

# Classes Notes

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Lt. Col. Laurie Moe Buckhout ('84) with one of the soldiers under her command in Ad Diwaniyah. Read her Operation Iraqi Freedom diary at [www.jmu.edu/madisononline](http://www.jmu.edu/madisononline).

**42** \* Lois Oliver Crabtree is retired and enjoys sewing and quilting.

**45** \* Mary "Betty" Clougherty Miller celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary.

**49** \* Evelyn "Evy" Dickson Dowling won two silver medals at the 2004 U.S. Synchronized Swimming Masters National Championships for solo in the 70's age group and for group duet in the 60s age group. She is a level III synchro judge and assistant coach of Palm Beach County's Synchro Club, teaching ages 9-18 and adults. She is also first vice president of the West Palm Beach Garden Club and celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary with Russ in June 2004.

**72** \* Linda J. Loughrey moved back to the East Coast after living in Denver for 27 years. She shares Madison memories with her cousin's son, a JMU alum.

**74** \* Diane Huddle Browne is a licensed psychologist in Maryland and Virginia and opened her own practice in Rockville, Md., affiliated with Westview Psychological Associates. \* Alan Mayer is sales manager for the Office of Assurant Employee Benefits for its Kansas City, Mo., group sales office.

**75** \* James "Jim" Baker owns Irish Bear Companies Inc. in Northern Virginia. \* Albert "Al" Blaine DeWitt has served as head baseball coach at Mathews High School

since 1991. His team won its first Group A State Championship this year. A 29-year veteran educator, DeWitt is also athletics director and strength coach.

**77** \* Thomas "Tommy" R. Deal Jr. is associate coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Florida. \* Hal Willard is assistant baseball coach at St. Mary's College of Maryland. His son, Drew, is a sophomore catcher on the college's baseball team. Willard is the second most winning coach in the program's history. \* Alan Young is dean of enrollment management at Marlboro College in the Green Mountains of Vermont.

**78** \* Robert "Bob" P. Grimsey Jr. was named State Administrator of the Year by the Virginia Music Educators Association. He is in his fourth year as superintendent of Alleghany County schools.

**79** \* Cynthia Handy Coulson was the first music teacher in her county and region to attain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. She earned the early- to middle-childhood vocal music certification.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

**80** \* William King Hardy is president of International Ribbons & Paper, headquartered in Cave Creek, Ariz. \* Col. Michael C. Doherty has generously established the Alison MacDonald Doherty Endowment for Geology Student Research Scholarships with a \$25,000 gift in memory of his late wife. The scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving undergraduate students conducting research in the field of geological and

environmental science. Through her work, Alison Doherty emphasized the importance of research to understand how environmental contaminants move through and are affected by geological formations. As a student she helped teach historical geology and participated in field geology excursions. In her own research, she examined karst formations in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. As an environmental hydrogeologist, she worked for several nationally known environmental firms and investigated Superfund sites as well as underground contamination at Department of Defense and Department of Energy installations. She convinced a previous employer to drill a well at the university farm to show JMU geology students how to log soils as the drill auger brought them up from underground. The Dohertys lived in Germantown, Md. Also a strong proponent of education, Michael Doherty is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Service Corps and a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**81** \* Rebecca A. Chiaramida was named collection area director for the IRS' Small Business/Self-Employed Operating Division. She oversees the IRS' collection operations related to small business and self-employed taxpayers in the North Atlantic area. \* Thomas McGlooin is a mortgage loan officer with BB&T.

**82** \* Diane Lorraine Dovell earned a master's in public administration from JMU in December. She has worked for JMU's Madison Fund in the development office for nearly five years. \* Tom Kinnahan ('85M) earned

a doctorate in English from West Virginia University. He teaches at Carlow University in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Linda Arbaugh ('78, '87M), have a daughter, Chloe.

**83** \* John Bacak is vice president and chief financial officer of Valador Inc., a government contractor based in Herndon. Bacak and Cheryl have four children and live in South Riding.

\* Christine Moniz Barham earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in society and religion studies from Oxford Graduate School in Dayton, Tenn. She earned the Chancellor's Lamp Award for contributions to education for her dissertation, *Attitudes of Christian High School Administrators Toward Drama*. \* Steve Church is director of global consumer products and paper communications for Geor-

gia-Pacific Corp. Church, who joined GP in 1994, works with the corporation's European leadership team to develop a communications strategy across all of GP's European businesses. \* Deborah Ruth Lemon earned a master's in Span-

ish language and literature at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is a Spanish instructor at Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif., and a Middle Eastern dance performer and instructor.

**84** \* Lt. Col. Laurie Moe Buckhout gave up command of the 32nd Signal Battalion in June 2004 in Darmstadt, Germany. Buckhout led the 600 soldier battalion for two years, including leading it to combat in Iraq and bringing the entire battalion home after a year in the Sunni triangle. She earned a Bronze Star, the Army's award for meritorious service in combat, and her fourth Meritorious Service Medal. Buckhout and Paul work at the Pentagon and live in Centreville with their sons, John, 6, and Thomas, 3. \* David E. Lees was promoted to national director of wealth advisory services and chair of the investment advisory council for Ernst & Young, Philadelphia. Lees was named by *Worth Magazine* as one of "The Nations' 100 Most Exclusive Wealth Advisors." He is also an adjunct professor for Villanova University's Department of Finance. He and Constance live in Rosemont, Pa., with their children, David, Kaitlyn and Brady.

JMU members of the Virginia Symphony Chorus (l-r): Ann Prince ('53), Sheila Jamison-Schwartz ('72), Gail Pittman ('73), Kari Foster ('88), Anne Turner ('79), Corbin Thomas ('04), Anne Kincaid-Luna ('72), Emily Russell ('03) and Deborah Harris ('79).

## Virginia Symphony Chorus

By Lisa Freedman ('05)

Buried deep in a practice hall in Virginia, 90 voices ring out clearly together under one name, the Virginia Symphony Chorus. The group's sounds are beautiful, though the risers hold a diverse group of singers, 11 of whom developed their sound as students at James Madison.

The Virginia Symphony Chorus, founded in 1990, is a musical organization under the umbrella of the Virginia Symphony. Numerous hopefuls try out their voices at annual auditions, and the chosen perform about six programs with the Virginia Symphony and in other concerts throughout the year.

The group has sung with the orchestra at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and traveled independently on two European tours, which included performances in Prague, Bruno, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. The chorus was also the resident chorus for the Breckenridge Music Festival in 2003 and 2004. The chorus has shared the stage with Renee Flemming, Kristen Chennoweth, Robin Redmond and countless nationally known vocalists.

"We join the group because of its very high standards for rehearsal and performance," says Gail Pittman ('73). "Our music director is demanding and requires us to stretch and grow musically."

"We also enjoy one another," says Ann Prince ('53), the oldest JMU chorus member. "The JMU connection was activated by Gail's efforts. It has been nice to become aware of the connection with people whom we knew otherwise in our music circles."

The alums span the JMU timeline, ranging from Prince, the oldest, to Corbin Thomas, a 2004 grad. "The older members are really enjoying the young ones," says Anne Kincaid-Luna ('71), "It is a legacy to see the JMU generations and the passion for music continue."

"We have the best time talking about JMU, the music program and our teachers," agrees Deborah Harris ('79). "We have lots of stories."

\* [www.virginiasymphony.org](http://www.virginiasymphony.org)



## THANK YOU

The Class of 1955, represented by Barbara Shafer Ohmsen of Chesapeake, presents JMU President Linwood H. Rose with a check for \$57,193.83 during Reunion Weekend in April. The 50th reunion class originally set a goal of \$25,000 for their class gift, but later raised their goal to \$50,000, and then exceeded it by \$7,000. Shafer, a former *Breeze* staffer and current circulation manager of the *Old Dominion Gardener*, says she's proud of her classmates. Go Madison!





## Art with a higher power

By MIRANDA BAINES ('05)

Teachers here really care about students," says **Cynthia Greene**, a 2002 graduate who has returned to Madison to earn her M.F.A. "JMU's small class sizes foster close student-to-faculty relationships, and my professors have challenged me to explore different styles and types of artwork."

Greene says that she's been interested in art "ever since I can remember." She began her art studies at Virginia Commonwealth School of the Arts in Richmond, and finished her B.S. degree in art and design at JMU. As a graduate student she's studying painting and sculpture, and she has exhibited her artwork in Norfolk, Fredericksburg, Richmond and, most recently, at Eastern Mennonite University.

The theme of Greene's current exhibit is *Alterations*. Her primary piece in the exhibit, a lithograph, inspired her to create other artwork based on the same theme. Greene cites her relationship with God as her primary source of inspiration. She explains that the sources of inspiration for her newest artwork were the deaths of three of her close friends within a short period of time and the adjustments that she had to make as a result of those lost relationships. Greene's lithograph incorporates a collage with various sewing elements and a mannequin with the verse: "Those who allow God to alter their lives to His will experience peace and security."

Other pieces in Greene's exhibit include screen prints, relief prints, an etching, paintings and shaped canvases. Many of Greene's canvas paintings are based on Bible stories demonstrating how Bible characters either did or did not allow God to alter their lives to do His will and the consequences of these characters' actions. Greene's paintings include the stories of Jacob's ladder, Lot's disobedient wife, Moses in the bulrushes, and several aluminum paintings based on the story of Joseph. Another theme in Greene's work is scissors, which "show how God shapes and prunes individuals to do His will," she says.

Greene says that one of the best lessons she learned at JMU was to "not be afraid to experiment with art." She uses creative images such as animated scissors and materials like her daughter's cloth diapers to create dimension in her pieces. Greene has participated in two traveling shows, which exhibited across the United States, and one of her screen prints is currently traveling around the nation in an exhibit sponsored by Christians in the Visual Arts. Greene plans to continue her passion of making art and to share her love of art through teaching.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

**85** \* **Rosemary Stifter** earned *Technology and Learning Magazine's* Education Technology Leader of the Year Award, which recognizes U.S. educators for technology leadership.

**86** \* **Steve Cornwell** is vice-president and general manager of WIBW-TV the CBS affiliate in Topeka, Kansas. He and his wife moved to Topeka in July 2004. \* **Marcie Harris** is director of operations for a financial planning and investment management firm in Staunton. She is responsible for daily office operations including bookkeeping, marketing, human resources and office management. She has 25 years of work experience, including 10 years as an office manager and five years as a human resources manager. The firm is independently owned and operated by fellow alumna **Kathy Moran** ('87). The office is an affiliate of Raymond James Financial Services Inc. \* **John R. Rose**, cartoonist of the *Barney Google and Snuffy Smith* comic strip, earned the Outstanding Professional Achievement in the Media award by the Public Relations Council of the Shenandoah Valley. Rose was recognized for his work as an editorial cartoonist for the *Harrisonburg Daily News-Record* and as a children's book author/illustrator. He lives in Harrisonburg with his wife, **Karen Irby** ('84), and their daughters, Meredith and Sarah. Irby is a part-time accountant and church and school volunteer.

**87** \* **William A. Truban Jr.** was elected to the board of directors of Shenandoah Telecommunications Co.

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A graduate of the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, **Truban** practices law in Winchester in the areas of tax, business and estate planning. SHENTEL is a holding company that provides a broad range of telecommunications services through its operating subsidiaries in the mid-Atlantic and southeast.

**88** \* **Stephen Mares** ('94M) is the 2004 Principal of the Year for Wake County school system in Raleigh, N.C. Mares is principal at Joyner Elementary School, where he visits each classroom daily and includes handwritten comments on the report cards of all 420 students. Joyner is known for its Spanish language programs. All students get 45 minutes a day of Spanish instruction and can also take social studies and science in Spanish.

**89** \* **Beth Christian Cooke** and **Don** moved to Eagle Rock, where she teaches fourth and fifth grades at Eagle Rock Elementary School. The couple have two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth. \* **Freed "Mike" Etienne** finished Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government's program for senior executives in state and local government. He is director of housing and neighborhood services for the city of Roanoke. \* **Joelle Grahame Kenney** is a speech pathologist in Barbour County schools in West Virginia. She and **Bruce** live in Elkins, with their children, Tyler, Braxton and Jensen. \* **Donn Scott Miller** is marketing manager at Philadelphia Mixing Solutions, a major supplier for industrial mixing equipment used in chemical processing, oil storage and wastewater treat-

## CLASS OF 1950



Front: **Phyllis Weaver Harpster, Dorothy Rowe, Mary Gilmore McCormack, Wannie Mattern Crump, Nancy Penn Tiller, Elsie Chapman Atkins, Madeline Wiseman Tankard.** Back: **Lucy Peterson Kilby, Mary Jane Bradley Knudsen, Betty Hurdle Ossman, Jean Parker Colonna, Anne Hill Parker, Lorraine Foster Gray, Nellie Shumake Flora and Kittle Blakemore.**

ment plants. \* **Michael O'Brien** is regional sales director for the northeast at Elsay Inc., a pharmaceutical company based in Teaneck, N.J. He lives in Tenafly, N.J., with his wife, Lynn, and daughters, Elle and Grady. \* **Amy Staska** is staff instructional designer for Arvana Clubs International headquarters.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

**90** \* **Michelle Burt Campbell** is director of admissions at Pine Castle Christian Academy in Orlando, Fla. **Christopher "Chip"** is an area manager at Disney's Animal Kingdom. The couple have a son, Cody, 10, and a daughter, Kate, 6. \* **Rani Goyal** is principal of Leadership Public Schools in East San Jose, Calif. Goyal moved west for the opportunity to open a new high school after 13 years with Fairfax County public schools. \* **Paul Kotz** is human resources manager for Valeant Pharmaceuticals in Orange County, Calif. He and **Karen** live in Newport Coast, Calif. \* **Malissa Murray Ladd** is vice president with responsibility for the Treasury Services Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. She has worked with the federal government for 15 years and lives in Richmond with her husband, Greg, and daughter, Hailey. \* **Ola Lessard** owns a strategic public relations firm. Her clients have appeared in numerous national publications such as *Elle, Décor, Better Homes & Gardens*, and *Custom Home* and on National Public Radio and Home & Garden Television. Lessard has

two daughters and enjoys running and making handmade tiles and paper. \* **Lisa Matthews** earned the Oliver S. Gramling Award for her dedication to the Associated Press' mission of cooperation and for her exceptional service to colleagues member broadcasters around the globe. Matthews is the *All News Radio* editor for the Broadcast News Center in Washington, D.C. \* **Elaine Little Oaks** is an independent executive senior sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. **Lynn** ('91) is group contracts director with SAIC. They live in Madison, Ala., with their sons, Brenner and Graeme. \* **Amy Yoder Spurlock** received a doctorate in nursing from the University of Kentucky. She is an associate professor of nursing at Troy University in Alabama. She and **Jeff** have five children, Stephanie, Sarah, Jeb, Bobby and Sam. \* **Tracy Turman** and **Amy Key Turman** ('91) live on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with their daughters, India and Katherine. Amy is a psychotherapist and Tracy is vice president of post-acute care for Shore Health Services.

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## Pretty good for government work

By ERIN PETIT ('05)

I had it in my head that I wanted to go to school as far away [from home] as I could get," says alumna **Ellen Tunstall** ('69), looking back on her college choice. "I visited JMU one weekend to see a friend who was a freshman, and I fell in love with the campus."

Tunstall has never regretted her decision. "My experience at JMU helped me grow up and learn to stand on my own two feet," she says. "It taught me that even in 1969 a woman could have an interesting and important career and dream about accomplishing positive things. As far as my academic experience, in general, at JMU I learned to think creatively and critically. No matter how much I hated statistics, I bless the professor. And to my English professor, I'll be forever grateful for my writing skills."

These skills led Tunstall to a successful career at the Department of Defense, where she serves as a director at the Pentagon and as principal deputy to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy.

"In 1969, John Kennedy challenged my generation to give back to the nation. I mortified a couple professors by choosing a job with the DoD rather than graduate school, but I've never been sorry. I've had amazing opportunities to learn, live, travel and make a difference."

And despite what you hear, government jobs aren't easy. "They are demanding and exacting," says Tunstall. "They require talented and dedicated people who want to make a difference for the American people."

Tunstall has visited JMU to talk to students about her career experiences. "The department has almost 800,000 civilian employees who work at military installations around the world and in varied jobs that range from administrators to zoologists and everything in between," she explains. "We also have about 50,000 foreign national employees who work for the DoD."

Tunstall's office is responsible for all of the DoD's corporate human resource policies, including employment, compensation, labor management relations training and education. "My biggest challenge is mentoring, motivating and developing employees, and helping to convince bright, creative and energetic graduates to consider public service," she says. "I'm glad to see that JMU emphasizes community service and public service to students. The office of Community Service Learning is a great idea."

Tunstall's advice to anyone seeking employment with the government is to "learn critical thinking, develop writing skills, learn to express your thoughts logically and convincingly, and never be afraid to try something new." And she urges everyone to check out the DoD's exciting jobs and benefits of federal employment at [www.go-defense.com](http://www.go-defense.com).



**Ellen Tunstall** ('69) is a director at the Pentagon and she cites her JMU statistics professor for her success.

**91** \* Susan Weber Black ('93M) owns a pediatric speech-language pathology practice in Orange County. She, David and their daughters, Jessica and Katherine, live in Lake of the Woods. \* Brooke Anne Bogue lives in The Plains. She is taking a break from practicing law to work for a film director. \* Bryan Eric Brown ('04M) earned his master's in community counseling from JMU. He and his wife, Michelle Lynn Woodard ('90, '01M), live in Massanutten. \* Charlotte Herndon was named president of the *New York Times* Co.'s Shared Service Center in Norfolk. She has served the SCC for nine years, the last six as finance director. \* Michael G. Kipp is a manager for a wholesale mortgage company in Rockville, Md. His wife, Susan Palmieri ('98), teaches kinder-

garten in Falls Church. \* David P. Klisz is a criminal investigator for the Hanover County Sheriff's office. This year, he cleared a major graffiti case involving offenses from Baltimore to Miami. Klisz and Monica Dimartino ('92) live in Hanover with their daughter, Lucy. \* Elizabeth "Beth" Strait Mantiply earned an MPA from George Mason University. She is a budget analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Agricultural Marketing Service in Washington, D.C. \* Kevin M. Robertson is a CPA and attorney for Ober|Kaler. He focuses on corporate securities, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial finance. He also advises emerging companies on public and private offerings of equity and debt securities, mergers and acquisitions.

## Sweet tune: Teacher of the year

BY ERIN PETIT ('05)

Because she has demonstrated a great amount of enthusiasm and passion for helping students learn to love and appreciate music, Wendy Whitford ('99M) earned the 2004 Shenandoah County Public Schools Teacher of the Year award.

"I feel especially motivated as a teacher," says Whitford, "because of where I teach. Southern Shenandoah County is primarily rural, and there are no local music stores that offer lessons on band and orchestra instruments. While my school is only 30 minutes from Harrisonburg, that's another world for many of my students. ... Each year we have more requests for after school music lessons. We've [also] begun hiring JMU music education majors to help teach after school." The result has been a win-win collaboration. Whitford's students get to hear young, talented musicians, and the JMU students get more experience coaching young people.

"I think teachers should strive to reach the many layers of humanity," Whitford says. "Our first responsibility is teaching our assigned subject and making sure students learn SOL material. More important than any single subject area is creating lifelong learners. Are we helping children to become inquisitive and creative? ... My greatest reward is watching my students grow not just as musicians, but as human beings."

\* Learn more about Wendy Whitford in a MadisonOnline feature by Erin Pettit ('05) at [www.jmu.edu/MadisonOnline](http://www.jmu.edu/MadisonOnline)



## CLASS OF 1955



Members of the Class of 1955 gather for their 50th reunion portrait. \* Want your Reunion photo e-mailed to you? Call (540) 568-2664.

**92** \* Christina Louise LaVarre Auch is manager of major gifts fundraising for Greenpeace USA. She was elected board president of the workplace giving federation, Conservation & Preservation Charities of America. \* Phil Bennett is a partner with KPMG, and he and Tara live in McLean. \* Lynne Outland Cuppernull is an organization development consultant with Kaiser Permanente. She and Peter live in Herndon with their son, Jake. \* Amber Daniels is an early childhood education teacher and community organizer in Detroit. She also is a two-time roto champion working on her third title. \* Geoffrey J. Greeves is a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig in the Washington, D.C., office where he practices commercial and complex litigation. Lisa is a distance writing instructor for Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth. \* John Hinshaw is chief information officer for Verizon Wireless South, in Alpharetta, Ga. \* Paul L. Martin passed the Assessment of Professional Competence and earned membership into the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the British-based standards and membership organization for professionals involved in land, property, construction and environmental issues. \* Daniel Phillips serves on the graduate faculty in the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice, College of Justice and Safety at Eastern Kentucky University. \* Melody Hubbard Reynolds is general manager/director of dining services for Sodexo at Hood College. Scott ('93) is a field representative for Nielson Media Research. \* Dawn Marie Terminella is

operations manager at Alexandria's Computer CORE, a nonprofit organization that teaches computer and job skills to low income adults. \* Krissy Weisenfels Thornbrugh, Jon, and their children moved to Virginia after living in the Midwest. Thornbrugh practices insurance defense law and is a litigation technology consultant. Jon owns a criminal defense firm.

**93** \* Matt Bondurant ('97M) is a literature professor at George Mason University, and his first novel, *The Third Translation*, is in bookstores nationwide. See more alumni-written books in *Mixed Media* on Page 57. \* Matthew Carpenter earned a doctorate from the University of Vermont. He and Laura are licensed clinical psychologists and work at the Medical University of South Carolina in research and clinical activities. \* Monique Hall ('95M) earned a doctorate of audiology degree from the University of Florida. She is staff audiologist for Audiology Hearing Aid Associates in Danville. \* Michael O'Mara is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP. He is a member of the litigation department and repre-

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sents individuals and corporations on matters including class action, RICO, unfair competition, securities, insurance and business torts. O'Mara graduated from the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University.



Michael O'Mara ('93)

\* Julie Kennedy Whetzel earned a Master's in Education from North Carolina State University. She is a special education teacher at A.B. Combs Elementary. She and Karl ('97) live in Raleigh, N.C.

**94** \* Cary S. Ashby is a crime and education reporter with the *Norwalk Reflector* in Huron County. He won awards from the Associated Press Society of Ohio and Society of Professional Journalists last year. Ashby has interviewed attempted murder victims, the reigning Miss Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice. He lives in Huron with Kimberly and their daughter, Megan. \* Logan Ellington-Harrison is a licensed clinical social worker and a therapist at The Pines Residential Treatment Center in Portsmouth. \* Jill Armstrong Grimm moved west to Tualatin, Ore., with her husband, Keith, and son, Owen. She is a senior human resources consultant for the Local Government Personnel Institute, providing human resource services to Oregon's public sector entities. \* Magnus H. Johnsson is direc-

tor of development for Guardian Foundation at United Methodist Family Services in Richmond. He is president of the Virginia Association of Fund-Raising Executives and earned certification as a fund-raising executive. \* Stephanie Clevenger Shafer is director of admissions for undergraduate programs at Eastern Mennonite University. \* Andrew van Esselstyn is the Sunday sports editor for *The Miami Herald*. His wife, Nicole Motley ('95), is a freelance writer and editor. The couple have two children, Abigail, 6, and Dalton, 3.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

**95** \* Courtney Lambert Clamons earned a professional geoscientists license from the state of Texas and is an environmental coordinator for the Lower Colorado River Authority in Austin. \* William Harper is a dentist practicing in Poquoson. He and Lori Moore have two children, Jackson and Libbie. \* Sean Harrington is a senior account executive with Entercom Communications' KQMT-FM 99.5, The Mountain, in Denver. \* Laura Quinn Leverton earned a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She and Jeff live in Maryland. \* Rayne Dennis Reithauer earned an AAS in veterinary technology from NVCC. She is a licensed veterinary technician and public and community relations coordinator for Loudoun County Animal Care and Control. She lives in Leesburg

with Kerry and their three dogs. \* Jonathan K. Rhudy and his wife, Michele, launched Rhudy & Co. Communications and Marketing in Richmond to serve corporate and entrepreneurial clients. \* Lynn "Lindy" Daum Zamborsky ('96M, '98Eds.) is a guidance counselor at Stillwater High School in Oklahoma, where she and Kevin live with their son, Connor.

**96** \* Jennifer "Brooke" Martin Chao runs her own Web-based fine art photography business, J. Brooke Chao Photography. She and Alvin, and their son, Dylan, live in Massanutten. \* Juan Dorsey is athletics director for Merritt Athletic Clubs in Owings Mills, Md. \* Jennifer Small Lehman was recognized as a Super CPA in the November 2004 *Virginia Business Magazine* in the field of employee benefit plans.

She has worked for Hantzmon Weibel since graduation. \* Kerry Callahan Mandulak is studying speech and hearing sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. \* James Moye is playing Orin in the 2005 national tour of the Broadway production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Moye has also been seen on Broadway in *The Full Monty* and *Urinetown*, on TV in *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light* and can be heard on the cast recording of the Off-Broadway show *Dream True*. \* Katherine "Kitty" Dunman Nix and Brad ('95) live in Arlington with their daughter, Ellie. She is director of human resources at Ventera Corp., and he is an IT security consultant with International Network Services. \* R. Bernie Pritchard earned a master's degree in national security and information systems protection from the University of

## 9/11 SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

The Craig M. Blass and Matthew D. Horning Memorial Scholarships were established by family and friends of the alums after the two died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Neil and Barbara Blass of Greenlawn, N.Y., recently contributed \$50,000 to the Craig Blass Memorial Scholarship to honor their son, Craig Blass ('96), whose friends and Theta Chi brothers, Geoffrey Black, Timothy Miller, Andrew Norton, William Roche and Jason Sfaelos, helped establish the scholarship. "Craig was a person who could make friends easily and would go out of his way to help his friends," says Andrew Norton ('95). "We wanted to remember Craig in a way that would bring some meaning to this terrible tragedy. We realized that a scholarship to the university would be the best way to honor Craig, and it would be something that would last a lifetime. We structured the scholarship in a way that best described Craig—someone who loved sports, supported the university and was a business major."

Each year, Blass' friends host a golf tournament to raise funds for the memorial scholarship. The Third Annual Craig M. Blass Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Chantilly, Va., on Sept. 17. The tournament is open to anyone. For more information, please e-mail [golf@collegetransit.com](mailto:golf@collegetransit.com).

The Matthew D. Horning ('97) Memorial Scholarship has been supported generously by Horning's aunt, Jane Shontell, and his parents, Kurt and Diane Horning of Scotch Plains, N.J. "Everybody said that he was their best friend," says his father, Kurt Horning. "I didn't realize one person could have a million best friends."

When Matthew graduated in 1997, he donned cap and gown and a gold rope that caught his mother's eye. When she asked what it was, his reply was "I think this is for *magna cum laude*." Not only were his parents unaware of their son's achievement, they were not surprised that he played it down. "Matt didn't collect accolades," says Diane Horning.

To contribute to either memorial scholarship, please make checks payable to: JMU Foundation Inc. and mail them to: James Madison University, MSC 8602, Harrisonburg, VA 22807. In the memo line of your check, please write the name of the scholarship: Craig M. Blass Memorial Scholarship or Matthew D. Horning Memorial Scholarship.

## CLASS OF 1960



Here's a sign of the times – a 50/50, male/female ratio for a Madison Class of 1960 photograph. See more April Reunion photos on Page 65.

## CLASS OF 1965



1965 classmates had fun chatting about 40 years of Madison memories. \* Want your Reunion photo e-mailed to you? Call (540) 568-2664.

New Haven in Connecticut. \* **Erin Rettig** is an audio engineer for Technicolor's Weddington facility in Hollywood. This year she worked on nine movies including, *Anchorman*, *Brother Bear*, *Eurotrip*, *Looney Tunes Back in Action*, *New York Minute*, *Paparazzi* and *Shark Tale*. \* **Steven Robert Walworth** is assistant portfolio manager in the fixed income department of Markel Corp. In 2004, he launched 'Just Duckin' Around,' a new lifestyle brand developed to promote the important things in life.

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**97** \* **Vickie Robertson Lilley**, coordinator of JMU's Adult Degree Program, is vice president of the Association of Virginia Individualized Studies Administrators and is newsletter director for Region V of the Association for Continuing Higher Education. \* **Catherine Kimberly Linberger** is captain of the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders. This year, she entertained troops in Iraq and the Middle East, her sixth tour entertaining military troops in 25 countries. She is an IT program manager for CACI. \* **Michael McFarland** is a U.S. Army captain and reservist with the 2-224th Aviation Battalion in Richmond. He pilots UH-60 Blackhawks. \* **Diane Fontana Raycob** earned certification in school administration from John's Hopkins University. \* **Leah N. Sansbury** earned a doctorate in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a Cancer Prevention Fellow at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda. \* **Neil Smith** earned a Bronze Star for combat service in Baghdad, Al Kut and Najaf with the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor in Iraq. He is commander of B-Company, 2-37 Armor, Friedberg, Germany. \* **Heather Fleischer Swan** earned her law degree from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. She is an associate at Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday in Bethesda, practicing commercial real estate law.

\* **Angie Wilkerson** of Keysville is Ms. Wheelchair Virginia 2005. She is a career adviser for Southside Community College at Randolph Henry High School and provides sensitivity awareness training for Compliance Alliance, an ADA-Title III compliance specialist firm. Wilkerson represented Virginia in the 33rd Ms. Wheelchair America program in July in Albany, N.Y. The Ms. Wheelchair Virginia non-profit organization raises awareness of the abilities and needs of the disabled. Learn more about Wilkerson at [www.mswheelchairva.com](http://www.mswheelchairva.com).



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**98** \* **Erin McManamon** traveled to Athens, Greece, to cover the summer Olympics for Hearst-Argyle Television's Washington News Bureau. The news producer also covered the 2004 Democratic National Convention, Iowa Caucus, New Hampshire Pri-

mary, presidential debates and candidates on election night. \* **Jina Smiley Narron** earned the Teacher of the Year award at Sampit Elementary, where she teaches music. She earned a Master's of Education in creative arts from Lesley University in Massachusetts. Narron and Bruce live in Andrews, S.C.

\* **April Roberts** is a George W. Bush political appointee in the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. She is a policy adviser for environmental and security issues involving the maritime community. \* **Capt. John C. Rudmin** has been mobilized for deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Correspondence information can be gathered through JMU ROTC at [www.jmu.edu/rotc](http://www.jmu.edu/rotc).

**99** \* **Peter Gould** earned a doctorate in clinical and school psychology from Hofstra University. \* **Amanda Kimball Helwig** earned a master's in elementary education from DePaul University. **Scott ('98)** is leading the U.S. Navy's rock band, Horizon, while stationed in Great

Lakes, Ill. The couple live in Chicago with their daughter, Grace. \* **Jeremy Morrison** is a design delineator for Libby Perszyk Kathman, an international design agency. \* **Kelly Ann Hynes O'Neill** earned an MBA from the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. \* **April Pish** is an in-house corporate attorney at KB Toys Inc. \* **Sara Simberg** joined the Morristown, N.J., law firm Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP as an associate. Simberg earned her law degree from Rutgers School of Law.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

**00** \* Former JMU running back and kick returner **Delvin Joyce** signed with the New York Jets, following the April 2005 NFL draft. Joyce played for the New York Giants in 2002 and 2003 before missing last season because of injuries. He has worked extensively as a kick returner at the professional level after becoming the first Division I-AA player to reach the 1,000-yard career mark in each of the statistical categories of rushing, receiving, kickoff returns and punt returns. At JMU, Joyce established Division I-AA records for punt-return yards and combined kick-return yards. \* **Theodore "Ted" Yeschin** works for the Arena Football League's Los Angeles Avengers.

**01** \* **Christopher John Kosobucki** earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Duke University. \* **Jeffrey Kowalsky** is assistant vice president, investment portfolio, with HSBC Bank USA in New York City. He previously worked as a portfolio manager with Freddie Mac. \* **Michael Monroe** lost his bid for the nonvoting U.S. Congressional seat representing Washington, D.C. He has launched a new networking society.

**02** \* **Kristin Stumpf Harmon** earned a bachelor's in nursing from Armstrong Atlantic State University and works on the pediatric floor of Candler Hospital in Savannah, Ga. \* **Noah Marlier** of Jenkintown, Pa., is serving in the Peace Corps in Malawi as a secondary education teacher trainer, assisting with HIV and AIDS training for rural community teachers. Marlier is a U.S. history teacher at Clover Hill High School near Richmond. The former JMU Student Ambassador joins the 260 Madison alumni who have served in the Peace Corps since the agency was formed in 1961.

**03** \* **2nd Lt. Jeffrey Cretz** graduated from Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Randolph AFB, Texas. He is assigned to the EC-130 Compass Call aircraft at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. \* **Kelly E. Williamson** temporarily relocated to Fort Myers, Fla., to work as an environmental education intern teaching at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium. A brick paving stone inscribed with her name will be placed in the pathway to the Calusa Butterfly Ariary to honor her dedication to environmental preservation.

**04** \* **Lindsey Michelle Hayes Kistner** teaches first grade in Chesterfield County. She is also assistant coach for Thomas Dale High School Cheerleaders. Seth teaches at Nottaway High School and is cross country head coach. \* **Ben Nicolls** won a Telly award for editing in the 26th Annual Telly Awards competition. His entry, *Discover at the Chrysler Museum of Art*, won a bronze award. Tellys honor outstanding local, regional and cable television commercials and programs, as well as video and film productions. More than 10,000 entries are received annually.

## Oral history project

*Harry Denis Hoover ('34) shares his pioneering spirit for Madison history*

**D**enis Hoover ('34) of Winchester enjoyed some notoriety as one of Madison's earliest male students. (Note the diploma signed by President Samuel Duke.) His pioneer status has given him a unique perspective on Madison history. Hoover shared his experiences as part of JMU's Centennial Oral History Project. In June, Charlotte Dombrower ('05), Steve Smith ('71) and David Taylor ('81) interviewed Hoover in Winchester, where he had been retired as principal of Bass-Hoover Elementary School. The school was renamed in his honor after his 41 years in education in the Winchester area. Hoover earned his B.S. in elementary teaching and supervision from the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg and his master's degree from George Mason University.

\* Do you know someone who should be interviewed about Madison's history? Contact [madisonmag@jmu.edu](mailto:madisonmag@jmu.edu) or (540) 568-2664.



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## ADP memorial scholarship endowed in record time

Through the generosity of Adult Degree Program students, alumni and supporters, the *Dwight M. Sours Memorial Scholarship* has been endowed in record time.

**Dwight Sours ('97, '03M)** of Stanley, Va., died Dec. 3, 2003, in an automobile accident. He was the dedicated president of JMU's Adult Degree Program Alumni Association at the

time and had just earned his master's in public administration. In July 2004, a scholarship fund was established with the goal of raising \$25,000 in five years to endow an annual award for a deserving adult student.

ADP students, alumni and supporters raised the \$25,000 in six months through donations and an online auction, according to ADP Alumni

Association president Daniel Finseth ('00). "We're delighted with the student and alumni support throughout the country," he says.

Contributions to the memorial scholarship can be mailed to the ADP office with checks made payable to JMU Foundation/Dwight Sours Fund at Adult Degree Program, MSC 1910, JMU, Harrisonburg, VA 22807. Learn more about Sours and the scholarship at [www.jmu.edu/adultdegree](http://www.jmu.edu/adultdegree).

**WELCOME TO JMU**



**Richmond Freshman Send-Off picnic**

Freshmen from the Richmond area were welcomed to the Madison family in one of 13 summer Freshman Send-Off Picnics. Richmond students and parents gathered at Robious Middle School in Midlothian for a lunch program sponsored by the JMU Parents Council.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- MILDRED TYLER IRVING ('27) of Warrenton
- FRANCES BELL DUNTON ('31) of Exmore, 12/1/03
- ELVA MASON EPPERLY ('33) of Hillsville, 11/16/04
- GRACE MADDEN MCCARTHY ('35) of New Market, 7/31/04
- MAJORIE NEWMAN BLACKMAN ('36) of Los Angeles, Calif, 5/1/04
- DORIS VERNA BUBB ('37) of Woodbridge, 9/26/03
- BEULAH COMER HUFFMAN ('39) of Luray, 1/13/04
- JANET WIMER PULLEY ('39) of Alexandria, 3/15/04
- VIRGINIA WARING MINGES ('42) of Greenville, N.C., 7/21/05
- MARY HOPE TURPIN ('44) of Kerrville, Texas, 3/9/04
- VIRGINIA MOORE WILEY ('46) of Roanoke, 7/16/04
- MARY HUNTER DREWREY ('48) of Dunnellon, Fla., 12/12/04
- MARJORIE PHELPS ('48) of Deltaville, 10/23/04
- JACQUELIN BROOKS EVERETT ('53) of Richmond, 3/29/05
- CAROL LYN RUSSELL ('55) of Williamsburg, 7/25/04
- JOYCE RINKER ALEXANDER ('56) of Hendersonville, N.C., 1/02/05
- LAVERNE WENGER CACCIAPAGLIA ('58) of Staunton, 1/12/05
- LARRY BOHNERT ('59) of Vienna, 8/29/04
- JOANNE BROWN WHITLEY ('65) of Hudgins, 6/3/04
- SYLVIA ANN OTTAWAY ('66) of Yorktown, 3/7/05
- ALISON DOHERTY ('80) of Germantown, Md., 3/20/05
- TIMOTHY JOSEPH GOWNLEY ('91) of Richmond, 2/03/05

**It pays to read the university magazine**

Eleven magazine readers won JMU prizes by updating their Madison profiles through a promotion in the winter issue of the magazine. Prizes and winners are:

- \* Set of two 2005 football season tickets: **Mindy Aitken Green ('94)** of Arlington, Va.
- \* Collection of JMU football NCAA Division I-AA Championship merchandise: **Jennifer Butt ('02)** of Ruckersville, Va.
- \* Collection of JMU football NCAA Division I-AA Championship merchandise: **Marybeth Murphy Connolly ('89M)** of Hudson, Ohio.
- \* JMU Football National Championship poster signed by Coach Mickey Matthews and players: **David Laun ('99)** of Fairfax, Va.
- \* *One Fish, Two Fish, Crawfish, Bluefish: The Smithsonian Sustainable Seafood Cookbook*, signed by the author, Carole Baldwin ('81): **Mary-Ellen Cross ('86)** of Alachua, Fla.
- \* *The Bachelorette Party*, signed by the author, Karen Lutz ('88): **Johanna Hopkins ('91)** of Hillsboro, Ore.
- \* *Hall of Mirrors: Power, Witchcraft, and Caste in Colonial Mexico*, signed by the author, JMU anthropology professor, Laura A. Lewis: **Ronald Wilmer ('80)** of Verona, Va.
- \* *Encyclopedia of Presidential Campaigns, Slogans, Issues, and Platforms*, signed by the authors, JMU political science professors Bob Roberts and Scott Hammond: **Sherry E. Parker ('07P)** of Bel Air, Md.
- \* Furious Flower 2005 conference poster: **J. David Black ('85)** of Winchester, Va.
- \* *Furious Flower: African American Poetry from the Black Arts Movement to the Present*, signed by the author, JMU English professor Joanne Gabbin: **Deborah Miller Knachel ('87)** of Richmond, Va.
- \* *I Bet She Called Me Sugar Plum*, signed by the author, JMU English professor Joanne Gabbin: **Maureen McGovern McCuen ('93)** of Paris, Texas.



**Lucille Jones Smead ('28)** of St. Simons Island, S.C., drew the winners' names while celebrating her 77th class reunion during Reunion Weekend in April. Prizes were displayed and winners names drawn during the Reunion Weekend's Madison Confessional program.

\* Reunion information: [www.jmu.edu/alumni](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni)



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to discover their own talents.



Attend the world premiere of *Rant*, a fun, flashy composition that JMU music theory professor Jason Haney has written for colleague Wanchi Huang to show off her virtuosic skills on the violin. Join them and JMU pianist Gabriel Dobner for an evening of *September Sonatas* at the Kennedy Center on Sept. 28. See Page 8 for ticket information.

When the Madison Connection calls this fall, please give to the Madison Fund and help faculty members like Haney, Huang and Dobner continue their work with JMU students. Or call the JMU development office at (800) 296-6162 to learn about other ways to give.



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