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Campaign exceeds \$150 million in commitments

IN BRIEF

- Annual giving is up 22 percent over same time last year
- Number of alumni and parent donors also ahead of Jan. 1, 2004 totals

The University's *Transforming Bright Minds* campaign has exceeded the \$150 million mark, campaign officials announced.

Of the total committed to the campaign as of Jan. 12, 2005, University trustees have committed \$46.6 million. A total of 37 donors have each made commitments of \$1 million or more.

The campaign total has reached 75 percent of its \$200 million goal with three and a half years remaining.

"We are delighted by the enthusiastic response of donors to the campaign as momentum continues to develop on behalf of the University's mission," noted President Bill Cooper.

An essential part of the campaign, the annual giving program has a 2004–05 goal of \$5 million. To date, the University has received \$3.2 million, an increase of 22 percent over the same

time last year. Annual gifts support yearly expenses for scholarships, curricular enhancements, library purchases, technology upgrades, student life programs and facilities improvements.

"We are working strategically to increase alumni giving," said Laura Doherty, director of annual programs. "This year the number of alumni who have given, compared to the same time last year, has increased significantly." A goal of reaching 40 percent alumni participation by the end of the campaign is a priority since alumni giving percentage is weighted heavily in national rankings, as well as by foundations and corporations when awarding grants, she added.

As of Jan. 12, 5,082 alumni have made gifts to the University for 2004–05, compared to 4,736 last year. Year-to-date parent donors have increased 56 percent, from 574 to 893.

University community rallies in response to tsunami disaster

The University's response to the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami that devastated communities from Southeast Asia to East Africa—many of which are home to University students and their families—is being led by a team of students, faculty and staff.

The Spider Community Tsunami Response (SCTR) initiative will organize fundraising activities and educational programs. Team members represent the offices of student development, chaplaincy, civic engagement and international education. Students selected by application will lead the overall effort and, under the guidance of faculty and staff, make final decisions about which agency or agencies will receive funds raised by SCTR.

"It is our hope that through this combined educational and fundraising effort our students will learn the complexities, challenges and promise of such a communal act of assistance and solidarity with those who have been affected by the tsunami disaster," commented Dr. Doug Hicks, director of the Center for Civic Engagement.

The first SCTR event will be a community-wide forum Jan. 20 at 4 p.m. in North Court Reception Room. The program will feature an expert panel, including Richmond students from the affected countries, and open discussion of the economic, historical, cultural and political contexts of the disaster and aid effort. Serving on the panel will be Dr. Walter Green III, associate professor of emergency services; Dr. Jennifer Nourse, associate professor of anthropology and sociology; Dr. Jonathan Wight, associate professor of economics; Suwara Supreeyathitikul, '08, of Thailand; and Balu Chandrasekaran, '07, of India. Hicks will moderate. *continued on page 2*

Reminder — Jan. 31 is the deadline for submitting proposed questions for **Richmond Quest IV**. The winning entry will receive \$25,000. For more information, visit <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/quest/QuestIV/competition.html>.

Boatwright Library tracks increased usage

IN BRIEF

- Gate count increased 31 percent in one year
- Functional, multi-purpose, comfortable environment attracting more students

Boatwright Library is the place to be on campus—and not just in the coffee shop.

The library's gate count increased 31 percent during academic year 2003–04 from 2002–03, say library officials. Gate count was tabulated at the entry to the library proper and does not include those entering only the coffee shop.

"Recent renovations to the library have created a functional, comforting environment with multiple purposes," said Jim Rettig, University librarian. He believes the renovations, along with longer operating hours, have led to greater usage of the building.

In October the library's first and second floors began remaining open from 9 p.m. until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays for anyone with a University ID. Early data shows more usage of the library in the extended hours than would be expected for just the computer room, which has been on a 24-hour schedule for several years.

Many of the library's changes resulted from comments by students, who asked for more quiet study space and access to computers, Rettig said.

Providing even more study space is a top priority in plans for a renovation costing up to \$3.5 million planned for the library's lower two levels, said Rettig. Approved by the Board of Trustees' executive committee and pending approval by the full board in March, the renovation would add study space, compact shelving and better lighting to the two floors. The work is part of a more extensive, \$24 million renovation and expansion of the entire library included in the University's capital campaign.

In looking at other university and community libraries, Rettig said that renaissance of libraries improves the life of the community. "And it has here," he observed.

Tsunami response includes fundraising and educational programs

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The University has established a fund for those who want to make a contribution to tsunami relief and rebuilding efforts through SCTR. Contributions may be made at the Chaplaincy office in the Wilton Center or the Center for Civic Engagement or Office of Student Activities, both in Tyler Haynes Commons. Checks should be made out to "University of Richmond" with SCTR fund in the memo line.

Donations to the SCTR fund will not be considered gifts to the University, and the entire balance of SCTR donations received will be forwarded to the agency (or agencies) that the faculty-advised student committee designates. Portions of the SCTR fund may eventually offset the designated agency's administrative costs and other forms of human assistance once the funds are received.

Faculty, staff and students also have the option of giving directly to a relief organization of their choosing. An extensive list of agencies and information about their work can be found

at the following Web sites: <http://interaction.org>, <http://www.guidestar.org> and <http://www.networkforgood.org>.

"While the human scale of disasters such as this is almost impossible for us to understand intellectually, I continue to believe that our hearts are big enough to respond," said the Rev. Dr. Daphne Burt, University chaplain. "Even before everyone had returned from winter break, our office was inundated by queries from students, faculty and staff, all asking what we could do to help. The SCTR initiative is yet another example of the depth of compassion and size of the hearts of the University community."

For more information about the University's tsunami response efforts, contact the Office of the Chaplaincy at ext. 8500 or the Center for Civic Engagement at ext. 1600 or e-mail engage@richmond.edu. Information also is available at <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/student/life/chaplaincy/main.htm> and <http://engage.richmond.edu>.

Alumni return to discuss 'real world' issues

IN BRIEF

- 40 alumni to return for program Jan. 28–29
- Undergraduates can network, ask questions and learn about various careers

They're hip. They're professional. They're Spiders. And they want to talk to you.

With that message, University of Richmond student leaders are encouraging their fellow undergraduates to attend The Real World, a program Jan. 28–29 featuring 40 alumni who will discuss the career and life lessons they have learned since graduation.

The 2005 program is the fourth the University has sponsored.

"It has been a pleasure to see students and alumni interacting year after year," said Ken Kraper, vice president of student affairs for the Richmond College Student Government Association. "Students don't always know what their majors and minors mean for them when they graduate, but the alumni have a very experiential way of demonstrating that the possibilities for them are endless."

Returning alumni represent the classes of 1991–98. Some are vice presidents of corporations; others have found success as lobbyists, lawyers or legislative workers. They have entertained on the big and small screens, taught elementary and high

school students, and worked in sports-related fields.

"The alumni reassure us as students that we will be able to survive after graduation, and they help us to understand better that the University of Richmond degree will take us to amazing places," said Kristen Emerson, alumni affairs committee chair for the Westhampton College Government Association.

The schedule includes a life lessons panel, career breakout sessions and networking.

The panel will allow students to interact with alumni in a question-and-answer format about issues beyond career, such as balancing career and family, traveling, or starting out on a small salary, said Kraper.

Alumni then will lead breakout sessions, including government, law, health and medicine, financial services, arts, media, and others to talk about their career paths and experiences. Finally, students and alumni will have time both days to discuss career advice one-on-one. In the past, such networking time has resulted in internships and permanent jobs for students.

For more information about The Real World, visit <http://cdc.richmond.edu/realworld>.

Jepson School announces two appointments

One Jepson School faculty member will assume part-time administrative duties, and a former administrator has returned to the school, announced Dr. Kenneth Ruscio, Jepson School dean.

Dr. Tom Wren, associate professor of leadership studies and a longtime member of the Jepson School faculty, will assume the new position of associate dean for academic affairs on July 1. His responsibilities will include general oversight of the curriculum, course scheduling, and interpretation of academic policy for students. He also will have responsibility for several newly developed academic programs, such as the *Jepson Annual Review* and the Burns Lectureship. Wren's administrative duties are half-time, and he will continue to teach.

Ruscio said Dr. Teresa Williams, former associate dean, has returned to the school as special assistant to the dean.

She will assume the title associate dean for student and community affairs on July 1. In her new role, Williams will advise student government and co-curricular programs, work on assessment and administer experiential education programs, including the internship program. For the next six months she will work on a variety of assignments, including the development of an assessment plan and a study of experiential education programs.

"The appointments of these two talented and experienced individuals will enable Jepson to continue to serve its constituencies and develop new programs and initiatives," said Ruscio.

For the remainder of the academic year, Dr. Terry Price will continue to serve as acting associate dean and Colette Conner will continue as director of student services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

Jan. 20

Community forum on tsunami disaster

4 p.m., North Court Reception Room

The first event sponsored by the Spider Community Tsunami Response initiative will feature a panel discussion, including students from areas affected by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami. There will be an open discussion of the economic, historical, cultural and political contexts of the disaster as well as the aid effort. The forum is free and open to the public.

Jan. 20, 21 & 23

International Film Series

Facing Windows (Italian)

In 2004 *Facing Windows* swept the Italian equivalent of the Oscars, winning Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Film and Best Music. The film is a romantic mystery consisting of two interlocking story lines. The series is free and open to the public. Thursday and Sunday showings are at 7:30 p.m. in Jepson 118. The Friday showing is at 3 p.m. in the Adams Auditorium of Boatwright Memorial Library.

Jan. 27

Jepson Leadership Forum

"From Campaigning to Governing: What Next, Mr. President?"

7 p.m., Modlin Center for the Arts

Margaret Warner, chief Washington correspondent of PBS' *The NewsHour*, will moderate a discussion among White House observers. Panelists include Dan Balz, national political correspondent for the *Washington Post*; Alan Ehrenhalt, executive editor of *Governing* magazine; Pam Fessler, correspondent on NPR's national desk, which covers Washington and political stories; and Marsha Mercer, Media General's Washington bureau chief. Tickets are required but free. Call the Box Office at ext. 8980 for tickets.

Jan. 27, 28 & 30

International Film Series

Distant (Turkish)

An independent photographer named Mahmut finds his ordered life disturbed when his wife leaves him and his cousin moves in after becoming unemployed. *Distant* won the Grand Jury Prize and the two leads shared the Best Actor award at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival. The series is free and open to the public. Thursday and Sunday showings are at 7:30 p.m. in Jepson 118. The Friday showing is at 3 p.m. in the Adams Auditorium of Boatwright Memorial Library.

Feb. 2

Lunchtime Forum

Tanja Softic, speaker

11:30 a.m.–1:20 p.m.

Heilman Dining Center, Richmond Room

The fourth Lunchtime Forum for 2004–05, co-sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences and the University Club, will be held Feb. 2. Tanja Softic, associate professor of art, will discuss "De Rerum Natura: What Drawing Is." All faculty and staff from any academic school or administrative unit, including retired faculty and staff, are invited to pick up a free lunch in the University Club between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., take it to the Richmond Room and enjoy lunch and conversation until 12:30 p.m. Then Softic will speak for 20 minutes, no more, about her scholarly work. A half-hour of questions, comments and discussion will follow, with the proceedings ending at 1:20 p.m.

Anyone who plans to pick up a free lunch should sign up in advance at the University Club or reserve a lunch through Rosa Garcia of Dining Services (rgarcia2@richmond.edu or ext. 8511) by noon Jan. 28. Of course, anyone who wishes to bring his or her own lunch, or not to have lunch, also will be welcome.

The fifth speaker in this year's series, Dr. Leslie Keiler, assistant professor of education, will share her ongoing research on "Middle School Science: In Pursuit of Excellence at a Time of High Stakes Assessment." Mark your calendars for March 2!

Feb. 2

Urban Practice and Policy Forum, "The University and the Local Community: What Questions Should We Be Asking?"

7:30 p.m., Jepson Hall, Room 118

Speakers for this first UPP Forum event include Dr. David Maurrassee, assistant professor in the Department of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and author of *Beyond the Campus: How Colleges and Universities Form Partnerships with Their Communities*; Dr. Ken Ruscio, dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies; and Dr. Harlan Beckley, director of the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability and Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Religion at Washington and Lee University.

Feb. 2

Black History Celebration

Soweto Gospel Choir

7:30 p.m., Camp Concert Hall, Booker Hall of Music

The Soweto Gospel Choir celebrates the unique and inspirational power of African gospel music. The 26-member group draws on the best talent from churches in and around Soweto.

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The choir has recently had sold-out tours in Australia/New Zealand and Edinburgh and is securing its place as one of South Africa's most exciting new finds. Tickets are \$20 for Richmond faculty/staff and \$5 for students. Call the Box Office at ext. 8980.

Meetings and Deadlines

Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, April 25 (if needed)

Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Participants (IRB)

12:45 p.m., Dean's Conference Room

Boatwright Administrative Wing, Room 4

Please remember that research involving human subjects may not begin before approval is received. Though some applications can be processed quickly through expedited review, others must be considered by the entire committee at the next scheduled meeting. To avoid delay, please submit your application to the IRB well in advance—at least two to three weeks—of the planned starting date for your research. Applications are available online at oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad_a&s/forms/index.html.

Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 (if needed)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

1 p.m., Dean's Conference Room

Boatwright Administrative Wing, Room 4

All faculty contemplating research on animals are reminded that the federal government requires that such research be cleared by the University IACUC. Applications for proposals are available at oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad_a&s/forms/index.html.

Proposals should be submitted well in advance—at least two to three weeks—to be considered at a scheduled meeting of the IACUC. Federal regulations also require that the University provide training and education for all individuals working with laboratory animals. To comply with those regulations, the IACUC is requiring that all individuals—faculty, staff, lab assistants, and undergraduate and graduate students—working with laboratory animals view the film *Animal Care Matters* before beginning work. Copies of the film are available in the biology and psychology departments, the Media Resource Center and the Graduate School Office.

Around Campus

Academic Skills Center

The Academic Skills Center will resume services for the 2005 spring term on Monday, Jan. 24. A cadre of tutors is on-call until then if students need tutoring before the opening date. Assistance is provided in study skills, such as test strategies,

information processing, note-taking and concentration. Assistance also is available in time and stress management. The center provides peer tutoring in calculus, physics, foreign languages, accounting, logic and a host of other disciplines. Students should call ext. 8626 or come by the center to schedule an appointment. Tutorial support will be provided from 5–9 p.m., Monday–Thursday.

New library Web site

The library's new Web site debuted on Jan. 3, 2005. The new Web page address is: <http://library.richmond.edu>, so all bookmark and link addresses for the library's resources need to be changed. Users will find the same content on the site, but the new layout will make it easier to find library sources and services. If you have questions on how to navigate the site, please contact Lucretia McCulley, head, Outreach and Instruction Services at lmcculle@richmond.edu.

Women's basketball vs. Temple on ESPN2

The athletic department and women's basketball team cordially invite you to attend their important game against Temple on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. This game will be televised on ESPN2, and we need a Spider-friendly crowd to demonstrate to the sports world that we are the up-and-coming team to watch in 2005! There is a rivalry that exists between Richmond and Temple, with each team positioning for first place in the A-10 conference. Please come with your family and friends and support the team. The student athletes will appreciate it, and you will enjoy a very entertaining afternoon.

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