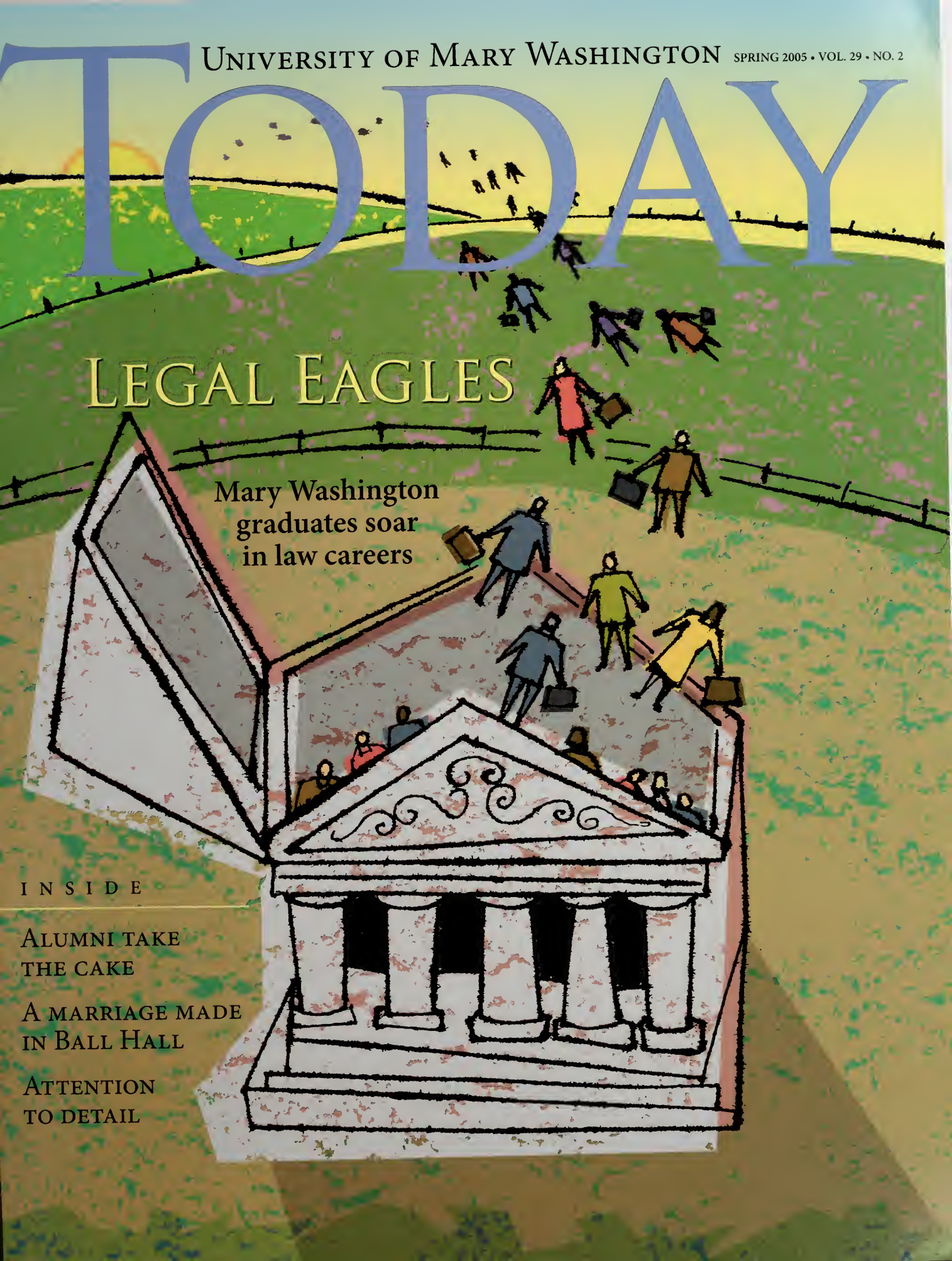


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February 18, 2005

Ms. Mona Albertine, Rector
Members of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to inform you officially that I plan to step down as president of the University of Mary Washington at the end of the 2005-06 academic year.

I confess that it is not altogether easy to contemplate leaving the place that has been so central to my life for so long. After all, by the end of the next academic year, I will have spent 30 years at Mary Washington, including the last 23 as president. Yet I am convinced that, for reasons both personal and professional, this is the proper course to take at this time, for Jane and me, as well as for the University.

From a purely personal standpoint, I have reached the point where the desire to spend more time with my family is a compelling consideration. Our three children, who enjoyed the unmatched privilege of growing up at Brompton, have all finished college and the two girls, Harper and Mason, have begun their families, presenting us just last year with two grandsons. Jane and I have quickly learned the joys of grandparenting, and we look forward to greater opportunities to indulge this new-found pleasure.

From a professional standpoint, there are several considerations. For one thing, in 2006 I will be approaching my 65th birthday – and though I still am constantly energized by the excitement of the institution and its exceptional students – I believe that the achievement of the limitless potential of the University's future demands a leader whose vigor is in no way diminished.

Concurrently, developments at the University make it an appropriate time for change. With the 10-year reaccreditation review now completed, the institution on solid financial footing, and the focus shifting to the upcoming centennial celebration, it seems a propitious moment for new leadership.

I will certainly do everything I can to make the transition as seamless as possible, and will continue to fulfill my responsibilities until the new president assumes office.

In contemplating this coming time of personal and professional changes, I am more keenly aware than ever of the blessings that have been mine as president of this wonderful institution. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, however incompletely and inadequately, the debts that have been accumulated along the way.

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I would like to thank most fundamentally both the Board of Visitors for giving me the opportunity to pursue a dream – the dream of playing a role in Mary Washington's rise to prominence – and all those whose commitment to a shared goal made that dream a reality.

Chief among my debts is that to my wife, Jane, who somehow managed to perform the many and varied duties of first lady – and to do so with inimitable grace and charm – while simultaneously being an exceptional mother to our children. I benefited constantly from her wise counsel and will always be grateful for her understanding and support.

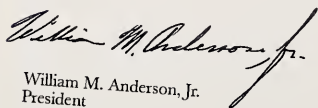
Words are inadequate to express my appreciation to all those elements of the extended University family whose aggregate contributions have made possible the excellence that is Mary Washington today: the dedication and expertise of the faculty; the efficiency and energy of the staff; the intelligence and enthusiasm of the students; and the loyalty and commitment of the alumni.

Then, too, there are those numerous friends and benefactors of the University who through service on various boards and advisory committees have given selflessly of their time and treasure to promote the interests of the institution. To all such friends, I offer my most sincere, albeit still inadequate, thanks.

Finally, though I will be physically absent from its grounds, my interest in the University will continue unabated. I eagerly look forward to observing, with great pride, as the institution in the years ahead soars, as I know it will, to greater heights of excellence.

The welfare of Mary Washington will remain foremost in mind, its beauty forever in my heart.

Sincerely,



William M. Anderson, Jr.
President

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Blue suede and Camelot: Great Lives continues

The Chappell Lecture Series, "Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History," continues at UMW on selected Thursdays from now through April 21. The series, which began with Alexander the Great on Jan. 20, is free and open to the public.

Elvis Presley will be the topic on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Gardner Campbell, associate professor of English, will be the speaker.

On April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom, guest speaker Sally Bedell Smith (below), author of *Grace and Power: The Private World of the Kennedy White House*, draws the series to a close with a lecture on Jack and Jackie Kennedy.

For information on the series, call 540/654-1276 or visit www.umw.edu/greatlives on the Web.

— Lesley Johnson



BOARD RESPONDS TO PRESIDENT ANDERSON'S RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

At its meeting on Feb. 18, the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington accepted Dr. William M. Anderson Jr.'s statement of his intention to retire at the conclusion of the 2005-06 academic year. His letter, accepted by the board "with decidedly conflicting emotions," is reprinted on the inside front cover of the magazine.

In issuing an official response to the letter, Rector **Mona Albertine '71** said Anderson's departure "after two decades of exceptional leadership, will create, on both personal and professional levels, a void that will not be easily filled."

Committed to finding a president who will "ensure the institution's continuing progress," the board will conduct a nationwide search, Albertine said. A committee of the Board was formed to select an appropriate firm to assist in the overall search procedure.

After that, a search committee will be formed to solicit input from the broad University community — faculty, students, alumni, administrators and area residents.

Albertine added, "Clearly, by any measure, Bill Anderson will leave the University a substantially

better place than when he assumed its presidency in 1983. The specific accomplishments of his tenure are truly extraordinary, ranging across all facets of the institution: enhancement of the academic programs through faculty development and innovative curricular changes; extensive improvement of physical facilities; ever-increasing quality of the student body through larger applicant pools and greater selectivity; and vastly augmented endowment funds.

"In addition, Dr. Anderson has directed two initiatives that portend even greater success in the future: creation of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and the move to university status."

Albertine went on to say, "Dr. Anderson's accomplishments appear the more remarkable for having been achieved, in part, during significant economic downturns at the state level and during times of great personal challenge, as he overcame serious illness that would have daunted, if not defeated, someone less committed and less courageous.

"Yet through his perseverance," Albertine concluded, "the institution has risen to a level of unprecedented prominence — a testament to the energy he invested and the vision he projected."

For more information, go to umw.edu/presidential search.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I just received the latest issue of *TODAY* and I immediately saw the differences in the publication. In the past I found the articles to be dry and uninteresting. I usually skimmed quickly through the magazine until I got to the Class Notes section in the back, then discarded it. With each issue I found less and less to interest me.

I was pleasantly surprised at the new format. I found nearly every article interesting, and the layout made such a difference! I particularly enjoyed the cover article, "First Class," having recently gone through the college admissions process with one son while preparing to do it again soon with my youngest. It gave me a good feel for the type of students who are enrolling at UMW today.

The article about Dr. Atalay was fascinating, especially so because he was one of my professors back in the '70s. I will show it to my son who is equally gifted in science and art — perhaps he will be inspired to further explore the interrelationships of those disciplines.

TODAY has a much brighter, lighter feel about it now. Thank you for making me look forward to each issue again.

— Susan Brennan Rivas '72

Let us hear from you!

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To the editor:

I just received the latest edition of *TODAY* and wanted to make it a point to tell you it looks great. The new style and fresh design are such an improvement. I work in the communications field, most recently at a graphic design firm, and for years thought the magazine needed a rehaul. The new *TODAY* finally reflects what we really are — a top-notch university!

Thanks so much for the change and good luck in the future. You are off to a fabulous start!

— Angela Wentink '96





Lou Cardero

POLITICAL POWER PLAY

Gwen Ifill and Mark Shields are all business on public television's *NewsHour With Jim Lehrer*, but the journalists showed their lighter side during an appearance at the University of Mary Washington's Fredericksburg Forum last fall. The colleagues traveled from Washington, D.C., to discuss the 2004 presidential election, respond to audience questions and relax in a living room-like setting on the stage of Dodd Auditorium.

Ifill, senior correspondent for *The NewsHour* and managing editor of *Washington Week*, spoke about the varied responses she received regarding election coverage, including letters from both irate and satisfied viewers. Ifill moderated the vice presidential debate between Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards, and an audience member asked her who won the match.

"I did," she replied. "I say that because Queen Latifah played me on *Saturday Night Live*, and after that, you can only go downhill."

For his part, Shields drew upon his longtime and multi-faceted experience in politics, including campaign staffer, moderator of CNN's *The Capital Gang*, syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post* and author of *On the Campaign Trail*, a book about the 1984 presidential election. Sprinkling his commentary with witty remarks, Shields kept the crowd laughing.

Audience members, in turn, had a chance to submit questions. Shields and Ifill kept up their lively banter as they answered questions on topics ranging from morality to the Electoral College, with a few queries about the 2008 presidential election thrown in.

Because *The NewsHour* brims with confrontation, a question arose about civility on the show. Shields explained that "the audience has a level of intelligence," and the political commentators on the show just present arguments.

Ifill agreed, quoting her mantra for the show: "People are smart enough to know what's going on."

— Amy K. Jessee '06

GETTING A READ ON THE WORLD OF POLITICS

On a wintry Sunday afternoon, a dozen Mary Washington alumni made the trek to a Springfield, Va., home. They were getting together for intellectual sustenance – the kind they remember from their undergraduate days.

For more than a year, the former UMW political science and international affairs students have met periodically to discuss books in their field. Political Science Professor Jason Davidson conceived the idea after talking to recent graduates who were concerned that they would experience academic withdrawal pains.

"I wanted them to have a way to retain the best part of their undergraduate years," Davidson said.

After leaving Mary Washington for the work world, **Jessica Wells '03**, welcomed the mental exercise of the book club. "The transition from full-time student to full-time employee is difficult, especially when you realize that you no longer have a ready outlet for discussion and debate."

Members like **Katie Godburn '03** find that the meetings also are a place to socialize with other graduates. "It gives me a chance to stretch my brain and catch up with old – and new – friends," she said.

The alumni have read a variety of short, current books, all chosen by member vote. The most recent was *The Outlaw Sea: A World of Freedom, Chaos, and Crime* by William Langewiesche. One of the more engaging meetings focused on *Naked in Baghdad* by NPR reporter Anne Garrels, an account of her 2003 coverage of the Iraq war.

Participants come from all political persuasions, so some exchanges are heated – none more so than the discussion surrounding the neoconservative *An End to Evil* by David Frum and Richard Perle.

But that is just what appeals to members like **Lindsay Moorhead '03**. "The book club gives me an opportunity to see old classmates and get back into the kinds of arguments and lively discussions we used to have at school."

To join the more than 70 alumni on the group's e-mail list, contact Davidson at jdavidso@umw.edu. On April 24, the group will discuss Christoph Reuter's *My Life Is a Weapon: A Modern History of Suicide Bombing*.





Professor praised for poetry

The Library of Congress awarded the Witter Bynner Fellowship to Claudia Emerson, UMW associate professor of English. The \$10,000 fellowship supports the writing of poetry.

The Library of Congress, in conjunction with the Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, chose only two poets for this honor. As part of the award, Emerson traveled to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to read her poetry, and she will organize a local poetry event.

Emerson's collection of poetry includes *Pharaoh*, *Pharaoh and Pinion*, *An Elegy*. Her poems appeared in *Poetry*, *The Southern Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *TriQuarterly*, *Crazyhorse*, *The Louisville Review*, *New England Review* and other journals. She also served as a contributing and advisory editor for *Shenandoah* and a guest editor for *Visions International*.

In addition to the Witter Bynner Fellowship, Emerson's awards include two Virginia Commissions for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowships and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, both in poetry. She also received nominations for the Pulitzer Prize for *Pharaoh*, *Pharaoh* and the Pushcart Prize for three of her poems. At the 2003 commencement, Emerson accepted the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Faculty Member award.

— Lesley Johnson

THE BETTER TO SEE WITH

Through a research grant and an anonymous donation, University of Mary Washington students and faculty soon will have access to two powerful microscopes that usually are available only to graduate students at research institutions.

An alumnus gave funds to secure a transmission electron microscope (TEM) after learning that the National Science Foundation granted a group of UMW science faculty the ability to purchase a Hitachi variable-pressure scanning electron microscope (SEM).

Conventional microscopes, like the ones currently used at Mary Washington, use light to magnify objects up to 1,000 times their real size. TEM and SEM use electrons to magnify up to 300,000 times.

The SEM allows a large region to stay in focus so the viewer can study such minuscule objects as the shapes of cell parts, microfossils and minerals. This is because the SEM has the largest depth field of any type of microscope.

The SEM also can detect the presence of most naturally occurring elements. That allows users to obtain certain types of chemical analyses of such samples as minerals, coins and paint chips.

The TEM provides higher magnification still. Unlike the SEM, it takes slices of samples so users may study internal structures.

"Both microscopes are cutting edge," said Jodie Hayob, associate professor of environmental science and geology and co-investigator of the grant for the SEM. "They are as good as microscopes in any major research institution."

Kathryn Loesser-Casey, associate professor of biology and another co-investigator of the grant, agreed. "The addition of the TEM allows us to do things we couldn't do with the SEM alone, and the combination of the two is unusual for a small undergraduate institution."

Use is not limited to faculty members and research assistants, Hayob said. Both microscopes will be in the Jepson Science Center, and students will have access to them.

The University's 10-week Summer Research Program will make use of the SEM, which arrived this spring. Hayob and Loesser-Casey expect students and professors from many disciplines – biology, geology, chemistry, physics, historic preservation, classics and art history – will come to Jepson to use the instruments.

"We are planning to design a course that students can take to learn how to use the electron microscope because familiarity with it can make students in an array of disciplines more marketable as they look for jobs or continue their education," Loesser-Casey said.

Loesser-Casey hopes getting the TEM will result in more funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health. Also, she said, the new microscopes should enhance the ability of faculty to get outside funding.

"They are really opening a lot of doors for us in a lot of ways," Loesser-Casey added.

— Benjamin Dombroski '06



These Hitachi S 3400N SEM images of a diatom, a one-celled algae capable of photosynthesis, show the microscope's ability to capture fine detail. Unlike those taken by a traditional light microscope, the top image (magnified 120 times) shows the diatom and the topography of the surface around it. The bottom image (magnified 1,200 times) reveals not only the details of the diatom's silicon shell, but also the three-dimensional nature of its structure.

PANTING FOR CHOCOLATE

If you want to bring people into a museum, what better to lure them with than chocolate?

Carol Ward '03 thought just that when she conceived "Theobroma Cacao (Food of the Gods): Depictions of Cacao and Chocolate from the Collection of Jack J. Ward" for a UMW museum studies class assignment in 2001. The idea so impressed her professor that it led to a show now at University of Mary Washington Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

"Everyone loves chocolate, but no one knows the history behind it," Ward said. "If they see the exhibit is about chocolate, then they'll come in, and they just might learn something."

The daughter of a chocolate importer, Carol Ward grew up in New York City with the objects her father, Jack J. Ward, had amassed over his career. From 1977 to 1993, Ward was CEO and president of Barretto Cocoa Products, which imported *theobroma cacao* – translation "food of the gods" – the plant from which chocolate is made.

On business trips to Brazil and England, Ward and his wife, Marion, collected antique botanical prints, books and art featuring cacao. Ward also commissioned works both as gifts for associates in the chocolate industry and for his family.

The Ward collection includes such items as lithographs from the 1700s; intricate enameled boxes depicting the history of cacao production; Cadbury ads from the *Illustrated London News* dating to the 19th century; and even a Swiss book printed in 1699 illustrating how the Mayans cultivated and bartered with cacao.

While she is eager to see all the works together in one display, Carol Ward has her favorites. One is an 1850 German lithograph from the painting "La Belle Chocolatiere," featuring a woman serving chocolate. The image became the logo of the Baker's Chocolate Co. and still adorns its products.

The other is glass by artist Gary Genetti, whose work is in the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery.

Ward knew from early in high school that she wanted to study art history. She fell in love with Mary Washington the first time she visited, in part because Ridderhof Martin is "a really nice art gallery that has great exhibitions," she said.

Tom Somma, University galleries director and Ward's instructor, requires all museum studies students to do an exhibition feasibility study. While other students "chose crazy stuff that just never would happen," Ward said, "I wanted to pick something that would work in that gallery."

As soon as Somma saw the concept, he knew she had succeeded.

The alumna's show will remain on display through Reunion Weekend, June 3-5. It also will be a stop on the day-long "Chocolate Extravaganza" fund-raiser, April 9, sponsored by the Fredericksburg SPCA.

To coordinate with the SPCA theme, canine paintings by Nancy Soyer will hang in another room of the gallery. The New York artist paints animal portraits using strong colors and patterns.

"They are of pets," Somma said. "But they are very dynamic, very bold, very beautiful. What is really special about them is the way she captures the pet's personality."

Nancy Soyer's work has been featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine* and *The New York Times*. She is the granddaughter of depression-era Russian American artist Moses Soyer, a social realist painter who depicted the social troubles of the urban lower class.

– Neva S. Trenis



Nancy Soyer's pet paintings are on display in Ridderhof Martin.





GIANT LEAP FOR PEACE

Mary Washington graduates traditionally have gravitated in large numbers toward the Peace Corps. This year, though, the University of Mary Washington took the biggest leap of all schools, moving up 13 spots to



Peace Corps

23 UMW alumni serve as volunteers. That's just two fewer than the University of California at San Diego, which is in the large school category; and the same number sent by Duke University, a medium school. Over the years, 135 Mary Washington alumni have served in the Peace Corps.

"The diversity of alumni serving as volunteers – coming from all backgrounds and regions of the country – has helped the Peace Corps represent the true face of America," said Director Gaddi H. Vasquez.

No. 7 on the small schools list.

The size of the student body determines the ranking of each school. Small schools are those with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. Currently,

"We are pleased that so many graduates have taken the journey to make the world a better place for all of us to share."

With 39 alumni currently serving as volunteers, the University of Chicago tops the small school list. Special recognition goes to the 1,500-student Grinnell College which has the best per capita volunteer rate with 23 alumni currently serving.

The University of California at Berkeley continues to be No. 1 among the all-time top producing schools. It is the only school to have generated more than 3,000 volunteers since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961.

Over the past 43 years, the majority of volunteers have been college graduates, even though a degree is not required. Currently, 97 percent of volunteers have at least an undergraduate degree, with 13 percent of those also having a graduate-level degree.

– Lesley Johnson

Colleague concentrates on collaboration

Suzanne C. de Janasz joined the faculty at Mary Washington's College of Graduate and Professional Studies last year, bringing with her a wealth of experience in team-building, mentoring and interaction with others. In fact, she has written the book on such subjects.

McGraw-Hill/Irwin recently published the second edition of *Interpersonal Skills in Organizations*, the text she co-authored. The book sprang from a James Madison University course on interpersonal skills created in large part by de Janasz (pronounced dee-yanish). Still required of undergraduate business students at JMU, the course was spurred by executives' concern about technically proficient students being ill-prepared to work in teams or one-on-one. Unable to find a suitable text, de Janasz teamed up with two colleagues to fill the void.

"You can hire an MBA who can read a balance sheet or do a valuation analysis. But great minds aren't necessarily able to work together, negotiate changes or be sensitive to subordinate needs," said de Janasz, associate professor of leadership and management.

The 394-page text explores many levels of interpersonal skills, including negotiation, conflict management, coaching and leadership. "Interpersonal skills and leadership have incredible value in your life," de Janasz said, "to your family, to friends and at work."

More than the standard text, *Interpersonal Skills in Organization* boasts dozens of exercises such as



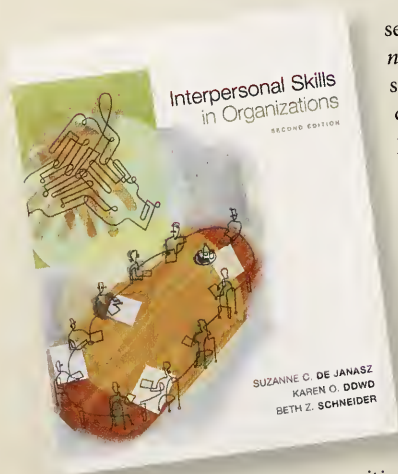
role plays. The book draws from de Janasz's varied research and employment experiences. During a stint at Hughes Aircraft Co., she diagnosed organizational problems and worked with corporate executives to make the company more

customer-oriented and more satisfying for employees.

Also, a great deal of her research has focused on mentoring and its benefits for organizations and careers, even in academia. "Mentoring," she said, "is one way to help individuals become more successful in their professional and personal lives."

De Janasz, once an aspiring opera singer, became interested in a business career after taking a college course in organizational behavior. One reason she joined the College of Graduate and Professional Studies is her preference for teaching professionals, who can relate to on-the-job dilemmas. "They're generally older than traditional students, they're working, have families and they want to be here," de Janasz said.

– Christine Neuberger



LEADING AND LEARNING

To get ahead, you've got to know when to stand back and learn. That is the philosophy practiced by Danielle Steele, a University of Mary Washington senior.

"I try to be a good leader, but I also try to follow as much as I lead," Steele said.

Last fall, the business administration major received both the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award of a \$13,000 scholarship and the University's first Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership, this year totaling \$500.

Since 1987, the Hinz award has been given to a student who demonstrates high academic achievement, citizenship, athletic excellence and personal commitment to physical fitness. The Diversity Leadership award is new this year, and it will be given annually to a senior who possesses characteristics of leadership and personal commitment to advocating an appreciation of diversity on campus.

In her four years at Mary Washington, Steele has made a name for herself in campus organizations such as the Pre-Law Society, the Black Student Association and Women of Color. She is senior class president, an inductee into Mortar Board and Sigma Beta Delta honor societies and she has been on the Dean's List. Steele's off-campus work includes research intern for the Social Services Department Division of Child Support Enforcement and Habitat for Humanity volunteer during spring break in Florida.

Steele cites her experience at the James Farmer Multicultural Center – first as a volunteer and then as a student aide – as some of her most rewarding at

UMW. Center Director Ameeta Vashee Rajagopal quickly learned that Steele was up to the responsibility of managing important tasks for the Center despite her multitude of other commitments.

Last year, as president of the class council, Steele orchestrated Junior Ring Week and managed many programs for the Center's annual Multicultural Fair, which attracts 3,000 to 4,000 people to campus each spring. Though the two events were just a week apart, both came off without a hitch, Rajagopal said. What was especially striking to Rajagopal was that Steele not only kept her cool, but she also maintained her stellar academic performance.

"I marvel at how she keeps her high grade-point average as well as doing everything else," Rajagopal said. "She knows her priorities, she knows how to manage her time, and she is always ahead of the game."

Rajagopal and other staffers at the Multicultural Center will miss Steele's professionalism and her easygoing personality, she said. And Steele named many things she will miss about Mary Washington, including the Center and the annual fair. But she won't be idle: She plans to work for a year or two to help her decide between business school and law school.

– Neva S. Trenis



Neva Trenis



Paul Schuster

Student phonathon callers surpassed their goal by raising more than \$675,000 in pledges for the 2004-05 Fund for Mary Washington campaign.



Paul Schuster

Guests enjoyed an illuminating evening at the October President's Council Dinner and Grand Opening Celebration of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Get tagged, boost learning

In celebration of its new status, the University of Mary Washington has new license tags. The plates – available to all licensed drivers in the state of Virginia – feature the school's new name and a streamlined eagle logo. After an initial sales quota has been met, \$15 from every plate goes toward a scholarship fund maintained by the University.

For more information, contact the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.



FOR GRANTED

A periodic update on activities of the University of Mary Washington's Office of Foundation and Government Grants, which opened in May 2004 to encourage and support the creative, scholarly and professional pursuits of faculty and staff.

NEW PROPOSALS

Keith Mellinger, mathematics, is seeking funding from the National Security Agency for "Theory and Application of Incidence Structures Arising from Finite Geometries."

Dan Preston, author of *The Papers of James Monroe*, filed a proposal to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to fund the completion of the eight-volume series.

Susan Matts, physics, partnered with the University of Virginia to file "NIRT: Compositionally Challenged Alloys – Synthesis, Structures, Fundamental Studies and Applications."

Marie P. Sheckels, mathematics, worked with the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition's Mathematics and Science Partnership to file "Preparing Highly Qualified Middle School Mathematics Teachers Across Virginia."

Kathryn Loesser-Casey, biology, partnered with Virginia Commonwealth University to file "Novel Mechanisms of Vertebrate Sound Production" to the National Science Foundation.

Author Susan Rountree showed guests how to create eye-catching centerpieces using natural greenery and fruit during a presentation for the President's Book Club in November.



Donna Raab

CURRENT GRANTS

Kathryn Loesser-Casey, biology; Jodie Hayob, environmental science and geology; Susan Matts, physics; Deborah O'Dell, biology; and Neil Tibert, environmental science and geology, with the help of Leanna Giancarlo, chemistry, and Stephen Gallick, biology, won a \$247,241 grant from the National Science Foundation for the purchase of a variable-pressure scanning electron microscope.

Joanna Catron, curator of Belmont, won a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a preservation management plan for original furnishings.

Debra Hydorn, mathematics, won a grant from the Mathematics Association of America for \$1,500 to host an undergraduate mathematics conference.

The Simpson Library won a \$500 grant from the William M. Cage Library Trust.

Bradley Hanson, economics, won a \$10,000 grant from The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc. to create a new course titled "Econ 324: Economics of Philanthropy and the Non-Profit Sector."

Grant Woodwell, environmental science and geology, won a \$10,000 grant from the Lake Anna Civic Association to create a geographic information system database relevant to the Lake Anna watershed.

– Sarah Holt Pierson,
Director Foundation and Government Grants



LEE'S SUCCESS IS A SLAM-DUNK

Guard helps put Mary Washington on the map

By Clint Often

Off court, **Mike Lee** hardly stands out. At six foot-one, he doesn't tower above other basketball players, and his slight build might lead one to think he could get pushed around during a game.

But wait till the buzzer sounds, and the University of Mary Washington guard hits the floor.

Lee, a sophomore from Hayfield High School in Northern Virginia, has quickly emerged as one of the best players in all of NCAA Division III basketball, and he has the numbers to back him up: UMW single-game record of 40 points; school record for most three-pointers in a game, as well as in a season.

Those numbers barely scratch the surface for Lee, who won the Capital Athletic Conference's Rookie of the Year award last season. And that was when he started just two games.

Now a regular starter, Lee has had to assume most of the scoring burden

this season since **Erik Rodriguez '04** graduated and **Jon Hurd '06** suffered an Achilles injury. But Lee downplayed his scoring role, saying everyone contributes. "We're a team," he said.



Playing alongside high school backcourt mate **A.J. Fitzgerald '07**, the precocious Lee is the odds-on favorite for CAC Player of the Year and All-America honors. He ranks in the top five in the nation in three-point baskets, and, at an average of more than 22 points per game, is in the top 20 nationally in scoring.

"The growth Mike has shown from his freshman year to this year has been great to witness," said UMW head coach Rod Wood. "As great as Mike is, he's just starting to understand the game. ...on the floor, he thinks like a coach."

Wood added, "If he continues to work and improve, not only could he be the best player ever here, but he could also be the first to have a chance to play at the professional level overseas."

This season, Lee has led a young UMW squad to a surprising start. The team will end up with its third consecutive winning season for the first time in the 36-year history of men's basketball at the school.

"My goal coming here was not to be Rookie of the Year or to break any records," said Lee, who was recruited by several Division I schools. "I wanted to help put Mary Washington on the map."

The target of every opponent's defensive game plan, Lee can either light up the scoreboard or set his teammates up for easy baskets. In a January victory over CAC foe Goucher College, in which the Gopher defense keyed on stopping him, Lee scored 18 points and dished out a career-high nine assists to go with 10 rebounds.

The very next game, Lee had perhaps his best performance, scoring 37 points, the most ever by a Mary Washington player in Goolrick Gymnasium, in a 79-78 Eagles victory over top-ranked York College.

One of the most recognized and popular athletes on campus, Lee shows up frequently at other home athletic events, accompanied usually by Fitzgerald, who has teamed with Lee since both were 5 years old. "The whole environment here is awesome," said Lee. "In the classroom, on the basketball court... Everyone is willing to help and make our experience the best."

Clint Often is UMW's sports information director.

Foeman is foremost in baseball

Clint Often



University of Mary Washington junior Kevin Foeman has been named as a preseason All-American by *Baseball America*, as well as the #3 prospect in all of NCAA Division III. That honor is the first of its kind for the highly successful program at UMW.

The right-handed pitcher will probably lead the Eagles in 2005 after an All-America season last spring, in which he finished the year with a 12-2 record and 2.72 ERA with 145 strikeouts and 36 walks in 116 innings of work.

The 2004 Co-South Region Pitcher of the Year, Foeman struck out a school-record 17 batters in UMW's 7-5 win at No. 1-ranked Johns Hopkins University.

- Clint Often

LEGAL



Mary Washington Graduates Soar in Law Careers

By Rob Walker

Less than a year after being sworn in by the State Bar of Virginia, **Stephen Charnoff '99** found himself on high legal ground for a 26-year-old attorney: He was arguing a petition before a panel of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Brother **Mikhael Charnoff '95** was proud. After all, when the partners at Carter & Coleman hired Steve they knew what they were looking for – someone like Mike.

Mike Charnoff had done so well with the Alexandria, Va., firm that they made him a partner just five years after he finished law school.

The Charnoffs focus primarily on defense work. Both are regulars in the courtroom, often taking the lead in complex cases that require a level of skill and confidence rarely seen in attorneys so young.

EAGLES

Both say their Mary Washington years – the extraordinary teachers, the broad liberal arts curriculum, and the multiple leadership opportunities – have been essential to building their career foundations.

“There’s no question the experiences I had at Mary Washington helped me enormously,” Steve said in a recent interview.

“Being at a school that focuses on teaching was clearly an advantage,” Mike added. “You learned to take fact patterns and identify the moving parts, and to apply what you’ve learned to a problem. That’s basically what you do in practicing law.”

Of the approximately 1,000 students who graduate from Mary Washington each year, about 100 express an interest in law, said R. Leigh Frackelton Jr., professor of business administration and a practicing attorney. As the faculty career adviser for students interested in law, Frackelton tracks the legally-bound graduates. While most go directly to law school, he said, others pursue different paths and end up going to law school several years – sometimes even decades – later.

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— Mikhael Charnoff ’95

Frackelton described Mary Washington students as “blessed” to be at an institution where, because of its liberal arts base, any major is good preparation for law school. The University does not offer a pre-law major per se, but there is a concentration through the Department of Philosophy.

“The sort of education Mary Washington offers is useful to any person in any field, but it’s particularly important to someone in the law,”

said William B. Crawley Jr., professor of history and American studies and mentor to Mary Washington students since 1970. The curriculum encourages students to think critically and creatively, to conduct research, and to write and speak effectively – all “things fundamental to a career in law,” said Crawley, who has kept up with many former students who have entered the legal profession.

There is a large body of evidence that Mary Washington provides good grounding for a career in law, the Charnoffs testified. Exhibit No. 1 is their success and the success of several thousand others who have proceeded from Mary Washington to rewarding lives in the legal profession. Among them are attorneys working in homeland security and historic preservation, judges and juvenile law experts, lobbyists and public defenders.

IN DEFENSE OF CRIME

Nellie L. King’s career would be fertile ground for a novelist like John Grisham or Elmore Leonard. She handles criminal defense work in West Palm Beach, Fla., and her caseload tends toward homicides, sexual predators and defense of “little guys” the system can trample.

“Crime is good in South Florida,” said King ’92. “I can pick the cases I want.”

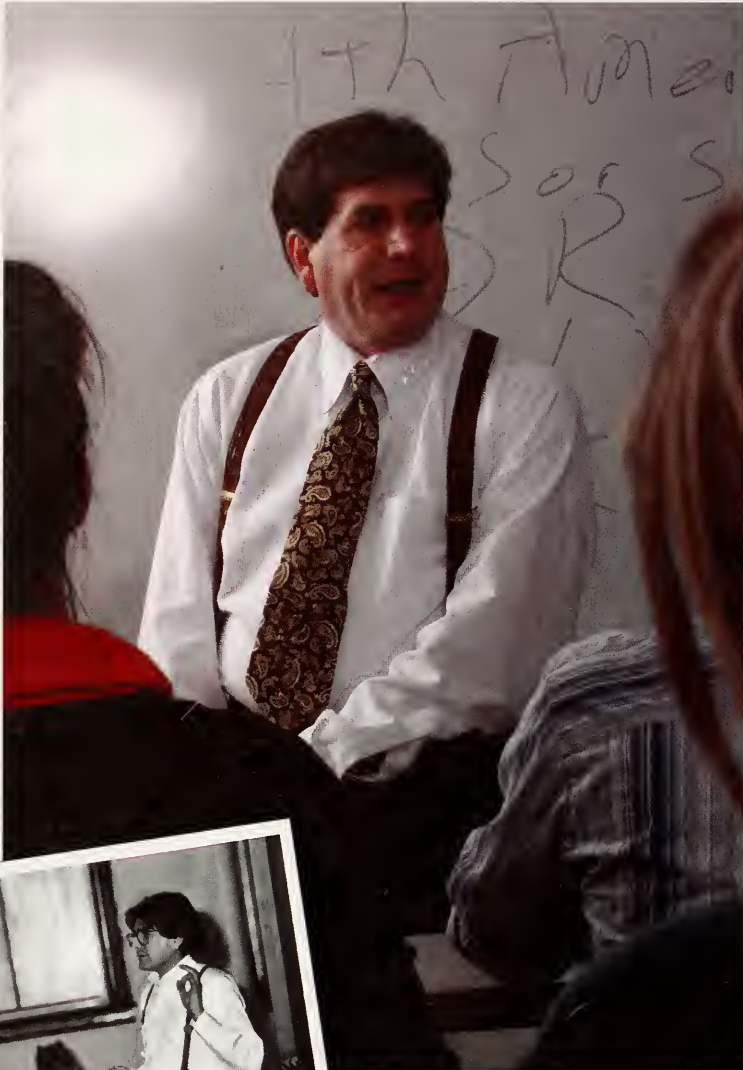
A Virginia native, King went to Florida for law school. She worked as a public defender, a job she loved but couldn’t afford to keep. “If the state paid better, I’d have stayed in it. I still do a lot of indigent defense.”

King is past president of the Palm Beach Criminal Defense Lawyers Association as well as former president of the Honor Council at Mary Washington – and there is a connection. On Honor Council, she said, “we had trials. There was a lawyer who advised us on things like due process. I saw how things worked. That got me interested.”

King has fought courtroom battles over search and seizure, free expression and sentencing guidelines. She successfully led a statewide fight to ensure



Nellie L. King



Professor Mello – in 1988 and now. The older photo is part of a collection of Mello's papers donated to the UMW Special Collections division of Simpson Library.

"Mary Washington professors set the bar high. It was as if they knew what I'd need to know 15 years before I was even sure where I was going."

— Michael A. Mello '79

Miranda rights for deaf suspects.

As busy as she is – on top of her professional responsibilities, King is a new mom – she makes it a point to promote her alma mater (and to visit the campus whenever she has a chance).

"I try to sell Mary Washington daily," said King, who remains in close contact with President William Anderson Jr. The school's broad curriculum "definitely gave me an advantage," King added, as did the professors and administrators. She said Mary Washington ingrained in her the importance of careful research and critical thinking. "I had to learn something about how the world operates."

FROM THE COURTROOM TO THE CLASSROOM

Over his career, **Michael A. Mello '79** may have kept a low profile as he practiced law and published books. But his clients have done anything but. Mello counts among his clients serial killer Ted Bundy and Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

"The scariest thing I ever had to do," Mello said, involved "Crazy Joe" Spaziano, a client who was on his way to execution even though Mello knew he was innocent. Recalling a paper he wrote in college on civil disobedience, Mello challenged the Florida Supreme Court. "They could have held me in contempt or disbarred me," he said. Instead, they listened; Spaziano's conviction was set aside. Mello's book on the case, *The Wrong Man: A True Story of Innocence on Death Row*, is being made into a TV movie by TNT.

Mello, who now teaches law at Vermont Law School, has made a name for himself digging into such controversial issues as the execution of juveniles. He thanks professors like Crawley and History Professor Emeritus Otho C. Campbell for "sparking a lifelong passion" for history and for civil and human rights.

"What I learned at Mary Washington is directly relevant to what I have done in my career," Mello said. "Professors set the bar high. It was as if they knew what I'd need to know 15 years before I was even sure where I was going."

JUDICIAL TRAILBLAZER

Aileen Hirschman Belford '53 came to Mary Washington from New York shortly after World War II. "I wasn't sure where I was going, but I was in a hurry to get there," said Belford. She finished college in three years, then went straight to law school at Fordham University.

Belford's mother was a lawyer, so she had grown up around professional women. No one at Mary Washington discouraged her ambition.

"They were most accommodating," she said. "Edward Alvey was dean at the time, and he supported me in everything, even though it was unusual."

Belford finished law school and married a lawyer. They settled in Massachusetts and practiced together for 32 years. During the 1960s, she served as assistant state attorney general to Edward Brooke, who would go on to the U.S. Senate, and to Elliott Richardson, who would become U.S. attorney general.

In 1992, the governor appointed Belford to the bench. Later, she was named chief judge for the Fall River District Court.

"They have a mandatory retirement at age 70, so I reluctantly retired," she said.

Now she has the "perfect job," she said, teaching

three days a week at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. "The students are much different than when I was in college." Her husband still practices law.

In what she describes as "one of the great honors of my life," Mary Washington recognized Belford in the 1960s as a distinguished alumna.

DRAWING ON LAW

Kenneth J. Lopez '92 has followed the fast track to the courtroom – not by practicing law, but by designing computer graphics. Lopez is the founder and CEO of Animators at Law, the nation's leading attorney-owned and operated producer of trial exhibits, jury research and animation.

After finishing law school, Lopez turned down traditional lawyer jobs. He combined his knack for computer graphics – a hobby he developed at Mary Washington – with his legal training. That undergraduate hobby is now a burgeoning business that employs 35 people and has offices in three cities. Animators at Law works with the world's largest law firms in developing electronic presentations that help them make – and win – their cases.

Lopez, 36, said he knew right away he wasn't interested in pursuing the plodding path to partnership at a law firm. "I was interested in working on cases that made front-page news," Lopez said. "When you're graduating with 20,000 other lawyers

across the country, why not find a way to distinguish yourself?"

That he has. In addition to winning awards and garnering national attention, Animators at Law has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today* and on the BBC.

SETTING A HIGH BAR

Pamela J. White '74 also has been on a fast track. Past president of the Maryland State Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, White credits the honor code at Mary Washington as the cornerstone of her success. "My commitment 30 years ago to the Honor Code at Mary Washington College and at Washington and Lee University School of Law was perhaps the single most important part of my education," White said. "In my life and in my law practice today, honor is unequivocal. A good lawyer's reputation for trustworthiness must be one of unquestioned integrity."

As head of the employment law group at the Baltimore firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver, White is nationally recognized as a leader in legal ethics and professionalism. She has won not only court cases, but numerous awards, including one of Maryland's Top 100 Women, Mary Washington's Distinguished Alumna award and a certificate of appreciation for outstanding pro bono work. She also has served on the board at W&L.



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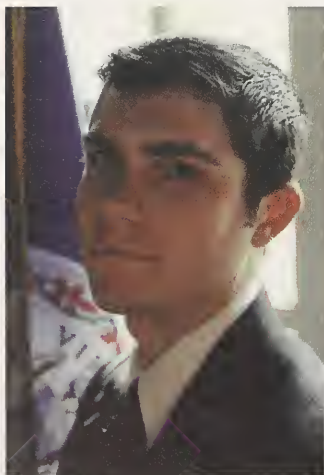
– Pamela J. White '74



Kenneth J. Lopez

"[At Mary Washington], we were required to take courses that developed well-rounded students. Writing and speaking skills were critical. You had to be articulate and concise. You learned to participate, and you were comfortable around professors. All of that is right for law school."

— Andrew Painter '02



MIXING POLITICS AND LAW

Though he wanted to go to law school from the time he was in high school, **Daniel Steen '84** doesn't practice law today. Instead, Steen is on the road 47 weeks a year working on "tremendously interesting public policy issues" on behalf of the world's largest glass and packaging company, Owens-Illinois.

After law school at the University of Virginia, and a few years in the office of Virginia's attorney general, Steen took a position with a Washington, D.C., firm (whose hiring director was a former Mary Washington classmate). There, he worked in products liability litigation. Owens-Illinois was a client; the rest is history.

In 1999, Steen jumped to Owens, and today he is director of government affairs. "There's a lot of regulation around our industry, so my job is a good combination of politics and the law."

Steen, who was student body president at Mary Washington, works at the federal, state and local levels to encourage best practices in glass recycling. He is involved in tax issues, and he works on legislation related to asbestos concerns.

He credits Mary Washington with nurturing his interest in digging deeply into serious issues. "Working with professors like Lew Fickett, Joe Vance and Bill Crawley was really energizing. They made you feel like you were capable of doing important work. And give credit to Bill Anderson for encouraging us to take on leadership opportunities."

All in all, Steen said, "It was a terrific education."

"The sort of education Mary Washington offers is useful to any person in any field, but it's particularly important to someone in the law."

— William B. Crawley Jr.

OFFICIAL RULINGS

Stephanie L. Hamlett '81, plays a prominent behind-the-scenes role in the office of the attorney general of Virginia. As special counsel, she oversees the opinions section, which advises state agencies and members of the General Assembly on questions of law.

"These are cases where ... the law is unclear," Hamlett said. "So we deal with all sorts of issues that probably haven't come up before. It's fascinating."

Hamlett, a political appointee, had prior experience in public sector law, working with the Virginia Division of Legislative Services and with state finance and appropriations committees. With that background, she also has a hand in the state's bond work, debt collections and commerce issues.

This breadth of expertise and understanding can be tied directly to Mary Washington, Hamlett said. "Dr. Crawley, who was my adviser, prepared me to do great research, and to understand concepts, and he really helped me learn to write. We've stayed in touch. He still is someone whose advice I value."

LEGAL HEAD START

Andrew Painter '02, came to Mary Washington "mesmerized by the campus" and excited by its strong political science department. He headed the pre-law society and the Honor Council.

As a first-year student at the University of Richmond School of Law, Painter said he often senses he has an advantage over students from big universities.

"We were required [at Mary Washington] to take courses that developed well-rounded students," he said. "Writing and speaking skills were critical. You had to be articulate and concise. You learned to participate, and you were comfortable around professors. All of that is right for law school. I think I had a head start."

"I'm proud to say I went to Mary Washington, and now this is my time to let them know what I have to offer."

Rob Walker, who formerly covered higher education for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, is a Richmond-based free-lance writer.

From the shafts to a shingle

When **Lanny Shortridge '98** graduated from high school in the Southwest Virginia community of Grundy in 1973, it was clear what would come next. With no money for his dream of college, he signed on with Island Creek Coal Co. at its deep-shaft mine in nearby Oakwood.

One day, he was in high school and open spaces, taking daylight and fresh air for granted. The next, he was miles underground, crawling about in spaces too tight to stand.

"Accidents and fatalities were a constant reality," said Shortridge. "Fires, explosions and rock falls were real threats, because the mining produced so much methane."

He quickly came to a terrifying truth. "I realized that if I stayed in the mine, I was going to die in an accident or develop black-lung disease," he said. "It wasn't a question of if, but of when."

That no-nonsense thinking serves the 50-year-old Shortridge well today as one of the legal profession's newest members. Thanks in large part to a series of jobs with the United Mine Workers Union, Shortridge's unconventional path to law is a success story fueled by equal parts pluck and ambition.

The big break for Shortridge came in 1979, six years after he went down under, when he was elected to represent 4,000 union members in labor disputes. Overnight, his work environment changed from darkness and explosives to fluorescent lighting and office furniture.

With respect for the miners and knowledge of the business, Shortridge excelled at union administration, handling everything from grievances to retirement accounts. As he advanced through the United Mine Workers ranks – eventually serving as trustee of the union's Training and Education Fund – Shortridge found himself in Virginia's Stafford County. That's where he met his wife, Olive, an elementary school teacher.

While he enjoyed his work, the dream of furthering his education burned in Shortridge like the headlamp that once illuminated his workdays. It pushed him to enroll at Mary Washington and earn a political science degree the hard way – a few classes each term.

Shortridge credits his Mary Washington professors with making him feel welcome even though he was the oldest student in most of his classes.

"The entire political science staff took me on as a project," Shortridge said, "and helped me succeed."

And he credits his wife with helping him persevere in the pursuit of that hard-earned undergraduate degree.

But he wasn't done. "She asked me what I wanted to do after graduating from Mary Washington; I had two words for her," Shortridge said: "law school." He enrolled at the University of Virginia School of Law full time, graduating in 2001. The following year, he added another impressive credential to his résumé: attorney for the CIA at Langley.

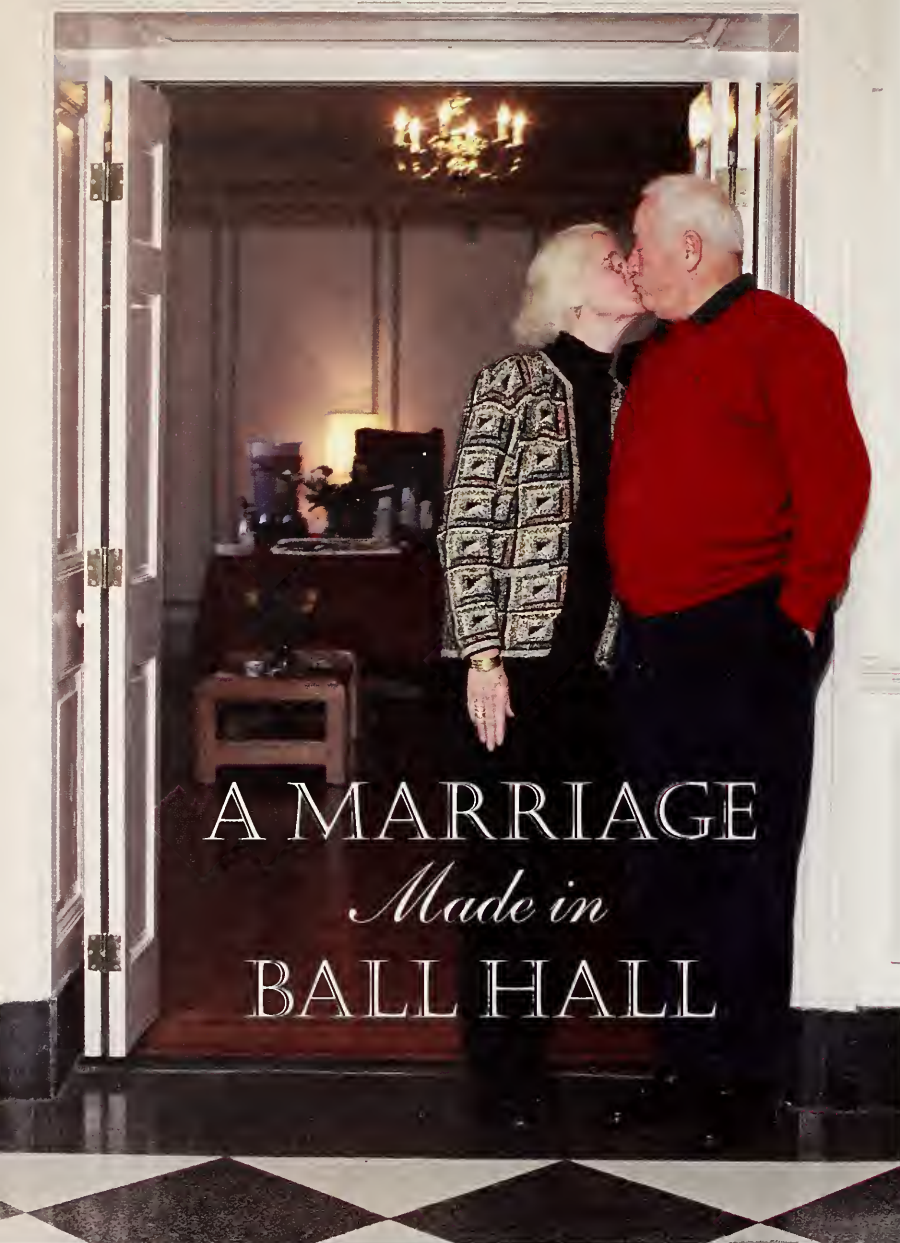
After two years in that job, Shortridge hung out his shingle in downtown Fredericksburg. He has landed clients – ranging from new homeowners to the Virginia Education Association – as diverse as his background.

"I was ready and eager to learn," Shortridge said, "but Mary Washington provided me with an education I'm not sure I could have gotten anywhere else. It was put to the test in law school and served me well."

– Rob Hedelt

Mike Morones, *The Free Lance-Star*





A MARRIAGE *Made in* BALL HALL

"I gave her two surprises that day," Paul said at a reception for the couple in the Ball lounge.

As the couple enjoyed cake and punch with students, administrators and friends, Mary Ann seemed drawn to the young women who now live where she once did.

Surrounded by a group of juniors and seniors, she pumped them for information about 21st-century dorm life. She wasn't surprised to learn of the demise of approved dating lists and organized Christmas caroling from high around the rotunda's graceful curved banisters. But she seemed pleased that Ball residents still take pride in the beautiful dorm with the enigmatic statue of a young woman in the foyer.

Students like resident assistant **Amanda Crissup '06**, who has lived in Ball for two years, were smitten by the Judy love story and impressed by Mary Ann's loyalty to her alma mater. "I hope that when I am an alumna," Crissup said, "I will have that much excitement about what is happening on this campus."

As for the Ball Hall courtship, "I think it is really sweet," she added. "I mean you read about this sort of thing in *Reader's Digest*, but you rarely hear of it really happening. It has a fairy tale aspect."

Mary Ann recalled the Thursday night in October 1953 when she first met her "prince charming": She was dressed in a bathrobe and doing phone duty when two handsome young men walked in and spoke to the housemother in her office. The housemother was polite, but firm, in dismissing the two Marines who had come to campus with the purpose of finding dates for an upcoming dance at Quantico.

"We got up and were leaving," Paul recalled, when the housemother said, "'But, if you'd like a quick tour of the campus, these girls could show you around.'"

As she stood in the Ball foyer recently, Mary Ann said, "I can just see them standing right there. They were in their civvies – nice looking young men dressed in coat and tie."

Mary Ann summoned her roommate, **Carolyn Barnes '54**. In no time, the two seniors had changed into presentable dress and were showing the Marines around the grounds. Paul Judy took an immediate liking to Mary Ann Dorsey.

So Paul did what he needed to do to get Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey's permission to see their daughter socially – a requirement by the College in those days – and an official first date was scheduled.

It had a rocky start – Paul got a speeding ticket on the way to pick up Mary Ann for that first date; having insufficient funds in his pocket, he was sent to jail and his future wife was left wondering if she had been stood up. After that, though, the courtship progressed rapidly.

By Christmas they had told their parents they planned to marry. But before that could happen, Paul was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., on to a duty cruise in the Mediterranean. Mary Ann, president of the Alpha Phi Sigma honorary fraternity at Mary Washington, graduated in May and was awarded a Jefferson cup for scholarship and service. She also was given the Alpha

HALF CENTURY LATER, CAMPUS COURTSHIP CELEBRATED

By Neva S. Trenis

In 1953, it wasn't easy for a gentleman to waltz into Ball Hall, meet a young lady and leave with her on his arm. But Paul Judy – who wasn't even on the residence hall "approved to date" list – somehow managed it.

Things worked out so well that night for Judy and his Ball Hall acquaintance, **Mary Ann Dorsey '54**, that they married the following year.

The couple renewed their wedding vows last Thanksgiving weekend in front of their four children and seven grandchildren. Judy gave his bride of 50 years a lovely ring, but he also honored her at the place where it all started – University of Mary Washington – with the dedication of the Dorsey-Judy Lounge off the Ball Hall rotunda.

Phi Sigma award for having the highest grade point average during her four years at the college.

After graduation, Mary Ann returned home to Charlottesville, where she was a guide at Monticello. When his cruise ended, Paul was again at Camp LeJeune and made frequent drives to Virginia to finish what he called the couple's "courting days."

On Nov. 27, 1954 – just more than a year after their chance meeting – Mary Ann Dorsey and Paul Judy married. They moved to Camp Lejeune, where they started their home and family. In the years that followed, the Virginia girl followed her young husband north to Boston, where he went to Harvard Business School. In time, there were four children to care for, and Mary Ann had her work cut out for her. Paul Judy went on to become CEO of the investment banking firm AG Becker & Co. in Chicago, from which he retired in 1981.

After more than 50 years, the couple has fond memories of Mary Washington, as evidenced not only by their frequent visits to campus, but also by their generosity.

Mary Ann's affection for and interest in UMW and its scholars is evident. She recalls a recent visit to campus and the pleasure she and Paul took in simply sitting on a bench watching students go about their college lives.

"Mary Washington is gorgeous, and there is such energy. I just had such a good feeling," she said of that day.

Mary Ann brings some of those good feelings with her from her own time on campus. "It was very gratifying when I went back for my 50th reunion to reconnect with people I had not seen in years," she said. "They are wonderful people, just good human beings. When I was here, it was a very happy time. That is what I remember.

"I had that good old Mary Washington life, and I went on to marry a man who has been a very dear companion. We have had a really good life. We have been very blessed."



At the reception in Ball Hall's foyer, Mary Ann Judy regaled students with stories from the "good 'ole days."

Family photo





ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Accents and Architectural Features Bring New Alumni Center to Life

Text by Mary Randolph Nichols Corbin '71
Photos by Doug Buerlein



A seed was planted nearly 60 years ago when Mary Washington College – then a part of the University of Virginia – purchased a 1920s hillside manor house near campus. That seed flourished. The house, known as “Trench Hill,” served first as a residence hall, then as administrative offices.

As the institution grew, two things became clear: The alumni relations and development offices needed more space and Mary Washington alumni needed a place to call home.



So, by 1999, the idea of renovating and expanding Trench Hill had taken root. Plans included an inn for overnight guests, new administrative offices, a meeting room for governing boards, and a ballroom and courtyard to accommodate community as well as University events. Architects from the Clark Nexsen firm in Norfolk, Va., were contracted to integrate the old with the new.

To ensure that the result would be “world class,” private dollars were sought, and Mary Washington alumni and the regional community responded generously, giving a record \$8 million. Dedicated last year, the Jepson Alumni Executive Center is a superb example of how private dollars can enhance a state building.

The center’s motif – conceived after much brainstorming – is the acorn. Just as that seed planted in 1947 grew into the elegant and multi-faceted alumni center, an acorn was the starting point for the famous oak tree across the street at Brompton, where Mathew Brady photographed Civil War soldiers gathered beneath its limbs.

Acorn images can be found throughout the new center, woven in carpets and fabrics and imprinted on donor recognition plaques; the tree itself is the focal point of a mural painted for the salon by W. D. Wood of Lynchburg, Va. The mural is on a continuous canvas that wraps around the room from chair rail to ceiling, depicting the scenery surrounding the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Behind the oak tree is a glimpse of Brompton; another wall features the view overlooking historic Fredericksburg, punctuated by church steeples; a third



Alumni and friends generously
donated furnishings and
oriental carpets.



wall shows the Civil War trench on the Brompton lawn; and another showcases the Rappahannock River at the city's edge.

The acorn is just one of the distinctive decorating features developed by the Richmond interior design team of *beaty & brown*. Amy Beaty and Carter Brown first combed nearly a century of yearbooks to acquaint themselves with the University and its rich history, then selected photographs from UMW Special Collections in Simpson Library to tell the story using three general themes: history, pride and community. The designers enlarged and framed prints, grouping them according to subjects that fascinate visitors.

Each of the inn's three bedrooms is decorated to reflect one of the seasons of the academic calendar. With fabrics and wallpaper in fall colors, one room features photographs of Mary Washington girls raking leaves, roommates setting up their dormitory room, and students engaged in fall sports. Green and red are the accent colors in the "winter" bedroom, which is adorned with photographs of students sledding and building a snowman. The "spring"

bedroom has lighter fabrics and furnishings and showcases photographs from yesteryear of May Day and the Daisy Chain. A library stocked with Mary Washington yearbooks and a breakfast lounge are available to all guests during their stay at the inn.



Custom trim and handsome moldings are hung throughout the complex to replicate the original trim found in the building and enhance it in key areas such as the ballroom. That grand room is graced by arched doorways, white columns, and 10-member crown molding painted in alternating shades of cream to subtly reflect the shadows of each piece. The soffit in the alumni reception area boasts another special touch: the University motto "Pro Deo Domo Patria" in gold letters along with Dean Alvey's statement that the Honor System is a way of life at Mary Washington.

The decorators, beaty & brown, promised a décor that would be "happy, Southern and comfortable," and their success is verified by each guest who visits the inn or one of the meeting rooms. "Mary Washington alumni are thrilled with their new home," said Director of Alumni Relations Cynthia Snyder '75. "I enjoy giving them tours of the new building when they stop by, and they enjoy looking for their classmates in the photographs on all the walls. When they see the parlor, they



Main parlor



Upstairs sitting room



typically want to collapse on one of the plush sofas or chairs and are so comfortable they don't want to leave!"

President Anderson's enthusiasm for the project is reflected on the front terrace. There, he requested the construction of a fish pond featuring a mill stone found on the property as a fountain. It's surrounded by a brick patio with teak benches and pots of flowers and greenery. A couple of stylized frogs sit side by side on the pond's edge. Dedicated to "best friends," the patio provides a beautiful site to congregate and enjoy the exquisite view over historic Fredericksburg.

Elaborate bronze gates framing the entrance are yet another special touch. Handwrought in Paris in 1904 for the New York City mansion of Henry Phipps, a partner of Andrew Carnegie, the gates were donated to Mary Washington in 1954. Rescued from storage, the gates were meticulously restored and stand permanently ajar as a welcome to alumni and the community. The Renaissance revival style of the alumni center gates, complete with mythological creatures and whimsical designs, gives visitors a hint of the extraordinary details that await them inside.

Ranny Corbin is executive assistant to the President of the University of Mary Washington.



Cakes, like this one made by Krista Wood '93, celebrate everything from a new semester to a pet's birthday.



Alumni Take the Cake

Deliveries satisfy sweet tooth, scholarship

By Neva S. Trenis



Kim Hoffman '78 regularly bakes cakes for Mary Washington students from her home in Spotsylvania County. The sale of cakes is the biggest fund raiser for the Fredericksburg Chapter Alumni Scholarship.

When **Kim Barlow Hoffman '78** wants to make a gift to Mary Washington, she doesn't whip out her checkbook – she whips up a cake.

For more than 25 years, Hoffman and other Fredericksburg Chapter alumni have been making home-baked goodies to celebrate students' birthdays and athletic achievements, April Fools' Day and even Groundhog Day. Proceeds from sales of the cakes go to fund the Fredericksburg Chapter Alumni Scholarship.

"I bake because I like to help the school and the students," said Hoffman, who lives with her husband in Spotsylvania County. "They didn't have this when I was at Mary Washington, but if someone had baked me a cake, I really would have liked that – it is a treat from home."

Hoffman bakes about 36 cakes for students each year, and she has a lot of company.

Of the Fredericksburg Chapter's 80 members, about 60 contribute cakes, said **Melissa Felts '85**, the chapter's cake chairman.

She bakes a couple of cakes each month and keeps one or two in the freezer – just in case. "If your dog gets into it, or your 3-year-old puts her hands in it, or if you just forget to bake it, we always keep a few extras for emergencies," said Felts, who remembers the cakes from her days as a Mary Washington student.

The Fredericksburg Chapter, with the help of UMW Ambassadors student volunteers, also raises money by selling "survival kits" for Halloween, Valentine's Day and both exam weeks. For \$60, parents may buy a package deal that includes four treat-filled bags and a cake.

At any time, parents may order a cake for \$15. Each comes with a personal message such as "Merry Christmas a little early. Stuff yourself with cake and you'll do well with exams!" Or "Enjoy this mid-winter what-the-heck cake!" The notes are signed by parents, siblings and even the family dog or cat.

Students such as **Andrew Wilkins '06** welcome the cakes and the sentiments.

As a seasoned junior, Wilkins knows to expect a delivery on his birthday. But he needed it most freshman year, when it was a complete surprise.

"I am from Rochester, N.Y., and that is pretty far away," the historic preservation major said. "It was very nice to get a little something from home."

Photos by Paul Schuster



While at UMW, New Yorker Andrew Church '06 has received a cake every year for his December birthday.

On his 21st birthday in December, the Westmoreland Hall resident celebrated with the chocolate-frosted chocolate cake his parents had delivered. Sophomore year it was carrot cake.

"I haven't met a cake I didn't like," Wilkins said. "I really appreciate what the alumni are doing, and I am looking forward to next year's cake."

Since most of the cakes are standard issue Duncan Hines or Pillsbury, e-mails fly among alumni when cake mix goes on sale at Fredericksburg grocery stores. But bakers also try to meet special requests. They have made pies, cookies and unique recipes, such as the one for strawberry cream cheese frosting that involved a long Internet search.

And the most unusual cake Felts made wasn't a cake at all.

A couple of years ago, Felts learned that a set of parents had ordered the survival kit package but had turned down the cake because their son didn't like sweets. She hounded the parents to help her find an alternative that the young man would like.

"Does he want pie? Does he want oatmeal cookies?" she asked. "What does he really like?"

"Really?" the mother replied. "Beef jerky."

Felts headed to the fabric store, bought a block of foam, lopped off the top, hollowed out the center and filled it with package after package of beef jerky. After she frosted the loaf, it looked so convincing that the sweets-averse student turned up his nose when he got it.

"He was handing it off to another student when he realized something was amiss about his cake," Felts said. "When he realized what it really was, he was pretty happy."

Members of the Fredericksburg chapter enjoy providing a taste of home, but they also like to help their own. Since the cake baking started in the late '70s, profits have gone to the school. Since 1986, the group has awarded merit-based scholarships to children of alumni. The chapter now gives annual scholarships to a freshman, a sophomore, a junior and a senior. A new freshman recipient is chosen each year, and the scholarship follows that student through to graduation.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Students pave return path to alma mater

Students stride up and down Campus Walk wearing gray and blue T-shirts printed with the words, "Students Now, Alumni Forever." They are UMW Ambassadors, a group that links students and alumni through service to the University.

Ambassadors welcome former students during Homecoming and Reunion weekends, travel to alumni chapter meetings, help with the Fredericksburg Forum and more.

Katie Shea '98 sees the bond between current and past students in her job as assistant director of alumni relations and as staff adviser to the Ambassadors. The common experience of Mary Washington transcends class year and unites this large group of people who have been a devil or a goat, passed through the doors of Monroe Hall, or spent a sunny afternoon in Ball Circle. It's exciting for Shea to see students and alumni working together to reach personal, academic and professional goals.

"As far as the importance of alumni relations, I've always equated it to the notion of 'standing on the shoulders' of one's predecessors," Shea said.

Being an Ambassador gives students the opportunity to get to know alumni, faculty

The four 2004-05 scholarships were \$2,500 each, but amounts vary. The chapter adds about \$10,000 annually to the endowment through membership dues, kit sales and cake sales, but cakes bring in the most revenue.

But that is just part of what keeps Kim Hoffman baking.

Participating in the Fredericksburg chapter has been a way of life for Hoffman since she attended her first alumni function, a luncheon at Trench Hill, in the fall of 1978. She went on to be a board member, project chairman, cake chairman, treasurer and "survival kit" chair for the group.

These days, Hoffman stays close to home to run the family business, Pine Hollow Nurseries, and to care for her husband, George Hoffman, who is housebound by illness.

But every other Thursday, she's at her mixer, doing her share.

"It is something I can do here at home," Hoffman said. "I just like being able to do and bake for the kids."

Joanna LaMariana '06 unloads a trunk full of freshly baked cakes for delivery.



Kim Church '07 was enthusiastic about her surprise delivery. "They make the best cakes," she said of the alumni. "It is just a piece of niceness for you."

and staff and to develop leadership and public relations skills. But even when the Ambassadors are at work, there also is an element of play. At Homecoming last fall, Ambassadors served up burgers, beer and more to alumni from a tent on the lawn of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. They also led tours of the Center and staffed a tent on the sidelines of the annual Homecoming soccer game.

The Ambassadors' tent "was a lot of fun. We rented the [cotton candy] machine and learned how to use it, which was surprisingly easy," said Charmayne Staloff '05, organizational chair. "We also had one of those old-fashioned popcorn poppers, which was great."

Ambassadors help the Fredericksburg Alumni Chapter sell "survival kits" to raise money for scholarships. While they assemble gift packages, which parents order for their children, Ambassadors and alumni get to know one another over pizza and soft drinks.

The kits contain candy and snacks. For Halloween and Valentine's Day, little games and puzzles are added to the mix. The Final Exam Kit contains cereal, pencils, and even a

blue book. Once the kits are made, Ambassadors load them into carts and take them to residence halls.

On a rainy night last December, students delivered more than 400 Final Exam Kits.

"The funniest things are the jealous roommates of the recipient, looking in our hands to see if there are any for them," said Carolyn Schranck '05, survival kit co-chair.

The UMW Ambassadors formed in 1995 as the Student-Alumni Relations Committee (SARC). The group is open to all students and today has 60 members. About half that number turn out for monthly meetings to discuss kit packing arrangements and the approaching alumni events.

Besides helping the Fredericksburg Chapter, Ambassadors also attend and assist with alumni chapter events in D.C., Richmond and Baltimore.

— Lesley Johnson

"I AM SO THANKFUL FOR MY WONDERFUL EDUCATION FROM MARY WASHINGTON. IT HAS HELPED ME DO WELL IN THE 'REAL WORLD.'"

— MARY WARDER '04

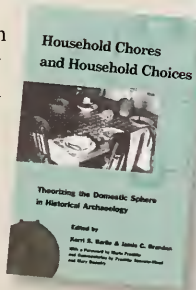
From fellow to full timer

Mary Warder '04 turned a summer fellowship in the Virginia Secretary of Education's office into a permanent position. She now works for the Council on Virginia's Future. During her fellowship, Warder focused much of her efforts on a bill dealing with research collaboration between universities and industry. The bill is part of Gov. Mark Warner's initiative to increase research and development in the state.

"I am so thankful for my wonderful education from Mary Washington. It has helped me do well in the 'real world.'"

Archaeology author

Kerri Barile '94 has co-edited a book titled *Household Chores and Household Choices: Theorizing the Domestic Sphere in Historical Archaeology* (University of Alabama Press, 2004). Much of the text derived from a 2001 session at the Society for Historical Archaeology meetings that Barile organized. Barile is completing her graduate work in anthropology at the University of Texas.



Mary Washington a stop in race for undergraduate degree

Elizabeth Anania Edwards has lived in Japan and traveled throughout the United States. But from 1967 to 1969, Mary Washington was her home.

The wife of former N.C. senator and Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards spent her first two undergraduate years in Fredericksburg. Realizing she wanted to become a lawyer, she transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. That's where she met her husband.

Despite being married to a political star, Elizabeth — a former bankruptcy lawyer and legal writing teacher — has made quite a name for herself. She shares her husband's commitment to public service and advises him on many key issues. On the campaign trail, she was known for her poise, wit and

warm personality.

A master at stump speeches and the keeper of an online campaign diary, Elizabeth has been an eloquent spokesperson for her husband.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of John Edwards' running mate, referred to Elizabeth as "mother earth." Many females look up to her as every-



1968 Battlefield

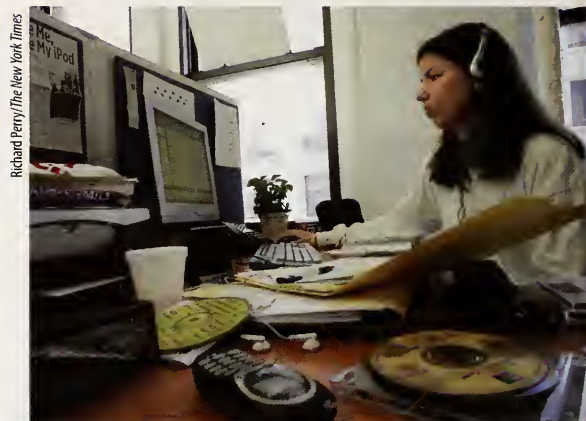
woman. She has battled weight gain, persevered through tragedy (her teenage son, Wade, died in 1996), experienced motherhood late in life (after Wade's death, John and Elizabeth had two more children), juggled the demands of home and work life, and endured a grueling campaign.

In one of the most significant races of her 55 years, Elizabeth now faces breast cancer. The disease was confirmed last November, the day after John Edwards and John Kerry conceded defeat in the presidential race. She has been through 16 weeks of chemotherapy and was to have the remains of the lump surgically removed at Georgetown University Hospital. After the surgery, she is scheduled for six weeks of radiation therapy.

Since her diagnosis, Elizabeth Edwards has been campaigning for early detection and aggressive treatment of breast cancer. In a television interview shortly after her diagnosis, she said, "There's not a single reason in the world to give up hope before you have to. ...As long as you can hope, then you need to hold onto it."

"THERE'S NOT A SINGLE REASON IN THE WORLD TO GIVE UP HOPE BEFORE YOU HAVE TO. ...AS LONG AS YOU CAN HOPE, THEN YOU NEED TO HOLD ONTO IT."

— ELIZABETH ANANIA EDWARDS



Richard Perry/The New York Times

Finding a harmonious niche

For being attuned to a unique business opportunity, Catherine Keane '03 was featured in the Dec. 2, 2004, edition of *The New York Times*.

The article, "Using iPod Savvy to Mine a Niche," brought widespread attention to Keane and her company, which she had started three months earlier.

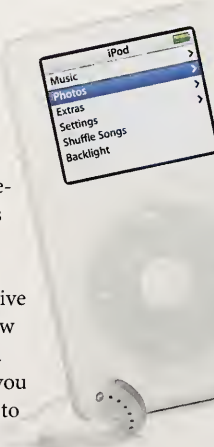
As this English major walked the streets of New York and talked with friends and colleagues, she came to a realization: Everybody's got to have an iPod or some sort of digital music player, but nobody's got the time or the inclination to load songs onto them.

Voila! Keane combined her music sense and her technological skills to create HungryPod, a service that converts CDs to MP3 format and loads them on to portable players.

For a predetermined fee, Keane — as HungryPod's sole employee — goes to a client's home or office, picks up his CD collection and takes it back to her office near Penn Station. There, she uses two CD drives to download music from the client's collection.

In addition, Keane serves as a music consultant. For a \$50 fee, she will recommend similar artists based on a customer's current tastes.

Keane is philosophical about her venture, which could take off or tank. She was quoted as saying, "The reason I chose this is because it's been fun. ...I don't have any regrets."



Continuing Education

Alumni gatherings to feature UMW professor

Join us for an alumni event in your area!

Bulent Atalay, University of Mary Washington professor of physics, will talk about his book, *Math and the Mona Lisa*, at the following alumni gatherings:

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, reception at Independence Golf Club, Midlothian, Va.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, brunch at the Johns Hopkins Club, Baltimore, Md.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, reception at the Tides Inn, Irvington, Va.

Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 540/654-1011 to RSVP or for more information.

MEMO

TO: All Alumni

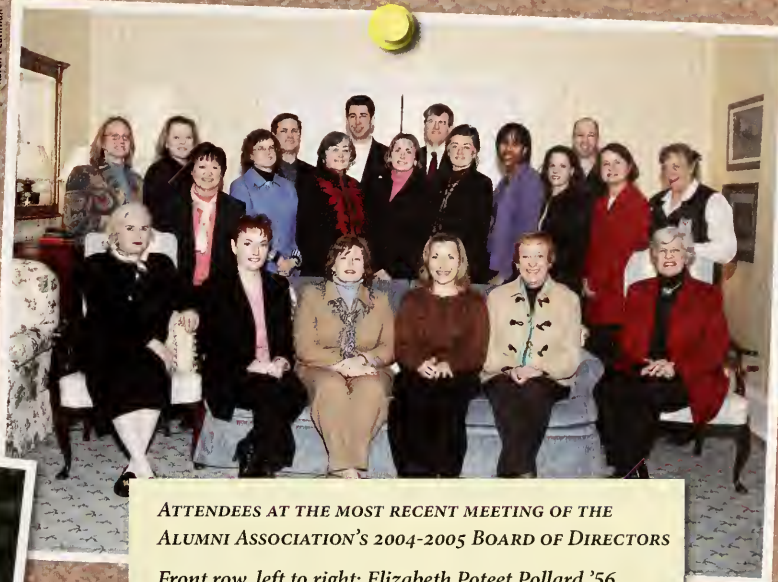
FROM: Monecia Helton Taylor '81, President of the Alumni Association

The approach of spring always signals activity for the Alumni Association and the University. As you will see elsewhere on this page, there are upcoming events both on and off campus for alumni, and I hope you will take the opportunity to join us here in Fredericksburg or in your own area.

The Alumni Association's Board of Directors, a diverse and committed group of volunteers, meets four times annually to review alumni programs and to learn about University initiatives and plans. Each of our meetings includes a guest speaker from another campus department. This year we have had a special tour of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, heard about teaching and learning technologies and advances in wireless technology from Dr. Gardner Campbell, and received information on upcoming programs and plans from Mona Davis Albertine '71, Rector of the Board of Visitors. Our spring meeting will take place at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and will focus on the exciting initiatives of that campus. The Alumni Association serves graduates of both campuses, and we look forward to developing programs and opportunities that involve more of our CGPS alumni.

Plans for Reunion Weekend are in full swing, and I hope those of you with reunions this year will make a special effort to return to Fredericksburg the weekend of June 3-5. It's always a wonderful time to visit the campus, and if you haven't been back in a while, you will be amazed by the exciting changes and warmed by the familiar features that remain. I hope to see you then.

Karen Peckman



ATTENDEES AT THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2004-2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row, left to right: Elizabeth Poteet Pollard '56, Marjorie Roszmann Tankersley '69, Barbara Burton Micou '69, C. Renee Allen Kuntz '85, Rita Morgan Stone '52, and Gwendolyn Amory Cumming '52. Back row, left to right: Lynda Richardson '81, Carol L. Hawtin '68, Cynthia L. Snyder '75, Suzanne Sumner, A. Ross Ramsey '93, Cherry Sarff Everett '61, Benjamin Hernandez '95, Monecia Helton Taylor '81, Ronald E. Singleton, Leslie F. Tilghman '74, Myronee Simpson '97, Jennifer L. Wilson '96, Derek M. Bottcher '96, Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoed '70, and Nanalou West Sauder '56.

2005 REUNION weekend

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

Attention classes ending in "0" and "5":

Save the weekend of June 3-5 and plan to be back in Fredericksburg for your class reunion. It's your opportunity to reconnect with classmates and with Mary Washington. Check your mailboxes in April for registration information or contact the Office of Alumni Relations (540/654-1011) for details.

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to come back and relive your favorite memories.

1931

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How sad to learn of the death of **Mabel McGinniss Crismond**. She was always a great help to me and to the class of '31. I am grateful to still hear from **Anne Ratcliffe Webb**. She hosted a large gathering of family and friends and is still very active.

My vision and hearing are about the same and I feel quite well. I know I have wrinkles even though I cannot see them. I still "wear the old school tie!" Please remember the school fund. Love to each one of you.

1936

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How could I refuse **Ethel Wetmore's** request for me to be class agent after all the letters and calls she has made on our behalf for more than 65 years? Here is an excerpt from her "dear classmates" letter: "I have the worst form of macular degeneration and need to magnify print. It has been a privilege from the first reunion in 1937 and then the 20th and every five years until 2001 [to serve as class agent]."

Ethel said that she and **Dorothy McGuire Bunch** and their sons recently met for lunch in Newport News.

Marjorie Hundley Wooten's daughter wrote in early September 2004 that Marjorie had died just short of her 89th birthday. She had lived in the Northern Neck at White Stone and later at Farnham for years.

Audrey Davis Smith, my dear roommate and friend who also lives in the Northern Neck, wrote that she chaired a committee charged with publishing the Lancaster County History Book. As she put it, "The project started one evening at dinner in our favorite restaurant in White Stone. I was the only native in the group when the conversation centered on growing up in this rather isolated neck of land between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers. Before the evening ended, we had decided that local history must be recorded before our generation faded from the scene. Thus began seven years of intense research, fund raising, and picture collecting. What an experience! The result is a 450-page scholarly, but readable, authentic and handsome history book."

Because my father and husband both were born in Lancaster County, Audrey recruited me to contribute stories about my Norris roots there.

Arline Wade Winn and her husband live in Kenbridge, Va. They are active in church and civic work, the public library and scouting, with three Eagle Scouts and two Order of the Arrow Scouts in the family. Arline has put in more than 6,000 volunteer hours at the hospital in South Hill. There is a memorial at Jamestown Settlement for Arline's ancestor, Pace, and the Chinco Indian who warned the settlers of the Indian massacre.

As a member of the Foundation and the Alumni boards, I continue to visit the Mary Washington campus. Also, it is a real treat to attend the President's Council Book Club and Fredericksburg Forum. We listen to and have lunch with such well-known authors as David McCullough (*John Adams*), Peter Jenkins (*A Walk Across America*) and presidential historian Michael Beschloss.

There are many Mary Washington alumni near my home in Middlesex County. This summer, **Connie Hook Felvey '56** and her husband came across the Rappahannock River from Northumberland County to take me to dinner in Deltaville. **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock '61**, who lives in Cobbs Creek in Mathews County, had a Mary Washington luncheon on my birthday last December. Among the guests were **Jean Polk Hanky '69** and her husband. I crossed paths last summer with **Kathy Shepherd Mehlfoud '70**, who has a condo in Deltaville.

I speak for all of us in the class of '36 who said we would always keep in touch. Remember when we gathered in the amphitheater after graduation and vowed never to part? Ethel Wetmore has been our center, our conscience. We applaud her devotion and love that have sustained her as she has written and telephoned to "keep us in touch." Now, let me hear from you.

1943

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Anne Saghy Dillman, who lives in Perth Amboy, N.J., sent interesting clippings of her career. She recently has completed nearly 30 years of service as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Education, preceded by eight years on the local education board. "I've found that the education I received at Mary Washington during the '40s has served me well," she wrote. "Meeting friends that I'm still in touch with today was so important, and the value of the education received has always been transmitted to the children and students I have come in contact with through the years. Mary Washington is always in my heart." Our thanks to you, Anne, for your work to improve the education of children; we are surely proud of you.

Wedding bells! **Bertha Dickinson**

Taylor wrote, "I am now **Bertha Baldwin**! As impossible as it seems, I married **Jack Baldwin**, my sweetheart during my junior and senior years at Mary Washington. Now, I as a widow and he as a widower have reconnected. We were married in October at First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., and then moved to Greensboro, N.C." Bertha's wedding attendants were **Lucille Dekle Briggs** and **Mamie Stahle Allen**. Our very best wishes to you, Bertha.

Mamie seems to hold the record for "moved most often" since '43. I believe it is 23 moves. With all the Army country-to-country and house-to-house moving experience, Mamie says, "I sure can decorate." After leaving Mary Washington, she worked as executive secretary at Newport News Shipbuilding Co., then married Col. James B. Via in 1947. Their Army life included Fort Sill, Okla., the Pentagon, Tokyo, Hawaii and more. After James was killed in a car wreck at age 47, Mamie had their two sons to raise. In 1978, she became a coordinator for "Keep America Beautiful" and won a national award for the Hampton Clean City Commission. In 1980, she married Col. Leroy Allen, a math professor at Old Dominion University. Mamie has recovered from recent surgery and is busy with many activities, including an extensive "card ministry" and involvement with the Women's Club, Mariner's Museum, Symphony Guild, Garden Club and her church. Mamie, who was president for two years of the Peninsula chapter of the Mary Washington Alumni Association, writes, "Our Mary Washington experiences were so special – academically as well as socially. I feel we are unique and possess a zest for life and knowledge – even at 82." She concludes her letter with, "Mary Washington was a very important phase of my life and prepared me to accept any challenge with confidence."

Ruth Bailey Conroy continues to play saxophone in the Naples Concert Band and Gulf Coast Big Band. She spent a week at band camp in Williamsburg, Va., in September, playing sax every day. Her son, Patrick, is the superior of the Jesuit Community in Portland, Ore.; her other son is a lawyer in Edmonds, Wash., and her daughter lives in Casselburg, Fla., near Orlando.

Ruth and Mary Kimmman Sutton '46 took a small-ship cruise on Lake Huron last July, stopping at three western Ontario ports and Mackinac Island. Mary still lives near the campus in Fredericksburg.

Frances Rector Steagall taught at Auburn University before she married **Henry Steagall** of Ozark, Ala. Henry practiced law in Ozark and served 10 years on the Alabama Supreme Court.

Frances, Flora Copenhaver Scott and I were "mates" at Mary Washington. Frances writes, "After 52 years I lost my husband in 1999, but my three children, six grandchildren and two 'greats' keep me hopping, as do my church friends." She wrote this about shopping before a cruise: "They just don't use enough material in their bathing suits these days." True. But I am sure she still looked great in hers.

BERTHA DICKINSON TAYLOR '43 IS NOW BERTHA BALDWIN. SHE RECONNECTED WITH JACK BALDWIN, HER SWEETHEART HER LAST TWO YEARS AT MARY WASHINGTON, AND THEY WERE MARRIED IN OCTOBER.

Hunt and I took a journey to Virginia last June, and we included a visit to Mary Washington. Despite the steamy weather, we enjoyed our time there and had a good visit with Cynthia Snyder, Director of Alumni Relations. The impressive new alumni center was not yet open, but Ms. Snyder and others were preparing to move in. She had a 1924 copy of *The Bayonet* (our "rule book," remember?). I would love to lay my hands on a copy from '39 to '43. If you have one, please let me borrow it long enough to copy it, then share some of it with you all. Hunt and I visited Monroe Hall and he took pictures of the beautiful murals there, many of which were painted by our own '43 classmates. He took pictures to give to **Flora Scott**, who stood high on a scaffold to do much of her painting. Ms. Snyder said, "These murals are our treasure!" I agree.

Please continue to send me news, or a memory moment, such as this one: "On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Mrs. Bushnell entered the dining room. We became quiet, as was our custom. She announced that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor and that President Roosevelt had declared war. We remained silent for what seemed like a very, very long time."

Please note that the next deadline for news is Aug. 15, 2005.

1944

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First of all, thanks to **Nettie Evans Lawrey** for doing a cracker-jack job as class agent. She has written how much she and the rest of us enjoyed the reunion in spite of the rain. The banquet was lovely and the campus is still beautiful.

Nettie had an enjoyable time when she saw the musical *The Producers*, one skit being a chorus of old ladies

doing a dance with their walkers! Her oldest granddaughter just received her master's degree and is hoping to be an elementary school counselor. Her second granddaughter has been in Kenya, East Africa, taking part in a wildlife management studies program.

Emmy Lou Kilby wrote that being in a wheelchair makes it difficult to travel; she thanks all of you who sent her a note from the reunion. She mentioned that a classmate, **Mildred Ryland Winston**, lives nearby and she hopes they will be getting together at their social hour, which is a meeting of the "Golden Girls."

Anne Benner Gee took a trip up the Mississippi from Iowa through the Rockies. In October, she attended her 65th class reunion at Warrenton High School in Virginia.

Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre was sorry to have missed our reunion. She was in Horseheads, N.Y., where she lives with her fiancé during the summer. They spend the winter months at her place in Palm Desert, Calif. Her son and his wife have moved from the Boston area to Vero Beach, so now she has her two children in the same state.

A highlight of the year for **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** was her trip to Belgium and the Netherlands at tulip time in the spring. She and her husband had been to Holland, but never to Belgium. Their grandson, Michael, a high school senior, attended a pre-college program at Duke University, where he hopes to enroll.

Virginia Hawley Butler said that the highlight of her year was the reunion. She is looking forward to our 2009 reunion. **Nancy Gravatt Tucker** and **Ruth McDaniel Potts** also had wonderful memories of the weekend, even in the rain.

Ruth spent a week at Duck, N.C., in July with all of her children and grandchildren. They had beautiful weather and while there, saw *The Lost Colony* in Manteo. Also, they saw much of the remaining evidence of the damage done by Hurricane Isabel on the Outer Banks. Ruth has been entertained by a den of foxes in her back yard; they have been displaced from their usual habitat by all the surrounding development.

In the words of **Rebecca Engleman Russell**, "It was a successful reunion for our aging class and perhaps a few of us will be around and able to be 'out and about' in another five years." A resident of a retirement community, Rebecca knows many active ladies who are in their 80s and 90s. Rebecca traveled to Black Mountain, N.C., for a visit with her daughter, Susan, and was planning in the fall to attend an Elderhostel in rural Quebec with her older daughter, Elaine.

Cena Carswell and her husband had a delightful cruise through the Alaskan Inner Passage last May, accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law.

As for me, I had the trip of my dreams for my 80th birthday. Hank and the children planned a cruise for the two of us on the *Delta Queen*. Hank had a real treat because he was allowed to play the calliope, which was on the deck practically outside of our cabin. This year, we will travel to Seekonk, Mass., for our USS *New York* reunion. Most of our activity, though, will be in Rhode Island, including a visit to the USS *Machusetts*. Hank is in charge this year.

I will close on a sad note. John Donovan wrote that his wife of 61 years, **Donna Loraine Snyder Donovan**, passed away last March. Donna was president of our freshman class.

1945

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I am saddened to report the deaths of two classmates. **Mary Ann Burton Mountjoy**, a loyal alumna and dear friend, died July 17. Her daughter wrote that Mary Ann enjoyed each and every reunion. Also **Hildy Parks Cohen**, who was a great theatrical talent, passed away in October. Many of us followed her career on Broadway. The writer/actress wrote the first 20 Tony Award broadcasts. We extend condolences to both families.

In July, **Chris Brauer Krause** had an unfortunate accident at her summer home on the Rappahannock River. She fell off the wharf, which resulted in a serious hip injury and surgery. With the loyal, attentive care of Spott and good medical attention, she has improved steadily and is again busy with family and church activities.

Last March, **Skip Potts Taylor's** daughter, Nancy, was diagnosed with throat cancer and has undergone radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Fortunately, Skip and Wally are close enough to be "on call," but they have endured much stress and strain. On a brighter note, a new great grandson, Jase Wallace, joined the family in August.

Bets Roberts Johnson sent articles from the Fredericksburg paper about the name change of our beloved college. She recently enjoyed lunch with **Anne Dawideit Dickinson**, **Lois French Lockhart** and their husbands.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick keep their travel bags packed. In August, they cruised on a small ship, which took them to Quebec, through the waterways of Canada, and into Portland, Maine, and Providence, R.I., where they disembarked. One of their shipmates was in the class of 1959.

Mary-Lou Conover Miller and Bob left the California desert for three months last summer; they toured Grosse Pointe and Mackinac Island, Mich., spent time in Virginia and Rehoboth Beach, Del., and visited their daughter's family in Boise, Idaho. They had lunch with Skip Potts Taylor, Mary-Lou's Mary Washington roommate, and Wally in Maryland and with **Grace Bailey Lindner** and her husband, Carl, in Fredericksburg.

Grace and Carl continue to serve as docents at Wilton in Richmond. They maintain an active lifestyle by walking every day and stay inspired by messages from Dr. David Jeremiah.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger had a wonderful Scandinavian cruise last July, spending time in New York City and London before sailing. Gloria, always the leader, is consumed now with her challenging and responsible position as president of United Methodist Women in her church.

A phone call from **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor** brought the sad news that **Doris Lanham Einbinder's** husband died in November. Nancy and Doris were roommates at Mary Washington and have remained close friends. Doris is a strong person; her faith and her children are great comfort at this time. We extend our heartfelt sympathy. On another note, Nancy reported that her oldest son is stationed in Iraq as a top-level government official.

Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp's son is doing well following bypass surgery. After losing her husband last year, Elinor has had to readjust to being single again. She joined a fitness center and spends time meeting friends for meals.

Life has not brought too many changes for Jack and me. I feel like **Lyra Pittman** who wrote, "A year older, everything else is the same." I urge each of our classmates to write before the Aug. 15 deadline. It is good to hear from friends with whom we shared good times and who are an important part of our lives. Please update us on your activities. This is the means we have to keep in touch with our college classmates and friends.

1947

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Ravis McBride Carter and **Harriet Sanford Bredin** invited a few of their classmates to lunch last summer. **Robbie Carter Doswell** collected information about everyone's comings and goings. Robbie and Billie, who have been married 55 years, moved from Goochland back to Richmond and are now a mile from two of their sons and

six granddaughters. Another son lives in Washington, D.C. Robbie and Billie, who are in good health, enjoy traveling. They spend winters in the Florida Keys and weekends in the Northern Neck.

Ravis lives in her hometown of Suffolk, Va. Husband Randolph, a lawyer, died in June 2000. Her son is clerk of the Circuit Court in Suffolk. Her daughter, Nancy, lives in Williamsburg. Ravis' grandson graduates from Virginia Tech this June. Her granddaughter plays tennis for the University of Virginia. Harriet lives in Charlottesville with her husband, Steve. They have four daughters, one son, and 14 grandchildren. Her son is with the State Department in the Dominican Republic.

Anna Brauer Oxenham sent an update on her children. Her daughter was the first woman to be named a judge in Henrico County. A son and daughter also are lawyers. Another daughter is vice-president of Southern Health, and a son teaches in Brunswick County. From all these children, Anna has four grandchildren and one great grandson. Anna, who enjoys knitting and bridge, is active in her church and the Richmond Lawyers Auxiliary.

Marian Friddell Mallory lives in Richmond with three children nearby. She enjoys her church, bird watching and gardening. She lost her husband, Walton, after 53 years of marriage. **Mary Nuckols Haydon** and her husband, Ed, live near the University of Richmond and still enjoy their Irvington home in the summer. Their two sons and grandchildren live nearby.

Anne Everett Misch, better known as Eley, lost her husband, Bob, in 1989. She lives in Lexington and breeds horses. One son, Robert W. H. Misch III, is alumni director at Washington & Lee; and the other, Everett Hall Misch, is an engineer in Richmond. Anne has two toddler grandchildren, Robert and Brucie, who love to ride her pony.

Virginia Futrell Williams lives in Portsmouth with Gene, her husband of 57 years. They do a lot of traveling. They have a daughter, a son, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter. **Virginia Pinchbeck Covington** and her husband, Benjamin, live in Bon Air, Va. She is sad to report that her oldest son, Dick, died at age 54 after a nine-year battle with cancer. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 19. Her three other children have been very supportive. She and Ben keep busy traveling, fishing and babysitting their grandchildren. They enjoy water aerobics and are active in their church.

Ruth Meyer Butler did not leave her retirement community in Texas as reported in the summer issue. She broke her hip in February and went through therapy and use of a walker. By June, she was able to drive again. She recently was elected president of the Resident Council, which will keep

her there another year. She writes a newsletter every month and is active in a book club. Her 53-year-old son retired, allowing him to spend more time with his 11-year-old son. Ruth keeps in touch with **Mary Jane Lindenberger Setzer**, **Sue Womer**, **Jean McCausland Lyle**, **Jane Cleeland Willis**, **Jo Poos** and **Bette Caum**.

My husband, Gus, died on July 19. We were together for 54 years. In December, I moved to the address listed above with our youngest son, Mark. Harry, our oldest son, and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Davenport, Fla., in October.

Be sure to contact me by Aug. 15 with news for the next issue.

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Greetings to our class! I received a lovely letter from **Charlotte Smith Hill** who reported on a family wedding, a trip to Cancun, and a sailing expedition in the Mexican Caribbean. As volunteers at the Stennis Space Museum, she and her husband enjoy greeting visitors from many parts of the U.S. and foreign countries. Charlotte keeps in touch with **Sylvia Sheaks Moore** of Harrisonburg, Va., and **Marie Adams Griffith** of Conway, S.C., both of whom are active and well.

Virginia Spickard Manson wrote from Bridgewater, Va., where she moved after her husband's death in 2002. She is near family now, but travels back and forth to Brunswick County, where she is involved in the Brunswick Circuit Foundation. The foundation is charged with preserving significant historical sites in what was known as the "cradle of Methodism" in the South. Virginia continues to paint, having set up an art studio in her home, and has recently completed a 16-foot-long mural and banners for her church as well as several portraits. One daughter works in India and another recently returned from the Middle East.

Betsy Robertson went to Cleveland in October to join her niece for a Penn State football game. Her back is still misbehaving, but she hopes to have it fully mended soon.

Ashby Griffin Mitchell often shares some good e-mail jokes with me. Still actively involved with her garden club and her own garden, she plays bridge regularly and socializes most Friday nights with a special group of friends. **Pat Maguire Bilodeau** and **Ken** are now alone, the granddaughters having completed all schooling and secured employment in Nyack, N.Y. One is a French teacher and the other serves as a client advocate for the Epilepsy Society of New York.

Sarah Armstrong Worman and **Lois Saunier Hornsby** had a very nice invitation to be part of the President's Council dinner and grand opening celebration of the University's Jepson Alumni Executive Center. It was a black tie affair and Sarah said that Lois was stunning in a gold sari cloth stole. At our next reunion, be sure and tour this lovely building.

Earle and I spent a dazzling October in Provence with a cruise down the Tyrrhenian Sea. We stopped at Corsica, Sicily, Malta, and some other smaller islands. As you know, traveling takes a toll these days, what with security and crowds, not to mention the age factor. It took me a week to get over jet lag.

Sincere condolences go to **Ann Gregg Woods** and **Justine Edwards Borland**, both of whom lost their lifetime partners last fall.

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Regrettably, space limitations reduced the Class of '49 entry in the last issue.

Barbara Trimm Wright reported that she lost her sole remaining sister in July and is now living alone for the first time in her life. She said the support of her friends and church family has helped carry her through. Barbara keeps in touch with **Lucy Vance Gilmer**, who continues her ongoing involvement with her church in Bristol; her "other" alma mater, Sullins College; and her Virginia Intermont College "children" and "grandchildren."

Alta Towe Fogelgren has been corresponding for years with **Phyllis Link Atkins**.

Mary Craig Thomas, who lives in Alexandria, has kept in touch with **Jo Cleary Curley**, who lives in Pittsburgh. They both lived in Framar during our senior year. Unfortunately, Mary is battling lung cancer and her treatment is ongoing, but she said that she is still enjoying life. She especially derives much pleasure from her six grandchildren, one of whom is a freshman at Mary Washington this year and on the rowing team. Obviously so proud of her, Mary thinks we will hear great things about her beloved granddaughter, **Leigh Critzer '08**.

Mary sent her best to all Fabulous Forty-Niners and kind words to "bofus." With her indomitable spirit, we know Mary will join our list of survivors. Meanwhile, let us all keep Mary in

our fondest thoughts and most fervent prayers.

Erma Whitaker Bockoven and **Fred** recently visited **Mary Lou Vollmer Cloar** and **Clyde** in their new home in The Franke Village, a Lutheran retirement community in Mount Pleasant, S.C. One of the Cloars' new neighbors is a 1950 graduate of U.Va. who said he remembered Mary Washington as the women's college of THE University ... don't we all? The Cloars' daughter, **Lila**, relocated from Charlotte, N.C., to Mount Pleasant and now has a charming three-story townhouse less than a mile from her parents.

In our reunion report, we mentioned that **Barbara Watson Barden** and **Bob** were unable to join us, as planned, because their son, **Stuart**, his wife and new baby, **Calvin**, had come from California to visit. During their stay, they realized that they were homesick for the area; much to everyone's delight, they returned to California, resigned from their jobs, sold their house and moved bag, baggage 'n' baby back to Pennsylvania. They arrived just in time to join the happy throng in Maine for **Barbara** and **Bob's** wonderful celebration of their 50th anniversary. Staying with **Barbara** and **Bob** until **Stuart** got a new job, they bought their dream house in Lancaster, not far from the **Bardens'** home.

Incidentally, **Barbara** was both surprised and pleased when one of her classmates arrived for the anniversary party. **Betty Shaffer Schaadt** and **Barbara** had become close friends at Mary Washington through their dancing and had met again later at a dance seminar. But, as so often happens, they had lost touch over the years. However, **Barbara's** daughter, **Priscilla** – possessing her mother's perseverance – finally found **Betty** in Massachusetts and sent her an invitation to the gala event. By making the joyous occasion part of her vacation plans, **Betty** was able to join in the celebration and share a happy reunion with **Barbara**.

In honor of her husband's special birthday, **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rixon** and **Fred** took a lovely, lazy trip to the Caribbean and celebrated in style. They enjoyed a wonderful summer with their extended family coming and going at frequent intervals. Between **Fred** and **Chot**, their combined grandchildren now number 12, ranging in age from 26 (**Chot's** granddaughter) to 14 months (**Fred's** grandson). She added that all the children and grands make for fantastic, festive times at holidays and other special occasions. **Chot** stays busy with her tutoring of center-city children, her AAUW activities, and her oil painting. In addition, she now is into mah-jongg and water aerobics.

Betty Bond Heller Nichols wrote us to alert June that **B.B.'s** bass-playing son **Kevin** was booked with a band to perform at a floating casino in St. Charles, across the Missouri River from St. Louis. With a five-day engagement in the casino's lounge, **B.B.'s** daughter, **Cathy**, and her husband, **Jim**, flew out for the weekend to hear **Kevin** and the band. Meanwhile, **B.B.** had the grandchildren at the beach, so she couldn't be present to check out the band's sound. Unfortunately, **June** couldn't leave the house that weekend as she was applying ice packs to her poor old swollen face, following oral surgery. But if **Kevin** is half the musician his mother is, that boat must have been rockin'!

Gwen Brubaker Connell wrote of how much she had enjoyed our 55th reunion weekend (rain aside) and getting reacquainted with classmates she'd remembered all these years. As noted in our last issue, it was **Gwen's** first time back on our lovely campus. **Gwen** also wrote of the October arrival of their third great-grandchild, described as "a little doll." Living in Florida, **Gwen** learned what a hurricane is all about. "Charley" came ashore near their home in Fort Myers causing widespread devastation, but they were very thankful that their house escaped major problems. We only hope that all of our other classmates residing in Florida and environs were as fortunate.

CONNI CONLEY STUART '49 HAS A PART IN A NEW DISNEY TV MOVIE, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ABC) AND SHE RECENTLY DID A ONE-WOMAN SHOW, MAGDA'S BEAUTY SECRETS, FOR THE TORONTO FRINGE FESTIVAL.

Gwen had e-mailed **Andi Dulany Lyons** that she planned a trip to Northern Virginia the last week of September and wondered if the two might meet for another visit. That was the very week **Andi** had invited three of her North Carolina cousins to join her on the Outer Banks. Although meeting at that time didn't work out, **Andi** and **Gwen** hoped they might try again at a later date. As we learned last June, both classmates also serve as Stephen Ministers in their churches.

Andi had exciting family news to share. Her 50-year-old bachelor son, **Rob**, finally found the love of his life, and they were married last fall. The new addition is **Jane**, whom the whole family finds delightful. When **Rob** proposed and she accepted, he gave her **Andi's** mother's engagement ring, which he'd had in his keeping for many years. The other welcome news is that **Andi's** second son, **Hal**, and his wife, **Wendy** (who attended Mary Washington for two years), finally moved into their

circa-1700s house in Lynchburg. Extended family members were invited at Christmas to see the festively-decorated results of the year-long restoration effort.

Unable to join us for our reunion in June, **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill later made their annual summer visit to Virginia and returned to Houston exhausted by their extensive travels. During baseball season, Kate and June exchanged many e-mails regarding the Houston Astros/St. Louis Cardinals games, their post-season playoffs and the unbelievable outcome of the World Series. Jan Clarke, the Mary Washington financial representative who addressed us during our class meeting, was in Houston in October and visited with the Schmidts to discuss their memorial scholarship. Incidentally, the "Mayo Courtyard" at the new Alumni Executive Center is named for another generous donor, not our Kate. The Schmidts spent Thanksgiving in Albuquerque, N.M., with Bill Jr. and his wife. Then, Kate was scheduled to have her left knee replaced in early December.

Earlier this year, **Conni Conley Stuart** and Bonar traveled to Los Angeles for the inauguration of their son, Tony, as president of the L.A. Consumer Attorneys Association. During their visit, Conni and Bonar also attended the Directors Guild Awards. Conni has a part in a new Disney TV movie, *Rules of Engagement* (ABC). During the summer, she did a one-woman show for the Toronto Fringe Festival, which Conni deemed the most challenging role of her career. In *Magda's Beauty Secrets*, Conni portrayed a Polish woman who survived the Holocaust to become a successful beauty expert.

In October, the annual suitemate reunion convened at the Stockbridge, Mass., home of **Sarah-Primm Turner French** and husband John. Conni and Bonar believe Stockbridge to be the most beautiful town in America, as did Norman Rockwell. **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill ("Doc") arrived from Atlanta, and **Betsy Thorne Bultman** '50 and Phelps came from Columbia, S.C. Conni said that their reunion was just as merry as ever, although a lot of time was spent discussing maladies and medications.

As for us, June has had more than her share of maladies this year. After spending so many hours in various dental offices undergoing all manner of procedures, she's begun to feel much like the "wonderful, one-hoss shay," which, you may recall, Oliver Wendell Holmes depicted as lasting one hundred years and a day, then totally disintegrating. Still a few years shy of that grand number, she does see the pending result. However, to date, she's still smiling. Thanks to all those who responded to our plea for news; it's an ongoing need.

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Thanks to all of you who responded to my little questionnaire about our pending 55th reunion; it was great to get some interesting news from those who haven't written in a while.

I am hoping that the Floridians in our group did not suffer damage from all of those hurricanes in late summer. I have been hearing from **Celia Boushee Bullard** in Jacksonville, and she described the power outages and fallen trees there. She was happily anticipating a trip to Argentina in November with her daughter, who had lived there for a year while in high school and had kept up with friends. **Anne Osbourne "Ozzie" Cox** in Plantation, Fla., was also spared major damage, but her cousin in Lake Wales had extensive damage to his home as well as some personal injury.

Rowena Simpson Renn and Lucille "Ciel" Schoolcraft Commander had a get-together at the Southeastern Flower Show. Rowena's husband has been recovering from his second heart attack. Rowena was taking time off from her teaching duties at Mercer University. Ciel and her husband enjoy traveling; they won an African safari, which they plan to take this spring. Also, Ciel has taken her grandchildren on intergenerational Elderhostels, which included Prince Edward Island, Alaska and Denali Park. In addition, Ciel planned to take her "aspiring artist" granddaughter to a program offered by the Art Institute of the University of Chicago.

Gerry Boswell Griffin and David in Jekyll Island, Ga., have placed their names on a waiting list for a retirement community in Davidson, N.C., deciding it was time to downsize after 17 years. **Betty Turner Jones** is enjoying her retirement community in Mount Pleasant, S.C., where she moved in May of 2003. Many of her friends have moved there as well. Her patio home overlooks a lagoon and is just minutes from the ocean. **Nancy Herring Stuart** of Annapolis visited Betty in her new home and said they talked nonstop. **Margaret "Peggy" Penn Hutchins** of Charlotte, N.C., also keeps in touch with Nancy. Peggy is on the boards of the Symphony Guild of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and the Friends of the Library of Queens University. She travels frequently to Urbana, Ill., to visit her daughter, who is an associate professor.

Moving from a barrier island to escape hurricane evacuations, **Joanne Hash Williams** is now in Southport, N.C. She enjoys travel and bridge.

PROFESSOR SECURES NICHE IN POLITICAL AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Gale A. Mattox '72 travels frequently throughout this country and abroad. As an expert on international security, she participates in high-profile panel discussions, appears on television news programs and chairs worldwide conferences.

But where Mattox feels most at home is in front of students at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. A professor there for 24 years, Mattox is the school's first female chair of the political science department as well as the elected Chair of Chairs at USNA.

During the Clinton administration, Mattox served for two years on the Department of State's policy planning staff. In 1987, Mattox and several peers founded Women in International Security (WIIS), a nonprofit organization "dedicated to increasing the influence of women in foreign and defense affairs." She served as WIIS president from 1996 to 2003, during which time membership nearly quadrupled to 1,300. Mattox remains on the executive board of WIIS, which is based at Georgetown University with affiliates in seven countries.

Another highlight of her career was launching a summer symposium for graduate students under WIIS' umbrella to encourage young women



Gale Mattox on campus in 1994 with her daughter, Elizabeth.

in the field. For the past 15 years, distinguished women in the field of international security, along with a few men, have met with students annually for five days of lectures and networking.

All the while, Mattox, 55, has continued teaching. She believes her "outside" work benefits her students. She encourages them to follow her lead and get out of the classroom, see how the world operates and be a part of it. "I think it makes for more interesting learning," Mattox said.

She travels with her midshipmen to Washington, D.C., for government hearings and takes them to conferences on politics and international relations. Last summer, she was the faculty leader for an Atlantic Council student NATO summit in Istanbul, which drew students from more

than 50 countries and included such speakers as then-Secretary of State Colin Powell, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

After majoring in political science and German at Mary Washington, Mattox went to the University of Virginia. There, she earned a master's degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Government and Foreign Affairs and a doctorate in international relations. A Fulbright Scholar and a visiting lecturer at numerous institutions, she also has been a NATO Research Fellow and Robert Bosch Fellow and has written or edited several books and countless articles on international security. In 1994, Mary Washington presented her its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mattox, who lives in Potomac, Md., also is the mother of two daughters. Recently, as she anticipated her 10th-grader's participation in high school Model United Nations, Mattox recalled her own experience with National Collegiate Model UN when Mary Washington brought back to Fredericksburg the award for best delegation.

John Kramer, chair of the Mary Washington Department of Political Science, has remained in close contact with Mattox for 30 years. A standout as an undergraduate, he said, she always has exhibited drive and focus. "You remember the great students vividly," he said.

When Mattox entered the field of international security in the 1970s, her colleagues were overwhelmingly male. But she had a competitive edge. Her Mary Washington professors had encouraged women to go for their goals, Mattox said. "I think that was Mary Washington's strength."

Rebekah Johnson



— Lisa Davis Allison

Last year was not good for **Mary Lyne Kucera Morrissey**. In March, she lost her husband, Tom; then, in July she fell and broke her neck. She spent eight weeks with her family in Greensboro, N.C., and was to have been in a brace for four weeks after that. Even so, she hopes to make it to our reunion.

Still directing the band at a private school in Newberry, S.C., **Bette Hove Moseley** is a follower of "The Lettermen" and attends their concerts regularly. In Indianapolis, Ind., **Christine Doumas Conlin** has been busy with graduations and weddings of grandchildren. She also is active in two antiques clubs. She enjoys making collages using small antiques, vintage photos and other items.

Patti Head Ferguson and **Glenn** have really been wearing travel shoes. They recently have been to Burma and to the Amazon on a river cruise. They are planning to celebrate their 55th anniversary in June on Little Cayman Island. Also, they work in Santa Fe, N.M., with Cornerstones, a group charged with rebuilding adobe village churches and learning how to "mud." On top of everything else, **Glenn** has just had his 11th book published. **Garland Estes McCarthy's** big news is the birth of her granddaughter, Alexandra Penelope, known as Allie; she is the first child of her daughter who lives in Great Falls, Va. **Garland**, who lives in Humble, Texas, occasionally has lunch with fellow alumni. She and her husband will be traveling to Venezuela in June for a reunion of folks who used to live and work there.

Winston Jones Lata of Lawrence, Kan., survived two bouts with cancer. Her husband, **Alfred**, recently retired, and they celebrated with a cruise to Alaska. They also made a 3,000-mile road trip, visiting college friends in various locations across the country and in Canada. **Winston** enjoys gardening, knitting and painting, while **Alfred** continues his singing. **Betty Gavett Breeden** in San Diego, Calif., is working hard to get her leg muscles going again after bilateral knee replacements. She was so diligent in her therapy that she gave herself a hernia and required surgery.

Mary Cottingham Hardy Warren was able to get back to South Carolina for her family and high school reunions after being sidelined for nearly three years because of a bad fall. She was honored in August with a surprise 75th birthday party given by her son and daughter. **Kay Venezio Boffa** is convinced she made the right decision to move to Vermont 17 years ago; not only is she near grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 26, she also is around the corner from the Shelburne Museum and Farm and is within the view of Lake Champlain and the Green and Adirondack mountains.

Another classmate who was happy to see the end of 2004 is **Mary Mount**

Lind. Her husband, **Dick**, had several surgeries – hip and knee revision – and was scheduled for two more operations. They are thankful he is making progress. **Marge Diener Knapp's** husband also has been beset with various health problems. They've continued their involvement with Meals on Wheels, making deliveries several times each month. **Marge** has retired after 30 years from her church choir. She had a wonderful Mother's Day/75th birthday celebration in West Chester, Pa. For the first time in seven years, all five of her children were home at the same time.

Connie Froehler Sinozich of Rockville, Md., travels frequently to the New York City area to see two of her daughters. She also is happy that her oldest daughter is in nearby Silver Spring so she can enjoy her 10-year-old granddaughter, whom they adopted from China as a baby. **Connie** enjoys gardening, volunteering and traveling, and had a grand return trip to Bangkok, where she lived for two years. Also living in Maryland, **Virginia Hardy Vance** of College Park has been busy trying to keep the deer and squirrels away from her garden.

Margaret Bryan Morgan and **Ed**, who celebrated their 55th anniversary last June, still play tennis several times a week. They enjoy their activities in Bruton Parish Church and in their Wareham's Point Community in Kingsmill. One daughter lives near them in Williamsburg, and they visit the other children – in Montana, Washington state, and North Carolina – as much as possible. **Nancy Lee Fox Sease** is site manager of an 18th-century museum house in Surry, Va. It is a seasonal job, which she finds interesting and fun. They have three dogs and 20 cats in their country home.

In Cumberland, Va., **Carol Bailey Miller** has been writing a column on conservation matters for her Women's Club and recently was asked to send copies to the local newspaper. In addition, she writes up activities of the Cumberland Garden Club. **Carol** has attended several reunion meetings of Mary Washington's Hoof Prints riding club. They are trying to locate other alumni members of the club. If you fall into that category or know of members, please notify the Alumni Office so they can contact **Carol**. **Maggie Terrell Belcher** is hoping to attend our reunion with **B.J. Minnick Wilkins**. **Maggie** and her husband live on their beloved farm near Lynchburg, Va. They now lease their farmland so they get to enjoy the cattle without the work. She is involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, and their church, numerous pets and eating out. **Beverly Youngs Robinson**, who loves to travel, cruised on the *Queen Mary II* and spent a few days in London before going to Scotland to visit her oldest son and five grandchildren, who are permanent Scottish residents. **Beverly**

also visited her oldest daughter's beach house in Corolla, N.C.

Some of you may remember **Elizabeth Hunt Walker**, who was with our class for a short time. **Nan Riley Pointer** and **Joe** visited with her in Hattiesburg. They also took a tour to Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies, where they had beautiful weather and saw a mother black bear with three cubs. **Florence Overlay Ridderhof** belongs to a sacred dance group, which participates in worship services in the Fredericksburg area. She has also gone on numerous mission trips through her church, traveling to the highlands of Guatemala to build stoves and to South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation to repair houses. **Florence** also continues to enjoy weaving and knitting.

Just a little bit about me: In October, I enjoyed another Elderhostel program – this one in the Providence/Newport, R.I. area. If you never have gone on an Elderhostel, try one; they are fun and informative. Also in October, on my way up to Cape Cod, I stopped to have lunch with **Ruth Maynard Nuhn** and **Jean Sprower Hampton** in Old Lyme, Conn. What a great time we had reminiscing and catching up with each other's lives. A sad note arrived from **Georgene Kirkendall Harrison** in Garden City, N.Y., informing me of the death of her cousin, **Mary Jane Bassett Currier**. They were very close and were roommates for four years at Mary Washington. **Georgene** said that **Mary Jane**, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when she was 30, was the epitome of courage all through her life. Our sympathy is extended to **Georgene** and the rest of the family.

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From Barbara:

As of this writing, **Gen Suits Lasker** and her husband, **Paul**, were planning a Danube River Christmas cruise. Since they lived in Germany for many years, they felt as though they were going home. Last July, they celebrated their 49th anniversary. **Gen** said that though a few aches and pains provide her a reality check, she feels more the age of her two grandsons, who are 27 and 26.

Bobbie Caverlee Schuler and husband **Tom** are retired and enjoying every day. They spend a lot of time on

the golf course; **Bobbie** said she hopes to one day really learn the game, but she isn't overly confident that she will. In addition, she and **Tom** enjoy trips that they never had time for when they both worked. **Meg**, **Tommy** and their families are back on the East Coast, so **Bobbie** and **Tom** are happily seeing more of their children and grandchildren.

Attending events on campus – even just driving by **Mary Washington** – is a pleasure for **Doris Lindsey Whitfield** and husband **John**. It's a joy for them to be back in Fredericksburg after so many years in North Carolina. At **Doris's** 55th high school reunion, she saw our '53 classmates **Peggy Flippo Cocke**, **Peggy Hall MacNaughton**, **Peggy Snellings Rampsad** and **Betty Walker**.

Recently, **Martha Gilbert Smith** and son **Derek** walked through Minute-man National Park in Concord, Mass.

In September, **Charlotte Benz Villalobos** and daughter **Pat** took a riverboat trip from St. Louis to St. Paul. They loved sitting on their balcony watching the world go by. At the stops, they enjoyed walking and talking to the residents of the small towns. **Charlotte** also made her two annual trips to Nashville to visit her Aunt **Polly**. When at home in Escondido, she stays busy with yoga classes and Chi Gong as well as events at the California Center for the Arts.

Since **Hal** and I were married at West Point the day after graduation, we had the first of many celebrations of our 50th anniversary when we attended **Hal's** 50th West Point reunion this year. Three days after returning from that wonderful, fun event, we left on a cruise and land tour of Alaska and the Yukon. The hotels along the way treated us to suites and celebratory events, as did the ship. One day after returning from Alaska, we left for Steamboat Springs, where we celebrated once again with our two families, my mother, and my brother on a lovely flagstone terrace at the foot of the Rockies. Among our guests were **Deigh Renn Simpson** and **Charlotte**. We enjoyed great weather and great fun! While **Deigh** and **Charlotte** were in Colorado, they also visited **Deigh's** daughter, **Debbie**, who lives in Denver.

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Our 50th reunion in June could only have been improved upon by the presence of each of you who were unable to attend. Wow! How our campus has changed.

The Alumni Office has a few extra copies of the class booklet in case any of you would like one. We want to know

where and how you are and what you're doing. So, please contact me. My next deadline is Aug. 15.

Did you recognize our rain-clad classmates on page 17 of the *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts* that you received in October? **Lewie Payne Long, Janet Andrews Edrington, Lou Robbins Bryant and Vera Bestwick Willis** were pictured at the soggy ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Babs Wilson Taliaferro-Potter said she and her husband, Bob, are on the go much of the time; between trips, they go to Florida to recover. In October, they went to Martha's Vineyard and Danbury, Conn., to visit family, celebrate the birthday of an octogenarian, and enjoy the magnificent fall foliage. In November, they went to New York City for Bob's Grenfell meeting (Grenfell is a foundation for medical and educational assistance), then to Plattsburgh, N.Y., to visit his daughter and family. They also helped **Linda LeHardy Sweet** and husband Jauncey celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Fredericksburg, just before our reunion. The Sweets were unable to attend the reunion because it was at the same time as Jauncey's Naval Academy reunion.

Also at Linda and Jauncey's anniversary celebration were **Helen Peck Newsome** and her husband, who came from North Carolina. Linda stays in touch with "**Joanie**" **Kaitner Lyon**, who left after our sophomore year, and **Margy Hogg Sullivan**, who left after our freshman year. Margy has a jewelry business in Toledo, Ohio. Check out her Web site at www.maggietaal.biz (with a very recognizable picture of her). Margy also paints and plays tennis. She lives in a historic neighborhood in a circa-1886 house. She has 10 grandchildren – daughter Theresa's five live nearby, and Dennis' five are in Manassas, Va. Her son, John, lives in Spencer, N.Y.

Linda and Jauncey visited **Ozzie Chaffee Summers** and husband Paul in late June when they all attended the funeral service for **Marlene Ashby Stroop** in Annapolis. A service just preceding Marlene's was for **Gerry Holsten Rodriguez's** husband, Bill, a USNA classmate of Jauncey. The class of 1954 would like to extend condolences to the families of Marlene and Gerry.

Carolyn Osborne Jenkins, on the lost list for many years, writes that it was wonderful to see so many classmates at our 50th. It was her first trip back to our beautiful campus and it makes her proud (aren't we all?). She loves living in northern California and invites her classmates to come and visit. After our reunion, Carolyn flew to Boston for husband Bob's 50th Harvard reunion. The event was highlighted by lectures from classmates John Updike and Ted Kennedy, a Duck Tour and a concert by the Boston Pops.

Betty Lou Maier Irwin keeps in close touch with **Edith "Ducky" Moody Sheffield** (both were at the reunion) and **Patti Bea Henson Adams**. Betty Lou has traveled with each of them to Europe, and they have visited her in Florida and Nantucket. Patti Bea has retired from teaching, but keeps busy with gardening. She has three daughters – two in Virginia and one in Florida. Betty Lou also occasionally sees **Sara Jane Parcells Vignali '55**, a retired teacher who lives in a nearby New Jersey town.

Toni Miller Drain and husband John had a wonderful trip this summer to Ireland for two weeks, plus a week in England visiting their older daughter, Ann. In October, their children – Rick, an engineer turned master's degree student in Calif.; Ann, a veterinarian now conducting research in New York City; Martha, a stay-at-home mom in Front Royal, Va.; and Michael, a restaurant accountant in D.C. – threw a big 50th anniversary party for them. The weather was perfect. **Jane Bradford Davison** and husband Jack, **Helen Wilbur Vogel**, and I were delighted to attend this very special occasion.

Toni, Jane and Helen are all very active in the Episcopal church. Toni and Jane roomed together (just like those MWC days!) at an Episcopal Church Women meeting in Richmond for two days. And Jane recently hosted a luncheon for six African women who were here as guests of the Episcopal Church Women. Jane also has a new granddaughter, who was born Nov. 12. The parents – son John and his wife, Amy – are both psychologists in Seattle; they also have a 2-year-old boy. Helen's fifth grandchild, Charles Joseph, arrived in July.

Toula Drogaris Fotopoulos and I have talked on the phone, but so far my best day for lunch is her special day with two granddaughters. Her two daughters and families live within five minutes of me, and Toula isn't much farther away. Her son, a lawyer, lives in Great Falls, Va., another 20 to 30 minutes away.

My third grandchild was born June 11. Both grandmas and great-aunt **Mary Ann Gillespie Corbett '50** met him a week later in Illinois. He is beautiful. I was in Sicily for nine days in April with a painting group. Not much completed artwork, but lots of photographs.

Please send news!

1955

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Polly Stoddard Heim was in McCall, Idaho, for the summer months and returned to Tampa, Fla., after the hurricanes. She escaped with only tree clutter. Polly unexpectedly was the recipient of a pacemaker last February. The bad news was that she had to cancel a trip to Paris, France. The good news is that her life is quite normal again.

Marian Minor says the hurricanes seem to like her. Isabel brought the trees down on her house and Gaston caused the storm sewers in North Richmond to back up from 14 inches of rain in less than four hours. She got three feet of water in her basement and had to replace all the heating and washing equipment. In between all of that, she finished renovating her farmhouse (circa-1795) and completed the sale of it. They had the one-room school dismantled and rebuilt at the courthouse. It is a museum for the King and Queen Historical Society.

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"Ivan the Terrible" dealt a blow to **Carol Kolton Bryson** in the form of a tornado. It took out more than one hundred trees, but luckily spared her house. This was two days after she and Harry were in an accident in which their car was broadsided, causing her to break an ankle and Harry to suffer a subdural hematoma. For weeks, she saw the property devastation only from pictures that her son took.

I am sure **Dottie Booth Sanders** will have some wonderful stories to share about Dewey's walk across America (3,355 miles) this past year. Dottie drove more than 17,000 miles. They got home in time to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in August. She is looking forward to reconnecting with her fellow classmates in June.

November found **Eleanor Pollock** on a boat cruising the Nile for four days as part of her Smithsonian tour of Egypt to see ancient ruins and exotic sights. At the same time, **Nancy Shope Armbruster** and Joe were on an Elderhostel in Central America for three weeks. **Jackie Whitehurst Hertz's** husband, Jim, hunted elk in Colorado with Joe in September. Nancy was excited about the arrival of their third grandchild.

A trip to Williamsburg and a stop at Mary Washington were included when **Chris Harper Hovis** and her whole family came east to visit son Joe and his family in Maryland. It sounds like the grandchildren had a great time with a

packed schedule. Neil has retired, but Chris is still working full time.

Audrey Merritt Buchholz and Bernie went to Italy in 2002 with a University of Virginia alumni group. Shortly before the trip, they were in Philadelphia visiting their son and found out that **Sally Watson Castle** is the mother of one of their son's best friends. They got to visit with Sally; then, on the trip to Italy, one of the fellow travelers turned out to be **Polly Watson '53**, Sally's sister. Audrey is ready to celebrate our reunion and their golden wedding anniversary in the same month.

In June, I danced in the opening worship service of the Presbyterian General Assembly in Richmond. We rehearsed a number of times in Fredericksburg. Some of the other dancers were **Vicky Nichols Wilder '80**, **Suzi Bevan '80**, **Gail Watkins Conway '80** and **Mary Katherine Goodwin Greenlaw '61**.

I hope to see you in June for our reunion. Bring pictures to share and stories to tell.

1956

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Pat Francis Chirogene wrote from St. Augustine, Fla., where she has been living for 10 years. She works part-time. One son lives in Germany, the other in Florida; and her daughter is in Philadelphia. She has three grandchildren.

Barbara Kowalzyk Heppe divides her time between Little Deer Isle, Maine, and Newtown Square, Pa. She recently sent **Micky Foley McDaniel** a picture of herself looking very fit and trim with her inter-club championship bowling team.

Ashley Kay Peery Saine Nuckols reports that her son, Mark, and his wife both are lawyers, and he has enrolled at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Another son lives in Florida. **Darlene Grove McNelis** visited **Hermine Gross Fox** and **Judy Smith Hermanson** in California last summer.

In September, **Dixie Moore Kirby** attended her granddaughter's debutante party the day before leaving for a two-week trip to Russia. She also managed to find time to meet me at a memorial service for my brother at North Carolina State University, where he had been a professor. He suffered a fatal heart attack during an annual hike in the Cascade Mountains.

I hope to hear from more of you this year.

1957

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Charley McFarlane DeLorenzo writes from her home at Kingsmill in Williamsburg, Va., that she is "alive and well." She is involved in a myriad of activities and loves living in a college town. Her daughters live in Boston, New York and Florida, and they have four children among them. She has enjoyed hearing from classmates whom she hasn't heard from in years.

Ellen Hertz Hewitt and Charlie had a good trip to England last spring. Three of their children joined them for part of the time. After suffering from leg pain much of the trip, Charlie had successful back surgery in August. Ellen is taking two French courses to prepare for their next trip. She took two years of French in high school and says the only reason she passed was because her teacher liked her!

Anne Jones Belsha spent a wonderful day with **Meredith Puller Townes** at her lovely home in White Stone, Va. **Lois Prime Liles**, **Faye Rice Pittman** and **Anne Davis Haynie** joined them for lunch. They talked up a storm and said it seems like only yesterday that they were at Mary Washington – until they looked in the mirror! Anne and Les took a trip last year to the Canadian Rockies and spent Thanksgiving with their youngest daughter and her family in Kansas City. **Gil Chamblin Wise**, who had heard about the flooding in Richmond, called to check on Anne. Fortunately, Anne and Les received no damage. One of Gil's daughters lives nearby in Jacksonville, N.C., and the other two live in Oregon and Washington state.

My sweetheart, Mahlon, continues to improve and amaze all his doctors. It's been seven years since he fell and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He is unable to practice law, but he has good quality to his life. I call him 'Miracle Man' and he proves me right every day. We are blessed!

Please send your news to me before August 1. Thank you!

1958

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A long note I received from **Elinor Runge Vitek** did not make it into the last issue of *UMW TODAY*. She and her husband, Brant, spent the winter of 2003-04 in the warm, ice-free Bahamas. At some point, **Betsy Smith LaFever**

and **Martha Kimball Johnson** met up with them on their boat in Sarasota, Fla., for a two-day visit. Betsy's mother, who is 97, and Martha's husband, Rick, also joined them. Elinor still is based in Northern Virginia enjoying her husband of 44 years and her four grandchildren who live in the area.

Betty Gould Storms reports that she and Bob made two trips in September – one to Texas to celebrate Bob's 70th birthday with children and grandchildren, and the other to South Dakota to visit the Badlands. They are enjoying retirement and traveling.

In September, I attended my 50th high school reunion and caught up with **Joyce Butler Allen** and **Norma Garter McMannis**. We were three of four women from my class who were accepted for admission to Mary Washington in September 1954. **Reatha Ann Miller Holladay**, who died in 1999, was also a classmate. Joyce, who left Mary Washington, obtained a master's degree in reading and language arts. She enjoyed working with children who had reading problems. She has been retired for 15 years. Joyce and her husband, John, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in 2004. Their four children reside in four different states, and their grandchildren range in age from 3 to 17. Joyce wonders if anyone has heard from **Alice Janklow** or **Martha Carpenter**.

We will be celebrating our 50th reunion in 2008. In 1954 we were admitted to Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. Then we became alumni of Mary Washington College. And now, as of 2004, we are alumni of the University of Mary Washington. We have come a long way!

I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

1959

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Hello, hello... We couldn't be busy with our grandchildren, could we? Or traveling? Or volunteering? We're all couch potatoes! Yeah, right!

A postcard from **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** revealed the fun she and **Molly Bradshaw Clark** had at our 45th reunion. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** has returned to her busy schedule. She and Don had a three and one-half-week vacation last year in Prague and Copenhagen. Then, they took a cruise from Copenhagen to New York City on the *Grand Princess* with stops in Greenland and Iceland. They also spent 10 days in Oregon in the autumn.

Ann Watkins Steves and Bob came for a visit in October. They were on their way to New York, to board the

Grand Princess for a fall foliage tour. Small world. In July, Irene and Don were in Vermont to attend the wedding of Ann and Bob's youngest son, Bill. They had a grand time.

I know all of you plan to fill my mailbox with news. I am going to begin with this tidbit: Virginia is engaged! No date for the wedding yet.

More to come... Take care.

1961

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Erroneous information was included in the Winter 2005 issue of Class Notes. Ann Benton Stone Byrnes of Natchez, Miss., former roommate of Betty Pace Rose, is the '61er who visited the Roses in Kentucky; it was not Californian Beverly Stone Bowers. We regret the error.

The paperback edition of **Kelly Cherry's** recent novel, *We Can Still Be Friends* (SohoPress), was published last June, and in August, Louisiana State University Press brought out her earlier novel, *In the Wink of an Eye*, in their Voices of the South paperback series. Kelly read at the Richmond Museum of Fine Arts, which was a special thrill for her, because that's where her parents gave an annual series of string quartet concerts back in the '50s and '60s.

Sue Wilson Sproul wrote that she and Dave had just returned from a fabulous two-week tour of Sicily, which far exceeded their expectations. She said she's been keen on all things Italian for years and noted that Sicily is Italy – and more. They visited Greek temples, medieval hilltop towns and seaside resorts. They also ate wonderful food, but what made this tour so special for them was the opportunity to meet people in the countryside, at farms and in private homes.

Judy LaRoe Hare had lots of news of classmates. Last March, she visited **Janis Murphy Riefler** at her winter condo overlooking the Sea of Cortez in Los Cabos, Mexico. The condo is a stone's throw from La Pamilla, where John Travolta had his 50th birthday extravaganza, and they went by to sip a margarita in his honor. It was a wonderful reunion after 20 years and Jan was an excellent tour guide. Judy can't wait to go back. **Bobbi Brookes Nation's** daughter, Tanya, was married in May 2004, but Judy couldn't make it to London for the wedding. Judy and Bobbi were planning to meet in New York City at a later date. Judy plays lots of tennis and occasionally flies to Phoenix to spend time with her two granddaughters, Cameron and Ansley. **Marilyn "Mouse" Messier Whitmore** and Bill are still in Simi Valley, Calif., but spend

a week each month at their home in Las Vegas. Mouse's mom has been ill, but fortunately they live close by. Doug and **Dee Doran Cairns** often go to Tybee Island, off the coast of Savannah, where her sister, **Sue Doran Houser '58** has a condo that she and her husband, Parks, generously share with family. Over spring break, Jim and **Patty Cairns Hourin** joined them there, and they had a mini-reunion at Bob and Sylvia **Garland Wickwire's** lovely home on the marsh between Savannah and Tybee. They included **Patsy Whitehead Towle** by phone, knowing she was spending time in Naples, Fla. They all talked, but were sad to hear that Patsy was leaving the next day to attend **Janie Rader Elliott's** funeral.

The Cairnses' son, Rob, Army Special Forces, is now a Lieutenant Colonel stationed in Naples, Italy, on a NATO assignment. He was involved when Greece asked NATO for security back up for the Olympics. Doug and Dee were going over for a few weeks last summer to be with them, as well as visit with friends in Germany.

I received an out-of-the-blue e-mail – one of the perks of this "job" – from **Renec Levinson Laurents**. I had last seen Renee about 15 to 20 years ago when on jury duty in Santa Monica, Calif. She was with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office then and was later offered the job as appellate attorney for the L.A. Department of Water and Power. She was there for more than a dozen years then went with a big law firm as a partner to do appellate work. Now, she is a partner at a smaller firm in downtown L.A., specializing in toxic torts. **Renee and Lynne Williams Neave** got back in touch, too; in November, when Lynne and Sandy came to visit us, Renee, Lynne, and I had a luncheon reunion in Santa Monica.

Syd Collson '60 was in Los Angeles visiting Renee last summer, and she was wearing her Mary Washington class ring. I wonder how many of us still do. It was also a nice surprise to hear from **Nancy E. Hamlin** of Rocky Mount, Va., who wished to touch base with classmates. She graduated with the class of '60 but she entered with our class and crammed four years into three, graduating early. Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** were off to India for several weeks last fall on another one of their wild adventures. Seems they are selling their Hertford, N.C., home next spring, to my dismay – we had some great times there – but after some hurricane and flooding problems, it is understandable.

Pat Scott Peck spent a month of driving 3,700-plus miles in Ireland without an accident, flew home to Miami to pay bills and refuel her energy, and then flew to Nova Scotia to spend a month with a recently retired friend. While crossing the border at Calais, Maine, Pat looked at a two-story salt-box type circa-1900 cottage that a friend's wife

had just purchased on the river. Never did she suspect that she would buy it from her a few months later. When Pat went back up to Maine to close the deal and claim ownership, **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** ventured over for a few days to visit. Calais is the main coastal border town into Canada, and Pat hopes to host more Mary Washington friends.

Did you see the picture of **Peggy and Polly Updegraff Champ** in the latest issue of *UMW TODAY*? They were on the President's Travel Club trip to Northern Italy last May. They loved meeting other alums from a broad range of classes, found Dr. Anderson inspiring and a "dear man" to get to know, and were thrilled by the art, museums, culture, lectures, food, wine and accommodations.

In early August, **Eleanor Saunders Sunderland** and **Judy Saunders Slifer** were back in Maine visiting their cousin. Peggy enjoyed a wonderful lakeside lunch with them and was amazed at their energy and enthusiasm. Polly Champ also had a trip to Boothbay Harbor last summer. Peggy is so pleased to have friends enjoying her beautiful and beloved state of Maine.

Peggy, Pat and I all chat occasionally with **Carolyn Crum Pannu**. She had arthroscopic surgery on her knee in October, but was happily looking forward to becoming a grandmother in January. Her son, Raj, and his wife have moved to Texas, so she will have to start traveling that way to see the baby.

My son and daughter-in-law made me a grandmother last June, but I don't get enough of my sweet Linnea as she is all the way across the country.

Kay Slaughter and **Bitsy Wright Coxe** had a great visit together over the summer. Bitsy's mother is in a nursing home in Charlottesville, and so Bitsy (now called Elizabeth) spent the weekend with Kay. They have known each other since seventh grade – long before Mary Washington – but had not seen each other since they both left the college in 1959. "When I talked to Bitsy on the phone before she arrived," Kay said, "she sounded exactly the same." Both agreed that despite the intervening years, each was her recognizable self from 50-plus years ago. Bitsy finished her education at Goucher College and got a master's degree from Johns Hopkins. Now living in Baltimore, she has two grown sons.

Kay has also had a number of visits with John and **Judy Kennedy Matthews**. Judy was a student at Mary Washington from 1957 to 1959 and

graduated in 1961 from the U.Va. School of Nursing. Kay and Judy have kept in touch over the years, but because of a work assignment, Kay has been spending a lot of time recently in Martinsville and staying with Judy and John. Judy is a former school board chair and the mother of three grown sons and several grandsons. She and John travel regularly to Jackson Hole and the Southwest. John is retired and has become a very fine landscape painter. Kay is still working for the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville, but is phasing down into a semi-retired status, doing much more writing. A number of her essays have appeared in local publications and on the local NPR station.

THE PAPERBACK EDITION OF KELLY CHERRY'S '61 RECENT NOVEL, WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS (SOHOPRESS), WAS PUBLISHED LAST JUNE, AND IN AUGUST, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS BROUGHT OUT HER EARLIER NOVEL, IN THE WINK OF AN EYE, IN THEIR VOICES OF THE SOUTH PAPERBACK SERIES.

Following an e-mail from **Bette Marchant George**, I shared her Web site (www.bettegeorge.com) with the '61ers e-mail list and heard from several classmates who were as impressed as I was. After many years in the fields of coaching, mentoring, communications and organizational development, Bette has started her own business, Bette George and Associates. Bette heard from **Ellen Grumbly deGail** immediately after posting the Web site, and they are hoping to get together before too long with **Joan Gibson Lippold** and **Nancy Wright**. Bette was expecting her 13th grandchild in their blended family of six kids, all of whom live in the Washington, D.C. area.

Nancy reports that she is doing well and enjoying her granddaughters, who make her life very special during difficult days. She and Grant had loved to travel, so this spring she went to Italy with a group of friends from the high school where she worked and enjoyed the trip much more than she thought she would.

Lynne Wilson Rupert is enjoying her four grandchildren and retirement in Temecula, Calif. She and Jim were off to Scandinavia and Russia in August and to Florida for her nephew's wedding in December.

Andy and Connie Booth Logothetis took a trip to Ireland and Scotland. Connie and **Janie Riles** were off to visit **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**, whose husband, Clarence, just had his book, *CIA SpyMaster*, published. The book is about a former CIA colleague, George Kisevalter.

We now have three opportunities per year to put our news in *UMW TODAY*, so be sure to keep us posted on what is going on in your lives. We especially love to hear news of mini-Mary Washington reunions.

1962

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From Ann:

I e-mailed **Jane Walshe McCracken** to let her know that our daughter would be moving to her area in southern California. Jane's return e-mail mentioned that she wishes she were close enough to see all of you more often than every five years. Her husband, Jay, said he will retire in April '06, so maybe he and Jane will take off on a cross-country trip. Jane was in Virginia in June for her cousin's 50th anniversary, and she would like to travel east more often since her mother will be 90 in February. Jane recently visited with daughter Cadi and family – Hannah Jane was born last May, and big brother, Sam, is not thrilled. In early November, Jerry and I flew out to California to visit our daughter and family, and we linked up with Jane and Jay for a delightful visit. The McCrackens took us to "Downtown Disney," where we enjoyed a Mexican feast and talked a mile a minute. We look forward to a return visit and another feeble attempt at trying to "catch up."

Donna Stevens Boyd wrote in September that her back surgery was scheduled for early October and she hoped that this operation would at least alleviate the pain so that she can stand and walk (maybe even quickly) again. She later e-mailed in October, that she had recently returned home from the hospital, still in lots of surgical pain, but not much physical pain. She felt that she was definitely getting better, and her neighbors joined Harold in taking care of her.

Kay Mizell Heppinstill is officially retired after 38 years of teaching, and she loves retirement. She had knee replacement last January and was home from school for nearly four months. It was then that she realized it's not so bad not having to get up at 6:30 and be "wonderful" by 8:15! She says the knee is recovering nicely, and the other one

probably will get its turn sometime next year. Kay is in training to be a part of the Literacy Volunteers of America, and she has promised another retired teacher to help out at the hospital thrift store. Kay also recently took her first "senior" trip – a wonderful five-day bus journey to a delightful lodge in Vermont.

Louise Dunn Fuqua e-mailed in September that her big news is the arrival of a second grandson, **Evan Jack Nelson**, who joins big brother **Quinn** (the one whose photo was circulated at our last reunion). Louise visited her son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons in McKinleyville, Calif., for a week in October. She and her mother, who turned 90 in March, had visited in June. Louise's younger son moved to Alexander, N.C., recently and is busy with horticulture courses. Louise also mentioned that **Marie Eckstein Callahan**'s older son was married in Hawaii. His parents and three siblings all came for a wonderful vacation. Louise is in regular e-mail contact with **Marie, Beverley Sulpice Persell, Susie Hawkins Canfield, Katharine Logan Forsyth** and **Sandra Cox Jones**.

Joan Akers Rothgeb wrote in May that **Nellie Peyronnet Drew**'s widower, **Lewis**, and **Gale Taylor Hickerson** were married in June. They started seeing each other the previous year in late summer or early fall. I know that the rest of you join me in wishing **Gale** and **Lewis** many happy years together. **Joan's** son, **Lee**, is being moved back to Richmond with his company. Her little granddaughter, **Katie**, is still so good and happy; **Joan** has cute pictures of her in a Mary Washington sweatshirt. **Joan** and **Eddie** spent several days at **Holden Beach** with friends. While there, **Joan** had lunch with **Bonnie Booker Kinzer** and her husband. **Joan** reports that **Bonnie** is vivacious as ever and looks great. **Joan** missed this year's beach week with the Mary Washington "girls" because she and her family were celebrating **Eddie's** 65th birthday. She hoped to see **Mary Sue Grandy Farrar** in late August before **Mary Sue** headed west.

Joan heard from **Mary Lott Haglund**, who had hoped to visit. She also hoped to see **Helen Alexion James** on one of her trips to the beach. She planned to go there in September, spending a night with **Marilyne Schulman Rafal**.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice e-mailed in July that she had just chatted with **Carolyn Powell Piotrowski** for the first time in many months. Marcia's big news is that she got a Cavalier King Charles spaniel puppy in May. Probably a nutty idea, she says; it is so hard in a city apartment. She met fellow alum, **Jo Love Morgan Willis '64**, at River Farm while attending the opening of a show with a friend. **Jo Love** is married and lives in Fredericksburg.

Patsy Jones King sent a birth announcement as the thrilled grandmother of **Frederick McGuire Herlihy**,

who entered the world in June. Patsy was there for the birth.

Edith Gilbert Smith continues her tireless work as an advocacy volunteer for disabled ex-service members and their families. In June, Edie was extensively quoted in an article in the *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper that dealt with this topic.

Sandra McGregor Craig traveled to New Zealand and Australia for a month, part of it on a cruise, and part visiting family in Sydney. She and husband Kenny are the proud grandparents of 2-year-old Brighton, daughter of son Kenny and his wife, Bonnie Ann, who live in Hume, outside of Warrenton. Brighton has been on a horse nearly as long as she could sit up on her own, since her parents are both accomplished riders. She also is all girl! Kenny has been fully retired since 1991, so he and Sandra have been pursuing a variety of interests. Kenny plays golf three times a week, does woodworking, yard work, etc., and they both volunteer at church. Sandra is part of a unique group of museum consultants, Seams Like Yesterday. They specialize in the 18th and early 19th centuries, offering everything from reproductions of handmade household and personal items to programming for both children and adults. Sandra says that her health hasn't been too great in recent years, but at least she has incred-

ible staying power and energy. She and Kenny took a short golfing vacation in West Virginia then planned to follow the Lewis and Clark Trail, a trip Kenny spent most of the winter planning.

Sandra mentioned that it was wonderful to be with **Nancy O'Neal Robinson** for a high school reunion in Jacksonville, Fla. Nancy is still her delightful self, according to Sandra. Nancy and husband Robbie recently vacationed in Hawaii. They had a great week in Poipu on Kauai, where Robbie played golf and Nancy took early morning waterfront walks. Nancy also was involved with a women's retreat, followed by a trip to Mexico.

Lois Hartman sent news that she and a colleague have been working on a contract proposal related to the Peace Corps. Lois also did some work with USAID on their senior foreign-service performance board in June. She is a busy lady indeed!

I had another pleasant surprise e-mail from **Connie Booth Logothetis '61**, who had read my class notes in the winter '04 issue and noticed my interest in going to Europe to paint. Connie's roommate, **Janie Riles '61**, has become a prolific and award-winning artist in San Diego. She has led artist workshop trips to France – last year to Dordogne – and she has a similar trip this year.

Connie and husband Andy went to Umbria last May and just loved it, along with Tuscany, Venice and Rome. Connie's daughter, a marine biologist, lives not too far from us in Wilmington, N.C. Andy and Connie live in Wilmington, Del., where she went to work for duPont after graduating from Mary Washington. Connie's sister **Barbara "Linkey" Booth Green '63** lives just about 100 miles from her, in Carlisle, Pa., after having lived out West for many years. They love being within an easy drive of each other.

Carrie Lee Jacobs Henderson expressed her sadness upon reading of Ray Merchant's death in the Winter 2004 issue. She is excited that we are now the University of Mary Washington, noting that we have gone from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia to the University of Mary Washington in 42 years ... wow! Her diploma is hanging in her office at home. Carrie and Ted moved to Keene, N.H. (home territory for Ted) in 2001. She is learning how to live in New England and is skiing twice a week. After being a clinical social worker and a marriage and family therapist for 37 years, she has changed careers. When they moved to New Hampshire, they started an antiques business, TLC Antiques and Appraisals. Carrie is an associate member of the International

Society of Appraisers and is studying to become a certified appraiser. She still has her clinical licenses, but really enjoys the antique business. She hasn't lost her Southern accent yet, and every time she opens her mouth, people ask where she's from. Carrie keeps in touch with **Bonnie Rovics Aberson '61**, who has visited New Hampshire several times.

Faye Greear Metzl wrote in February with the big news that she had passed the CPA exam, and – at age 62 – plans to get her license. Congratulations, Faye! **Helen Alexion James'** daughter, Nicole, had a beautiful Greek Orthodox wedding in Norfolk, Va., in July. Jerry and I attended the wedding, reception and dinner dance afterward. Helen and Gus thought of every detail to make the event perfect for their daughter, new son-in-law and the wedding guests. **Emily Lewis** and her husband, Tony, attended the wedding, as did Emily's sister, **Judith Lewis Clark '61**, and her husband, John. For an all-too-brief weekend, we "roomies" and close friends were together and sharing the joy of a special event. In early September, Emily and Tony visited Jerry and me here in Emerald Isle. We had such a good time together while showing them around what we consider our little bit of paradise. Emily talked about the renovations she plans to make on their mountain home. **Mary**



BANKING ON HIS PASSION FOR PLATH

At the intersection of love angst and literature, **Peter Steinberg '96** experienced a defining moment. During a study of modern writers in his introduction to poetry class at Mary Washington College, something clicked. "I had just gone through a breakup with a girlfriend, and I was pretty shattered by that," he said. "*Lady Lazarus* spoke to me the way some people say a song or a lyric speaks to them."

The piece was written by Sylvia Plath, the acclaimed American poet who killed herself in 1963 at age 30; the moment marked the beginning of Steinberg's Plath passion. A culmination of sorts occurred last summer when Chelsea House published Steinberg's biography, *Sylvia Plath*, as part of its Great Writers series. The goal of the book, he said, "was to give her early years a little more attention."

But Steinberg's not a full-time writer. By day, he's a financial intelligence analyst at Boston Private Bank & Trust Co., where he does research to detect money laundering and other crimes.

Both his vocation and his avocation involve investigation. But he clearly prefers one over the other. "I'm more in tune with the Plath side than the banking side," he said.

After graduating from Mary Washington, where he was on the cross country and track teams, Steinberg spent several months working in banking in London. There, he read Plath and visited her gravesite. Back in Northern Virginia, he read essays, articles and reviews of her work. He also collected rare and limited editions, which can be pretty pricey. "Living at home, rent-free, helped," he quipped.

His interest in Plath picked up in 1998, when he first rummaged through her archives at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she had attended and taught. He pored over her dictionary, journals, and drafts of poems from her *Ariel* collection, then drove around looking for the sites she mentioned in her writings. He's used the gumshoe strategy many times since.

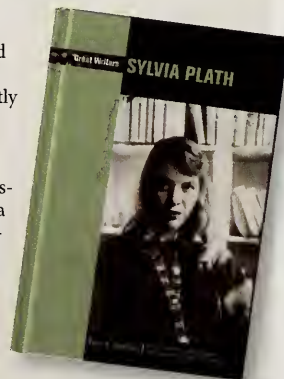
"I put my boots on and, with one of her poems in my hand, I literally walk – even through fields – trying to retrace steps," he said.

One of Steinberg's more memorable discoveries: With the help of Plath's address book in her archives, he found and photographed the home in London where she wrote her classic novel, *The Bell Jar*.

"For someone like me, and a handful of other people who care, that's huge," he said. He's amassed a Plath photo collection, now 800 to 1,000 images strong – one that A&E's Biography Channel recently tapped for a program about the poet.

Steinberg, who moved to Boston in 2000, also maintains a Web site (www.sylviaiplath.info), designed by Mary Washington alumnus Jamie Wasserman '96. Next, Steinberg would like to publish a pictorial biography about Plath. And he keeps digging. "I'm never going to know everything [about her]," he said. "But I like knowing what I know."

– Melissa Davis Haller



Wolfe Maddrey Isenhour continues to work hard at fund-raisers to stock the bookshelves of our new library. She and Bob recently bought a house in the mountains of Virginia and Wolffe is busy applying her special touches to make the mountain house as lovely as her beach house.

As for me, Jerry and I planned to go to Fort Stuart, Fla., to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holidays with my youngest sister, Sharon, who attended Mary Washington for one year. A Caribbean cruise is on the agenda for this spring. Our motto is: Travel while your legs and knees hold out!

Do keep in touch, and send news.

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The response to my request for news was outstanding! I was inundated with word of travels and grandchildren and many other things. Here are some highlights:

Anne Radway of Annandale, Va., who joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1963 and retired in 1998, earned a master's degree in landscape design. She intended to make that her "retirement" career, but now is back working under contract for the federal government. She has four children and four grandchildren.

After 10 years of living on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, **Grace "Gee" Tucker Fruit** and husband Bill moved to Punta Gorda, Fla., where they had often traveled. They moved on April Fools' Day, which Grace now says should have been a clue to the string of hardships to come: They endured four hurricanes, the worst being Charley, and Bill had four surgeries. Even so, they love the area, the amenities and being able to take a dip in the Gulf of Mexico whenever they want. Grace and Bill have three children, including daughter **Betsy Fruit '83**. Grace is in touch with **Diane Berwind Abbott**, who lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Barbara Grant Fox wrote from Michigan that her husband, Dave, retired this year. They enjoy kayaking and recently celebrated their 40th anniversary with a cruise from New York to Iceland. Barbara continues to work as a systems analyst in the Kellogg Biological Station at Michigan State University. They have a daughter who teaches in Arizona, a son who is an assistant professor in veterinary orthopedic surgery at the University of Missouri, and a "beautiful" 6-year-old granddaughter.

Wendy Shadwell and **Janice Coleman** went on a cruise to the coast of New England in mid-September – at the same time that Hurricane Ivan

visited! Bad weather caused them to miss Block Island, but they thoroughly enjoyed Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Newport and New Bedford. Wendy attended the annual conference of the American Printing Association at the University of Delaware last fall and was off to Spain, Morocco, Gibraltar and the Canary Islands in November. What a traveler!

In September, **Linda Herrold Hansen** moved to Georgetown, Texas, which is just north of Austin. She is active with golf, the Nature Club, ballroom dancing, fitness, walking, cycling, bocce ball and swimming. Linda extends an invitation to any classmates who might be visiting the Austin area to come for a "weekend of fun."

From Stone Mountain, Ga., comes news from **Beverly Bird Miller** who retired from teaching three years ago. She and husband Paul, also retired, deliver Meals on Wheels and have traveled to Greece, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and Alaska. Beverly enjoys her five grandchildren, exercising, church work and being a docent at the Jimmy Carter Museum and Library. Beverly invites you to come see her if you ever travel to Atlanta.

Susan O'Connor Johonett, who roomed with Beverly, lives and teaches in Dunbarton, N.H.

Lani St. John Rakow and husband Bill, a retired Marine, live in Ocean Pines, Md. They married a week after graduation and spent 27 years living all over North Carolina, Virginia, Hawaii and Kansas – just to name a few places. They owned a residential construction business, but they turned it over to their son, Steve, who left his law career to become a builder. Lani and Bill are glad to have Steve, his wife and three daughters nearby. Lani still works as a part-time bookkeeper in the business. Daughter Christy lives in Ohio with her husband, a Marine who left for a tour of duty in Iraq in January. We all wish him a safe return. Lani and Bill traveled to Spain last fall. Lani would love to see you if you are traveling her way.

Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner appointed **Patricia Branstetter Revere** to the UMW Board of Visitors in June. Her sophomore suitemate from Mason, **Suellen Grant Knowles**, is serving the final year of her second term on the Board.

Thank you, Patricia and Suellen, for your service to Mary Washington!

Suellen wrote that it has been a privilege to spend seven "remarkable" years on the Board, especially during a "period of tremendous advancement for Mary Washington." She hopes that "each of you has an opportunity to visit the campus, the new campus for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and the beautiful new Alumni Executive Center."

Suellen now will serve as a planner for the 2005 White House Conference

Let us hear from you!

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on Aging, which will study, among other things, the effect of 78 million Baby Boomers planning for and reaching retirement. Suellen welcomes your thoughts and concerns by e-mail at Suellen.Knowles@whcoa.gov.

Barbara "B" Prall Granger has lived in Southern Pines, N.C., for 29 years and is still teaching at Episcopal Day School. She has two married daughters, a baby granddaughter and another grandchild on the way. Barbara occasionally sees **Sallie Granger Daughtrey**, who lives nearby.

Susan Rutan Joehnk and husband Karsten recently returned from a trip to China, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing, including a four-day trip up the Yangtze River. They live in La Jolla, Calif., and are busy preparing for the weddings of two of their sons next year – one at home and the other soon after in Avignon, France. Susan, who retired last January from the legal profession, said "Life is good," and wishes the same to all of us. She sees former roommate, **Cathy Foster Skala**, when Cathy travels to California to visit family.

Karen Vandevanter Chapman and husband Kurt moved to Westerly, R.I., after 26 years in Connecticut. Karen is a library media specialist in a middle school in Mystic, Conn., the next town over. Avid sports fans, she and Kurt cheer on the Red Sox, the Patriots and the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. They have attended the last three Final Four games. Karen volunteers at church, plays tennis and is a member of the Junior League of Hartford. She has a son, a daughter and a little granddaughter. The Chapmans keep up with **Carol Vanness Clapp** and her husband, Dick, who are in touch with **Ginger Logie Carr** and Cal. Karen also stays in touch with David and **Linkey Booth Green**, as well as Tom and **Rebecca Ryan Dunkenberg**.

Frany Lee Carr's Christmas card featured a photo of her with her handsome little grandson, Micah, in a swimming pool – Frany, you look great! She has lived in Orange County, Calif., since 1963 and was the typical "soccer mom" for her figure-skating daughter. Frany, who loves to travel, hike, garden and swim, wrote "I'm very blessed – life is good."

After living in Salisbury, N.C., for 30 years and teaching high school fam-

ily and consumer sciences there, **Anne Rasmussen Lyles** is looking forward to retirement. She is very active in the historic foundation and lives in a 112-year-old Victorian home which sits on the site of a well-known Confederate prison. She has two sons: One lives near Anne and co-owns a fitness center. The other lives in New Orleans and owns a historic restoration business.

Arlene Drescher Wilson sells her handmade Japanese shibori apparel through Arlene Wilson Art to Wear and her church textiles (robes and altar cloths) through her other business, ALV and ALTAR. She continues her fine art and collage, which are on the Web at www.nineteenonpaper.com. After 16 years of the single life, she has a significant other who also is an artist. Arlene's son is a plastic surgeon in Nashville. Classmate **Betty Chilton Finkle '61** lives in nearby Los Gatos. Arlene said that Betty spends her time hiking and jumping out of airplanes. Betty's mother and daughter did a sky dive jump with her a couple of years ago. Arlene would love to hear from **Julie Burch Southall**, **Susan Woodward Kilborn** and **Courtney Lawson Sjostrom**.

And last, but not least, comes a voice "not heard from in about 41 years," **Sheila Holt Wahl**. She has two children, a grandchild and a foster daughter. Sheila began a master's degree program in clothing and textiles from San Jose State University and taught sewing and tailoring for 15 years. After that, she joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. – now Lockheed Martin – to work in engineering statistical analysis and quality control. She enjoyed this second career, retired and now works toward becoming an expert quilter and gardener. She stays in touch with her former roommate, **Peggy Martin Newcomb**, who lives in Gloucester, Va. She would love to hear from **Judy Bower**.

Many of you are aware that I almost lost my husband after surgery in July, when his kidneys failed. After three weeks in ICU and 10 weeks in Richmond hospitals, he returned home Oct. 2. It has been slow, but he gradually is recovering. He continues to have kidney dialysis three times a week. He has lost nearly 100 pounds, and he looks better and stronger every day. Our six little grandchildren and all our family are so grateful that Jim is home.

Jeanne Horsman Scott Selby moved to a golf-course community in Cumming, Ga., in May. She and her husband keep a boat nearby at Lake Lanier and find the community friendly and refreshing. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and have fun outdoors. Jeanne has two sons who graduated from Furman University and live in the area.

Sunny Martin Agee, my freshman and sophomore roommate and still a delightful person, visited me recently. She has an 18th-century house on 300 acres near Louisa, Va.

LEAVING A LEGACY, KEEPING A CONNECTION

For years, Nancy Duval Andrews '44 took delight in an original Gari Melchers painting that hung on the wall of her Richmond living room. Recently, as she contemplated the dispersion of her belongings, Andrews thought about how much each of her children adored the painting.

Tough decision? Not for Andrews. She placed a call to the University of Mary Washington and said she wanted to donate the painting to the school.

In Andrews' eyes, Mary Washington is nearly as beloved as one of her offspring. Mention the name of her alma mater and the 81-year-old lights up.

"Mary Washington is very near and dear to my heart," Andrews said in a recent interview. That is evidenced not only by her generosity toward the school, but also by her active involvement.

Yearbook editor and member of the May Court while in school, Andrews has never let up. She has served on the Belmont board and is an emeritus member of the Mary Washington Foundation board. She founded the Duval Scholarship, and she has spearheaded fund-raising efforts for her class. With Andrews' prodding, her classmates turned out in droves for the 50th reunion in 1994. And that class probably has raised more money than any other class in Mary Washington history. With scholarships, she said, "We can turn a family around."

Ask Andrews what it is that accounts for the close-knit nature of '44ers and she develops a wistful look. The memories start flowing – tea dances on Fridays, Mrs. Bushnell, a goat in the bathtub, \$106-per-semester tuition, walks to town wearing stockings, the murals in Monroe, May Day.

No one thing, Andrews said, but "the war definitely drew us closer." Of course, World War II dominated the entire tenure of the Class of 1944.

Another factor that contributed to class camaraderie, Andrews added, was that the whole class moved into the same dorm each year. "You literally knew everybody in your class by name." Many of them still stay in regular contact, Andrews said. "A classmate from Bethesda calls me every weekend...I talked to my freshman roommate just last week."

Clearly, a special spark infused the Mary Washington students of her era, Andrews said, holding them closer to each other and to the school. That spark and spirit are lacking in many of the later classes, she added, noting that her daughter and daughter-in-law – both members of the Class of 1975 – have a less powerful affinity toward their alma mater.

The family tradition of attending Mary Washington dates back to Andrews' mother, a member of the Class of 1916, and extends to the present. Andrews' grandson will be a member of the Class of 2009. During that span of nearly a century, cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews and a great uncle's daughter all have matriculated. "We are Mary Washington people," said Andrews.

The devoted alumna is not able to visit campus as often as she would like. Back surgery several years ago has left her in nearly constant pain and made it difficult for Andrews to walk. She did attend her 60th reunion last year and was present for the dedication of the "lovely" Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Always cheerful, Andrews said, "I still have two ears and a smile." Whether she's up and around or not, she noted, she is able to listen to people and offer encouragement.

As for plans to attend her 65th reunion the year of her grandson's graduation, Andrews said, "You know I will be there if humanly possible!"

– Anna Barron Billingsley



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From Elizabeth:

Judy Finger Bradley and husband Chris vacationed in Chile, where they spent Thanksgiving with old friends. **Barbara Ioanes** spent a lovely day in Washington, D.C., with **Margo Valentino Schmidt**, who was on home leave from her education job in Kuwait City. Barbara also spent a wonderful afternoon with **Jill Shuger**, who was heading to East Hampton to attend the wedding of **Katie Spence's** son, which was the same weekend as our reunion. **Janet Davis Edson** and Barbara have spent countless hours discussing Mary Washington.

Betsy Ruth enjoys her life in East Hampton, N.Y., having left Manhattan last year. Betsy works in the library and is raising a Lab puppy.

In June, **Ruth Larson** went to London for six days with her sisters and niece. In August, she visited Yellowstone for an intense park study. Ruth's hobby is horseback riding, and she works as a librarian for the U.S. Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs.

Frances Heisler Way, **Catherine Puskas**, **Betsy Stanley Klein** and **Elizabeth Jennings Peterson** were reunited at the 40th class reunion for the first time since Betsy's wedding the August after we graduated. Betsy is retired from teaching math and now gardens; Cathy works at Yale New Haven Hospital as a computer programmer; Fran continues to serve as her church librarian and paints when there is time; and Elizabeth is retired from Army civilian work as a chemist and now hikes and gardens. After the reunion, Catherine and Elizabeth visited **Margaret Anne Raymond Hufnagel** and husband Fred at their home in Warrenton, Va. While there, they toured the Shenandoah Mountains and had a lovely dinner together in an old schoolhouse that is now a restaurant and a bed-and-breakfast.

I visited with **Virginia Lee Miller** by phone in August. She enjoys living in New Hampshire.

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It was great to hear from some "long-lost" classmates who sent news.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her family had a fun October family reunion in Corolla, N.C. She and husband Bob have been redecorating, and Ellen tutored four students in Latin last fall. **Deborah Walker Powell** enjoys being a grandmother and helping her daughter with her four children. Those include triplets whose first birthday was Halloween. Debbie and husband Ken sold their bed-and-breakfast, restaurant and catering businesses last year and were involved in starting up a new Anglican church in Appomattox, Va. Debbie chairs the tourism committee for the town and is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ellen Smythe Grosskurth teaches English as a second language at a middle school in the Philadelphia suburbs and is working on her master's degree in teaching English as a second language from West Chester University. Her daughter, Veronica, graduated from The Art Institute with a degree in video production. Her son, Alex, is a senior at Lehigh University majoring in electrical engineering, where he plans to earn a master's degree in environmental policies next year. Ellen and her family made many trips to the Jersey shore last summer and a trip to visit her mother in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

Mary Karen Vellines is the senior associate dean of admission and director of international admission at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. She travels in the U.S. and all over the world to recruit students. Mary Karen is married to Milton Bloch, president of Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica, N.Y. Her only daughter was married last summer and lives with her husband in Charlotte, N.C. Since turning 50, Mary Karen has run two marathons – the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and one in Ottawa, Canada.

Barbara Forgione Tansey is working part time as a design consultant for Ethan Allen in Knoxville. Her daughter, Lisa, and son-in-law, Eric, planned to spend Thanksgiving with Barbara and her husband, Bruce, at their home in Loudon, Tenn. Lisa and her husband live in Suffolk, Va., where Lisa works as a communications associate for Operation Smile, an international non-profit organization that sends volunteer

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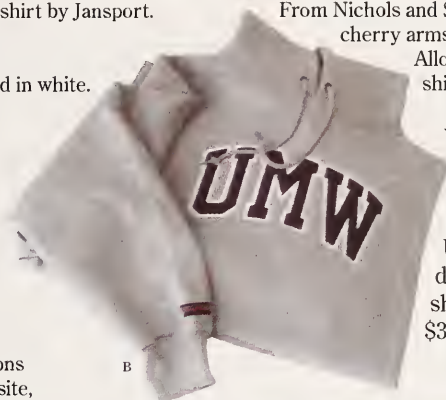
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medical teams throughout the world to perform surgery on children with cleft palates and other facial deformities. Eric works for U.S. Customs. Barbara and Bruce continue to redecorate, renovate and landscape their home. They plan to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in May on a 12-day Mediterranean cruise.

Dinah McGuire Douglas continues to direct a team providing mental health services to the seriously mentally ill. Her daughter had a fabulous outdoor wedding in October that included a Motown band. Dinah planned to spend Thanksgiving in Florida with her son who works at the Ritz-Carlton in Lido Beach.

After more than 10 years as director of the Columbia County Public Library in Lake City, Fla., **Faye Carrithers Roberts** started last September as a consultant to public libraries for the Florida State Library. Faye is now based in Tallahassee, while her husband, Claude, works in Lake City. She said that they are conducting a long-distance marriage until they purchase a home in Tallahassee. They have a new grandson, who has both American and Dutch citizenship. In 2003, Faye had a great vacation visiting her daughter-in-law's family just outside of Amsterdam, and she is trying to learn a little Dutch.

Joyce Burcham is renovating her Manhattan apartment and has begun writing a book with her former doctoral supervisor at New York University on epidemiology in private practice. Last year, she took conversation courses in French and German and attended the Mid-Atlantic Classics Convention, studying a battle fought 2,000 years ago. Joyce planned to leave in December for two months in Sydney, Australia, to work on her suntan, golf handicap, and repairs on her 19th-century Sydney townhouse.

Joyce had lunch with Bülent Atalay, UMW professor of physics, and Nikola Nikolic, UMW professor of physics emeritus, and their wives. She also had dinner with **Cathy Haringer Christian**. Cathy is practicing law in Woodbridge, Va., and was looking forward to the birth of her second grandchild. Joyce wrote that **Jan Sullivan-Chalmers** retired last year to Melbourne, Fla., with her British husband, Tony, and their two children.

Marion Moncure Hanna has been in Wilmington, N.C., since 1986 and has spent the last five years working with technology in the New Hanover County Schools. Last year, she completed student teaching for her certification in middle school math. Her younger daughter, Torrey, attends Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., as a teaching fellow. Elder daughter Kate is a junior at Elon University, and her 13-year-old son is in seventh grade in Wilmington. I hope that Marion and

I get reacquainted when she visits her daughter at ASU.

Gaye Gregory Elliott's youngest son, Matt, is the third generation of her family to attend Mary Washington. Gaye's father attended in 1930 as a day student when it was known as Fredericksburg State Teachers College. Matt lives on fourth floor Jefferson Hall, the same floor where Gaye spent her last three years, except that it's now coed. Matt will be playing baseball at UMW. He was recruited as a catcher, and his roommate is a pitcher from Cleveland. **Terry Yoder '71** has twin sons, one of whom is a good friend of Matt's and plays soccer at UMW.

Kathy Hichak Sikes is very excited about becoming a grandmother. Her son, Scott, and his wife, Amy, live in Manassas, Va., and had a baby girl in June. Kathy's daughter, Carolyn, is a junior at the University of Delaware. Besides visiting her granddaughter every chance she gets, Kathy has been taking care of family members who have had some medical problems.

Helen Row Mullins lives in Jolo, W.Va., with her husband, Mike, who retired after 29 years at the Department of Corrections. Helen retired as a teacher in 2001 and now substitute teaches. Helen worked for Fairfax County Schools in Lorton, Va., for 11 years and then moved to Spotsylvania County, Va., where she taught for 19 years. Mike is now a bee farmer with 22 hives; he sells honey at local festivals and events. Helen and Mike are involved in various community groups and church activities. Daughter Karen is an art student majoring in illustration at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., Daughter Julie is an English major at Germanna Community College in Spotsylvania, Va., and plans to transfer to UMW. Julie and her husband, Kenny, have Helen's only grandchild, Kevin, 6. Helen enjoys traveling, singing, reading, cooking and mostly visiting Kevin.

Ted and I continue to enjoy our little corner of paradise here in the mountains of North Carolina. We spent the Christmas holidays in Virginia with all three of Ted's children and all three of our grandchildren. Don't forget our 35th reunion this June! I hope to see all of you there.

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From Betsey:

Karen Sunnarborg and I are counting on all of you for news and information this year. Please share your exciting adventures!

Thirty attended last June's reunion. It was amazing to see how each of us has matured and persevered in our chosen profession – there were lawyers, jewelers, museum officials, judges, educators, bankers and – the toughest of all jobs – homemakers. Even though our life journeys have followed divergent paths, it was great to get back to Mary Washington. Our collective memories are such that on any given subject, we don't have to explain things: Say one word, and the shared stories begin to flow. The class of '74 shares a special bond and had a great time.

Diane Harvey Smith is still in search of the perfect martini. She suggests that at the next five-year reunion people bring olives and little onions, to which **Pat Denton Rounds** deadpanned, "Go with your strength."

Jonette deButts Hahn had some stories to share: "I don't remember HOW it happened, but I remember WHAT happened!" she said. There was something about Sammy T's, an elephant handler, and **Karen Sunnarborg's** ballet years.

It was a wonderful reunion. People were super, and Seacobeck's food was delicious. The campus is exquisite, and the trees are larger and statelier than ever. Carl's ice cream is still the best, and a true Virginia accent still whispers across the heart. The traffic is a pain, and you no longer can stay in the dorms, but Mary Washington continues to work its magic, and the chance to reconnect with special friends is rare. **Sue Passarello Quenzer** brought neat party favors for everyone. Next time, **Peg Hubbard** is handling the liquid refreshments, so things should continue to rock for the class of '74.

Take care, and write!

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From Lina:

Diana Davis Osborne wrote that her daughter, Laura, who is at VCU, just married her high school sweetheart,

Thomas. Daughters Jen and Carolyn work at Dahlgren Naval Base. Her son, Jay, is still in high school, so she and her husband, John, don't have an empty nest just yet. After years of working toward a master's degree and then going back to take several dozen fun courses at community college, Diana finally got tired of classroom education. So, for her "midlife crisis," she started learning electric guitar two years ago – proof that it's never too late to learn anything.

Zoila Cruz Hinson said that she and husband Richard recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary and the eighth anniversary of their move to Princeton, N.J. They have enjoyed their time in the area and being close to New York and Philadelphia. Zoila and Richard met at UNC-Chapel Hill in graduate school. Richard once was a medical librarian, but now loves his work in pharmaceuticals as vice president of marketing and sales at Hoffman-La Roche. Zoila's children call her a "volunteer extraordinaire": She teaches Sunday school, and she volunteers at the YWCA on the public-library committee and helps out at the Lawrenceville School, where her son is a junior. For Lawrenceville, she serves as co-chair of community service projects for the parents association, drives for the infirmary, and does special projects for the library. She also substitutes. Son Edward, 16, is just starting the college search and keeps busy playing house football and lacrosse when he is not fencing. In June 2004, daughter Zoila Elizabeth, 22, graduated magna cum laude from Harvard with a concentration in history and science. She is a fellow with the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy in D.C. and plans to attend law school and become involved in international work. Zoila and Richard look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

Barbara Buchanan Shepherd was promoted to director of national partnerships at The Kennedy Center. She said the job has lots of challenges and travel, but is very rewarding.

In April 2004, **Linda Roland Mat-tix** and her husband, Steve, were present at the birth of their first grandchild, Meredith, who is the love of their lives. Linda has taken on a new second career as the child's official photographer.

Mark your calendars and plan on being in Fredericksburg for our 30th reunion, June 3 to 5.

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Once again, everyone has had a busy summer and fall. I heard from people who were sending kids off to school, moving and working on many other

worthwhile activities. I hope I hear from even more before the next deadline, which is August 15.

Reggie Tambellini Harbourne moved her parents from the Northern Virginia area out to Omaha, Neb. **Deborah Peele Spidle** moved from Omaha to Fuquay Varina, N.C., southeast of Raleigh. She works from home as a senior systems analyst for NYCE Corp., a job she has had since May.

Several people are sending children off to school. **Lucy Dee Kinsey** sent her youngest daughter to Randolph-Macon College, and **Ann Chryssikos McBroom** sent her older son off to Virginia Tech. At the other end of the spectrum, **Judy Sledge Joyce** wrote that she is looking forward to her twins' last year in preschool.

Cathy Colbert participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. While fund raising, she heard from several classmates including **Marge Schlemm Sidman**, who is alive and well in Massachusetts, and **Mary Johnson Mulligan**, who survived the Florida hurricanes.

Karen Sullivan Iseman leads a yearlong Disciple Bible study and Spiritual Gifts seminar at her Methodist Church. She is the church representative for the local Methodist Children's Home. Her husband teaches ROTC at a high school in Daytona Beach. One son is in the Army, and the other will graduate from college in May.

My youngest son started high school this fall, and I became a marching band mom – which I found can be fun. One of my fellow band mothers is **Rosalyn York Wilson '77**. She and husband **Alvin Wilson '78**, a dedicated band dad, have two children. I enjoy hearing from everyone and hope that you will continue to provide me with your updates.

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Lynne Walton Lowe is an outreach coordinator working with victims of domestic violence. Her husband, Bill, retired after 27 years in law enforcement. It took only 13 days of retirement before he went back to work in the court system! Since Lynne is often in court with her job, they see each other a lot. Lynne's daughter is a senior at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. Lynne and Bill live in Tennessee.

Grace Matheny Lalonde is a nurse and research assistant for Westat Corp. Her husband, Francis, is an officer in the public health service and a neuropsychologist at the National Institutes of Health. Their older daughter, Marianne, is a freshman at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. Younger daughter Ga-

bielle, 12, is an avid soccer player and budding actress. The newest addition to the Lalonde family is a constantly shedding German shepherd mix, Max. Grace wrote that **Charlotte Gott '76**, a nurse practitioner, is in the midst of a two-year medical mission to Malawi, Africa, in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church. She will be sending periodic entries regarding her work and life in Malawi to the Presbyterian Church mission Web site at www.pcusa.org.

After more than 25 years of silence from **Mina Hynson Croson**, she has resurfaced in Fredericksburg, of all places! She and husband Dave own and operate Stonewall Title and Escrow and opened their fourth office near the Mary Washington campus. Mina confesses that one of the best things about the Fredericksburg office is the proximity to Carl's. (No, the cravings do NOT go away.) Mina has two teenage sons at home, two older sons and one daughter-in-law working for Stonewall. Two grandchildren live close by. The past quarter century has been busy and blessed, she said, and she sends her best to all of our classmates.

Another missing-in-action classmate, **Jeff Hunter**, is a newlywed living in Nashville. He has a son, 22, and daughter, 18, from his first marriage – and lots of pets. He is the general manager of Curb Event Center at Belmont University. There are going to be many Mary Washington theater majors happy to hear that Jeff is alive, well and working in the entertainment industry.

Kathleen Diehl Hartman still works at the National Institutes of Health. Her husband, Steve, retired after 32 years as a Fairfax County firefighter. They have two sons and two daughters. Daughter Amanda graduated from Mary Washington. Kathy met for dinner with the "girls from Ball 3W" last spring, and she shared some of their news. She said that not only has this group of friends remained amazingly close throughout the past quarter-century, they all still are married to their original husbands and many have passed their 25th anniversaries.

Laura Ann Ewers Cline and husband Bernie are empty nesters who also have a daughter who graduated from Mary Washington. **Dana de Groot Grobicki** and husband Tom have two children at the University of Maryland and two still at home. **Jane Albert McGehee** works for the Defense Intelligence Agency. She and husband Ken have a son in high school.

Jody Nu Amberly '76 and husband, Vince, also attended. Their two children graduated from the University of Virginia. **Lisa Lyle Lu** teaches high school biology and has a son in

elementary school. Lisa was not able to attend the dinner as her biology group received an award that day.

Kathleen Baldwin Geary, also part of the Ball 3W group, coordinates special projects for a state delegate and designs jewelry and studies digital photography. Husband John retired after 27 years in the Navy, and they celebrated with a trip to Barbados. Kathy and John have a son and daughter.

PHYLLIS QUINN '77 WORKS IN A DEA LABORATORY IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. SHE STAYS IN SHAPE THROUGH SWIMMING AND TRIATHLONS. SHE AND HER HUSBAND TRAVELED TO ITALY LAST SUMMER TO COMPETE AT THE WORLD MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Laurie Henderson Landes has a daughter who graduated from Mary Washington and a son entering UMW. Laurie and husband Rick enjoy their new freedom: They traveled to Tuscany and Cancun, and they were planning a February trip to Aruba. Laurie and **Betty Galt Kennedy** have remained as close as when they were roomies, and they try to see each other regularly. Betty and John have four sons, all of whom swim competitively. Betty works as a credit analyst for Bank of America in Richmond.

Terrie Martin Dort and husband Dean have moved into Washington, D.C., after many years of living in the suburbs. Terrie lives two blocks from her office where she serves as the president of the National Council of Chain Restaurants. She enjoys seeing former Mary Washington dancers **Kathy Haffey Bova** and **Grace Lalonde**. She also is able to see professor Kathy Harty Gray occasionally and attend her dance company performances. Terrie and Dean bought a house in the south of France several years ago and spend many vacations there, so she can indulge in her love of French culture and language. They also have a house on Carters Creek off the Rappahannock River in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Karen N. Smith sent news for the first time ever and reports that she lives in Lunenburg, Mass., with her husband, Andy, and two daughters. Karen and Andy adopted their daughters as toddlers several years ago, so they have been challenged with entering parenthood relatively late in the game. Both Karen and Andy are ordained United Church of Christ pastors, and they serve different churches just four miles apart. Karen is enrolled in a doctoral program at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. She sent greetings to all of our

classmates, and said she often thinks fondly about the Mary Washington days.

Craig "Skippy" Strickland Robinson's husband, Jack, was stationed in Iraq with an engineering brigade. Skippy faced the challenge of his absence while he helped with the reconstruction effort. Skippy's son is in college and she has two daughters still at home – so she said the hormones are running rampant. She worked on the recent presidential campaign in Tennessee.

Kathy Haffey Bova was on *Live with Regis and Kelly* on Nov. 16 and won a \$4,000 trip to Antigua playing the show's Travel Trivia game. You go, girl! Kathy saw **Liz Frye Bishop** and her husband, John, recently at a Northern Virginia cheerleading competition. Both of their daughters moved on to the state competition, which was held in November.

Lorraine Griffin Hegi is enrolled at the George Mason School of Nursing in Fairfax, Va. She will graduate in May with a BSN – and an RN once she passes her boards. She has four children from her first marriage and has been remarried for seven years. She lives in Fredericksburg and converted to Islam several years ago.

Melinda Peed May works as a program manager at Lockheed Martin in Manassas. She and husband Tom have a son who received honors admission acceptance to UMW for entrance last fall. Melinda's sister, **Becky Peed Finelli '86**, lives in Long Island, N.Y., with her husband and two little girls. Becky has put her aspirations of a modeling career on hold in order to stay at home with her daughters.

Martha Harville teaches the children of service members at Bamberg High School. She said she would love to have Mary Washington classmates write to her at 279th BSB, Unit 27535, Box 23878, APO AE 09139.

Phyllis Quinn works in a DEA laboratory in San Francisco, Calif. She stays in shape through swimming and triathlons. She and husband Ernie traveled to Italy last summer to compete at the World Masters Swimming Championships. Phyllis' younger sister is currently enrolled at UMW in the MBA program – so there will be two alumni in the family.

Mary Byrd recently was divorced but said she has never been happier. She lives in South Pasadena and each week writes a script for John Tesh's new radio show. She also is working on a screenplay that she is eager to finish and SELL – just think how exciting it will be when Mary is famous and we can all say we knew her "way back when." Mary took a driving trip with **Patricia Seyller** in August 2003 to Montreal and New York. Pat, who still is a costumer for the Virginia and St. Louis operas,

said she and Mary crammed in every tourist activity possible, from whale-watching to Broadway shows. Pat and Mary both said their trip was filled with conversation, memories and laughter about Mary Washington people and events. Mary also stays in touch with Sarah DeWitt Dial and Emily Cole. Sarah has relocated to Arlington, where she is a nurse practitioner. Emily is a coordinator for the American Institute for Architects, and she remarried in October 2001. She and her husband, Larry, live in Alexandria.

Barb Watson Stewman said she had the unbelievably good fortune to reconnect with her roommate, Kim Manning Bleckman '79, last fall. They lost contact more than 15 years ago, but found each other on the Internet. Barb flew out to Missouri, where Kim and her husband live, and they spent a wonderful weekend catching up.

Janet McConnell Philips has been the photo archivist in the White House photo office for 16 years. She loves working with the photographers and editors and describing their images in a database that will eventually serve the Presidential Library. Janet, whose mother was in the class of 1948, lives in Falls Church with her husband and 9-year-old son.

Kyle Gooch Williams recently left classroom teaching to become an elementary school reading specialist. She has two sons in college. Kyle and Debbie Grist Collins, who lives in Salisbury, N.C., have gotten together several times. Kyle also keeps in touch with Laura Stapleton Baker in Pennsylvania, Debbie Henderson Addis in California, Nancy Hoagland, Jeanne Marie McDonough McClure, Joan Castner Niederlehner and Chris Miller Ostendorff. They all planned a fall get-together and were trying to locate other friends from Marshall, Randolph and Jefferson. Kyle asked that all missing residents contact her. Her e-mail address is beachteach14@earthlink.net.

I was remarried in August 2003 to my beau from 1980. We are extremely happy and are thankful every day to have been given a second chance to be together. Jo McTague Atkinson, Terrie Martin Dort and their husbands attended the wedding. I love my job as the vice-president of sales for VIPGift, a corporate gift card company. I travel all over the country, so I could connect with all of you at some point. My oldest son, Blake, plays college baseball at East Tennessee State University and is being scouted for the pros. My younger son, Brad, is a high school senior looking at either Auburn or Clemson. He, at least, got some of my genes and is a musician interested in a broadcasting career. I still live in the Atlanta area and hope any of you traveling this way will call me.

I think back on our Mary Washington days with nostalgia and gratitude for the wonderful friendships,

first-class education and incomparable memories. Hope to see everyone at our 30th reunion in 2007 – and please keep sending me your news!

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From Peg:

Debra Shockey Canterbury has been married 22 years and lives in Stafford, Va. She has two daughters. Her older is a junior at UMW, and the other will be entering the Air Force upon graduating from high school.

Lorenza Amico, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., has traveled the world. Most recently she ventured to Russia, Venice and England. Suzanne Pfaff Kennedy works with special needs children at an elementary school near her home in Granger, Ind. She is particularly interested in locating Joan Borchert and Beth Rudolf who attended Mary Washington with us our first two years.

Elaine Croft Hailey resides in Chesterfield, Va., and owns her own consulting business.

Suzi Ward Gardner teaches high school band, chorus and orchestra in Cocoa Beach, Fla. She is also musical director at her local church. She and Michael have been married since 1981 and have three children: Michael Jr., Kenneth and Elizabeth.

Mark Fortney lives in Millfield, Ohio, and states simply that he is "still upright."

Keep your letters coming!

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A Fulbright scholar, a restaurant owner, and a new mom – my, the class of 1983 has been busy! Monica Rastallis Cashin and her mother opened a restaurant, The Old Courthouse, in Newport, R.I., in February 2004. The building, built around 1826, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Monica and Mark's 8-year-old son, Shayne, is into hockey, Mark coaches the team, and daughter Kylene is busy with dance and indoor soccer. In the summer of 2004, Susan Leavitt visited Monica's restaurant.

Fulbright Scholar Dave Hardin is headed to Zagreb, Croatia, where he will be doing a semester of archival and field research with the University of Zagreb.

Congrats to Martha Newcombe Reed and husband Jeff, who in October became the proud parents of twins Emma and Julia.

Laurie Thompson Surles left the elementary classroom and works for Chesterfield County Public Schools, helping teachers and students throughout the county integrate technology into their teaching and learning. She also is at VCU working on a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with a focus on instructional technology. Her son, Matthew, is a junior in the specialty center for technology for Matoaca High School. He and several of his friends have formed a band and have played a few gigs. Daughter Madeline is in eighth grade at Manchester Middle School and plays basketball and softball. Last summer, the family went on a cruise to the western Caribbean with 25 friends and relatives. Laurie also is active in programs at the First Baptist Church and with sorority Alpha Delta Kappa.

Sarah Thompson Doig and husband Bob have two children: Jessica, 12; and Greg, 9. They both play soccer and basketball. Jessica also is a ballet dancer, Girl Scout and student council representative. This year, Sarah opened her own private-practice hand therapy clinic, "Hand to Hand Clinic" in Lakewood, Colo. She keeps in touch with Elizabeth "Bet" Walker Quarles '84. Bet and husband Bob moved to Memphis. Susan Jurkiewicz Nelson '85 is in south Alabama and keeps busy with her family. Sarah also hears from Mark Scott '84 and Wendy Burnette Dickinson. Mark is in the mortgage business and is busy with his two daughters.

Maxine Fowler Minar is living in Rockville, Md., with her husband, Chris, and two children, Casey, 12; and Christopher, 11. She is chief operating officer of PostNewsweek Tech Media, a division of the Washington Post Co. She has been at this job for six years, and has been in publishing since she left Mary Washington. Her husband is a detective with the Washington, D.C. Police Department. Maxine stays in touch with Martha Young, godmother to Christopher. Martha works for the National Security Agency and lives in Baltimore. In her spare time, Maxine rides Harleys and plays golf.

Anne Rivello Darron is manager for the Mary Washington House in Fredericksburg. She returned after having done her internship there in 1983. She and Carl have three boys, Thomas, 15; Robert, 13; and Henry, 8, all of whom are active in Boy Scouts. Anne has logged more than 55 nights of camping in the last three years, making her one of the few women selected to the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout camping honor group. She serves as a den leader, advancement chair for the Boy Scout troop and on the district committee. For those of you who understand Scouting language, she is working on her "Wood Badge" training. She and her family are in their 15th year in Fredericksburg, so if you are in town for the Boy Scout Jamboree this summer, look her up.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung's husband, Neil, was promoted to colonel in the United States Marine Corps in October. He has been activated for a third year at the Pentagon since 9/11. Son Brandon began kindergarten in the fall. Son Ryan, 3, is doing well and becoming more independent while trying to keep up with his big brother.

Princess Moss took a two-year leave of absence as a music teacher in Louisa County to serve as president of the Virginia Education Association. Her term began Aug. 1, 2004, with lobbying, visiting local schools and acting as an advocate for members. She has moved to western Henrico County.

Dianne Poole Schwarz lives in Williamsburg and has been director of historic sites interpretation for Colonial Williamsburg since 1984. Her husband of 17 years, Ken, is manager of the blacksmith shop at Colonial Williamsburg. They have two girls, Juliet, 13; and Hannah, 8.

AFTER SELLING MORE THAN \$20 MILLION IN REAL ESTATE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, SUSAN LEAVITT '83 SPENT NOVEMBER IN ASIA, VISITING HONG KONG, TOKYO, SHANGHAI AND BEIJING.

Kathy Walters Along and family moved to Melbourne, in central Florida, about a week before the three hurricanes hit. Luckily, they suffered no damage, but Kathy did become proficient at putting up hurricane shutters. They love their house and neighborhood and are enjoying the warm climate. Kathy sold her Jazzercise business in New Jersey and plans to start another in Melbourne.

After selling more than \$20 million in real estate in Northern Virginia, Susan Leavitt spent November in Asia, visiting Hong Kong, Tokyo, Shanghai and Beijing. Susan keeps in touch with Estie Corey Thomas and husband

SWIMMING IN MEMORIES, DRIVEN TO SERVE

When you hear the name Pohanka around Washington D.C., and central Virginia, you think cars. After all, there are 19 regional Pohanka dealerships, and they market the name very well.

At Mary Washington, however, the Pohanka name is linked with the swim team and a loyal and devoted alumnus named **Tim Pohanka '92**. Tim said swimming is what drew him to Mary Washington. "I was lucky enough to meet President Anderson and Coach Paul Richards when I was looking at colleges in the late '80s," he said. "They both made me feel welcome and, after a tour of the campus, I knew it was the place for me."

While at Mary Washington, Tim majored in business and swam for Coach Richards for four seasons. "Those were exciting years for me," Tim said, "and I met good people who impacted my life." None more so than his wife, **Catherine Sheatsley Pohanka '94**. "When you are involved in an activity like swimming," Tim added, "you learn to budget your time and work cooperatively within a group." He said former teammate **Matt Mejia '93** remains a good friend today, and Coach Richards served as best man at Tim's wedding.

Tim later plunged into the family business, which was founded in 1919 by his great-grandfather and is today one of the oldest dealership groups in the country. As general sales manager of Pohanka Honda of Fredericksburg, Tim remains actively connected to his alma mater. "I am involved with someone from or some part of Mary Washington every day," he said. "Two members of my sales team, **Matt Francis '04** and **Cheryl Hess '93**, are Mary Washington graduates, and many of the clients who walk through our doors are UMW faculty, alumni, students or parents of students."

Tim and Catherine are parents of two future Mary Washington students, sons **Timothy Scott Jr.**, age 11, and **William Jeffrey**, age 7.

Tim also serves as an adviser on the UMW President's Roundtable and, along with his father Frank Pohanka, is business co-chair for the 2004-05 **Fund for Mary Washington** campaign. Frank is a past member of the President's Roundtable and serves on the UMW Foundation Board.

Through the Pohanka Automotive Group, Tim and Frank recently donated to the University the use of two minivans. "We decided to support Mary Washington by giving something we have available, and something they need," Tim said.

Summing up his warm feelings for his alma mater, he said, "When I was a student, I used to walk down Campus Walk and see my Mary Washington friends. Today, when I walk down Campus Walk I remember my college friends, but I still see my Mary Washington family."

— Donna Harter Raab

Michael, who are busy with their children, serving on the church vestry, heading the PTA and more.

In October, **Glen Bell** took his fifth mission trip to the Agaita Valley of Honduras, where he worked on construction projects. He built latrines, cement floors, water connections, roofs and chimneys. He also played soccer and visited the home of the U.S. ambassador to Honduras. Back in Atlanta, he plays soccer and volleyball.

Claire Kelly is the exhibitions and loans coordinator at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, where she has worked for almost 20 years. While the museum is closed for renovation, she is in charge of selecting, scheduling and contracting domestic and international venues for the museum's seven traveling exhibitions as well as coordinating the installation of a few of those shows at off-site Washington, D.C. galleries. She is beginning to work as the project manager for the gallery's reinstallation of permanent and temporary exhibitions in anticipation of the July 2006 reopening. Claire is working on a master's degree in arts management at George Mason University. She hosted her mom's family reunion in D.C., on the Fourth of July 2004. She is involved with church and enjoys seeing her 10 nieces and nephews, all of whom live in Northern Virginia. Claire keeps in touch with **Janet Epling Shaw**, **Kathy Gould Stump** and **Liz Anthony Rubenstein**.

Leslie Bellais is working toward a doctorate in U.S. history at the University of Wisconsin. She still works full time as curator of costume and textiles at the Wisconsin Historical Society. She volunteers in the emergency room of a local hospital, where she has been training new volunteers for more than 12 years. This summer, **Kathy Enfield Jerow** and family spent six weeks touring France by plane, train, boat and car. They went for the wedding of an au pair, then spent the rest of the time visiting friends and taking in the beauty of the countryside.

Kiki Connerton Smith is still in Annapolis with husband and three children. They don't know yet where they will go next, but are enjoying the activities of the midshipmen and their own children. **Linda Fallin**, the proud grandmother of three — Savannah, 6; Maclean, 5; and Ryland, 2 — has been working at the Dahlgren Naval Base since August 1983.

Carolyn West Jones has made a few changes in her life now that son André has started college. After nine years as a customer service manager for a publishing company, she is a management analyst for BAE Systems. Now that she has a little more free time, she is

pursuing a doctorate degree in management and leadership. Carolyn saw **Laurie Thompson Surles** several months ago. Carolyn also hears from **Brenda Wells Crafton**, who is doing well.

Katherine Farmer has been a juvenile probation officer at the Henrico Juvenile Court for the past 11 years. Her 12-year-old twin sons are in seventh grade. Katherine is active in the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association, a group of professionals who work with at-risk children. She has been the association's local chairperson for the past seven years and organizes training events for members. She has been chairperson of the state conference for three years, in charge of around 250 attendees.

ANNE RIVELLO DARRON '83
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CAMPING HONOR GROUP.

Besides my work as a physician office consultant and responsibilities as president of the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance, I stay busy running kids around to various activities and volunteering at school. I was appointed to the Kentucky Medical Association Task Force on Patient Safety. I hope to complete a master's degree in health care administration by the end of August 2005. I still run, bike and lift. Last summer, I took my 15-year-old son, Tom, to Paris for a week. He loved it and so did I. Please keep in touch and send me your news.

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Hey to all from Auby J.

I want to welcome all who would like to write a couple of lines for the next issue. I just finished my doctorate in traditional Chinese medicine. For those who knew me from Mary Washington when I was getting a computer science degree, this is a marked difference. I finished a master's degree in telecommunications management at the University of Mary-





land, where I was assistant comptroller. I live with my family in Rockville, Md., preparing to start my practice and am finishing my book, *War & Religion*.

I ran into a couple of people at a retirement lunch last year for John Reynolds, UMW professor of computer science emeritus. **Dan Wolfe** and wife **Tamara** live in Herndon, Va., with their children: **Chris**, 11; and **Kendall**, 8. They've been married for 13 years. I was in their wedding in Boston – not the best man but a good man! **Dan** is an information technology contractor for the U.S. Senate, and **Tamara** is an independent sales director for **Mary Kay Cosmetics**. **Trisha Isbell** also was at the retirement party. She works for **Lockheed Martin Integrated Systems & Solutions** in Gaithersburg. To everyone from the class 1984 – take care, and I hope to hear from you.

1986

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Last summer, **Brenda Thier Evans'** husband, **Andy**, surprised her with a 40th birthday bash in Baltimore. I was among the guests, as were **Irene Thomaidis Cimino** and husband **Bill**, **Kristi Williams McCune**, **Mina Holden Horn** and husband **Todd '84**. **Rene**, **Kristi** and **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** got together for dinner in Richmond while **Stephanie** was in town for a teaching conference. **Rene** has been busy as usual. She and **Bill** toured London in the fall. **Brenda** and **Andy** also squeezed in a trip to Boston where we took in **Phil Collins'** farewell concert. My news is that *Boston Magazine* recently named me a 2004 "Massachusetts Super Lawyer."

Just in time for hurricane season, **Tracy Greener Hollan** and family moved from New Jersey to Lithia, Fla. In the summer, **Ann Stack** married **Billy Harrison**, and they live in Richmond. **Troy Knighton**, **Brent Davis** and some friends had fun in Toronto over the summer. **Troy**, who also traveled to Boston for the Democratic National Convention, dished on some of our classmates: He reported that **Kim Mears** is constantly traveling for work. She recently moved into the same complex in Alexandria, Va., as **Troy**, **Brent**, **Brian White '89** and **Paul Kilmer**, who is in graduate school studying landscape architecture. **Paul** works part time at the National Building Museum. **Brent** is a property manager. **Troy** has been with the Department of Veterans' Affairs for nearly four years, serving as its national director of training and education in HIV, HCV, SARS and other public health issues.

Margaret Embree Davies and her husband, **Jim**, are part of the praise

band at their church – **Margaret** sings and **Jim**, who has just completed a CD of his songs, plays guitar. **Carol Mills** and a group of Mary Washington alumni who are active with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship gathered at the home of **Candice Jenks Purnell '87** for a mini-reunion. It was planned to coincide with a visit to the States by missionary **Pamela Ammons**. Also there were **Doug Young '87**, **Scott Strickland '87** and **Rana Beauch Strickland '89**, **Martha Clark Gump '88**, **Jessie Jones '85**, **Sara McKelvey Eaton '87**, **Greg '84** and **Jane Porter Byrd**, and **Kathy McDonald**. According to **Carol**, it was wonderful to renew old friendships.

Kathy McDonald Cooke and **Mary Ellen Phelan Landis** extend thanks to those of you who submitted donations in memory of our friend and classmate **Jill M. McInnis**. **Jill** passed away on Feb. 11, 2003, after a three-year battle with cancer. Although the effort fell short of its desired goal, a generous donation will be made in **Jill's** honor to the new **Jepson Alumni Executive Center**. If you wish to make a donation in honor of **Jill**, please send a note indicating how you would like your gift to be used and a check payable to the University of Mary Washington to:

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Jill's parents, **Jim** and **Janis McInnis**, will be notified of the gift you give in **Jill's** memory.

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I hope 2005 is going well, classmates! We have only a small update this edition, but we will send a reminder later this year so you may let us know your news.

Like many of you, I hit the big 4-0 this past birthday. I celebrated by sipping margaritas poolside in Cancun with my dear friend and classmate **Jeanette Bergmann Engel**. Our husbands gave us the surprise trip since our birthdays are four days apart and they have been promising us a surprise party together for years. We had a blast.

Liz Proutt Connelly and husband **Chris** built their dream house on three waterfront acres near Easton, Md. **Liz** left her job of 14 years as director of

administration at a firm in Washington, D.C., to become a full-time mom there to **David**, 4; and **Elizabeth**, 2. She loves it, but also said it has been quite a transition. The kids have a great time boating and fishing with Dad and cocktail cruising when mom's aboard.

ANNE BRADY-BLANCHARD '87 HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION FOR CONNECTICUT AND IS LEAD COUNSEL IN SEVERAL CLASS ACTIONS INVOLVING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CUSTODY OF CHILDREN OF INDIGENT PARENTS. SHE IS A WORLD-CLASS KAYAKER, FINISHING 16TH IN OLYMPIC TRIALS LAST YEAR.

Anne Brady-Blanchard and husband **Chris** live in rural eastern Connecticut where they recently celebrated their 14th anniversary. When **Anne** was at **Mary Washington**, she dated **Chris**, who went to college in Maine. **Anne** graduated from law school in 1990, and started with **Connecticut Legal Services**, a non-profit legal aid firm. While the paycheck is abysmal, **Anne** said, the work is outstanding and they practice at a very high level. Last fall, she was promoted to director of litigation for Connecticut and is lead counsel in several class actions involving children's mental health services and custody of children of indigent parents.

Anne has won national flat-water kayaking medals and, four years ago, was named to the U.S. National Team for Marathon Kayaking. In 2000, she was named to the World Marathon Championship Team and represented the U.S. at the world championships in women's doubles. For the last four years, **Anne** has concentrated on sprint rather than marathon kayaking, and in April she finished 16th in her first Olympic Trials.

Stephanie Greenwald-Costello and her husband have two boys, ages 3 and 5, and they are in the process of building a new house. **Mark O'Connell**, who lives in Madison County, Va., has been a probation officer for more than 14 years. He is divorced with three children.

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From Dia:

Amy, **Bill** and I hope to have more news for the next update. I continue to keep busy at Winthrop University. Over the summer, my husband, **Deron**, and I enjoyed a trip back to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where we met in graduate school 10 years ago.

Courtney Wait Speer and her husband, **Greg**, welcomed a baby girl, **Lauren Scott Speer**, on Aug. 19, 2004, in Charlotte, N.C. **Lauren** joins big brother **Nicholas**, who turned 3 in November.

Courtney's **Mary Washington** roommate, **Cristy Stocks DeHoff**, and her husband, **Mike**, also welcomed a baby girl. **Cassidy** was born on Oct. 29, 2004, in Richmond.

Cathy Pond Cunningham married **Brian Guillena** and continues to teach special education at Patrick Henry High School, near Richmond.

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The class of '94 made a great showing at Reunion Weekend last June. It was great to see all of our long-lost classmates and professors. Despite the pouring rain – and the poor showing by **Smarty Jones** – a good time was had by all.

Annie Lellinger Schaller and her husband, **Bo**, had a baby girl, **Madelyn**, in October. Last summer, **Susannah Uehlinger Fluhr** and her husband, **Stephen**, moved to Los Angeles where they live in the Santa Susannah Mountains.

In March, **Ann Perry Fuller** and her husband, **Scott**, welcomed their first son, **Walker Samuel Fuller**. **Ann** has her own business, **The Stuck-Up Knob Co.**, for which she manufactures and hand-paints ceramic knobs and sells them over the Internet. Her husband has been busy selling real estate in the booming Virginia Beach market.

Mary Trocchia Rasa and her husband, **Anthony**, were expecting their first child in December. Pregnancy

didn't hold Mary back: In October, she traveled to Portland, Ore., to present a paper at the Oral History Association Conference.

Last spring, **Joel Mog** returned to Virginia for his wedding in Madison County foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He and wife Madeline have lived in Seattle for the past year and have enjoyed the seemingly endless hiking trails there. Joel is a social worker, providing mental health outreach to homeless families.

Seton Motley is editor-in-chief of *TexasInsider.org*, an online political news journal that covered the presidential campaign.

Amy Erlandson Henning recently moved to Atlanta, Ga. She is an administrator at a private school in the Atlanta suburbs and spends her free time running after her 1-year-old daughter, Josie.

Pat Mason Monin has recently returned from a stint in the Peace Corps in Africa. When fully recovered from a nasty bout of malaria, Pat intends to go to Bangkok to pursue the adoption of triplet girls.

Pam Jensen Roszell recently moved out of Denver into the suburbs. An avid hiker, she loves her new location because it is only a 10-minute commute to Red Rocks. Pam is on the landscaping development board of her homeowners association. In April, **Angie Monteith Noll**, **Vicky Fellows Sullivan** and **Missy Caldwell McGeehan** visited Pam in her new home. They spent three days hiking the Rockies, eating good food in Boulder, and drinking fantastic micro-brewed beer in Denver. Early this year, Missy was expecting a sister for 5-year-old Madeline. Missy is on the communications committee in her neighborhood and helps publish its bi-monthly newsletter.

Scott Fletcher '96 and **Jeff Hood** received their teaching certificates last year. Jeff teaches in Fairfax County and coaches basketball. Scott teaches computer science in Loudoun County, and he purchased a condo in Sterling, Va., last summer.

Janet Ryan Jones welcomed twin boys into her family a year ago in April. The twins join siblings John and Tess. When not running after her kids, Janet spends the little free time she has running on the treadmill to prepare for a 10K charity run.

Kathleen Slesnick Kauffman '95 and her husband, Lamar, have survived four hurricanes while living in Tallahassee, Fla. She directs the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

Lesley Stewart St. James and her husband, Matt, live in Mechanicsville, Va. Lesley teaches communications and English at Varina High School. In November, Lesley and Matt met **Jenn Moss Bober**, her husband, David, and

3-year-old son Ethan in Fredericksburg to compile this submission. Jenn still administers justice as a prosecutor in Harford County, Md. David is a network engineer with CitiFinancial in Baltimore, Md. Last year, Jenn bought a horse and again began competing in dressage.

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From Megan:

Hello, class of 1995! Much has changed for all of us, and I was glad to hear about the successes that so many of our classmates have enjoyed since graduation. **Chris** and I moved from one end of Fairfax County, Va., to the other, selling our townhouse in Alexandria and buying a single-family home in Herndon. We are enjoying the new house, and Chris has a much more relaxed commute into Washington, D.C., where he continues to work for Fannie Mae as a senior software developer. I love being a stay-at-home mom to our two girls, Abby and Emily.

Nicky Sherman Draper lives in Princeton, N.J., with her husband, Powell. Nicky is a registered nurse working in pediatric oncology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. **Maureen Thompson Brand** lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Dave, and son Seth. Maureen works part time as a speech pathologist for Physiotherapy Associates and was expecting her second son in November.

Rebecca Lejeune Denton was married in December 2002 to James. They live in Dayton, Ohio, at Wright Patterson A.F.B. and in September welcomed their first child, Benjamin.

Gloria Baxter completed a master's degree in computer information systems at the University of Phoenix in 2004 and works for Lockheed Martin as a senior UNIX system administrator and special projects lead. She lives in Lewisville, Texas. **Stephanie Poinsett Davis** was happy to report she is now a stay-at-home mom to her first child, Abby, born in April 2004.

Brenda Johnson-Asnicar and her husband, Keith, welcomed their first daughter, Daniella, in July 2004. They live in Gloucester County, Va.,

where Brenda works as an agriculture specialist for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She is also working on a master's degree in horticulture from Virginia Tech.

Paula Jones Meier and her husband, Scott, live in Chesterfield, Va., with their daughter, Morgan, and son, Alexander, who was born in July 2004. Paula enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. **Mike Martin**, a police officer, was married to Jennifer in 2003. In July 2004, the Lynchburg, Va., residents became parents to their son, Caden. **Elaine Kirouac Newton** and her husband, **C. Vincent Newton '92**, were married in 1999 and had a son, Jackson, in May 2003. They live in South Boston, Va. Vince is an assistant principal at a Mecklenburg County high school. Elaine is a school psychologist with Halifax County.

In 2003, **Nicole Kierein** and **Zach Skelding '94** were married. Nicole received a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology from the State University of New York at Albany, and Zach received his doctorate in molecular biology from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. They live in Maryland, where Zach works in the intellectual property department of Human Genome Sciences Inc. and Nicole is an industrial organizational psychologist for the federal government.

Michelle Burgess Kello married Lee in 2001 and moved to Harrisonburg, Va. Michelle is a high school math teacher in Rockingham County. Michelle and Lee welcomed their first child, Richard, in June 2004. **Amy Drewer Savona** and her husband, Vince, recently returned to Virginia after being in Lexington, Ky., for six years. Amy is an editor at *The Virginian-Pilot* in Norfolk.

Andrea Jones Walker and her husband, Brad, live in Wilmington, N.C., where Andrea is an academic adviser and freshman seminar coordinator at University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She also works with her husband's production company, Light-house Film Company. **Petra Travis Peters** and her husband, Michiel, had a baby girl, Julia, in December 2003. They recently bought a house in the suburbs of Stockholm, Sweden, where Petra has enjoyed the liberal Swedish maternity leave of 12 to 18 months to spend time with her new daughter.

Kelly Walsh Iverson and her husband, Ian, live in Columbus, Ga., with sons Daniel and Patrick. Patrick was born in October. Kelly works from home as a stay-at-home mom and a Southern Living at Home consultant.

Leah Carrano Bergson lives on Long Island in the town of Brightwaters with her husband, Eric, and daughter, Phoebe, who was born in July 2003. Leah works as a part-time guidance counselor. She reports that **Nicole Cote "Codi" King** is living in Fredericksburg

with her husband, Nathan. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom to her two children, Owen and Gracen. Gracen was born in July 2004. **Jennifer Mackie Miller** and her husband, Phil, had their first child, Megan, in May 2003. They live in Newport News, Va., and both work for Northrop Grumman. **Rosana Lopez** lives in the Richmond area, where she works as an in-home program coordinator for Goochland Powhatan Community Services. On the side, she runs The DaVinci Project in Richmond, an arts program that specializes in the needs of artists with disabilities.

Craig Butler married Mariko Ishizuki in October 2004. They live in Northport, N.Y., where Craig teaches Italian in high school and college. **Matt** and **Shandie Hall Covington** have just returned to Virginia after five years in Michigan. Matt is assistant principal at JEJ Moore Middle School in Prince George, Va. He also has accepted an adjunct position in the UMW biology department. Shandie continues to work with United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond as a policy analyst for the pediatric transplantation committee. **Sooki Danosky Christensen** married husband John in 2002, and they moved to Tulsa, Okla., so he could attend law school. In September 2004, Sooki gave birth to son Wyatt.

Amy Bonnes McFarland lives in Coatesville, Pa., with her husband and two daughters, Abbey and Ansley. In January, Amy began work toward a master's degree in secondary education with an emphasis on social studies. **Cyndi Liccese-Torres** and her husband, George, live in Falls Church, Va., with daughter Sophia and son Nicholas, who was born in September 2004. Cyndi is the historic preservation planner for Arlington County. **Jason** and **Stephanie Quinn Lawrence** live in Fairfax, Va., where they recently bought a house. Jason is a senior software developer for Monster Government Solutions, a branch of monster.com. They have one son, Zachary, and were expecting baby number two in December 2004.

Lisa Carlson and **Corky Anderson** recently got together to send me an update about their lives. Lisa works for the charity Alpha International and lives in London. Corky works for Virginia Main Street and lives in Richmond. **Jill Stiglicz Laster** lives in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband, Joe. Last October, they had a baby girl, Annie. Jill works for Honeywell Inc. as a Six Sigma Black Belt. Six Sigma is a quality process management system designed to save money and reduce defects.

Andrew and **Heather Mullins Crislip** moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Andrew is professor of religion and Heather is the executive assistant to the Chancellor at the University of Hawaii. Andrew finished his doctorate at Yale in 2002, and Heather graduated from the University of Connecticut Law School. Heather reports that

Neil Haycocks and John Cagle are roommates in Richmond, where Neil is finishing medical school, and John is finishing coursework for a doctorate in social work. John often flies home to the Bay area to see his wife, Christie, who is doing her medical residency at Fort Travis.

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Editor's Note: Jill, who is eager to receive news from her classmates, was erroneously identified in the Winter 2005 issue as outgoing class agent.

1998

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Well, we can't call her Dwyer anymore: Over Labor Day weekend, **Lauren Dwyer** married her fiancé, Brandon Lowther. It was a beautiful ceremony and reception attended by several other Mary Washington alumni including **Katie Shea**, **Caitlin Jenkins**, **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson**, **Jeremy Blain**, **Brian Lusk**, **Becky Earle Middleton**, **Clint McCarthy**, **Matt Galeone**, **Sarah Gilbert Lopez**, **Betsy Maldonado** and **Heather Siderius Malecki**. Heather picked up a new last name when she married Jason Malecki on June 19.

Betsy Maldonado announced that she is engaged to Bryan Sauer. They are planning a May wedding and are "super excited" to join the married-couple club. **Caitlin Jenkins** lives in Washington, D.C., where she puts her historic preservation degree to good use working in the sculpture conservation department at the National Gallery of Art.

Matt Galeone and **Elise Balkin '97** recently ran a marathon. Matt used the marathon to raise funds for a memorial scholarship for a favorite teacher who recently passed away. Matt also spent time this summer on the Outer Banks with fellow Mary Washington grads **Amy Wachenfeld Eagen**, **Wendy Sulc**, **Wes Heuvel** and **Abby Mitchell**. Abby is engaged to Ben Pearce and is planning a July 2005 wedding in Virginia Beach. Wes will be leaving his New York City marketing job of five years to travel to New Zealand, Australia and Thailand for the first half of 2005. He welcomes suggestions for places to visit during his travels.

Erin Golden Brown and her husband live in West Hartford, Conn. She works at Allstate and he is a professional skydiver. She said he has recorded thousands of jumps, and she's

not too far behind! Not that we're doing any skydiving, but **Deacon** and I are keeping busy. He is enrolled in graduate school at University of New Hampshire, and I recently accepted a position as an academic adviser there. We're happy to write that our dog, Pabst, is doing well and sends his love. **Erin Rodman** is living in L.A. and working too much at Dreamworks SKG. She's looking forward to meeting **Larissa Lipani Peluso's** baby son. **Adrien Snedeker** recently bought a town house in Northern Virginia. **Heidi Buchanan Keohane** and her husband, **Ryan '99**, bought a house in Spotsylvania last September. She teaches math at Stafford High School, and he works for GEICO. They recently adopted Homer, an adorable black Lab puppy.

Steve O'Connell is back in Oklahoma. While working on his doctorate, he is spending his graduate fellowship introducing GIS and GPS technologies into science classrooms in rural Oklahoma high schools. **Niki Gonyo** is a reading specialist at Mountain View Elementary School, putting her master's degree from George Mason University to good use. She recently attended the wedding of **Michael "Gonzo" Lord '96**, along with **Cathy Fisher**, **Sarah Boyer Knaub** and **Sarah's** husband, **Matthew**.

Finally, **Jen Carter** actually sent a card in the mail to update us on the goings-on in her life. She's living in Richmond: She moved back there from California to care for her ill mom, who has since passed away. Jen's a social worker at Lakewood Manor, a Baptist retirement home, and just loves it. Last year, she ran the Richmond Marathon and raised \$2,500 in memory of her mother for brain tumor research.

Thanks to all who shared their news. I hope this finds you well.

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For the class of 2000, love is in the air – and childbirth, too, as well as successful businesses and exciting travels. It's a great time to reflect on life and look happily toward the future.

After receiving a proposal in the Bahamas, **Nicole Bendersky** wed her love, Jack Thompson, in September. Nicole works for Circuit City corporate, while Jack is in real estate in Richmond, Va. Bridesmaids in their wedding included **Jessica Folkerts**, **Jasmine Commerce** and **Monica Arias**. Jessica attends George Washington University, while Monica lives in Crested Butte, Colo. Jasmine is running a performance business in Northern Virginia and performing with her band, "Jasmine & Friends." The band plays at local festi-

vals as well as nursing homes. Jasmine's daughter, Ella, is in kindergarten.

Mariah Butler is engaged to Matt Vogelgesang, and they are planning an October wedding in Zanesville, Ohio. After the wedding, they will live in Ohio. **Erin Dempsey** introduced **Janet Emery** to Peter Flynn of New Jersey, and now Janet and Peter are planning a wedding this year. **Joanna Klein** is making preparations to marry Aaron Beuhning in July.

Mary Alessandri is pursuing a doctorate in philosophy from Pennsylvania State University. **Emilee Harren** received commission into the Army JAG Corps in September. She trained at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Va. In December, she headed to her first post at Fort Riley, Kan. She's planning a July wedding to Jason Elbert of the Army JAG Corps.

Casey Gallant's boyfriend, Jeremy, is now her fiancé, and they are going to be wed in September. They attended high school together, but did not meet until after college. They will live in Cape Cod, Mass., where Jeremy is a county sheriff. **Nichole Gubitosi** plans to marry in April. **Mandy Heller** married Ryan Wall in Leesburg, Va., in September. They vacationed in Mexico before returning home to their two cats and one dog in Hoboken, N.J. **Ryan Wellner** is assistant lacrosse coach/admissions counselor at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. He's also running two successful lacrosse camps, Celtic Lacrosse and NY Lacrosse Academy. **Beth Montgomery** married Kyle Haefner in August in Colorado. **Lizzie Perrin** married Brian Barnes in November. **Sarah Stacy** is an account manager for an ad agency in Tysons Corner. She's dating **Timmy Selgas '97**, a former Mary Washington swimmer.

Margaret Garwood lives in Austin, Texas, and works as a physical therapist. She enjoys biking, running, kayaking and swimming. She is rumored to be training for a triathlon. **Christine Guedri** left University of Texas at Austin for eight months to do sociolinguistic research in Brazil, gathering information for her dissertation. The Brazilian weather was great for her marathon training. **Megan McDonald** did an internship at the University of Virginia last summer, then returned to Cornell to complete her master's degree in urban planning. She enjoys hiking and trekking through snow in the colder months. **Duncan McLellan** is soon to be a pastor in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. **Derek Coryell** is teaching high school in Hawaii.

Eve Ross Ghiold and her husband welcomed their second daughter, McKenzie, in June. **Erin Shank Poston** and her husband live in Richmond, where she is a physician assistant for a family practice. **Mel Sirois** lives in Washing-

ton, D.C., and runs her own business as a baker. She has a Web site and does online ordering for Mel's Mosaics. **Alison Thomas** is working for a law firm in Connecticut.

Erik and Andrea Wrigley Levy bought a home in Clifton, Va., where Andrea works as a therapist.

Valerie Wunder left WHFS to become a manager of Independence Air, a new low-fare airline. She travels extensively from Amsterdam to Vienna – Austria, that is. She sold her house in Maryland and bought one in Virginia.

As for me, I still live in Orlando and work for MetLife. I plan to participate in the Walt Disney World Half-Marathon in January. See you guys soon.

2003

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Michelle Corey and **Daniel Brown '01** were married in June. Michelle hopes to return to UMW to earn a degree in education. **Sean Townsend** and **Emily Falvey '04** married in December and live in Chesapeake, Va., where Sean coaches baseball and teaches at the local high school. While busy planning an August 2005 wedding to Sean Kinn, **Becca Hinckley** is a cultural geographer for the Department of Defense in Silver Spring, Md. **Kasey Quackenbush Tross** and her husband are raising their first child, Ty, in their new home in Chesterfield, Va.

KATRINA ADKINS '03 WON THE 2003-2004 HANOVER COUNTY VIRGINIA MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNING TEACHER AWARD.

Julie Stavitski lives in Charlottesville, where she works at the *Daily Progress*, reporting on Albemarle County government. **Hilary Potts** lives on Capitol Hill and works in Alexandria, Va., for Global Impact, a not-for-profit organization that raises money for more than 50 U.S.-based international relief and development charities. **Kim Collins** lives in Woodbridge and is a statistician at the United States Marine Corps base in Quantico. **Katie Kugler** is involved in a pediatrics grant in the second year of a doctoral program in physical therapy at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Matthew Korniotis is a supply chain purchasing specialist in Falls Church for Raytheon Co. He also is

working toward a master's degree in business administration at UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies. **Katrina Adkins** won the 2003-2004 Hanover County Virginia Middle School beginning teacher award. **Jess Kwerel** is working at a ropes course/outdoor education center in Northern Virginia.

Kristin Gordon is an education programs interpreter at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston. She enjoys rock climbing, kayaking, surfing, sailing and adventure racing. **Paige Golden** teaches third grade in Connecticut. In May, **Erica Davis** will move to Philadelphia, Pa., to take the first step toward becoming a physician assistant: she will earn a master's degree in health sciences at Drexel University. **Elizabeth Mills** moved to Los Angeles, Calif., with boyfriend Vikram Kirby and is studying toward a doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Southern California. **Malcolm Smith** lives in Union City, N.J., where he studies Indian classical tabla drumming full time and works as an entertainer performing costume characters, clown acts, and singing telegrams. While working on her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Florida, **Jordan Mathias** is a teaching assistant in an organic chemistry lab. **Stefani Moore** lives in Raleigh, N.C., and teaches first grade. She spent last summer in Costa Rica volunteering in an orphanage.

IN MEMORIAM

Violette Mills Stoner '29
Ruth Pope Garrett '30
Betty Taylor Palmore '31
Mary Houston Howard '32
Sue Powell Ward '32
Isebel Page Burden '33
Gaynelle E. Farmer '33
Marden Hayes Bareford '35
Lillian Bowling Pierson '36
Mary Sue DuPriest Spencer '36
Marjorie Hundley Wooten '36
Annie Hare Grantham '38
Doris Stagg Pruden '39
Marjorie Johnson White '39
Lucille Shirley Hart Burgess '40
Janet Trenis Crismond '40
Margaret Cutler Dyer '40
Jane Smith Truchan '40
Jane McCorkindale Christenbury '41
Sarah Branch Watkins '41
Ellen Virginia Caldwell Stevens '42
Annette Peltz Soldinger '43
Pauline Brown Johnston '44
Anne Ross Parks '46
Helen Rasmussen Wallace '46
Jocelyn Packard Brown '47
Margaret Brown Cox '47
Betty Warren Johnson '47
Ruth Snell Marinucci '47
Betty Waterfield Thomas '47
Mary "Bettie" Hoffman Forlenza '49
Catherine Long Kunkler '49
Ann Griffith Wood '49
Muriel Elizabeth Rustad Hunt '50
Drusilla Howson Anderson '51

Billie Jane Selfe Christian '51
Lois Feagans Cobbs '51
Anne Craig Rusmisl '51
Gene Marie Woolfolk Dunn '52
Phoebe Wilson Sherwood '52
Jean Leiby Cody '53
Frances Lalor Mc Nerney '54
Thomas I. Dodson '55
Alice Orem Hefner '55
Barbara Wygal Birdsong '56
Judith Shank Eidemueller '57
Mary Ellen Forbes Kramer '59
Caroline Curtin Fox '60
Patricia Pilkinton '60
Agnes Fleagle Matthews '61
Mary Ellen Barrett Spitler '62
Patricia Kroeger Nabholz '63
Elizabeth Scott Lux '65
Jacqueline Carol Harris Sample '65
Maveret Staples Daigle '68
Cynthia Freeman Branscome '73
Thea Hermit Wilson '73
Robert Edward Bailey '82
Maria Eleni Coukos '84

CONDOLENCES

Doris Lanham Einbinder '45, who lost her husband
Betty Moore Drewry Bamman '47, who lost her husband
Virginia Pinchbeck Covington '47, who lost her son
Marian Friddell Mallory '47, who lost her husband
Justine Edwards Borland '48, who lost her husband
Ann Gregg Woods '48, who lost her husband
Margaret Walton Mason '49, who lost her husband
Barbara Trimm Wright '49, who lost her sister
Barbara Booker Palmer '50, who lost her husband
Jane Frazier Snead '50, who lost her husband
Geraldine Holsten Rodriguez '54, who lost her husband
Ann C. Power '56, who lost her brother
Cherry Sarff Everett '61, who lost her mother
Betsy Ellen Hansen '62, who lost her mother
Pamela Mason '74, who lost her father
Susan Lawler '79, who lost her father
Margaret Davison '86, who lost her father
Ruth Davison '87, who lost her father
Candace Atkins '94, who lost her husband
Jennifer Carter '98, who lost her mother

OBITUARY

William Byrd "Bill" Hanson, associate professor of sociology and former chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, died at his home in Fredericksburg on Jan. 31 after a lengthy illness. A champion of social justice and a teacher of peace and tolerance, Hanson challenged generations of students to act with creativity, compassion and humor in their studies and throughout their lives.

From the time he arrived at Mary Washington in 1981, Hanson was a favorite with students. He was an advocate for progressive causes nationally and in the community, serving as a board member of the Fredericksburg Area Food Relief Clearinghouse and the Housing Coalition, playing a lead role with the Nuclear Freeze Alliance, and volunteering at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter.

At the University of Mary Washington, Hanson was active in establishing the James Farmer Memorial and supporting activities of the James Farmer Multicultural Center in honor of the late civil rights leader who served on the college faculty. He advocated for campus disability rights and for a living wage for all college employees, and helped to form the Martin Luther King Day celebration committee at the University.

In 1996, after receiving a lung transplant, made necessary by idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Hanson became a vocal proponent of yet another cause: organ donation. He helped establish a local transplant support group and demonstrated the years of quality life that one can share with such giving.

Before coming to Mary Washington, Hanson served as an associate professor at California State University at Bakersfield, and as an assistant professor at Providence College. A lover of sports of all kinds, Hanson

played college baseball at Marietta College, where he received his B.A., and served as an assistant coach for a range of local youth teams. He completed his doctoral studies in medical sociology at Brown University. In 1985, he co-authored *Life with Heroin: Voices from the Inner City*, among other academic publications over the years.

Survivors include his wife, Roxane "Rocky" Hanson, a daughter, Megan Hanson; and son, Jesse Hanson '01.

Contributions to the Bill Hanson Scholarship Fund may be sent to the UMW Foundation, 1119 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

— R. Aura Kanegis,
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First Nations Development Institute



Bill Hanson at the 2001 unveiling of the James Farmer Memorial on Campus Walk.

Giving To Receive

By Debby Klein

For many years, I have enjoyed hearing from those whose lives have been touched by the creation and reception of the numerous Mary Washington scholarships. Today, I am pleased to have the opportunity to share some of my thoughts about one particular scholarship.

My husband, Al Klein, and I arrived in Fredericksburg in 1952. He was brought on as one of three faculty members in the drama department. The campus was beautiful. ...one of the most beautiful I had ever seen. And the theater was brand new.

But there were rules. One of them was that females did not wear slacks in public – at that time, of course, the student body was composed entirely of women. This presented a problem for drama students, who not only act on stage, but climb ladders and scaffolds, build scenery and hang lights, wield tools and paintbrushes...all difficult in skirts and dresses. It was determined that coveralls could be made for them to wear in the theater in order to protect their clothing and their modesty. When the coveralls arrived, the students were elated. They even had *Mary Washington Players* embroidered on their backs. No longer would the girls have to roll up their slacks to hide them under their raincoats when they crossed the campus to come to the theater.

Alas, there was a problem. The coveralls were made in the state penitentiary, fashioned for the male figure – extra long, broad shouldered, and narrow-hipped. They just didn't quite fit. Over the years, there were many amusing and exhilarating moments. And many moments of great accomplishment. A drama program can give you that. It can also prepare you for just about anything you might want to do. You learn to be resilient, resourceful, creative. ...to work as a team, to be responsible to yourself and to others, and to have the confidence to accept the challenges of life.

Over the next 18 years, rules changed, students came and went, and two daughters arrived to enrich our lives. Then, on a lovely October day in 1970, Al finished breakfast with his daughters and headed out to drive them to school and on to his office in duPont Hall. They never made it. Al suffered a massive heart attack along the way. While driving on the Route 1 bypass, he collapsed over the steering wheel. The car crossed the median, headed in the opposite direction, and came to a safe stop on the shoulder of the road ... sparing the children from bodily harm.

The shock and grief were overwhelming, but, as was its way, the Mary Washington family rallied to our side. Students, many of whom I had gotten to know through my assistance on theater productions, dinners at our house or cards they sent to us, grieved with my family. We had lost a husband and father, but they had lost a wonderful teacher. Friends on the faculty and in the administration were equally grief-stricken, but were there for us at every turn.

One of the things that was done – one of the things that helped make some sense out of a seemingly senseless tragedy – was creation of the Albert R. Klein Memorial Scholarship. And a year later, the children and I were given a very special gift. The theater, which never had a name other than "the college theater in duPont hall," was given one ... and Al's name became known to every student.

Each scholarship has a very personal meaning to the family and friends of the person who is honored or memorialized by that scholarship. Through the Al Klein Scholarship, I can share in the joy of giving. ...supporting the scholarship with contributions from time to time and including the scholarship in my will.

But I will tell you that I am also a recipient – a recipient of the respect, esteem and love bestowed upon my husband by Mary Washington in establishing the scholarship. I am a recipient of the appreciation of the students who receive the scholarship each year and send beautiful notes that express their feelings. Some notes have even mentioned their parents, who were also grateful that their child had received a scholarship. I take pleasure in seeing the students' names in the program each time I come to see a production – whether they are in an on-stage role or working in some other capacity to maintain the high standards of performance we have come to expect from the theater department. And it's always a pleasure to meet them personally. Once they graduate, I'm delighted to hear from former students about the work they do and their many accomplishments.

We are all aware of the cost of a higher education, but we are also aware of the value of a college or university degree. We are especially aware and proud of the value of a Mary Washington degree. If students are able to fulfill their dreams because a scholarship is available to help meet their needs, then we are all beneficiaries. These wonderful students go into communities, throughout the nation – and even throughout the world – using their knowledge to make places better. Each of you has a particular scholarship that you hold dear, but you will find there are many scholarships that give students the opportunity to pursue almost every field imaginable. ...and each of them deserves support.

When there is a desire to honor or memorialize a loved one, think about a scholarship. Your gift may enable a student to become a contributing member of society in creative and ennobling ways. And sometimes, it just gives you a good feeling to remember the person for whom the scholarship was named. If it is in your power to do so, I encourage you to consider being a giver. I guarantee you will also be a recipient.

This was adapted from Klein's address at Mary Washington's 2004 Scholarship Luncheon.





Gift Planning Provides Scholarships For Students

Carol Louise Lehmann '58 wants to help undergraduate students achieve their educational goals at Mary Washington. That's why she has made arrangements to establish an endowed merit scholarship through a bequest.



Betty Gould Storms, Susannah Godlove and Carol Lehmann met as freshmen in 1954.

"I have very fond memories of my time at Mary Washington College," she said. "I remember dining at Seacobeck, living in Willard and Mason, learning from the wonderful faculty and walking around the beautiful campus. I still attend reunions there every five years, and I keep up with several good Mary Washington friends."

Carol transferred to Michigan State University after her sophomore year and received a degree in home economics in 1958. She then attended business school in New York City and spent the next 26 years working at two major New York law firms. Now retired, she serves as a volunteer for various organizations, enjoys gardening and traveling abroad.



"My estate will provide support to several charities, but I am leaving a specific percentage to both Mary Washington and Michigan State," said Carol.

"I truly value my college education, and I'm hoping my scholarship for undergraduate students at Mary

Washington will make a difference."

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