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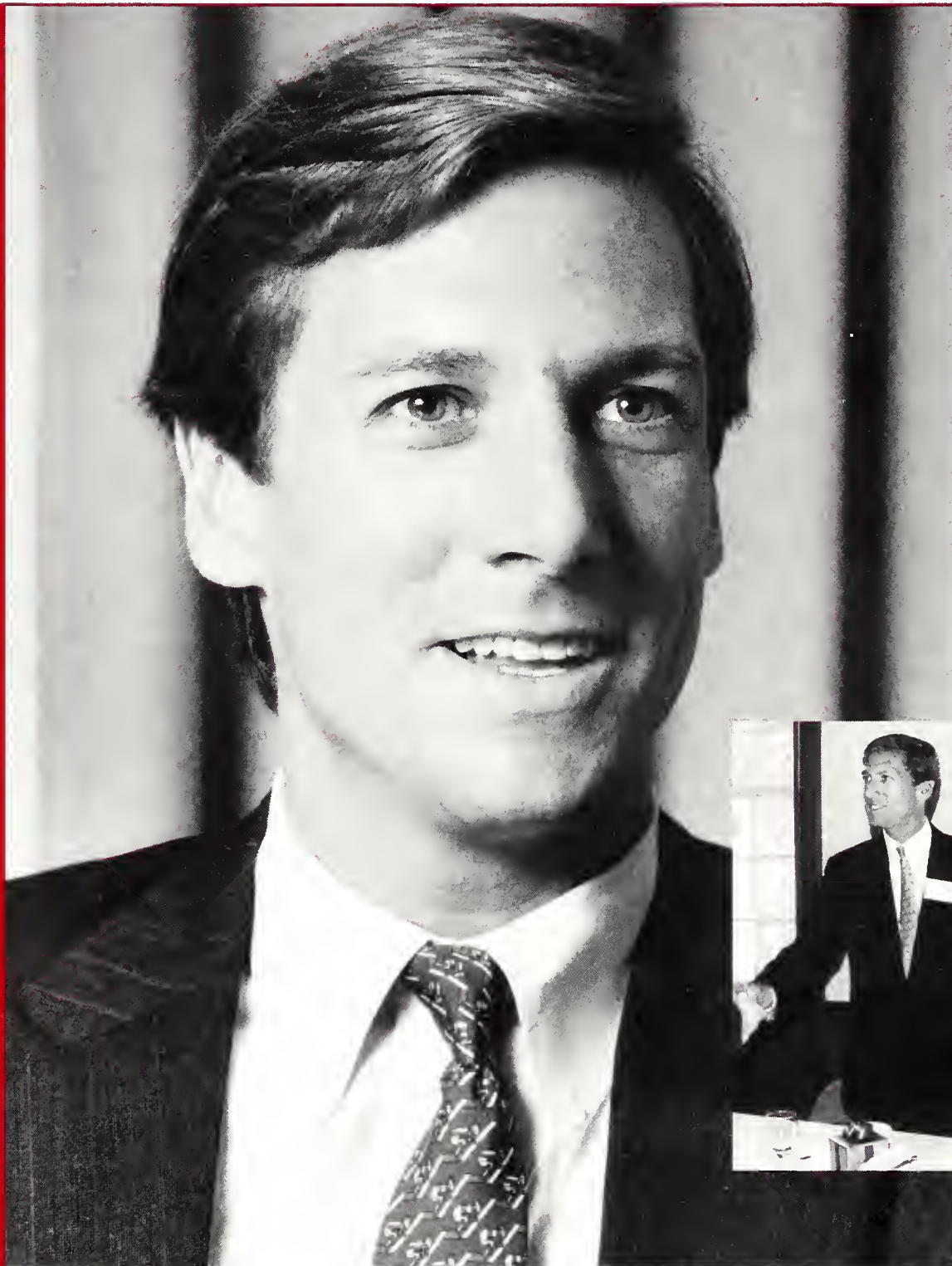
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# EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE



On November 15, 1996, MWC welcomed John G. Macfarlane III as the 1996-97 Executive-in-Residence. Macfarlane, managing director of the New York investment banking firm Salomon Brothers Inc., addressed a breakfast crowd of 220 that included business leaders, MWC administrators, faculty and students. His topic, "Challenges Facing the Financial Markets in the Year Ahead," was part of a day-long schedule that included classroom visits, an informal luncheon and a roundtable discussion of "Careers on Wall Street."

Macfarlane, who holds a B.A. in classical studies from Hampden-Sydney and an M.B.A. from U.Va.'s Darden Graduate School of Business, has other ties to MWC besides Executive-In-Residence. His mother, Mrs. Anne Beck Macfarlane, is a 1952 graduate and a former member of the Board of Visitors.



The Executive-in-Residence program, established at the College in 1989, is designed to teach students from all academic disciplines about the business world through interaction with established corporate leaders. The program also involves local business leaders in the life of the College through its annual business-leaders breakfast and special seminars.

*Fredericksburg Mayor Bill Greenup enjoys the breakfast in Lee Hall Ballroom.*

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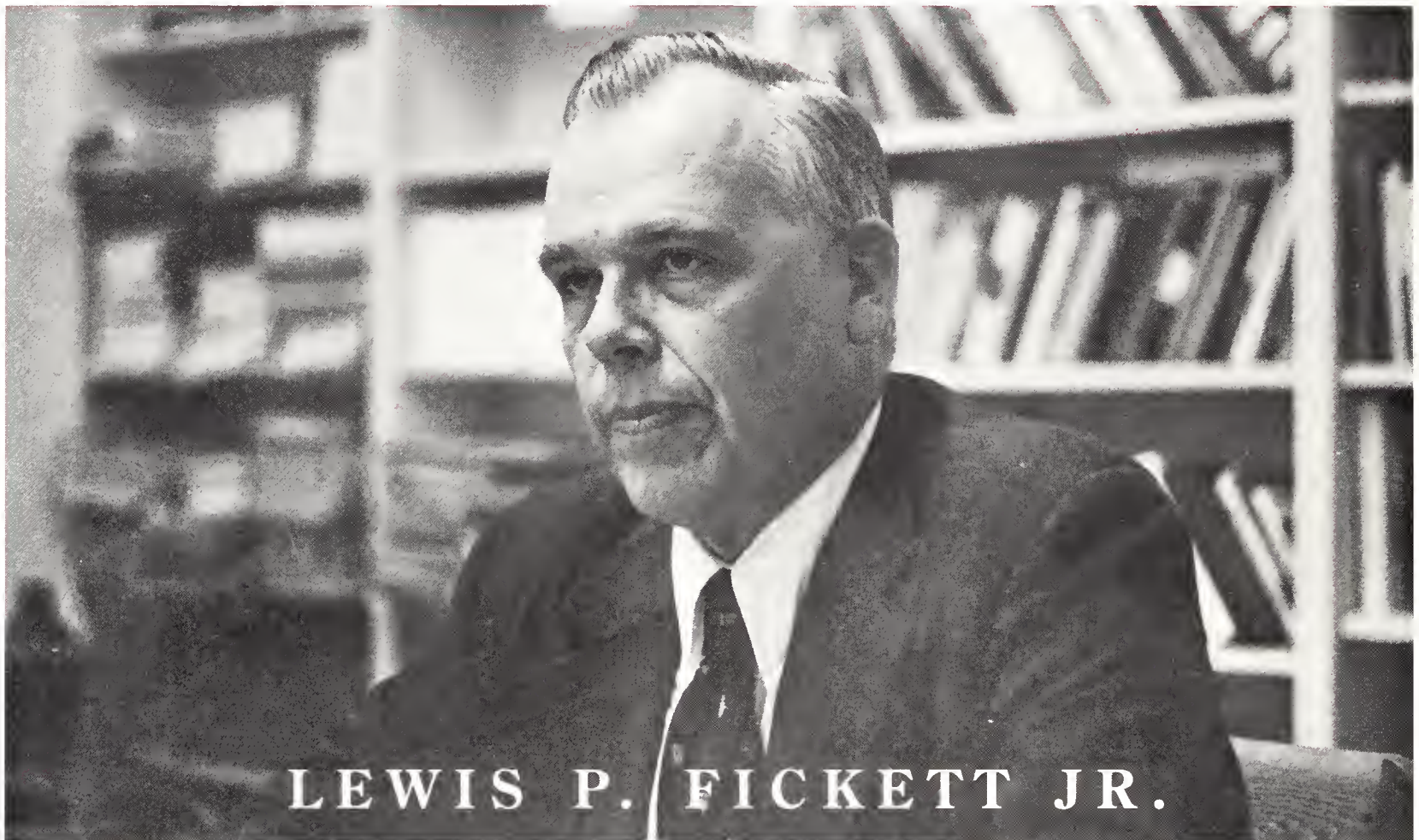
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# MWC'S SCHOLAR-STATESMAN

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

ven before Lewis P. Fickett Jr. joined the political science faculty at Mary Washington College in the fall of 1963, he had already achieved distinction both in academia and in the "real world" beyond it. Over the next three decades, owing to his accomplishments in both areas, he became one of the most prominent faculty members at the College — widely acclaimed as a productive scholar, exceptional teacher, and dedicated public servant.

A native of Winthrop, Mass., Lew attended Bowdoin College, following in the tradition of his father and grandfather. His undergraduate education was interrupted by World War II, during which he served for two years in the Navy, mainly in the South Pacific. Returning to Bowdoin, he was graduated summa cum laude in government in 1948 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Attracted both to law and to teaching, Lew first pursued a law degree, which he received from Harvard in 1952.

After working for a year in the legal department of the General Electric Company, he returned to Harvard to seek a doctorate in government; in 1956 he received his Ph.D. with concentrations in constitutional law, comparative government and public administration.

Thus armed with impeccable academic credentials in two fields, but still not committed totally to either, the young Dr. Fickett embarked instead upon what promised to be a rewarding career as a foreign service officer. Beginning as an economist in the Office of German Affairs, he held posts in Bonn and, later,

in Algiers before returning to the States to serve on the Thailand desk of the Agency for International Development.

Although Law enjoyed the Foreign Service, he was bothered by the organization's rigid bureaucracy and found himself increasingly attracted to the academic world. So, having learned of an opening in the Political Science Department at Mary Washington, he came to the College for an interview. He did so with considerable misgivings, he recalls, because he was unsure that he really wanted to be associated with what he viewed then as "a segregated college in a segregated city" — an environment that seemed decidedly inimical to his background as well as to his beliefs. Those concerns, however, were largely allayed during his interview with Chancellor (later President) Grellet C. Simpson, who enticed the prospective professor with a vision of the kind of liberal arts college that Dr. Simpson was attempting to build.

Eager to be part of the intellectual excitement that characterized the College in those days, Dr. Fickett joined the faculty in the fall of 1963. His impact was immediate. One of his first major advisees, Charlotte Stultz '66, was a sophomore when he arrived. She recalls vividly the tall, courtly professor, always immaculately attired — typically in pin-striped suit and rep tie. Though his political views were "a little bit liberal for my tastes," she says, "he was just tremendously dynamic. Everyone was impressed with his intellect and his enthusiasm and his concern for the students. He instantly energized the department."

Above all, Ms. Stultz remembers him as a "wonderful lecturer," whose every presentation was an amalgam of precision and passion — compellingly delivered in the characteristic "Bahstin" accent of his native New England. Indeed, the meticulously crafted lecture became the hallmark of his teaching and the basis, in part, for his selection in 1995 as the recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. [Ms. Stultz, it might be noted, was one of his many students who, doubtlessly influenced by his example, went on to pursue their own successful careers as teachers of government (as in her case) or as lawyers or public servants.]

But Dr. Fickett's contributions to academia were by no means limited to the classroom. From the outset, and throughout his career, he was constantly



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engaged in productive scholarship. In this he was the beneficiary of several prestigious grants, including a Ford Foundation Fellowship to study in India. Having subsequently studied Hindi as a visiting scholar at the University of Michigan, he returned to India several times, including in 1966 as a Fulbright Summer Scholar, in 1967-68 as

part of a college exchange program, and in 1990 as the recipient of a Smithsonian Fellowship. In the process he published extensively, including *The Major Socialist Parties of India* (1976) and numerous articles, all of which led to recognition as one of the country's leading scholars in the field of Indian politics.

In the opinion of his long-time departmental colleague, Dr. John M. Kramer, it is the combination of effective pedagogy and scholarly productivity that particularly distinguished Dr. Fickett's career. "His integration of teaching and scholarship has benefited his students tremendously," says Dr. Kramer, adding that, "for 25 years I've viewed him as representing the finest ideals of the teacher-scholar. He has truly been a mentor for me personally."

Yet there has been still another, and very significant, dimension to Dr. Fickett's career: that of active political participant. Long involved in Democratic Party affairs at the local level, he first sought public office himself in 1971 when he ran for the Virginia House of Delegates, supported enthusiastically by many MWC students who campaigned on his behalf. Though defeated in that first attempt, he ran successfully two years later, beginning a string of victories that would keep him in the General Assembly through 1981. During that period he also ran for Congress — in 1978 — a quest that, even though unsuccessful, fulfilled a lifelong ambition.

In the state legislature, Delegate Fickett quickly earned a reputation as one of that body's most progressive members, serving with distinction on several key committees, notably Education and Labor. His more significant achievements included promotion of a state minimum-wage law and a teacher grievance law, both being, in his words, "long overdue in the Commonwealth." The legislation that Delegate Fickett promoted most vigorously — and that came to partial fruition — was a bill to provide free textbooks for Virginia's



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*Fickett and his wife, Martha, professor of music at MWC, stand outside of Monroe Hall.*

schoolchildren. His advocacy for such a program was both an outgrowth of his own profession and a reflection of the philosophy of his political hero, Franklin Roosevelt, who maintained that the fundamental purpose of government was "to do for the people that which they cannot do for themselves." Though stymied in many cases by a majority more conservative than he, Professor Fickett nonetheless recalls his time in the General Assembly as being "in some ways the most cherished experience of my life — other than my many happy years in teaching."



Thirty-three years on the faculty have afforded Lew Fickett an ample perspective from which to evaluate the College's evolution. The most significant change, he believes, has been the transition from essentially a women's teachers college to "a first-ranking liberal arts college, not only in the South, but in the nation." Each of the presidents under whom he has worked has, in his opinion, contributed in a special way to that evolution: President Simpson for emphasizing the liberal arts and for hiring faculty to implement that goal; President Prince B. Woodard for securing additional state funding and for implementing administrative and curricular restructuring; and President William M. Anderson Jr. for increasing both private endowment and public funding — often despite adverse economic conditions — as well as for carrying out an extensive construction program that has substantially enhanced

both the beauty and functioning of the campus.

Another fundamental change that Dr. Fickett has observed is the transition from a single-sex to a coeducational institution. Though admittedly somewhat nostalgic for certain aspects of the college of his earlier years on the faculty, he points out that he long supported coeducation — "a much healthier and more desirable environment," in his opinion. Most commendable, he believes, has been the ability of the College to maintain high academic quality while implementing coeducation.

Although he views as positive almost all the change he has witnessed, Dr. Fickett does express some concerns, chiefly about what he regards as increasingly bureaucratic tendencies within academia. Teaching, he says, was once "the last refuge of the independent man and woman," but such freedom has been diminished in recent years "as standards of the business community have been superimposed upon the teaching community." Yet he sees this as the inevitable consequence of "changing times and greater restrictions imposed... upon all state employees, faculty included."

He is also a bit wary of some implications of modern technology for the teaching profession. While acknowledging that the computer age obviously presents the potential for expanding and improving many facets of education, he admits that he himself was just as happy to leave the classroom before computers "wholly or even significantly intervened in the personal relationship between the stu-

dents and the professor, as apparently has happened in many of our larger schools and universities."



At the end of the 1995-96 academic year, Lew Fickett retired from the full-time faculty, though he still teaches several courses as an adjunct professor. He remains close to the College both emotionally and physically; he and his wife, Martha (MWC '63 and currently professor of music at the College) live only a few blocks from campus. Their son, Lewis III, having recently continued the Bowdoin tradition through the fourth generation, is now in law school at Boston College. The two Lewises share a passion not only for politics but also, slightly less seriously perhaps, for the Boston Red Sox — a perennially frustrating addiction that plagues New Englanders.

Dr. Fickett has no doubt as to what he will miss most in his retirement: the students. "I've enjoyed them so much and have been stimulated by them," he says. "I've enjoyed every minute of it — even those terrible exams from time to time.... To paraphrase the great old Jimmy Stewart movie title, it has been truly 'a wonderful life.' There's nothing like teaching."

In bestowing the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus upon Dr. Fickett at the 1996 Commencement ceremony, President Anderson praised him as one who "has consistently demanded much of his students, but has given even more of himself," adding aptly that "no one has exceeded him in devotion to the principles of liberal education upon which Mary Washington College is founded, nor has anyone lived those principles more faithfully." Provost Philip Hall put it succinctly, describing Dr. Fickett as "the living incarnation of what all of us imagine as the model college professor."

To such accolades, Lew Fickett responds with characteristic modesty, expressing only the hope that he has been able "to impart some wisdom, some experience, some knowledge." On that score he need not worry. As hundreds of MWC graduates would attest, his legacy is secure as a teacher, adviser, and friend who has influenced many lives for the better, not only through the lessons of the classroom that he has taught, but through the example of the life that he has lived.

*William B. Crawley Jr. is Distinguished Professor of History, holder of the Rector and Visitors Chair, and historian of the College.*

# HOMECOMING '96

BY J. SUZANNE HORSLEY '93

The Battleground Complex was packed with MWC alumni tailgaters and sports spectators for Homecoming '96 in October. While it was a breezy autumn day, it was noticeably warmer walking amid the crowds that assembled in the parking lots. Some alumni grilled burgers or held tailgate picnics. Everyone was having a great time catching up with classmates they hadn't seen or heard from since college.

At times the scene resembled a family reunion more than a college homecoming. Strollers were spotted all around campus and the athletic fields. Graduates introduced spouses and children to old friends and faculty members, and showed off their former dorms and academic buildings.

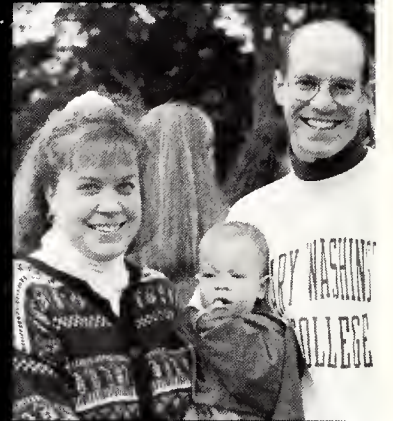
Because of the crowds, many of us were afraid we would miss seeing special classmates. "I hope we see Wanda," one alumna was overheard saying. "Remember the redhead? She was Alice's roommate." And, "Oh, have you seen Diane? I really wanted her to meet my little boy."

Jackie McCauley Clark '94 and husband Hunter '93 made the short trip to campus from their home in Fredericksburg to join up with friends. The Clarks met while on MWC's intercollegiate debate team and are now teaching and coaching debate in high schools.

Janine Powell Knott '91 and her sister, Yvonne Powell Conatser '90, met Stacie Nash Bard '90 and her daughter, Holly, for a tour of campus before heading to The Battleground. "We just wanted to see who was here," said Bard. "The biggest change we saw, besides the new buildings, was the Phi Beta Kappa key," she said, referring to the new sculpture on Campus Walk.

Kristin Hastings Rupprecht and Kurt Rupprecht, both 1992 graduates, brought their toddler, Collin, to the festivities. They drove down from Bel Air, Md., for the weekend.





On another field, MWC's rugby team battled the men's alumni. Gordon Dixon '92, who works for the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, was one of many who took time out from busy schedules to watch the game with friends.

Many alumni had the opportunity to watch their first baseball game in the College's new stadium. This impressive brick structure was the scene for MWC's win over Catholic University.

Alumni weren't the only ones in the crowd at the diamond, however. Freshman pitcher Everett Dry's family made the journey from Lebanon, Pa., for the doubleheader. Everett's parents, Bonnie and Bill, and grandparents, Betty and William, got a seat right behind home plate. "We made this a family outing to see the game," said William Dry. "We hope to get to see him pitch this weekend."

The Homecoming crowd watched the men's and women's soccer teams outscore Salisbury State and Roanoke College before heading down the street to Trench Hill for the alumni "After the Game Party."

Nellie King '92 enjoyed food and conversation with former classmates under the tent. She graduated in May from Nova Southeastern law school in Florida and recently passed the Florida Bar. She's now a public defender in Palm Beach, loving every minute of it. She has also continued her interest in politics and is working on a campaign for the state attorney.

Huntley Thorpe '92, on track for a career in law, is in his third year of law school at the University of Richmond and is interested in pursuing general litigation work.

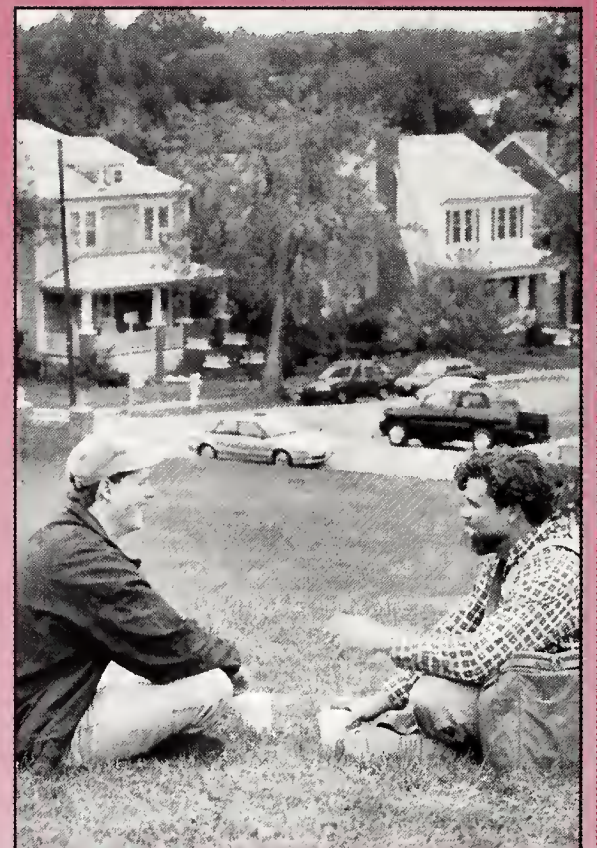
The tent remained packed long after all the food and drink had disappeared, but one individual was sorely missed from the party. President Anderson, recuperating from an illness, could not attend Homecoming. Many alumni remarked

that they missed him cheering on the Eagles at the Battleground Complex and chatting with alumni at Trench Hill. Everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

As the alumni party was slowing down, the revelers were just getting their second wind. A few scattered raindrops started to fall, but everyone was busy getting geared up for more socializing in the evening and going out to hear their favorite local bands.

Alumni exchanged phone numbers as the crowds gradually wandered back to their cars or headed to campus for a last stop at the Bookstore. Most were making plans to meet again on Sunday for the alumni baseball game and lacrosse matches, and no one wanted Homecoming '96 to end.

*J. Suzanne Horsley '93 works for the Virginia Department of Agriculture in Consumer Services in the Office of Communication and Media Relations.*





*Schnellock's painting in the Trinkle Hall reading room.*



# Ars Longa:

Artworks by Former Art Faculty

BY FORREST MCGILL

In the late 1940s, plans were made to remodel the House of Representatives chamber in the nation's Capitol. Twenty-three large circular reliefs, each portraying one of the great lawgivers of Western history, would be placed around the upper walls of the chamber. Seven noted sculptors were commissioned to produce the portrait reliefs. Among these sculptors was Professor Gaetano Cecere of Mary Washington College.

The original plaster models of Cecere's four portrait reliefs will be seen for the first time this spring at the MWC Galleries. They will be among the highlights of an exhibition of paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints and ceramics by former College art faculty.

Cecere was assigned to depict the Byzantine emperor Justinian; English Parliamentary leader Simon de Montfort; King Alfonso X, "The Learned," of Leon and Castile; and Virginia statesman George Mason. Cecere (and the other sculptors) first shaped the portrait reliefs in Plasticine, a material like a child's modeling clay. The Plasticine version was then covered in plaster. When the plaster had hardened the Plasticine was removed, leaving the plaster as a mold. Next, more plaster was put into the mold, and strengthened with burlap and an armature of metal rods. Finally, the resulting reinforced plaster positive was shipped to a special factory to be carved into



*Gaetano Cecere, Alfonso X, The Learned, 1949-1950, plaster.*

marble. It is the plaster positives that have been preserved at MWC; the marble versions still decorate the House chamber in Washington.

The sculptor faced an unusual challenge in having to represent ancient and medieval figures of whose real-life appearance little or nothing was known. For the 13th-century Simon de Montfort, for instance, he would just have to invent a face of credible type and make sure the haircut evoked the period. In some

instances, though, a bit of useful evidence might be available. Prof. George D. Greenia of the College of William and Mary is a specialist in Spanish culture under Alfonso X, and has given some thought to Cecere's portrait of Alfonso. He writes that "life portraits of medieval monarchs are rare [but] Alfonso X is an exception. There are miniatures [of him] in four celebrated royal manuscripts... Cecere might [also] have seen reproductions of a fairly well-known statue of Alfonso and his wife in the cloister of the Cathedral of Burgos.... The most likely source for Cecere's idea of what the Learned King looked like is the monumental statue of Alfonso X prominently displayed in the main entrance to the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid."

Cecere's background prepared him well for the House chamber commission. Born in New York in 1894, he studied at the National Academy of Design and, in the early 1920s, at the American Academy in Rome. By his arrival at the College in 1947, he was a successful artist working in a conservative vein, and had received a number of significant public commissions. He retired from teaching in 1964 at the age of 70.

The best known artist to have taught at MWC is the painter Julien Binford, who arrived a year before Cecere. Binford, a Virginian, received cosmopolitan training at the Art Institute of Chicago and traveled in Europe from 1932 to 1935



House of Representatives chamber. Cecere's marble of George Mason is found above and to the right of the flag. The College's plaster version is inset.



Julien Binford, *Untitled (farmer hoeing)*, approx. early 1940s, ink and charcoal on paper, gift of Glenna Graves Shiflett '48.

on an art fellowship. After returning to the U.S., he and his wife bought an old foundry in rural Virginia and slowly and effortfully turned it into a home. Binford drew and painted the country scenes and country folk he lived among.

From this period — the late 1930s and early 1940s — come, we think, two of Binford's works in the exhibition. The oil painting "Palmore's Barn" shows a lone, nondescript farm building in the middle of a winter landscape. The ground is white with snow, but the painting is the opposite of a celebration of a bright winter's day. Instead, the edges of the snow have melted into slush, and brown-tinted gray obscures the sky. The sense of cold and isolation and deprivation call to mind Mrs. Binford's description of their early life at the Old Foundry: "It had no roof. It was the House of Usher.... We lived in a windy shack with no water, no lights, and no heat.... We cooked on the open hearth. And, in those winters, we had

little to eat but ashcakes and molasses."

Binford's drawing of a farmer hoeing suggests an entirely different aspect of life around the Old Foundry. The Binfords' neighbors — and eventual friends — were the poor black farming families living nearby. These families' culture made a very strong impression. Mrs. Binford wrote of attending the local church with her husband, "watching the lovely clothes, the luminous skins, in the smell of autumn and humanity and kerosene lamps, in the winged wind of many paper fans.... Julien's throat would tighten and I would unashamedly cry. Those people were beautiful." Binford became famous for depicting scenes of the black farmers' daily work and activities.

Binford remained prolific as an artist until recent years, when illness has made it impossible for him to paint. His works continue to be shown, however, in galleries in New York and Richmond. The College has him to thank, not only for

distinguished service as a teacher, but also for beginning the Galleries' exhibition program in 1956, and acquiring the core of the College's art collection.

Another artist who came to the College after wide experience elsewhere was Emil Schnellock, who taught here from 1938 to 1958. Schnellock is today known outside of Virginia chiefly for his long friendship with the novelist Henry Miller, as recorded in Miller's *Letters to Emil*. According to George Wickes, editor of the *Letters*, "Throughout the '20s and into the '30s Schnellock was Miller's chief mentor, the master craftsman who educated him in the visual arts... the critic to whom Miller constantly turned for guidance — in writing as well as watercoloring."

Locally, Schnellock is known for his murals in Monroe Hall and the lobby of George Washington Hall (see Edward Alvey Jr.'s articles in *Mary Washington College Today*, winter 1990 and fall 1990).



John Lamph. Warmwyn, 1968. lithograph.

Less familiar is his large, half-circular painting over a door in the north reading room of Trinkle Hall, the former library. Symbols of the arts and sciences are arranged in a still life: chemistry beakers, a painter's palette, a violin, a Grecian bust, a T square — and sprigs of ivy! An open book is inscribed, "Dedicated to the graduating class of 1952 — The Administration." Our exhibition includes Schnellock's rectangular oil sketch for the Trinkle reading room painting.

Another instructor, art professor Dorothy Duggan Van Winckel, devoted an almost unbelievable span of 40 years to teaching at MWC and chairing the Art Department. The weight of her duties seems to have limited her artistic productivity. The College owns some 80 of her works, but most come from the years after her retirement from teaching.

Van Winckel favored the medium of pastel chalk, apparently drawn to its luxuriant, powdery colors and its ability to record the most fleeting gesture of the artist's hand. Many of her pastels depict flowers, toys or bright landscapes. It is clear, however, that her imagination had a darker, more serious side. Several landscapes are inscribed with references to the music dramas of Richard Wagner: a number of portraits show people in extreme psychological states. Her most ambitious work in the exhibition is a huge pastel of 1969 titled *The Nun's Smock*. Why is Van Winckel, at age 69, choosing a nun's habit as a subject? Why does she hang it from a coat rack having a crossbar at the top so that we are inevitably reminded of the Crucifixion? Why does she put a fancy, flowered hat at

the base of the coat rack in the position where we would usually find, in a traditional painting of the Crucifixion, a skull?

These questions remind us that MWC has been lucky in its artist-teachers. Often enough they had to compromise aspects of their artistic careers to devote themselves to teaching and college service. But their artworks show a degree of craft, of sincerity, and, at their best, of vision and intensity that commands respect.

*Forrest McGill is director of the Mary Washington College Galleries.*

[The quotations from Elizabeth Binford come from the April 1953 issue of *American Artist*.]

"Works by Former Art Department Faculty" will be on view April 23-June 1 in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

Artists included in addition to those mentioned in the article are Eric Isenberger, Elena Krupenski, John Lamph and Tetsuo Ochikubo.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-4; Saturday, Sunday 1-4. Closed Tuesday and Thursday. The Ridderhof Martin Gallery is on College Avenue at Seacobeck Street. Free parking designated for gallery visitors is available in the lot across College Avenue at Thornton Street. For information call (540) 654-2120.



Dorothy Duggan Van Winckel, *The Nun's Smock*, 1969, pastel on paper, bequest of the artist.

# SABBATICAL

*Bayt al-Razzaz Palace,  
ca. 1480, Bab al-Wazir St.,  
Cairo, Egypt.*

**In September, Professor W. Brown Morton III, Prince B. Woodard Chair of Historic Preservation in the Department of Historic Preservation, presented a public lecture series at the College titled "Sabbatical on the Nile: A Sampler of Historic Preservation in Today's Egypt." Professor Morton had been awarded sabbatical leave for the 1995-96 academic year to work in Egypt. These lectures were, for him, a way to share an unforgettable experience with Mary Washington College students, faculty and the Fredericksburg community.**



Throughout his sabbatical, Mr. Morton was based at the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) in Cairo. His work was part of ARCE's Egyptian Antiquities Project funded by USAID to preserve historic resources in Egypt in cooperation with the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities.

Morton's principal work with ARCE-EAP was to prepare an Existing Conditions Report and Preservation Action Plans for the derelict, 15th-century, 178-room Bayt al-Razzaz palace located in a very poor and overcrowded neighborhood of medieval Cairo.

Bayt al-Razzaz means "The Razzaz House" and refers to the family that occupied the palace in the late 18th century. The earliest datable portion of Bayt al-Razzaz is a doorway bearing the inscription of the Mamluk Sultan, Qayt Bay, who ruled Egypt from 1468 to 1496 A.D. The

Sultan Qayt Bay also built the stone fortress in Alexandria on the foundations of the famous Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world.

Bayt al-Razzaz, in its present form, is organized around two large interior courtyards — each courtyard originally defined one of two separate palaces which were later linked together and modified. The ground floor of Bayt al-Razzaz is built of dressed stone. The upper floors are stuccoed brick. Principal spaces include a monumental "maq'ad" or arcaded north facing loggia and a series of stunningly beautiful "qa'a" or reception halls. The "qa'a" are lit by large cupolas or skylights and, in most instances, by large projecting bay windows filled with ornamental wooden spindle-work screens, known today by the term "mashrabiya." The finest rooms in the palace have extensive painted floral decoration.

# ON THE NILE



## Bayt al-Razzaz

Bab al-Wazir Street, Cairo

Artifacts from the historic stone sewer

Collected in August, 1979 by Dr. Adel Yassin

Photograph: W. Brown Morton III, October, 1995

*Ceramic artifacts from the historic stone sewer at the Bayt al-Razzaz Palace, Bab al-Wazir St., Cairo, Egypt.*

Working daily with the spectacular Islamic heritage of Cairo was an exciting experience for Morton. There were moments, however, when the "otherness" of Cairo was overwhelming. A low point in his morale occurred in early October.

As Morton tells it, "My assistant, Alaa El Habashi, and I went down to Bayt al-Razzaz to meet Dr. Adel Yassin, the well-respected architect who had drawn the palace in 1978. He had not been back in some years. When he got out of the car on Bab al-Wazir Street opposite the entrance to the palace, the old lady who sits across from Bayt al-Razzaz was in her usual spot. The old lady has a hole-in-the-wall she calls a cigarette shop, but which is stuffed with old shopping bags. She lit up like a Christmas tree when she saw Dr. Yassin. Inside Bayt al-Razzaz, Mohammed Youssef, the nearly blind caretaker of 82, practically cried when he perceived it was Dr. Yassin.

"Alaa and I took our guest all over Bayt al-Razzaz, including a second-floor room that Yassin had used as his office. The floor was covered with at least a centimeter of the dust and dirt of the ages, blanketing all the objects scattered on the floor into unrecognizable mounds, like a garden after a snow. Yassin exclaimed, 'What has happened to all the artifacts I collected and labeled and wrapped before I finished here in 1979?' He bent down and brushed away gray dust and plucked from obscurity a beautiful blue-green neck of an ancient bottle. Vandals had come into the room, opened the packages and scattered the objects over the floor.

"When Dr. Yassin left, Alaa and I sat in a two-chair café across from Bayt al-Razzaz, drank Turkish coffee and waited for the arrival of high-ups from the Supreme Council of Antiquities who were coming to inspect the palace. While we waited, the grime and poverty of the place got the better of me. The café was less clean than usual. While we were there a delivery truck ran over a cat, inches from our small brass table, in front of the old lady's non-shop. The cat jerked and spouted blood in the street. The old lady swept it, still jerking, to the curb in front of Bayt al-Razzaz into a mound of garbage, where it mercifully died. I asked Alaa to ask if the dead cat could be removed before the notables arrived. The old lady dispatched a boy with a rag to pick up the no longer twitching cat by the tail and fling it into a passing truck. In a few minutes, six other



*Mosque of Amir Khayrbak (1502-1520), Bab Al-Wazir St., Cairo, Egypt.*

cats appeared from inside Bayt al-Razzaz and sat by the blood of the deceased and licked it up.

"Just about this time, Alaa and I realized that we were covered with Bayt al-Razzaz fleas from our morning's exploration. Moments later, our lunch, (pungent, warm, goat-cheese sandwiches that Alaa had sent out for), arrived wrapped in greasy newspaper. The grounds in my coffee cup became fleas in my imagination as I slipped over the edge from being up-to-it to being overwhelmed-by-it. Just as I thought I must get out of there before I lost it, the notables arrived. I fought back rising nausea, walked to the car and said to the emerging figures, 'Good afternoon, I am Brown Morton. I appreciate so much your coming here today.' We stepped over the blood and garbage and went back into Bayt al-Razzaz."

In late November 1995, Cairo experienced a significant earthquake. Morton wrote in his daily logbook, "November 22, 1995, 6:16 a.m. I am jolted awake! The whole room is shaking. The large plate glass mirror over the bureau is banging loudly against the wall. Then the swaying begins. I realize that I am in the middle of an earthquake! I listen to the apartment building groan, realize it is moving and decide at once to leave the building.

"Out of bed, I make it across the sway-

Right: Brown Morton III and Supreme Council of Antiquities Inspector Hesham Abd El Latif, in the Western Courtyard of the Bayt al-Razzaz Palace, Cairo, April 1996.



Below: Interior view of the Haramlik overlooking Bab al-Wazir St., Bayt al-Razzaz Palace, Cairo.



ing room to the armoire to grab some trousers. Realizing it will take me too long to dress and walk down three floors, I decide to stand in the bedroom doorway and wait it out. After two of the longest minutes of my life, the earth stops heaving and the building settles down. Moments later, the excited voices of the other tenants fill the light well of the building and the concert pianist on the floor above fills the air with peals of brilliantly played music. I wait for an aftershock, but there is none. Out of the window, everything appears normal. Small knots of locals talk excitedly in the middle of street. All is well.

"My first organized thought is about Bayt al-Razzaz. Has the palace survived this horrendous shaking? How ironic, I thought, if my room-by-room survey has been rendered obsolete by 120 seconds of earthquake. Thank heavens, Bayt al-

Razzaz was still there, still derelict, still filled with trash and excrement and still beautiful. It had suffered, however. Ceilings had collapsed and cracks widened. Rooms in poor condition were now in dangerous condition; more unsafe than ever. The earthquake registered 5.7 on the Richter scale in Cairo and 6.3 at the quake's center in the Red Sea."

Outside work, Morton inspected other great monuments. He was deeply impressed with the stepped pyramid at Saqqara built by the Old Kingdom pharaoh Djoser ca. 2700 B.C. The Djoser pyramid may be the world's oldest building: nearly 5,000 years old! Morton's understanding of time and human endeavor moved to new positions in his mind as he absorbed the meaning of this pyramid. "The stepped pyramid of Djoser was already 2,700 years old when Jesus was here in Egypt as a baby. That means there was

more time between this pyramid and Jesus than between Jesus and me!"

Just after the earthquake, Dr. Morton was invited by the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago to spend Thanksgiving in Luxor at Chicago House, the home of the Institute's epigraphic survey of Egyptian monuments: an event not to be missed. The Chicago House community of epigraphers, artists and research scholars hosts a three-day event for friends of Chicago House, including an in-depth introduction to the Chicago House library, archives, studios and their methodology for epigraphic documentation. Later, site visits are conducted to current research projects in the Luxor area.

Among other sites, Morton visited the New Kingdom temple of Medinet Habu and the recently completed conservation work of the Nefertari Tomb in the Valley of the Queens. For the high point of the weekend, a black-tie dinner dance in the courtyard of Chicago House itself, guests were brought to the party from Luxor's Winter Palace Hotel by horse and carriage.

After spending Christmas in Virginia, Morton returned to Cairo to prepare three Conservation Action Plans to stabilize specific areas of the Bayt al-Razzaz palace.

In February and March, 14 family members and friends joined Morton in Egypt. The group explored the Nile by water from the Sudan border at Abu Simbel, north to Luxor, then spent time in Alexandria. Later in his stay, Morton joined other members of the American Research Center in Egypt staff for a site visit to the Siwa Oasis in the western desert near Libya. It was at the Siwa Oasis that Alexander the Great sought the opinion of the oracle regarding his possible divine status. Professor Morton also participated in a site visit to the Monastery of Saint Anthony, located in the eastern desert near the Red Sea. Saint Anthony's is one of the world's earliest Christian monastic foundations. Professor Morton was accompanied by Professors Laura and Paolo Mora, old friends from his days in Rome in the 1970s. (The Moras recently completed the mural paintings conservation project at the Nefertari Tomb in the Valley of the Queens near Luxor.)

In May 1996, Brown Morton completed his three-volume "Existing Conditions Report for Bayt al-Razzaz" and the Conservation Action Plans. Looking back on his year's sabbatical on the Nile, he notes, "There is a phrase in the *Koran* that says, 'The world is only an hour, so use it...'; so I did."

# SPORTING BACKGROUNDS

BY CLINT OFTEN AND BRYAN TUCKER '96

Mary Washington College's coaching staff has had unparalleled success on the sidelines: MWC won the last five Capital Athletic Conference All-Sports Awards for overall athletic achievement. It's interesting, though not surprising, to find that MWC coaches had outstanding collegiate playing careers of their own.

Ed Hegmann, athletic director and women's tennis coach at Mary Washington, played baseball at Bucknell University, and as a sophomore, was coveted by his beloved hometown Pittsburgh Pirates. However, Hegmann says his arm "faded" in his junior and senior seasons. "Basically, I could not come up with a big league fastball. I had a lot of junk and could set up the hitters somewhat, but when it came down to trying to overpower them, I couldn't."

Hegmann began playing tennis while working toward his master's degree at Springfield College (Mass.), where he also participated in intramural handball. He then pursued a doctorate in physical education at Temple University, where he competed in intramural basketball and won several racquetball tournaments.

Hegmann's old roommate at Springfield, MWC men's soccer and tennis coach Roy Gordon, was also very involved in athletics while attending college. Gordon says that, ironically, the two met in the library, and not on the playing field. Hegmann and Gordon played handball together in college, but neither will say who was better. "I don't think there was a clear-cut dominant person. We really had some battles," Hegmann recalls. "Roy was most dominant when he used a 50-cent piece in his glove (to increase his power)."

Even though there is some doubt about who was the better handball player, there is no doubt who the superior cook was. Hegmann says Gordon was the best cook a roommate could want. "I remember him cooking baked fish. I cooked only on top of the stove. He cooked in the stove."

Gordon, who is also MWC's associate director of athletics, started his athletic career at Binghamton University (N.Y.). He played goalkeeper for the soccer team for one season and first baseman for the baseball team for three years. "We were just beginning the intercolle-



From left to right: Rod Wood, Edward H. Hegmann, Matthew A. Kinney, Kurt Glaeser, Thomas F. Sheridan, Roy M. Gordon, David S. Soper.

giate program. It was the small-college equivalent of Division III at that point," Gordon says.

Tom Sheridan, coach of the varsity baseball team, went to Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, where he played baseball for three years — as a third baseman and as a pitcher. During one summer league game after his sophomore year, Sheridan went down to field a ground ball. The ball skipped up, hit him in the nose, and caromed back to the catcher on the fly. The catcher threw the batter out, but the ball broke Sheridan's nose. A fan in the stands was nice enough to give him a cold beer to keep the swelling down. Now, Sheridan laughs when he thinks about his broken nose, but at that time, he was in a lot of pain.

The women's lacrosse and field hockey coach, Dana Hall, was an outstanding athlete at Frostburg State University. She played basketball and ran track her first two years, before tearing her hamstring in half during a race in her sophomore year. After five months of rehabilitation, Hall switched to field hockey and lacrosse. She scored seven goals in the Maryland State College Hockey Tourna-

ment in 1976, helping the Bobcats finish second to the University of Maryland. In lacrosse, she was the goalkeeper, and broke her thumb while saving a shot against Towson State. Another shot went through her helmet, splitting open her nose. Yet Hall never lost interest in sports.

Kurt Glaeser, men's lacrosse and women's soccer coach, had a less painful time playing lacrosse at Western Maryland College. Glaeser, a tri-captain, led the Green Terrors to their first Middle Atlantic Conference title as a midfielder. Glaeser has two distinct memories from his playing days. The first memory involves a game against Division I Lehigh University, in which Glaeser had four goals and four assists. He had the tying goal with 12 seconds remaining in regulation, forcing the game to overtime, and his team eventually won.

Glaeser's second memory centers around a game against Franklin and Marshall, in which Western Maryland was down 10-5 with only 10 minutes remaining. The Green Terrors responded with a 6-0 run to defeat F&M for the first time and clinch the MAC Champion-



From left to right: Dana S. Hall, Deborah A. Conway and Constance A. Gallahan.

ship. As an attacker, Glaeser scored two goals against F&M's All-American defender, prompting the Diplomats to call for a stick check on him. After graduation, Glaeser continued to play lacrosse for the New York Lacrosse Club, the Central Jersey Lacrosse Club, and the Fairfax Lacrosse Club.

Another coach who is no stranger to big wins is second-year swimming coach, Matt Kinney. Kinney was a three-time All-American for Division III dynamo, Kenyon College (Ohio). Kenyon has won 16 consecutive national championships in men's swimming and 12 titles in women's swimming. Kinney's specialty was the 200-yard breaststroke, but he also swam the 100-yard breaststroke, and the 400-yard Individual Medley at Kenyon. He recalls his sophomore year as being his best. "We really had a great season. I got better at every meet, and went to Nationals and got fourth that year. It was kind of out of the blue, considering I had never qualified for the competition before," says Kinney.

Kinney was a member of three NCAA Division III National Championship teams. He was chosen captain for his senior season, 1992-93. "My primary strength as a swimmer was not that I was a talented athlete, but that I enjoyed swimming as a sport," recalls Kinney.

Stan Soper, the men's and women's cross country and track coach, believes that hard work and dedication, rather than talent, made him successful. Soper ran seven events each meet his sophomore year at Frostburg State before concentrating on the 800-meter, mile relay, and long jump. Soper set an indoor record in the 600-meter and in relay teams. He was selected for the Frostburg State University Hall of Fame in 1990. "I think the reason that I was chosen was not so much for the times or distances or anything like that, because they weren't exceptional," Soper says. "I think what probably got me inducted was the work ethic and dedication aspect of it, more than the actual times."

Connie Gallahan, the women's basketball coach at MWC, participated in field hockey, basketball, golf, and archery at Longwood College. One of her fondest memories is the time she was coerced into playing collegiate golf. Having never picked up a golf club, Gallahan was asked by her field hockey coach (who doubled as the golf coach) the day before the first match if she would play in the upcoming event. After hitting several hundred balls off the driving range tee, Gallahan played against the fifth-seeded player from Lynchburg College. Although it was her first time on the golf course,

Gallahan actually won in the match-play format event.

MWC volleyball and softball coach Dee Conway was a multi-sport standout at Ferrum College and Lynchburg College. At Ferrum, Conway was captain of the softball and basketball teams and was named athlete of the year for basketball her sophomore year. Conway also participated in volleyball while at Ferrum. She transferred to Lynchburg after her sophomore year and started for the basketball and softball teams.

Riding coach Carol Hawley was an accomplished student-athlete at Mary Washington College, having earned numerous riding trophies enroute to graduating Phi Beta Kappa from MWC. She has been involved with the riding program since her graduation in 1984.

Men's basketball coach Rod Wood was a standout basketball player at Randolph-Macon College for four years. During his stay at R-MC, his teams were nationally ranked every year and advanced to the national tournament in three of those seasons.

Mary Washington College's coaches are no strangers to success. MWC players benefit from their coaches' experience every time they step on the field.

*Clint Often is MWC's new sports information director; Bryan Tucker '96 did an independent study in the MWC Sports Information Office.*

## MWC'S HALL OF FAME

The evening of October 18, 1996, began a new tradition at Mary Washington College with the induction of the first honorees into MWC's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Now nominations are being sought for this year's inductees. To nominate a former player, coach, or administrator, write to the Office of Sports Information for the proper nomination form. All nominees will be considered this summer by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Hall of Fame inductees will be honored on the Friday evening of Homecoming Weekend. Commemorative plaques will be awarded, and a copy will be displayed in the Hall of Fame Room in Goolrick Gymnasium.

To fund the Hall of Fame, the MWC Athletic Department needs the assistance of alumni and friends to participate in its annual fund-raiser, the Hall of Fame golf tournament (to be held May 2, 1997). Tax-deductible donations are also welcome. With your help, we will continue honoring Mary Washington's past sports heroes.



## PRESIDENT ANDERSON RECUPERATING



On Sept. 25, 1996, Mary Washington College President William M. Anderson Jr. was hospitalized after experiencing a ruptured aneurysm on the right side of his brain. Fortunately, he was in Richmond meeting with state officials and had checked into a hotel near the capitol. Thus he was very close to the Medical College of Virginia, where he underwent approximately six hours of surgery.

After six weeks of intensive therapy at MCV, President Anderson returned to Brompton, where modifications had been made for him on the first floor. Existing plans for a handicapped accessible bath were accelerated, and the back parlor was converted to a combination bedroom/sitting room/study. Dr. Anderson then began physical therapy as an outpatient at Mary Washington Hospital.

During his absence from the College, Marjorie M. Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer, was appointed acting president by the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Mary Washington College. As a testimony to the excellent organization in place at the College, academic and administrative responsibilities have continued to be efficiently handled throughout the president's period of recuperation. Friends have directed a myriad of calls and cards to Dr. Anderson and his family through the President's Office. The words and notes of encouragement continue to be delivered daily to the Andersons, who are most appreciative of everyone's expressions of concern.

From the beginning, President Anderson's prognosis for recovery has been good, and his progress is amazing. The extent of any permanent impairment is still unknown. While his vision is impaired and his left arm and hand are almost completely immobile, Dr. Anderson can read and walk, and has maintained his wonderful sense of humor throughout the ordeal, remaining confident that with time he will be able to conquer this challenge. He continues to be active in College affairs, attending sports events and contributing to executive decisions from his home-office.

The most recent event signifying Dr. Anderson's recovery and plan to resume responsibilities as president of the College occurred at the legislative budget hearing in Dodd Auditorium on Dec. 30. President Anderson welcomed members of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees of the General Assembly to the College and, following a standing ovation in recognition of his presence, proceeded to speak eloquently and fervently on behalf of higher education in general and Mary Washington College in particular. While physical therapy continues to occupy the majority of his day, President Anderson keeps in touch with the campus through phone calls and occasional visits, which are enthusiastically received.

Dr. Anderson has been president of Mary Washington since 1983 and a College administrator since 1976.

## MWC AGAIN NATIONALLY RANKED

*Money* magazine has ranked Mary Washington College 22nd in the nation in terms of academic quality and cost in its annual review of the nation's best values in higher education.

This is the seventh year that the magazine has published its annual guide, which has become a staple for college-bound high school students and their parents. For each of those seven years, the magazine's editors ranked MWC among the nation's top 100 colleges and universities.

In this year's ratings by *Money*, Mary Washington rose in the national rankings from 28th to 22nd place. Eight Virginia colleges were listed in the top 100 institutions: James Madison University (18), Mary Washington College (22), Washington and Lee University (28), Sweetbriar College (39), The University of Virginia (45), The College of William and Mary (63), Emory and Henry College (69) and Virginia Military Institute (86). *Money* based its rankings on the analysis of academic quality and cost at more than 1,000 colleges.

For the fifth time in six years, Mary Washington has been named to the "America's Best Colleges" list published annually by *U.S. News & World Report*. Only 150 colleges and universities make the list each year from a survey of the nation's 1,500 leading four-year institutions. Mary Washington College was fifth in the "Regional Universities-South" category. Other institutions listed in the same category include The University of Richmond (Va.), Rollins College (Fla.), James Madison University (Va.) and Stetson University (Fla.). In terms of "student selectivity," which looks at the academic quality of the entering class, Mary Washington College placed second among its peer institutions. It was fourth in "student retention" and ninth in "academic reputation."

The *U.S. News & World Report* listing is considered one of the nation's most prestigious rankings, in which researchers use more than 300 pieces of data to compare statistically the nation's colleges and universities. As a "best value," Mary Washington College was listed as 11th among regional universities in the South.

## ★ DETAILS! DETAILS! ★



A week before the presidential election, some voters might have erupted if someone made fun of their candidate. But when political satirist Mark Russell picked on *all* the candidates at his October 28 Fredericksburg Forum presentation, the eruption came in the form of raucous laughter, and the near-capacity crowd settled in for a stress-free evening.

Well, not everyone settled in. MWC staff people from the Office of College Relations and Legislative Affairs were still running final checks to make sure everyone in the balcony could see over the video camera and that the warm air circulating the auditorium was at a comfortable level. This dazzling evening was just a moment in the year of preparation that came before it.

College Relation's choice of red, white and blue bunting as stage decoration set the political tone for the evening of merriment. Using Uncle Bob's Party Band for jazzy pre-show music proved to be another big hit, adding a nightclub feeling to stately Dodd Auditorium.

The performance itself was vintage Mark Russell. Even Fredericksburg and the College became part of his witty repertoire. "I have been to Mary Washington College," he deadpanned, "therefore I am."

Not a single joke got past the appreciative audience. Russell seemed surprised at first at the thunderous laughter, and you could tell, as he moved along, that he was being revved up by the spirited response. He later said he wished he could take the audience back to D.C. with him.

College caterers took the refreshments for Lee Hall Ballroom's after-the-show champagne reception to a new musical level, spotlighting tasty miniature chocolate pianos and ice sculptures in the shape of pianos. "I'm glad we used Lee," says Louise Ashby, coordinator of community and legislative affairs, "because on the walk from Dodd Auditorium to Lee Hall, Mr. Russell said, 'You know, you have a beautiful campus. Ever thought of letting them make a movie here?' He might not have seen the campus otherwise."

Russell stayed for a long time that evening, and for weeks later at MWC, attendees were talking about a terrific Fredericksburg Forum.



## Family Weekend

An estimated 1,500 people came to Family Weekend in September. Activities for students and their families included campus and city tours, department open houses, class visitations and club exhibitions. Plenty of fun came from a student

talent show, live band concert, a dance and a campus-wear fashion show. And sports fans streamed to The Battleground to watch a tennis tournament, soccer games, and a student/alumni field hockey match.

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Taddesse Adera, associate professor of English, attended the 1996 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) seminar in South Africa. The seminar examined the significant movements in the literary and cultural history of contemporary South Africa, using a list of core texts from 1948 to the present and situating each text in its historical context. An NEH stipend of \$4,000 provided each scholar with living expenses during the eight-week seminar.

At a recent annual meeting of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling, Jenifer L. Blair, associate dean of admissions, was chosen president-elect. Ms. Blair will be coordinating the April 1997 annual meeting in Charlottesville, Va.

"Reduced Idempotents in the Semigroup of Boolean Matrices," an article by Dr. Janusz Konieczny, assistant professor of mathematics, was published in the *Journal of Symbolic Computation*.

William Henry Lewis, assistant professor of English, received the Special Award for New Writing by the Fellowship of Southern Writers. The award of \$1,000 will be recognized at the April 1997 Conference on Southern Literature in Chattanooga, Tenn. The short story "Shades," written by Lewis, has been selected for inclusion in the 1996 volume of *The Best American Short Stories*. Lewis also recently released *In the Arms of Our Elders*, a collection of short stories.

A monograph titled "Symmetric Inverse Semigroups," written by Stephen L. Lipscomb, professor of mathematics, is in the *Mathematical Surveys and Monographs* published in September. This work, the product of 10 years of research at MWC, has gained increasing international recognition in recent years, particularly for Lipscomb's specialty, finite inverse semigroups, an area of algebra where languages can be formally studied.

An article written by Robert L. McConnell, professor of geology, will be reprinted in the upcoming *Carrying Capacity Briefing Book*, a comprehensive educational resource with information from experts on population, the environment, and resource conservation. Dr. McConnell's article is titled "An American Laboratory: Population Growth and Environmental Quality in California."

Patricia Lacey Metzger, professor of business administration, was awarded the Certified Government Financial Manager designation; served as chairperson of the session "Accounting Potpourri" at the Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences; and was invited

to present her paper, "Successfully Educating Adult Students Requires New Approaches in Instruction," at the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.

John N. Pearce, director of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, was one of six museum leaders who participated in the Smithsonian Institution's seminar, "Leaders in Museums" held at

the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Pearce is also director of MWC's Center for Historic Preservation.

Aniano Peña, professor of modern foreign languages, presented the paper "Interpolaciones y géneros literarios en el *Quijote*" at the IV Congreso de la Asociación Internacional Siglo de Oro (AISO) held at the University of Alcalá (Madrid) in August.

## ★ AHEAD OF THE GAME ★

**D**r. Roy Smith carries a plastic brain from class to office to class. His students expect it. Smith teaches Physiopsychology, Biocognition, and Behavior Genetics. It's a good thing he knows the brain as well as he does, having served, this past year, as president of the Virginia Psychological Association.

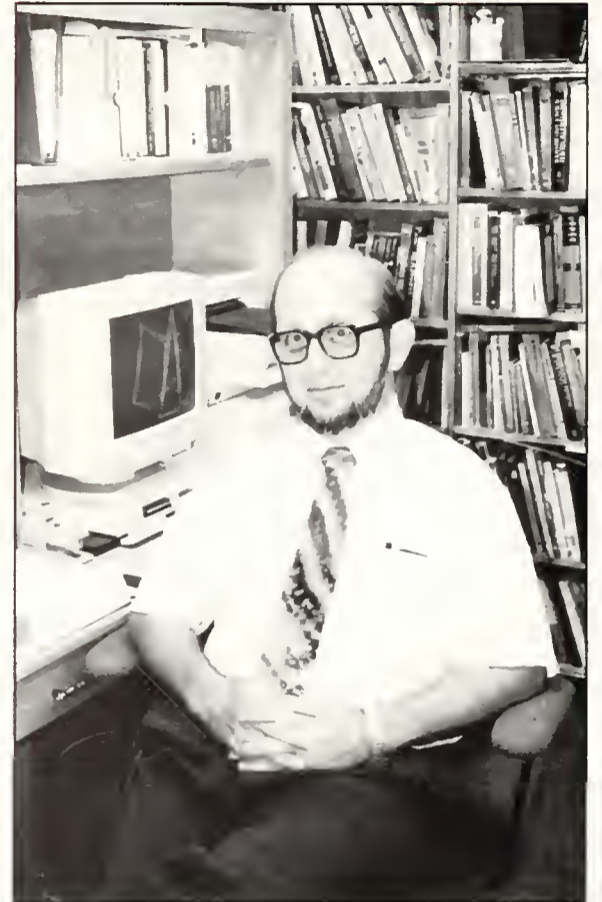
If anyone could use the brain as a logo, it would be Smith. But he doesn't just carry one around, he uses his own to run VPA. "There is a whole piece of VPA that academicians know little about, and about which I am quickly becoming informed," he says. "The toughest part is keeping the different groups under the VPA umbrella in balance. It's like being a dean, trying to keep various departments balanced when their goals are not necessarily compatible."

The umbrella shelters four Virginia psychological academies: the clinical, which licenses clinical psychologists; the school, which deals with school psychologists; applied, people who advertise themselves as psychologists; and academic, those who teach at an institution.

"What you don't realize until you become involved in VPA is how important government legislation is to the practice of psychology," explains Smith, and, "how state government works to regulate our professionals: the board of health, the board of psychology, the board of medicine."

MWC maintains one of the closest institutional connections to VPA's academic academy, as it provides a convention where undergraduates in MWC's methods and upper-level experimental psychology classes present formal papers. This means our students get a lot of public speaking experience.

"And our department takes heavy advantage of that," says Smith. "We carry three van-loads of students down every spring, as we consider the event an extension of our undergraduate research program." He adds that the experience is a great step up for them and, in exchange, the "Psych" Department pays



membership fees for students and half the fees for department members.

"After all the VPA has done for MWC over the last 10 years, it's the least we can do to support the organization. We really do it for the students. There's just no other way they could get that kind of opportunity. We've become the school to emulate because we send so many and because they do such a good job. It's stimulating for us and for the other schools as well."

The accomplishment Smith presided over "as opposed to *did*," he says, was the complete reorganization of the psychological licensure for the state of Virginia, whereas before each department controlled its own group. "We now have in place a unified board of psychology. Not everyone is happy about it. The ripples and fallout continue. But the organization is still a single unit with the academies intact, and I consider that a major accomplishment."

By Liz Gordon

# THE DANE AND CAIN

1996 has been a Søren Kierkegaard year for David Cain, distinguished professor of religion at Mary Washington College. But what year is not? As chair of the Kierkegaard Consultation Group, American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region, meeting in Columbia, S.C., in March, Cain put together a special plenary session devoted to critical responses to Roger Poole's recent major work in Kierkegaard studies, *Kierkegaard: The Indirect Communication*, published by the University Press of Virginia.

Professors from various disciplines responded to Poole's work, and Poole himself from the University of Nottingham, England, was present to respond to his respondents. Cain organized a mini-lecture tour for Poole following the conference, bringing Poole to the University of North Carolina/Charlotte, and to Mary Washington.

May 5-9 were "Kierkegaard Days in Copenhagen." Kierkegaard was born on May 5, 1813, "inconsiderately early," says Cain, in relation to MWC's calendar. Even so, Cain was present to participate in this major international conference, one of many special events planned for 1996, Copenhagen's year as Cultural Capital of Europe.

Cain returned to Copenhagen in August as an invited plenary speaker in an international conference on "The City as Cultural Metaphor." Cain's address was "Small Enough... Large Enough: Kierkegaard and the Scale of Metropolitan Metaphor." Later, Cain led a tour of "Kierkegaard's Copenhagen" for scholars from Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Turkey, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, England and the United States.

Cain is president-elect of SKs (The Søren Kierkegaard Society, North America). His bilingual book of color plates and narrative captions, *An Evocation of Kierkegaard/En Fremkaldelse af Kierkegaard*, which he refers to ironically as "a coffee-table Kierkegaard," is due for publication from Reitzels Forlag, Copenhagen, a venerable Danish press which was present and significant in the life of Kierkegaard.



## A WORLD OF LANGUAGES IN CHANDLER

Look up "linguistics" in *Webster's New World Dictionary* and you'll read, "the science of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics; sometimes divided into descriptive, historical, comparative, theoretical and geographical linguistics: the study of the structure, development of a particular language and its relationship to other languages."

Whew! Now you understand why, until recently, most colleges offered the study of linguistics only to graduates. But a quick visit with Christina Kakava, assistant professor of linguistics, will clear up any confusion.

She'll even show you what the sound of a word looks like with the aid of the English, Linguistics and Speech Department's new hypermedia software program, The Sounds of the World's Languages (SOWL) and a more advanced speech analysis software, Signalyze. Christina speaks "Hello" into the Macintosh microphone and immediately Signalyze sends waveforms zigzagging on a computer screen that now resembles a lie detector or a heart monitor. She laughs and says, "Everyone who uses this new software loves it."

English or education majors taking the required course used to dread the study of linguistics. "It used to be a big task to try to imagine sounds in class," she says. Now they flip quarters to see who gets to use the user-friendly SOWL first. On busier days, she gently encourages her students to take turns clicking on the program's world map to hear which language, dialect or unique sounds are particular to that region. "When we see our students excited about this, we get even more excited," Christina says.

Yet as much fun as this cutting-edge software is, no one thinks of it as a toy. No plaything we know of contains 150 authentic digitized samples of the world's estimated average of 3,000 to 8,000 languages. No amusement charts an abstract like this does. "A 'voiceless stop' is a confusing concept," says one student. "Until you see the letter's pattern in the lab." Other students have tested the authenticity of Spanish, French, British and German accents.

"Linguistics examines how sounds are produced, perceived, structured," Christina says, massaging the air, gathering invisible words together. "It explains why we can say 'I'd like a red apple,' but we can't say, 'I'd like an apple red.' There are rules that govern languages. Otherwise how would we know when it's appropriate to use 'Please' and 'Thank you?'" Language also varies by race, gender, class ethnicity and locality. "You can see why America, with its varied cultures, is the perfect place to study linguistics," she says. "Ours is a platter course, where students get exposed to all the different fields to see where their interests lie."

Linguistic software aids in crime detection, too. "FBI agents wanting to use speech to connect someone to a crime scene use a more advanced speech analysis program," Christina says, "but it's the same idea. It's not *exactly* like a fingerprint because you can only exclude rather than include. You can say the suspect *cannot* be included in the group of suspects whose voice they have on record."

Only a few minor obstacles in future software production concern Christina, but she's already communicating with the software's producer. And, she and Judith Parker, assistant professor of English and Linguistics, plan to finish a workbook that will clear up any other bafflements.

By Liz Gordon



Hugh Vasquez and Victor Lewis

## Multicultural Series Continues

A celebration of Hispanic heritage in America opened the third Cultural Awareness Series at MWC in October, as a 36-member Puerto Rican National Guard Band performed outside Lee Hall preceding award-winning Puerto Rican writer Rosario Ferre's lecture, "Reflections in the Lagoon."

This multicultural series offers speakers, concerts and workshops throughout the year to encourage dialogue about culture, ethnicity and history. A documentary film about racism, "The Color of Fear," was followed by a workshop facilitated by cast members and educators Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez. And in November, Eric Liu, former presidential speech writer and author/editor of *The Next Progressive*, spoke on "Asian-American Issues and The Politics of Race." The series fall finale was a performance by MaryJane Bird, founder of Blue Horizon Dance, a company which presents Native American culture through the medium of dance and storytelling.



MaryJane Bird

# LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN



MWC's Carol Martin (left) and Meta Braymer (second from left) welcome State Sen. Emily Couric to the Great Hall.

Focusing on the continuing long-term development of leadership skills that women need for success in the professional world, the third annual Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women was held at MWC in November.

According to Meta R. Braymer, dean of graduate and continuing education at the College, this colloquium provides ongoing support to participants through yearly leadership training and networking opportunities.

The Honorable Mary Sue Terry, former attorney general of the Commonwealth of Virginia, gave the keynote address, and the Honorable Emily Couric, Virginia state senator from Charlottesville, spoke after dinner in the Great Hall.

"How many have thought of running for office?" Senator Couric asked. She urged those assembled to consider it seriously, enumerating issues that affect women: welfare, reproductive rights, day care, domestic abuse and her own "big cause in life" — education.

Besides sharing ideas on how to get involved in politics, she drew on her own experience to give advice on professional and personal advancement. "Make lots of contacts," she said — "everybody counts." And, to help achieve goals, she suggested heightening personal confidence. "I try to work on being more courageous," she said, and described how

she took part in a tour of a West Virginia coal mine, 1,500 feet down. Being claustrophobic, this took an enormous amount of effort, but the resulting self-confidence, she said, made the experience worth it.

She also suggested developing a personal written plan, with short- and long-term goals. "Unless you put things on paper, you just bounce along from task to task. You must re-assess from time to time."

The University of Virginia co-sponsored the colloquium.



Colloquium participants explore successful strategies for managing change in their organizations.

# KRICKUS DOCUMENTS LITHUANIAN UPRISING

*Showdown*, based on Bloody Sunday, the uprising that occurred in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius on Jan. 13, 1991, could have been a blockbuster novel had author Richard J. Krickus chosen to view it that way. As it was, he portrayed the event and its international consequences through non-fiction, hence the subtitle *The Lithuanian Rebellion and the Breakup of the Soviet Empire*.

As one of the two U.S. scholars allowed to observe the elections in 1990, Krickus, professor of political science and international affairs at MWC, witnessed thousands of Lithuanians declare their independence from the USSR. He saw the country of less than 4 million pull a cornerstone from the Soviet Union, causing the giant nation to tilt. Krickus is convinced that had Bloody Sunday been crushed, the Soviet Union would be alive today. "Not well," he says, "but alive."

Krickus began writing about Lithuania long before the uprising. After discovering a revolutionary civil rights document smuggled into the United States in the '70s by Lithuanian priests, he sent an article to *The Washington Post*. That resulted in interviews with people who had escaped or been thrown out of the country. Later, while making frequent trips to lecture and hold workshops, he became familiar with most of the activists in the Sajudis party. His first-hand knowledge of the ethnic republics in the former Soviet Union make him an excellent guest for programs such as "Larry King Live" and networks CNN, CBS and NPR.

## EVENTS ON CAMPUS

### September

"Champions of Modernism," a show of "non-objective" art from the 1930s, '40s and '90s, was on display from Sept. 6 to Nov. 3 at the Mary Washington College Galleries...Dr. John E. Hummel, assistant professor of psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, spoke on "Object Recognition: It's Harder Than You Think." Dr. Hummel is MWC's 1996 Distinguished Psychology Graduate in Residence...The Poetry/Fiction Readers Series opened the fall semester with a reading by Jay Wright, known across the country as a "poet's poet"...James McLure's "Laundry & Bourbon" and "Lone Star," one-act plays which present

sketches of life in a small Texas town, were performed on campus...The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center offered a satellite seminar, "Tap the Power of the Internet II." Offered later was a seven-module course guiding participants through the process of preparing a formal written business plan for strategic planning and/or financing a small business. A pollution-prevention training workshop for small businesses was led by Mike Ewing, from the Virginia Small Business Development Center in Chesapeake.

### October

A forum on "Welfare, Why Do We Care?" was held in the Great Hall of Woodard Campus Center...A conference addressing race relations from different perspectives was held with community



Thaddeus Brys

and business leaders...The James Monroe Lecture featured Richard Norton Smith, a biographer and historian who has been director of four presidential libraries. His talk examined the political and personal relationship between James Monroe and Secretary of State John Quincy Adams...MWC sponsored its third annual "White Ribbon Campaign" to focus attention on the problem of male violence against women. The week featured educational programs in an effort to raise community awareness...Thaddeus Brys was guest artist at the October concert of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra. He performed Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme" on the cello...The orchestra is celebrating its 25th-anniversary year.

### November

"Fredericksburg AIDS Walk '96," a 5K walk through the city of Fredericksburg, was held in early November. All proceeds went to Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services (FAHASS)...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance presented the tragic-comedy "Waiting For Godot," by Samuel Beckett... "Multi-Ethnic Perspectives," a national education conference, was held for administrators, teachers and students at the Sheraton Inn Conference Center in Fredericksburg. Sponsored by Mary Washington College's Multicultural Affairs Office, the conference had a wide range of workshops, speakers and entertainers. Topics included "Building a Multicultural Community" and "Cross-Cultural Communications."



The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra has been playing to appreciative audiences for 25 years.

# Alumni News



## Terrie Crawley, Alumni Association President

The president of the MWC Alumni Association for 1996-98 is Dr. Theresa Young Crawley '77. After earning her B.S. in biology, Terrie subsequently received her M.S. in anatomy (1979) from the Medical College of Virginia and her D.D.S. from the same institution in 1983. Since that time, she has been in the private practice of general dentistry in Fredericksburg, where she lives with her husband, Bill, who is Distinguished Professor of History and holder of the Rector and Visitors Chair at the College.

Terrie has been an active participant in the affairs of her profession, the local community and the College. In addition to maintaining many professional affiliations, she has played a leading role in several specific projects, including efforts to establish a free dental clinic. She makes frequent presentations in the local schools and has chaired the local dental society's Children's Dental Health Month and the Dental Careers Advisory Committee. Her community involvement includes service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rappahannock Area United Way and as a campaign division chair of that organization.

Terrie's service to Mary Washington

has been extensive and varied, including sponsorship of interns in her dental office and frequent phonathon volunteering. Within the Alumni Association, she has served as vice president for the Alumni

Fund and as chair of the 1995 Leadership Conference. She is currently a member of the MWC Foundation Board as well as the newly established Friends of the Forum organization.

## Third Printing of MWC's History

The Mary Washington College Foundation Inc. has announced the third printing of the *History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972* by Edward Alvey Jr. During his long association with Mary Washington, Dr. Alvey served a distinguished tenure as dean of the College from 1934 to 1967, and then as a professor of education until 1971.

In the *History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972*, Dean Emeritus Alvey presents a detailed narrative of the College's development from 1908-1972. He considers all aspects of the institution's history, covering academic developments, social tradition, student activities, significant individuals in the College's evolution, the alumnae association, student clubs and honor societies. This latest printing includes an introduction by President William M. Anderson Jr., that is both a foreword to the book and a tribute to Dr. Alvey.

A best-seller at the College Bookstore, this history can be purchased for \$25 by calling the Bookstore at (540) 654-1017. Dr. Alvey donates all proceeds to the Mary Washington College Annual Fund.

Other books written by Dr. Alvey include *Days of My Youth*, *Portrait of a Daughter*, *The Streets of Fredericksburg*, and *History of the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, Virginia 1808-1976*. He is also the author of articles for the *Encyclopedia Americana* and the *Reader's Digest Almanac and Yearbook*.

In 1977, the College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. In 1991, a new residence hall was named in his honor. Dr. Alvey remains an esteemed and cherished figure at MWC and resides on College Avenue, only one block from the College gates.





## A WOMAN FOR ALL DECADES

BY LIZ GORDON

To put Ruby Lee Norris' accomplishments into perspective, make it easy on yourself by limiting the list to the high points of her career. Then, if you have time, go back and group her list of teaching experiences, professional and civic activities, publications and programs, honors and awards and outside interests into, say, decades.

Ruby Lee Norris '36 began her diverse professional life in the '30s, teaching 11th- and 12th-graders in Kilmarnock, where she met and married another Norris, her husband, Vernon. Whatever plans they made for the '40s and beyond were altered by World War II. Vernon was drafted for war work on the home front and Ruby Lee, after hiring a babysitter, went back to teaching English and French — this time, in a private high school in downtown Philadelphia.

Then the GI Bill passed, allowing veterans to enroll in high school, and Ruby Lee's career path jogged again. The owners of her school, realizing that ex-soldiers had no place in a high school, challenged her to organize the first private high school for veterans returning from WWII. Obtaining all the necessary regulations,

Ruby Lee hired math, science, English and history teachers, ordered chemistry equipment and arranged convocations. Her day and evening classes quickly filled with highly motivated veterans whose war experiences had focused their goals. "It was an extremely rewarding and exciting time," Ruby Lee says.

The '50s found Ruby Lee teaching not one grade, but five, at both the elementary and the high school levels. At Mary Washington, she had taken as many required courses as possible so she could teach chemistry, biology, history, English, French or Latin, and now she was doing it — all of it.

When, in the '60s, she discovered that literature and language were her passions, she aimed them first toward George Wythe High School, where she became a sponsor of their award-winning yearbook, then toward Douglas Freeman High School. Noticing the dedication juniors and seniors had toward their newspapers, Ruby Lee labored to get a journalism course of study approved by the state so that students received credit for their work. During those summers, she wrote, taught, served as a guide for a humanities study-travel program and pursued her master's in humanities from

the University of Richmond. And from 1958-1960, she served as president of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English.

In the '70s, when Richmond city schools obtained federal money for innovative programs, Ruby Lee became the first Poetry-in-Schools coordinator for the Center for Humanities, serving city and county schools. As creative writing consultant, she compiled and edited a series of books on writing for teacher workshops. This led to her participation in the experimental Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented. These two programs survive as the Humanities Centers in Richmond and Henrico School, and the Governor's School.

*"When an opportunity comes walking up to me, I give it my all, then move on to the next."*

Retiring to Middlesex in the '80s, Ruby Lee continued to write poetry and short stories, travel, work in her garden and take photographs for her regular column in *Pleasant Living*, a regional magazine for the Rappahannock River-Middle Peninsula area. Then the honors came. Among them, she was tagged for *Personalities of America*, *The World Who's Who of Women*, and at MWC, she was presented with the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award for 1986.

When she lost her husband of 57 years in a single-car accident, she thought her world had ended. "But I found a part of it had changed. I had to learn a different way of life in a familiar place."

Now it's 1996, and on Ruby Lee's calendar we see meetings with the American Cancer Society, the Board of Directors of Middlesex County Public Library, the Middlesex County Women's Club, the local garden club, her church, and her alma mater.

As the newest member of the Board of Visitors for Mary Washington College, Ruby Lee sits on the historic preservation and alumni relations committees. She says her experience restoring and renovating several houses and her acting as chair for the Golden Society for the last 25-plus years will help her serve. "It would have been disastrous if I had chosen finance and budget or legislative. I'm not ready for those committees yet," she says. "Maybe later."





## MWC Graduate Named to National Phi Beta Kappa Senate

Eloise Clark '51, professor of biological sciences and former vice president for academic affairs at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, has been elected to the 24-member senate for the national office of Phi Beta Kappa, based in Washington, D.C. She fills the unexpired term of Vera Kistiakowsky, professor emerita of physics at MIT, who resigned.

Clark has served on Phi Beta Kappa's Committee on Qualifications since 1985. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also is president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has worked at Columbia University and the National Science Foundation.

## CALL FOR ENTRIES Mid-Atlantic New Painting 97

The MWC Galleries is sponsoring a competitive painting exhibition to be held in September 1997. All artists living in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia are eligible to enter. The juror will be Janet A. Kaplan, executive editor of *Art Journal*, published by the College Art Association. The exhibition is made possible by the generosity of Alfred Levitt. Complete entry materials must be received by March 14.

For more information:  
call (540) 654-1013 or  
e-mail gallery@mwc.edu.



Melinda DeVishio '97, left, and Abby Baird '97 get ready to serve pizza to phonathon callers.

## PHONATHON '96: A TALE OF LOYAL SUPPORT

BY KATHRYN REYNOLDS WILLIS '70

In Meeting Room 1 of the Woodard Campus Center, in the early evenings from late October until just before Thanksgiving, over 300 students take part in performing a kind of magic.

The magic doesn't materialize from thin air. Instead, it comes from the connection that's made when these student volunteers call alumni and friends of the College to ask for their annual pledge.

Sustained by dozens of slices of pepperoni pizzas, fueled by hundreds of Cokes and Sprites, and energized by mountains of Tootsie Roll Pops and Snickers bars, these students make contact with thousands of alumni and parents, one by one.

In the course of the evenings' conversations, a little bit of the College's contemporary life is conveyed. One person will ask about the success of the field hockey team, another about the major of their student caller, and yet another about the progress of The Jepson Science Center. Along the way, students hear a few fond recollections that alumni hold of a favorite professor, or one whose exams still strike terror in their memories.

Mary Washington College is blessed with great good fortune in its alumni, parents and friends. From the more than 20,000 phone calls that are made, these folks have established a response record that is among the highest for public liberal arts institutions anywhere.

This year, the phonathon is doubly enriched. Through the Hofer Challenge, any new or increased donation to the Annual Fund has twice the impact. Mr. and Mrs. Florian "Red" Hofer are matching dollar-for-dollar any new or increased Annual Fund gift, up to a total of \$100,000.

Energized by the opportunity to double the impact of their pledge, contributors are responding with enthusiasm. The Hofer Challenge is being answered with a resounding "Yes!" By supporting this effort, friends of the College are making it possible to increase the giving total by the full \$100,000.

That says a lot, not only about the level of enthusiasm of these student volunteers, but also about the strong sense of the worth of an MWC education among our alumni. These funds will go toward a goal which is central in the mission of the College: sustaining a tradition of academic excellence into the next century.

It's not possible to reach everyone in the fall, so if you've not yet heard a friendly MWC student voice on the other end of your telephone, you'll want to listen for it. The spring phonathon, from late January through February '97, will be your opportunity to double your increased or new donation through the Hofer Challenge!

*Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70 is director of marketing in the Office of College Advancement at Mary Washington.*



# Miss Morrison turns 95

October 16, 1996, was Celebration Day at Hazelwild Farm, as MWC alumna Elizabeth Morrison '26 marked her 95th birthday. Miss Morrison, lovingly known as "Aunt Sissy," visited with friends old and young, then took a trip to the pond to feed the ducks, and to the stable to offer a carrot or two to her well-loved ponies. Miss Morrison and Hazelwild have a long and treasured association with MWC's equestrian program, as generations of College riders have trained under the caring tutelage of Aunt Sissy.



Sylvia Sheaks Moore '48 recently joined a Global Volunteers service program in Turkey. Searching for a unique way to be of service while experiencing a different culture, Ms. Moore spent two weeks in Istanbul, teaching English to children. "I found it to be a tremendous service and learning experience," says Sylvia. Global Volunteers, a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, can be reached at (800) 487-1074.

# Class Notes



Goat Notes

## 1930

Office of Alumni Programs  
P.O. Box 1315  
Fredericksburg, VA 22402

## 1932

Office of Alumni Programs  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22402

## 1934

Mary Virginia Willson  
19544 Herndon Court  
Leesburg, VA 22075

**Josephine Osborn Ashton** phoned and we had a grand conversation. She lives in Leesburg now that her husband has passed on. One of her daughters also lives in Leesburg. Her other daughters live out-of-state, but keep in close contact with their mother. Jo says she keeps fairly well and stays busy. She enjoys her church work and family activities.

**Eleanor Dickerson Van Train** wrote from Houston, Texas. She was guest of honor this year at the Houston Farm and Ranch Club luncheon. The following is quoted from their program:

### "Choo Choo Van Train"

This native of Virginia considers herself a Texan to the core. She took Houston by storm in 1945, and the whirlwind is still going strong. If there is a need, she throws herself wholeheartedly into meeting the need. She has been associated with the majority of charitable causes in Houston. As a result, accolades and awards of appreciation bestowed upon her over the years are as numerous as the causes she championed. She is known for rolling up her sleeves and tackling the nuts and bolts of a fund-raising effort, from addressing envelopes to gently twisting a few arms to meet a goal. That genuine Southern belle charm and a sincere love for people endear her to all. A special thanks from all the members of the Houston Farm and Ranch Club.

**Florence "Fifty" Johnson Dodge** wrote a wonderful letter from her home at Woodstock, Conn. I wish I could write everything she said. A few important points were that her beloved husband, Bryant, died this year. Fortunately, her children and their children live nearby and are so helpful. She sees **Esther Bernston Pearson** every Tuesday at a Bible study course, which they enjoy with 20 other ladies. Esther has trouble seeing and hearing.

**Mary Ann Ratner Levy** wrote that she will continue to live at the family home of many years while she settles the estate and family business, now that her husband's will

has been probated. She feels the task moves so slowly. Her wonderful family keeps in close contact with her, so she is never far from assistance.

Thank you again to you who give to the scholarship fund so faithfully. The students who receive financial assistance are grateful. I have met many and find them to be serious students who will be a credit to the College.

Remember I must hear from you if this column is to continue. Write or call me at (703) 777-2916 about 8 p.m. as I'm hard to find during the day.

## 1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore  
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Hampton, VA 23661

Congratulations to **Ruby Lee Norris**, who has been appointed to the Board of Visitors at Mary Washington College!

I hope you enjoyed reading about our 60th reunion in the last issue of *MWC TODAY*. Thanks again to **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** for her work to get us together, to **Stewart Jones**, **Mary Alice Turman Carper** and **Ruby Lee Norris** for writing it up, and to you who came. We are grateful that we had such a memorable time. Now we look forward to our 65th reunion! Also, thanks to you who wrote letters.

**Mary Frances Rowe Varner** saw the Jan Vermeer exhibit last winter in Washington, D.C., under ideal circumstances on a VIP tour, thanks to her cousin who is an alumnus and a former board member of Washington and Lee. More recently, she also saw the Jan Steen exhibit and went to Philadelphia to see the Paul Cezanne show.

## 1938

Helen Pressley Voris  
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road  
Elk Ridge, MD 21227

## 1940

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## 1942

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## 1944

Jayne Anderson Bell  
116 Cedar Hollow North  
Fort Mill, SC 29715-8302

It's great to hear from each of you and fun to pass along your interesting "goings-on."

**Jean Adie Magavero** writes that she gave

her copy of *MWC TODAY* to a stranger who saw her car parked in front of the AARP building. How come? Well, Jean's car, of course, was sporting an MWC sticker. The woman was all excited because her granddaughter is a junior at Mary Washington. Jean thought this grandmother could get a good idea about the College from the magazine. The grandmother warmly received Jean's gift as they laughed about "this small world."

Jean warmed my heart recently when she asked about my plans for Scotland. Jean and I share delight in our respective visits to see the Burrell Collection in Glasgow. It just may be worth a trip to Scotland to see these objects d'art of every kind, from many countries and virtually every period, collected by Sir William Burrell over his lifetime and presented, in 1944, to the city of Glasgow. However, this year I will not be going to Scotland. My daughter, son-in-law, and my five "perfect" Scottish-American grandchildren will be moving to the USA, hopefully in 1997. I am elated!

**Nettie Evans Lawrey** writes, "We stay busy, and life is good. We have a fall foliage tour into New England and Canada in the offing. It's always wonderful spending time with our children and grandchildren. Gardening has been productive; tomatoes ripen faster than I can give them away; flower beds have been beautiful."

**Ann Benner Gee**, "lady on the go": went to Wisconsin for grandson's graduation from St. John's Military Academy; visited daughter and granddaughter while seeing Colorado; spent a week in Warrenton, Va., with family; and turned up for Grandparents' Weekend in Pennsylvania at Valley Forge College, where another grandson is a student. This is the life!

Upbeat letter from **Dorothy Drake Grothusen**, although you won't think so upbeat until you read on. She writes, "The day after Christmas, Harry and I were taking our daily 2.5 mile walk when I slipped on the ice and broke my leg just above the ankle. Had a walking cast on for a while and used a wheelchair, but it didn't heal. So, I went to a soft cast and walker and was in the hospital for serious surgery in February. In March, still in cast and walker, I came down with bronchitis. After three weeks, finally began feeling myself again. The leg was healed, but I had to have four weeks therapy to learn to walk correctly so we could keep our reservation for May trip to Norway.

"On May 24, we flew to Oslo, then to Bergen, where we boarded a coastal steamer for 11 days. It was great! We stopped at 66 ports along the Norwegian coast, passed over the Arctic Circle, on to Kirkenes and back, spectacular scenery all the way, and the ship was great. Back to Bergen for flight home after 15 wonderful days."

**Marjorie Martel Balus** sends "greetings

from Boloxi, Miss., on the beautiful coast of the Gulf of Mexico. My husband and I retired some time ago from the Biloxi Medical Center, he as chief of volunteer services and I as chief of dietetic service. We remain active in civic and fraternal organizations, are presently converting a shrimp boat into a charter fishing boat with trips to the off-shore islands. I attended our 50th reunion at MWC two years ago and renewed some old friendships, especially with **Ruthie Gubler Kluge**. Now I am looking forward to a visit with my roommate, **Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre**. If any of you travel this way, be sure to stop by."

Keeping in touch is good. When we do we are always blessed. I surely was, in May, when I visited **Anne Marshall Morgan** in her lovely home in Macon, Ga. A friend from Augusta was my traveling companion, and she was so glad to meet Anne. We were greeted warmly, given a tour of the house, had dinner and much talk of MWC and classmates. The next day, in Anne's big, well-equipped van, we were chauffeured around historic Macon. Thanks, Anne, for a great time.

**Teddy Nickerson Burson** announces a new grandson, born in McLean, Va. Teddy and her husband had a great vacation in the Southwest and a visit with their son, who is seasonal park biologist at Denali National Park, Alaska. Teddy, with husband and son, went for an "over-night to the top of the world in Darrow."

**Nancy Duvall Andrews** sent a most interesting article about a 69-year-old botanist, Hugh Iltis, who was acclaimed for his work in genetic breeding, having discovered a plant that could revolutionize the culture of corn. Could Hugh Iltis be the son of our Dr. Iltis? It sounds like it could be. (That's a good reason for a careful reading of *MWC TODAY*.) Stay tuned in!

**Jane Brownley Thomas** has spent the summer at her condo in Ocean City, Md. **Tommy Strong Morris** sold her summer home in New York state. She's sad, but "relieved of the worry." **Lois Webber Jackson** has moved from Florida to Massachusetts to be near her children.

From **Frances Plunkett Knox**: "Our biggest news is that last May 18, 1996, Bill and I went to Columbia, S.C., to attend church (on Sunday the 19th) where we were married on May 18, 1946. Where has time gone?"

**Christine Hall Herndon** writes about a great family reunion, 16 strong. They celebrated all birthdays and anniversaries, spent time playing tennis and eating. Christine plans to visit friends while traveling in Colorado, will see Mesa Verde, the Durango railroad and Dr. Dobson's place in Colorado Springs, then on to Scotsdale to attend an Air Force unit reunion. She says, "We will be joined by three couples we knew 30 years ago in North Africa."

I was just ready to wrap this up when a letter arrived from **Edie Mays Thomas** in which she said she and her husband had been to New York "ancestor hunting." They attended a homecoming in a church in Pierrepont, where her great-great-grandfather was the first minister. In their travels, Edie had a visit with roommate **Marie Kennedy Robins**.

Once again, thanks for keeping in touch. Should your name not be in this column, it is because your letter didn't arrive in time, you didn't write, or you are one of two people who

didn't sign your full name. Several of you said you missed our column in the last issue. Remember, we are published only in the fall and winter issues.

You will be interested to know, I think, that I have received letters from two members of other classes saying that they enjoy our column. How about that? It's your names that make it interesting. Keep in touch.

## 1946

Elizabeth Vaughan Pritchett  
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The Class of '46 wants to thank the Alumni Association for the careful planning and execution of reunion 50. It was a perfect weekend, and we all had a wonderful time meeting our classmates again after 50 years, sharing stories and events, and laughing over old times at MWC. Many from our class returned to campus for Reunion Weekend.

**Margaret Moore Beck** came from Delray Beach, Fla. She's widowed with three children: two sons, and a daughter who is the mother of Margaret's nine grandchildren. **Ruth Boyer Rinker**, president and treasurer of Rinker Orchards Inc., drove from Stevens City, Va. Even though widowed, she continues to be very busy and now serves on the Virginia Council of Vocational Education. **Kate Parker Hughes** from Norfolk, Va., also attended. She and George have been married 48 years and have three children. Kate enjoys painting with watercolors, synchronized swimming, ballroom dancing and travel. **Anne Ross Parks** from Kilmarnock, Va., reported that, along with other avocations, she enjoys growing orchids in her greenhouse. Her sister **Delores Ross '49** also attended MWC.

**Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe** and husband Coy of Midwest City, Okla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary when they were hosted at a dinner party by their children in Wichita, Kan., on June 29. Coy and Elizabeth met while she was at MWC. They enjoyed a trip to many Canadian cities after leaving our 50th reunion. **Louise Boyer McKenna** told classmates that she is moving into a retirement community. She now resides at Lakewood Manor, 1900 Lauderdale Dr., Richmond, Va. 23233. **Maurine Brevoort Seely**, our new coordinator, drove with her husband, John, from California to MWC. They are both retired. She has many interests including genealogy, travel and gardening.

**Beverly "Bev" Beadles Jackson** was at the reunion looking very much like her MWC senior picture. She has retired from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service where she was supervisor of the Virginia Seed Testing Laboratory. Bev and her husband, Barnett, have two sons and a grandson. We were so pleased to see Dean Edward Alvey at our reunion banquet. He spoke briefly and gave that memorable smile. Dr. Reginald Whidden, our beloved sponsor, did not make the trip to our 50th reunion. **Mildred Matula Allyn** from Norfolk, Conn., took him a copy of our class booklet. Dr. Whidden wrote a nice note of appreciation to **Elaine Heritage Jordan**, our coordinator.

Several new classmates were added to our numbers due to their choice to associate. Three of these came to Homecoming. **Patricia Mathewson Spring** drove from Kensington,

Conn., with friends, who also enjoyed the reunion. **Gurleen Verlander Jones** came from Richmond for the weekend. Gurleen and her husband, Cary, enjoy weekends at their place on the Rappahannock River. Gurleen has a son and a daughter by her first husband, also a Jones. **Barbara Zehrbach McCoy** from Inverness, Ill., and **Elizabeth Vaughan Pritchett** from Dallas, Texas, came with Gurleen. **Mary Owens Flory '45** from Nokesville, Va., also asked to be associated with our class. She, too, attended our reunion.

**Mary Janes Ahern**, "Georgia" to most of her classmates, has not given up on education or educating. After earning her B.S. in science at MWC, she completed two graduate degrees from Johns Hopkins University. She retired from Baltimore city schools after 30 years, then began teaching at the Catholic high school, where she was chairman of the science department. She now teaches at Baltimore Community College.

**Betty Jane Attenberger Calandrucchio** writes from Memphis, Tenn., where she lives with her retired husband, Roc, who was an orthopedic surgeon. They traveled all over the world when he lectured. They have two sons and a daughter, and they each have two children.

Several classmates have been found. **Edna Harris Cochran**, who graduated with a music degree and now lives in Winston Salem, N.C., led the alumni association to find **Shirley Hanna Stanton**. They were roommates at MWC. Shirley has retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Vienna, Va., and resides there. **Elaine Winstead Martin** recently moved to Kill Devil Hills, N.C., after retiring from the Commerce Department in D.C. She enjoys gardening, reading and sewing. Elaine and Hugh had three children. Her husband passed away in 1988. **Mary Mathiew Clark** has moved to Sequim, Wash., to escape the New England winters. She retired after 30 years as an architectural designer and construction supervisor. She and her husband, David, have four children and two grandchildren.

**Betty Lou Carrier Church** died in May 1996. You may remember that she was presented the MWC Service Award in 1986. We were very proud of her. The family requests donations be made in Betty Church's name to Mary Washington College Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 1908, Fredericksburg, Va. 22402-1908.

A list identifying those in the class photograph by rows has been completed. Those who want a copy should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to me.

## 1948

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Dear '48ers,

Among a few questionnaires received too late to be included in my May 1996 copy was one from **Muriel Harmon Lake**, living in Columbia, S.C. She and her husband, Kemper, a retired physician, spend much time at their home on Lake Murray and with their three children and 10 grandchildren (ages 2 to 23). Recently, Muriel heard from **Helen Singleton Darfus**, who had met Muriel's cousin **Peggy Chapman Warren '52** at a reception for MWC

alumni in Orlando, Fla., last May.

**Marion Messersmith Snider** of Columbus, Ohio, celebrated at a Snider reunion in June with her three children and seven grandchildren. She will be flying to the Sierras in California in the fall. Both she and Muriel have penciled in June 1998 at MWC.

One of the wives in Kilmarnock's Arts Council production of "The King and I" last spring was our musically versatile **Gene Watkins Covington**. She is quite active locally as a voice and piano teacher.

**Bobbie Hough McConnell** took a comprehensive Reformation Tour last summer, visiting Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Berlin and Frankfurt. She, too, indicated she plans to be at MWC in 1998.

A note from **Jane Howard Patrick** said that health care is her most consuming interest. She is still operating her Cooperstown, N.Y., B & B and hopes to get to our '98 reunion.

**Sarah Armstrong Worman** has moved from one coast to the other, having retired from the world of fashion, at least for the moment. She and I are struggling to master our computers and are having great fun communicating by e-mail.

**Ashby Griffith Mitchell** reports that a new neighbor of hers is a '49 MWC graduate, **Dawn McElrath Gill**, a newcomer to Culpeper. Dawn's sister, **Ann**, also the Class of '49, is an artist in Charlottesville, Va.

## 1950

Dorothy Held Gawley  
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I am writing this from Cape Cod on Labor Day '96 as Hurricane Edouard is swirling around us, and we are without electricity. A good time to write about "old" friends, and I have a bit of news to keep this column in shape. **Nat Wilton** was able to get down from Bellevue, Wash., to see **Mary Cottingham Hardy** in San Pedro, Calif., in the spring of '96. They had a great visit and they talked to **D.G. Pate Wilson** on the phone. D.G. had recently suffered a stroke affecting her right side, but not her speech. Mary said she is still her cheerful self.

**Jackie Newell Recker** was excited to hear that another classmate, **Helen Hopkins Timberlake**, had moved to the Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., area, and, with **Jane Gardner Mallory**, they were hoping to get together for lunch when everyone is free. I've had several letters from **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni**, who has been busy locating some MWC friends. She had been suitemates with **Shirley Kay** and lost touch over the years. Shirley had been widowed many years ago, but remarried 20 years ago and is now Shirley Kay Redler, living in Tamarac, Fla. She and Carmen had a teary-eyed luncheon and got caught up on lost time. Now they have frequent phone conversations. Carmen also located **Mary Jean Diaz** in Cape Coral, Fla., and has gotten her all excited about our 50th reunion. Carmen is a computer hobbyist and has recently joined the Internet. This is helping her keep her mind off listening for the telephone. As I write this in the fall of '96, her son, Luis Angel, is on the list for a liver transplant. They did find a match, but when he got to the hospital an infection was found in his leg, so the

transplant was too risky. Let's pray that by the time you read this, all will be well.

I was sorry to receive news from **GINNY HARDY VANCE** that **Catherine Rae Capizola Sungenis** died June 8, 1996, of a brain tumor. She lived in Beltsville, Md., and was a nurse, psychiatric therapist and sex educator. In 1985, she founded the Moonridge Holistic Center, which offered counseling and conducted workshops in yoga and massage therapy. She received her nursing degree from Columbia Union College in 1969. We will remember Rae as a member of the dance and marching band at MWC, where she earned her degree in music. In the 1950s, she sang and played piano on a weekly TV variety show in Philadelphia and was a member of the Philadelphia Piano Orchestra. Her marriage ended in divorce, and she had no children. Ginny attended the memorial service for Rae, and there were many friends and relatives who gave glowing accounts of Rae's accomplishments over the years. Ginny reports that she decided to retire and closed her studio at Torpedo Factory Art Center in March '96.

In late August '96, **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl took a tour of the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Irv and I will soon be attending another Elderhostel program, "The History of Railroadng," in White River Junction, Vt.

## 1952

Barbara Wassell  
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A group of classmates from '52 got together in Charlottesville in July for a luncheon at the Farmington Country Club. Everyone looked great and had nothing but good news to tell. Those there were: **Sissy Davis Prillaman, Dottie Craig Davis, Gwen Amory Cumming, Janet Meador Heilman, Rita Morgan Stone, Nancy Stone Moxley, Betty Montgomery Handy, Claire Sindlinger de Groot, Nancy Stump Motley** and me.

**Marjorie Gibson Blaxill, Carol Edger-ton Cooper** and **Weege Attianese Harlow** have all polished their tennis skills and play several times a week. Marjorie has her own court, so she's really good.

This is my last column. I am passing the torch to **Charlotte Adams Harrell**, whose address is 1034 Covington Lane, Norfolk, Va. 23508. Please send her any news you have. She and husband Bob had a fabulous time during the summer on a trip to Alaska.

Don't forget: Reunion Weekend for our class will be at MWC May 30-June 1. You should have gotten, or will be getting, a mail-out soon. Come! It's our 45th!

Keep the news coming. Charlotte needs it.

## 1954

Vera Bestwick Willis  
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Thank you so much for returning information about yourself. I still need 162 more. You have between now and April 1997. I enjoy hearing from you.

**Anne Levey** is now retired. She lives in Mathews, a place called Gwynn's Island.

**Geraldine Holsten Rodriguez** and Bill are waiting for their new house to be built in

Ocala, Fla., where they spend their winters. They will keep their North Carolina house in the Smokies for the summers.

Bill retired from the Navy in 1979. Even before his retirement, they had a motor home. Often they took their two children, Will and Gigi, and their friends with them. After three years, they spied a beautiful mobile home park on the side of a slope overlooking the Palomar Valley in California, and an RV site in North Carolina. After traveling coast to coast, it became "old hat," so they bought a home in Andrews, N.C.

Gerry has been a working housewife for all her 42 years of married life. She worked a few years at a True Value store and inspected and rated campgrounds for a campground directory publisher for another few years.

Gerry and Bill have two cats, Shadow and Pharoah. Will and his wife, Allet, have a 9-year-old daughter, Lauren. Will, a commander in the U.S. Navy, has command of a base in Portsmouth, Va. Gigi and her husband, Frank, own a carpet-cleaning franchise in Roanoke, Va.

**Barbara Wilson Taliaferro** and Duke are still on Manasota Key in Southwest Florida. Duke is retired from banking. Babs still walks on the beach, catches crabs, rides her bike, plays bridge and all those fun things. They finally got to the Art Institute in Chicago last summer. Then they went to Alaska, since their oldest son lives there. Their other two physician sons are practicing in St. Augustine, Fla. One is married with two children. Babs and Duke see them often.

Last year they took an Elderhostel bike trip through the Loire Valley from Diggendorf, Germany, along the Danube to Vienna, Austria — about 240 miles. Elderhostel offers many wonderful experiences. Babs has to slow down on tennis.

For those who wonder where Punta Gorda is, it's right up the road and was voted in a magazine best place to live.

**Patricia Shipley Hook** currently writes theater reviews for the Anne Arundel County section of *The Baltimore Sun*. She is an active member of the American Theatre Critics Association and supports a fund in memory of my son, Evan Shipley Hook, who died in 1983. Her only child, Tommy, died of leukemia in 1974.

## 1956

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## 1958

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Hasn't this been one summer? I'm sure we've all made the best of it. Now that it's behind us, let's hope the big 1997 will bring us back to a more normal summer and winter. Enough's enough. We've heard from a few of you, but really not enough. Please, let us get together. Send us the latest news about yourselves and family. If you've seen any of

the good Class of '58, please share your visits. Very soon we have to assemble the class reunion books. Without your current information about you and your family, we may fail to pass along correct information, so please update us. By the way, we have very busy schedules as well and would love to have some help on the reunion. So, those who would love to share some of their valuable time with us to organize and plan, we'd love to hear from you. It's been a lot of fun serving as your class agents, but we've been a bit disappointed to think we've had to do the bulk of the work. Please come forth to offer a helping hand if you can.

**Ruthie Griggs** continues to be very active in her community. In 1993, she organized a major Veterans Day program in Carroll County. She majored in history and taught school in Carroll County for 25 years, retiring in 1990. Today she teaches U.S. history and government to adults in night school. In 1995, she conducted a fund-raising raffle for a hand-stitched quilt, donated by a community member, for The Carroll Wellness Center in Hillsville.

**Joyce Lee Smith** is an antique doll collector and has been regional director in the United Federation of Doll Clubs. She has traveled the East Coast, lecturing and giving programs for doll clubs. After she retired from 31 years in the biology classroom and five years at the hospital, she spent the next seven years caring for her mom (also an MWC alumna). Life is just beginning for her at age 58, which is better than ever, and she's looking forward to seeing everyone at the big reunion in 1998.

**Anne de Porry McGrath** is living in north central New Jersey now, and is human resources manager for the *Journal of Commerce*. She keeps in touch with **Kay Britto**, who has retired to her home place of Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Anne's three children are grown, of course. Her son lives in Fredericksburg, where he keeps a watchful eye on her four wonderful grandsons. Her daughter, Amy, is married and lives and works in England. Of course, Anne finds any and every opportunity to visit Amy. Anne's youngest daughter, Nikky, is a social worker and attends graduate school in Chicago. Anne was so good to share her e-mail address with us. For all who would love to get in touch with her, I know she'd love to hear from you. amcgrath@eclipse.net

**Bernice Bramson Gilfillan** is now living in South Africa and keeping very busy caring for her properties. She has set up, on her six acres of homeland in Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Knazulu-natal, S. Africa, five houses, electrical gates, security fencing and a pool, and is busy landscaping and putting in shrubs, roses and lawns.

**Evie Elgin Brame** was a classmate with us early on, but graduated with the Class of '59 since she basically split the two years. Evie has learned that her uncle, General Samuel K. Zook, was a colonel in the 6th Regiment Brigade, which took him through the Peninsula Campaign and on to Fredericksburg, where the brigade earned honors for its heroic bravery.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

## 1960

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## 1962

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There is little to report since no one has written. Your communication is greatly missed!

I'm still teaching seventh-grade life science, but I am sticking to a previous decision to retire two years early (year 2000). The extra money is not worth the risk of losing life or health. Being knocked across the room by an accidental blow on the back certainly jolted my senses. The girl had just come from a detention home due to a fight with a policeman! I miss the gentler school days of our era.

**Betsey-Ellen Hansen** lives in Stafford, Va., and has recently started her own home-based business, Creative Office Services. After her mother had two eye operations and a broken leg in 1995, Betsey persuaded her mother to move in with her. She had to sort through her mother's home of more than 20 years in Yorktown, Va., pack what was to be kept, dispose of the rest and sell the house. Betsey said she never could have done it if her MWC roommate, **Mary Hatcher '61**, hadn't come from Wilmington, N.C., on several weekends to help her.

## 1964

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## 1966

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Greetings again from Northern Virginia, which is still humming from our reunion last summer. Thanks again to **Barbara Bishop Mann** and all of you who helped to make it a tremendous success.

**Sandy Hutchison Hoybach** is pleased to report that son Ricky is finishing his master's degree in business at James Madison University, and daughter Amy will soon be a graduate of Longwood College. At last Sandy will get a taste of the empty nest syndrome and is really looking forward to the budget increase now that everyone is out of college.

**Lynn Williams Boyer** wrote from Clifton, Va., to say that she is now employed by the Fairfax County schools, but hasn't seen very many of us who also work there. After earning her master's degree in psychology from George Mason University, Lynn worked with the Manassas city schools before transferring to Lee High School. (Didn't you see **Joan Cuccias Patton** there, Lynn?) Lynn has since advanced to be director of special education programs and services based at Belle Willard Administrative Center, where her staff is learning second-hand all of Dr. Croushore's editing techniques! Lynn and her former

roommate, **Donna Wolfe Shinderman**, spend holidays together. Since their daughters, now 26, are four months apart and their sons, now 23, are also four months apart, they have shared many of their children's adventures over the years. Donna is an interior designer, still married to Paul, whom some of you may remember having convinced Donna to marry him sophomore year. Then he went off to Arkansas to school and had to hitchhike his way back for Ring Dance! Lynn, on the other hand, was divorced and remarried 21 years ago to Bruce, a former nuclear submariner who is now the water resources engineer in Spotsylvania County, Va.

**Anne Claggett Willcox** wrote from her country retreat that she and John and their cat, Night, continue to enjoy their new home in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It must be a beautiful place with over a thousand bulbs in bloom in the spring and all the colorful foliage to admire in the fall.

**Tyla Matteson** wrote that she is still thriving teaching French in Hampton, Va. Her favorite activity is her involvement with the Virginia Sierra Club, which she chaired last year. Tyla particularly enjoys the political aspect of endorsing environmentally friendly candidates and working toward their election to office, especially since 35 of 45 candidates were successfully installed.

**Susan Hanes Orrison** passed up a golden opportunity to teach calculus for six weeks this fall at Chantilly High School, from which she retired last year, because she was scheduled to travel extensively through Colorado. Although we missed her at school, it's really nice to know that Sue is thoroughly enjoying her retirement.

Speaking of retirement, this will be my last year of full-time teaching. After 21 years at Chantilly and several years in other places, I am looking forward to spending more time at home with my husband and the family. Hank and I both enjoy doing things with the children and grandchildren, and we still have his business to look after. I have also found it rewarding to tutor elementary math, especially since two grandsons are enrolled in the Spanish Immersion Program here in Fairfax County and are learning all their math in Spanish. It's amazing how much a first-grader can learn! My music activities have diminished considerably now that I have resigned from both the quintet and the orchestra. Church services, programs and weddings are still keeping me busy enough. In fact, one wedding is scheduled for February in Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Va.

Keep those cards and letters coming. We all love to hear from you.

## 1968

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## 1970

Susan Duffey DiMaina  
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**Laura King Myse** lives in the Fredericksburg area and works as the supervisor of instructional support service for Spotsylvania county schools. When I spoke with Laurie,

she told me that the youngest of her three stepchildren is 26 and on her own, so she and husband Bob can be, as she said, "real people" again. They just bought waterfront property in King George County on a creek off the Potomac River, where they'll be building a house at a leisurely pace so they can move in when Bob retires from his dental practice in a few years. When we spoke, she and Bob were also about to fulfill a life-long dream of traveling to France — focusing on the southern coast and countryside. And more good news! She quit smoking in May 1996.

Laurie mentioned that she visited Pensacola, Fla., not too long ago and saw **Sharon Arthur Spencer** and her husband, Bill. Sharon teaches math at the local community college. Bill is retired from the Marine Corps and has trained for a new profession in public education.

In a letter from a friend, it was reported that **Anne Howell Wood** moved with her husband, Woody, to Carlisle, Pa., at the end of 1995. Woody, a colonel in the Marine Corps, is attending a war college there. Both of their daughters, Katie and Stephanie, are attending VPI.

If you've moved lately or tried to renovate a house, you'll have some sympathy for **Kathy O'Neill Argiropoulos**, who has recently done both. Even though their "old" house in Arlington, Va., had not sold, they moved into their "new" house that Kathy planned to renovate. When she realized how extensive the renovation would be, Kathy, with husband and two children, decided to move back to their former house; after all, it was still on the market after nine months. They weren't "home" very long when the house sold, and they had to get out quickly. When I spoke to her, after two months in an apartment, she said they are happy to be in their "new" (and improved!) house — although she admits that there is still a lot more to be done. Frankly, I was impressed by her good cheer and positive attitude — but then, that may be something you remember about Kathy from college days!

The last time **Elaine Wilson Maloney** appeared in this column, she was plugging away in graduate school at Catholic University. Update: In 1995, she earned her degree in library science and is presently pleased to report that she is a librarian at an elementary school in Fairfax County, Va. Elaine likes to compare notes and discuss the mysteries of the Dewey Decimal System with **Tina Kormanski Krause**, who is also an elementary librarian in the same county.

And speaking of Tina — her daughter, Lindsay, who is in her third year at U. Va., was working last summer in Asheville, N.C., as a camp counselor, and Tina drove down to pick her up. At the same time, **Kathy Thiel** was in Asheville attending her nephew's wedding. Kathy and Tina both live in Northern Virginia, where they get together occasionally, but they managed to run into each other quite by accident in a North Carolina hotel lobby! By the way, Kathy's daughter, Sarah, is in her second year at University of Florida in Gainesville, and she spent the summer abroad in Austria. Her son, David, is in his senior year in high school. Kathy is a senior attorney for AT&T specializing in commercial litigation. Although she keeps very busy with PTA and community activities, she says she has recently found the

time to take up golf. (How many of you remember taking that at MWC for PE? Raise your sand wedges!)

You know, former classmates, each time I get a letter from one of you, it is like a lovely gift. Please keep writing.

## 1972

Anne Toms Richardson  
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## 1974

Janelle Hicks Wesenberg  
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Alice Harding Thomas  
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Alice and I were thrilled with the response to our plea for news! Some were fairly lengthy and descriptive, and while Alice and I thoroughly enjoyed reading them, please forgive us for having to edit. Our thanks go to each of you.

We heard from two sources out of Atlanta. **Jill Hadden** wrote that she has been living there for over 10 years, working in computer graphics for an architectural design firm and very active in her church on the building committee. She was a delegate in '95 to the annual diocesan convention, where she was elected as a lay alternate to the national convention for next year. She was particularly enthusiastic about the past summer's Olympics in Atlanta, where she was able to attend several events and enjoy "the ambiance...the friendliness of the people, the carnival atmosphere...the buying, selling and trading of pins."

**Pam Smith McGahagin** showed similar pride and enthusiasm for the Atlanta area regarding the Olympics. She and her husband, Mike, and children, Sarah, 8, and Ian, 6, were also able to attend some of the events. She occasionally sees Jill, as they are both involved in the local theater, and **Martha Fisher Buckley**, who attends the same church as Pam, is married to an attorney and has two growing daughters. Pam also reports that her former roommate, **Joan Darby**, has just received her M.Ed. from George Mason University and plans to continue studying for a Ph.D. in administration. Joan currently teaches in the Spotsylvania school system and stays busy with the activities of her two children, David and Kristina.

**Mary Gaber Young** reported in from Virginia Beach. She works as a dental hygienist, serving the mentally retarded at Southeastern Va. Training Center in Chesapeake, and as a Shaklee distributor. Her interests include nutrition and fitness — especially her jazzercise classes. Husband Scott is an LCSW employed by First Hospital Corporation as the national network director, has a small private practice and teaches a graduate course at Norfolk State. Their daughter, Sarah, is 15 and involved in cheerleading and gymnastics.

**Carol Hemstock Williams** wrote of a wonderful summer in New Mexico, where she and her husband went whitewater rafting for the first time and enjoyed it so much they plan to try it again next summer in West Virginia. They are living in New Jersey, where

she has been employed at Bristol-Myers Squibb for over nine years. Her husband looks forward to being made a partner at his CPA firm soon.

Word came in from Gainesville, Fla., that **Barbara Wilson Conley** has been living there and teaching fifth grade for the past five years. Her husband, Lloyd, is an investment vice president with Barrett Bank, and they have three sons: twins Brian and Scott are seniors in high school, and David is 10 and in the fifth grade. Barbara stays in touch with three close friends from MWC — **Julie Blair Geier**, **Trisha Powell Wescott** and **Susie Paddock Stumpf** — who are all doing well and looking terrific. She says she would love some words of support for a mom who is not ready to lose her babies to college next year!

She might be able to compare notes with **Janette Gates Sroka**, who wrote from Raleigh, N.C., to say that her oldest, Katie, was off to college this year. Her boys are 16 and 14 now, and the family often heads up to Virginia for soccer tournaments. When she's in Richmond, she is able to get together with **Barbara Bowman Scott** and **Kathy Farrell Hershner**, both working as speech therapists in the public schools.

Along the maternal lines, **Cynthia Gorwitz** wrote to ask if she is the oldest first-time mother in the Class of '74, having just given birth to twins in October 1995. She and her husband, Howard Mixon, have had mini-reunions with her roommates in the last year — with **Missie Carpenter**, now living near Chico, Calif., and with **Faith Geibel Moore**, who lives at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

**Paula Wood Welch** lives on a small farm near Crozet, Va., with Peter, her husband of 17 years, and sons, Adam, 15, and Chase, 12. Peter is a project manager for a local steel construction company, and Paula keeps herself busy home-schooling, chauffeuring, gardening, catering and working on a local children's theater board. The whole family is very involved in church activities, as well.

**Marilyn "Merle" Bowles Smith** and her husband, Curtis, will be celebrating 20 years of marriage this coming year. She is a substitute teacher in the public schools in Kilmarnock, Va., and he is director of pharmacy at Rappahannock General Hospital. They have three children — Marshall, 9, and twins Miles (a boy) and Madison (a girl), who are 7.

By the time of publication, **Louise A. Schmidt** should be in Germany working for the U.S. Army as a civilian attorney. She spent five years there previously, after obtaining her law degree from William and Mary in 1983. She met her husband, Dan Bittner, there, and they now have a 6-year-old son, Alex. She has found balancing a career and family challenging and would love to hear how others have dealt with it. She recalls being exposed to books and articles on feminism while at MWC, and would be interested in a study or article on how other early '70s alumni now feel about the subject.

**Darlene Messinger Parlette** is to be congratulated on successfully completing eight years on a low-fat diet and exercise program, losing 70 pounds. She has been employed for 14 years as a transcriptionist at a residential treatment facility for socially and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. Her husband, Hank, is an electrician by trade, but they

met through activities in their music. Her two stepdaughters, Kirsten and Christina, are students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her daughter, Angie, 22, married last April, and her son, Eric, 19, graduated from high school in June.

**Pam White's** information came in an interesting form — a feature article done on her in this past summer's Washington and Lee University alumni magazine! Pam took her law degree from W&L in '77 and is now a partner with the 118-attorney firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver, where she chairs the firm's employment group. She also serves as chair of the professionalism committee of the Maryland State Bar Association and credits the honor system at both her alma maters with instilling in her a strong sense of the importance of trust and ethical obligations. Outside of work, Pam may be the biggest Orioles fan you're likely to encounter. She has driven the Oriole himself in the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade for five years running.

All the way from Vancouver, Wash., we heard from **Mary Beth Jones** that she has been working for the past 11 years as a staff physician in the emergency department of Southwest Washington Medical Center. Her husband is an attorney with the Department of Interior, and they have two daughters, Hanna, 9 and Emily, 7. Those of you who saw Mary Beth at the 20th reunion will be saddened to learn that the little boy she was pregnant with at the time was lost shortly after birth. She enjoys scouts and church, volunteering at her girls' school, gardening, and keeping a flock of chickens.

**Peg Hubbard** reported that she attended the wedding of **Lisa Tyree** last June on Key Largo. Lisa and her husband, Don, are now living in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Bridget Binko** is still living in the San Francisco Bay area, still growing orchids, and still sailing with her husband, Fred. She was promoted to vice president of regulatory affairs at Cell Genesys, a biotech company developing gene therapy products. She stays in contact with **JoAnn Menzer Kevorkian**, who lives in Roanoke raising her four children (three of them triplets!).

Alice was able to have a quick lunch with **Cindy Kear** last summer, when Cindy was back this way for a visit from San Francisco. Again, we thank all of you who wrote, and would love to hear from the rest of you.

## 1976

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Since the deadlines for publication fall when they do, I will be depending on all of you in the Class of 1976 to send information when you can. Since some of you are communicating on the information superhighway, perhaps we can find a means to pool that information to meet the deadlines. The current news I have since our reunion in June '96 is that **Margo Clifford** spent the summer studying at Oxford University. I also received a news release from The United States International Trade Commission in August '96 regarding our classmate, **Lynn Munroe Bragg**, announcing her designation as vice chairman of the International Trade Commission, a term that extends until June 16, 1998. She has serv-

ed as a commissioner since March 31, 1994, having been appointed by President Clinton for a term that will expire June 16, 2002. The news release states that "Bragg holds a master's degree from Boston University (1978)" as well as "her bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College (1976). She is married, has three children and currently resides in Chevy Chase, Md."

## 1978

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## 1980

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From David:

Congratulations are in order for **Lynn Manger Hull**. Lynn was married during Thanksgiving weekend 1995 to John Hull, a Norfolk native and graduate of St. Andrew's Episcopal College. Some of her MWC buddies came from great distances to attend the event: **Vicky Eakin Sagehorn** and her son, Dereck, came from Antioch, Calif., and **Kathy Key White** came from Calgary, Alberta, Canada! As with all MWC "reunions," the time was too short; and unfortunately, not everyone invited could attend.

Congratulations again to **Teresa Nugent Forbes** and **Jesse Forbes**. They are expecting twins!

Please remember, our next class notes will appear in the fall. Submission date is May 15, 1997.

## 1986

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Wow! What a reunion! The Class of 1986 turned out in droves for the 10th year reunion. Well over 60 persons attended the weekend of festivities, outnumbering all other classes by at least a four-to-one margin. **Karen Anderson, Karen Esbeck** and **Michelle Runge** take the prize for longest distance traveled (San Francisco and Los Angeles). **Mina Holden-Horn** takes home the prize for youngest reunioner, as 7-month-old Grayson Todd Horn IV made an appearance at the class party. **Lisa Harvey** provided us with a blast from the past by bringing a video tape of our graduation ceremony, and had some help from **Troy Knighton**, who provided music from our era.

The most common phrase of the weekend was: "I was a little reluctant to come, but, boy, it sure is great to see everyone!" From cocktails at Brompton to the cookout in Monroe Square to the class party in Russell Hall (of all places) to the celebration at the Eagles Nest (sort of a combination of the C-Shoppe and the Pub), the Class of '86 made its presence known. While everyone has grown up a little, no one has really changed. Classmates, amazed at the strength of the bonds among us, renewed old friendships and formed new ones. Reunioners came with and without spouses and children, and all had a fabulous time. Nearly everyone that attended told me that they cannot wait for the 15th reunion! We did take care of some business, as well. I am now responsible for our class entry in *MWC TODAY* and **Irene Thomaidis, Karen Anderson** and **Lisa Harvey** are planning the next reunion. We already have some terrific ideas (such as having **Stacy Dunn DJ**), but would appreciate any input which you have to offer.

In other news, **Stephanie Doswald** was married this past July in Geneva, Switzerland, to Danny Sebolt. **Brenda Thier Evans** and her husband, Andy, welcomed Kelsey Elizabeth into the MWC family in April '96, while **Ann Stack Bartenstein**, her husband, John, and daughter, Leigh, welcomed Peter in March. More recently, **Jill VanderSchaff Schwartz** and her husband, Rob, welcomed twins Eric and Julia in August. **Karen McKenna** is pursuing her master's at the Institute for Learning and Development. **Brent Davis** was recently promoted to museum services manager at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. **Tracy Greener Hollan** and the rest of Bordentown, N.J., survived a tornado last summer, although Tracy's roof was not so fortunate. **Jocelyn Piccone** recently accepted a position as director of Excel Corporate Care in Middletown, Ohio, and **Kathy Powers Cunius** and her family just moved to Pittsburgh, Pa.

An East Coast mini-reunion was held last August. **Tracy Greener Hollan** and **Lisa Harvey** rallied a group for another weekend of fun and frolic on Baltimore Harbor. We were joined by **Irene Thomaidis, Mina Holden-Horn, Brent Davis, Karen McKenna, Ann Stack Bartenstein, Paul Kilmer, Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** and **Brenda Thier Evans**. As for our West Coast friends, **Karen Anderson, Michelle Runge** and **Karen Esbeck**



got together for a weekend in San Francisco. We promise to have future gatherings if anyone else is interested. The reunion really seemed to renew a lot of friendships.

Please let us know what you or any of our classmates are up to. You can reach us by mail, telephone or even e-mail. *MWC TODAY* notes for the Class of 1986 appear in the fall and winter issues of the magazine. The respective deadlines for submission are May 1 and September 1.

## 1988

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Since graduating from MWC, **Remus Boxley** and **Kristina Carnegie Boxley** have remained inseparable. Both entered graduate programs at JMU in September 1990, graduating in May 1992, with an M.B.A. and master's in school counseling, respectively. They have been married for three years and welcomed a son, Christian Lloyd, to their family in 1996. They reside in Baltimore, Md., where Kristina is a guidance counselor for Baltimore County public schools, and Remus is a human resources generalist for the University of Maryland Medical System and also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. They remain in touch with **Yvonne Milien '89**, who recently returned to her home of Hampton, Va., and is working for a pharmaceutical company; **Tracey Irving '89**, who is working for the Admission's Office at VCU in Richmond and pursuing her master's degree; **Helene Bundy Watts '86**, an advertising executive residing in Baltimore, Md., with her husband, Lloyd; **Glenda Bishop Maitland '88**, who is teaching for Caroline County public schools; and **Donna Whitney**, who received her master's degree from Trinity College in May and is now pursuing her doctorate degree at Howard University. Donna is also an English teacher for Prince George's County Public Schools. They frequently run into **Fernanda Kane '86**, MWC faculty and staff and current MWC students when they visit Remus' parents, who reside in Fredericksburg.

## 1990

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**Brook E. Fillmore** was living and working as assistant director of development for the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va., until October, when she moved to Norfolk, Va., where she accepted a position as director of Annual Fund and Membership with The Chrysler Museum of Art.

Please send some news!

## 1992

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I received a letter recently from **Anne Bradshaw** and **Katharine Marshall Kalvig** with the following information. Anne was graduated from University of Virginia School of Medicine in May and started her residency in pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center. Katharine was married in 1995. She and husband Dennis reside in Fredericksburg. **Michelle Moncure** graduated from George Washington University with a master's in American studies. **Debbie Mullens** completed her master's in education and works in Richmond. **Tonia Burton** lives in Fredericksburg and works for VDOT. **Andrea Feedback** is attending Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. **Kim Brook '93** resides in Alexandria and works for an architectural firm in the accounting department.

I attended the wedding of **Lisa Wilbanks** to Tim Rentenback in Knoxville last June. **Kim Eckhardt Piper** and **Carrie Reams** were also there, and we had a blast! Kim is a teacher in Virginia Beach, and Carrie works for Oracle Government Systems in Northern Virginia.

## 1994

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We have a number of teachers among us. **Maura Payne** has moved back to Fredericksburg and is teaching ninth-grade English and photojournalism at North Stafford High School. She reports that North Stafford H.S. has become "choc-full of MWC alum," with **Vanessa Sekinger** and **John Gabriel '95** joining her in the English Department. **Ann Donoghue** is living in Old Town Alexandria. She is teaching fifth grade at Widewater Elementary in Stafford County, and is more or less "running the school." **Amy Umberger** is teaching fourth grade at Berkley Elementary School in Spotsylvania County. After two years of subbing, **Jenn Dorr Ziegenmeyer** accepted a full-time teaching position in the English Department in Spotsylvania County. (Yes, Jenn, you did see Gordon Inge working at Heavenly Ham in Westwood Shopping Center. He and his wife, Betty, own it!) **Jen McKay** is teaching first grade at St. Mary's School in Old Town Alexandria.

**Marge Foster** is living in the East Village of NYC and is a copywriter for *Games Magazine*. Her writing career has taken her to Boston, Lynchburg and Albuquerque. Marge planned to relocate to D.C. in the fall '96 to take on the literary world in the nation's capital. **Claudette Gamache** is living in downtown Fredericksburg working in her field of historic preservation. **Sandra Garton** is selling real estate and taking up quilting. **Rhonda Winn** is a flight attendant for United Express. **Chris Lazzuri** is back in Roanoke, Va., managing an American Eagle Outfitters store. **Melissa Wheat** was promoted to assistant dean of admissions at MWC last July — way to go, Melissa! **Tim Landis** is loving life on Capital Hill, schmoozing up a storm and work-

ing for the Republicans. Tim is pursuing a movie career on the side. He has been to a number of casting calls in the D.C. area and can even be seen as an extra in the movie "Nixon."

Spotted at Tim's most recent semi-annual bash in Falls Church were several other MWCers. **Matt St. Amand** and **Amanda Harris '95** drove up from Chapel Hill. "**Easy E Eric Edwards**" arrived with his carafe of wine, mingled, and managed to return to Manassas the following day in time to report to work. **Eric Thorne** and **Chris "Flickey" Sincavage** both traveled from Pennsylvania. Chris is a substitute kindergarden teacher in Philadelphia. He and his wife were expecting a baby girl in October. Sources report that **Woody Perry** is also living in Philadelphia, but that's all sources know about Woody.

**Debbie Hodges** is still working at Lehigh Portland Cement Company in the regional sales office in Manassas. She recently certified as a facilitator for Quality Action Teams. She was to vacation to Southern California in the fall and hoped to see **Kristen Maestri Carter** and her son, Joseph Carter. **Donna Douglas Rollins** was hired to be the assistant manager at the Bath & Body Shop in Spotsylvania Mall when it opened in October. She and her husband, Edward, are enjoying their new addition to the family, Mackenzie Claire. **Rebecca Seabolt Jones** has a one-year-old girl named Rachel. **Yvonne Barrow Gracia** is married and has a little boy. She is living in Chesapeake, Va.

After vacationing in Spain, England and Scotland, **Renee Cline** left her position in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at MW Hospital to engage in a master's program in physical therapy at Marymount University in Arlington. Actually, a number of '94 grads have returned to school for various degrees. **Keri Conron** is working on her master's of public health at Boston University. **Leslie Stewart** is engaged in graduate work in Georgia. **David Preston** is working on a Ph.D. at William and Mary in colonial American history. **Nickolai Butkevich** is working on a master's in Russian area studies at Georgetown University and is engaged to a fellow student in his program. **Susan Tanigawa** is in a Master's in Education program at George Mason University. **Dawn Baugher** is in optometry school in Columbus, Ohio. **Elie Bier** is engaged and completing her master's degree in Lincoln, Neb. **Mary Willis** is working on a master's degree in counseling at Virginia Tech. **Jenn Moss** is a second year law student at the University of Baltimore School of Law. **Sarah Kanney** is in grad school for teaching English as a second language and is engaged to David Mendoza. **Leah McNeil** is working for Capital One Services as a staff coordinator in Fredericksburg. She is enrolled at Strayer College to work on an M.S. in information systems. Her boyfriend, **Blaine Hodges**, is working in Fredericksburg and also plans to return to grad school in the near future. **Maureen Keany** is working in human resources at a manufacturing company in Port Washington. She began an M.B.A. at Hofstra University last fall. **Anne Wittenbraker** works in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital. She is engaged to be married to Mark Hamilton and intends to go back to school to pursue a career as a physician's

assistant.

Congratulations are in order for the graduates. **Eric Reid** graduated from the Notre Dame Institute in Alexandria with degrees in advanced apostolic catechetical and a master of arts in religious studies. **Liz Hockmuth** completed her M.A. in English literature studies from Boston University. She spent a year in Sydney, Australia, with B.U.'s international program and is now the assistant director of residence life at Bowdoin College.

As for the world travelers: **Alison Kiernan** spent part of the summer in Australia and New Zealand. **Jennifer Rambo** spent a year living in Switzerland working in a youth hostel and then worked in Australia. She planned to return to the U.S. last fall. **Amy Tubbs** and **Kim Haun** are planning to visit Europe in the fall or winter. Amy is conducting bike tours up and down the East Coast, and Kim is working for Capital One Services (with **Leah McNeil**). **Courtney Quillen** resigned her position as residential counselor at the Shelter for Teens last spring and headed to Guatemala to help out in the building of homes for widows. Upon return, she finished out the summer in Bethany working in retail, trying to relax a bit. She is now searching for a new career opportunity.

Wedding bells have rung! **Sandra Phillips** married her high school sweetheart, Charlie Crittenden, in August, and they had the pleasure of honeymooning in Hawaii. **Nell Garwood Maceachern** married Kilian Garvey in Virginia Beach. They had a beautiful Scottish reception and currently reside in Richmond. **Tricia Waldrop** married Matt Belman last December. They are living in Fredericksburg. Tricia is working as an analyst for Irving Burton and Associates, a defense contractor in Falls Church. She writes that **Scott "Spidey" Pate** is working at the Kenmore Inn on Princess Anne Street and is seeking employment opportunities in the D.C./Richmond area.

**Nick Duncan** writes that he is working at Diamond Lake in the Cascades interviewing anglers. Nick also told us that **Lowell Whitney '95** works out of the Roseburg office for Fish and Game, and **Lidie Whittier '95** is a park ranger at Yellowstone National Park. **Ted Godfrey** spent the summer as a high-adventure guide in Colorado.

**Dave Janes** sent a postcard from Japan. He recently received an M.A. in Asian religion at The University of Hawaii and will be continuing his studies at Doshisha University in Japan.

**Doug Darwin** recently returned to the U.S. Doug has been in the Czech Republic and Spain teaching English and Spanish. He's now back in Alexandria preparing for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. He aspires to be a member of the U.S. Table Tennis Team.

As for Kelly and me — **Kelly Dunn** is working on an M.Ed. at Lynchburg College and substitute teaching. **T.J. Bubb** is still working for ARAMARK as the office manager at the Old Dominion University account.

Finally, we have received a number of inquiries concerning the '94 yearbooks. We are looking into the matter. If you have any questions or concerns about yearbooks, please contact the Student Activities office at (540) 654-1061 or the student publications office at (540) 654-1132.

We wish you a lot of success in your 1997 endeavors. Keep the news coming!

## 1996

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After spending the summer as a park ranger in North Carolina, I am now settling in as a grad student at Marymount U. working toward a master's degree in education. Following this same path is **Victoria Rheinstrom**, who is at George Mason U. Others in grad school include: **Anndelynn Tapscott** at VCU; **Marianne Ott** at U. of Maryland, Eastern Shore; **Patty Bryan** at U. of New Hampshire; **Rebecca Silverman** at U. of Maryland, College Park; and **Jumana Qamruddin**, who will be attending Tulane U. in January.

A few of our classmates have made the switch from student to teacher. Both **Katie Burke** and **Corey Henson** are student teaching. **Lisa Prillaman** is teaching fifth grade at Falmouth Elementary. **Heather Spring** is teaching kindergarten at Hampton Oaks Elementary, and **Laura Duffy** is teaching ninth and tenth grade English at Brook Point High School and is also coaching the women's soccer team. Speaking of coaching, **Carin Gsellman** is at Annandale High School with the softball team, and **Mike Johnson** is at Hayfield High School with the basketball team.

**Nicki Stevenson** and **Jeff DeSanto '95** were wed in the beginning of September. Besides planning her wedding to **Bill Brantley '95**, **Tori Hillyer** is working as a systems engineer in Dahlgren. **Sara Bennington** is working for Key Communications Inc. in Garrisonville and is looking to move back to Fredericksburg this winter. **Katie Vunck** has a job with Capital One in Fredericksburg, and **Lara Neer** is working in Richmond. **Jeff Kramer**, after a successful season with the Roanoke River Dawgs, is working with **Wyland Leadbetter** for MCI. Also in Northern

Virginia, **Stefanie Teter** is working for a law firm.

There are quite a few alums who have left the state of Virginia. Both **Jackie Romano** and **Chris Williams** are living (not together!) in Charleston, S.C. **Nina Morrison** and **Emily Baird** both live and work in New York City, and **Alissa Magrum** is working in Oklahoma. **Kathleen Harter** has a job with the FDA in Miami, and **Cori Lears** is working in Baltimore.

Thank you to those of you who helped me compile this information. Hopefully, next time around I will have more information about you all. Looking forward to hearing from you!

## IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Calphurnia Anna Bailey Cutchin '17  
Kathryn Frazer Yerby '20  
Avis Fleming Harris '36  
Virginia F. Easley '38  
Winnie Landick Thompson '38  
Jane Haddox Gwin '41  
Betty Lou Carrier Church '46  
Catherine Rae Capizola Sungenis '50  
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Evangeline Tripolos Stavredes '61  
Ginger Rawlins Crisp '63  
Randall Snyder '86

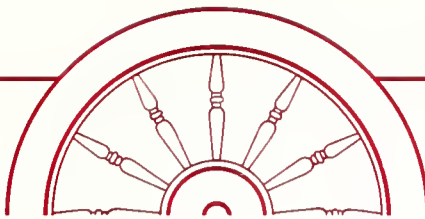
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## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones.

Florence Johnson Dodge '34, who lost her husband.  
Jayne Anderson Bell '44, who lost her mother.  
Elizabeth Graham Simpson '44, who lost her husband.  
Alice Taylor Herdt '46, who lost her mother.  
Anne Robinson Hallerman '77, who lost her husband.





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