully south). Jackson (3) will be a big brother in July.

Kim Schmidt Miscavage and husband Brian welcomed their 2nd child, Molly Joan, on 9/6/11. Son Max (2) loves be-

ing a big brother. Kim was promoted when she returned from maternity leave to Global Human Resources Business Partner for TE Connectivity. She’s ex-

icted that her first business trip is to Prague!

Allison Clark Joe is still living in Idaho with her husband, daughters Ellie (3) and Adele (1), Allison went back to part-
time work in Jan., and the rest of the time she’s at school.

Vanessa Corry Jensen and husband Thomas Jensen live in Snoqualmie, Wash., and have lived in Wash. for 2 years. Our 3 kids, Austin (6), Everett (3) and Catherine (18 mos.) love the adventures of the Pacific North-

west. She still keeps in touch with Brieanne Vogler Migura, Rachel Souder-
Judge and Rebekah Burr.

Amy Dickson Moore resides in Lynchburg, Va., with husband Scott and 2 daughters, Sophie (6) and Hope (2). She LOVES being a mom, a math teacher (at an all-girls high school) and varsity coach for the brother school down the street.

Lori Kovatch Long was sorry to miss Reunion. She got a new job as quality operations microbiologist at Merck in Elkton, Va., with 2 dogs, 2 cats and 2 horses in Aug. 2011. Around that same time, Lori found out she was ex-

pecting her 3rd child, currently due in March. Lori had a mini reunion in New Orleans in Oct. with Alison Brown Breenie, Hillary Herlehy, Christy Holtemann Zeigler and Lauren Kaplan Slodin. On a random note, Lori’s cousin took a scuba trip to Belize and met up with Olive Elley.

Katherine Wellington Morse says 2011 was a great year for her M. K. Wellin-
ton Art, LLC. She has 5 locations between Jekyll, St. Simons and Brunswick, Ga., where either prints or note cards are sold. Katherine cele-

brated 5 years of services as a front desk clerk for the Jekyll I. Yacht Club Ho-

tel. She’s now preparing for several art festivals locally.

Marlana Souza has been practicing law in one of the top 5 Brazilian law firms. She married her husband, Humberto, in 2007 and in 2009 they had Beatriz. She’s learned that Rocio Guerrero, from Spain, is pregnant and will have a baby boy in 2013.

Christine Rangel is now government af-
sairs and special projects executive at the National Electrical Contractors’ As-

sociation, N.Y.C. Chapter, and moved into a new place in Tribeca, downtown Manhattan. Come visit! She enjoyed a great weekend with Shelly Steiman, Sarah Farber, and Ali Buffham ’04 in N.Y.C., and is still an active board mem-

ber for The Mayor’s Alliance for N.Y.C.’s Animals.

Sarah Belanger Levinson is moving from D.C. to St. Louis, Mo., where her husband Tyler will start a new job.

Leah Solivan Busque continues to grow her company, TaskRabbit, launching new cities across the country. Her com-

pany’s total funding is now close to $25 million. She and her husband, Kevin, are enjoying the crazy adventure they have embarked on which moved them from Boston to the Bay Area over a year ago, and she has enjoyed reconnecting with old classmates, such as Sarah Far-

ber, in San Francisco.

Born to Grace Turner Creasey and Steven is Elizabeth “Ellie” Grace Creasey. Maribeth Turner ’10 is Ellie’s proud aunt! Sarah Belanger Levinson sent Ellie her first piece of mail along with her first Sweet Briar t-shirt!

Julia Kientz Ambersley and Robbie have had a baby girl! Julian the school where she had taught 3rd grade for more than 6 years, and moved to the public school system. Julia is so excited that Sarah Farber is engaged to Jean Pietrow. Jules is a multispecialty group in Spokane, Wash., and has lived in Wash. for 2 years. Our 3 kids, Austin (6), Everett (3) and Catherine (18 mos.)

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SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE HAS HONORED Nancy Hudler Keuffel ’62 and Diane Dalton ’67 with the 2012 awards for Outstanding Alumna. The awards were presented during Reunion in May, when Nancy and Diane celebrated their 50th and 45th reunions.

Nancy graduated with a degree in American studies and is the owner and president of Acorn Strategies, a prospect management firm in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She shares her talent with Sweet Briar and many other organizations in her community, including the Junior League and the local school board. She began her service to the College immediately after graduating as the at-large member on the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association Board.

Nancy served on the board in several capacities in the following years, including reunion gifts chairman and president. From 2000 to 2008, she served on the College’s board of directors and now has the distinction of emerita trustee. Nancy has given her time to numerous other Sweet Briar committees over the years, including the Reunion Gifts Committee and the Boxwood Circle Committee, and has helped to recruit students as an alumnae admissions representative.

Nancy says she was amazed when she found out the College had picked her as one of two recipients for this year. “There are so many Sweet Briar alumnae who serve the College with their time and talents,” she says.

At Reunion, she got the chance to reconnect with some of them. Aside from catching up on Sweet Briar memories, Nancy was excited to see some recent additions to the College, especially the Green Village and “smart classrooms.” Both were still in the planning phase when she served on the board of directors.

And then, there’s Sweet Briar’s future. Her 5-year-old granddaughter attended Reunion this year.

Nancy is a member of the Silver Rose Society after giving 25 consecutive years since her graduation, and a member of the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar in her will.

Diane, who is also a member of the Silver Rose Society and the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates, graduated from Sweet Briar in 1967 with a degree in dramatic literature. She later received a master’s in dramatic arts from Case Western Reserve University. After working for the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for more than 20 years, Diane recently retired from her position as general manager.

Like Nancy, Diane has volunteered extensively for Sweet Briar and other organizations in her community, including the Junior League. In 1994, she began serving on the Alumnae Association board in several capacities for 14 years, including region VII chair for the Midwest, secretary/treasurer, president and nominating chair. She also was an alumnae-nominated member to the College’s board of directors. Diane has continued to serve as a director since 2005. She has generously served her class as class secretary for 15 years, represented Sweet Briar at an inauguration in her area, served on the Reunion Gifts Committee, and helped to recruit students as an alumnae admissions representative.

Aside from supporting Sweet Briar by attending many events on campus, the Milwaukee resident has traveled on Sweet Briar tours abroad and supported the Alumnae College effort on campus in 2003.

“I am overwhelmed at the honor of receiving the Outstanding Alumna Award,” Diane says. “It has been held by wonderful and deserving alumnae, and I am honored to receive it with Nancy Keuffel. I just couldn’t believe it — there are so many outstanding alumnae.”

Like Nancy, Diane was looking forward to catching up with classmates and other Sweet Briar alumnae at Reunion.

“Being back on campus is always a homecoming and an opportunity to recharge my emotional batteries,” she says.

The Outstanding Alumna Award was established in 1968 by President Anne Gary Pannell as “The Sweet Briar College Alumna Award in Honor of the Class of 1910.” Up to three awards per year are given to alumnae who graduated at least 15 years ago to recognize outstanding service to Sweet Briar in a volunteer capacity. Nominations are invited from any member of the Sweet Briar family: students, alumnae, faculty, administration, staff, and members of the alumnae board and the College Board of Directors.

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Margaret Elizabeth McNamara and sister
Kathleen McNamara Brown '02
going well and our floor continues to

Emily Johnston is still living in London, England, and writing her successful fashion blog, Fashion Foie Gras. She was chosen by Coach to design a bag especially for a blogger, which they successfully sold out in 24hrs! She also collaborated with an artist that was sponsored by Peroni beer.

Maria Thulio Goethe married Patrick James Goethe of Savannah, Ga., on 11/6/11 in Old San Juan, P.R. Bridesmaids included Kelly Monical Goossens, Kelli Smith, Jen Denise McDonald Gentry, Brook Tucker Buck, Sonya Trump, and Ashley Johnson McGee ‘03. Maria was promoted to director of operations for Georgia Bio, the nonprofit life sciences trade association for Ga. Patrick is a Senior Audit Manager for Deloitte. The couple resides in Atlanta with their dog Copper.

Corinne Wieland Zeruto and husband are expecting a girl in Feb. and they’re very excited.

Christi Rose Hart and her family still live in Richmond, Va. She’s still practicing law and stays busy with her 2 girls, Youngest, Kinsley, turned 1, in Dec., and her oldest, Kendall, will be 5 in March! They look forward to Reunion!

Melissa Ruder is living with her fiancé Jon Garber of Brooklyn, N.Y. They welcomed son Shaine Davis on 1/13/12. She’ll be returning to her job in Manhattan as director of catering for Financier Pâtisserie in late April. She’ll be at Reunion too!

Misa Sarmento got engaged on 2/16/12 to Rob Francis (University of MD ‘01)! She’s working as a physician’s assistant at Chesapeake Urology Associates, and Rob works at Accuant, an information security company. They’re planning for fall ‘12 wedding.

Denise McCombs married her husband Temple (HSC ‘03) welcomed Graham McDonald on 4/20/11. The 3 of them attended Maria Goethe’s wedding in P.R. Daniel Miller and husband and Tem’s twins Annalise and Keira (3) welcomed a new baby girl, Brienne Davis Walsh on 8/3/11. She travelled to Nashville, Tenn., in 11/11 to visit Virginia Fowler Voigt ‘04 for her baby shower, and saw Anne Bostain Legum in Virginia Beach this fall. Erin, Anne, and Christy Rose Hart ‘02 celebrated Samm Gris’ birthday in Richmond, Va.

Danielle Ross Oberg welcomed Nora Anne to the family on 9/27/11! Her husband, Brian, left in Jan. for a 6-month deployment to Bahrain with the Navy, and Danielle is juggling a full time job, the baby, and 3 animals. She’s looking forward to catching up with Megan Douglaht, Virginia Uchello Lyon, Christian Deshazer soon.

Sara Sims is expecting a baby 8/2/12. Courtney Yerdon Gleason is expecting her first 7/4/12.

Bobbi Conklin Lynam spent a week with Becca Gheen McMillan in Edmonds, Wash., helping with the new baby, Lucy Gray McMillan, born on 2/13/12. Bobbi and Becca also vacationed together in Cancun, Mexico last summer with their husbands, and Becca attended Bobbi’s wedding the year before that at the Greystone Castle in Canastota, N.Y.

Jenny Neureuther West selected a tenure track position 8/11 in astronomy at Paradise Valley CC in Phoenix, Ariz. She got married 11/11 at the Desert Botanical Gardens; in attendance (and holla here) was found at http://brienna.net and at local Cambridge, U.K. art shows.

Virginia Fowler Voigt welcomed Virginia-Ann Rose on 12/1/12. Rose looks forward to her first SBC trip this summer on a trip back to Va. to visit family and friends. Erin Keck Walsh ‘03 came to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the baby shower in Oct. and visited before the arrival of Rosie. Sevilla Magauff is living in Virginia Beach, she works at Dominion Enterprises for the Property Management division of the Larger Caroline City.

Erin Coleman lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with her 2 dogs and her girlfriend, Lizzie. She joined SAG. Erin travelled to Berlin and Munich to attend Oktoberfest 2011.

Sarah Russo Warner runs a horse farm outside of Charlotte, N.C. She and husband Wray spend their summers in Collier County, FL, and are expecting a baby girl this fall. She’s rocking out with her band Speed Train. On the weekends, she volunteers at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, a rescue/rehabilitation center for seals and sea lions.

Sara Gredler lives and works in Austin, Tex., and is the editor of The Chisholm Trail, the Williamson County Genealogical Society quarterly journal. Working on a new presentation on the War of 1812 and another presentation on organization of a proposed Calif. High School History dept. Voted in and out for SBC reunion that they try to do once a year. Leila had her first baby, Caroline Lilly, born 12/6/11.

Sascha Rogers lives and works in the D.C. Metro area. She’s been working as a pediatric occupational therapist for 4 years, loves it. She transitioned to a new private practice, and is expanding her realm to include treating infants and toddlers in the home health setting or Early Intervention. She still keeps in close contact with C.M. Burroughs, Lauren Byrne, Jozanne Summerville, and Karen Story McKenzie. They’re planning a weekend getaway or a “SBC treat” at the Chocolate Spa at the Hotel Hershey this summer.

Maria Kitchin married Preston Moore in Virginia Beach on 6/25/11. Andrea Stassi is currently living in New Port, Beach, Calif. She works as an Environmental Regulatory Analyst/Scientist and is a member of the team responsible for conducting biological impact studies for the proposed Calif. High Speed Train. On the weekends, she volunteers at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, a rescue/rehabilitation center for seals and sea lions.

Virginia Wood Susi

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Kelli Bergmann Thomasson and Will welcomed their new baby girl, Eleanor Stonet on 6/17/11. Kelli works for Virtual Virginia as an online instructor teaching AP psychology and AP European history.

Ginny Wood Susi and Phil are expecting their first child in March.

Misty Vandergriff Forsberg and Adam are expecting their 3rd son in Feb. Bre Leibinger is still teaching high school English in Richmond, Va. She

spent the summer roadtripping across most of the U.S. She’s running the Virginia Beach Rock N Roll Half Marathon in March and fewer Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Sept. She’s running in honor of family members as well as Mary Davis Blood’s father. Jozanne Summerville is in D.C. She’s ready to finish the final semester of her master’s program at UMD. In between family projects, classes, and Navy cost estimating, she gets to chat with Ginny Wood Susi, Sascha Rogers, Nicole Basbanes, Diana Marshall, Brandi Haman and Erica Midkiff ‘03.

Diana Marshall has moved back to Bass River, Mass., on Cape Cod with her husband after canceling engagement and wedding this spring. She spent a nice vacation with Peter and Schyler Ellis Burke in W.V. in April. She had a successful glabellarblader surgery in April, and in July started Remicade infusions for her Crohns disease, which are going well.

Brienna McLaughlin Pruce loves painting and teaching yoga while traveling Europe. She’s planning for a trip to China especially for a blogger, which they successfully sold out in 24hrs! She also collaborated with an artist that was sponsored by Peroni beer.

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Our Reunion this past May was a blast.
with 24 classmates in attendance. We SMASHED our class goals for giving and now hold the record for 5th reunion giving as well as the participation award. Ivy Tabor Godfrey lives in Wake Forest and is a part-time graphic artist and stay-at-home mom of 3, Caroline (3), Gabriel (18 mos.), and Levi (6 mos.). Ivy just moved back to a vacation and is looking into fundraising options so her husband can minister to local youth while he works on his Ph.D. Jennifer Jones Collins is still living in Germantown with her husband and teaching 7th grade science at Heidelberg Middle School. She and her husband are enjoying Europe and spent their anniversary in Tuscany. They are planning on travel to wherever Chris is accepted to school! They’re excited about their first child, William Thomas Collins, due 4/6/12!

Charis Lease-Trevathan Chase writes that 2011 has been a busy year for her family with several moves thanks to husband Chris Chase’s job in the Army: From Savannah to Augusta, Ga., and finally to Clarksville, Tenn., where they bought their first home. On 5/20/11, they went to Germany for their daughter Catherine Chase. She’s enjoying staying home with Verity.

Jenny Lynn landed her dream job this past August working for Colonial Williamsburg as a public sites interpreter! She’s been about the size of a Carson single, come to think of it.

Chris Howe proposed to Cole Shanholz at the Trevi Fountain on a student travel trip she was leading last summer. The wedding will take place in Athens, Ga., on 3/30/12. Cole’s father has a farm where horse Fidias is boarded. Susan O’Brien will be maid-of-honor, and Carlinia Muggia ’07 is a bridesmaid. Cole is teaching Latin in north Georgia and next year will be moving to wherever Chris is accepted to work on his MFA in new media art.

Hilary Marlene Quesenberry married Timothy Robert Quesenberry on 11/2/11 at St. Margaret's Vineyards. Maggie Murray Watts welcomed a baby boy Callum McCauley Watts on 2/3/12. Joanna Wood graduated from law school in May 2011, pasted a Virginia Bar Exam, and is now working as an associate at a small litigation firm in northern Va. She was happy to see former SBC classmates, Tamra Scott and Lisa Mollica Moore, at Lisa’s wedding back in January.

Kelsey Jeffers' parents to use in her classroom. She loves spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota. and is a 2nd grade teacher in her a new ode and had painted cups to give to Laura—a new class ring, surprise gift to Laura—a new class ring, and love spending time with her Japan-ese and northern Japan. She’s teaching English in Bogota.
Amber Lubeck: After working for an education non-profit in D.C., I’m living in Budapest and getting my master’s in international relations and security studies.

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Lots of recent changes! Madeline Davis got engaged on 2/6 to Brandon Brewer and plans to wed in Oct. Melissa Ramos moved to Charlotte, N.C., and works for WorldOne Research. Temma Clark-Braverman also moved. She works for CH2M Hill, in Northern Va., as a project controls specialist. Andria Pasquel has a new job as an enrollment consultant at K12, an education company in Herndon, Va.

Lisa Weisbrich works at Aetna as a new business underwriting analyst for the Northeast region. She’s working in the corporate headquarters in Hartford, Conn. Jennifer Lundy is working for Congressman Issa on Capitol Hill, and is a new member of the Junior League of Wash. Emma Parker works for the Earthquake Commission in Wellington, New Zealand. In Jan., Janika Carey started work at Media, Marketing and Communications at SBC as a staff writer/marketing specialist.

Celeste Rustom is a second lieutenant in the Army and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., until March. Celeste met with Rachael Vaughan for New Year’s, and they had a lot of fun together in Fernandina Beach. Rachael still works for Outward Bound. She says, “I have the amazing opportunity to work with at-risk youth and juvenile delinquents. I take them out on a river for 20 days teaching them anger management, decision-making skills, leadership, and responsibility.”

Sarah Fishback is a member of the 2011/13 class of the Darley Flying Start program. This program is a 2-year management trainee program focused on the thoroughbred industry. Sarah is based in Lexington, Ky., and has already completed stints in Ireland and England. After Ky., she’ll be going to Australia and Dubai before graduating next July in Ireland. In July, Ashley Carroll will be traveling to Athens, Greece. She also attended a couple of mini reunions, one this past summer with Amanda McKenzi and one in Dec. with Liz Masonis ’11 and Laura Schein ’11.

Britt Schneider is finishing her first year at Cumberland School of Law, at Samford U. in Birmingham, Ala. Jessica Pilgrim is in her 2nd year of law school. Last semester she made the Moot Court Board, and honor society at her school. She placed in the top 8 in the Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Boggs Advocacy Competition. In March, Jessica went to New Orleans to compete in the Judge John R. Brown Admi-ralty Moot Court Competition.

Sarah Packard: I’m teaching English in Jinhae, South Korea. I work at a private school, love it! I plan to either renew my contract here, or travel to other Asian cultures teaching English, as well as to visit during vacations.

Allison Garrison and Alaina McKee are in their final semesters at UNC at Greensboro. Allie will graduate in May with her M.A. in Spanish and will be getting married on 6/2/12. Currently she’s a teaching assistant for a Spanish 101 course at UNC at Greensboro and a Spanish teacher for Lango Kids Inc. Alaina will graduate in May as well, with her M.A. in history and a concentration in museum studies.

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Annie Colpitts ’11 is the full-time general manager at the Firehouse Theatre Project in Richmond, Va., where she began as a volunteer and moved into the position when it became available. “I attribute my ability to balance my priorities to my experience at Sweet Briar,” she says.
In Memoriam

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the alumnae office for name and address.

1930
Evelyn Ware
Mrs. Evelyn W. Saunders
February 9, 2012

1933
Jane Martin
Mrs. Harold E. Person
May 3, 2012

1934
Margaret Ross
Mrs. Edward M. Ellice
October 19, 2011

1935
Frances Adams
Mrs. Louis D. Simonds, Jr.
February 18, 2012

1936
Mary "Polly" Rich
Mrs. John C. Ewing
March 1, 2012

1937
Helen Rae
Mrs. Frederick C. Stubbins
February 7, 2012

1938
Lillian Williams
Mrs. Thomas S. Grymes
December 28, 2011

1939
Audrey Siebert
Mrs. Harry H. Snyder
January 21, 2012

1940
Mary Frances Hazleton
October 17, 2011

1941
Eleanor Dampard
Mrs. Malcolm Firth, Jr.
November 21, 2011

Barbara Thompson
Mrs. Barbara T. Parker
June 18, 2011

1942
Jessamine Boyce
Mrs. Jessamine Morris
August 26, 2011

Virginia Thayer
Mrs. Virginia Boothby
December 19, 2011

Elizabeth Chamberlain
Ms. Elizabeth R. Chamberlain
March 28, 2012

Nancy Godbarth
Mrs. Nancy W. Glaser
January 16, 2012

1943
Cynthia Smith
Mrs. John A. Brutzman
February 13, 2012

Anne Noyes
Mrs. Millard Lewis
March 4, 2012

Anne Howard
Mrs. Charles S. Phalen
November 28, 2011

Elizabeth Vrabek
Mrs. Elizabeth Potter Edwards
February 22, 2011

1944
Anne Guthrie
Mrs. Lucien Yokana
January 4, 2012

Martha Fisk
Mrs. Harry T. Vallery
January 7, 2012

Sloan Hawkins
Mrs. Simon V. Ward
October 20, 2011

1945
Ann McLean
Mrs. Gilbert B. Loomis, Jr.
October 25, 2011

Suzanne Thomason
Mrs. Suzanne T. Atkinson
October 2, 2011

1946
Hallie Tom Nixon
Mrs. Jack J. Powell
February 13, 2012

Eleanore Sherman
Mrs. Eleanore L. Sorensen
July 2, 2009

Charlotte Sprunt
Mrs. David R. Murchison, Jr.
February 9, 2012

Edwin "Wheat" Young
Mrs. Douglas Cal, Jr.
September 28, 2011

1947
Jacqueline Stilwell
Mrs. David A. Clarke
October 27, 2011

1948
Constance Hancock
Mrs. Albert A. Getman, Jr.
March 9, 2011

Constance Somervell
Mrs. E. MacDonald Matter
December 26, 2011

Ann Orr
Mrs. Robert Savage
November 8, 2011

Mary Jo Armstrong
Mrs. Armstrong Berryman
November 18, 2011

Patricia "Patty" Traugott
Mrs. James W. Rouse
March 5, 2012

1949
Ellen Ramsay
Mrs. Kenneth F. Clark, Jr.
September 24, 2011

Dorothy Bottom
Mrs. Dorothy Rouse-Bottom
October 12, 2011

Sarah Strickland
Mrs. Sarah S. Johnson
November 14, 2011

1950
Jane Lewis
Mrs. A. Augustus Zollicoffer, Jr.
February 6, 2012

Margaret Craig
Mrs. Margaret C. Sanders
March 24, 2012

1951
Anna Coolidge
Mrs. Shelby Richardson
December 31, 2011

1952
Edith Marsh
Mrs. Laurence B. Fonda
December 28, 2011

Suzanne Bassewitz
Mrs. Suzanne Mentzinger
April 28, 2012

Winifred Collins
Mrs. Winifred Collins Brister
March 4, 2012

Catherine Coxe
Mrs. Nelson Page
November 21, 2011

1953
Sallie Gayle
Ms. Sallie G. Beck
November 20, 2011

1954
Frances Reese
Mrs. Franklin V. Peale, Jr.
March 4, 2010

Mary Winsett
Mrs. Charles Schmidt
April 30, 2012

1956
Louise Barry Bennett
Mrs. Homer B. Gibbs, Jr.
January 22, 2012

Nancy St. Clair
Mrs. Liburn Talley
December 28, 2011

1957
Margaret Liebert
Mrs. M. Eugene Dobbins
March 23, 2010

Mary Anne Wilson
Ms. Mary Anne Wilson
April 2012

1959
Roberta Lohnes
Mrs. W. E. Smythe
November 16, 2004

Mary Picton Payne
Mary P. Hester
January 9, 2012

Ruth Weaver
Mrs. McAra W. Williams
September 7, 2011

1961
Marylee Matthews
Mrs. Richard Bacharach
January 10, 2011

1962
Linda Byrd
Mrs. Carleton D. Powell
Date unknown

Sullins Stuart
Mrs. J. Thomas Aredall, Jr.
September 30, 2011

Carolyn Lamson
Mrs. Miller G. Kimbrough, Jr.
June 17, 2011

1965
Alice Perry
Mrs. Robert Park
December 11, 2011

1966
Patricia Martin
Dr. Patricia Rodier
May 3, 2012

Lucinda Michel
Mrs. Robert T. Blakely III
April 13, 2012

1967
Judith Keyserling
Miss Judith Keyserling
February 11, 2012

1970
Cathie Kelly
Dr. Cathie Kelly
February 26, 2012

1974
Peggy Crawford
Mrs. W. Thomas Reichard III
April 14, 2012

1977
Mary Elizabeth Ford
Mrs. Mary F. Hodges
January 28, 2012

1987
Amy Tetteh
Mrs. Amy Tetteh Griffin
October 29, 2011

1989
Jaenet Guggenheim
Miss Jaenet Guggenheim
April 5, 2011

1999
Jessica Tinfo
Miss Jessica Alyse Tinfo
October 8, 2011

2006
Julia Lockwood
Ms. Julia Marie Lockwood
January 22, 2012
1 (L-R) Jennifer Lundy, Ashleigh Bain and Kirsten Miller (Class of 2010)

2 Anne Lojek ‘08 became engaged to Jared McQueen while traveling to French Polynesia in July 2011. They were married in Miami, Fla. in April 2012. They currently reside in Fairfax, Va.

3 Bridget Bayliss Curren ’96 and Rich welcomed their little girl, Aoife Rose, on 5-10-11.

4 Cindy Rakow Readyhough ’96 with family, (L-R) Katelynn (2), Cindy, Patrick, Sam (4)

5 Dottie Norris Schipper ’64 and Carolina Stars dancing partner Roy.

6 Ellie Creasey, daughter of Grace Turner Creasey ’01, ready for SBC!

7 Ileana Johanna Tricarico, granddaughter of Kate Schmoeller ’71.

8 Jessica Porter Sadeq ’04 married Fady on 10-7-11 at Bluemont Vineyard in Bluemont, Va., Caitlin Webber Mazzucca, Kirkland Wohlhab, Kerry Keins Mutschelknaus, Jessica Porter Sadeq, Stephanie Gleason Peppler, Andrea Stassi, Anne Mohana, Heather Shumaker (Class of 2004).
9 Kristin Alexandre Kuhns ’68: This is an image of the cover of my book (an illustration by artist Tom Loepp of Neci (the gypsy Girl) and Ezra, the man she loves).

10 Maria Kitchin married Preston Moore in Virginia Beach on 6-25-11.

11 Nancy Lynah Hood ’64 and her grandson.

12 Sabryna McClung Roberson ’94 and Shannon Hetcel Dykes ’94 in the Keys.

13 Susan Bobb ’00, Amy Snawder ’00 and Evangeline Taylor ’00 drink gluhwein at the Nuremburg Christkindel Market in Germany.

14 Twin daughters of Anne Secor ’80, Romy and Naia (5).

15 Susan Schmidt ’71 in Beufort, N.C. She works as an editor, advising authors how to revise book manuscripts for publication.

16 Laurel Scott ’84 (aka Pvt. Lawrence Scott) with the 24th Virginia.
Melissa Gail Raymond and sister
Michelle Diana Raymond ’08
Brittaney Michielsens and aunt Kimberley McGraw Euston ’92

Margaret Mason and aunts Kate Robinson Hillestad ’89 and Margaret Robinson Tallmadge ’81

Carol Holbrook Ferguson and mother Frances Marshall McClung Ferguson ’80 and grandmother Margaret Graves McClung ’53.
Homecoming Weekend is October 19-21. Alumnae and parents are invited to campus to celebrate a weekend with students, faculty, staff and College administrators. Guests will enjoy lectures, athletics games, volunteer training, and a community picnic. More information will be available soon. Don’t miss this special weekend!