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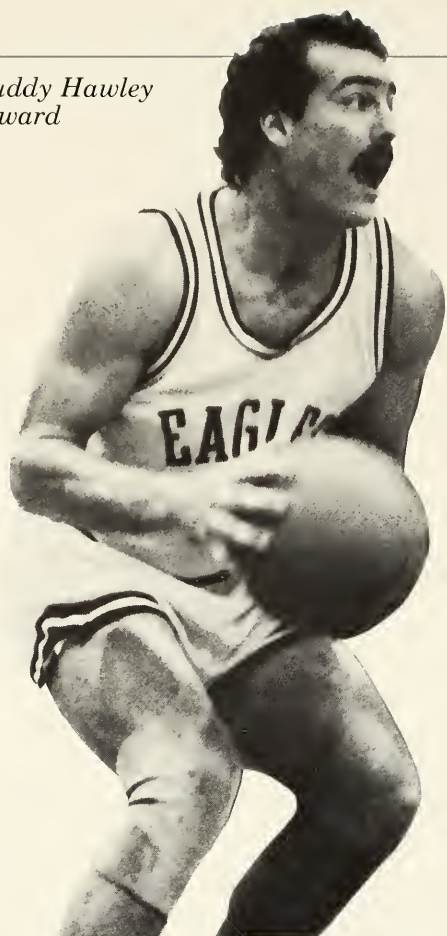
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No. 40, Buddy Hawley  
senior, forward



## EAGLES WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

*The men's basketball team at Mary Washington captured the championship in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South tournament this year. One of the reasons for the team's success was the outstanding playing of No. 40, senior Buddy Hawley.*

*"Buddy Hawley is the best all-around player in Mary Washington College's history," says his head coach of the last four basketball seasons, Tom Davies. And the senior from Annandale, Va., deserved that praise. His statistics showed it. His awards and rewards showed it. His talent, design and hustle showed it. For everything he did—setting 22 school records, being selected two years in a row (1985–86 and 1986–87) to the First Team, All-South Atlantic Region, and being nominated for the 1986–87 All-American Honors—we salute Buddy Hawley, a great basketball player! And we congratulate Coach Davies and the entire team for their outstanding season! Shown here (left to right) are the five regular starters.*

No. 23, Chip Suter  
junior, guard

No. 44 Matt D'Ercole  
sophomore, forward

No. 42, Mark Blackwell  
junior, center

No. 20, John Yurchak  
junior, guard



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*Rita Morgan Stone*

# From Freshman to Rector: A Journey of Commitment

Rita Morgan Stone '52 first heard about Mary Washington College when she was 12 years old. Passing through Fredericksburg on a bus excursion, she asked her older sister, Billie, "What is that up on the hill?" Her sister identified the imposing brick structures as Mary Washington College and added, "Maybe someday you'll get to go there."

That first impression, even if a fleeting one, was enough to pique Rita's interest in the College. As she progressed through school, she became increasingly aware of the College's academic reputation and made up her mind that this was where she wanted to go. "I just had my heart set on it," she recalls.

When the time finally arrived for her to choose a college, her family presented her with two alternatives. She could either attend Longwood College, as several of her sisters had done—a less expensive alternative since it was much closer to the family home in Buckingham County—or she could attend Mary Washington, provided that she worked to help pay her own way.

The choice was an easy one for Rita. She applied only to Mary Washington and never regretted the decision for a moment, notwithstanding four years of working in Seacobeck to defray the expenses. It never occurred to her that she would not only return one day as a member of the College's Board of Visitors but would eventually serve as rector of the board, the position which she holds today.

Looking back on her years at Mary Washington, Rita recalls a college life that was "pretty normal, I suppose, for an undergraduate student at that time, though it would probably seem rather dull to today's students." She adds with a smile, "These, after all, were the days of Mrs. Bushnell"—a reference to the redoubtable dean of students who retired midway through Rita's four years at the College.

Some of her fondest recollections of her student days involved special acts of kindness by individual faculty members. One particularly memorable episode occurred at the end of her freshman year when an attack of measles forced her to return home before she could take her final exams. Dean Edward Alvey Jr. intervened to resolve the situation by forwarding her exams to the principal of Rita's high school (by chance a friend of Dean Alvey's) who administered the exams to her. To Rita's mind, this exemplified the kind of personal attention which Mary Washington offered—and still offers—its students.

Immediately upon graduation, Rita put her English major to work by accepting a position as an English teacher at Fairfax High School. She also took with her the concept of Mary Washington's honor system and applied those principles in all of her classes. Her success as a high school teacher was attested by her selection as the most popular female teacher in each of her eight years on the Fairfax High faculty.

In 1960, seeking (literally) new horizons, she accepted a position as an English teacher at Kaiserslautern, the largest American military post in Europe. While she admits that she very nearly "got hooked" by the excitement of life abroad, Rita returned to the States after two years and resumed her teaching career in the Northern Virginia public school system—first at James Madison High School in Vienna, then at Hayfield High in Fairfax. In 1971 she became principal of one of the sub-schools at Robinson High in Fairfax—a position which she held for 13 years until taking early retirement in 1984.

Rita was appointed to the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors by Gov. Charles S. Robb in 1982 and was elected by her peers two years later to serve as rector. According to John A. Kinniburgh, who preceded her as rector, she was "an

excellent choice" for two main reasons: "First, she had already gained the confidence and respect of every board member, and, secondly, she possessed a keen understanding of the educational process because of her years in the public school system."

While her prior career in education, especially in administration, helped in many ways to prepare her for membership on the board, she soon found that being a member of the board entailed a rather different set of responsibilities. Throughout her tenure as rector, she has stressed the importance of the board's understanding that it is responsible for making policy, not administering it. The idea, as she puts it, is to "have a watchful eye but not a meddling hand."

She firmly believes that the task of directing the ongoing operation of the College is squarely the responsibility of President William M. Anderson Jr. and his administrative staff. It is also clear that she believes this responsibility is in capable hands, noting in particular Dr. Anderson's effective relationship with the state legislature—a relationship which has already led to increased faculty salaries, as well as appropriations for the new Student Center and library. Most of all, she praises his "good instincts about people" which she feels have contributed immeasurably to the creation of a positive environment on campus.

In Rita's concept of the role of rector, her primary responsibility is that of maintaining a high level of involvement on the part of all board members. "Our board possesses such a wide range of expertise," she says. "It would be a shame not to take full advantage of their abilities." Despite their diverse backgrounds and interests, she notes, the board is very cohesive, held together by their shared dedication to the welfare of the College.

Her methods have won the plaudits of her colleagues. "She's very conscious of the board as a team," says Virginia Lewis



Dalton '40, secretary and one of the six alumni members of the board. "She sincerely tries to get the feeling of every member on every issue." According to Mrs. Dalton, the real key to her success as rector is that she is "superbly organized, but not to the extent that she loses the human touch" in presiding over the board. Mr. Kinniburgh puts it more succinctly. "She's a leader and a lady," he says.

It is the rector's strong belief that the "Commitment to Excellence" plan, developed by the board over a two-year period and formally approved in June 1985, provides a sound strategy for the development of the College during the coming years. She emphasizes how gratifying it is to see certain specific proposals in that plan come to fruition, especially the new Student Center and the library, both of which are well underway. She views these two projects as being not only important in a real sense but in a symbolic sense as well: "It seems to me that these two major construction projects clearly indicate the board's twin commitments to the academic and the social aspects of college life, and I hope that they will be viewed as such by our students."

While taking satisfaction in the progress of such bricks-and-mortar projects, Rita points out that other elements of the "Commitment to Excellence" plan must be the focus of continuing effort by the board. These include, in particular, the improvement of faculty salaries and the recruitment of highly qualified students. "After all," she says, "the quality of any college depends fundamentally upon the quality of its faculty and students. Our primary effort simply must be directed toward maintaining excellence in these basic elements."

Crucial to the successful implementation of the "Commitment to Excellence" program is, of course, the securing of requisite funding. This is an area to which, according to Rita, the board—as well as the president of the College—will be devoting increased attention in the coming years.

It is also an area in which she envisions alumni involvement as essential. Pointing to the substantial rise in alumni giving during the past year, she is optimistic about the potential for growth in the future: "It is evident that our alumni are increasingly excited about the things that are happening at the College today—as well they should be. I'm confident that the more they see firsthand and the more they learn about what we are trying to accomplish for the future, the more supportive and the more enthusiastic they will be."

Rita's own involvement in the life of the College is extensive, as manifested by



*Mrs. Stone admires the new Eagle sweatshirts for sale in the College Bookstore.*

her frequent attendance at events on campus, often accompanied by her husband, Jake. During the past year, she has been an especially visible presence as a result of her membership on the Advisory Committee on Student Recruitment and Retention. This group, composed of faculty, administrators, students and board members, was appointed by President Anderson to develop new strategies for attracting and retaining outstanding students.

While Rita praises the other committee members for their hard work, it is obvious that there is a mutual feeling of admiration. According to one committee member, Professor of History Richard H. Warner, Rita's dedication was evidenced by her attendance at virtually every one of the group's numerous meetings, whether held at 7:30 at night or 7:30 in the morning. "I was amazed that she was always there," he says. "It seemed that she must have been living at the College!" (While this was not actually the case, she did have to leave her Alexandria home at 6 a.m. to make the early morning meetings.)

Her dedication to the College extends also to the work of the Alumni Association. Denise Mattingly Luck '74, president-elect of the association, describes Rita as "incredibly energetic" and praises her for the support she has consistently provided for alumni activities. "It doesn't matter what we ask her to do," says Mrs. Luck, "Rita always manages to be there."

Viewing the College from the combined perspectives of former student and current board member, Rita is encouraged by what she sees. While admitting that, like most other alumni, she often tends to

look nostalgically at the "good old days" when she was a student—Saturday "tea dances" at Annapolis, "Midwinters" trips to VPI, and May Day festivities on campus each spring—she finds the overall social environment on campus now to be "probably better, really, than it was then."

But whether all the changes have been to her personal liking or not, she recognizes the inevitability of change, even at bastions of tradition such as college campuses. Quite possibly it was her years of working with high school students that helped her to accept the fact that attitudes, customs and goals cannot be the same now as they were when she was a student. "The important thing," she emphasizes, "is that, in planning for the future, we don't get 'hung up' on superficial issues but concentrate instead on maintaining and enhancing the real mission of the College." To her, this "real mission" is the preservation of the College's emphasis on excellence in the study of the liberal arts and sciences. In this process, she suggests, the institution's past "should serve as a guide, not as an anchor."

From her bountiful enthusiasm for all aspects of the College, it is evident that Rita is delighted to have a part in molding the future of the institution which has meant so much to her own life. "Most of the good things that have happened to me," she says, "I can tie right back to Mary Washington." In that light, she views her current role as an opportunity to help repay the College for all that she feels it has done for her. This indeed is the College's good fortune.



# ALUMNI

## CAREER POSTERS FEATURE

A medical student examines a patient's throat. A forensic chemist takes a liquid measurement. A job analyst advises a corporate employee.

These are the photos in a new series of colorful posters emanating from the Mary Washington College Office of Admissions that dramatically call attention to the College as a serious possibility for high school juniors and seniors. What's unique about these posters is that the message to the high school students is coming from Mary Washington graduates. In brief quotations, each graduate tells how a degree from MWC helped prepare them for their careers.

Alumni, of course, have always provided valuable assistance to the College's recruitment efforts. Besides making financial contributions, they have helped with College Night programs at high schools in their areas, helped organize receptions for newly admitted students, and done individual recruiting by contacting students they know. The posters, though, provide a new way for graduates to speak to high school students about Mary Washington.

Conceived in the fall of 1986 and ready for mailing in spring 1987, the posters feature recent MWC graduates, photographed on their jobs, telling high school juniors and seniors that Mary Washington College can help prepare them for certain career fields. Jeffrey John, for example, a software engineer and a 1978 graduate, tells viewers, "I double majored in math and physics, a practical combination. It let me mix a pure science with an application. It also prepared me for my work, which involves software and hardware development. It's very creative."

Others explain how their majors prepared them for fields they did not anticipate. "I wanted to be a psychology major. But I didn't want to do the typical things psych majors do," says Deborah Barlow-Lawrence, a 1984 graduate. "That's how I ended up in industrial psychology." And Roslyn Roach, another 1984 graduate and a systems engineer, notes, "When I decided to double major in math and computer science, I never expected this. But I thoroughly enjoy it. Computer science is such a wide-open field, I guess you can never be sure what

direction you'll take. That's what makes it so exciting."

Some of the alumni give credit for their career choices to professors they knew at Mary Washington. Susan Shaw, for instance, a 1980 graduate now doing historic preservation work, is quoted as saying, "In my first year in college, I found an excellent professor who gave me a lot of good advice on choosing a major and a career." Graduate Cedric B. Rucker '81, currently a sociology doctoral student, says, "I tried a sociology course and liked it. Then I got to know one of the sociology professors, who gave me lots of support." And David Petersen, a medical student from the Class of 1983, credits his pre-med advisor at Mary Washington for helping him prepare for medical school.

One graduate credits her internship as leading to her job. As Margaret M. Corcoran, Class of 1981, puts it, "I guess it was my college internship that led me into forensic chemistry."

Other alumni pictured on the posters are Regina Bolling '86, a computer scientist, and Joanne Marie Nikitakis '80, a cosmetic chemist.

Whatever their fields and whatever the reasons for entering them, all of the graduates are pointing out the important connection between careers and a liberal arts education. Too often high school students feel that specialized training is necessary to enter such technical fields as chemistry, computer science, or historic preservation. These posters put this notion to rest by linking such professions as cosmetic or forensic chemistry and systems engineering firmly to an undergraduate liberal arts education at Mary Washington.

H. Conrad Warlick, vice president for admissions and financial aid, says the posters attempt to serve three purposes. "First, we want high school students to begin thinking about college in general. Second, we want to tell students about MWC specifically. And third, we want to show the applications of the classroom to the job market; we want high school students to realize the important connection between education and careers."

Dr. Warlick hopes that these posters will be hung in secondary school classrooms throughout Virginia and in some out-of-

state schools. "We deliberately chose to advertise the areas of chemistry, mathematics/computer science, and the social sciences because students in those high school courses are probably the ones thinking most seriously about careers and a college education. They are courses normally taken in the junior year of high school when students are beginning to think about applying to college.

"This may be just the beginning," Dr. Warlick adds. "If the posters prove popular, we'll do another series, emphasizing other disciplines at the College. We'll also update the current series as new graduates obtain new jobs in those fields."

The posters themselves are four-color, 20-by-26-inch sheets with the graduates speaking from dramatically placed parallelograms in the center of the poster. "We wanted the posters to reflect both the solid traditions of Mary Washington's academic disciplines and the contemporary flavor of the job market," says Dr. Warlick. "To do this we combined traditional printing and the Mary Washington College logo with contemporary shapes and color combinations."

The design of the posters was the work of Talarico Communications, a Fredericksburg advertising/public relations/marketing firm. Acting on recommendations from the academic departments involved, Wendy Talarico contacted the nine selected students and arranged on-site interviews with them.

Posters are not new for the Office of Admissions; posters with tear-off cards have been used before. But, Dr. Warlick notes, posters featuring graduates *are* new. "We haven't seen any like them, although we'll probably have many imitators now."

If the reaction of one high school guidance counselor is any indication, the posters should be a great success. Liesel Witzel, counselor at Hayfield Secondary in Fairfax, Va., spoke enthusiastically of the posters: "I think teachers will be vying to have them in their classrooms. Teachers are always looking for things to hang on their walls, and something that speaks directly to possible careers in their fields will be especially appealing."



# Computer Science & Mathematics

## Great Careers

The job possibilities for Math and Computer Science majors are as exciting as they are diverse. A few of the careers you can choose from:

- ★ Computer Research and Development
- ★ Budget Analyst
- ★ Business Manager
- ★ Statistician
- ★ Mathematician

Let us help you choose the career most suited to your personality and talents. At Mary Washington College, our excellent staff and diverse curriculum let you explore the many applications of your major.



Regina E. Bolling  
Computer Scientist  
'86

"From the beginning, I wanted to work with math. But I wanted a field with greater applications. My computer science major prepared me for systems research and development. And I still get to work with my favorite subject."



Jeffrey L. John  
Software Engineer  
'78

"I double majored in math and physics, a practical combination. It let me mix a pure science with an application. It also prepared me for my work, which involves software and hardware development. It's very creative."



Roslyn Roach  
Systems Engineer  
'84

"Traveling is a pretty important part of my job right now. When I decided to double major in math and computer science, I never expected this. Computer science is such a wide-open field, I guess you can never be sure what direction you'll take. That's what makes it so exciting."



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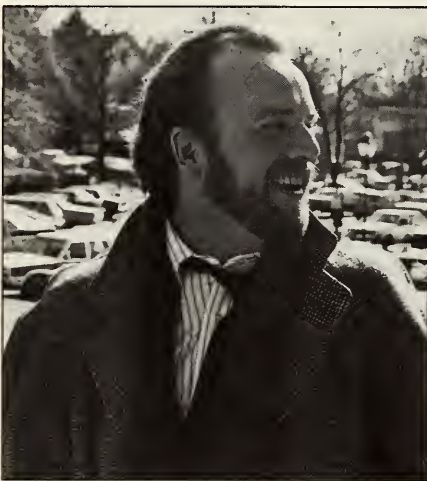
This is one of three eye-catching career posters featuring alumni. The actual posters are 20-by-26 inches and are in vivid color.



**My Mother's Clothes:  
The School of Beauty and Shame**  
By Richard McCann

"He makes me nervous," I heard my father tell my mother one night as I lay in bed. They were speaking about me. That morning I'd stood awkwardly on the front lawn—"Maybe you should go help your father," my mother had said—while he propped an extension ladder against the house, climbed up through power lines he separated with his bare hands, and staggered across the pitched roof he was reshingling. When his hammer slid down the incline, catching on the gutter, I screamed, "You're falling!" Startled, he almost fell.

"He needs to spend more time with you," my mother said.



Richard McCann

I couldn't sleep. Out in the distance a mother was calling her child home. A screen door slammed. I heard cicadas, their chorus as steady and loud as the hum of a power line. *He needs to spend more time with you.* Didn't she know? Saturday mornings, when he stood in his rubber hip boots off the shore of Triadelphia Reservoir, I was afraid of the slimy bottom and could not wade after him; for whatever reasons of his own—something as simple as shyness, perhaps—he could not come to get me. I sat in the parking lot drinking Tru-Ade and reading *Betty and Veronica*.

Late that summer—the summer before he died—my father took me with him to Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, where, as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, he did his annual tour of duty. On the propjet he drank bourbon and read newspapers while I made a souvenir packet for Denny, my best friend: an air-sickness bag, into which I placed the

## Samplings of Scholarship

Mary Washington College has always been (and remains) a *teaching* institution. Faculty members devote most of their time and energy to the actual business of instruction and working directly with students. And that is how it should be.

Nonetheless, it is also true that Mary Washington faculty members are scholars in their respective academic disciplines. They were all trained as scholars and researchers at fine universities across the country and around the world and met the same standards of commitment and performance in their graduate work as did classmates who chose thereafter to accept positions in research universities and leading laboratories. So it should come as no surprise to readers of *Mary Washington College Today* that most of our faculty members are not only fine and dedicated teachers but also active and productive scholars. That is to say, the academic profession is as much a *learning* profession as it is a teaching one. And scholarly writing is just the act of sharing what has been learned.

In the next few pages we are treating you to a sampling of this scholarship, which we hope you will enjoy and find stimulating.

Philip L. Hall  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Dean

Chiclets given me by the stewardess to help pop my ears during takeoff, and the laminated white card that showed the location of the emergency exits. Fort Benjamin Harrison looked like our subdivision, Carroll Knolls: hundreds of acres of concrete and sun-scorched shrubbery inside a cyclone fence. Daytimes I waited for my father in the dining mess with the sons of other officers, drinking chocolate milk that came from a silver machine, and desultorily setting fires in ashtrays. When he came to collect me, I walked behind him—gold braid hung from his epaulets—while enlisted men saluted us and opened doors. At night, sitting in our BOQ room, he asked me questions about myself: "Are you looking forward to seventh grade?" "Have you decided yet what you'll want to be?" When these topics faltered—I stammered what I hoped were

right answers—we watched TV, trying to preguess lines or dialogue on reruns of his favorite shows, *The Untouchables* and *Rawhide*. "That Della Street," he said, as we watched *Perry Mason*, "is almost as pretty as your mother." On the last day, eager to make the trip memorable, he brought me a gift: a glassine envelope filled with punched IBM cards that told me my life story as his secretary had typed it into the office computer. Card One: *You live at 10406 Lillians Mill Court, Silver Spring, Maryland.* Card Two: *You are entering seventh grade.* Card Three: *Last year your teacher was Mrs. Dillard.* Card Four: *Your favorite color is blue.* Card Five: *You love the Kingston Trio.* Card Six: *You love basketball and football.* Card Seven: *Your favorite sport is swimming.*

Whose son did these cards describe? The address was correct, as was the teacher's name and the favorite color; and he'd remembered that one morning during breakfast I'd put a dime in the jukebox and played the Kingston Trio's song about "the man who never returned." But whose fiction was the rest? Had I, who played no sports other than kickball and Kitty-Kitty-Kick-the-Can, lied to him when he asked me about myself? Had he not heard from my mother the outcome of my summer swim lessons? At the swim club a young man in black trunks had taught us, as we held hands, to dunk ourselves in water, surface, and then go down. When he had told her to let go of me, I had thrashed across the surface, violently afraid I'd sink. But perhaps I had not lied to him; perhaps he merely did not wish to see. It was my job, I felt, to reassure him that I was the son he imagined me to be, perhaps because the role of reassurer gave me power. In any case, I thanked him for the computer cards. I thanked him the way a father thanks a child for a well-intentioned gift he'll never use—a set of handkerchiefs, say, on which the embroidered swirls construct a monogram of no particular initial, and which thus might be used by anyone.

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[This excerpt is taken from a novel, *Border Town*, to be published by Viking. It originally appeared in *The Atlantic*.]



**Eudora Welty: With Ears  
Opening Like Morning Glories**

By Carol S. Manning

"[As a child], I loved to just sit in a room with grown people talking, anyone talking. My mother has told me how I would sit between two people, setting off for a ride in the car, as we used to do on Sunday, and say, 'Now start talking!' My ears would just open like morning glories."—Eudora Welty.

In "The Corner Store" (1975), an essay about her childhood, Mississippi writer Eudora Welty remembers people she saw and adventures she had as she ran to and from the corner grocery on errands for her mother. Generalizing about this experience, she writes, "Setting out in this world, a child feels so indelible. He only comes to find out later that it's all the others along his way who are making themselves indelible to him." A sensitive comment on the forming of a child's consciousness, the remark also seems suggestive about the making of an artist. Surely Welty's own art has been influenced by all that she has met along her way. A keen observer and listener with a prodigious memory, she has a vast store of things seen and things heard on which she draws. She said as much in an interview when asked the source of the dialogue of her characters: "Once you have heard certain expressions, sentences, you almost never forget them. It's like sending a bucket down the well and it always comes up full . . . And you listen for the right word, in the present . . . [W]hat you overhear on a city bus is exactly what your character would say on the page you're writing." In "The Corner Store" itself the author uncovers, perhaps unconsciously, one example of this use of memory. The song she remembers a farmer chanting as he peddled his wares on her street when she was a child is, the reader will find, the original to the chant that Fate Rainey, "the buttermilk man," sings as he hawks his wares in *The Golden Apples* (1949).

Without writing a confessional literature or disguised autobiography, Welty borrows directly from life. That we can trace the actual origins of certain details of her works, however, is not the point. The point is, rather, that most of her works are characterized by an appreciation of the ordinary happenings of everyday life, an appreciation apparently born of a lifelong receptivity to the life around her.

But if ordinary life alone defined her

fiction, the author would not have been called a romantic as well as a realist or have been said to write such varied fiction that it defies generalization. There is a second crucial influence on her fiction, one that might seem to run counter to the first. It is a love of stories and storytelling. As Katherine Anne Porter wrote in her introduction to Welty's first book, "[A]lways, from the beginning until now, [Welty] loved folk tales, fairy tales, old legends, and she likes to listen to the songs and stories of people who live in old communities whose culture is recollected and bequeathed orally." Welty has documented this love of storytelling and revealed its birth in her early exposure to oral and written narrative.

In the essay "A Sweet Devouring" (1957), Welty describes the pleasures of her childhood reading as "like those of a Christmas cake, a sweet devouring." In *One Writer's Beginnings* (1984), she recalls that she read through her family's library shelf by shelf, devouring encyclopedias along with Mark Twain, Ring Lardner, myths, and slices of *Gulliver's Travels*. Her eclectic reading in recent years has ranged from the mysteries of Ross MacDonald to the subtleties of Elizabeth Bowen.

Just as Welty has been, since earliest childhood, registering the life around her, so has she been, since earliest childhood, absorbing all that she reads. In her writing, she draws as freely on the stories she has consumed over a lifetime as she does on the life she has absorbed. About her use of mythology in *The Golden Apples*, Welty has said, "I just used [myths] as freely as I would the salt and pepper. They were part of my life, like poetry, and I would take something from Yeats here and something from a myth there." Without imitating what she has read, Welty dips here and there into her storehouse of memories.

The love of storytelling has given her more than a repertoire of story traditions on which to draw. Whereas much modern fiction is motivated by the authors' personal traumas or by concern with political issues, Welty's fiction is motivated by a purer interest in storytelling. This motivation grows not only from her voracious love of reading stories but equally from her voracious love of hearing stories. Born in Jackson, Miss., in 1909, she grew up in the South where, she has said, "Storytelling is a way of life." Conversation there "is of a narrative and dramatic structure and so when you listen to it, you're following a story. You're listening for how something is going to come out and that . . . has something to do with the desire to write later." In *One Writer's*



Carol S. Manning

*Beginnings*, Welty describes her childhood fascination with a neighbor's tale-telling: "What I loved about her stories was that everything happened in *scenes*. I might not catch on to the root of the trouble in all that happened, but my ear told me it was dramatic. Often she said, 'The crisis had come!'"

Welty's fiction combines a realist's sensitivity to everyday life, a story lover's familiarity with many traditions of written and oral narrative, and a storyteller's imagination and pleasure in entertaining. These two sides of Welty—the realist and the lover of storytelling—reach a perfect blend when the realist discovers her ideal subject in the storytelling around her. Progressively over her career—from the gossiping and bickering of Sister in the early story "Why I Live at the P. O." to the Beechams' all-day tale-telling during a family reunion in the novel *Losing Battles* (1970)—Welty has painted a comically revealing picture of the Southern oral tradition. She is the poet and historian of a storytelling people. Writing in a conversational style born itself of the region's active oral tradition, she proves herself the oral culture's most discriminating admirer and its most incisive critic.

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**“Treasure in Earthen Vessels:  
Johannes Climacus on  
Humor and Faith”**

By David Cain

Søren Kierkegaard, the great 19th century Danish religious thinker, observes in 1838, “. . . in a flight of genuine humor Paul speaks about the earthenware pots in which the spirit dwells.” The reference is to Paul’s words in II Corinthians: “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us” (4:7). This text appropriately accompanies Kierkegaard studies. For Kierkegaard, who invests so deeply in and squeezes so much out of human existence, nonetheless and dialectically qualifies, with the help of Johannes Climacus, one of his many pseudonyms, the entire human endeavor on the way to “truth is subjectivity.” He does so with the haunting, hectoring little reminder that, Christianly, “subjectivity is untruth” before it becomes truth again by virtue of the shattering bestowal of a new subjectivity from outside the self. Earthen vessel creatures are indeed empty pots, utterly treasureless, apart from the transcendent power of God.

What has this to do with Johannes Climacus’ treatment of humor and faith? Humor belongs to the way down into the self and into intimations of emptiness. Faith is the name of the passion which receives as grace decisive revelation of emptiness and which risks loss of all control in the reception of external filling. But the filling is relational, dependent upon relationship, and not “once and for all”: one does not pocket the transcendent power, the treasure, with a *Mange tak* or *Skaal*, with an “aestheticising clinking the glasses with Providence.”

Humor and faith, then, are both to be found in earthen vessels, but they come to be there in different ways. The capacity for humor is resident within the self as are conditions for the comic (the relationship between the comic and humor is decisive here); whereas the possibility of Christian faith, faith “*sensu eminentiori*,” faith “*sensu strictissimo*,” is divine initiative. This faith is surely “treasure.” What happens to humor in the presence of this treasure? After being exposed as non-treasure, is it eliminated? Or, as with “the kings of the earth” who “shall bring their glory” into the holy city, new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:24, emphasis added), shall humor be permitted to enter into the new creation, reconstituted in faith, there humbly to serve?

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Johannes Climacus declares starkly, “the moment of death is the appropriate situation for Christianity.” Death here refers to the death of the self to the self’s ingenuities in existence, to the self’s strategies of sustenance and resources for regulation, mastery, dominion, and control. Quite simply, one must be barren, bereft, depleted, desperate, to have to do faithfully with Jesus. Apart from such desperation, Jesus becomes mascot, and faith falls back into the aesthetic.

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One must have some development in existential pathos—a development which Climacus insists is potentially open to all—in order to be even a candidate for offense or the passion of faith. Climacus understates nicely, “For to be in existence is always a somewhat embarrassing situation . . .” This is the understatement of a humorist. Climacus is in character.

The notes for Climacus’ *Concluding Unscientific Postscript* include the following: “That Christianity is like this, that it is preceded by humor, shows how much living out of life it presupposes in order rightly to be accepted” — or rightly to be rejected. That “ly” signals the adverbial emphasis of Kierkegaard and Climacus upon the *how*, upon the way one actually lives the “somewhat embarrassing situation” of existence, as dis-



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tinguished from *what* one professes concerning existence. Apart from immersion in existence, the “whats” of Christianity jingle noisily and aesthetically. Rather than to receive comforting “whats” at secondhand, Frater Taciturnus’ Quidam (more pseudonyms) says he would prefer “. . . to have heard the howl of the wolf and to have learned to know God.” This is the existential situation of humor and faith.

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In Johannes Climacus’ handling of the “spheres of existence,” the aesthete, the ironist, the ethicist, the humorist, the religionist, the Christian—all encounter contradictions, some suffering, some painless, some confirming one view of life, some disconfirming that same view. No existence sphere or way of life is solely confirmed—or solely disconfirmed—by immersion in existence. Every potentially honest way of life entails decision and risk, the decision to cling to certain experiences as hermeneutical clues to life in all its intractable complexity, the risk that apparently disconfirming encounters can (or cannot) somehow be construed from the perspective of one’s chosen way and sphere. The humorist comes upon painless and painful contradictions as does everyone else and, indeed, contributes to their formation and manifestation. If the humorist then flees such painful contradictions, humor as a way of life is betrayed. Humor is thus “justified” precisely as it owns painful contradictions and construes them as painless—as if they were painless—even when “no way out” (*ingen Udvei*) is known. In this sense, humor “reconciles itself to the pain,” seeking to wrestle painful contradictions into painless ones, striving to live painful contradictions as if they were painless, and maintaining the life of humor thereby. The humorist has made the decision and runs the risk of reaching out, taking painless contradictions as clues to the real, and drawing the comic within as the capacity to produce the comic when painless contradictions are nowhere to be found. To be a humorist is to have one’s life in one’s humor, in one’s capacity to generate the comic from inside out, not simply to receive the comic from outside in.

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Can the humorist, as described by Climacus, be a Christian? No. In Climacus’ terms, there is no bridge for humor as a way of life across the chasm into the Christian sphere. Precisely because the humorist knows a way out (or lives as if he or she does), for the humorist there is no way in. Climacus enters imaginatively and dialectically into the sphere of faith and fears from that perspective that humor will not take the temporality-accentuating paradoxicality of faith with proper existential earnestness, the earnestness of “either offense or faith” . . .

Climacus is remarkably brief when he comes, at last, to the breach with immanence. After luxuriating in the existential, anguished tangles of inwardness and religiousness A, the austerity of



religiousness B (Christian faith) flashes before the reader abruptly and—the end. In Climacus' hands, humor becomes suddenly anxiety in the Christian context; because the safety net of the eternal, entwined of immanence and recollection, is gone. No longer will "neither death, nor life . . . nor anything else in all creation . . . be able to separate us from the love of God . . ." Now *we* can separate ourselves from the love of God which has become focused in time and history ". . . in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). Hence, anxiety, as Climacus says. Hence, as he does not say, a *new humor*.

"Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). "All things" includes humor, not as a border sphere of existence, not as a way of life, but as a compassionate appropriation of the comic into the life of faith. How could Climacus, an "old" humorist, be expected to know anything about this new humor, the humor of grace, the humor which makes time count decisively, not for finding or missing God in time but for being found—and found out—by God in time?

This "new humor" is no longer humor as a way of life which depends, after all, upon one's own ability to handle painful contradictions as if they were painless and so comic. Now humor is envisioned as ingredient in a new way of life. The "martyrdom of faith" which is, among other things, the absolute inability of human beings, however clever, to understand the absolute paradox, is the "martyrdom of endurance" through time. This martyrdom is also the release of humor from border sphere to bold subordinate, from implicit control as a way of life to explicit emptiness and adjunct to the life of faith.

The humorist, Climacus has said, has his life in his humor. The Christian does not have his or her life in humor but has humor in his or her life. Given Climacus' rule that the "lower can never make the higher comical" and given his ranking of the spheres with faith as the highest, Climacus removes from himself the possibility not of making of faith a "divine comedy" (such is God's prerogative) but of allowing for the fruitfulness of humor in the life of faith.

Because faith is risk, humor is the hermeneutics of faith, the self-awareness of faith, and the other-awareness of faith. Risk and uncertainty give faith "room to move." Room to move is room for humor. The paradoxical congruity of the God-man does not solve the incongruity of the eternal and the temporal which

inwardness suffers and humor discerns. Incom-



*Kierkegaard and Copenhagen are inseparable.*

mensurateness is intensified and dazzled. Christian faith does not change this—except that, because God has found true concretion in Incarnation, faith permits little intimations of incarnation. And humor smiles in self-awareness, without looking to the results. Regarding other-awareness, humor within the sphere of faith can bear witness to the potential equality of all regardless of extremes of otherness. Climacus contends, "The very maximum of what one human being can do for another in relation to that wherein each man has to do solely with himself, is to inspire him with concern and unrest." Climacus and Kierkegaard do their best—with the help of humor.

Humor looks back; faith looks forward. The new humor of faith can respect time, can be an aspect of the freedom of faith to walk through the real valley of the real shadow of the real death in real temporality, sustained in love for the odd God of fearful glory encountered here in Jesus, sustained by trust in the grace of the God who will not let go if one is not dead set on being let go of, grieving and crying and living and dying in the drama of creator and creatures, a drama which aims at dinner. God wants to dine with Adam and Eve in the garden, and they go off to eat by themselves. Jesus tells a parable about a man determined to have a banquet, even after invitations are declined (see Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24). The eschatological curtain comes down from one perspective and opens from another on the Bride, the new Jerusalem, and the Lamb, about to feast, no doubt, on the twelve kinds of fruit of the tree of life at the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9).

The new humor of faith finds in Jesus warrant for walking ahead. The humorist faces painful contradictions as if knowing a way out, glancing backward to make sure the way out is there. The Christian, with humor yet without being a humorist, faces painful contradictions in faith

that God knows a way out different from the humorist's way back and death's way of destruction, in faith that not death but the God present in Jesus who makes a way through time is "infinite humorist."

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A brief, enigmatic *Journal* entry from 1837 reads, "They forget that profound observation about the cross: that the cross belongs in the realm of the stars." This line is in the margin of a preceding entry which begins, "The humorous, present throughout Christianity . . ." and which finds humorous the idea that the truth is hidden rather than revealed in mystery. Miracle is related to this idea, and "they" refers, presumably, to "the professors of physics" mentioned in this context. Is "the realm of the stars" abstraction? No, for this is a "profound observation." Is it eternity? Yes. Kierkegaard's authorship variously weighs the consequences of the claim that the cross in the realm of the stars (was there a cross in the heart of God before the creation of the world?) becomes God's stake in this world. A possible consequence is treasure in earthen vessels: a humble, freeing, grace-and-equality trusting humor transformed and licensed by this God in earth and time; and faith, the desperate risk of wonder when the stars come here to shine.

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## George M. Van Sant

# Where Are They Now?

BY SIDNEY H. MITCHELL

Former students returning to the campus would have no trouble recognizing George M. Van Sant. The top of his head, at six feet five inches, still projects a foot above most of those around him, and, as he crosses the campus, his long stride and Matt Dillon gait are the same as they have always been. His hair has silvered slightly. Cleanshaven until June 23, 1977, the day he was given a retirement parade as colonel from the Marine Reserves at the Marine barracks in Washington, he now wears a full but carefully trimmed moustache. "When I came back from that day and took off the uniform for the last time, I just started letting the moustache grow." Always an imposing figure on campus, his image must remain in the minds of many graduates, leading our commencement procession as marshal of the faculty.

As for where he is—that has always been a problem, because Van has always been engaged in more activities than four ordinary people. Keeping track of which activity is occupying him at any given moment has never been easy. In the early days, we who were his colleagues thought we had some grip on who he was and what he did. Back then, when one asked, "Where is he now?" the answer would probably be either, "He's in class, teaching logic," or, "He's off for the summer with the Marines, at Camp Lejeune, or Quantico, or . . ."

It's not that simple any more. He has steadily increased the number of groups and significant causes—professional, community and civic—with which he is identified and now has added to his earlier roles of college professor and officer in the Marine Reserves his more recent one of public servant and elected official. Nowadays the response to "Where is he?" might be, "Negotiating the city of Fredericksburg's annexation of part of Spotsylvania County," or, "Testi-

fying before the legislature in Richmond," or, "Engaging in the usual late Tuesday night deliberations of the Fredericksburg City Council," of which he has been an elected member since 1980.

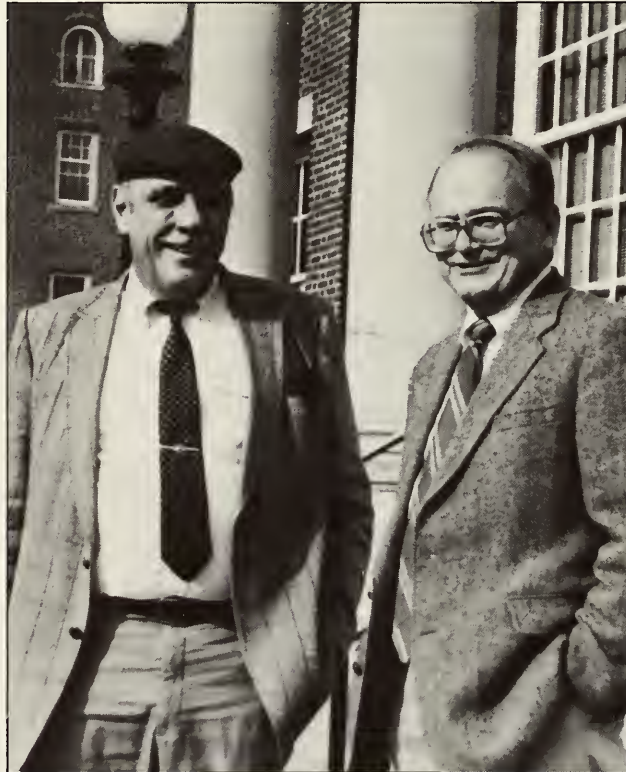
If it should happen that he is at home, he will be on Washington Avenue, which former students will remember as the handsome street with the long central green where Kenmore is located. There

lege, and his 23-year engagement in local, state and national politics.

Van's military career is a part of his life that he aggressively defends in academic circles. "I had a very enduring relationship with the military, and I still have it. I have no illusions about the military, but I knew a lot of really good and fine and wonderful and sensitive people in the military." And it is clear that he carried his academic talents and interests to the Marines. On the wall of his office is a photograph taken in 1969 that shows the founding members of the adjunct faculty of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. "All 11 of those individuals," he reports, "are distinguished Ph.D. professors at a number of institutions, and all are reserve lieutenant colonels or colonels. A couple of them made general after that photo was taken." And next Van proceeds to itemize each one's name, field of academic specialization, and present academic institution. He skips over the image of himself, standing backrow center.

Van's Marine Corps experiences were in fact what led him into his academic career, for it was during combat in Korea that he made a personal resolution to return to school. "I could not devote my whole life to the military. I made the resolution that I would go back and study philosophy and be a philosopher." It was that resolution that carried him through five years of graduate school, until 1958, when he arrived at Mary Washington College as an assistant professor of philosophy.

The transition from the Marines to Mary Washington College, he says, required some adjustment. He had had an undergraduate education at all-male St. John's College, two tours in the Marines, and then five years of study in the University of Virginia's graduate department of philosophy, which at that time had only male professors and male graduate students. "When I came here in 1958, in



*Away from campus, Dr. Van Sant often can be found at City Hall. Here he consults with Samuel T. Emory Jr., professor of geography.*

he and his wife, Susan Hanna of the MWC department of English, live in the large Victorian house that they have made famous for its hospitality by opening it repeatedly for gatherings of students, colleagues and friends—both local and from all over the world.

When asked, Van will confirm that the three major segments of his life have been his 32 years with the Marine Corps, his 29 years with Mary Washington Col-



my adult life the only way I had associated with females was either to date them or to marry them. I was a male chauvinist pig; there's no question about it. I was a political liberal, but I was a male chauvinist pig." He is not now. This fall he appeared on a panel in the class of a colleague in the Department of Psychology and was comfortable identifying himself as a feminist. The final stages of his transformation may have been assisted by his wife, Sue.

Once here, spending his winters in the classroom and his three summer months in the Marine Reserves, he was able, he says, "to live the best of both worlds." Van has always been at the center of the more significant events at Mary Washington College, serving on or chairing the committees that produced the major changes in the College. He was a central figure in such actions as the revision, between 1969 and 1971, of the degree requirements; he chaired the committees that made all of the arrangements for the last two presidential inaugurations on our campus. Most recently he has chaired the Committee on Campus Social Life, a committee of seven administrators, seven members of the faculty, and eight students, established to propose new guidelines and policies for the two sensitive issues of visitation and the regulations governing the use of alcohol on the campus. For six years he was elected by his colleagues to represent them as the senator from MWC to the Faculty Senate of Virginia, and for two years he served as vice president of that Faculty Senate.

In addition to the many courses he has taught in the department of philosophy, Van has amassed an impressive list of published papers and addresses, a number of which reveal his ability to interconnect and interrelate his various careers. His paper, "Some Notes on Conscientious Objection," his monograph, *Mid-Range Objectives Plan for Marine Corps Education*, and his lecture, "Ethics and the Professional Military Officer," will serve as examples. More recently, the interrelatedness of Van's current careers is revealed in such titles as "The Morality of Legislative Institutions" and "Morality and the Legislative Process," both lectures.

Van traces his entry into political activity to his graduate school days in Charlottesville, a time when Virginia had embarked on a course of massive resistance to school desegregation. Van joined with others who were seeking to combat that policy at the polls and says, "My first real work was trying to register more blacks in Charlottesville." In 1964 he became a member of the Fredericksburg Democratic Committee, and except



*Professor Van Sant is often surrounded by students after class.*

for 1972, when he was on sabbatical from MWC in England, has continued to be a member, serving as chairman of the committee from 1975 to 1980. He is now the senior member of that group in terms of years of service.

Now in his second term in the Fredericksburg City Council, his greatest accomplishment—and one that has made him a hero hereabouts—was as chairman of the finance committee. Van detected, as had no one in the state before him, that the state funding of the independent cities in Virginia, including Fredericksburg, was based upon inaccurate statistics that deprived cities of their fair share of public school revenues. His detective work took him first to Richmond, then to Charlottesville, and finally to the Department of Commerce in Washington, where the figures originated. "One thing you find is that if you're an elected official, you can get into offices. I got to the MAN (Van's voice signals that he had reached his quarry) in the corner office at the Department of Commerce who was responsible for all this. And the guy at the Department of Commerce said, 'You know, you're absolutely right.'" Van's savvy and persistence has brought revenues of at least \$1 million to the city of Fredericksburg at this point.

His current challenge is his service, at Gov. Gerald L. Baliles' request, as the only elected city official on the General

Assembly's Study Commission on City-County Relations.

Van will not retire from MWC for a number of years yet and has several projects that he plans to work on before that time. One of his intentions is to do more reading and writing—articles for sure, and perhaps a volume—on the complexities of the ethics of legislative decision-making. His years of service in public office will permit him to approach the subject with the knowledge of one who has observed the process firsthand, and he will probably acquire more experience yet in future terms on City Council. If the voters choose to do so, he will certainly continue to serve the city of Fredericksburg, but he rejects any notion of seeking elective office beyond the city.

Even after retirement, Van admits, he might be tempted to re-enter the classroom, should there be an opportunity to offer his course on Immanuel Kant, and so his ties to Mary Washington College may not be completely severed. And because of his many ties to the city of Fredericksburg, his home will remain, even when it ceases to be Mary Washington College, at least on Washington Avenue.

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# ON CAMPUS

## Sports

By Barry S. Packer

Mary Washington College has attracted numerous student athletes from other states. I talked with three of them to gain some insight into their reasons for choosing Mary Washington and how they feel about MWC now that they've been here awhile.

I spoke with sophomore Michelle Gobeil from Biddeford, Maine, who is a 5-foot-8 forward on the women's basketball team; Jean Marie Morrissey, a 5-foot-10 sophomore from Long Island, who also plays forward; and John Yurchak, a 6-foot-2 sophomore from Lancaster, Pa., who plays starting guard on the men's basketball team.

Included in their reasons for coming to Mary Washington were: the size of the College, the opportunity to play for the basketball teams, the academic life, the social atmosphere, and—the classic reason—getting away from home for the first time.

"I'm glad I'm here because I have learned a lot being a distance from home," said Michelle, whose main reason for coming here was "I didn't want to be a number."

Jean Marie "wanted to come South" but did not want to go to a university with tens of thousands of students. Next year she possibly will be heading to Paris to study international business. But in all likelihood, she will return to MWC for her senior year.

John came here after one year at Millersville (Pa.) University. He was there attempting to earn a spot on the Division II Marauders but didn't make it as the only walk-on. After considering MWC, as well as some Pennsylvania schools, he decided to transfer here.

When asked the reasons he selected Mary Washington after narrowing his choices, he said that the reasonable costs at Mary Washington played a big role. Another factor was that "I saw that the guards (at MWC) weren't the best shooters and felt that I would be able to help the team." John feels the strongest part of his game is his outside shooting ability. "I'm glad I came here," he says. "I like it better here with the emphasis on academics. I also like the location, the so-

cial atmosphere, and the people."

The people. That is what all three student athletes kept going back to. They praised the people on their teams, the people in their classes, and the people in the town.

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*"Although there is more of an emphasis placed on academics than athletics, the fans are real supportive."*

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"Most of the people around here are really nice," remarked John, whose brother, Jason, now a senior at Lancaster (Pa.) Catholic High School, may join him in the Eagles' backcourt next season. "Most of the people around here would do anything for you."

Michelle saw this as "a chance to see another part of the country. It is a different climate, with different people who seem more friendly. And I'm glad I am on the team because of the people."

For Jean Marie, this basketball season, which was a difficult one on the court, "hasn't seemed like four months. The people on the team have made it so that, even though the record isn't that great, the team is still a team."

And the teams are supported by the fans. "Although there is more of an emphasis placed on academics than athletics, the fans are real supportive," John pointed out. "And I am sure they do get more involved emotionally because of the smallness of the arena, the enrollment, and the closeness of the bleachers to the court and the players to the fans."

Why, then, are the basketball coaches, Tom Davies and Connie Gallahan, able to recruit these students from out of state? Because between the academics and the athletics and the people, Mary Washington seems to be a school that gives the student athletes what they are looking for both on and off the court.

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## Securing Mary Washington's Future: The Heritage Society

While gifts to the Mary Washington College Fund provide important support for scholarship programs and other educational enhancements at Mary Washington each year, bequests and other planned gifts are investments in the College's future.

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## Faculty Highlights

Marshall E. Bowen, professor of geography, presented his paper, "Historical Limits on Old-Timers' Recollections in a Nevada Agricultural Colony," at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, which was held aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach, Calif. He also participated in a panel discussion on "The Homestead Frontier in Oral History."

In addition to these activities, Dr. Bowen submitted a paper, "Abandoned Countrysides: Dry Farm Homestead Areas in the Northeastern Great Basin," at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Pioneer America Society in Rochester, N.Y. Another of his papers, "Pioneer Success and Failure in a Northeastern Nevada Valley," was published in the 1986 issue of the Pioneer America Society *Transactions*.

Samuel T. Emory Jr., professor of geography and chairperson of the Department of Geography, read his paper, "Flood, the Threat of Flood and Human Response in Fredericksburg, Virginia," at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. His co-author was Gordon Shelton, a Fredericksburg city councilman. The meeting was held in Lexington, Ky.

R. Leigh Frackelton Jr., lecturer in business administration and a Fredericksburg attorney, attended a three-day seminar in Washington, D.C., on the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The event was sponsored by the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association.



Roy F. Gratz

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry and chairperson of the Department of Chemistry, Geology and Physics, received a monetary award and a certificate of recognition from the administrator of the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The honor was based on Dr. Gratz's innovation, which was selected for publication in *NASA TECH BRIEFS*: "3F Condensation Polyimides Synthetic Versatility Provides New High Tg Films and New Melt Fusible Molding Resins." The paper was co-authored with William B. Alston of NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. NASA commended the innovation as a "significant contribution" and one of potential utility beyond the aerospace field.

Thomas L. Johnson, professor of biological sciences, had a letter about pantothenic acid published in the December issue of *Prevention* magazine. In fact, the publication selected the missive as the lead letter in the column headlining it "Age Spots and Pantothenic Acid." *Prevention* has a circulation totaling six million readers.

Tania Karina joined the dance department as the artist-in-residence for the Spring Semester. Miss Karina, a highly acclaimed ballerina, has taught as well as performed throughout the world; her performances include a guest starring role in the prestigious Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. She also danced leading roles with The Grand Ballet Du Marquis De Cuevas and was featured as a principal dancer with the Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo.

John C. Manolis, associate professor of modern foreign languages, attended the 36th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. His participation in the meeting included presenting his paper, "The Theater of George Sand in the Middle of the Nineteenth Century: A Search for Critical and Popular Success," and chairing a session on French-Italian literature.

Shah M. Mehrabi, associate professor of economics, organized and coordinated the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research and Development in the Third World, which was held in San Francisco, Calif. He also granted an interview to Voice of America, which was broadcast directly from the site of the conference to the Middle East and to Southeastern and South Asian countries.

Dr. Mehrabi was invited to present a paper on "Transfer of Technology" at the Ninth National Third World Studies Conference, held in Omaha, Neb. This paper was published in the book of proceedings on the conference.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, held in New Orleans, La., Dr. Mehrabi presented two papers. One, entitled "Mineral Multinationals," was given in a session on "The

Multinational Enterprise: Strategies for Trade and Investments," and another on "Planning and Policy Making" was presented in a session on "Contemporary Economic Problems in the Middle East."



Tania Karina

Donald R. Peeples, assistant professor of mathematics, attended the Symposium on International Comparisons of Mathematical Education: Policy Implications for the United States, which was held in Washington, D.C. The Mathematical Sciences Education Board of the National Research Council hosted the symposium.

When the MD-DC-VA section of the Mathematical Association of America met at Loyola College in Baltimore, Dr. Peeples discussed the topic "A Mathematical Model for Risk Analysis."

Mark J. Rozell, assistant professor of political science, had a paper entitled "Civic Virtue and the Gods" accepted for publication in *Modern Age*, a quarterly journal of political thought. His article, "Corporate Philanthropy and Public Policy: A Search for Normative Guidelines," was published recently in a book, *Philanthropy: Private Means, Public Ends*, edited by Kenneth W. Thompson.

Robert S. Rycroft, associate professor of economics and chairperson of the Department of Economics, addressed the Fredericksburg Local of the National Association of Letter Carriers on "The State of the Labor Movement in America."

David J. Skaret, assistant professor of business administration, had an article published in *Group and Organization Studies*, a business and management journal. The article, entitled "Attitudes About the Work Group: An Added Moderator of the Relationship Between Leader Behavior and Job Satisfaction," appeared in the September 1986 issue of the journal.



## Events on Campus

The Mary Washington College community was in high gear throughout the fall and winter months, sponsoring events in music, theater and art.

### October

Mary Washington College's Public Education Services served as the depository for elementary and secondary school books offered by publishers for adoption as textbooks in Virginia's public schools. Students, teachers and the general public were invited to review and evaluate the materials . . . On the cultural scene, novelist David Leavitt and poet Janice Eidus gave readings at the College as part of the Poetry/Fiction Series . . . MWC hosted the 17th Annual Meeting of the East-Central Region of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. More than 50 scholars presented papers on art, history, literature, economics and other topics with the theme "Traditions and Innovations in the 18th Century" . . . The Mary Washington College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) was one of 37 designated "Outstanding SPS Chapters for 1985-86" . . . Belmont, The Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery, continued its lecture series on miniatures entitled "Portraiture in America: The New World to 1900" with a presentation by Clifford T. Chieffo of Georgetown University . . . "Women in the Ancient World," a two-part lecture program, featured former MWC professor Elizabeth Clark as speaker. Rebecca Hague, professor of classics at Amherst College, concluded the program in November . . . "She Stoops to Conquer," an 18th century English comedy, was presented by the Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance . . . To round out the month's activities, the Zero-Moving Dance Company came to the College as part of the MWC Performing Arts Series.

### November

"The Health and Psychological Well-Being of Black Women," a discussion about the topic of mental health services and ethnic minorities, was given by Dr. Gwendolyn Puryear Keita of Howard University . . . The Center for Historic Preservation sponsored a slide lecture on the classical tradition in French architecture by architect Philippe Madec . . . Internationally renowned pianist John Young performed in Dodd Auditorium in a program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Franz Liszt . . . Artist Lou Horner had an exhibit of drawings, paintings and constructions concerned with food preparation and dining activities, while Younghee Choi displayed her works reflecting her fascination with mythological subjects and the

Italian Renaissance . . . Belmont presented "The New Faces of Thomas Eakins" with Kathleen Foster, curator and director of research and publications at The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts . . . The MWC Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society received its first outstanding rating from the national organization for its activities during the 1985-86 year . . . The MWC Chorus and the Jazz Ensemble presented their fall concerts . . . In the fall production of the MWC Dance Concert Series, students shared the stage with several distinguished visiting artists and performed to the work of an internationally acclaimed composer. MWC artist-in-residence Clifford Shulman also performed . . . "The Freedom Fighters," a three-part television interview series hosted by MWC Visiting Commonwealth Professor of History James Farmer, was aired on WNVN, Channel 53, in Northern Virginia. Mr. Farmer interviewed three prominent civil rights leaders for the program, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Rep. Walter Fauntroy and Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta . . . The Belmont lecture series, "Portraiture in America," closed with a talk entitled "John Singer Sargent and the Consequences of Portraiture" given by Trevor Fairbrother, assistant curator of American paintings for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston . . . "House Calls," a series sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation, featured local restoration experts and came to a close with a walking tour of downtown Fredericksburg.

### December

The holiday season began with traditional and anticipated concerts and activities. The Combined Choruses of MWC gave a holiday concert in Dodd Auditorium . . . "Christmas With All the Trimmings," a popular holiday workshop highlighting decoration and entertaining ideas, was sponsored by the Center for Historic Preservation for the sixth straight year . . . The Annual POPS Orchestra Concert was conducted by James E. Baker, professor of music and chairperson of the Department of Music . . . A "Presidential Open House" commemorated the 200th anniversary of James Monroe's arrival in Fredericksburg to practice law. This event was held at the James Monroe Law Office-Museum and Memorial Library . . . Twelve students receiving Intermediate Honors were offered "high commendation and since congratulations" from the College.

### January

An invitational art exhibit, "Fiberworks 1987," featured the fiber art of 10 artists from New England and West Vir-

ginia . . . Thirty-two MWC students were selected to be included in the 1987 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* . . . An official ceremony in tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. highlighted a week of special course offerings and events in memory of the civil rights leader . . . Belmont began its fine arts film series which focused on modern development in the arts . . . Dr. Gregory Guroff, an expert on Soviet-American relations, spoke at the College about the cultural gap existing between these two nations . . . For the Fall Semester 299 students were named to the Dean's List; 68 received all A's.

### February

"The Freedom Fighters" television series featuring James Farmer was aired again in February and a new series, "James Farmer's Reflections," 12 video tapes of Mr. Farmer's class at MWC on the Civil Rights Movement, began on Channel 53, WNVN, and Channel 56, WNVN, in Northern Virginia . . . Lutenist Howard Bass gave an outstanding performance at MWC . . . Soprano Mattiwilda Dobbs was warmly received and well-reviewed in Dodd Auditorium . . .



Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr.

"New Directions in American Foreign Policy" was the subject of a public lecture given by Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.). Biden is the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and an announced candidate for the presidency in 1988 . . . The training program for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance was held on campus in cooperation with the IRS and the MWC Department of Business Administration . . . The U.S. Navy Band's official jazz ensemble, The Commodores, gave a free concert and instrumental section clinics . . . "Nuts," an adult courtroom drama opened with direction by Cheri Swiss, assistant professor of dramatic arts . . . Belmont featured "Etchings by the Americans James McNeill Whistler and Childe Hassam" . . . A faculty art exhibit featured the work of MWC professors.



## Admissions News

By H. Conrad Warlick

Each year we always think that the fall is the busiest time of the year for the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, and it is true that those autumn days are indeed full. The rest of the 1986-87 year, however, was a perfect example of "You haven't seen anything yet!"

The Admissions Committee had its first task in selecting the successful applicants for admission under the Early Decision Plan. Mary Washington College subscribes to a national program of early decision regulations, and applicants who have MWC as their first-choice school can apply under the provisions of this program. Applicants sign a special form indicating that they will accept admission if it is offered by the College, and the College agrees to notify them about early decision by Dec. 1. This year we selected 42 top students under the provisions of the Early Decision Plan.

Following rapidly for the committee was the consideration of those candidates who filed their applications during the early winter. Those students who submitted applications before Feb. 1 and who had superior academic records were offered honors admission to the College. This was a new program for 1987, and almost 300 students received this special admission offer. In addition, these students, along with those admitted under the Early Decision Plan, were nominated to participate in the Regional Scholarship Program competition, Mary Washington's most prestigious academic scholarship award.

Our staff was kept busy with follow-up activities for this group. These students received a special letter of congratulations from President William M. Anderson Jr., a letter from the chairperson of their major department, and a copy of the new student newsletter, the *Eagle*. A telephone call of congratulations was also made to these students by the members of the Admissions Club at the College.

Selecting the honors admissions candidates was only the beginning! This year the college received the largest number of applications for the freshman class in its history. The selection process was a difficult one, but the committee worked hard to select those candidates who seemed best suited for Mary Washington College and its programs. Every person who had applied before the March 1 deadline received a letter from the College by the beginning of April containing the committee's decision.

This group of admitted students, along with those who had received the good

news earlier, were invited to receptions for them and their parents in early April. The office of admissions, in cooperation with the director of alumni programs and various alumni chapters, invited students in the following areas to receptions: Peninsula, Tidewater, Richmond, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, D.C. Metro, and Baltimore. Representatives from the admissions office joined faculty members, students and alumni at these programs. Our alumni helped host these receptions in a variety of places, ranging from private homes to The Barns at Wolftrap.

Each day in April the campus was filled with visitors who had been offered admission to the College. The guided tours offered by the members of the Admissions Club had record attendance, and the admissions staff looked forward to the candidates' reply date, which is the first of May. After that date we knew for sure which applicants had accepted the invitation to join us at the College, and we were very pleased with the positive response we had. Prospective students were quick to seize the excitement of the new facilities and the new developments at

the College, and the Admissions Committee was very pleased with the freshman class.

Throughout the spring the admissions staff was hard at work attending programs for high school juniors, who will, of course, be the seniors we will be recruiting next year. We attended national college fairs in Pittsburgh, Boston, Hartford, New Jersey and Maryland. In addition, the College was represented at numerous other programs across the country either by members of the admissions staff or by alumni volunteers.

So, the admissions cycle has already started again! Keep Mary Washington College in mind when you are talking with high school students or their parents and encourage them to seek information about your alma mater. Our graduates and our students are our best recommendation. We all look forward to having you as members of our admissions team.

*H. Conrad Warlick is vice president for admissions and financial aid at Mary Washington.*

## ALUMNI NEWS

*Right: Connie Ferebee '43 hosted the Tidewater Chapter's bean soup and cornbread luncheon at her home in Norfolk.*

*Below: A very special guest at the Peninsula-Tidewater joint luncheon was Jennifer Bryant, left, who will be a freshman at Mary Washington this fall. Seated with her is her mother, Frances Rodgers Bryant '68.*





# CLASS NOTES



## GOLDEN CLUB NEWS

Kathryn Gallagher Spirito (Mrs. M.W.)  
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I attended the annual Golden Club meeting with the alumni at Trench Hill in August. Most of the Golden Club activities were already prepared by the Alumni Association. Thanks galore!

In the interim I have been well-informed by **Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36**. She has sent me wonderful plans for more activities and more conveniences for our Golden Club members. Frances is our very diligent "go between" to the Alumni Association.

The Fredericksburg chapter of the Golden Club had a delightful luncheon at one of the local restaurants. At this luncheon each member received a lovely gift.

**Phoebe Enders Willis '31** entertained about 34 of the Golden Club members at an elegant afternoon tea.

The Fredericksburg chapter is attempting to "get the ball rolling" for the intermingling of the nearby chapters, such as Richmond and Washington. Other plans are in the making for the extra free activities for the Golden Club Homecoming '87. Many thanks are due Frances and her alumni workers.

**Connie Grant Chilton** wrote to me inquiring about **Atwood Graves Abbitt '29**. I furnished the information for Connie. As a result, she and Atwood are corresponding and preparing for a meeting. How about Homecoming '87?

Our kind and ever-so-faithful Homecoming friend, **Reba Collier Thorpe '33**, sent me one of the prettiest Christmas cards I have ever seen. Reba thoughtfully sent me snaps of Homecoming '86. Many thanks to you, Reba.

Last summer while on my way to Ashland, I quickly stopped my car, backed up, and entered a road that read "To Beaverdam." I decided I would surprise **Ola Murray Martin '31** (class agent for 50 years) with one of my famous "20-minute visits." Was exceedingly disappointed upon learning that Ola had moved to Richmond. Ola, I want to tell you that road into Beaverdam is one of the most picturesque and interesting roads that I have traveled in Virginia. Please come to Homecoming '87. I'll tell you all about the *Concord*!

## 1919

Mary Omohundro Horn  
Route 1  
Warsaw, VA 22572

## 1921

Virginia Dillard Bowie  
604 Lewis St.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Lucile Hansford Brooks  
826 Sunken Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

## 1927

Lucy Hobson McKerrow  
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These are questions from Lucy: What happened to the graduates of my class? What are you doing? Where are you living? If you can write, give us a few lines about you and your family.

After graduation, I went to New York City, working as a physical therapist prior to taking charge of corrective gym in a group practice of orthopedic surgeons. I later had a position in the physical therapy department of two other hospitals before marrying a Harvard '27 social worker. We have two children: a daughter, who is a professor of occupational therapy at Boston College, and a son, who is a pathologist at the University of Calif. in San Francisco.

We have been active here in the beautiful university town of Chapel Hill, N.C., and find time to take courses. I have taken or audited about nine courses here and one at the state university in Raleigh. I find gardening real therapy, and I enjoy playing golf. I have worked as a commentator for our local radio station, and I assist in working with DUIs who work off their penalties by cleaning up public parks. I belong to two garden clubs and have taken ribbons in American Rose Society shows.

My husband has been chairman of the Council on Ageing, the Orange County Commissioners, and treasurer of the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation. He has also given speeches on child abuse. After he graduated from Harvard, he entered social work and later retired from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Prior to retirement, I taught health and physical education in N.Y. high schools. How would you like 152 girls in a gym class? I am a member of the Triangle Chapter Alumni Association and would love to hear from other class members.

## 1929

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## 1931

Kathryn Gallagher Spirito (Mrs. M.W.)  
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My first wish is to thank each one of my classmates for the letters and cards I have re-

ceived. Please keep sending the cards. They are "quickies" and carry your news.

**Emily Thruston Llewellyn** traveled to California last summer with one of her sons and her granddaughter, who attends college in San Diego. Emily is proud to let us know that she has a beautiful new great-grandson born Dec. 13 in Asbury Park, N.J. Last fall Emily had a setback with an angina attack. We have heard since that she is up and at it again. Right on, Emily.

**Audrey Steele Smith** stopped by Lynchburg to visit **Margaret Reinhardt McKenry** in her new apartment. Audrey also loves to visit VMI to see her grandson. However, she is kept ever too busy with the Hardin Realty Co. in Manassas. Audrey has been a realtor for many years.

**Kaye Gallagher Spirito** and Margaret "Skinny" Reinhardt McKenry still have their telephone chats. Skinny and Kaye were roommates (how could you ever forget?).

I phoned **Richie McAtee Gallagher '32** while visiting in Fredericksburg last summer. I was ever so saddened to hear that her husband had passed away. Nevertheless, Richie expects to attend Homecoming '87.

Kaye Gallagher Spirito is busy making plans for her 10th trip to Europe. Kaye came to MWC from England in January 1928. She has been to Europe four times on great ocean liners and five times on various airlines. The big deal this time, Kaye would like you to know, is the *Concord* from New York to London. News in next issue!

## 1933

Alma Murchison  
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Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
Isebel Page Burden (Mrs. G.L.)  
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Richmond, VA 23229

Greetings! **Alma "Murk" Murchison** sent the following rhyme for your enjoyment:  
THE CLASS OF '33

A look through *The Battlefield* of '33  
Furnished the names of our grand old class  
And so I've used them in this rhyme  
To recall something of times past.

I realize that some are not with us any more  
But we still have our memories so dear,  
So this rhyme is a toast to all of us  
Who graduated that wonderful year.

So here's to "Sammie," Marguerite and "Billy Boy,"  
Isebel, Madeline and Maurine,  
Dot, Hazel, Ellen and "Spec,"  
Julia Lee, Joan and Josephine.

The two Annas, Alice Mae and Grace,  
The four Virginias, Eugenia and Ruby,  
Opal, Nellie, Louise and Sarah,  
The three Alices, Lois and Lucy.



The two Marys, Myrtle and Marie, Irene, Mildred and Lora, Martha, Evelyn, Minnie and Mary Virginia, "Mina," Miriam and Roberta.

Then there's Berta, Lucy and Patricia, Lucille and Margaret—all shared the fun and work, And that leaves only one name left to use So I'll end this rhyme with "Murk."

I received a long letter from **Berta Watt Whitehouse**. She has been a busy lady since we last saw her in '33. Besides teaching 26 years, she wrote three columns per week for 12 years for *The Free Lance-Star*, the Fredericksburg paper. She also wrote a very interesting article for *MWC Today* about our class. She titled it "The Depression Class of '33." We are quite proud of you, Berta—only sorry you didn't get to our 50th celebration.

**Reba Collier Thorpe** and **Olie Mae Hope** enjoyed a lovely trip to Alaska. They also went to Stuart, Va., and visited with **Erma Colley McKenzie**, a former roommate whom they had not seen since college days.

Thanks for your note, **Dorothy Tucker Marks**. Dot attended the International Woman's Club convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, last year.

Many of you have asked about **Virginia Carmichael**. Let me quote part of her card. "I am all right. Still on a walker and thankful to be able to get around. I enjoy hearing from MWC and am real proud of the progress. Have a good holiday season and tell the girls 'hello.'"

**Nancy Jones Hurtle** and husband now live in the Presbyterian home in High Point, N.C.

Had a note from **Alice "Prissy" Belote Vaughan** since the holidays. She has had a few health problems but is much better now. Prissy, we are all in the same age group. Need I say more? She had heard from **Nellie Mae Stewart** '34 recently.

**Ethel Turner Horner** never lets me down. We share class news several times during the year. I also had short visits with **Julia Lee Boston Bartha**, **Alice Hunter Irby Gordy** and **Lois Cornwell Draper**. There was also a phone visit with **Anne Bryant Arritt**.

We all have our highs and lows in life, but **Alice Mae Brown Walden** certainly had more than should be expected of the low last year. She said her friends and faith in God kept her going. Alice Mae's highs were attending the beautiful wedding of her granddaughter in Columbia, S.C., and going with a group from her church to the Senior Adult Chautauqua at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in N.C.

Our condolences to the family of Ina Brothers Lane, who attended Mary Washington between 1929 and 1931.

Thanks to **Ava Smith**, **Mina Poffenbarger Hartman**, **Anna Hunter Adams** and **Alice Early Thompson** for their kind greetings.

Please let us know of any address changes.

Thanks for keeping in touch.

## 1935

(News of the death of Elizabeth Page Galie, Class Agent for the Class of 1935, reached us after our press deadline.)

On Aug. 18, 1986, our **Frances A. "Legs" Mays** died. **Irmalee "Teenie" Smith De**

**Hanas**, **Legs'** roommate, wrote and sent to all our class a tribute, which I think all MWC girls should have the opportunity to read. It said:

"I want you to know that last summer Bud and I had been to North Carolina to move the furniture of a dear friend who lived in Lusby. Bud drove the rental truck, and I followed in the car. On the return trip, sans truck and furniture, we stopped in Stony Creek and had a wonderful visit with **Legs** that I would not now trade for gold if it were possible.

"She talked then about her physical condition. She said that she was not worried about it, because she felt that her life had been fulfilling and she was ready to go when the Lord was ready to take her. It was said, not with the least bit of sadness or regret, but more with joy and satisfaction that all was well.

"Since the reunion, she and I had corresponded regularly, and her letters were always written in a cheerful, upbeat way.

"How clearly my mind is flooded now with thoughts of the many times we ran up and down the athletic field, chasing balls of one kind or another—hockey balls, speed balls, soccer balls. Just give us a ball and a field, and we were happy! **Legs** was always between the goal posts in her 'regalia' that protected her from the flying balls and hockey sticks that came at her with all the speed we could muster.

"And there I was, the smallest one on the field, doing my best to keep up with the others who were so much faster, more athletic and more accurate than I was but giving it everything I had (which certainly wasn't much). But I love the challenge! What a great life it was, and what memories!

"We were dubbed with the nicknames **Legs** and **Teenie** when we walked across the campus together—a most unlikely looking pair—and I treasure that name because it has a special meaning for me.

"What else can I say?

"Let us not waste any more time. It doesn't take long to write a note or send a card to a member of our class, just to let them know you remember and you care. Time is so short.

"This is my tribute to a dear friend and former roommate: **Legs**. Love, **Teenie**."

For the past 12 years our classmate **Loretta Folger Duffy** and her charming English husband have made it to the Homecoming. For five of them I have been there also. I always enjoyed their charming presence. On Jan. 22, 1987, **Loretta** died after a five-year bout with cancer. Should you like to know her home address, here it is: Mr. Vincent P. Duffy, 11 Hazelton Road, Barrington, RI 02806. She leaves one daughter. **Loretta** at one time was class agent. I know she will be missed at Homecoming.

**Betty Griffith Schmidt** missed Homecoming last year because of her dear husband's bad health. This past fall he passed away. On top of this grief, she had a few medical problems. We hope you are getting well now. Through **Betty** and **Teenie**, I am getting news. I wish more of you classmates would send information about yourselves.

**Helen Shurtleff Tyra**, **Betty's** MWC roommate, wrote that she placed exhibits in the

county fair and brought home blue ribbons for roses, apples and grapes. They took a four-day trip through the Adirondacks to Cooperstown, N.Y., where they went through Baseball's Hall of Fame Museum.

**Grace E. Herr** has also been trying to get news from classmates. She spent most of July and August with her sister in Charlottesville, Va. She wrote: "We were at the beach, Sandbridge, for two weeks in July. A weekend attending the **Herr** reunion in Pennsylvania, visiting Wakefield and Stratford Hall. My sister, a friend and I had a nice week in the Finger Lake region of New York. I am ready to settle down to usual activities, such as bridge, volunteer work, bowling, needlework."

A few weeks before her trip to Alaska with her grandson, **Irmalee "Teenie" Smith De Hanas** had a health problem. She got better and had a wonderful trip and took a lot of pictures. This past winter she and Bud had a lovely apartment in San Diego, Calif., on the ocean for six weeks. Along with enjoying their son and grandson, they have been to Los Angeles to visit friends and to Tijuana, Mexico, to do some shopping. She has been improving and hopes that when she returns from California she can go back to playing golf. Her stay near loved ones, the climate, and love of photography all have been good therapy for her recovery.

I am lucky that **Iseabelle Page Burden '33**, sister, gets some good news about my classmates in Richmond. We could not be more proud of **Marie Krafft Kelleher's** participation in the Virginia Recreation and Park Society's Golden Olympics. The 1986 statewide competition was held in Lynchburg, and there **Marie** won four swimming medals: three gold and one silver. Her husband, **Michael**, also received two medals in the event. The **Kellehers** spend a lot of their time swimming at the Jewish Community Center in Richmond. *The Richmond News Leader* had a nice article and pictures about the **Kellehers** and the Golden Olympics.

I talked to **Ruth Whitehead Owen**. They were "snowed-in" in Millbrook, N.Y. Her husband was in the service, and they moved around so much that since his retirement they have enjoyed staying home. They have made a trip to Scotland, Wales and England. They visit a cousin in Cape Cod occasionally. Because Norfolk was home, she visits there often, seeing **Dorothy Seay Owens**, **Mary Hope Harcum** and **Margaret Lambert Reardon** in Virginia Beach. They get together and have fun. Last spring she and her husband went on tour to the Tulip Festival in Ottawa, Canada.

I have not been well since Homecoming and have not called many people to stay in touch.

I called **Hulda Roane Hunt** of Grafton, Va., so we could hear some news about her. She is active as the adult Sunday School class teacher of Bethel Baptist Church. She taught for 24 years and was a member of York Teachers Association. She has two sons and a daughter. The oldest son is an engineer at NASA. The second son teaches in the humanities department at Tabb High School and is director of physical education. Her daughter has been the budget analyst for the Newport News shipyards for nine years. **Hulda** has seven granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.



I wish some of you who have not communicated with us in a long time would write me. Your classmates would enjoy hearing from you.

## 1937

Evelyn Riggs Ellington  
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From Evelyn:

By the time this issue of *MWC Today* reaches you, we will have become members of the Golden Club! Our 50th reunion will be over for us, the last of the F.S.T.C.'s.

While I am writing this, I am hoping that your eager voices will be singing and a large number of you are making plans to be together again "on the hill."

Your Homecoming Committee, **Lucy Pierson Welsh**, **Alice "Lib" Johnson Birtwell**, and I, along with others, were working several months to make our reunion a big success. Your attendance will have made it worth our while.

Thanks to Lucy Welsh for searching in alumni files to find the words for "Eager Voices Singing," the school song when we were in college, and to **Ann Lipscomb Kline** for writing down the music for it. Thanks also to **Alice Dew Hallberg** for planning and presenting the memorial service for those no longer with us.

We especially thank Lib Birtwell for planning and setting up the Nina G. Bushnell Fund which will aid deserving students in furthering their education at the college level. The amount now raised is over \$10,000. We are proud of Lib's efforts on this project. Thanks to all of you who made it a success.

Your committee gleaned a few items of news and hopes to hear from more of you during 1987.

**Jacqueline Clark Robertson**, now in Calif., had a bad time with the flu bug last fall. She enjoys watching the migration of whales from her oceanfront home. **Sarah Gray Wilson** is now teaching part time at a junior college in Del.

**Dorothy Ball Eason** and husband are enjoying farm life in Lexington, Va., where he is inspector of the Virginia Horse Center.

**Selma Piland Johnston** of Arlington has not had a chance to travel recently because her husband has been homebound. We hope she will be able to arrange to be with us in May.

**Martha Epes Deane** is still postmistress at Nottoway, Va. She will try to be with us for our big occasion.

In January, our Tidewater Chapter visited the Peninsula Chapter and had a luncheon at Fort Monroe Officers Club in Hampton. We exchange visits with the Peninsula Chapter each year. We always enjoy seeing our friends. Our speaker was Porter Blakemore, assistant professor of history at MWC. We also met **Melisa Casacuberta '84**, director of alumni programs, several other MWC board members and representatives of the college.

**Julia Harris Shelton** and husband are planning to move back to Virginia from Miami.

I talked to **Eloise Trussell Kousz** in Glen-

olden, Pa., on her birthday. We hope that she will also be able to be with us for our big event in May.

**Frances Sherman Spencer** and her husband, who live on a farm in Monroe City, Mo., enjoyed a big reunion of the Spencer family on the Fourth of July. They hoped to get down to Texas to get away from the cold this winter. They are planning to be in Virginia for our reunion and to see friends in Norfolk.

Lib will be your class agent after we meet in May. Please let her hear from you often.

Thanks for giving me the chance to serve you these past five years. It has been an enjoyable experience. I still like to travel and plan to do more while I am able. In the latter half of June, I will be in London and surrounding areas with the Moore family descendants, visiting Losely Hall, the old Moore estate, and many other places of interest.

From Lib:

**Mary Chapman Mitchell** has been ill but is improving. She told her minister she had three speeds: slow, very slow, and stop. His reply, "As long as the first two are working, you have nothing to worry about." Hang in there, Mary! I received a note from **Frances "Billie" Mayses Agreen** in Purcellville, Va. She plans to attend our Homecoming also.

The Forrest Glasses (**Buff Haley**) of Hopewell and Brookville, Fla., had quite a December. The ninth grandchild, Daniel, was christened on the 20th at their Florida home. Buff and Forrest then had a trip to the Bahamas to celebrate her birthday. **Katherine Burgess Robertson** and Buff will be coming together to our Homecoming.

**Becky Kalnen** has had to slow down a bit from her usual rigid routine. Each year she has been busy building a house, landscaping it, and putting it on the market for sale. Get some rest, Becky, and come on up to Fredericksburg in May.

Lucy Pierson Welsh had a busy Christmas with her family. She is back to work on her genealogy and is ready to continue with reunion plans. Things are shaping up and looking good!

**Adele Crowgey Giles** and Joe are enjoying retirement and have made plans to attend Homecoming. Joe has some arthritic problems in his knees, but this doesn't keep him housebound.

**Sarah Gray Wilson** and Chuck have taken an apartment in Wilmington, Del., to be near an ill sister. Sarah works two days a week at a junior college in Milford, Del.

## 1939

Mary W.B. Hartley (Mrs. S.T.)  
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**Kathryn Nicholas Winslow** and her husband went to Jordan, Israel and Amsterdam in '85. For four years her husband had been too ill to travel. Kathryn is president of Women of the Church in her congregation. She is a very active officer in DAR, Daughters of American Colonies, and Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She is in two Bible study groups and active in Church Women United. She swims each week at the JCC Club. Sounds like a full, busy life, Kathryn. There was a

postscript to her letter about a wonderful week in New York before last Christmas, full of shows, shopping and gourmet dining.

Last fall, while in the grocery store, I ran into **Tess Boggs Wilson**. A real surprise to find Tess in my grocery market. Her son, Sam, is an attorney in Roanoke and has lived not far from me. Sam had been sent to France by his law firm, and his wife went with him. Tess and Sam Sr. were baby-sitting.

My daughter, Betty, who lives in Fla., and I have just returned from visiting daughter Jean and family in Pa. The grandchildren are growing up so fast. I hate to miss a minute.

With Christmas, there were cards with some news. Kathryn Nicholas Winslow sent a wonderful letter enclosing a letter from **Bernice Whipple Camp** written in October. "Whip" is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, plays golf, assists with Meals on Wheels and helps serve candlelight meals for the retired. Whip has her own home in Englewood, Fla., which keeps her busy. She and a group of friends have season tickets to plays in the area. At the time of writing, she was helping with her church bazaar. Whip also helps when her church serves pancake breakfasts every other Saturday to over 1,000 people.

Kathryn wrote about driving down the Blue Ridge Parkway in October to Asheville, Atlanta and Charlotte where her grandchildren are. After this, they planned to go to New York in December for theatre and shopping. During the summer the Winslows suffered a robbery at the hands of teen-age boys who kicked in storm doors, windows, and panel doors. All of the numerous appliances they took were recovered due to the vigilance of a neighbor who got their auto license number. Two weeks later they had a shock when a mother raccoon took up residence in a chimney in the living room fireplace and delivered three little ones. After great effort by Kathryn and four men, they were safely evicted. The chimney now has a top on it!

**Jane Sinclair Diehl's** address has been changed to 129 York Point Road, Seaford, VA 23696. **Elnora Overley Johnson** and Jack spent part of February in Florida. This time they took the Auto Train and liked it. They have been busy keeping up with Elnora's nephew's (the son of **Florence Overley Ridderhof '50**) activities: graduation from VMI, marriage, and birth of a daughter named Lorna Elnora. In July, Elnora and Jack toured the Canadian Rockies, Lake Louise, Banff and environs. **Ruth Flippo Moon's** son was to be married in Atlanta on Christmas Eve so Ruth said her Christmas would be different this year. After attending the wedding, she would fly to Dayton, Ohio, on Christmas Day to her nephew's.

Finally, **Nelle Thomas** wrote that she recently had vascular surgery on her legs. Nelle says she has been enjoying playing a lot of bridge and going on bus tours. In March she will go to New Orleans.

Now it is up to the rest of you gals to make 1987 the newsiest year ever. Write to me!

## 1941

Dorothy Day Riley  
200 Yeardeley Drive  
Newport News, VA 23601



**Marguerite Jennings Helbush, Margaret "Rita" Kottner '40 and Betty Smith** met for lunch in Honolulu.

**Jo Ewing Balzer** and her husband, Dick, spent a couple of months in Flagler Beach, Fla. Before she left for Florida, Jo, **Frances Dugger Thayer, Clara Dugger Bruner** and I had an unexpected meeting at the reunion of all graduates of our old high school here in Newport News.

## 1943

Dorabelle Forrest Cox  
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Poquoson, VA 23662  
Hilda Holloway Law  
6 Ensigne Spence  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
Frances Wills Stevens  
432 Oakland Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27609

From Frances:

Christmas cards came from **Nancey Inglis Russo, Pris Macpherson Allen and Kitty Pinner Grinstead** promising letters after the holidays. From **Mary Huskey Farr** comes news that she and husband Edward are back in Mississippi after three years of being volunteer "missionaries for the Lord" in Nevada. She had some health problems but seems to be well on the way to solving them. They had a wonderful trip (flew to Tahiti and took a seven-day cruise to the Polynesian Islands) and say that's the way to take a vacation. In February they flew to Australia (Sydney) and took a cruise ship to ports in New Zealand and some Pacific islands and all the way back to L.A. Mary's son is a lawyer in Houston; youngest daughter teaches kindergarten near Memphis, and the other daughter has four children (one to graduate from h.s. in June) and lives in Tenn.

From **Ruth "Fergie" McClung** comes news that in 1985 her daughter, Ann, was in London working in the office of the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Navy for Europe. Fergie and husband Mac had a marvelous trip to England, Scotland and Wales. Since Fergie developed health problems last February, she has been "responding well to the treatments and making much progress." Ann has since transferred to the Pentagon. Son Wally is in the last of a three-year apprenticeship at NORSHIPCO in Norfolk. He will receive an associate degree in marine engineering to add to a B.S. in business.

**Betty Rogers Zylewitz** sends news she has sold her home and moved into a duplex. She made a visit to Virginia in October to see **Alice Glazebrook and Alice Williams Carver**, freshman roommates. Please send addresses! **Peg Moran Logan** and husband Dick stopped to see her in August, and they "had a nice visit. They looked grand."

Peg and Dick sent their most unusual letter, "Then—1970; Now—1986," with pictures of all eight "youngsters." They recapped their three-month trip to Europe, which they planned in order to see their nephew ordained in Rome. They returned to the places of Dick's WWII experiences: Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Denmark. They attended LaScala Opera and "found our roots in Germany." Peg also

found a cousin in Heidelberg with a daughter who spoke English!

From **Margaret "Migit" Gardner Snyder** comes news of an inland waterway cruise (to Charleston, Savannah, Hilton Head, St. Simon) and a June trip to Russia and a Volga cruise. She is a busy girl with church work, choir work, traveling, and serving on the board of The National Cathedral in D.C.

My husband and I had an extended trip from N.C. to Maine and all points in-between last fall. I was very fortunate to talk by phone to eight of you. I am sorry I missed others.

**Marjorie Baldwin Roughton** and husband ran an auto agency in Norfolk, but her husband has been ill. She has stepchildren and four step-grandchildren. She does volunteer work in the hospital and did much traveling in years gone by.

**Connie Ferebee** is a retired Army nurse and very active in the Norfolk Alumni Chapter. She is also director of Meals on Wheels there. She graduated from U.Va. Nursing School.

**Betsy Taylor Tazewell's** husband retired from the Navy in 1970; they have five children. Sister-in-law Polly Green Taylor lives nearby in Virginia Beach, and her husband is an Episcopalian priest there.

I talked with **Emma Jester Martin**, on the Eastern Shore, who has retired from teaching elementary school. She spends her time working with United Methodist Women and antiquing. She had a trip to the Amish country. **Ruth Ames** is a retired librarian and is back home on Nassawadox on the Eastern Shore. Emma also told me she sees **Helen Young Evans** who went two years with us and finished in 1947.

On to New Jersey, where I talked to **Katherine Resch Schwenker**. Her husband, Bob, v.p. for Johnson & Johnson's Research & Development, has retired. They were on their way to Montreal on a trip. They have two sons, two daughters; one daughter is a writer, the other is in Arizona; sons in California and Wisconsin.

In West Springfield, Mass., I talked to a daughter of **Henriette Beck Watson**. Henriette is a librarian for Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co. She is a widow and has four children: a son in Wilbraham, Mass., and two daughters and a son at home. She has one granddaughter with another grandchild on the way.

In Southwest Harbor, Maine, I had a nice telephone visit with **Grace Edwards Riddle**. Her husband had retired from the National Park Service before he passed away. They have three daughters: two in Philadelphia, one in Southwest Harbor, and seven grandchildren. She works part time for a motel in this lovely area.

Last, but not least, I talked with **Debbie Goldstein Simon** on Long Island. She retired in August and is president of the mums group there. She travels all over judging flower shows. They have a daughter, who is a nurse in Miami, and a son, who is a music teacher on Long Island. Her husband has a machine shop and travels many times with her.

**Betty "Tuck" Stoecker Gallant '42** lives in East Sandwich, Mass., on the Cape. We spent

two days with Paul and Betty, talking MWC news.

Make your plans for May 1988, our 45th Reunion!

Note: A class ring with 1943 and initials H.E.W. has been found in Georgia. Please contact the MWC Alumni Office, (703) 899-4648.

## 1945

Virginia Gunn Blanton  
369 Lexington Road  
Richmond, VA 23226

## 1947

Class Agent needed.

## 1949

June Davis McCormick (Mrs. John)  
18 Lynnbrook Road  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
Anna Dulany Devening  
Route 1, Box 106B  
Broad Run, VA 22014

From June:

The last news received from **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** was of an Adirondacks camping trip she and Claude shared with **Peggy Elliott Sweeney** and Mickey last summer. Miami wrote that Peggy and **Frances Houston Layton** almost crossed paths last April in Clearwater, Fla., but had to settle for a phone conversation. Frannie's husband, Roland, a friend of Claude's, is a professor of history in Hiram, Ohio. They travel often to England, and he conducts student tours to Russia. Frannie and Roland visited briefly with Miami and Claude last winter. Noting our writing of **Lee Marsh Baldwin '46**, Miami mentioned having seen her at church, on a visit to Richmond, adding how dynamic Lee is. That's right, Miami; she always was, still is and ever shall be. After enjoying being the sole '49er at Homecoming last May, reuniting with Lee and the attending members of the great Class of '46, my latest visit with her was via phone during a short, sad trip back to Richmond in late October owing to a death in my family.

In August, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** ventured forth on a 26-day, 6,000-mile trip through the Southwest. Driving alone and taking in all points of much interest, she toured New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado before returning to Bristol. Bet she took loads of great pix! Lucy faithfully sent news of several '49ers for this issue. Her MWC roommate, **Patsy McKee Rogers**, lives in Palmdale, Calif., where her husband, Clark, commutes to his aerospace job at Long Beach. Their daughter, Ruth, works part time for a local television station, writes commercials and aspires to scriptwriting. Their daughter, Mary, attends college in Palmdale and also has weekend duties at the same TV studio.

Lucy had a surprise New Year's phone call from **Phyllis Bingham McGaha** in Parkersburg, W.Va. Phyl's husband, Pat, died in October 1985. Happily, their son, Tim, and his wife live nearby on the same street. Phyl visited her sister in Frederick, Md., her brother in N.C., and hopes to get together with Lucy soon. On a trip to the Northwest two years ago, Phyl had a lovely visit with **Iris Godfrey Slippy** in



Seattle. Hi, Iris; let's hear from you!

**Mildred Vance Secular**, Lucy's sister, had planned a visit to Bristol in November but had to postpone her trip until spring when Mildred, her husband, Sid, and Lucy hope to attend their niece's graduation from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville.

Lucy and **Sarah Hayter Helton** had lunch prior to Christmas and saw each other again while shopping (exchanging?) after the holidays. Sarah wrote of the gathering of all 14 of the Helton clan for Thanksgiving and Christmas: four sons, three daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. That's a full house, "Sadie," or is it a royal flush?

From Stone Mountain, Ga., a unique Eskimo Christmas card came from **Jackie McConnell Scarborough**, a lovely reminder of the Alaskan cruise and Vancouver/Victoria trip she and Les took during the summer. Jackie said she was then in the midst of cleaning and decorating while planning a jaunt to Gatlinburg, Tenn., after Christmas for their wedding anniversary. Hope it was a very happy one for them.

It took **Andi Dulany Devening** only 40 years to actually make her long-awaited trip to New England with her roomie of that many years back, **Barbara Watson Barden**. Andi finally did the area in August and declared it well worth the wait. In September, Andi attended Barb and Bob's daughter's wedding at their home in Lancaster, Pa. While pronouncing it perfectly beautiful, Andi treasures her vivid vignette of the bride and groom, in full wedding attire, playing a vigorous game of volleyball with the other young guests. Ah, youth!

Andi took a sentimental journey in October to attend "Quilters," the 1986 Play-of-the-Year in Richmond. The all-woman cast included Dawn Westbrook, the third of **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook** and Roland's four daughters. Dawn played many different parts, that of a small girl, a boy, young woman, older woman, etc. By day, she also portrayed "Rapunzel" with the Children's Theatre, which tours the elementary schools in Virginia. Wouldn't Kitten be proud! Roland has retired from his banking duties and plans to do some traveling.

Inspired by her travels, Andi really put her foot into it for the holidays. She drove to Ft. Worth, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving week with son No. 3, Rob, and toured San Antonio, Austin and Dallas. Then at Christmas, she put the pedal to the metal for sure, making a 600-mile swing through Virginia to spend Christmas Eve and morn with son No. 1, Clay, and family in Allisonia, then over to Lynchburg for Christmas dinner with son No. 2, Hal, and family and the next-day celebration of her granddaughter's 7th birthday. She'd shared Christmas in Warrenton with son No. 4, Scott, and his new bride before leaving. Picking up and delivering presents around and back really made Andi feel like ol' Santa himself, only, she adds, her sleigh was an '83 Pontiac with some 98,000 miles. She spent New Year's in Hot Springs, then planned to settle back into a normal routine again. So for Andi, at least, '86 was the year of the wheel! To complete her good news, Andi just received a promotion to case consultant for the Social Security Admin-

istration. Did it the Houseman way, too; she eeeaaarned it!

More romance in the heirs: **Frances McGlothlin Borkey's** daughter, Sharon, was married in May and plans to live in Richmond, which delights Frankie and Cecil. Their other daughter, who married a year ago, works as an accountant for the James River Corporation.

Now a proud, first-time grandmother, **Margaret "Myrt" Thompson Pridgen's** eldest son, Bill, and his wife presented her with Nathaniel in October. Myrt said her "cup runneth over." Her daughter, Inez, is an auditor for Southern States in Maryland.

Another happy grandmother of 1986 is **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly**. Katie was born to her daughter, Ann, and her husband, Mike Rider. Wendy's broken leg mended well, and she walks and bikes almost daily. She and George still love their country gentry life in Montross and stay much too busy to be bored in retirement.

Andi talked with **Betty Bond Heller Synan** during Christmas though they couldn't get together as planned. Betty Bond had holidayed in Hawaii and probably triggered some of that volcanic activity while there. She is playing for the Bedford production of "The Wizard of Oz" and for the Lynchburg Theatre Group's offering of "Annie Get Your Gun" this spring. Both titles bring instant memories of Judy and La Merman, don't they? Keep 'em moving, B.B.!

For most of the Fabulous '49ers, this is the year we reach another milestone: the big six-oh! Happy birthday to us all, whenever! Love to y'all from "boffus."

## 1951

Anne Zirpel Josefy (Mrs. John C.)  
2602 Shandon Ave.  
Midland, TX 79705

Edythe Wagner Kleinpeter (Mrs. Hubert I., III)  
Route 1, Box 520  
Hiawassee, GA 30546

From Edythe:

I received news from **Pat Wise Ritter** in Columbus, Ohio. It seems she is an avid amateur photographer and took her skills to Kenya, East Africa, on a photographic safari. This has led to her being a docent at the Columbus Zoo. Pat is a public information officer for a child welfare agency. Her older son is a lawyer, and her younger son is following in Pat's footsteps and is the "Laurence Olivier" of the 80s. Pat is looking for MWC alumni in her area of Ohio. Please get in touch with me, and I will give you her address.

**Lois Bellamy Martin** is a third grade teacher in Norfolk, and her husband is a general court judge. She is the mother of two sons, and she also is a docent for the Norfolk courts.

**Barbara Baute Dowd**, who is a pediatrician in Reading, Mass., recently had a reunion with **Katherine Ash Carmine**, our mutual sophomore roommate. Katherine is the mother of seven children and lives near Williamsburg on the James River. Kat's husband, Waldon, has a family contracting business. Kat, I would really like to hear from you. Please write!

Getting back to **Barbara Baute Dowd**: Her daughter, Nancy, has recently been named editorial coordinator for *Butterick pattern maga-*

*zine*. Her design training was in Paris, so she comes well-qualified.

**Frances Chesson La Camera** of St. Petersburg, Fla., has followed a career in music. She has received many awards, one of which was the Metropolitan Opera auditions for South East United States. Her husband is a cardiologist, and they have four children.

**Doris Harless** has published several articles on monetary economics and is employed at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. She is currently the budget director for the MWC Alumni Association.

**Ann Penney Ross** wins the award for the mother with the "mostest." She has 11 children, the biggest and most difficult achievement I can think of! Ann has found time to pursue her hobby of archaeology and has been on many "digs," including one to the Easter Islands and one to Jordan.

**Mary Oliver Darling** is a counselor and director of guidance for Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg. She and her husband, the choir master of Bruton Parish Church, have five children. Mary has done so much it's hard to list everything. She is vice mayor of the city council and chairwoman of the library board. She also has received its woman-of-the-year award.

**Marie Rhodes Cappiello** writes that she and husband Frank spent two weeks in Central Italy last October and loved it. Her daughter, Ann Marie, helped design the costumes for Harvard's Hasty Pudding annual show.

**Barbara Rush Engelke** has been spending time in Canada being treated for a rare eye disorder called Blepharospasms. If anyone has any information on this disease, please let us know so we may pass it on to Bobbie. Bobbie's son, Charles, has written a book, *Introduction to Computer Science*. He expects to have it published within the year.

The last time I heard from **Ruth DeMiller Hill**, she was searching for an unknown animal living in her walls and also chasing her boat dock down the lake after a storm. The trials of living in the country! I know, I live in the woods inside the national forest, and I understand fully "strange critters" creeping in to join the family.

I spent three weeks with the National Press Club in Kenya on safari. What a great time! My daughter, Gretchen, was just named archaeologist for Northern Arizona Museum, and we are most happy for her.

Please answer my cards. It's fun to hear from all of you, and, of course, it makes the job so much easier and more interesting.

Don't forget our 40th reunion in 1991. We want "you" there, as they say in the Army.

## 1953

Carol Smith Boyes  
2214 McAuliffe Drive  
Rockville, MD 20851

## 1955

Sally Hanger Moravitz  
2268 Providence St.  
Falls Church, VA 22043



## 1957

Ernestine MacLaughlin Lawrence  
243 Main St.  
Winchester, MA 01890

Joanne Insley Pearre  
5520 Old National Pike  
Frederick, MD 21701

## 1959

Edna Gooch Trudeau (Mrs. T.A.)  
Route 1, Box 139 F  
New Kent, VA 23124

The *Tidewater Review* published a very good article on **Duane Massey Carlton**. She is now principal of West Point Elem. School. She lives in King & Queen County and taught there in West Point before retiring to rear her twin daughters. She has her master's from William & Mary and returned to teaching in '83. She served as coordinator for gifted education and vice principal before assuming her present position.

Ended '86 with a fantastic but too short visit with **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** in D.C. where she was representing Phillips Electric as a consultant. She continues her busy, ongoing travels for them, teaching, training and problem solving as well. Held her still long enough for dinner and an almost all-night talk session! Irene has been on the road since June, stopping in La., Colo., N. M. In Sept., she and Don went to Norway and Denmark. While Don took care of business in Holland, Irene visited relatives in Malta. She said **Ann Watkins Steves** will be a grandmother for the second time.

In August, **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** and John visited his folks in N.Y. Jon Karl returned to his summer job at McDonalds. He really likes King College. Though a soph., he is sr. editor of the school paper and writes his own column. Jane received a delightful surprise phone call from **Celeste Shipman Kaufman**. Also sent news that **Molly Bradshaw** had married Merle Wadsworth. They honeymooned in Russia and the Scandinavian countries.

**Jane Howard Buchanan** has two new addresses! She and Peter sold their home and moved to a three-bedroom apartment closer to Columbia. They also purchased a condo in Vt. for their hideaway weekends. They planned to be with all the girls there for the Christmas holidays and the first two weeks in January. Kathy is now employed with Filene's Dept. Store as a distributor and spends her evenings at the New England School of Photography, her current interest. Susan relinquished her paralegal duties and is seriously considering law school, the Peace Corps or some type of foreign service. Before that decision is made, she hopes to make a long trip out West. Elizabeth continues at Alfred University but has traded ceramics for sculpture. Jane is a student residence leader at Proctor Academy and excels in soccer and tennis. She will soon be making the college decision.

**Carmen Culpeper Chappell** and John celebrated their 25th anniversary in England and the Italian Lakes area. Wow! Then in Sept. she was back again in Milan, London, and on the way to France for several weeks. In Dec. she visited her family in Puerto Rico while John was in Japan and China. Daughter

Jennifer is at the Univ. of Michigan, and son Eric is at Colgate. She has been in contact with **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and, if all goes well, they plan to get together this spring in Washington, D.C., for the Big 50! Dodie said **Emily Babb Carpenter** and Tom moved to Texas in early fall.

**Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn** wrote that Cathy had a great summer even though there was a lot of flooding in their area. Cathy is taking band, works as a candy striper and baby-sits. Plus she is in the church choir, the Pep Club, the Foreign Language Club and finds time to keep the church nursery. They visited friends in Florida this summer and saw EPCOT and Disneyworld. Next on Cathy's list is the dreaded driver's license. Meantime, Mary Carolyn teaches eighth grade math, and Burt continues as office manager at Alleghany Hospital. Busy, busy!

Received a summer postcard from **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** from Hawaii! Their family was enjoying sailing, windsurfing and tennis. Audrey's mother has moved next door which is really nice. Aud is teaching spec. ed. classes and taking courses toward those credentials.

**Ann Brooks Papadatos** is finishing her master's degree and recertifying to teach. It won't be long now. She and Anastasia took their annual trip to Greece in July and also toured Ireland again—one of their favorite places. They rented a car and took to the roads! Greg was to be home from Ft. Ord for the holidays.

New employment for **Mary Massey**. She works as the employment manager for the Nature Conservancy. She wrote that the work is diverse, busy, and the people warm and enthusiastic, professional and dedicated. Sounds wonderful! This organization is larger than the National Zoo by whom she was previously employed. In the last few years her vacations have also been wonderful. She's visited Kenya, Hawaii, French West Indies and recently Southern Arizona. She still enjoys hiking, jogging and has taken up playing with a musical group.

**Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** and golf, golf, golf! Phyllis made a hole-in-one at Quail Ridge Country Club! Yea! Now all five in the family have done it. Phil, her oldest son, graduated from Stanford with honors and Academic All-American. His major was economics and political science, and he is currently employed as a management consultant for Peterson and Co. in San Francisco. Phil married Jean Meyer in November in Stanford Memorial Church. Dave participated in the Florida State Jrs. in July, the Int. Jr. Masters in Buffalo, and the Amer. Jr. Golf Association Tournament of Champions in Ga. Jay is enjoying his soph. year at Wake Forest. The Rowleys were looking forward to the Christmas holidays and a full house.

In attendance at **Sigrid Stanley Jackman's** daughter's wedding in May was **Beulah V. Springer**. **Charlotte Wohlneck Wiggs** and **Shelly Cohen Mand** were also there. B.V. wrote that her parents are now residing in Charlottesville in an apartment to make it easier on them since her father's heart attack. After Betsy's wedding, Sigrid and Bill sailed on the *Queen Elizabeth II* for England where they had a great vacation. During the holidays, they were expecting Tom home. He is a crime reporter for the *Kansas City Times* and loves it.

He really has some stories to tell! Billy was to be in from VPI and the newlyweds would be there, too. This summer Sigrid received her real estate license, so a new career is in the making.

Speaking of new careers, **Lois Gaylord Allen's** son, Gene, has joined the Navy and decided to make it his career. He is now in an elite anti-terrorist unit. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw's** sons are both in college now. Rob is a soph. at Chapel Hill, N.C., and loves it. Chris is a French major at the University of Delaware but is spending a very exciting year in Paris. So far, bomb scares and riots have not dampened his ardor. **Anne Saunders Spilman's** daughter, Karen, is at the Sorbonne this year and is also managing to survive all the dangers. Kathy is a senior at James Madison Univ., and Jim, a captain in the Army, is stationed in Kansas and was married in December. **Carol Ageson Dunigan** is working for Federal Express. Her son, Barry, is attending college in New England, and her daughter, Kara, is beginning the big college search. She sometimes hears from **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen**.

The usual lovely Christmas photo arrived from **Celeste Shipman Kaufman**. Last year's photo was of Jeff's wedding, and this year's was of Julie's! In May she was married to Wayne Wailes. They are living in Tuscaloosa while he finishes school. Julie continues her bank auditor job. Jeff and his bride, Pam, live only a mile away from "Pug" and Alan. Jeff is traveling with Sandwich Chef, putting in their new Wall St. Deli and Yogurt and Salad in malls in N.Y., Denver, and Chicago, and then FoodCourts operate them. Tammie graduates from high school this year and hopes to attend college in N.C. The entire family went to Nasau after Christmas. Alan and Pug plan to take Tammie to London for spring break. Tammie and Pug had a glorious two weeks in California this summer.

All these lucky, smart children we have! **Gloria Winslow Borden's** youngest, Cynthia, is involved in the foreign exchange program. She spent three weeks in Barcelona this summer, and Alberto spent equal time at the Borden's. Cynthia was voted Most Valuable Player by her teammates in hockey and participated on All District and All Regional teams. She has applied to several colleges. She and Gloria plan a trip to London at Easter vacation. (Hear that, Pug?) Cliff graduated from the Univ. of Pacific this year. Beth married Dan Lambdin in California in December, and Caroline and Mike had a rewarding first year working for InterVarsity at several colleges in Atlanta. They are expecting twins in February! Gloria and Ed had a fun vacation in Salt Lake City in the summer. They have a cottage in Sandbridge where the whole family vacationed in July. They plan to make that an annual event. They spent Christmas week at Lake Tahoe; again the whole family was together for Christmas Day. They are looking forward to their future trip to Atlanta to see the twins.

**Marcia Phipps Ireland's** Christmas note told that Kris is planning to move to Washington, D.C., to be with some of her U.Va. friends. Kent will attend Rider College in the fall. Gary and Marcia vacationed in the Caribbean in November. They are ready to visit again any time. A scare for **Eleanor Markham Old**



and Arthur this summer. Jim fell asleep at the wheel and totaled his car against a highway abutment. Thank God, he and his friends escaped with minor injuries. Jim received his Naval wings in Pensacola in August. He is stationed in San Diego and studying to be a radar intercept officer. He will finish in June. Arthur and Eleanor took a trip West in May. They saw San Francisco, Reno, Salt Lake City, and the Tetons, Yellowstone, Mt. Ranier, Mt. St. Helens, Crater Lake—whew! They toured a silver mine, played the slot machines, naturally, saw moose, elk, mt. sheep and even ate buffalo. Arthur is still teaching flying and working for Armstrong. Eleanor is still an Amish tour guide and with the Welcome Wagon. Jim and his girlfriend, Beth, who graduates as an architect from VPI in June, were expected to be with them for Christmas.

**Julia Coates Littlefield** wrote that Bess graduated from William & Mary in August with a B.A. in government and is working on Capitol Hill in the office of Rep. John Dingill of Michigan. Scott graduated from Lexington High School in June and is attending VPI and majoring in theatre arts. He has already been involved in several drama productions. He comes home frequently, and Julia says that does make the “empty nest syndrome” not quite so hard to take. Her part-time job for Sigma Nu often seems full time, but she enjoys it and the tours she gives at the Jackson House twice a month. She accompanied Mo to New Orleans for the Grand Chapter meeting. It was delightful!

A much awaited, up-to-date letter arrived from **Sally Warwick Rayburn**. Jim stays very busy at the lab, but they are hoping to take advantage frequently of the townhouse they purchased at Wrightsville Beach. Sally opened a florist shop, which she co-manages with her son, Dickie. The name is “The Courtyard”; business is great; so all of you in the Greensboro area, check it out. Dickie is engaged to Sharon, who graduated from NC State. She is now at Wake Forest at the Physician’s Assistant School and will finish there in August. Steve continues to work at the lab with Jim. Ginny is returning to UNC in January. Sally is a grandma, thanks to Bob and Dottie. Alan will be two in March. Dottie works as a teacher’s aid in a day-care center, and Bob is a flight test engineer with Boeing in Wilmington.

Thanks so much for all the news with your Christmas cards. Just write any time the mood strikes! Keep those vacation postcards coming, too.

## 1961

**Peggy Howard Hodgkins**  
Box H  
Wilton, ME 04292  
**Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**  
1811 Mill Quarter Road  
Powhatan, VA 23139

Spencer Maschino, son of **Kay Butzner Maschino**, received a scholarship from the Greater McLean Republican Women’s Club. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of academic achievement and participation in Republican activities.

## 1963

**Barbara Prall Granger**  
565 Orchard Road  
Southern Pines, NC 28387

**Barbara Booth Green** (Mrs. David W.)  
6317 S. 69th East Place  
Tulsa, OK 74133-1034

**Patsy Branstetter Revere**  
103 Durrington Court  
Richmond, VA 23236

From **Barbara Granger**:

**Connie Waterman Lampert** wrote that she is now employed as an historical tour guide in the Greater Boston area, including Lexington and Concord, and is really enjoying her new job. Her daughter, Amy, began her freshman year at MWC in August. Son Jon graduated from Georgetown and is working in New York City. Son Andrew is attending St. Paul’s School in Concord, N.H. She also let us know that **Marianne Walker Jarrell’s** daughter, Blayne, was married in June.

**Amanda Whichard Cebrowski** is living outside of Milwaukee where husband John is manager of national accounts and government sales for General Electric Medical Systems. Amanda has a sewing business at home and does a fair share of volunteer work at school. They have four daughters: Suzanne, a senior business manager at the University of Wisconsin—Madison; Elizabeth, a freshman in pre-nursing also at UW—M; Caroline, a senior in high school; and Catharine, a high school junior who is currently an AFS student in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

**Karen Vandevanter Chapman** wrote that she has taken the job of development director for a local Catholic high school, Mercy of Middletown, in Connecticut. Previously, she taught history for six years and completed a master’s in administration and supervision. Husband Kurt is a manufacturer’s rep and has had his own business for about three years. Their oldest child will be a junior at Lehigh this fall; their son will be a senior in high school.

The Chapmans have been in touch with **Carol Van Ness Clapp** and Dick, who have recently moved to Washington, D.C., where Dick works with Gannett. They have a daughter, who is a freshman at Gettysburg, and a son, who is a high school junior. Karen has also heard from **Nancy Slonim Aronie** who lives in Hartford, where she and her husband own a plexiglass store. Great news is that Nancy is writing short stories, which are being published. Congratulations, Nancy!

From **Barbara Green**:

I have been so negligent as class agent that I was bound and determined to get our class news rolling again—especially since our 25th reunion will be coming up faster than we would like. The 20th was just super, and I do hope that many of you will start thinking now of May 1988 at MWC.

The bulk of my news comes from **Betsy Lydle Smith**. She and Pete set a goal to go overseas with their two girls, Sarah and Kate, now 13 and 7. When she wrote, Betsy was in the process of updating her Washington state teaching credentials so she would have a skill to use in a developing country. She was still working as an art consultant in the Seattle

area. Last summer she and her family traveled back East and picnicked behind Willard at MWC. Am anxious to learn where the Smiths have ended up and do hope you will keep us posted, Betsy.

Among the classmates Betsy reported on were **Susan Rutan Joehnke**, **Maureen Lyon Johnson** and **Nancy Slonim Aronie**. Susan spent the summer of ’85 studying in England and traveling in Europe. She is presently attending law school in San Diego and will complete her second year this spring. Maureen, husband Ken, and 3-year-old son Christopher live in Belvedere, Calif., near San Francisco. Ken is a lawyer, and Maureen recruits lawyers for a San Francisco law firm. Betsy said that she had heard Nancy two different times on Public Radio’s “All Things Considered.”

Betsy also had a visit last summer from **Judy Wolfe Allen** ’62. Judy’s husband, Jack, is still flying for PSA, and Judy is busy with volunteer work in La Jolla and San Diego. Their daughters are Lisa, 14, and Allison, 10.

Christmas cards brought news of **Rosalie Moyer Schwarz**, who now lives in Fairfax Station, Va. Gene is retired from the USMC, and their son, Andy, is a freshman at U.Va. **Jeanne Chabot Wallis** lives in Fairfax, Va. Wally still flies for Eastern Airlines. Their two older boys, Tom and Bob, are on their own now. David is a high school senior, and Michael is 11.

David and I moved from The Woodlands, Texas, (near Houston) last fall. I had been teaching elementary school in California and Texas but decided to investigate a new career in Tulsa and have now landed a job as a travel agent. So far I am enjoying it. Talked last spring with **Karen Vandevanter Chapman** and learned that **Carol Van Ness Clapp’s** daughter attends Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. **DeeDee Clapp** is the Class of ’89, and my daughter, Tracy, is the Class of ’88 at Gettysburg. My son, Mark, is a freshman at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, so we have a child on each coast.

**Barbara Scherberger Offerman** was in Houston for a convention last fall, so we joined her for dinner one evening. Her son, Stephen, is attending the University of Southern California. Barbara keeps in touch with **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel**, who now lives in The Netherlands.

Do hope that many of you will be inspired to drop me a postcard or letter and give me your news for the next issue. Please make sure you write me soon, so you don’t forget. It will only take a few minutes, and we all need to get back in touch. Remember, reunion in May of ’88!

From **Patsy**:

**Betty Ambler Wambersie**, mother of five, is one of the owners of a temporary agency, Experience, Inc., in Richmond, Va.

## 1965

**Mary Sale Alligood** (Mrs. F.M., Jr.)  
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Midlothian, VA 23113

**Claire G. Cosby**, who attended MWC from 1962-65 and returned in 1969 to graduate with the Class of ’70, has a most successful “sideline” from teaching special education. She has had three books published: *Lord, Help Me Love*



*My Sister* (Herald Press, 1986), *Reflecting the Lord's Radiance* (Broadman Press, 1987), and *Junior High's a Jungle, Lord* (Herald Press, not yet released). The books look at the sibling rivalry between two sisters as expressed through their prayers; a student's adjustment to the traumas of junior high school; and the difficulties of modern women attempting to cope with expectations of family, job and self.

## 1967

Eleanor Grainger Workman  
2407 Kenmore Road  
Richmond, VA 23228

**Jeanne Torrence VanLear** left her position with the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, where she worked with Sen. Roth (R-Del.), in January 1987 to join the lobbying firm of Robert Thompson Associates in the National Press Building in Washington, D.C.

## 1969

Pamela Powell McWhirt  
1002 Highland Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

## 1971

Doris Lee Hancock  
9302 Cason Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23060  
Karen Laino  
10406 Storch Drive  
Seabrook, MD 20706

## 1973

Carter Moffett Welling (Mrs. D.C.)  
13323 Ridge Lane Drive, N.W.  
Silverdale, WA 98383

Hello to everyone from yet another corner of our beautiful country—Washington state! I have moved once again, and my appreciation goes out to all of you who have been able to reach me with class news. My apologies to you for the confusing array of addresses—four in the last five years!

I recently received the happiest of news from several classmates and would be delighted to hear from more of you. Our 15th reunion is fast approaching in '88.

**Deborah Heiman Hughes** was married Feb. 15, 1986, to Charles Albert Hughes III, who works for the U.S. Senate and also develops and renovates houses in Washington, D.C. Sadly, soon after being married, Debbie and Chuck each lost a parent, but they are now living happily in Arlington, Va., in a circa 1916 family home, which Chuck renovated. Debbie's glowing reports of a honeymoon in the Bahamas followed by April in Paris and London left me wistfully remembering where we all hoped to go on our MWC spring breaks! Bridesmaids at Debbie and Chuck's wedding included '73 classmates and friends, **Ruth Siko** and **Susan Regan**. Still more news—Debbie and Chuck are expecting their first child this May, and our congratulations in this column may already be a bit late! Finally, as Debbie seems to have no provisions for sleep, she writes that she continues to teach senior English at Oakton High School in Vienna, Va., while making plans to perhaps teach adult ed., do free-lance editing, or start an import/export

business once the baby arrives. The busy get busier!

More great news from **Allinda "Lindy" VanDerveer Rackiewicz**, who with husband David has a nonstop family and career in Vienna, Va. Lindy and David are expecting a new addition to their bustling family, which includes Nathaniel, Rachel, Mary Martha, Andrew, and Matthew. Lindy's warm and witty letter admitted a glad anticipation of the newly increased standard deduction for dependents! The Rackiewiczzes oversee a home-centered, part-time business, IDA International, in addition to David's work with Naval nuclear plants. They are distributors for many products and services—from gift catalogs to satellite dishes—and we wish them continued success as they begin their second year of network marketing.

**Nancy Baughan**, formerly a high school basketball and track coach, has become a field hockey official. After 10 years of coaching at Stafford High School, Nancy felt the need for a break. Along with her duties as an official, she continues to teach math at the high school.

**Pat Price** was selected Teacher of the Year by the District M Association of Teachers of English, an honor bestowed for unusual skill and enthusiasm in teaching. Pat teaches English to students ranging from sixth graders to high school seniors. Previously, she taught English, French, and vocab. Pat completed her doctoral work at U.Va. after earning master's degrees in English and English education there as well. Prior to returning to Shawsville, where Pat currently teaches, she served as a graduate instructor at the university, taught in the homebound program in Montgomery, Va., and taught at Piedmont Community College.

After graduation from MWC, **Barbara Taylor Moore** earned a master's in music from Baylor University. She attended the 1986 Summer Organ Institute in Zwolle, Holland, and was awarded a certificate in Service Playing by the National American Guild of Organists. She has studied with many world-renowned organists. Living in Charlottesville, Barbara is actively involved in the local chapter of the guild, the Charlottesville Music Teachers Association, and the Wednesday Music Club.

A final note from the great Northwest—Craig and I love our new West Coast home to which our family came as part of the crew of *USS Alexander Hamilton*. Craig became the Hamilton's commanding officer last year and brought the submarine to the Pacific Fleet and her present home at Bremerton, Wash. Days are exciting but hectic as we work to help our family relocate and adjust to our new duty station. Someday I look forward to enough time (and stability!) to pursue studies in interior design, but until then I continue to dream and take great interest in the variety of lives and accomplishments of our '73 classmates. Do write and share a bit of your special lives with all of us.

## 1975

Carol Kerney Peal  
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Conyngham, PA 18219

## 1977

Karen Hertzell Pratt  
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Bangor, ME 04401

## 1979

Leslie Mayer  
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Richmond, VA 23220  
Gayle Weinberger Petrozino  
12245 Thyme Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

From Gayle:

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and, when this comes out, everyone is getting sun. I've been busy taking care of my mom who had major surgery. She is fine and now living in Fla. Obviously, I've been to Fla. a couple of times. I'm still teaching school, and the kids keep me busy.

Back in the fall, I visited **Judy Kemp Allard** in Richmond. She's doing well and has since moved to a beautiful new home, not too far from her other one. Her husband, Randy, is doing well, as is son Christopher. While shopping, we bumped into **Margaret Andrews Piantentini**, who was with son Christopher and husband Gary. They live in Richmond and by now should have had their second child.

Further south, **Lisa Carle Shields** is busy with husband Tom managing credit unions in Danville, Va., and keeping up with son Ryan, who is now one year old.

Speaking of babies, congratulations to **Lisa Bratton Soltis** on the birth of her second child in Feb. She is living in Roanoke with hubby Al and daughter Jennifer, 5. **Nancy Quaintance Nelles** also rejoices on the birth of her second child. Nancy lives in Texas with husband Dave and daughter Kelly. **Mary McWhirt Murphy** and husband Mike and their daughter Katelyn are happy in Mine Run, Va.

Newlyweds **Caroline Carr Newlon** and husband Blaine reside in Fredericksburg, and Caroline teaches at Salem Elementary School in Spotsylvania County. **Sally Hart Morgan** is busy planning in the county government of Emory, Va., where husband John is a professor at Emory and Henry College.

**Karin Hedberg** is busy traveling and being a business woman. **Shelley Roberts** is enjoying her home in Drexel, Pa.

News from **Margaret Watson** is that she is living in Jacksonville, Fla., and working for Reynolds, Smith, and Mills as a transportation planner. She is also engaged to a Navy commander. Congratulations!

Please write me so I can put your information in the next newsletter!

## 1981

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3712 Warren St., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20016

**Yvonne Walbroehl** received a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry last spring from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While at UNC, she served as a teaching assistant in the Department of Chemistry and received the



1983 Graduate Teaching Award for excellence in undergraduate instruction. Her dissertation topic was "Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Capillary Zone Electrophoresis." She has also published three articles on this subject in scholarly journals. Yvonne is employed as a senior research scientist with Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Mich.

## 1983

Estie Corey  
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Centreville, MD 21617

Thanks to all of you who have shared your news. Members of the Class of 1983 have been busy lately with weddings, educational goals, and exciting careers. First, a rundown on class members who have entered matrimonial bliss. **Gail Vermilyea** wed David Joseph Cherochak on June 7, 1986, in Fairfax, Va. **Diane Connelly** married Ron Hunt in December 1984 and is now living in Dahlgren, Va. **Terri Sullivan** wed Jim Edmonson in May 1986, and now they reside in Springfield, Va.

**Martha Webber** married Jed Jaffe in June 1986. Also wed in June were **Lynn Ziernicki** and Bill McKay. **Ann Reamy** and Charles Butts had a September 1986 wedding, as well as **Regina Perry**, who wed Bobby Gunning. The Jaffes now live in Washington, D.C., the McKays in Stanford, Conn., and the Buttses live in South Hill, Va. **Kathy Enfield** married Timothy Jerow in December 1985. Timothy is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, and Kathy is working in the airline industry.

**Mollie Joynes Baker** gave birth to a baby girl in February 1986. Welcome to Mary Elizabeth! The Class of 1983 has been on the move recently into new careers and locations. **Jackie Lane** and **Martha Newcombe** recently moved to Northern Virginia, where they are working for defense contractors. **Ann Marie Clark** is in her second year of study at UNC Chapel Hill. She is completing her M.S. in biostatistics.

**Robin Maurice** is living in Monterey, Calif., and is employed as an account executive with Armanasco Public Relations and Marketing, where she is busy handling accounts for wineries, hotels, and management companies. Also in California is **Karrie Nelson**, who recently moved there from New Orleans. Karrie is living in Irvine and is working for a medical sales firm.

**Nancy Carroll** wed Bruce McDaniel in August 1985. They recently moved to Chestertown, Md., where Nancy is working for River Press. She is training in graphics and looks forward to plenty of travel in her new job.

**Terry Hudachek** has been stationed at NORAD in Colorado Springs for three years. She is a 1st Lt. in the USAF and is currently working as a systems manager for three computer systems. Terry still runs; she is ranked 4th in her division; and she coaches high school track. In addition, Terry runs on the Air Force cross country team.

**Patricia Garnett** wed **John Brooks** '84 on July 12, 1986, in Fredericksburg. They now live in Charlottesville, where Pat is attending the University of Virginia Law School. **Marcia Guida** is working for Health America as a service representative. Marcia plans to marry Dr.

Thomas James III in Norfolk, Va., on May 2, 1987.

**Susan Leavitt** is working in New York for Paine Webber. She is involved with handling foreign accounts. Susan recently heard from **Peter Neal**, who is back in the U.S. after three years in the Peace Corps. Peter is working toward his master's degree in linguistics at Georgetown University.

**Dave Hardin** received his master's degree in geography from the University of Tennessee in August 1985. He is currently at the University of Maryland working on his Ph.D. in geography. Dave's thesis work is on the problems of tobacco cultivation in the colonial Chesapeake area. Dave will receive his Ph.D. in spring 1988.

**Diane Frazier** teaches eighth grade English at her alma mater, Culpeper County Junior High School. After being a substitute teacher, Diane returned to school to receive her certification in English.

I received my master's degree in urban and

regional planning in May 1986 from Virginia Commonwealth University. I am now in Maryland, working as a planner for Harford County. Thank you for sending all of the information for the newsletter. If you send news and don't see it in the next issue, don't worry! Often I receive your letters long after the deadline to get the news in, so keep those cards and letters coming to the above address so that your news can appear in the next issue.

Army Cpl. **Linda M. Lincoln** reported for duty with the 437th Military Police Company at Fort Belvoir, Va. She is a military police specialist.

## 1985

Rusty Berry  
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Kim D. Slayton  
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Midlothian, VA 23113



## In Memoriam

Frances Walker Ashbury '26  
Lewise Overton Cosby '34  
Loretta Folger Duffy '35  
Elizabeth Page Galie '35  
Frances A. Mays '35  
Donald Holden Jaretz '41  
Dorothy Munden Lescure '41  
Susan Matthews Fogle '43  
Margaret Williams Wrenn '43  
Helen Turner Anderson '59

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

## Condolences to:

We extend our condolences to the alumni who have recently lost loved ones.  
Richie McAtee Gallagher '32 who lost her husband.  
Ava Smith '33 who lost her mother.  
Alice Mae Brown Walden '33 who lost her son.  
Betty Griffith Schmidt '35 who lost her husband.  
Audrey Alrich Silver '36 who lost her mother.  
Kathryn Nicholas Winslow '39 who lost her mother.  
Phyllis Bingham McGaha '49 who lost her husband.  
Charlotte Trent Charles '52 who lost her sister.  
Deborah Heiman Hughes '73 who lost her mother.





Other gift ideas available through the Boutique are the Pewter Jefferson Cup, Pewter Kenmore Beaker, Wine Carafe and (4) Glasses, Counted Cross Stitch Kit, and prints of the College by Dr. Atalay. All gifts are available for purchase at the Alumni House or may be shipped with additional shipping charge. Add 4.5% sales tax to price of all items purchased in Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. (703) 899-4648.

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The DVIR program, now in its 16th year, is funded by the Alumni Association.