A CLOSER LOOK

X-Ray 1997
Top left: Pearl Harbor. Top right: M-99's "at ease" in Key West. Left: Jenny, Vobrak and Kris Bowling taking a breather as they cruise down the PCH, aka Hwy 1. Above middle: Med students Leanne Kim and Ellen Park. Above right: Randy, Joe, and Ted's excellent adventure to the Big Sur. Lower left: Dental students and friends pose as Urbanians at the oyster fest. Lower right: M-00's on top of Old Rag Mountain in Madison County.
LEARNING TO RELAX...

**Right:** Matt Cooke pulling Dr. Abubaker down the river.

**Far right:** Dental students relaxing from a hard day at work in Jamaica.

**Left:** Moscow in the spring.

**Right:** Chicago sons

**Bottom left:** M-98’s relaxing together.

**Bottom right:** Joanna Soltick (P-2) and Chris Phuntck (N-1) in Virginia Beach.
...AND BREATHE IN THE CLEAN AIR.

Upper left: Brian Coates with a beautiful dolphin fish. Upper right: D-00's taking time out on the golf course. Middle left: Dave Strandberg caving. Middle right: D-99's getting ready to go rafting. Bottom left: M-97's enjoying a meal outdoors. Bottom right: M-99's hang loose on a sailboat in Key West, Florida.
Ahh, the outdoor AIR

Upper left: Neal Klar surfing in Hawaii. Upper right: John Huffman, Chris Ashley and Gordon Atkins (P-2’s)-kin to Bunyan? Middle left: M-1’s Christina Cox, Mary Beth Carter and Aaron Carter look on as Jeff Greer descends into nowhere. Middle right: Mark Bond (D-97) Exposing himself to nature in Jamaica. Lower left: P-2’s tugging til’ they drop! Lower right: The “triathlon king”, Jeff D., goin’ for the gold...again!
Upper left: Little Raggedy Andy found the Jolly Green Giant to play with. Upper right: P-1’s hamming it up. Middle left: Neil and Gretchen are the BEST cheerleaders we have ever seen, at least this Saturday night. Middle right: D-2’s gather to show off their creative minds. Left: Jeff Brownstein... “Are you my mother?”
Far left: Mark Townsend and Jim Richardson (M-97's). Left: Our hairy D.J. Below: Mike Murphy (D-97) lending some Irish luck to his classmates. Middle left: The skipper and his “good buddy.” Middle right: M-1’s arrive as “The Reservoir Dogs.”

Left: Michelle Rudek, Jen West and Joanna Soltyk (P-2’s). Right: Dave Wilkinson (D-1) As bad as he wants to be.
Welcome to the pit of HELL!!!

Upper left: Brett Dameron (D-97) with the sexy unibrow.
Upper right: First year PT’s following the black theme of halloween. Middle left: Honey, who woke the baby? Middle right: No more O-Jay!! Bottom left: DH-97’s can party with the best of ‘um. Bottom right: The escapee “PIMCVO” protected by her classmates.
Left: Rob Bei and Paul Pannu show us how to dress casual.
Right: P-2 genies with 3 wishes to give.

The most important aspect of health care.....
Lon Keith putting a bong on Josh Lachine (D-98 s).

Nursing students getting ready for immunizations.

ooouuch!!

PT-1’s in neuro lab

... Pain Relief!

Eric Miller watches on as Chris Ward practices injections.
A Ray of Sunshine in our Community.

Right: PT-98 in the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society.

Middle left: SGA members giving the donation from the MCV Fun Run.

Middle right: Proud of our MCV tradition of helping others. Lower left: DH-97’s explaining the signs of bulimia. Lower right: Marnie Husson and Ellen Morgan (D-97’s) selling MCV tee shirts.
Left: Melba Williams (D-98) creating music to our ears. Right: Washing this vehicle is a true service to the community.

Left: Blood donors/students proudly display their badges. Above right: Jeff Cash provides dentistry in Jamaica as an anxious crowd awaits their turn. Lower left: Matt Cooke helping to better medicine in Russia. Lower right: Jay Bukzin running the successful bone marrow drive.
Upper left: D-98 winning softball team. Upper right: Juan Banks “showing his stuff.” Middle left: Mike Seemuller and Sean DeLair (M-1’s) at tourney in Maryland. Middle right: First year PT baseball team. Lower left: Dental school volleyball team. Lower right: PT-1 softball team.
THE BEST WAY TO RELIEVE STRESS!

Top left: Pharm students take out their frustrations. Top right: D-00’s relaxing on the golf course. Upper left: A breather during a tough basketball game. Upper right: The P-1 IM flag football team. Lower left: “It’s a bird, it’s a plane....” Lower right: First year PT warming up for a game against PT-3.
Top right: D-98’s roughing it. Above left: M-99’s take time off to frolic with the horses at Foxfield. Above right: PT-98’s Jeff, Leann & Eric at their end of the year party. Right: P-2’s keep warm on a cold afternoon. Lower left: Mark Bond doing a strip tease? Lower right: D-98’s visit Strawberry Hill.
Upper left: PT-98’s picnic. Upper right: Taking time off to socialize. Middle left: Cold P-2’s. Middle right: MHA-98’s at Strawberry Hill Races. Lower left: D-99’s acting suave. Lower right: What’s the *mani* attraction here?
Top left: The picture of contentment. Top right: Amanda Brown celebrates her birthday. Middle left: P-2’s party hardy. Middle right: MHA ’98’s do the same. Lower left: Hopes of another chance for a superbowl win. Lower middle: PT ’98’s celebrate friendship. Lower right: It looks like Jeff has found his tribe.
Upper left: Glen Arluk and Elaine Reale (M-98's). Upper right: P-99’s “Boy’s will be boys!“ Middle left: P-1’s Alok Kumar and Sheri Shields dance the night away. Middle right: D-99’s having a blizzard snow party. Lower left: D-00’s at their after gross anatomy seventies party. Lower middle: M-3’s Larry Fine, Brian Hill and wife Tricia Hill loving life. Lower right: Having fun with friends.
Upper left: P-2’s gather before the winter formal.
Upper right: D-98’s looking sharp.

Middle right: PT-98’s all dressed up.
Middle left: Larry Fine and wife Lauren and Brian Hill with wife Tricia at the MSG Ball.
Lower left: Amanda Brown and roomie Christa Ellenberger.
Lower right: Karla Doley, Munish Goyal and Nikki Anderson at the MSG Ball.
Upper right: D-99’s friends forever. Upper left: Amin Azzam (M-98) and Todd Witte (M-99) display their bright colors. Middle left: Sandy Beyer and Christina Cox (M-1’s) before the Medicine Ball. Middle right: Kelly Whitehurst, Tara Staehle and Kelly Bussey (D-99’s). Lower left: Courtney Bittinger (P-2) and Jim Burnette (Med. Chem) Lower right: Jay Bukzin (D-98) and fellow W&M friend Dean Lin (M-98)
Top left: M-99’s at the MSG Ball.
Top right: Dee Dee French and Karla Dorsey (M-00’s) Above left: Jennifer Sheehan, Chris Brown and Kathryn Miller (M-00’s) at the Medicine Ball. Above right: D-98 guys looking their best. Middle right: Amin Azzam (M-98), Courtney Ladd (PT-99), Bayley Royer (M-97), and Dana Conner (PT-97).
Direct right: PT-98’s gather before the MCV formal.
Above left: Pharmacy students strut their stuff. Above right: Good friends Amanda Brown and Tripp Davis (D-98’s)

Above left: P-99’s Cathleen Treanor, Jen West, Joanna Soltyk, and Carrie Porterfield let loose. Above right: Riley and Cathy (PT-98’s) boogie with the band at the MCV formal. Lower left: Pharm students Heather Dickey, Joy Rayfield and Amy Whitaker at the KE/KY formal. Lower right: Rebecca Henry (M-00) and date.
You silly guys!
On Saturday, November 16th, the Medical College of Virginia’s Student Government and the Dental Class of 1996 sponsored the first annual MCV 3K Fun Run. With almost 200 participants the race was a great success, raising over $1000 to benefit the Meals on Wheels charity. Meals on Wheels delivers prepared meals to the physically challenged adults in the city of Richmond. They are in constant need of funding to support the growing community of Richmond’s elderly. The money raised from the race was designated for this year’s Thanksgiving dinner.

THANKS to all the runners, volunteers, and especially sponsors. We hope to see everyone for the 1997 Fun Run.

Top right: The volunteers that made the race such a success. Middle right: race winners proudly display the banner. Lower left: D-97 racers. Lower right: Sally Cotting and Craig Gittelman (M-00) trying to catch up to the front.
Dear Students:

I am pleased to be a part once again of Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia Yearbook. I want to commend the yearbook staff for another fine job.

This is an exciting and important year in the history of our academic medical center and will have a significant impact on the experience of our health sciences students.

We are in progress with implementing the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals Authority, a new management structure for the teaching hospital that allows us to compete with the private health-care sector. The implications of this change are many. Most important, the Authority, in conjunction with the Generalist Initiative at the School of Medicine, means that the academic medical center is more involved in the community than ever before. Its' mission of education, research, and patient care, therefore, can have a much broader influence in how health-care will be delivered in the future.

That influence will come ultimately from our students and graduates. The environment in which you are acquiring knowledge, skills, and experience must match the reality of health-care practice. That is why the changes we are making at the academic medical center are so important to the future of health-care delivery.

I commend you for your achievements and look forward to the impact that you will have on the effectiveness of the health-care system in the future.

Eugene P. Trani
President
A CLOSER LOOK AT MCV...
U.S. gymnast Kerri Strug epitomized the Olympic spirit for many. After falling on her first vault in the women's team competition and injuring her ankle, and unsure whether her score was needed to capture a gold medal for the U.S. team, Strug landed her second vault. The U.S. won a total of 101 medals.

Perhaps the best-kept secret of the year was the September wedding of John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Carolyn Bessette. Only 40 guests were invited to the intimate ceremony on Cumberland Island, Ga., and everyone involved signed an agreement of confidentiality. The couple's return to New York thrust them back in the spotlight, and tabloid reports of marital strain soon followed.

Rap artist Tupac Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in September. Shakur, whose violent "gangsta" image was reflected in both his life and music, was 25.

The New York Yankees returned to the ranks of baseball's elite when they defeated the Atlanta Braves in the World Series, four games to two. It was the Yankees' first World Series appearance in 18 years, and the 23rd championship won by the team.

After giving up his Senate seat to run for president in 1996, Bob Dole celebrated his nomination at the Republican National Convention. Despite his promise of a 15 percent, across-the-board tax cut, Dole was defeated by incumbent President Bill Clinton.
President Bill Clinton was re-elected in November, becoming the first Democrat in more than 50 years to win a second term. Promising to "Build a Bridge to the 21st Century," Clinton won easily, despite turmoil in his staff and charges of improper campaign donations.


Thousands in the northwestern United States, including these cows, were forced from their homes in early January when floods caused by record levels of rain and snow swept through five states.

TWA Flight 800, en route to Paris from New York, exploded over Long Island in July, killing all 230 passengers on board. While beliefs that the crash was caused by a bomb or missile were widely held, investigators became increasingly convinced that the plane went down because of mechanical failure.
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Dear Student,

The School of Medicine at MCV/VCU continues to attract the best and brightest students from The Commonwealth of Virginia and around the county. We are particularly proud of several achievements this year, which I have outlined below:

**Generalist Initiative:** Our curricular changes to increase the number of students entering careers in Generalist Medicine have been well received and highly successful in exposing the students to clinical medicine beginning in the first month of school. The Foundations of Clinical Medicine course in the first and second years is the cornerstone of this initiative and utilizes over 300 community and MCV/VCU faculty to provide a structured clinical experience that is second to none. An exciting component of this course is the participation of over 70 of our fourth year students as co-instructors in the small group sessions. These student instructors are gaining valuable experience as teachers of medicine that will make them more effective and valuable house officers.

**State Legislature:** On their own initiative and with my support and the support of President Trani, our students are becoming actively involved in state politics. Students are matched with legislators from their districts to serve as resources to help the legislators understand complex issues facing medicine today.

**Curriculum Renewal:** I have asked faculty to conduct a Curriculum Renewal project to identify the knowledge, skills, and attitudes our students should possess upon graduation. This extensive project parallels one that has just been initiated by the Association of American Medical Colleges and affords us the opportunity to be at the leading edge of medical education.

**Renovations:** Long overdue renovations in the classrooms in Sanger Hall have provided and improved the learning environment and the opening of the new Medical Sciences Building has given the campus its first large state of the art auditorium. Hunton Hall became available as a student lounge. I anticipate that it will be fully operational in the Spring of 1997.

**USMLE:** Our students continue to score at or above average on the United States Medical Licensing Examination, and our graduates are obtaining post graduate training positions at prestigious institutions across the country.

At a time of great and varied pressures on Academic Health Centers nationally, students and faculty alike should take pride in knowing that our school continues to thrive and provide our students with one of the best medical educations available anywhere.

Sincerely,

Hermes A. Kontos, M.D., Ph.D
Dean of the School of Medicine
1997

Caren Aaron
Sarah Anderson
Randy Baggesen
Matt Bartholomew
Mark Belt

Barbara Bernard
Sherri Hansen-Bundy
Robert Blem
Timothy Beirne
Mardi Bishop

Addie Briggs
Joel Burroughs
James Bush
Erika Cappelluti
Ray Chen

Stephen Chen
Henry Cho
Tina Chou
C. Sage Claydon
John Cole

Tandua Cole
Aaron Cook
Theresa Cooper
Meredith Drummond
Donald Doherty, Jr.
SENIORS

Michael Fannon
Ofer Feder
Randy Fink
Paula Fishbaugh
Robert Forsythe

Adam Garretson
Peter Gregory
Jeffrey Gutterman
Kyle Harner
Eric Heatwole

Michael Herert
Allan Heffner
Sandeep Joshi
Kathleen Jullian
David Kaylie

Stephen Kellam
Preston Kim
Yoonah Kim
Brian Kirschner
Elizabeth Leonard

John Lee
Kimberly Lenhardt
Eric Leichter
Arlene Lewis
Douglas Lieb
1997

Just Call me Doctor!!!
MEDICINE

Amin Azaam
Matthew Harrison
George Hong
Dean Lin
Jerome Lisk

Katherine Menk
Gregory Price
Shinichi Sato
Rebecca Summitt
Huong Thai

Gary Tye
M.3'S

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?
No stress here...
M-98's clean up well for the MSG Ball!
MCV Notochords

And they sing too!
Ali Adibfar
Elaine Albert
Cheryl Anthony
Heidi Braun
Jake Brokaw

Lorna Breen
Aileen Buckler
Miguel Burch
Amy Charlesworth
Lindsay Cheng

Kathie Cho
Shirley Christian
Stephen Culp
Amy Deperro
Alistair Erskine

Brent Faulkner
Alyson Forman
Peter Galatin
David Galiani
Tess Garcia

Chad Harris
Glenna Hendricks
Eric Kau
Roger Kerzner
Armond Khachatourians
1999

William Langston
Sandra Lee
Gregg Lynam
Vivian Makar
Douglas Mayo

James Marraccini
Tara McLeer
Alfred McQueen
Lisa Mihora
Zamir Moen

Vincent Obias
Unsong Oh
Jeff Olson
Richard Pin
Eisalan Rahman

Sean Rassman
Bethany Revak
Ibrahim Saeed
Sanjay Sharma
Sherry Shich

Margaret Shih
Jeffrey Sicat
Pamela Soliman
Malcolm Sydnor
J. Grant Tew
SOPHOMORES

Christine Van Milder
Suji Varghese
Kirsten Vitrikas
Michelle Vokac
James Waddy

Helen Ward
John Wittman
John Zakaib
M-99's OUT AND ABOUT!
MEDICINE

Chad Achilles
Monica Aggarwal
Nikki Anderson
John Andrews
Allison Axtell

Victoria Bae-Jump
Maria Baldwin
Doug Beach
Robert Bei
Sandy Beyer

Craig Birgfeld
Scott Borinstein
Chris Brown
David Buch
Bradley Butkovich

Jon Carmain
Sandy Carty
Premjit Chahal
Felix Chen
Savneet Chattha

Jonathan Cluett
Jason Cillo
James Cocco
Michele Cofield
Jay Coghill
FRESHMEN

Munish Goyal
Jeff Greer
Daniel Grinnan
Sean Hamilton
Allan Hardy

George Harocopoulos
Aaron Hartman
Laura Hassen
Rebecca Henry
Jason Highsmith

Kenneth Hite

Dana Holwitt

Jodie Horton
Paul Howe
Victor Hsu
Torino Jennings
Chris Johnson
FRESHMEN

April Mair
Andrew Magnet
Debra Manning
Jen Marfori
Bobby Massoudian

Behrang Mazahery
Birgitta McCulloch
Kai Mebust
Amy Messier
Kathryn Miller

Aye Min
Troy Mitchell
Alan Monroe

Benjamin Morrison
Marie Nam
Michael Nasser

Christopher Neil
William Newcomb
Hiep Ngo
Doug Nguyen
Van-Anh Nguyen
FRESHMEN

Amy Skorupa
Michael Smith
David Sun
Marc Sutherland
Rachel Swartz

Heath Thornton
Toni Tildon
Mark Townsend
Annemarie Tull
Consuela Underwood

Mark Vaughn
Tom Veech
Chad Venne
Sandy Werner
Terry White

Amy Wilborn
Virginia Williams
Rosemonde Woel
Kabir Yousuf
The M-I's come out at night!
M-OO's are Stylin' for the Medicine Ball!
Goodluck to the Class of 1997!!!
A person who doesn't know but knows that he doesn't know is a student; teach him. A person who knows but who doesn't know that he knows is asleep; awaken him. But a person who knows and knows that he knows is wise; follow him.

Old Asian proverb
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
Dear Student,

As I complete my 26th year as full-time dental educator/administrator, I cannot help but reflect upon the changes that have occurred during this period. This shift in focus of health care delivery and financing has occurred over a very short period of time. Likewise, the rapid transition from cellular to molecular biology in attempts to understand health and disease has been truly remarkable. Similarly, the use of information science and computer technology to amplify and disseminate new information is, likewise, astounding. As a result, at graduation, I frequently quote from G. Burnett who, in an article in *Academic Medicine* 1989, stated "it is estimated that each year some 604,000 new technical and scientific citations are entered into the health science literature. Any practitioner who reviews two articles every day for a year would still be 860 years behind in his/her reading at the end of one year."

This was written eight years ago. If similar calculations were performed today, I believe that we would find ourselves getting much further behind.

The moral to this story is that we cannot teach you all you need to know in dental school, but I hope that we have provided you with the intellectual and clinical tool to critically and objectively evaluate and responsibly adapt to change.

*From the faculty and staff of the School of Dentistry, best wishes for the future!*

Lindsay M. Hunt, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Harry Lyons, Professor
Dean, School of Dentistry
Courtney Adams
Amal Ali
Nellie Ayat
Brian Baird
Eric Bessey

D.J. Bickers
Brian Bienstock
Scott Bittler
Dennis Blume
Russ Bogacki

Jarrod Brown
Jon Chisholm
Karen Cole
Matthew Cooke
Michael Covaney
Remember:

"Teeth Bite!"
Brian Baird

"You're a Hoo-ooker!!"
Bond-o

"Pretty Feet"
The Gals

"God Bless the Pros Dept. they need it!"
Jarrod

"So..... anyways"
Julia Williams

"Friends"
Nellie Ayat & Sahana Vijay

Christine Mai
Chris Martin
Michael McCormick
Phinious Molefe

Ernest Moore
Wendy Moore
Ellen Morgan
Neill Morrison
Travis Mueller

Michael Murphy
Jeffrey Neal
Thang Nguyen
Bonnie Pearson
Anthony Peluso

Keith Pyle
Carole Roberts
Kristin Roberts
Tracy Salyer
John Schehl
"What is this?"
Behnam Yaghmai

"It don't cost nothing!"
Mike McCormick

"What the Fetch?"
Jess Hopkins

"C'mon Play Right"
Eric Bessey

"Sphincter Boy"
Cash

"Don't worry about it"
H. Dowdy

"Anybody want some candy?"
Scott Guice

"I'm Stung"
Jimmy Smith

"Kind Blind Kid"
Chris Martin

"Slick"
Anthony

Ann Selander
Jimmy Smith
Alexandra Sprigg
Ken Tankersley
Jack Thompson

Al Thresher
Michael Transtrum
Jennifer Trider-Rose
Neil Turnage
Sheila Vacendak

Sahana Vijay
Marni Voorhees
Mike Watson
Julia Williams
Behnam Yaghmai
Senior Life...
Ahh! Finally.
Oh, The Places We've Gone!

Jamaica, 1996
Genevieve Devera
Matthew Dollar
Gretchen Drees
Gretchen Drees
Christa Ellenberger
Billy Falls
Sean Ferguson
Brian Frandsen
Rob Galbreath
Fadhel Ghuloum
Stephen Glick
Mike Gorman
Ali Husain
Doug Kirol
Neal Klar
Josephina Lac
Josh Lachine
JUNIORS

Esther Lee-Paek
Stacy Lukauski
Susan Luong
Nasser Malik
Greg Mann

Eric Miller
James Millward
Qais Musmar
Tuan Nguyen
Scott Nilsen

Keith Olson
Tshwanologo Raphaka
Briant Romney
Sean Sayyar
Todd Scheyer

Joseph Siragusa

Robert Sorenson
Some people call this an art!
Taking some time off from the STRESS!
CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS
SHARING THE BEST OF TIMES
Khalid Ahmad
Meshel Al-Dhabeeb
Mohammad Al-Ghawas
Hani Al-Mazeedi
Mohammad Al-Shammari

Husain Al-Shemali

Fahad Al-Sulaiman

Stacy Albinder
David Alachnauicz
Brian Alexander
Holly Anderson
Gary Ashton

Scott Aylor
Laurie Birsch
James Bonney
Zamir Bortman
Paul Brinser
Sophomores

Greg Jessen
Mai Koussa
Bryan Kreeb
Brian Kunze-Cahill
Kieu Le

Jin Lee
Davy Ligon
Roberta Lynch
Corey Mazar
Jennifer Mueller

Malcom Murray
Nicholas Papageorgiou
Darren Phipps
Kate Rantz
Angel Ray

Lori Redifer

Emmanuel Scordalakes
Shawn Scott
Kevin Skinner
Allison Smith
Rich Smith
Michael Snow

Neil Snow
Kevin Spillane

Ron Spillers
Tara Staehle

Carl Steger
Rainy Suon
Edward Thomason
Danny Truvan
Cindy Vu

Neal Webster
Scott Wenk
Kelly Whitehurst
Tina Yoo
MEET OUR CRAZY CLASS!

Above left: “Walk like an egyptian” Above middle: Chris neck in neck in the pie eating contest. Above right: Neil makes a new friend. Below left: Ted as announcer... Below middle: ...and Randy as the champion of molar preps, the hardest you know?!! Below right: “See our creativity?” Bottom three: Shawn and Emmanuel show us the many uses of peanut butter.
Dressing Up

Far left: Emmanuel, the D.J. for the MCV Ball. Left: Allison Smith and date. Below: Nick getting wild... watch out everyone!
Lower left: Gathering at CCV. Bottom left: Chris and date. Bottom middle: President Spillane and date. Bottom right: Lori Redifer finds a new dance partner.
**Sharing Time**


*Left:* Neil and two of his many women. *Right:* Khalid Ahmad and Hani Al-Mazeedi catching up on some lab work.
Above right: Watch out ladies!
Left: Look at him Boogie! Right: Friends for life.
Lower left: Strawberry Hill Races. Lower right: Brian comes out of the closet.
Moutaz Abdeen
Ahmad Abdulmohsen
Jagjit Ahuja
Zainab Al-Ali
Salah Al-Kandari

Darcy Amacher
Terrance Biscombe
Timothy Breeden
Jared Chisholm
Ashley Coleman

Quyen Dao

Thao Doan

Hoda Eid
Miguel Fernandez
Monica Gulliksen
William Harper
Gary Hartman
Kurt Haselman

Kirk Hazelgrove
Jason Hess
Mark Huie
David Huie
William Jackomis

Treacy Jones

Joe Khalil

David Kirk
FRESHMEN

Peter Lim
Matt Lyerly
Ronald Mamrick
Pamela Marzban

Kenneth McGee
Meshal Mohammad

Nkitseng Moje
Stephen Mullins

Peter Murchie
Ashley Nichols

Quynh Nguyen
Tuong Van Nguyen
Benjamin Overstreet
Anh Pham
Hanah Pham
Leila Saba
Robert Semtner
Hadi Shehab

Lori Snidow
Kevin Snow

Cynthia Southern
Elitho Swery

Taurus Tatem
Justin Tobias

Allie Tran
David Wilkinson
Troy Yates
The Experience of Tenth Floor Sanger

Top Left: Inspired anatomists!?
Above: Troy Yates and Moutaz Abdeen feeding their plastic friend. Left: Learning from the master. Lower left: Peter is really concentrating now. Lower right: Looking weary from the day.
AFTER GROSS 70S PARTY
MINGLING AT THE PSI-OMEGA CHRISTMAS PARTY
Dental Hygiene

Megan Allen
Hiwota Berhane
Stephanie Blankenship
Kristi Carroll
Mai-Han Chau

Joell Forceng
Mary Beth Halter
Susan Loomis
Rhonda Painter
Dusty Ramey

Kim Ramey

Leah Smith

Michelle Smith
Jamie Van
Ellen Vaughan
1997

ALL IN A DAYS WORK!
HALLOWEEN HYGIENISTS!
Dental Hygiene

Sherry Caraveo
Kasey Farah
Jenny King
Mai-Han Chau

Amy Melvin
Chauntel Morgan
Ngoc-Diem Phen

Heather Riley
Julie Tadevich

Brandy Turner
1998

Groovy Hygienists!!

WORKING HARD ?!!?
DH-3's at their best!
Those who make it happen!!
Psi Omega
Dental Fraternity

Pres: Neil Morrison; Vice-Pres: Gretchen Drees; Treasurer: Neal Klar; Social: Jay Bukzin, Todd Scheyer, Jenny Vobrak.
Left: Delta Sigma Delta 1996 Fall Initiation. Right: 1996-1997 Executive Council: President, Matt Cooke, D97; Vice President, Farid Zurnati, D98; Secretary, Anthony Peluso, D97; Treasurer, Qais Musmar, D98; Social Chair, Emmanuel Skordilakes, D99; Historian, Malcolm Murray; D99; Pages, Ernie Moore, D97 & Kate Rantz, D99; Advisor, Dr. Art Mourino.

Right: 1996-1997 Members pose for the camera, Lower Left: Spring 1996 initiation Lower Right: Delta Sigma Delta’s finest with their president
The Dental Family
Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

Robert Frost
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
I am very pleased to take this opportunity to salute the graduating class of 1996-97 as you prepare to enter into a practice environment that will provide you with many challenging opportunities in the years to come. The health care environment that you are about to enter will not continue to exist in its present form. It will be replaced by new systems that focus on cost and efficiency; systems in which the roles of all health professionals will become increasingly blurred. Our intention in the School of Pharmacy was to prepare you to be able to respond to these health care market changes while being motivated to continue to learn throughout your professional careers.

To survive in these uncharted waters you must not only possess the required clinical skills to take care of the individuals who seek your care, you must be able to argue, to persuade, and to transmit accurate data, impressions, and conclusions. You must know how to communicate! You must understand ethics and behave in an ethical manner. You must be able to understand population dynamics and epidemiology, and you must be able to document clearly the services you provide to your patients. You are a unique and valuable member of the health care team because you can make a contribution to the pharmacotherapy decision-making process that no other team member is able to offer. You bring to the team the perspective, recommendations, and conclusions based on the pharmaceutical sciences. No other health profession has the background and training to understand how such factors as structure activity relationship, pH, or protein binding can influence the therapeutic efficacy or toxicity of a drug. Use it well!

I hope you can carry with you a feeling of pride and accomplishment as you leave this University and School of Pharmacy. We are honored that you have chosen our program to prepare you to practice your profession, and we hope you will allow us to continue to play a significant role in your professional growth and development in the future.

Victor A. Yanchick
Dean of Pharmacy
Get Dressed Up!
1998

Christina Hooper
Christina Hooper

Lisa Jeannette
Sarah Kahn

Barbara Kannewurf
Suzanne Keller

Charles Kelly
Patricia Kim

Jocelyn Leu
Brigitte Luong
WORK HARD...
PLAY HARD.
PHARM-D

Chris Ashby
Gordon Atkins
Lori Baird
Courtney Bittinger
Donna Boyd

Joseph Campbell
Christine Carson
Grace Chen
Susan Chien
Tonya Edwards

Nancy Eldin

Jessica Evans

Joy Evans
Beckie Gardner
Theresa Gross
Neal Huang
Dionne Johnson
PHARMD

Melissa Tatum
Renee Umberger

Joel Wallace
Whitney Wallace

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Angela Wright
A Close Knit Family
Time Well Spent
2000

Sonya Frazier
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Michelle James

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Sonya Mittal
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Cynthia Nester
Hoi Ngai
Phuong Dung Nguyen
Angela Passero

Dan Payne
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Allison Pishock

Norman Porter
Malda Puryear
Lisa Robinson
Dajen Runge
April Saunders

Jennifer Scales
Melanie Schiefer
Catherine Schnurman
Sinah Selelo
Sheri Shields
We’re not Camera Shy!
MINGLING IN THE
SCHOOL 'OF
PHARMACY
The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.

John Foster Dulles
SCHOOL OF NURSING
Congratulations to all of our students in the 1996-97 classes and special best wishes to the senior class as they enter the rapidly changing health care field. By virtue of your studies at VCU you are well prepared for the world of practice today and for continuing with success into the ever changing future. As you have learned during your time as students, you are a part of a School with a proud heritage and highly successful alumni. You will soon be joining the alumni from previous classes and I am certain that by virtue of your quality practice you will carry the name of your alma mater forward as positively as our previous graduates.

In the coming years as you review this yearbook, I hope it will be with fondness for the friendships you developed at VCU, and with pride for the quality of the education you received. Best wishes for a long, successful career. I hope you return to your alma mater often.

Sincerely,

Nancy F. Langston, R.N., Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing
NURSING

Lisa Childs
Benita Colbert
Stephanie Cooke
Dawn Konieczka
Sally McQuail

Zara Morgan
Fidelia Obi
Laura Odenwelder
Tami Ridgeway
FUN, FUN, FUN
NURSING

Kathleen Braver
Michael Durkin
Carol Eichel
Jessica Holland

Bronwen Lewis
Christy Moore
Amy Stevens

Elaine Tinsley
Joyce Wei

Mary Beth Willis
THE JOY OF OUR PROFESSION
NURSING

Gore Valendez, N99

Lori Moore, G1

Margie Raible, G1

Katrina Zapouliko, G1

NURSE
There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.

John Andrew Holmer
SCHOOL OF
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Gerontology
Health Administration
Nurse Anesthesia
Occupational Therapy
Patient Counseling
Physical Therapy
Radiation Sciences
Rehabilitation Counseling
Clinical Lab Sciences
Dr. Cecil B. Drain, Ph.D., was appointed as Interim Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at VCU in July of 1996. Prior to that appointment, he had served as the Chair of the Department of Nurse Anesthesia since 1993.

Before coming to VCU, Dr. Drain had a distinguished 27-year career in the U.S. Army. He was selected for the first class of the Anesthesiology Nursing course in 1971. After graduation, he was assigned to the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Seoul, South Korea where he was the Chief Nurse Anesthetist. Later, while at Brooke Army Med. Ctr., he wrote the first edition of the book, The Recovery Room, now in its third edition. It is highly regarded as the "Bible" of Post Anesthesia Nursing.

In 1980, he returned to the Academy of Health Sciences to become the Asst. Program Director and then Acting Program Director of the U.S. Army/State University of NY at Buffalo Nurse Anesthesiology Course. He graduated form the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and in 1983 he was assigned to Texas A&M University where he obtained a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational curriculum and instruction in higher education.

Dr. Drain returned to Brooke Army Medical Center in 1986 as the Special Project Officer for the Commander along with providing anesthesia in the Dept. of Anesthesiology. In 1989, he moved to the Academy of Health Sciences where he served as a Branch Chief and Director of the U.S. Army/University of Texas at Houston Program in Nurse Anesthesia. Dr. Drain retired from the Army in 1993 at the rank of colonel.

Dr. Drain's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the "A" Army Proficiency designator. He was the 1981 winner of the Federal Nursing Service Award. He remains the only Nurse Anesthetist to have received that research award. Dr. Drain was inducted into the American Acad. of Nursing as a Fellow in 1988, only the second Nurse Anesthetist in the country to be so honored. He has authored 8 books, over 60 professional articles, has presented at over 90 state and national conventions, and serves on 5 editorial boards and one research foundation.

Dr. Drain brings a broad spectrum of experience in leadership, research, teaching and service to his new position as Interim Dean. His vision for the School is one of continued excellence, motivating faculty, staff, and students toward national achievement and recognition through the use of cutting edge technology in preparation for the delivery of quality health care to the citizens of the 21st century.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Richard Ammons
Stephanie Booker
Bethany Burns
Lisa Byard
Hayley Daniels

Mary Gonano
Kim High

Carrie Kessler
Kimberly King

Diane Messer
Boyd Musick
Catherine Rathbone
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Kevin Solari

Sue Serrell
Anita Steele
Tracy Whiting
Wendy Woods
Julie Yurcaiv
1997
VOTA Conference 1996

A LITTLE TIME OFF!!
OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS!!
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Melissa Cranford
Monica Ericsson
Becky Hundley
Fred Mahaffey

Jennifer Norman
Margaret Smith
Mariah Underwood

Colette Walker
Jennifer Woodward

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
1998

HALLOWEEN
ALL WORK & NO PLAY!

NOT THESE OT-3'S!!!
PHYSICAL THERAPY

Brian Belfield
Laura Hurst
Catie Rheutan
Thomas Turner

1997
A Good Life is Built on Friendship
PHYSICAL THERAPY
1998

Kathy Klein
Ashley Lewis
Jennifer Moses
Arlene Winter
It's all dressed up ...

AND DOWN !!
PT- 98'S
PARTY!
SA"7 CHEESE"
Jill Berthe
Kim Bouret
Melanie Branham
Sarah Caton
Roschella Claytor

Mary Crishock
Tamara Cuffee
Jennifer Downey
Laurie Dominick
Cindy Hagberg

Jennifer Hughlett
Julie Jordan
Sandra Pezzillo
Nicoletta SanBurn
Anne Tanner

Julia Tomiak
Julie VanHellemon
Stephanie Watkins
Amy Willingham
Rachel Works
1999

What it's all About!!
PT--l's enjoying the great outdoors!
Blowing off a little Steam!!
ENJOYING EACH OTHERS COMPANY
Masters of Health Administration

1999

Amy Adams
Carolyn Caulfield
Richard Hardy
Jeff Mullins
Tiffany Peacock

Kathy Scott
Barclay Shepard
Julie Syonor
Karen Wilson
ADMINISTRATION
Howling at the...
Here's to good friends.
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

1997 GRADUATING SENIORS

Paula Anderson       Elie Kang
Melanie Baines       Josie Kornegay
Ginger Brooks        Dianne Lewis
Alisa Brown          Emily May
Greg Davis           Matt Norwya
Mark Dickerson       Janet Ramos
Marty Dixon          Rosela Rowell
Chastity Emory       Wayne Satterfield
Kamy Fung            Brian Singleton
Irene Garrett        Mark Stave
Karol Godsey         Mellisa Steele
Dianne Green-Brown   Jennifer Sites
Cheryl Hitaffer      Le Tran
CLINICAL RADIATION SCIENCES

Eric Baker
Christine Brown
Jennifer Love
Brian Monzon

Victoria Ronnau
Joe Tai
Tammy Williamson

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AT MCV

Alison Anderson
Heather Cocker
Carol DeAngelis
Tuan Do

Phuong Huynh
Russ Lewis
Petra Menzel
Stephanie Morsan

Scott Runyon
William Slater
Joanna Vickery
Steven Wasilewski
The simplest and shortest ethical precept is to be served by others as little as possible, and to serve others as much as possible.

Leo Tolstoy
YOU SO CRAZY!!
HELLO...IS ANYBODY IN THERE?
OUR BEST FRIENDS !!!

top left: M-4 & friend.  top
mid: Sandra George (M-4) & cat.
top right: Looking a little sloppy
at Strawberry Hill.  mid left:
Chubs letting loose! mid right:
Crystal Judy & Shade w/ good ole
Saint Nick.  bottom left: Jeff Cash
(D-4) makes a friend in Jamaica!
bottom right: Kim Wagner's cat
Taz just hangin' out!
top left: Amanda (D-3) & Dave with Jake.  top right: Alan Heffner’s (M-4) cat Tom.
mid left: Ray Williams (D-3) showing off Shadow.  mid-upper right: Katie brushing her teeth! mid right: Did we wake you?
lower left: The Brownstein’s most valuable family member Amanda. lower right: Didn’t someone say people resemble their pets?  (Lisa Child’s, N-4, dog Reilly)
Upper Right: Berkley Rayfield taking a break at his wedding to photograph with the Kappa Epsilon women. (P-96) Middle Left: Shawn & Jen Ferguson. Middle Right: M-4’s toast to marital bliss. Lower Left: An M-4 wedding. Lower Right: No turning back now!
Upper Left: Mike & Sharon Covaney (D-4's).
Upper Middle: Newleyweds Kelly & Wendy Golden stop for a picture before riding off into the sunset! Upper Right: Ken & Karen Tankersley (D-4's). Middle Left: Paige & Sean Fessenden cutting the cake! Middle Right: Julia Williams & her new hubby Ken. Lower Left: The wedding of Joy W. Rayfield (P-97) to Berkley Rayfield (P-96). Lower Right: Nursing Newleyweds, Dennis & Carol Eichel.
The sparkle in our eyes!

Upper Left: Matt & Marni Husson Expecting!! Upper Right: James Millward-one proud Papa!
Middle Left: Fred Connor (D-3) & his son Aiden  Middle Right: Matt & Kayla Dollar in Disney! Lower Left: Jeff Davis looking pretty natural with Alexander Galatro! Lower Right: Jeremy Ellis (D-2) with his wife & new baby.
Upper Left: Dr. Koertge & Chris Ward picnic with their children. Upper Right: Jen grinning from ear to ear with her son Alexander! Middle Left: Josh Lachine (D-3) spending quality time with his wife & son. Lower Left: Andrea Chapman’s daughter Kayla smiles for the camera. Lower Middle: David Chamberlain’s precious little ones! Lower Right: Coleman Adams taking after Mom & Dad. Bill & Courtney Adams (GPR & D-4).
OUR PLATES ARE FULL!
As we know, the medical campus is only as strong as the well organized and highly active student body that occupies it. The Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University Student Government Association prides itself upon upholding the strong stature of its medical campus. The SGA represents interests and concerns for all students through promoting school activities fostering a community atmosphere and working to improve the quality of the educational experience here at MCV. The SGA is the liaison between the student body, the university staff and faculty. It consists of an executive board, representatives elected by the class and an advisor, the dean of students. The motto for SGA is "The Voice for the Students."

The 1996-1997 Executive Council includes: President, Addie Briggs, M97; Vice-President of Student Life, Matthew Cooke, D97; Vice-President of Social, Jay Bukzin, D98; Secretary, Todd Scheyer, D98; Treasurer, Elaine Reale, M98; Honor Council Chair, Danny Felty, M98; Yearbook Editor, Kim Wagner, D98; Advisor, Dr. Robert Clifton, Dean of Student Affairs.
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The editors were Kimberly Noelle Wagner, Kristen Elizabeth Bowling, Christa Ellenberger and Matthew Cooke.
I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1997!!
The End