



A graduate's farewell to Richmond

A time for reflections and thanks

Indrani Raychaudhuri is from India. She majored in Communications

One hundred and nine students from forty-six countries participated in the May graduation in Kensington Town Hall on the afternoon of 10 May 2001. As in all Richmond graduations, members of the graduating class are selected as speakers in the ceremony. Arijit Kumar Bhaumik, a Psychology major from India, opened the ceremony by welcoming everyone. After the awarding of honorary degrees and the presentation of the BA degrees, Indrani Raychaudhuri rose to the podium to give her farewell address.

Indrani's recollected experiences reflected the memories and feelings of many graduates – new alumni – in the hall. As she began to speak of her journey she remarked that, 'Time has indeed flown past me in the last two and a

half years that I have been at Richmond. Coming to Richmond, and studying here was the beginning of a whole new phase in my life. Beginning in Fall of '98, I realized that I had just begun on a journey which would last me for the next several years with a bounty of experiences and knowledge which I would then carry into the real world. I still remember entering the doors at the Hill campus along with my father, while my mother and grandfather waited outside anxiously, anticipating a completely alien atmosphere.'

'Before I realized it, it was the end of the orientation week and time to say goodbye to my parents. Left to face a completely new life, I was determined to become an important part of this unique and diverse community at Richmond. What kept me going were a few

words that my father bestowed upon me at the beginning of this Richmond journey and which I still remember to this day. He said he had "full faith in me", and he knew I would keep the flag flying!'

'It's been two and half years now and suddenly I realize it is time to say goodbye to Richmond. I believe that all my fellow graduates present here at this ceremony have their own story to tell like me.'

'As a student I have always believed that the experience is what you make of it and not how it comes to you. The chats with our professors after class, asking for an extension of deadlines, the busy cafeteria at lunch time, nights in the computer lab trying to finish papers and lots more, remind us of what we have made of our experience at Richmond. Events, whether International Night or Global Village lectures, bring this community together, and I am proud to have been a part of it.'

'Being a Richmond graduate also means getting the very best of Richmond's international environment. Being a Richmond student one attains an international persona, almost unconsciously when we come into contact with people from more than 100 different nationalities from across the world.'

'This experience is also enriched because of certain people with whom we have come into contact in our years at Richmond. There were members of the staff and faculty whom we regarded as our ideals, and some who deeply inspired and encouraged us. Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my special thanks to all my lecturers among whom certain special people have been my mentors for the past two and half years. There are several members of staff such as security, residence life, and student affairs, who have also been an important part of my life at Richmond. The list of Richmond names to thank and remember is endless.'

'Sitting among the audience today are three very special people in my life without whose determined support, blessings and encouragement I would have never been where I am today - my parents and grandfather, and also my grandmother who could not make it here to this ceremony due to travel constraints.'

'I would like to thank the Richmond Community on behalf of the graduating class of 2001 for making our experience unique; and I would like to wish all my fellow graduates a very successful life ahead. Thank you.'

To the sound of applause and the strains of The Barbican Brass Ensemble the Trustees, Governors and Faculty led the new alumni to the next stage of their lives. ■

Spring graduation

Honorary degrees and prizewinners

Selected to receive honorary degrees were: Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas, US Ambassador to Senegal who was awarded Doctor of Laws. Dr. James Ragan, Poet and Director of The University of Southern California's Professional Writing Program, was awarded Doctor of Letters. Professor Susan Greenfield, Professor of Pharmacology at The University of Oxford and Director of the Royal Institution, was awarded Doctor of Science. Professor Greenfield gave the graduation address in which she spoke about her work on the human brain. Her book, *The Human Brain: a Guided Tour*, preceded a television series from which another book, *Brain Story* has been published. Another book, *The Private Life of the Brain* was published in 2000. She told the audience that she was not a

scientist when she began university and how her interest in understanding why people behaved the way they did led her to study science and the brain, from which she developed her current research on Alzheimer's Disease.

The School of Business was pleased to select the following students for prizes: Marko Brankovic (Slovakia) Honors degree in Economics candidate; Alusine Bangura (Sierra Leone) Concentration in Finance and OU Honors candidate, Asparuh Bonev (Bulgaria) Concentration in Finance and OU Honors candidate, Chinwe Mgbenwelu (USA) Concentration in Marketing and OU Honors candidate, Lindsay Cates (USA) Concentration in International Business and OU Honors candidate, Marc Whybrow (UK) Concentration in

International Business and OU Honors candidate, Nadeen Shirawi (Bahrain) Concentration in Economics OU Honors candidate.

The School of Arts and Sciences recognized the following graduates for excellent work: Sarah Al-Muftah (Qatar) for studies in Design, Gulano Sulemangi (Mozambique) for Computing (OU), Sandra Dennis (Germany) for her work in International Relations (OU), Nora Kovacheva (Bulgaria) for her work in International Relations, Katherine Mallory (USA) for her work in Sociology (OU), Penny Leroux (USA) for her studies in Psychology (OU), Indrani Raychauduri (India) for her work in Communications, Hazel Baltao (Philippines) for her work in Theatre Arts, Diana Haber (USA) for her studies in History (OU)

Congratulations to each awardee and honoree. ■



Graduation is an opportunity to award honors to people who have achieved much and enriched the lives of others, Richmond's May graduation recognised both graduates and professional people.

Technology Center opening

A year ago Richmond embarked on a new educational venture - the Cisco Networking Academy Program (CNAP) and established the Richmond Technology Center in what was once the lower division library. On 14 May 2001, the Mayors of Richmond upon Thames and of Kensington and Chelsea, along with representatives from CISCO, attended the opening ceremony at the Hill campus.

At the opening, Dr. Reza Joadat, Director of the Richmond Technology Center and lecturer in Computing and Systems engineering, described the program. In keeping with the Richmond tradition, the students came from diverse backgrounds with regard to nationality, age and employment. Already one hundred students have enrolled on the program, including Richmond undergraduates and external adult professionals. All participants

have access to Richmond's facilities including the Cyril Taylor library. In addition, students are able to order books through Pearson's on-line bookshop, and receive a discount for all books ordered.

Richmond is designated a Cisco International Regional Academy and, through the Technology Center, students are able to take Cisco courses at two levels of certification: Cisco Certificate of Network Associates (CCNA), Cisco Certificate of Network Professionals (CCNP). The program is available on both a part time and a full time basis to accommodate different needs. Richmond is currently in the process of becoming an Authorized Academic Training Partner, which will enable students to take the Microsoft MCSE course. In addition, students can select Microsoft Office User Specialist courses



First graduates of CISCO Academy, May 2001

(MOUS) and the European Computer Driving License (ECDL). The ECDL is currently on offer via home study via a CD with trouble shooting sessions at the Technology Center.

Further information and application information is available at www.richtc.com. Alumni are invited to return to Richmond to develop their IT skills and gain an internationally recognized qualification. ■

Day of Student Recognition

Helen Woo

Director Student Activities and Assistant Dean of Students



Student Council President Michael Drane

On the evening of Wednesday 18 April 2001, over 200 students, faculty and guests attended Richmond's ninth annual Day of Student Recognition held at the Royal Star and Garter in Richmond Hill.

Held each spring, this ceremony honors students from both campuses and across all majors for their hard work in their studies and their contribution to extra-curricular life at the University. Students are nominated for academic awards by the faculty and for awards in student life by Student Affairs staff, student leaders and student organization advisors.

Both students and organizations were cited this year for awards such as Best Event, Best New Student Organization, Most Improved Student Organization, and Student Organization of the Year. Other students recognized this year included, Richmond's AIFS Merit Scholars, Ms. Kim Schmucker, the 2001-2002 Student Council President-Elect, and the awarding of the Student Organization Mentor of the Year. Other highlights include the Student Elected Staff and Lecturer awards, which were given to Michael Wiggins, the Pacific House receptionist, and soon-to-be Dr. Fabian Biancardi, respectively.

Congratulations to all the students who were nominated. For those who did not attend this year's ceremony, there is always next year! ■

Richmond in Moscow

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Furry hats, cold weather and bear hugs, these are some of the things stereotypically associated with Russia and its people. This Spring, thirteen undergraduate students made their way to Moscow for, what will always be remembered as, a spectacular whirlwind experience to a country that only lives in the imagination of most of the world's population.

Every spring Dr. Wolfgang Deckers, along with the support of Dr. Peter W. Schulze from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Moscow State University, takes a group of students to Russia to participate in informational workshops. This year the workshop was entitled 'Problems of Transition in Russia', which covered current issues effecting the political, social and economic aspects of the country today. Many of the lectures discussed President Putin's first year in office, and whether or not Russia is still in a period of renovation and transition or has found a stable base from which to start building.

To compliment the learning experience from the workshops, Richmond students were given the opportunity to meet and spend time with some of the students attending Moscow State University. The majority of the students we met were in the process of writing and developing

their Phd's! They were very excited to show us around their beautiful, but chilly, city. It was wonderful to see the mutual interest we had in each other. Questions and explanations about our countries and our lives flowed freely throughout the time spent together.

Although the academic side of the trip was important, most students benefited from the experience of touring around the city of Moscow. The magnificence of the Metro stations and Red Square at night caused our eyes to sparkle with a profound sense of awe. We will find it hard to forget the pride which the Russian people clearly take in their history. We will also long remember the Bolshoi Ballet and the Circus.

This visit to Moscow was a perfect combination of learning and exploring for all of us. It allowed us space to develop a picture of a city that had only once been a figment of the imagination for many. Without the patience and trust of Dr. Wolfgang Deckers and Dr. Peter Schulze, this trip would not have been as successful. The memories of Moscow will stay with each of us as we continue to develop in our fields of study at Richmond. This sort of experience is what makes Richmond a marvelous stepping stone to students' success in the global world we live in today. ■

Language and inter-cultural communication



Alice Tomic and Laura Lengel

In April this year, Richmond Communications faculty Laura Lengel and Alice Tomic, were invited by Professor Jean Aitchison and Rupert Murdoch, Chair of Communications at Oxford University, to present a paper at the Language, Media and International Communication Conference. Their paper, 'Channels of Subversion: Dislocating and Relocating Cultural Identities in Resistance to Globalisation', focused

on the work of women artists and film-makers including Mona Hatoum, Shirin Neshat and Samira Makhmalbaf and was well received by the international audience in the large Lecture Hall of St. Catherine's College.

This presentation reflects the ongoing involvement of both Alice Tomic, Chair, Department of Communication and Fine Arts and Laura Lengel, Senior Lecturer in Communications, in the launch of a new international association, the International Association of Languages and Intercultural Communication and the launch of a new journal called Language and Intercultural Communication of which Alice Tomic is Joint Editor and Dr. Lengel is Reviews and Criticism Editor. The first issue was published in June 2001. For more information consult the website: www.cf.ac.uk/encap/sections/lac/ialic/ ■



International Night 2001

Sunday, 8 April was the date of the 21st annual Richmond International Night, the one event which students look forward to in order to display the beauty of their multi-colored cultural identity against the backdrop of spring. This year's event was held at the Hippodrome for the last time. The spirit and energy that radiated from the mega-club's walls will have to find a new home in the future.

Guests were giddy and expectant as friends, students, and alumni met up again leaving their work and studies for this annual celebration. Richmond alumni Abraham Jalo '00 and Mounia Sinaceur experienced a sense of déjà vu as they recollected memories of their senior year and International Night. Abraham, last year's International Night Chair, wished everybody well.

Though the backdrop of this year's event was far from 'springy' with torrential rains beating down the human spirit, the theme reflected the 'Elements'. Just as fire, water, earth, metal, and wood are the basic

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individual necessities of life, together they assist in sustaining the life cycle. Individually, Richmond students possess qualities that make them unique. By bringing the students together, the mixture of languages, cultures, politics, and religion sustains the life cycle of the university's international community.

Just like spring, International Night blossomed from winter slumber. The introductory dance had an agitated start as most of the dancers looked frightened or very stressed. Of course at this time of year, with papers and exams looming, who could blame them? But within minutes the team got their nerve back as the Indian-inspired rock music, reached its pinnacle. Then, Student Council President and part-time MC, Mike Drane '01 tickled the audience by lip-syncing Frank Sinatra's 'Kick in the Head' and by twirling

study-abroads, Wendy Mandelson and Shannon Cantor around the stage.

West Africa was notable for its sexy, groovy beats as the dancers infused various dance styles into the music of the Yoruba people of Nigeria. Dancers for China made a pop tribute to martial arts legend, Bruce Lee. The song has western pop roots to signify Lee's contribution of Chinese culture to the Western World, and the dance itself was created around his fighting stance. The performance by Polynesia, combined neo-Tahitian and Hawaiian music into a warm tropical blend. Then Sweden shook the crowd from its seats as Katy Nezami '01 and Karin Kilberg '01 performed three of Abba's most famous songs. Almost everyone in the audience had a little Abba in their lives and the lyrics rolled off everyone's tongues.

This year's production emphasized a new approach to cultural expression. There was unity in the diversity and originality of artistic approach, representing Western styles and elements of the past. ■

Richmond Faculty

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Will Brooker

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Alex Seago

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Alice Tomic

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100,000 march against anti-racism

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I got on to the tube dressed in jeans, trainers and a T-shirt that read 'Love not Hate' (which I felt was appropriate for the occasion, very 'university' like!). With me, I carried Thomas L Friedman's 'The Lexus and the Olive Tree, Understanding Globalization' along with 'The Independent', a bouquet of flowers and a bag packed with fruit, water and gum. Despite having all this reading material with me, I was too distracted to concentrate on anything. I just kept thinking to myself, where exactly am I going? What will I find there? What will it be like? Will I make it in time? Will I make it back in time for International Night? Is anyone else on the tube going there, and if not why not?

What I knew for sure was that today was going to be an experience. What I was not aware of was the impact this particular experience would have on me. I officially felt like a university student off on an adventure! Sounds corny I know, but it was an exciting journey! I was about to attend the Gypsy Council's Romani National Day anti-racist demonstration. This march of 100,000 was taking place in 150 towns and cities from Belgrade to Bogota, from Sydney to Stockholm.

I reached Parliament Square at around 2:45pm just as the Gypsy Council was welcoming everyone. Overwhelmed by the crowd, I pushed my way in and found everyone to be very friendly. Above my head was a huge banner that read 'Ustiben 2001' (meaning-Awakening). Around me, people from the streets joined in the demonstration and our numbers slowly grew. We stood under the banner as music started, and the power of our presence grew with each person. Whilst I concentrated on the speech being given about the purpose of the march, a couple introduced themselves to me. They were Romanian and were surprised to meet a Turkish Cypriot for the first time! It made no difference where we each came from, since we were united in a common purpose - to remember and demonstrate against all the victims of racist attacks around the world.

They introduced me to their friends. One of them had his five year old daughter perched on his shoulders, looking down on us. I

wondered how the view was up there as she towered above our heads, an innocent bystander. In the end I began to feel as if I was a part of their family! Though I probably will never see them again, I will never forget the day we shared together.

We all listened to the music, some danced others cried - it was a peculiar mix of emotions. We sang in unison to The Romani Anthem 'Gelem Gelem' (meaning-we traveled on). Some knew it by heart, others, like me, read it off the leaflets handed out by the Council. It was reminiscent of the 1960's civil rights movement song 'We shall overcome'. At the end of the anthem all of us started making our way towards Westminster Bridge to cast flowers into the Thames in memory of all the Gypsies around the world who had lost their lives due to racism. Once I had thrown my bouquet of white tulips into the river, my group all held hands and we had a moment of silence for the victims. All of us then started to drift away, each of us heading off to our separate lives.

Once on my own, I thought to myself how lucky I was to be a part of such a meaningful demonstration and that, in a couple of hours time, I would be celebrating my university's cultural diversity in International Night! I went through a transition phase, from one environment fighting evil to another celebrating unity in diversity (the ideal world)! ■



Seago awarded prize

Professor Alex Seago, Chair, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been selected to receive the Stone-Suderman Prize by the Mid-America American Studies Association for the best essay published in the journal *American Studies* in the year 2000. The prize was for his essay *Where Hamburgers Sizzle on an Open Grill Night & Day; Pop Music & Americanization in the Year 2000*.

The committee was impressed with his 'elegant melding of both social science theory with aesthetic analysis and a political economy approach with cultural studies.' The Committee also felt that his 'critical commentary on received wisdom concerning American "cultural imperialism" and "Americanization" was well-argued and needed.'

Dr. Seago was presented with the award at the annual luncheon of MAASA in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday 21 April this year. His current research is on popular music, 'McDonaldization' and globalization. And he is giving a paper on the topic in July at the International Association for the Study of Popular Music Conference (IASPM) in Turku, Finland. ■

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A kaleidoscope of ideas...

Richmond's bi-annual student research conference

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In Fall 1998, the School of Arts and Sciences established a new academic tradition – The RAIUL Biannual Student Research Conference. Founded by Dr. Laura Lengel, Senior Lecturer in Communication at Richmond, and organized in collaboration with faculty members Dr. Christine Zaher, Dr. Will Brooker, Dr. Melissa Wilby, John Fraser, Julia Hathaway, Dr. John Dickerson and Nancy Woodruff, students give presentations in a day-long series of panels. Dr. Lengel explained that the purpose is, 'to give students a sense of academic conferences and to prepare them for postgraduate level research as well as future academic or professional pursuits'. Using fresh perspectives on contemporary issues and lively interdisciplinary debates, the conference has involved more than 300 students over the past six semesters, and is an academic focal point each semester.

Delivering a paper to a group of peers

can be 'a nerve-wracking experience at every level' says Dr. Brooker, Lecturer in Communications, yet, 'the opportunity provides invaluable practice and experience.' The topics have ranged from Gender, Race and National Identities to Cultural Studies & Globalization to Film and Media.

The conference opens with an address by either Dr. Richard Resch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, or Dr. Jane Friedrichs, Dean of School of Arts and Sciences. Each presentation is followed by questions and lively debate. Presenters are assessed by faculty on the content, structure and overall presentation skills.

I participated in two conferences as part of Research and Writing and Senior Seminar in Communications. My research on 'Indian Women in Journalism' studied their movement from 'From Newsrooms to Warzones' and combined both primary and



secondary qualitative research. The combination of practice and experience gained, while presenting at the conference, encourages new ideas, and it also 'engages [students] in creating strong academic links across the University,' says Dr. Lengel.

Each conference gives students valuable experience, and Dr. Brooker points out that it 'offers students a sense that they are involved in serious and worthwhile research which could be pursued at postgraduate level or in a media-related career.' ■

Briefing Notes in Economics

Issues No. 48 (March/April) and 49 (June/July) of Briefing Notes in Economics, edited by Parvis Dabir-Alai is on the BNE web site

Papers by David Steele and Julian Wright on *Forward Premium Bias under Different Monetary Policy Environments* & Amitrajeet Batabyal (Utah State University) *The Economics of Land Use, Wilderness Designation, and Resource Regulation in the American West*

Book review by Sabine Spangenberg & Professor Walter Elkan reviews Peter Bauer *From Subsistence to Exchange* and other essays

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Alumnus' charity recital

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On the evening of 19 April 2001, Chris Howell, '98, gave a song recital in St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road, for the Richmond community, local Kensington neighbors and interested alumni. Supported by the Activities Office, the concert was attended by about 100 people and raised £550 through ticket sales, donations and sponsorship that was donated to the charity IMPACT. They provide immunization, accessible surgery, ending hidden hunger, healthy ageing, safer motherhood and child survival, early identification and treatment and poverty alleviation to global communities.

Chris, a baritone, has studied classical music while working part-time as Resident

Director in Atlantic House, in Kensington. He has studied classical singing with Eve Cohn and has combined his vocal studies with language courses in order to be able to sing in other languages. His concert presented music ranging from eighteenth century Italian composers to songs by George Gershwin. Chris hopes to combine his theatrical background with music to sing opera professionally and more often in public. He also hopes to sing more light music as well.

Alumni who attended the concert included Christina Chamberlain '93, Christopher Gerth '97, Hiroko Kamogawa '98, Simon Fernandez '95, Debra Scacco '98, Salwa Mufarrej '99, Jenny Brown '99, Julie Hunsicker '99. ■

Politics Association Conference

Ayse Alibeyoglu, Beatriz Garcia, Paul Monson

Ayse Alibeyoglu is from Cyprus; Beatriz Garcia is from Ecuador; Paul Monson is from USA. They are each Freshman planning to major in Political Science and International Relations respectively

Neil McNaughton, head of the Politics Association, opened the annual conference held at University of London this Spring. Approximately fifty students from all over the UK attended, including three from Richmond. The program involved three separate lectures; on Party Ideologies in Britain, Parliamentary Reform and on Rights in the UK.

In his passionate speech on Party Ideologies in Britain, Richard Kelly from Manchester Grammar School, described the scene in the years 1982-1984. He included the four major ideologies at the time; Conservatism, Labourism, Liberalism (Liberal-SDP alliance) and Celtic Nationalism (SNP-Plaid Cymru) as well as the dominant issue at the time 'Capitalism or Not?' He went on to describe the current concern of 'Which Capitalism: Laissez-Faire or Euro-Protectionist?' Finally, Kelly concluded his lecture by posing the question 'Does Party Ideology Matter?' His effective speech

provoked much debate.

Professor Philip Norton of Hull University followed with an invigorating lecture on Parliamentary Reform. Reformers are calling for changes, including constitutional reform, proportional representation, fixed term elections, and separation of powers between executive and legislative branches, which would transform the House of Commons into a policy making body instead of a rubber stamp for the current government. Professor Norton's lecture was insightful and contemporary as well as responsive to the fact that the English electorate is currently experiencing disillusionment with its elected officials.

The Human Rights lecture, given by Gillian Peele of Oxford University, gave the audience an insight on the background and characteristics of the human rights act in the UK. Peele discussed the peculiarity of the act, which comprises both British points as well as those from the European Agreement of

Human Rights. She explained that the rights covered by the act are divided into 'absolute rights', - those that can't be taken away on any grounds, - and other 'flexible rights', such as privacy, as well as the impact on British political life. She explained the controversy that lies in the lack of legislative power of the judges, who only have the right to notify of an incompatibility not to invalidate laws set by Parliament. Her insight about the future of the act and how it can be improved included the conflict between the human rights of the European Union and those of Britain. An important feature she mentioned is the 'rights are classic civil ones', and so there is a lack of attention paid to social well-being. Peele stated that she believes more of the EU rights should be incorporated in this act.

As a result of this presentation, the participants gained an insight into the British conception of human rights and of British politics, which is important to us while we live in the UK. ■

New York City, Mini-MBA Reunion

Heidi Hoover (MBA) '00

Heidi is working at Tiffany's in New York City

Richmond MBA alumni could not have asked for a more beautiful spring evening on Sunday 22 April, for their first local mini-reunion in New York. The Pinnacle Bar at the Times Square Hilton provided an inviting backdrop for the cocktail hour attendees: Jamie Luangaphay '99, Kawai Siu '00, David Liew '99, Heidi Hoover '00 and

their guests. It was an additional bonus that they served Guinness on tap. Cheers! The celebration continued on to Marlowe's where they enjoyed a lovely dinner in the restaurant's garden and were later joined by Wini Anadan and her fiancé.

Despite the ill-tempered waiter, everyone enjoyed reminiscing about Richmond days. We shared quite a few laughs, and exchanged intellectual banter. (Yes, we do have intellectual conversation in the Big Apple!)

Brittany Unis '98, Komal Choksi '98, Jonathan Fenton '00, Teresa Fahy, Brooke

D'Argenio '99 and Joe DeVelasco '00 unfortunately were unable to attend the evening's festivities but sent their kindest regards.

Due to the evening's success, the group is planning additional reunion outings which include a movie screening (April), Yankee's game (June) and Summer Cocktails' mixer class (June). To find out more on 'NYC Tri-State Richmond Alums Local Get Togethers', please contact Kawai Siu at kawaiuiu@yahoo.com or by telephone at 212-640-8973. ■

Reunion in Kuala Lumpur

On the occasion of the visit of Alan McIvor, Vice President for Enrolment Management, to Kuala Lumpur for the Education UK Expo in March of this year, a local alumni gathering was planned. La Bodega in Bangsar was the location for the first alumni gathering in Kuala Lumpur.

Thanks to all the efforts of Aziz Sattar '93 to plan the reunion on a busy holiday weekend, a small but loyal group of undergraduate alums

met and shared their stories of times at Richmond. Aziz has worked with Richmond's admissions office as a representative for several years assisting recruitment links. Alumni interested in helping to recruit graduate or undergraduate students should contact the alumni office at alumni@richmond.ac.uk.

Alumni who were present included Vijay Kishenchand Tirathrai '88, his brother Bhushan Tirathrai '93 and Aziz Sattar '93. New connections were made and links with Richmond renewed, and we hope that at our next reunion more alumni based in Kuala Lumpur will be able to attend. ■



Reunion in Kuala Lumpur, Vijay Kishenchand Tirathrai '88, Alan McIvor, Aziz Sattar '93 and Bhushan Tirathrai '93

London MBA Mini Reunion

On the occasion of MBA graduates Kimeo Carr '98 visiting London, and Ozlem Gunduz '00 returning to London for a new job, MBA alumni gathered in Bertie's Bar in The Royal Garden Hotel on the evening of 9 April. Rania Nassar '00, Amber Barnard '93, Roger Piepenstock '94, Raja Halabi '98, Saurabh Vyas '99, and Associate Dean John Hough, Robert Mulligan and Deirdre Simpson joined the gathering. Kimeo is living in Washington, D.C. and plans to join the US Peace Corps in Morocco in August. He was enjoying the opportunity to see his London friends. Ozlem had started her job at working in Structured Trade Finance for Citigroup in Canary Wharf. MBA alumni in London who are interested in getting together informally more often, can contact alumni@richmond.ac.uk for support in setting up another reunion. ■



Amber Barnard '93 and Roger Piepenstock '94



Ozlem Gunduz '00 and Saurabh Vyas '99



Kimeo Carr '98



Rania Nassar '00 and Robert Mulligan, Lecturer

Reunion in Karachi

On the occasion of an education fair in Karachi on 8 April, Liam Simington and Julie Williams represented Richmond. Aided by the Alumni Office, Syed Masood '88 worked hard to contact as many local alumni as possible. Syed also assisted at the Richmond booth before other alumni joined the group for dinner at The Taipan, a Chinese restaurant in the Pearl Continental Hotel in Karachi.

Humaira (Iftikhar) '87 and her husband Asif Ul Haq Siddiki '86 joined Syed, Julie and Liam for dinner. Conversation included exchanges of Richmond memories as well as updates of new developments at Richmond and many laughs together.

Both Syed and Humaira expressed interest in forming a local alumni chapter. Alumni interested in developing a local chapter should contact Alumni Relations at alumni@richmond.ac.uk ■



Humaira Ul-Haq '87, Asif Ul-Haq Siddiki '86 and Syed Masood '88

October 1974 - June 2001

Classnotes

1978-79

● **Nancy (Pollock) Mitchener** is married, with three daughters aged 12, 11 and 7 and lives in California with her husband who is in property management. Nancy has applied for a graduate program in visual impairment at University of North Colorado. She is learning braille and plans to teach blind children in the East Bay.

● **Kellie Pendoley** reports, that after her year at Richmond, she received a BSc in Environmental Science and an MSc in Chemical Oceanography both from Florida Institute of Technology. Kelly married her graduate school partner and after a few years in the US, they returned to Perth, Australia where she has been working as an environmental scientist since 1985. She is currently working for the oil and gas industry. Recently she has been a consultant and also working on a PhD in sea turtle biology which she hopes to complete in 2003.

1979

● **Kalwant Singh Sandhu (AA)** is working with a Richmond alum Behzad Aghilli '81 at NEO Financial Services in Silicon Valley, California. They are planning to expand their services in the US. Kalwant has three boys Hanspreet, Chandpreet and Raspreet. He came to London in May to participate in Football Aid in Leeds and visited the Hill campus.

1981

● **Kathryn Bistany** After many years working in The City, Kathy left to complete training to be a Personal Trainer. She is now studying simultaneously at Westminster University for a BSc in nutrition and at an Australian university - Newcastle University - for a Masters in Sports Nutrition. Her thesis is about vitamin supplementation by English football players.

● **Mae (Faez) Chambers** completed her MSc in Linguistics at Edinburgh,

and she is a full-time mother with two children. She is involved with the local and national Baha'i community.

1982

● **Sukru Diياب** lives in Mersin, Turkey and is now a very active businessman involved in trading, shipping, chartering, brokering and warehousing. He would like to get in contact with alumni doing the same activities.

● **Pedro Girao** is in his 14th year as Director at Christie's Fine Art International in London. He travels a great deal in Europe and the US for business.

● **Thomas Moulton** lives in Wimbledon with his wife and three boys. His company, Dominique Villas, lets out properties in France to the UK market.

● **Clemence (Nader) Cortbawi** has two children - Andre aged 14 and Carla aged 9. Clemence is living in Middlesex with her husband who works with web sites.

1983

● **Marie (Christensen) Brown** has a 4 year old daughter. She and her husband celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hong Kong, Cambodia and Vietnam.

● **Fadi Hamoui** is married and living in Accra where he is running a store called Mobilia which deals with IKEA and other upscale furniture products. He is married with two daughters.

● **Victor Nwakalor** works in Lagos, Nigeria in Klasik International Ltd. They procure materials for Nigeria's electricity corporation. He is looking for an agent in the UK or USA.

1984

● **Vivian (Day) Stroh** is living in Grosse Point, MI with her husband John. Vivian is busy with her family and with volunteer work. In addition to serving on the Richmond Board of Trustees, she is also actively involved in the board of a local hospital, and organisations in her local area. She works with Localmotion that informs the public about environmental toxins and cancer and The Franciscan Project, a tutoring based literacy project, in downtown Detroit for children and their parents.

● **Judy (Fields) Shumov** is living in California and has a daughter 6 and a son 3. She works part-time as Children and Youth Ministries Director at a local church.

1985

● **Nick Argiropoulos** is running his own travel agency, Tempo Holidays, in Athens, Greece. He and his wife, Zina Al-Nakeeb '86, have 2 sons - one 10 and the other 6 years old.

● **Jennifer Hopkin** has completed an MSc in Early Education at SUNY Brockport USA. She is currently a school counselor at Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro.

1986

● **Claudia (Botero) Espinal** is living

in Medellin, Colombia with her husband and son Mauricio. She is very busy with volunteer work on the board of a not for profit organisation to develop education for underprivileged children in a primary school. Claudia was in London in 1999 and met Jon Mided '87, Mark Townson '85, Akbar Hasan '86 and Alex Seago and stayed with David Stack '86 in Amsterdam. She would like to hear from Ricardo Duran '86. *See photo*



● **Asif Ul-haq Siddiki** met Julie Williams and Liam Simington from the Richmond Admissions office when they were in Karachi attending an education fair. He and his wife Humaira Iftikhar '87 had dinner with them and Asim Masood '88. Asif is Director of Sundus Dyeing Industries (PVT) Ltd.

1987

● **Humaira (Iftikhar) Ul-Haq Siddiki** has two children and works at a centre for mentally challenged children as their senior teacher and administrative coordinator. Her husband, Asif, is a Richmond graduate Class of '86.

● **Marina (Mathon)-Clark** has a 7 year old son named Daniel, and she is living in the UK.

1988

● **Costis Frangoulis** was featured in an article describing his business Imperium ShipManagement SA 'Experience, luck and small steps' in Trade Winds, a professional shipping magazine. Costis established his shipping and trading businesses just after he graduated from Richmond. He is also a proud father of two girls, Elli aged 5 and Athena age 2. *See photo*



● **Syed Asim Masood** organised a Richmond reunion in Karachi in April when Julie Williams and Liam Simington from Richmond Admissions were attending an education fair. Asim is working at Bolan Bank as Assistant Manager. The Alumni Office is grateful for all the efforts he made to contact Karachi alums.

● **Vijay Kishenchand Tirathrai** is Executive Director of Globe Silk Stores. He works with his brother Bhushan '93. They both met Alan McIvor, VP for Enrolment Management, in April when he was attending a recruitment fair in Kuala Lumpur.

● **Erik Zimmer** dropped into the Alumni Office this Spring. He is

Development Manager of Zimmer Paper Products in Indianapolis, IN.

1989

● **Vikash Aggarwal** dropped by the Kensington campus this Spring when he and his family were in London on holiday. Vikash has his own business in Delhi, India where he is the agent for Tata vehicles, has a car showroom and also runs a computer education center.

● **Sandra (Moreau) Barlowe** wrote from Florida where she is now living after working in Luxembourg for several years. She and Raja Assili '85 have been in touch.

● **Bruce Eshbaugh** writes that he is preparing for the final financial analyst exam this summer. He and his wife Antonietta Santi '90, have two children, a boy aged 5 and a girl aged 3.

● **Cem Sayer** is married to Feza and has twin boys - Bora and Pars - born in May 2000.

1990

● **Navin Chanrai** is the Managing Director of Kewalram Nigeria, a trading and textile manufacturing company. He met Ramzi Abou-Hassan '90 who is his neighbour in Lagos.

● **Helena (Cora) Elias** is a full-time mother with four children: Claudia 7, Albert 5, Eduardo 2 and Felipe 8 months. Her husband Norman '87 is a Telecom Practice Director with Oracle Corporation. She would like to hear from Kris Barone '90, Lin Belarge '90, Christian Hvidbo '91, Eric Hevroy.

● **Kamal Jogia** is the Managing Director of Serengeti Services & Tours Co, a tourism business which contributes part of their profits to conservation projects within the communities around East African tourism destinations. He intends to visit Richmond in July. The family recently went to Australia. *See photo*



● **Cynthia (Hsiung) Langston** sent a photo of her son Pearson Phoenix Langston. Cynthia enjoys combining motherhood & working at Warner Bros. *See photo*



● **Sami Luukkonen** continues to work in Finland for Anderson Consulting now renamed Accenture. He is in touch with Tatu Huhananti '90, David Bakhshi '89 and Carl Waltenberg '90.

1990-92

● **Jorge Villamizar** has just released a music CD of Latin music. Called Bacilos (the name of his band) one of the songs - Tabaco y Chanel - was written at Richmond! *See photo*



1990-93

● **Herbie Hove** has been travelling in Italy looking at the art of coffee and espresso bars for his work. He is in touch with Nick Iatrou '91, and with Martin '91 and Marshall '96 Prickisie who are in the US.

1991

● **Shaana Aljoe** has been a language instructor in Prague since 1999. She was in London in April to hear her sister give a lecture at Goldsmiths College. She saw a few fellow alums.

● **Rokhsan Fallah** works in the Marketing department at the American Gastro-enterological Association in Maryland. She is married and has a 4 year old daughter called Lily.

● **Laura Jeanne (Griesbaum) Woodard** is working together with her husband Bill in their own real estate, property management and vacation rentals company in La Jolla, CA. She asks alums to check out the company website at lajollacovecottages.com or lajollavacationrentals.com for holidays in La Jolla. Richmond alums booking one of their properties will always receive a discount! She met Lauren (Levy) Fischone '91 in San Diego.

● **Sanjay Mahtani** met alumni friends in Spain at the house of Javier Ballester '92 in May. Holding the paella are four amigos. *See photo*



● **Martin Munyaradzi Prickisie** is studying for an MSc in Computer Information Systems in the USA. He is living in Omaha, NE.

1992-93

● **Francesca (Ebrahimi) Amery** is married to Saladin Amery, a Director of UBS. A year ago she opened an Asian antique gallery in Tokyo, Japan. One of her regular customers is a Richmond alum Nina Marais '93 whom she knew in classes with Wolfgang Deckers and Sara Chetin. She has a son, Dechen, born in November, 2000. Francesca regularly takes clothes to orphans in Tibet and Nepal.

1992

● **Samina (Iftikhar) Hussain** is very busy with her two sons - Ali and Nabeel. She would love to hear from her Richmond friends.

● **Juan Del Rio** has been promoted from Managing Director of Spanish operations to Director of Business Development Europe for Telenor Media Group. He is responsible for working with other MD's to develop new business focussing on the Internet, strategic alliances and mergers and acquisitions. He currently works in countries such as Spain, Greece, Austria, Germany, Portugal, Poland etc.

● **Khaled El-Shorbani** contacted the Alumni Office while in London in May on a business trip. He is working for Coca Cola Middle East in Bahrain. Khaled has been married for 5 years and they have a 4 year old daughter and a 2 year old son.

● **Roy Haringa** is working in The Netherlands. He travels a great deal to the US, Middle East, Africa, South America and meets Richmond alums.

● **Naouel Saidi** is living in Abu Dhabi, UAE and is interested in establishing a local alumni group. Other UAE alums interested should contact her or the alumni office at alumni@richmond.ac.uk

● **Pablo Vassallo** is married to Nickie and has a 3 year old son, Rafa. Last year Pablo opened up his own business importing and distributing decorative furnishings for the home, especially from Spain.

1993

● **Joakim Anjou** continues to work in Fixed Income Sales for Danske Consensus, and he lives in Stockholm.

● **Amber Barnard** (MBA) has been promoted to Operations Director at Quarto Publishing. Amber attended the MBA reunion in April.

● **Max Chiou** met with Oscar Lopez Sanchez in 1995 and they are in touch by e-mail! Max is working in Missouri and would like to hear from old Richmond friends.

● **Jose de Arcas Castro** wants to be in contact with old Richmond friends.

● **Dinesh N. Joshi** (MBA) is the Director of his family business, Satya Giri Shipping Co Ltd. Additionally, he started a project in road construction with American technology used for the first time in India. He married Shilpa in December 2000, who is also from Mumbai.

● **Yusra Mouzoughi** is working in insurance in Liverpool where she is on the pension review team and compliance. Her work involves a lot of legal information. Her sister Huda '84 plans to move to London with her 6 children to do a PhD. Huda has been a lecturer at university in Libya.

● **Nkechi (Nwapa) Owo** was married in Sept '99 to John. Nkechi completed a Masters degree in Missions and Chaplaincy in Indiana Christian University in Lagos. She began a 3 month long mission course in the Netherlands in June.

● **Ola Radhi** received her MSc in Computer Science from Birkbeck College, University of London. She saw Erich McElroy, Admissions, at the Richmond booth when he was in Bahrain at an educational fair. Ola was happy to hear from Ginger '97 and Patrick Oakes '96.

● **Karim Salha** is working in his own company Kinetic Technologies providing telecoms services for clients. He is currently working with Bass Group of hotels in Lebanon. He travels a lot for work.

● **Pauline (Sheiner) McGroarty** is planning to return to her investment banking job in London soon. She has a baby boy called Leon, 6 months old. Her Richmond friends Wahyd Vannoni '91 and Melissa Bane Fall '90 are his godparents. See photo



● **Bhushan Tirathrai** is spending a lot of time traveling between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore looking after the regional business interests for the Real Estate Division of the business.

● **Georges Ziade** writes that '21 April brought so much joy to my life'. He married Christiane in Beirut on that day. See photo



● **Bharti Zinzuwadia** (MBA) was appointed the new risk administration unit head within Citibank corporate bank in Tanzania. She was looking for two more analysts to join her team in Dar Es Salaam.

1994

● **Inigo Asis** has returned to London, and, with his Richmond alum partner Nicholas Schwartz '93, is running his own business, Pocko Ltd. Their area of interest is in visual books on contemporary culture, mainly photography and illustration and graphic design. Inigo and his partner recently met Nick Iatrou '91.

● **Sabine (Mojon) Abegg** is working as a product manager in Zurich. She was married in September, 2000 to a Swiss man. They often go sailing on Lake Constance.

● **Asad Malik Saeed** (MBA) recently joined Standard and Poors as Business Development Manager in their Fund Services Division.

● **Gilles Tan** (MBA) is married to Mehnaz, an artist and they both live in Geneva, Switzerland.

● **Justin Weddle** is still working for the US Senate as a professional staff member at the Senate Appropriations Committee for which he manages the IT and security. He is living in Arlington and is working on his Masters in Computer Science and Information focussing on MIS at the University of Science and Technology in Virginia.

● **Mikael Wegelius** (MBA) is working at 3M as Compensation & Benefit Manager (Nordic & Baltic) and HR Operations Manager (Finland & Baltic). He and his wife Lena Maria Riska MBA '94 have 4 year old twins. Lena works at the Bank Aktia, marketing the bank's services. They have been in touch with Amber Barnard MBA '94 and Paulo Rubano MBA '95.

● **Salman Zaheer** (MBA) dropped off his business card at the Richmond table in the Karachi Education Fair. He is Assistant Vice President for Corporate Banking Group of Faysal Bank Limited.

1995

● **Suha Abu Issa** has written 'Expressions, A Collection of Poems' that has been published by M/s. Al Futtain Printers and Publishers in UAE. Suha started writing when she was 14 and soon it became a passion.

Between her degrees in economics, business, fashion design and merchandising and her job as Retail Sales Manager at Grand Stores in Dubai, she is also a member of the International Society of Poets.

● **Niroshia (Ali-Adam) Abdulla** visited the Richmond campus in August 2000 with her husband and daughters. She also renewed contact with Rima Wansa '97, Monamie Millat '94 MBA '96 and Helen Engstad '96.

● **Gretchen Colon** (MBA) is planning to be married in 2002 in Puerto Rico. Gretchen continues to work for AOL Time Warner in Buenos Aires where she covers most of the Southern Cone of Latin America for advertising sales and promotional departments.

● **Alain Beauvais** (MBA) came to the Alumni Relations office while in London on pleasure and business. Alain is President, CEO of Creative Challenges, a company that works with multi-media information systems for clients worldwide.

● **Jeroen Coppelmans** (MBA) came to London with Ed Veelenturf '95 in May. Jeroen is working at DPSC, an executive recruitment consultancy in Holland.

● **Cynthia (Corliss) Godwin** (MBA) is working for the London office Norton Rose in corporate finance and in an industry group involved in technology, media and tele-communication.

● **Rohit Dhawan** (MBA) writes that his wife Anu gave birth to a baby girl on 11 May, 2001.

● **Chie Iguchi** is a PhD student and lecturer in economics in Gyosei International College in Reading UK. She has an MSC in Development Economics from SOAS and an MSc in Economic Development and

International Trade from the University of Reading.

● **Miyuki Katahira** has completed her MA in Anthropology of Art at University College London and is now a Ph.D candidate in Kyoto, Japan working on Japanese gardens and the notion of aesthetics with an anthropological approach. She gave presentations at conferences in Australia, Harvard University, and in Switzerland.

● **Richard Laljie** (MBA) writes that he is working for the Home Office in IT Support/Databases.

● **Daniel Rigo** was married in December 2000 to a school friend Susanna and they are expecting a baby. Daniel plans to meet Ruben Guerra '96 and Jose Maria de Arcas '93 in Barcelona in September. He plans to open another real estate office to handle foreign clientele.

● **Diego Rosillo** attended the wedding of Daniel Rigo in Mallorca over Christmas. Diego worked as a trader in Madrid before doing an MBA at the Instituto de Empresa.

● **Ed Veelenturf** (MBA) dropped into the Alumni Office at the end of May when he and Jeroen Coppelmans '95 were in London with friends. Ed is working in Vespo Group, a textile business, in Holland.

● **John Yisa-Doko** (MBA) has returned to London where he is working in investment banking in Canary Wharf.

1996-97

● **Mahmood Piracha** (MBA) was married to Sherry in January 2000 and has a 6 month old son Abdul Rahim. Mahmood is working in Lahore at Behra, a textile business providing marketing services to a Pakistani textile group who sells their products locally and in the Gulf.

1996-98

● **Jennifer Ford** has returned to London as Fashion Features Editor of Wallpaper magazine after transferring to the University of Seattle for her B.A. She is also working on her MA in Fashion Journalism at Central Saint Martins. She would like to hear from Casey Ryan '98.

1996

● **Ghada Abdulla Al Gassab** is working for Batelco, Bahrain's Telecommunication Company as a Marketing Communication Specialist. In July 2000 she married and also received her MBA from Glamorgan University. She asks if there are plans for a reception for the class of '96 (BA). See photo



● **William Fley** dropped into the Alumni Office. For several years he has been working with the police assisting victims of crime. Now he plans to qualify for a degree in psycho-therapy.

● **Karima Goundiam** called the Alumni Office to say that she is working in Montreal, Canada and is planning to be married in October to Doug Konare, an engineer whom she met in Montreal. She wants to be in touch with old Richmond friends.

● **Rahat Madhok** (MBA) is now working in Sarovar Park Plaza Hotels in Mumbai, India, after working in London at Radisson Edwardian Hotels where she did her internship. Sarovar manages 25 four and five star hotels across India. She would like to work to start a local alumni chapter.

● **Henrik Moesenbacher** visited the Alumni Office in April. He is the proprietor of two Gourmet restaurants and received several awards, such as the Swedish Academy of Gastronomy Award, Gourmet 2000 and 2001.

● **Silke Schultz** is now responsible for the recruitment of graduates for Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt. She is getting married this summer to Rainer, a professor at Humboldt University in Berlin.

1997

● **Tatyane Amaral** (MBA) has been teaching international marketing, as well as law, in university in Belem since she finished the MBA programme. She returned to Brazil, married and has 2 year-old twin boys.

● **Lyndon Barends** (MBA) was in New Orleans for a Jazz Festival followed by a visit to the Caribbean for cricket in Barbados and Trinidad.

● **Manfredi Bargioni** (MBA) continues to work in investment and internet products for Citibank. He attended a July reunion of London MBA alums.

● **Janice Bodmer** was married in June to Emanuel Graf von Spree.

● **Ginger (Denslow) Oakes** (MBA) married Patrick (MBA) '96 in August 2000. Attending the wedding were Farhana Alhabshi MBA '97 from Malaysia, Pam Irving MBA '97 left the London reunion to attend and Tara (Ghaznavi) Chouri MBA '95 from Toronto. They now have a daughter, Lauren. Ginger is working for John E. Chance & Associates, a subsidiary of Fugro a multinational, based in Holland. She is Business Development Coordinator for the Marine Construction Division for subsea surveys and construction for major oil and gas companies in deepwater. See photo



● **Samantha Glass** is living in London with her dog, Tabitha, and is working as Coordinator of Social Programmes for Bell Language Schools. She is in touch with Mimi Gorani '96, Miguel Izquierdo '93-97 and Kelly Graber '97.

● **Waseem Gulzar** married Eman on 16 January, 2000, and they are living in Lahore, Pakistan. See photo



● **Robert Hanvey** (MBA) is married to Misty Hickman (MBA) '97 and he works in Mid Glamorgan with AB Connectors. They have a 5 month old son called Jude.

● **Miguel Izquierdo** is working with Kelly Graber in her company Academic Gateway.

● **Elango Ramasamy** (MBA) is running Sangeeth Textiles, his family's textile business, in Coimbatore, India. He is Director of Marketing of cotton textiles. He would like to hear from Shehzad Ahmed '97.

1998-99

● **Willard Grevson** (MBA) writes from his new home in Guadalajara, Mexico where he lives with his multi-lingual wife Eugenia. After his year at Richmond, Willard returned to graduate from Iowa State University and then worked in Washington D.C. After improving his Spanish in Guatemala, he studied for his Masters in International Management from Thunderbird School of International Management. Since 1993 he has been working with Lindsay International, makers of mechanical agricultural irrigation systems, selling to over 90 countries. He is now Manager for Latin America.

1998

● **Kimeo Carr** (MBA) was in London for a few days and together with Ozlem Gunduz '00 provided the impetus for a drinks party at The Royal Garden Hotel. After his career as a consultant and political facilitator, Kimeo is preparing to join the Peace Corps in Morocco and leaves on 14 August. See photo



● **Tara Chellaram** wrote that she volunteered to do charity work in India. She worked at Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity helping with

abandoned and disabled children in the Fall 2000. Her brother was married in Hong Kong this Spring.

● **Kate De Cesare** has completed an MA in Design and Media Arts at University of Westminster in 1999.

● **Ziad El-Saigh** last year completed his Masters in International Finance at Brunel University, UK. He helped Erich McElroy, Admissions, in the Richmond booth at an education fair in Qatar. See photo



● **Raja Halabi** (MBA) is working at Business Research in Emerging Markets. Recently he met Deirdre Simpson to discuss ideas about the alumni organization.

● **Pamela Irving** (MBA) is currently employed as Marketing Director for USA and Canada with Zenith/DMG, a distributor for dental manufacture DMG in Germany. In March she was in France skiing. She asks when the next MBA Reunion will be held.

● **Georgi Pirinski** is working in London at Eurostrategy Consultants after completing his MSc in European Studies at The London School of Economics.

● **Zahra Sharif** helped Erich McElroy, Admissions, in the Richmond booth at an educational fair in Qatar. See photo



● **Kristian Skeie** is completing work for his MA in image and communications at Goldsmiths College, London. After his degree show in July, he is getting married in Norway to Victoria Jemtland (Richmond Class of 2001 Dec).

● **Matt Smith** is in Austin, Texas working in computers. He is applying to join the US Peace Corps in January 2002 and hopes to work in South America or the Caribbean for 2 years. After which he plans to go to law school.

● **Kim Sorensen** (Study Abroad) is living in Vail, Colorado.

● **Brittany Unis** (MBA) was in London for work in early May. She planned to join other MBA alums in New York at a Yankees baseball game the first weekend in June.

1999

● **Celia Allaert** after working for the Partnership Programmes with AIFS, Celia returned to Belgium for a break

and now has returned to London (Chiswick) to work as a Sales and Event Coordinator for an event management company - Dinner Dates. She plans and hosts events all over London.

● **Maximiliano Cignetti** has returned to Buenos Aires and is working with one of the Mayor's Social Security projects for greater Buenos Aires. The work is related to poverty eradication, unemployment, crime, drugs and education. He is also working on two start up B2C projects related to Spanish speaking bachelors of the internet community. They hope to be on line next year. He hopes to visit his relatives in Italy and to visit London to see his Richmond friends. He sends regards to Sarah Clifford '99 and Roger Martinez '00.

● **Roman DaSilva** (MBA) continues to work at Citibank as a financial Analyst. He works with Saurabh Vyas MBA '99.

● **Kate Dubreuil** is back working in the US at a children's psychiatric hospital in Vermont. She writes that she misses London and her Richmond friends.

● **Alexandra Early** (MBA) has bought a flat in London and is working as a strategy consultant in Information, Communications and Entertainment at KPMG. She is enjoying the rich cultural offerings London has to offer.

● **Kristine (Gard) Caldicott** (MBA) is living and working in the San Francisco Bay area. She is working in the Finance Department of The Learning Company.

● **Elizabeth Hanniffy** has left the Richmond Admissions Office to take up a new position as PA to Deputy Director of Appeals at the NSPCC.

● **Radoslav Ilel** has joined a graduate training programme at Goldman Sachs in London. He sees Chiyedza Makamba '99 in the office.

● **Anar Khamzayeva** is in Spain after taking the two day exams for the UN. If successful, she will have the second stage of the exam to take in New York.

● **Asel Khamzayeva** graduated in

May with a MBA in Information Systems from City University, American International University in Madrid. She is currently working in Madrid for Tecnicas Reunidas, S.A. a local project management firm, as an Assistant to the Database Administrator in the IT department.

● **Lourdes (Pichardo) Manent** (MBA) has another child, Valeria and has returned to the US where she is living in Mount Kisco, New York.

● **Neeta Maini** has been working at Richmond in the Admissions department. In August, she will leave the university to begin law studies in London.

● **Jai Motwane** is currently studying for an MSc in Politics at LSE.

● **Paula Plaza** was married 2 years ago to Brian Christensen. She is living in Richmond and working in London as an Information Assistant in UNICEF.

● **Huda Radhi** BA '97 (MSc) also saw Erich McElroy, Admissions, in Bahrain at the Richmond booth. She met with Nusaiba Bin Shaiba in '99 in Bahrain, and in London with Rasha Al Saadi '97 and Karim Abd Al Messieh. Huda has joined the Bahrain Business Women's society.

● **Lidia Suppiej** called the alumni office to update us and mentioned that she works for SailPoint (or Zepetours in Greece) where she runs a chartered 50 foot sailing boat for guests. The four cabin boat leaves from Corfu and sails for a week in the Ionic Islands before returning to Corfu. Lidia often travels with the boat especially if she knows the people who have booked the cruise.

● **David Scholtz** is working for monster.com Europe as a business analyst. He will be involved in developing procedures and reports for all Monster companies in Europe as well as liaising with Monster.com USA.

● **Faisal Tiwana** was in London for a few months this Spring and early Summer.

● **Saurabh Vyas** (MBA) was married in January to Purvi. After their honeymoon in Kerala, they returned to London where Saurabh works as a financial analyst at Citibank.

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Classnotes

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2000

● **Mariela (Mijares) Pokka** (MBA) married Harri Pokka and they expected a baby in mid-May. Mariela has been working, in her husband's company and plans to return to Venezuela before the end of the year. *See photo*



● **Nasreen Al Asoomi** is currently working on and MBA degree at Glamorgan University.

● **John Anderson III** (MBA) in July 2000 he married Lina, who works in international law and John is a power broker at APB Energy. He will be doing some training in power options in the next few months. Thanks to the MBA alumni website, he and Brandon Caneer '95 have met a couple of times locally in Louisville.

● **Hussain Ali Askari** is working as an import manager in the stores department. He is working on a building project of a shopping centre in Iran that he hopes to open in two years. He sends his greetings to all at Richmond.

● **Fidan Aslan** (MBA) is working hard in the family textile business in Turkey. She hopes to come to London in June and to see her Richmond friends.

● **Samat Balkenov** (MBA) is working in Kazakhstan on a marketing project for an American investment company. He writes that the temperature there in June and July will reach 30-35°C, and London weather is not so bad in the summer!

● **Stephanie Bogin** presented a paper on Dante this Spring at the Manchester Graduate conference on the City. After working in a gallery, she has decided to go to law school to pursue her interest in intellectual property.

● **Catherine Dick** (MBA) is working at MCI Worldcom in Alexandria, VA. She would like to work with other alums in the D.C. area to plan alumni events.

● **Muge Dolun** has been accepted at Harvard for graduate work starting in September 2001.

● **Heidi Hoover** (MBA) is working in NYCat Tiffany's assisting the Director of Japan Advertising/Worldwide Catalogs. Her time is divided between NYC and Pennsylvania to help care for her parents. Heidi has met other MBA alums in NYC.

● **Solana Iribarren** was married in Buenos Aires on 24 March and several Richmond alums attended. *See photo*



● **Bayan Kozbakova** (MBA) is working at EBRD, where she did her internship. She is an analyst with the financial institutions team that works with 26 East and Central European and former Soviet countries.

● **Boris Kuehn** has returned to Germany for the moment where he is working for the Global Corporate Finance Division at the Corporate and Investment Bank department of

Deutsche Bank AG. He hopes to return to London one day to work for a British/American company. He sends a special greeting to the class of May 2000. He can be reached at boris.kuehn@db.com

● **Meenu Lakhiani** is working with Elle Décor, the international fashion magazine now launched in India in their marketing department from Mumbai.

● **Sereni Linggi-Smith** (MBA) is currently working at a property development company called Permodalan Sarawak Berhad in Malaysia. They develop & manage commercial and residential properties. Sereni was married in September to Allister Smith. *See photo*



● **Samantha Lock** (MBA) is still working at Heinz where she had her internship. She has been promoted to Senior Brand Manager working on organic food and baby food.

● **Roger Martinez** has started working for an international press and communications agency that makes special economic reports of developing countries and emerging economies. The reports are published in the international press, so we can look for Roger's byline! *See photo*



● **Nina Roman** is currently stationed at the American Institute for Cancer Research working for World Cancer Research Fund International where she

is a trainee in a 2 year graduate scheme. She has worked with colleagues to open an affiliate in Paris.

● **Evgeniy Romanov** (MBA) came into the Alumni office to share the good news about his new job. After taking the CIMA course, he is working in London at Evaluate Energy, which tracks performance of leading oil and gas companies worldwide.

● **Anushree Somany** worked in an IT firm called Infocus Interactive Technologies in New Delhi when she returned home. Then, after working for India Habitat Center helping an art historian to write a book on erotic art in India, she organized a 'documenta' that happens every 5 years. In June she will return to Infocus to Head their corporate communications department for web solutions.

● **Susheela Thakral** is working as a teacher in the British International School in Bangkok.

● **Antonia von Boch** was working last year for the German TV department of Bloomberg LP in London. She then travelled in Argentina and Peru where she attended the wedding of Solana Iribarren '00 on 24 March this year in Buenos Aires. In September, she will start an MSc in Media and Communications at LSE.

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● **Arijit Bhaumik** has been working in Richmond's Admission office over the Summer. When he leaves Richmond he will begin the Doctoral program in Experimental Psychology at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. It is a 5 year program. Arijit will work under the supervision of Professor Avi Chaudhuri, who runs a neuro-psychology vision laboratory which is researching into perception. He will also be a teaching assistant.

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● **Rula Jabasini** The Alumni Office has learned of the death on 2/3/1997 of Rula Jabasini in Amman, Jordan. In the 10 years that Rula was ill, she succeeded in completing her Masters Degree while in a wheelchair. We send our deepest sympathies to her family.

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