Editor's Note

This issue of the *University of Richmond Magazine* is dedicated to the memory of the late Joseph E. Nettles, who founded and also edited the Magazine for many years.

Nettles, known as "Joe" to all his friends, attended the University as a student and later returned for 37 years, serving as alumni secretary and public relations director. He also organized and directed the University's alumni fund and the University news bureau, as well as instituting the journalism program.

One of his former students, Guy Fridell, R'46, a special writer for the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, wrote a column shortly after Nettles' death, January 27 of this year, describing a man who has "graduated to greater things." Excerpts from Fridell's column follow: "Joe Nettles, in memory, is in motion, flinging out the door of his office, coattails flying, a flurry of papers and people in his wake. . . .

"All the furious activity would cease. The tall, big-boned, amply padded man, an eyebrow raised, large dark eyes intent, would listen to a friend's problem and then suggest what was not always the easiest but almost invariably the best course."

In the column, Fridell noted that Nettles had a group of at least nine of his former students putting the final touches on a biography, which he had just completed, of the late Dr. Solon B. Cousins, former chairman of the religion department at UR. Fridell quoted Louis Rubin, R'46, another of Nettles' former students, as saying: "Here Joe Nettles is gone, and he's still got us working."

The Joseph E. Nettles Scholarship in Journalism has been established by special alumni/ae friends to honor his memory and to pay tribute to his service to people and the University of Richmond.

On pages 2-3 of this issue is the eulogy presented by Dr. O. William Rhodenhizer (Religion) at the memorial service held for Nettles at River Road Baptist Church.
I have been asked to say a few words about the relationship of Joseph Nettles and the University of Richmond. Those of you who knew him realize that these two institutions were intertwined with one another for over forty years and were practically synonymous with one another in the minds of many people. I suppose the reason I was asked to do this is that I met him when he had been on the faculty of the University for only three or four years, and have been associated with him ever since. I came as a college freshman and found him in an office in what is now Ryland 210.

There he was: he was the alumni office, he was the whole public relations office, he was the whole Journalism program, which he had founded, he was the whole of a great many things. He had come back to his alma mater as a young man looking younger than he really was. He had been for six or seven years a reporter and a staff writer for the Associated Press. Some of you can remember him. He looked younger than he was, he looked more slender than he was, he always leaned into the wind. He always had a series of looming deadlines because he was in three different areas each of which had its own share of looming deadlines that must always be met. He met them eagerly, exuberantly. He gave people the impression of warmth, geniality, and a focused drive. He was somehow one of those rare people who could be utterly oriented toward getting it done and yet be completely people-oriented. I think only the very timid soul could have perceived Joe as abrupt or brusk, because he radiated such complete warmth.

He was known and is known, of course, to various constituencies. His is a powerful identity to the journalistic community. So many of his students, and I think this couldn’t be by accident, became prominent journalists one way or another. They look back to him to pay tribute to him not only as one who started them off right, but who remained a life-long friend and mentor to whom they could go back and say anything, talk over any problem, and get a candid, straightforward and workable suggestion. It’s interesting as we look back to note how many women came out of his classes in journalism, which at the time was almost totally a man’s world, and pay tribute to how he encouraged them and also tried to get them ready for it.

Most of us, of course, knew him in his role as alumni secretary and public relations person, as did countless people in the city and in the world beyond the University. It’s been said by one of you present that he has been called the best college alumni secretary in America. It would be no wonder if that were true, Joe was not simply doing a job conscientiously. Joe so passionately believed in what the University of Richmond said it stood for: teaching the whole person; getting people ready for making a living but also, above all, for making a life; getting people capable of taking care of themselves in the real world and yet making it better; dealing with this world seriously but not having some echo of awareness of the world beyond. He so believed in this that he radiated, embodied it. He was a sort of iconic image, an archetypal figure, an elemental force in all this. He gave the undergraduates the feeling that here is someone you can relate to, not mechanically but emotionally, as a tie to Alma Mater throughout all your future. He conveyed this to young alumni and helped get them involved in those first years after graduation when so many slip out of contact with the University. He conveyed it to the larger community. I think a great deal of the University’s image of integrity was due, along with many other things, to Joe. For to the people he related to in public relations, fund raising, and all these things, he conveyed nothing of the slick Madison Avenue figure manipulating words or projecting images. He embodied what he stood for. Anybody who talked to him felt, this man believes with all his heart in what he is doing.

You often wonder how people can do as many things as he did, as well as he did. I’m reminded of all of these creativity studies that are going on to study people who can get a great deal done and yet remain human. I’ve observed that often these people can retain their own childlike qualities, that they don’t separate very much the world of fun and the world of work, and I can see all of you who are smiling as if to say yes, yes, that’s true. Work and play for Joe were all intertwined. He got a huge satisfaction out of this.

Also Joe had what the creativity people point out as a certain willingness to be idiosyncratic in character, for being oneself, for being understanding about social shibboleths without being controlled by them. To him work and play, the sacred and the secular, time and eternity, were all completely interpenetrated, and he could talk about all of them in the same breath with engaging and charming simplicity. You’d wonder, those of you who remember, and many of you do, how he could come back to the University as a young fellow looking younger than he was, into our faculty of all places, that richest,
ripest seed bed of exuberant idiosyncrasy? How did he make it in such a situation? But Joe was eminently qualified to fit in. You remember Dr. Loving, with his white hair butting his head against yours and asking, "Do you think you'll ever amount to anything?" Dr. Ryland, piercing you with a gimlet eye that said, "You'd better amount to something or I'll never forgive you. Don't look to me for any sympathy if you don't." There isn't time to speak of the other examples of idiosyncrasy. Into this atmosphere came Joe, so utterly unconcerned for mere conventions that he wasted no energy on them.

For whole generations of students this was focused in "The Car." Actually, there were three or four of those cars, but there was one supreme one. It no doubt had been made at some time in a factory, but it gave the impression that it had come straight out of the Primeval Chaos. He and I had the same mechanic. Once when I was at his shop, Joe in his car came snorting and voo-roaming out of the shop and drove off. The mechanic asked, "Do you know him?" I said "Oh, yes!" He said, "It's awful what he does to a car, awful! If I had one more customer like him I'd retire right now." One of his students swore that he went through three red lights and down a one-way street the wrong way on his way to the Times-Dispatch one afternoon. It was also observed that he always had a worn fan belt that screeched and squacked out a warning to the world as to what sort of driver was behind that wheel.

Any of you who went with him to his cottage on the river saw an important side of Joe. All he talked about down there besides fishing was the University of Richmond. He could never separate time and place. That cottage was part play house and part sacred shrine. Many of you experienced "The Boat," that aluminum boat with a motor that was three times too heavy and five times too powerful for it. The boat didn't plane up on its bottom, but planed on its back almost perpendicularly as it hurtled over the waves, coming down to strike the water boom, boom, boom, while Joe shouted above the booming and the sound of the wind to ask, "Is this bothering you, am I going too fast?" He had the power to equal the idiosyncratic achievements of Loving and the rest from the very beginning.

Many of us are very aware of his preoccupation during his last years with his biography of Dr. Solon Cousins, whom he loved so greatly, and whom he looked upon as one of the great saints of all times. Many of us are aware, even though the book is still at the printers, of the enormous labor he put into it and of how he dreamed and hoped and prayed to stay alive until it was finished. Joe has preserved all manner of data that already would be lost if he had not gathered it when he did. Now he has produced a book that will bring back wonderful feelings of nostalgia to those who knew Dr. Cousins, and will be a mine of information for any in the future who want to learn about Dr. Cousins. The reading of the book for many also will recall the verve and devotion of Joe's personality as it shines through its pages.

It would not be appropriate to close a tribute to Joe, in whose mind the sacred and secular, the serious and funny, the work and the play, and all the rest were so engagingly intermixed, without saying a word about his faith. He was the embodiment of something basic in Protestant Christianity which doesn't exist in institutions but in persons. Institutions come about to serve the higher purposes of persons, and manage to do this sometimes poorly and sometimes fairly well. Somehow Joe was one of those personality types for whom the present is real only as a springboard to the future. He was always swept along by a series of visions, big ones and little ones. The little ones focused on this afternoon, and the big ones might be very long range. He was so future-oriented that he plunged on into any serious work with the feeling that the vision that inspired it was all that mattered and things that were irrelevant to that vision simply didn't matter.

I know that when you stay in an institution as long as he did and as long as I have, you get to thinking in its patterns. I see this memorial service for Joe in this sacred atmosphere as a sort of graduation service, for Joe believed in life after death as simply as he believed in today. He took it completely for granted. He was one of those people who recognize that today has importance for its own sake but that it also will be fulfilled beyond itself in life beyond death. This world is God's world and what we do with it is terribly important. Its responsibilities and opportunities are not to be wasted. But there are always components of this life that must await final fulfillment in eternity. He had mixed feelings about the word mystic, but Joe was a classical sort of Christian mystic in that he believed we all can have direct contact with the Ultimate Reality in a way that is direct and personal.

This being true one has the feeling that Joe has gone on now to the fulfillment of the Final Vision, to the gathering up of all the loose strands that can never be gotten fully together in a human lifetime. His vision has become reality. We feel sad, we feel a sense of loss. But who could feel a real sorrow at a time like this? It is a time to look back in happiness and in gratitude and to look forward with faith and hope and love.
by Evelyn Terry
Crows worn by kings and queens and laden with precious jewels—diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires—are symbols in world history of wealth and power. For centuries, the multifaceted glitter and mystical qualities of gems have intrigued mankind.

"Gems have been the collateral of nations for hundreds of years because they’ve always been a good investment,” says Dr. Willie Reams, director of UR’s Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature and a biology professor. In today’s society gems are had not only by the wealthy, but are purchased by more and more people seeking alternative ways to invest their money.

As an authority on gemstones for the gallery, which is located in Boatwright Library, Reams has acquired millions of dollars’ worth of shells, fossils, gems and minerals. He travels throughout the United States lecturing on the pros and cons of gemstone investments as well as exhibiting gems and other collectibles.

"Many people become interested in collecting or investing in gems after they’ve been given a stone as a gift,” said Reams in a recent interview. "Often parents will give a child an investment stone which is kept in a safe deposit box (to guard against theft, loss and chipping). Over the years the stone increases in value, creating a nest egg for the child and a tax shelter for the parents.”

He pointed out that giving stones for tax write-off purposes is not as profitable as it once was because of a new IRS ruling. Before the ruling, a gem’s appraised or fair market value at the time it was presented as a gift was the amount of the tax write-off. The new ruling states that now the amount of the tax write-off can be no more than the purchase price.

This ruling has jeopardized pension plans which have used gemstones as their foundation. Educational institutions, museums and religious organizations, which have their foundations in gifts of collectibles, will suffer, as well, and are now challenging the IRS ruling in court. Based on the new ruling, Reams said that "at present long-term investments in gems are still good, but this is not necessarily true for short-term investments.”

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Browsing around a jewelry shop or a gem show is another way people become fascinated with gems and, on learning more about them and the benefits of investing, decide to make a purchase.

"Gem shows are probably one of the best places to buy gems,” remarked Reams, who organizes shows at the University.

"At a show you can get a very fine stone for a reasonable price. When buying gems you have to rely on the reputation of the show’s sponsoring organization and the jeweler selling the gem. With larger stones, you should get a certificate certifying that the stone is genuine and of particular quality. You also should receive proof that the stone has been appraised by a certified appraiser.

"Gemstones appreciate in value as much as or more than 30 percent a year. Starting off, people buy $25 to $50 stones, hold on to them until the stones significantly increase in value and then trade them in for larger stones.”

Some dealers, make a distinction between precious and semiprecious stones, but Reams does not because he says that "there is no such thing as semiprecious stones . . . they’re all expensive now.”
Giving tips on investing in gemstones, he said: “Keep in mind that the better stones appreciate in value more rapidly. Therefore, buy the finest stone you can afford, but do not invest more than you can afford to lose, as with any other form of investment. Look for size, cut, color and clarity. Remember that quality stones are always in demand.”

The gem market can be erratic. This is best illustrated today by the diamond market which is controlled by DeBeers of London.

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“Diamonds hit an all-time high about a year ago when a one karat or larger perfect stone could bring $60,000 per karat. Five years ago the same stone sold for $1,000 per karat, and today the same stone sells for perhaps $30,000.”

If diamonds are out of your price range, aquamarines have proven to be a wise investment: “Five years ago an aquamarine sold for $10 per karat,” said Reams, “while today the same stone sells for as much as $600 per karat.

“The market has shifted to colored stones, and the price of rubies and emeralds has skyrocketed. Little stones are still affordable, but the larger quality stones are the ones in demand because of their scarcity.”

Over the past three years, two stones, the tsavorite garnet and the rubellite tourmaline, have been doubling in value each year. Reams suggested that these two stones along with spinels are the best gems to invest in today.

When buying stones, Reams stressed, “Look for bargains.” He said that from time to time dealers will have liquidation sales, and this is when you will find your best bargains.

Joining a gem investment club also is advisable, according to Reams. But he warns people to be sure that the club has been around for a number of years and is a legitimate operation. He said, “Ask for credentials and find out a club’s trading volume. Investment clubs are good because they buy and sell gems along with giving advice on when to do so.”

If you’re in a community that does not have a gem investment club, he tells people to go to their local library and check out books on “knowing your gems.” He also highly recommends a magazine, Collector and Investor, which tells what’s happening in the current market for gems, antiques, art and other collectibles.

Articles on investing in gems frequently appear in the Wall Street Journal, and in Richmond, William Carreras Diamonds Ltd. has offered seminars on gemstone investing.

If you’re truly a serious collector and want to take a course on gemstones, the Gemological Institute of America, located in California, offers courses various times of the year in different parts of the country. Reams stressed that the courses are “outrageously expensive” and are only intended for the most serious collectors.

A recent acquisition of the Lora Robins Gallery has been a collection of pre-Columbian artifacts (jugs, necklaces, flutes, urns), along with other minerals, fossils and gems, dating back to 300-600 A.D. and valued at about $1 million. Among the artifacts is a jade necklace (circa 300 A.D.) from the Mayan Empire. Because of its age and historical significance, it has been appraised at $10,000. This collection will be on display in the gallery by early summer.
by Mary Grace Taylor

The welcome mat is out again at the Westhampton College Deanery.

Following a $150,000 restoration, completed last spring, the former home of Dean May Lansfield Keller is enjoying a rebirth as offices for the Westhampton College Alumnae Association, the Westhampton College dean and the coordinator of student housing.

Miss Keller, Westhampton College dean from 1914 to 1946, built the red brick English cottage in 1925. From then until her death in 1964 at the age of 86, she lived there with her colleague and friend, Pauline Turnbull. The Deanery was only the third building on the “girls’ side of the lake,” preceded by a dormitory, later renamed North Court, and the World War I Red Cross Building.

Now, nearly six decades later, the Deanery retains its unique charm and intimate seclusion, almost hidden in a natural border of towering trees. The patina of the old brick has been matched in a two-story, 1,000 square foot addition, almost doubling the original size of the building. The formal English garden, Miss Keller’s favorite domain outside the classroom, blooms anew. Inside, sunlight streams through paneled casement windows to highlight the natural, mellow tones of woodwork, stripped to its original luster. Many of the furnishings are back home after a long sabbatical.

Jane Stockman Thorpe, W’58, director of alumnae relations, keeps tabs on her constituents from an office in Miss Keller’s dining room, while her staff works in the first floor addition. She says of the Deanery, “To have this location in an area that has much historic value, as well as nostalgia for alumnae, and to share the facility with the Westhampton College dean and current students, is a positive step toward enhancing the identity of our college. It has exceeded my expectation.”

Dean Stephanie M. Bennett concurs. Her spacious office was her predecessor’s bedroom, and her adjoining study was formerly the sleeping porch. Close by, in the upstairs addition, are ample quarters for Ellen Troland, housing coordinator.

“It is a focal point for allowing business and conversation to coexist,” Dr. Bennett says. “The homelike atmosphere provides a warm and supportive environment for relaxed discussions with the students, who are proud to have something this special as theirs.”

The dean and alumnae director share the hospitable downstairs area and the garden, ideal settings for social functions related to official duties—working breakfasts, alumnae luncheons, committee meetings, receptions for students and faculty and other special events.

New life for the Deanery was not an overnight miracle. Instead, it was a natural progression, fulfilling, in a sense, Dean Keller’s commitment to women’s education and her final bequest.

In her will she requested that her home go to the University as a lodge for alumnae. This arrangement was impractical because it did not satisfy University conditions for campus residences, and the Alumnae Association’s limited budget did not allow funds to convert the facilities or maintain them. Consequently, the University purchased the house to use first as a residence for the next dean, Mary Louise Gehring, and later to house women students.

In 1979 The Deanery became vacant again and a rush of would-be occupants staked their sights. The Board of Trustees tapped the alumnae and the dean.

“From the beginning,” Mrs. Thorpe explains, “we wanted to make it a vital center, not a museum or a shrine. Our objective was to retain the integrity of the building and provide continuity.”

As plans got underway, the Alumnae Association launched a campaign to raise the necessary funds with a special appeal during the 1979–81 period. Designated donations came in from for-
mer students, local clubs and individual classes, which also adopted specific projects. From their own resources, the Association turned over $50,000, proceeds put aside when Keller Hall was converted for dormitory use and teearoom-bookstore operations were liquidated. Two major donors stepped forth to give the appeal a significant boost: Elizabeth Camp Smith, W'18, and Hannah Coker, W'23, music librarian, emerita, who made restoration of the garden her special gift.

Meanwhile, University personnel offered their assistance in supervising the construction and an alumnae advisory committee was named to work with the director. Dr. Bill Walker, assistant professor of psychology, whose special interest is interior design, added his expertise. The team went to work by going back to the beginning.

To design the building, Dean Keller had selected Merrill Lee who had worked in the Boston firm of Ralph Adams Cram, the leading American architect of the Collegiate Gothic style employed by the University. Her requirements were documented in the Keller biography written in 1975 by Miss Turnbull, whose 40 years on the campus included duties as secretary to the dean, registrar and professor of Latin.

"The Deanery played an important role in the social life of the College both for students and faculty," she wrote, noting that Miss Keller explicitly directed that "the dining and living rooms should be large to accommodate the flow of guests. The kitchen," she said, "should be small." It was understood from the beginning, the author explained, that the "outside was her realm and the inside of the house was mine. She never entered the kitchen..."

Once in residence the dean kept her word. At commencement, the graduating class and their parents were her guests, and annually, on her birthday, September 28, she entertained at tea. Student clubs were invited for parties, and faculty suppers on Saturday and Sunday nights often featured waffles.

"Dean Keller encouraged solidarity among the women on her faculty," says Dr. Jean G. Wright, Westhampton College professor of French, emerita, who came to the campus in 1930. The Deanery, she recalls, always reminded her of "a combination library, museum and zoo." The labels refer, of course, to her dean's extensive collection of books, the Victorian furniture and ancient curios brought from her Baltimore birthplace and the dynasty of canine residents, usually in pairs, who shared equal house privileges with the human occupants.

Thanks to Miss Keller's entertainment specifications, the first floor rooms remain intact. True to the architectural style, curtains and valances have been removed, along with layers of paint. Authenticity continues in the simple, off-white walls, Gothic light fixtures and the stained glass windows in the foyer door, both especially commissioned for the project.

To assemble appropriate furnishings, Dr. Walker, Mrs. Thorpe and Dean Bennett set out on a scavenger hunt that led to campus attics, basements and offices. Their success is evident. Returning alumnæ are delighted to find throughout the downstairs refectory benches, tables and chairs which originally had been purchased in Philadelphia by the Association for Keller Hall. When that building was converted, a farsighted committee stored some of the finest items. They were retrieved along with furniture which had been snatched up for office use by connoisseurs on the faculty.

Several handsome, handcrafted pieces which at one time were in the Keller Room are now back in place. Further authenticity is assured by a valuable collection which had been kept intact by Miss Turnbull, who gave her blessing and many cherished, in-
herited Keller possessions to the Association before her death in 1980.

A mahogany Sheraton secretary, circa 1830, is in the living room, along with a handmade cupboard which displays little May’s waxhead dolls, living side by side with their miniature furniture and unchipped teaset. The Dean’s curio cabinet now houses an assortment of treasures spanning her lifetime. It’s a visual biography, from baby shoes and a childhood embroidery sampler to opera glasses, Phi Beta Kappa key and a Russian icon from a 1911 trip. Today’s scholars can also find there the bound copy of her doctoral dissertation, *The Anglo Saxon Weapon Names*, “Treated Archaeologically and Etymologically,” dated 1906, Heidelberg. Elsewhere are her mirrored marble-top Victorian walnut étagère and her Chinese rug of cobalt blue and ivory which adds elegance to Dean Bennett’s office.

A rare collection of art objects, assembled from her family and travels throughout the world, is represented by alabaster figurines, cloisonné vases and pre-Christian Chinese artifacts.

Reflecting Dean Keller’s tenure are paintings from the University galleries by Theresa Pollak, who taught the first art course at the College, and Dan Lutz, brother of the late Caroline Lutz, longtime professor of English and founder of the marionette theater. Chinese puppets from her renowned collection guard the living room from a ceiling-high shelf. To complete the story of yesterday are enlarged photos from the past: May Day, graduation classes and athletic heroines in bloomers and middy blouses.

A few new furnishings blend with the old finds that have been refurbished to accent classic hues of deep coral and cobalt blue found in the Oriental rugs. In the dean’s office are a fire fender requisitioned from a dormitory reception room and a black marble pedestal statue of Athena which formerly reigned in Keller Hall. Dean Bennett finds it “appropriate for the goddess of wisdom to reside in the dean’s office.”

No restoration of The Deanery would have been authentic without the garden. It was here that Dr. Wright glimpsed a different dean as the young professor took early Sunday morning walks on the campus.

“Much to my astonishment,” she recalls, “there, almost hidden through the trees, was Miss Keller clad in a granny nightgown, happily wielding her shovel and hoe.”

Currently, the gardener-in-residence is Miss Coker, whose devotion to the project continues her longtime association with campus beautification. Working with her is James I. Buck, UR landscape architect.

After returning to her alma mater in 1945 to establish the department of music education, Miss Coker spent many pleasant hours at the Deanery. Her vivid recollection of “the way it was” is invaluable in recreating the plan designed by Charles F. Gillette, Richmond landscape architect.

Original boxwoods still outline the border. The brick walks, laid by Miss Turnbull’s brother, have been reset, leading to a fan-shaped terrace where a wooden pergola has been erected on the exact foundations of its identical predecessor. The pink blossoms that Miss Keller favored again are abundant in peonies, ramblers climbing the pergola and geraniums flowering in her stone urns; her benches are back in place offering a peaceful resting place; resurrected flower beds provide fresh arrangements and a vivid view from the enclosed porch; camellias, rhododendrons and holly bushes surrounding the house offer seasonal variety.

“The garden suited Miss Keller and the campus,” Miss Coker says, taking time from her digging. “Our aim was to restore it as far as practicable, with easy maintenance in mind, and to make it a pleasant place for students, alumnae and friends to enjoy.”

That mission seems to have been accomplished throughout the restoration. In a rare consensus, echoes of the past harmonize with the beat of a new drum.

“Lovely, just right,” and “very true,” commented two returning alumnae.

“It was a vital spot in Miss Keller’s day and still is,” says Dr. Wright. “There is a sense of something that was alive enough to survive change, a continuity that means roots.”

“It is a place to be lived in, but lived in with style,” adds Dr. Walker.

Yet the final word comes from a student with this candid, contemporary appraisal:

“’The Deanery makes the University a real class place.’”

Mary Grace Scherer Taylor is a 1942 graduate of Westhampton College.
Strong Economic Medicine

The American economy is "coughing and sputtering" in the throes of seemingly intractable maladies, Hays T. Watkins of CSX told some 300 fellow executives at the University’s first annual Winter Business Forum, held at Richmond’s Commonwealth Club in February.

The prognosis is uncertain, the corporation’s president and co-chief executive officer suggested, but the Reagan administration’s doses of strong medicine, including a reordering of the relationship between government and the private sector, give grounds for hope of recovery—especially if private business is willing to make the same kind of sacrifices that are being asked of the public sector.

"Like other groups in society, we (private business) often ask government for special favors, subsidies and market protection, which we shouldn’t have," Watkins said. "If we are to oppose government largess for others, we must be prepared to have it denied to ourselves. . . . We cannot afford to undercut our own credibility on these issues."

He said that while the formation of countless new governmental agencies and programs had been well intentioned, and sought to achieve important social objectives, "things got out of control. Our exuberance overpowered our judgment!"

In clear and unmistakable terms, Watkins said, "President Reagan is seeking to reorder the relationship between government and the private sector, and between the federal government and state and local governments.

"With its sweeping proposals for budget cuts and regulatory reductions, the Administration is clearly seeking a way out of our present economic dilemma. . . . Do we have the will and the capacity to take the necessary corrective actions, regardless of the personal or corporate sacrifices?"

Watkins’ address was one side of an in-depth perspective offered to forum participants on the evolving relationship between private higher education and the business and corporate sectors of American society. Offering a view from academia was the University’s provost, Dr. Melvin L. Vulgamoore. The provost, UR’s chief academic officer, suggested that the most important contributions a liberal arts education can make to the world of business is "the cultivation of leadership and the humane exercise of that leadership." The liberal arts ideal, Vulgamoore said, "is to make life worth the living for oneself and others, while making a living."

The CSX chief complimented the idea of the UR forum as creating "an important opportunity for extending the dialogue between the academic world and the business community." For many years, Watkins said, we have been witnessing the erosion of private sector institutions as more and more power and responsibility has been shifted to the public sector. "The vastly expanded role of the public sector is certainly one of the most notable developments of our recent history."
At the Capitol

Twenty-nine students were “missing from the campus” during working hours for most of January and February this year. But it was all authorized. They were getting invaluable work experience and exposure to their fields of special interest in the real world as Legislative Interns while the Va. State Legislature was in session at the Capitol in Richmond.

Under the academic direction of Dr. Thomas R. Morris (political science), the students were assigned as aides to individual lawmakers, lobbying organizations and other groups involved in the legislative session.

Troy McCormick, for example, interned with the Va. Retail Merchants Association; Mike Munsey with Sen. Wiley Mitchell; and Bruce Spencer with Del.

Claude W. Anderson, R’56, L’60. Bob Aranyi was assigned to the Lt. Governor’s Office; Sarah Mul len was working with the Va. Society of Professional Engineers; Brad Van Horn with the Va. Poverty Law Center; Barbara Hoeck with the Department of Corrections, and Cathy Burke with Del. Marian Van Landingham. Each student had a supervisor on the job, as well as being under the general direction of Dr. Morris back on campus.

Ted Costin, a junior majoring in poli sci and English, averaged 22 hours a week as an intern in the office of Del. Frank D. Harr grove. Ted was exuberant in his enthusiasm for the Intern Program. “It was really excellent,” Ted said. “Del. Hargrove encour aged me to attend sub-committee and committee hearings and lobbying functions. I helped deal with constituent requests as well as Bill and Code research. A bit of everything. No two days were the same. For my special study in connection with the internship, I’m doing a paper on how new legislators adapt to their roles. I plan to interview about six legislators for the study.” AG

Science and Myths

Noted scientists and educators from Virginia and North Carolina came to campus in February to present various aspects of evolutionary biology and to discuss the implications of teaching evolution as an integral part of the biology curriculum. Approximately 150 educators from public and private schools throughout Virginia, as well as students and other interested persons gathered in UR’s Gottwald Science Center for the symposium on “Evolution: The Science, The Myths and Its Impact on Society.”

The presentations and discussions covered such topics as: the history and development of evolutionary thought; geological evidence for evolution, such as fossils; recent advances in evolutionary theory, primarily the concept of a punctuated equilibrium model of evolution; evolution of primates; and the relationship between evolution and religion.

The list of speakers who were present included: Dr. James Murray (University of Virginia), Dr. William Shear (Hampden-Sydney College), Dr. Gerald Johnson (William and Mary), Dr. John Burns (Smithsonian Institution), Dr. Wayne Moyer (director, National Association of Biology Teachers), Dr. Matt Cartmill (Duke University Medical Center), Mike Bently (University of Virginia), Dr. Vincent Suttle (William and Mary) and Dr. Robert Bourdeaux (Hollins College).

The symposium was sponsored by UR’s Sigma Xi Club. Dr. Thomas R. Platt, assistant professor of biology, was responsible for organizing the symposium. TRP.

“Honest Lawyers”

The worst social disease a Soviet citizen can catch is the Truth. Immediately, his or her behavior becomes demonstrably anti-social and is interpreted by authorities as anti-Soviet. In most cases the remedy applied is isolation from society, a speedy, perfunctory trial, and, rather invariably, imprisonment or exile. Such an airtight process works, generally, because of total complicity of judges, defense lawyers, prosecutors and witnesses in a bankrupt judicial system.

Two former Russian lawyers, who involuntarily emigrated from the USSR in 1978 after breaking this rule of complicity and who were, as Vladimir Bukovsky writes, “honest lawyers,” addressed University students, fac-
ulty and other members of the community in February. Dr. Dina Kaminskaya and Dr. Konstantin Simis spoke of their combined experience of 50 years with the Soviet legal system.

Dr. Dina Kaminskaya spoke about her 37 years as a defense attorney in the USSR. She made it quite clear that in political cases in which the Party has a vested ideological interest, acquittal has never been won; however, she also emphasized that in common criminal cases, justice is possible and, in fact, triumphs. A member of an elite group of distinctively valorous lawyers, Dr. Kaminskaya was one of the first defense lawyers in the Soviet Union to seek acquittal at political trials and to professionally demonstrate her client’s absence of guilt. Quite aware that her defense could not influence the court’s final verdict, already decided in advance in high Party circles, Kaminskaya and her clients had to be contented with moral victory.

Dr. Konstantin Simis, her husband, demonstrated an equally courageous spirit through his involvement with the human rights movement in the USSR and through his work as an active legal consultant to dissidents such as academician Andrey Sakharov. Dr. Simis spoke chiefly of his experience as the defense attorney for Soviet underground millionaires and shared his considerable expertise on the country’s “second economy”—that elaborate chain of the ingenious, private industrial system that reaches into every corner of the Soviet Union. He concluded by saying that it is not for vast sums of money that these entrepreneurs risk their lives—at best, they can spend only an infinitesimal portion of it—but for the thrill of a victory not unrelated to that of his wife in her heroic defense of dissidents. JCT

Clowning Around

Mime-clown Bob Berky has a mind as quick and bright as a comet, an impressive command of the English language and the ability to produce heart-felt laughter.

For a week in January, Berky presented his craft for various groups on campus and explained the arts of mime and clowning. Transforming his hands into fish, air into walls, and a duck horn into language, Berky said it is our minds that fill in what is necessary to complete the image.

Berky told a personnel management class on campus that “life is a spit in the bucket. If you're gonna spit you might as well make the arc as big as possible.”

He seems to be doing just that. Berky travels about six months of the year and teaches in New York City in the summer, so his Washington, D.C., home is used very little.

His travels have brought him critical acclaim and awards. He received the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1980 and won the First Fringe Award at the Edinburgh Festival in 1979. He has performed at the Hong Kong Festival, the Vancouver Children's Festival in Canada, the Jerusalem Festival in Israel and President Reagan's inauguration, to name a few.

The special arts project performance by Berky was presented by UR's University Student Union and sponsored by the Reader's Digest Association, as part of its Affiliate Artists Residency Week program. JP

Dual Degree: JD/MBA

The Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) degree program will be offered at UR for the first time beginning fall semester 1982.

The T. C. Williams School of Law and the Richard S. Reynolds Graduate Division of The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business have a reciprocal arrangement for this program. Students need to be accepted by both the law school and the school of business to be eligible.

A student accepted into the program is permitted to apply one semester’s credits earned in the law school toward meeting the graduation requirements of the MBA program, and one semester’s credits earned in the MBA program toward meeting graduation requirements of the law school. This will enable participants in the dual degree program to complete the JD and MBA requirements in about 12 months less time (four years instead of five years) than if they pursued the two degrees independently.

Both Dr. Thomas L. Reuschling, dean of the school of business, and Daniel T. Murphy, associate dean of the law school, have worked together on this program and agree that it is more likely to be the law student who will pursue the JD/MBA degree. “Lawyers may not have a strong background in business,” says Dean Reuschling, “and the more they know about business, the better able they are to deal with clients in the corporate world.”

Murphy says that the JD/MBA degree may give a law graduate a slight edge in the job market. “The program gives a graduate a breadth of knowledge which makes him or her more flexible, thus opening up career opportunities.”

For more information about this program, please contact either the school of business or the law school. ET
Yes, Another Fee Increase

The UR Board of Trustees has approved an increase of $830 in undergraduate tuition, room and board charges for the 1982-83 academic year.

Of the total increase, $680 will be for tuition, with the $150 remainder for room and board. This will bring charges for undergraduate tuition, room and board to a total of $7,595 a year. Full-time graduate tuition (excluding room and board) will be increased by $680, from $4,945 to $5,625 a year.

According to Louis W. Moelchert Jr., vice president for business and finance and treasurer, the proposed increase in fees will be allocated to four major budget areas: student financial aid; new, or improved, programs; salaries and benefits for University employees; and operating expenses to offset inflation.

"An informal survey we made of other private institutions indicates that, like the University of Richmond, the respondents are finding it necessary to increase their fees again next fall even though they also had to raise them for the current academic year," Moelchert said.

"The amount of increase anticipated by the schools surveyed is greater than ours, however, so we are fortunate to be able to hold it down to $830." DH

Aid for Minority Students

Connecticut General Corporation of Hartford, Conn., has awarded the University of Richmond a $100,000 grant for scholarships for minority students. This grant is one of the largest of its kind to be given to any Virginia college or university.

Faye Hines Kilpatrick, wife of Connecticut General President Robert D. Kilpatrick, and an alumna of Westhampton College and Richmond native, announced the grant and presented a check to the University on behalf of the corporation, one of the nation's major insurance companies. Robert Kilpatrick is a 1948 graduate of the University of Richmond and a trustee.

In announcing the gift on behalf of Connecticut General, Mrs. Kilpatrick said: "We believe that the university is taking a significant step by actively encouraging a more diverse student body. And with its commitment to minority scholars, the university will reach—and help—more young people to meet today's challenges."

The grant money will go primarily for tuition, room and board for approximately six minority students. Recruitment efforts will be directed toward the Richmond Metropolitan area.

"This program will enable the University to diversify its composition while at the same time maintain the quality of its enrollment," said Thomas N. Pollard Jr., UR's dean of admissions. "The benefit to both communities, campus and Richmond, should be considerable."

The University has committed itself beyond the $100,000 to a total of $225,000, which is the estimated amount needed to cover the cost of the planned minority scholarships over the next four years.

While most of the grant money will go for direct scholarship aid, some funds will be used for minority recruitment, including the hiring of black counsellors in the UR Admissions Office. DH

Spider Shorts

Never, in the history of Richmond basketball, was there a season quite like the 1981-82 campaign. The year began with the Spiders posting one of the biggest wins in Richmond's basketball history—a 64-61 upset of nationally ranked Wake Forest—and it ended with Coach Dick Tarrant's squad meeting the Maryland Terrapins in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament. When the final shot had been taken, Richmond held and 18-11 record, the best for UR in 27 years. The NIT appearance was the first postseason action ever for a Richmond basketball team.

For the women's basketball team, it also was a great season, with the Spiders posting a 22-8 record. The team, under Coach Bill Hotchkiss, won the VAIW Division II Championship but lost in the first round of the Division II regionals. At the year's end, Coach Hotchkiss was named the VAIW Division II Coach of the Year, and freshman Karen Elsner was named the VAIW Division II Player of the Year.

It's been a year of record beating for the men's track team. The two-mile relay team of Barnabas Kipkorir, Julian Spooner, Henry Kimaled and Sosthemes Bitok recorded the fastest two-mile relay ever run with a time of 7:23:1. The record beating time came in the 75th running of the prestigious Millrose Game held at Madison Square Garden.

In women's track this year, Jo White broke the Millrose games record for the 800 meters and missed breaking the world's record for the event by just two seconds. She is currently the defending national champ in the 800 meter run.

Sophomore Bob Rainer was the bright spot in this year's UR wrestling program. Rainer, who wrestles at 126 lbs., won the state championship in that class. Rainer is now a two-time state champion.

The men's swimming season was highlighted by the performances of Kevin Shaughness who was undefeated in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle events. He was named the squad's Most Valuable Swimmer.

The women's swimming team under the direction of Coach Peg Hogan compiled a 7-4 record this season. Sophomore Diane Miller was named to the AIAW Division II All-American team and the National Women Swimming Coaches Association All-American team. Nancy Kennedy also was named to the N.W.S.C.A. team. BB
**CLASSNOTES**

**30's**

Dr. Herman J. Flax, R'36, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been named the 1981 recipient of the Gold Key Award of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine for meritorious service to the cause of persons with physical disabilities. Dr. Flax has been Chief of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Juan for the past 30 years. A. Gibson Howell, R'39, of Suffolk, Va., will retire as executive vice president of Louise Obici Memorial Hospital as of Dec. 31, 1982. During the past 33 years, Howell has been active in numerous civic organizations in Suffolk. Currently, he is a member of the State Board of Health, as well as a member of the Board of Directors for Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Secretary-Treasurer for the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital Foundation.

**40’s**

Robert J. Thalman, R'48, of Lexington, Va., has been named 1981 Southern Conference Football Coach of the Year. Bob is head football coach at Virginia Military Institute. Joseph A. Jennings, R'49, of Richmond, has been elected to a three-year term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Virginia. Dr. James A. Monacre, R'49, of Elon, N.C., represented Dr. Heilman at the inauguration of Dr. Stephen H. Wurster as president of Catawba College, on December 3.

**50’s**

William B. Astrop, R'50, of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected to the Board of Directors of BalCo Energy Corporation. The Rev. George W. Bowman III, R'50, of Winston-Salem, N.C., has been honored by the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society for his role in the development of Hospice of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. The Hospice chapter allows terminally-ill individuals to remain at home by providing medical and emotional care and support to the patients and their families.

**60’s**

Dr. George Trotter, B'52, of Macau, Hong Kong, China, writes that the family is well and happy. He found that he must preach slower because his Indonesian textbook includes too high a vocabulary for simple folk to understand. But they are communicating.

Jesse W. Reel, B'53, of Albany, Ga., represented Dr. Heilman at the inauguration of Dr. Billy C. Black II as president of Albany State College, on November 20. The Rev. Lawrence E. Matthews, R'54, of Vienna, Va., has been selected as the 1982 recipient of the Citation for Excellence in Christian Ministry by the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**70’s**

J. Steven Griles, R'70, of Richmond, has been named deputy director of Interior’s Office of Surface Mining. John P. Henderson Jr., G'70, of Richmond, has been inducted into the Infantry Officer’s Candidate School Hall of Fame. John is a Brigadier General in Virginia’s 80th Reserve Division of the Army. The Hall of Fame honors graduates of the Infantry OCS Program who have distinguished themselves in military or civilian pursuits. J. Wilt Wagner, G'70, of Midlothian, Va., has been promoted to general manager of the reclamation unit of the Recycling and Reclamation Division for Reynolds Metals Co. Geoffrey D. Cahill, R'71, of Houston, Tex., has been promoted to marketing manager of the Houston regional office of Aetna Insurance Co. Ronald T. Fink, B'71, of Richmond, has been promoted to manager of marketing research for the Consumer Division of Reynolds Metals Company. The Rev. Roger Collier, R'72, of Glen Allen, Va., received the Outstanding Young Religious Leader Award by the Jaycees. William F. Shumadine Jr., G'72, of Richmond, has been promoted to executive vice president for Central Fidelity Bank. Chris Taylor, R'72, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been promoted to production manager for Planters Peanuts Snacks plant in Chattanooga. Michael M. Martin, R'73, of Richmond, has been awarded the Member, Appraisal Institute (MAI) designation by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. David E. Moore, R'73, of Richmond, has been promoted to assistant manager of credit for the Pharmaceutical Division of A. H. Robins Co. William Ned Neatherwood Jr., R'73, of Richmond, has been promoted to manager of credit for A. H. Robins Co. Alvin Stenzel, R'73, of Richmond, has written a CPA Test Manual “Approaching the CPA Examination.” He is employed as assistant controller of Home Beneficial Life Insurance Co. in Richmond. M. Collier Irvin, R'74, of Fairfax, Va., has been promoted to vice president, Corporate Banking Group for First & Merchants Bank. Williams A. Strang Jr., U'74, of Covington, Va., has been promoted to accounting and controls supervisor for Westvaco. David E. Boshcer, B'75, of Richmond, has been promoted to manager of business development for VioBin Corporation, an Illinois-based subsidiary of A. H. Robins Company. Thomas W. Hodges, G'75 of Dallas, Tex., has been promoted to district manager, airline sales, for the distri-
bution division of Aviall, formed from the recent combination of Cooper Airmotive and Aviation Power Supply. Hodges is responsible for parts sales to major airline accounts on the West Coast, Western Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Thomas R. Scanniello, G’75, of Midlothin, Va., has been promoted to director of employee relations in the Personnel Department of A. H. Robins Co.

James W. Cobb Jr., R’76, of Williamsburg, Va., is chief interpreter at Jamestown Festival Park.

Howard T. Macrane Jr., L’76, of Midlothian, Va., has recently been promoted to vice president, assistant general counsel and Assistant Secretary of Wheat First Securities, Inc. Macrane accepted the position as assistant general counsel with Wheat First Securities, Inc., in August 1981.

W. Eugene McCook, B’76, of Richmond, has been promoted to director of a newly formed treasury services department at A. H. Robins Co.

Francis M. Kinsey, R’78, of St. Petersburg, Fla., graduated from Tulane University School of Law in May 1981. He is an associate attorney with Frank & Kelly, P.A., Tampa, and specializes in labor relations law.

Jay M. Schoonover, R’78, of Arlington, Tex., represented his Alma Mater at the inauguration of Dr. William J. Teague as president of Abilene Christian U., on February 20.

H. Benson Dendy III, R’79, of Richmond, has been appointed special assistant for constituent affairs for Governor Charles S. Robb.

James H. Getty, B’79, of Richmond, has been promoted to commercial loan officer at Central Fidelity Bank.

Deceased


1923/R. Harwood Bagby (R), of Baltimore, Md., June 29, 1929.

1925/S. Corey Jr. , (B), of Ashe- ville, N.C., July 24, 1921.

Warren F. Curtis (R), (L’35), of Richmond, July 25, 1981.

James Taylor Ellyson Crump (R), of Richmond, Feb. 3, 1981.

1926/Dr. Clifford E. Hoshall (R), of Hillsboro, Oreg., Oct. 7, 1981. Dr. Hoshall was head of education at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., 1947-1953; he was head of the Education Department at Ohio Wesleyan College in Delaware, Ohio. Following that, he was with the State Department in the Phillipine Islands; and from 1967-1971, he was in Vietnam in the field of education. He retired from Vietnam in 1971.


1930/Dr. Charles R. Stevens (R), of Richmond, Jan. 21, 1982. Dr. Stevens received his first assignment as a preacher for a group of four rural churches near South Hill. He served as pastor of churches in the Northern Neck from 1939 until 1942. He served the First Baptist Church in Hopewell from 1954 until 1974, when he retired. Then he worked as a minister of visitation at Bainbridge-Southampton Baptist Church in Richmond until about 1976, and Ginter Park Baptist Church from 1979 until last year.

1932/Dr. Samuel P. Kayne (R), of Richmond, Nov. 8, 1981. Dr. Kayne was president of the Richmond Dental Society for more than 43 years.

1932//J. Kenneth Rader (R), (L’35), of Richmond, Sept. 21, 1981.

1935/Bruce G. Dodd, (B), of Miami, Fla., Jan. 11, 1982.

1936/Dr. George B. Kegley (R), of Bland, Va., Dec. 31, 1981. He was a life-long farmer and the sole physician in Bland County for years. He was respected for his gentle manners and caring personality. He served in a variety of civic and professional leadership posts.

1938/John G. Staples (R), of Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 25, 1981. He was president of State Capital Insurance Company in Raleigh, having worked his way up through the ranks of his company. As the company progressed, Staples’ responsibility grew and the Raleigh-based firm developed from a North Carolina company to a regional company serving six Southeastern states.


1949/Joseph F. Garren Jr., (R), of Richmond, Jan. 25, 1981. Mr. Garren joined the law firm now known as Purcell, Cherry, Kerns and Abady, located in the Mutual Building.

Robert K. Hadjian (R), of Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii, June 4, 1981.

1951/Rev. Paul H. Akers Jr. (R), of Richmond, Nov. 28, 1981. Mr. Akers held part-time pastorates and was a supervisor for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia.


1954/Rev. Nimrod F. Lawrence (R), of Richmond, Dec. 17, 1981. Mr. Lawrence was minister of education and youth at Derbyshire Baptist Church. He joined the church staff in 1971 and was ordained there in 1980.


1964/G. J. Baldwin (R), of Richmond, July 18, 1981.

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Loudoun, Clarke, Fauquier Areas Chapter

Rachel Pierce Price, President

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Alumnae in the Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke or Frederick/Winchester areas give Rachel a call 703/777-7682 to help out with this new club.
This was my highlight of the year, but I must say my other ten grandchildren are extra fine, too.

Agnes Jones had family visit at Christmas time. Agnes stays busy. She spoke of seeing Joanna Savedge Ellott and Vernon at a genealogical society meeting recently.

Anna Hardaway White has had back problems. The doctors at Duke Hospital will see her if it gets better.

Anna, her daughters and their families were together at Christmas time.

Virginia Gregory continues to have a sad situation in her home. Two of her sisters are "shut-ins," and Virginia and another sister, Allis, have the care of their home and of "grandma." Virginia wrote of a nephew's death on December 10. He lived very near them.

Ruth Lazenby McCulloch had a bout with sciatica this past summer, and it took her almost six months to recover. So she did not have the visits from children and grandchildren that she usually enjoys during the summer months. Ruth has two married granddaughters and three great grandchildren. Another granddaughter teaches English in Japan; a grandson is in graduate school in New York; still another granddaughter is a nurse in San Francisco.

The rest of the grandchildren are in high school or college. Ruth and Katherine Kirk Bain hold the record in our class for the greatest number of grandchildren.

Jeanne Morton joined her mother, Louise Wilkinson Morton, here in November and they flew to Houston, Texas, to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Louise's son and his family. They came back to Richmond in December to be with her mother for Christmas and for the New Year weekend.

Joanna Savedge Ellott and Vernon went to Buffalo in October. Their daughters invited them to the opening of a new store, to which she was to move her shop. It is an old historic building, which has been completely renovated. Joanna and Vernon enjoyed the Ellott family reunion at Mountain Lake this past fall. There were more than 40 who attended. Joanna and Vernon's daughter from Buffalo came for the festivities. We extend sympathy to Vernon, whose brother died very suddenly in December.

Marianne Fugate Carlton 1503 Wilmington Ave. Richmond, Va. 23227

One of the nice things about Christmas is hearing from many college friends. Eva Sanders writes: "I am doing the same things I told you about last year. And I have added a rhythm band, led by a professional, and am doing volunteer work to help poor readers." During the year, Eva has taught mission study in 17 different churches. She still hears from many of her Nigerian friends.

Inez Dejarnette Hite had foot surgery in June. She was in the hospital for several weeks and at home four more. Then in October she had a fall, which sent her back to the hospital for another three weeks. She injured her back severely with another fall, about six weeks after the first. It did not do as much damage, but it slowed her recovery. In January she was able to say she was feeling much better. Inez visited her daughter, Mary Jane, for Christmas, and Mary Jane, her son, and daughter came to Richmond to be with Inez for a week after Christmas.

Norma Coleman Broaddus and her sister, Evelyn, have shared a home for some years. In December Evelyn's daughter and her two teenage children came from Kentucky for a visit with them. Norma's two grandsons are involved in soccer at their school.

Irene Summers Stoneman Varina-on-the-James Richmond, Va. 23227

Edith Newton Eakes, since her eye operation this past summer, has much better sight than she has had for many years. Her sister spent Christmas with her. Rachel Dickson, another sister, spent the holiday season with her family in Florida.

Thelma Hill Marsh keeps well and is comfortably situated at Lakeview Manor in Richmond.

Jeanette Henna keeps up with her usual activities.

Claudia Patrick had nothing exciting to report, but her voice is just as peppy as ever.

Celia Levinson Meyer and her family were together for Thanksgiving. Celia and her husband continue taking classes which are interesting to them.

Eva Timberlake West's holiday season was pleasant but quiet. Ruth Wallerstein Thalheimer had a wonderful Christmas Day in her home with her entire family of 30. The youngest, a great grandchild, was 2½ years old, and I'm not mentioning the oldest!

Leslie Sessions Booker keeps up with her many activities and, at times, even adds on a few more. She has had house-guests from England; invites family for dinner often and has friends to dinner even more often; teaches a Sunday School class; is president of the Woman's Missionary Society; visits the sick and elderly; enjoys both the Richmond and Tackahoe Woman's Clubs, as well as her book and bridge clubs. She attended a niece's beautiful wedding in Washington at the famous St. John's church and the reception at the Army & Navy Club. (The bride is a Captain in the Navy!) Constance, her family, lives near Washington, and they are together often.

In July my oldest granddaughter, Gatewood Holland Stoneman, was married here in my home, with the immediate family and a few friends present. I appreciate her wanting to be married here, and everybody had a grand time together.
Elinor Bell Camper and George are ardent environmentalists and are exerting efforts toward the protection of wildlife in their area.

Dorothy Smith Stone and Clyde say Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg is beginning to feel like home. Her sister, Mamie, lives not far away in Altavista.

Sallie Belote Copes and Chester are enjoying their retirement of almost ten years. They had a trip to Nova Scotia last August. She writes: "The bicentennial (Yorktown) was most interesting. Since we live adjoining the battlefield, we lived to experience this great event."

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A group from our class got together at Marjorie Pugh Tabb's during Christmas. Those attending were: Esther Walsh Duke, Kay Crocker Badovinac, Sarah Poole Batkins, Louise Callison, Margaret Bowers Gill, Helen Denoon Hopson, Boo Owens Page, Frances Williams Parkinson and Lou White Winfree. We were delighted to see Sarah whom we had not seen in quite a few years. She is a live-in-hostess at Lakeside Manor. She and Paul went to their home just outside of Richmond in Henrico County. Sarah's husband, John, retired after 40 years in the Baptist ministry in Virginia.

Louise Callison moved to Richmond in February 1981, from Philadelphia, W. Va., and lives at Lakewood Manor. She is active in AAUW and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Lou Winfree's husband, Westwood, had a showing of his wood sculpture in the lobby of the F & M Building. We loved the title of his exhibit, "Sins of My Old Age."

Helen and Billy Hopson enjoyed a cruise to Bermuda in the fall and in November a business-pleasure trip to Florida. The pleasure part was a week on Captiva Island. Billy retired on January 1. Sue Bonnett Chermside wrote that Herbert also retired on January 1.

Our sympathy is extended to Kay Davidson on the recent death of her brother, Frank. Kay and husband Bob work together with Meals-on-Wheels. Kay mentioned that volunteers are greatly needed for this worthwhile program.

Martha Rils Moore's son, John, his wife and two children have moved to Ashland from Seattle, Wash. Martha was in Seattle this fall and while there visited Dorothy Harrison Enslow. Dot has two new granddaughters.

Virginia Kirk Lennox and husband, Paul, visited Savannah and Myrtle Beach where they spent some time with Lucy Blackwell Alumni. On their way home they stopped by to see Margaret Bowers Gill and Wilfred. When the Gills visited her brother in Connecticut and his daughter in New Jersey, they had a visit with Jimmy and Paul at their home in Maryland.

Marjorie Pugh Tabb and Ranny drove to St. Louis in August to see Margie's ill brother and later visited Nags Head for a family get-together.

Alice Pugh Bartz has a part-time job at Villanova U. She teaches the Practicum class and supervises students in their field experience for the Graduate School of Library Science.

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Doris Hargrove Kibler's husband, Vernon, has been retired for two years, and she is experiencing a different kind of life, along with the rest of us "retired wives."

Libby Johnson Alvis and Frank are delighted to have their son, his wife and their two sons living in Richmond; they had been in Puerto Rico. The two Alvis daughters live and teach in Northern Virginia.

Dimple Lathan Gravatt's daughter has bought a bookstore, the "Book-Hook." Her daughter-in-law has two dress shops in Maryland.

Margaret Ligon Bernhart keeps busy with medical auxiliary activities, and baby-sitting with her 2½-year-old grandson. The year 1981 brought two new grandsons to Elsie Mattingly Dickinson and Al. This makes six grandchildren for them. Their son, Keith, was recently awarded a Ph.D. degree in education; he is teaching in San Francisco.

Helen Smith Moss and Clint's son "Clinker" graduated from VMI in May 1981; he will be in the National Guard after a stint in the Army Reserve. Their daughter, Katty, lives in Richmond, and has two children; daughter Nancy lives in Annapolis and has three children. Helen still teaches "Slimnastics" in Richmond.

Mildred Gustafson Donohue's two daughters live in Richmond; she has a 2-year-old son.

Kitty Wicker Long briefly visited Millie in November. Kitty was here to visit her father.

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It is difficult to serve as class secretary from this distance unless I hear from you. I have no news. Please help!

Molly Warner Stephenson says that all is well with the Stephensons, her two sons and daughter. Dot Monroe Hill's family remains active. Her sons are at UVA. medical school and VPI, and Fleet has finished his doctorate.

Evermond Hardee Daniel spent September in California with her daughter, Penny and family. Her letters brought back memories of Miss Woodfin's Ancient History.

We are sorry to hear about the death of Opal Ross Sage.

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Barbara Richie Branch, in Roanoke, and Jeanne Yeomans Baxter, in Richmond, suggested in their Christmas notes that our class meet more often than every five years. I shall work on that!

Anne Beverly Ryland recently enjoyed a theatre and drama course led by Richard L. Cole at the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Cole is critic emeritus of the Washington Post. Since her retirement from the teaching profession, Anne Bev stays busy with volunteer work and travel.

Marion Lawton Kinzey has been elected to the Board of Deacons at Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond. I will be ordained as a member of the Diaconate Board at Bethesda First Baptist Church in Bethesda, Md.

The savings account for our 50th anniversary gift to Westminster College is with Franklin Federal Savings and Loan. Contributions may be mailed to me or to Marion Kinzey, and made payable to Westminster College—Class of 1946.

Jean White Robeson's husband, Andy, has retired from the faculty at VPI and is traveling throughout the country as a nuclear consultant. They live in Blacksburg, Va.

Bev Ryland enjoyed a surprise visit with Ralph Shotwell, husband of Virginia Lambeth. Ralph was guest minister at a community church in Anna Maria, Fla., where Bev was vacationing in January. Ralph is now executive director of Community Churches.

Amy Hickerson Dalton was ordained in January as a member of the Board of Deacons at Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond.

Jean Bruunsey Bisoe
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We are sorry to report that due to the illness of our secretary, Lois McLanahan Garrett, there won't be any news this time. Our best wishes and thoughts go to Lois.

A new secretary is being recruited. In the meantime, send your news to me, and
I'll work for inclusion in the fall magazine.

Remember our reunion is next year—BIG 35th. Plans are being made, so mark the spring of '83 as a must for your calendar. One of our functions will be at the new Deaneary.

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Wilda Whitman Oakley
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We are distressed that our class secretary, Wilda Whitman Oakley, suffered a heart attack on December 19, but happy to report that she is now at home (since January 2) recuperating. Hope you're missing the doctor, Wilda, and doing well.

Joanne Waring Karpi's husband, Bill, retired after 30 years of government service. Their son, Billy, is a junior at James Madison U., and Steve is a freshman at UVa.

Virginia Sims is at home now recuperating from surgery on November 31. We're hoping, Virginia, your recovery will be a speedy one.

Our sympathy to Libby Givens Pierce whose mother passed away on October 29. Libby and Bucky will be celebrating their wedding on May 1 when son, John, will be marrying Donna Rogers in Winston-Salem, N.C. Libby had a wonderful visit in September with Betty Sims Loving in Goldsboro, N.C. Betty is now a proud grandmother. Daughter, Mary Elizabeth, gave birth to a son, Robert Michael, on November 17.

Other new grandparents in our class include Barbara Lee Jones Jones whose daughter, Karen T., and husband, Jim, presented her with grandson Jason in early 1981; Frannie Sutton Oliver and Raymond moved up into the grandparent generation when Jason Patrick Oliver was born to son Raymond and Laura. And Donald Alexander Loudermilk, first grandchild of Kay Mallory Loudermilk and Don, arrived on September 25, about 3 months after Kay received her Master of Arts in Secondary Education from West Virginia U.

Josephine Martens has retired and lives at home in Boonton, N.J. with her mother. She works with her Eastern Star chapter, the Historical Society and her garden club.

Janice Brandenburg Halloran's husband, Charlie, is looking and feeling better than he has been for a long time since his triple by-pass operation.

Lou Covington Randall and Harry celebrate their sixth year with the United Methodist Church of Douglas, Wyoming. Daughter, Jennifer, married David Price on June 27 in Tucson, Ariz. The couple lives in Austin, Texas where she is a nurse, and David is a seminary student.

Daughter, Jane, is an accountant in Oklahoma and son Jon is a student at Rocky Mountain College in Montana.

Pat Kelly Jordan and Alex are still living in Martinsville, where Pat teaches first grade. Son Jimmy will be going to MCV dental school in the fall, and Carter is at VMI.

We have some travelers in our midst. Mary Sullivan Allen and her husband, Wes, are traveling the 50 states as fund-raising consultants for the Division of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Home base for them is Plymouth, Mass. Frannie Sutton Oliver and Raymond, along with daughter Cynthia visited Alaska, via Oklahoma and California. The year 1981 saw Raymond celebrate his 25th year of ministry to First Christian Church of Hampton and daughter Cynthia has graduated summa cum laude from Westhampton College. (She is now in UR's law school.) What an exciting year, Frannie!

Jean Tinsley Martin, our class fund-raising chairman, urges each of the members of the class of '50 to make a donation when your class letter arrives. Let's try to increase the amount of the contributions and the number of contributors. We can do it if we really put forth the effort.

Your acting secretary for this news is Barbara White Balderson.

'56

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Lois Reamy was among the authors honored at a special recognition ceremony sponsored last year (1981) by the United Nations International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). In 1978 Lois's guide for handicapped travelers was published by Macmillan. The book is entitled Travelability: A Guide for Physically Disabled Travelers in the United States. The book involved extensive research and was very favorably reviewed. The IYDP Book/Author Reception was held in October at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library in Washington, D.C. Lois works as a freelance writer in New York.

'52

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Barbara Ferre Phillips and Marion are still living in Quitman, Miss. and have been there for 26 years. Marion is a consultant forester. Their two oldest daughters, Cathy and Gina, work in New Orleans. Cathy is in the Personnel Department at Shell Oil Company and is the only non-artist in the family. Marion is concentrating on building up her art business. She advertised for the first time in Country Living magazine in the August-September issue. She does primitive folk art, painting mostly portraits with a family resemblance. She also has been refinishing furniture, chair caning, quilting and needlework. They are buying a cottage outside of Waynesville, N.C., with the hopes of retiring there some day (summers).

Anne Gibson Hill's daughter, Margaret, and Charlotte Babb Edmonds' daughter, Susan, are freshman roommates at Westhampton. "Ma" Landolina Byrd's daughter, is also in her first year there. Marian Lacy Mahon's son, Bern, is at UR. Charlotte wrote that the Edmonds' home is very quiet this year. Anne works in Atlanta for Southern Bell, after graduating from The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business last year. Betsy and Tom are students at UVa.

Nina Landolina Byrd claims that she and Ray are the oldest parents at P.T.A. meetings. Ray Jr. works and lives at home after finishing at VPI. Nina does some substitute teaching, and they enjoy their cottage at Smith Mountain Lake.

Our sympathy to Bettye Sneed Herbert on the death of her mother last April. The Herbergs were all active in the Robb campaign and enjoyed the Inauguration activities.

Fred and I have four in college. Jeanette is in graduate school at Mississippi State. Mary Jane is still at VCU. Jeff transferred to ODU after two years at Rich- mond, and Robert is a sophomore at Hampden-Sydney. We made our first trip to Las Vegas last April and enjoyed the shows and sights. We also had a fun meeting at Hilton Head in May, with side trips to Charleston and Savannah.

'58

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My observation from reading those "green" sheets is that Westhampton '58s are busy putting their educations to good use. Jackie Ryerson Cockrell works on the Fine Arts Association Education Committee to bring the arts to the schools in Rock Hill, S.C. Carolyn Quinn Higginbothom works as a part-time computer programmer in Baltimore and has visited with Martha Shotwell Hixon in Lynchburg.

Phoebe Goode Holladay substitutes in the middle school in Buena Vista, Va. Margaret Williams Kettner has substituted and tutored in schools, as well as worked in the Lutheran Home, singing and helping with craft activities. JoAnne Garrett West lives in Chapel Hill, N. C., teaches piano lessons and last March traveled to visit her sister who lives in Coventry, England. Sue Hudson Parsons, now living on 50 acres in Powhatan County, is a supervisor for mathematics in the State Department of Education. While Sue was on an in-service training trip to South Boston, she ran into Violet Moore Neal, who teaches in that system. Eddie Knippling Lake has completed work on her MED at UVa. Kay Crawford Trumble and her hus-
band, Bob, are soon to begin a new business venture in Richmond.

Do you perhaps note an abundance of weddings and births in the public schools? All these women have jugged homes, little league, ballet lessons, church, sports...ad infinitum, as well as jobs. We sound like a generation of "super-moms!"

Thanks to Eddie for her help with this column. She did a beautiful job of contacting people, despite harrowing personal events. I speak for all of us in expressing our deepest sympathy to her and her children in the loss of her husband after heart surgery in May.

Hope to hear from more of you soon.

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Jane Thurman Anderson, Doug, R'd 67, Leslie, 8, and Clay, 1/2, live in Nashville, Tenn., where Doug works for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Jane is a member of P.E.O., a sisterhood concerned with women's education, and a volunteer in her church's school. Both she and Doug are avid sailors. For the past two years, they have won their Flying Scot fleet championship.

Betty Wells Atchley lives in Roanoke with her husband, Bert, who is treasurer and head of accounting for First Federal Savings and Loan. Bill has an in...two children, Ann, 12, and Allen, 9. Betty teaches math at a vocational school for disadvantaged teenagers and is active in church and sports.

Judith Eastman Britton and Rex live in Richmond with Melissa, 11, and Pamela, 5. Judy is principal flutist with the Richmond Symphony and is co-principal second violinist. He also teaches strings instruments in four Henrico County schools. Judy is active in children's church and with the puppet ministry at her church.

Carolyn Luhart Burkey is a piano teacher, substitute teacher and the adult choir director for First Baptist Church of Potomac, Calif., where she and husband John, a computer programmer for Beckham Instruments, live. They have two boys, Christopher Dale, 10, and Michael John, 8. Carolyn does volunteer work in her church and in the boys' school. John is a technical engineer for a local tele...are company.

Carol Dunville Carpenter, her husband, Bill, R'd 65, sons, Billy, 11, and Brad, 7, live in Newport News, Va. Carol is a travel agent for Gullivers Travels in Hampton. Bill is an insurance broker with Carpenter Brothers Insurance Agency. Both enjoy traveling and playing tennis. Carol has served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Hampton Roads.

Quita Tansey Collins is a pre-school teacher at Redeemer Lutheran Day School in Richmond. Bill is an insurance broker with Carpenter Brothers Insurance Agency. Both enjoy traveling and playing tennis. Carol has served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Hampton Roads.

Billie Grigsby Cone and her husband, Paul, live in Pasadena, Md. Billie is a clinical nurse at Phipps Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Paul is a salesmen, interested in boating and fishing. Billie has a Master of Religious Education from the Southern Baptist Seminary and a Master of Education from Johns Hopkins. She is currently a candidate for her Master in Adult Psychiatric nursing.

Constance Chappell Corsino lives in Chino, Cal. She is chief of pediatrics at China Community Hospital, where she also is chairman of the Board of Directors. She owns two Saint Bernards and enjoys traveling.

Martha Daughtry lives in Raleigh, N. C., where she is branch chief, Training and Education Branch, Division of Emergency Management in the North Carolina State Government. In 1975 Martha received a Master of Public Administration from North Carolina State U. and has nine hours toward her PhD in Human Resource Development. Her children are Lynne, 20, a junior in the School of Engineering, North Carolina State U., and John, a high school senior.

Martha is active in her Scout work and in Democratic politics.

Mary Dutrow Emerson is a computer systems analyst for the Social Security Administration. She and her husband, Frank, live in Baltimore, Md. In 1968 Mary received a Master in Mathematics degree from Wake Forest. She enjoys hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing.

Eileen Ford lives in Richmond and is the program specialist for Secondary Language Arts for Chesterfield County schools. She received her ME from VCU. Judy Smith and Rex live in Richmond and both teach English. Judy has a Master in English and Rex is a high school English teacher. Judy is active in her school's PTSA.

Lynne Griffin Marks lives in Greenville, N. C., where husband, Dick, is an associate professor of biochemistry at the East Carolina University Medical School. Lynn teaches flute part time and is interested in women's concerns in church and society. Lynn and Mark have two boys, Christopher, 11, and Brian, 8. Lynn is a chemical teacher at Lexington High School, Lexington, Mass. She and her husband, George, and daughters Amanda, 8, and Katy, 5, live in Needham, Mass. George is manager of organization development at Prime Computer. Judy has a MA in teaching from Harvard.

Carolyn Sublette Meredith works in a federal government program with 4th, 5th and 6th grade children who are two years behind in reading and math. She and her daughter, Priscilla Ann, 11, enjoy needlepoint. Carolyn is involved in church activities and is attending Roanoke College to get a degree in education.

Jane Nofsginse lives on the family farm in Midlothian, Va., but on the week-ends is in the process of restoring an early 1800s house in Amelia County. Jane is the editor of the Amelia Bulletin Monitor, a weekly newspaper, and she is the director of community theatre in Amelia.

Kay Ramsay Parrish, her husband Vince and daughters, Jefferin, 11, and Cari, 5, live in Chesapeake, Va., where Kay is a part-time lecturer with Weight Watchers. Kay writes that Vince, who is a statewide branch administrator with Virginia National Bank, won a trip to Williamsburg. Unfortunately the trip was on the same weekend as our 15th reunion so she had to miss the reunion. However, she says she is looking forward to our 20th.

Lynn Jordan Rose is a part-time bridge teacher and duplicate bridge director. Her husband, Bob, works for IBM as advisory computer programmer and loves gourmet cooking. They have two sons, Jordan, 7, and Nathan, 4, who attend Montessori School. Lynn and Bob play tournament bridge and both play in the Bermuda regional tournament.

The next edition will report on the remaining 12 classmates who sent in their questionnaires. In the meantime, let me hear from the rest of you. During the Christmas holiday, I had a good visit with Lois Pollard who was in Richmond. Lois lives in San Francisco, where she works as a medical transcriptionist.

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Mary Gearing Foster returned to teaching. She and Ray live in Newport News with their three children, Scottie, 8, Liz, 4, and their son, Ray, born this past summer.

Judy Parrish Ratcliffe's father was recently elected to the Virginia House of Delegates from Manassas. He previously was mayor of Manassas.

Linda Orison Griffith and family live in Lexington, Ky., where they have been busy dismantling a 200-year-old log cabin, which they plan to rebuild into a studio and shop. Her three children are Christy, David and Jill.

Our family had an especially nice holiday this year with our Christmas International House student from Japan. Chie Inomata, a Jap Wase student attending a two-year college in Honolulu, Hawaii, spent two weeks with us and enjoyed the sights in Washington and Reston.

Paul (B'd 67) has been promoted to vice president of Finance and Treasurer of British Aerospace, Inc. We took our four children to their first US football game for Homecoming. We all had a great time, but it was disappointing not to see any of our former classmates! Please write!
'78

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Jan Edwards is a dorm coordinator at St. Catherine’s School in Richmond. Lynn Tabb teaches 8th grade English at Thompson Middle School in Richmond.

Margaret Stender attends the Colgate-Darden Graduate School of Business at UVA.

Pam Vick teaches aerobics dance classes at UR. She switched from teaching second to fourth grade this year at Hopkins Elementary School in Chesterfield. Pam Harrell and Barbara Keeling have moved to St. John’s Wood.

Martha White and Suellen Keever have graduated from UVA’s School of Law. Martha is an associate working for Meade, Tate and Daniel in Danville. Suzy is with the Virginia Beach law firm of Clark and Stant.

Births

1968/Dr. and Mrs. Dandridge B. Allen (Gay Mason), a daughter, Anne Lyndsey, Dec. 6, 1981.

1972/Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Price (Rachel Pierce), a daughter, Mary Darden, July 8, 1981.

1978/Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Brennan (Cathy Powell), a daughter, Courtney, Apr. 15, 1981.

Marriages


Deaths

1921/Katharine Spicer Edmonds (Mrs. John W. Jr.) of Richmond, formerly of Acmeac, Va., Feb. 15, 1982. Mrs. Edmonds earned a degree in library science from Emory University and for many years wrote editorials for the Peninsula Enterprise.

Helen Ruth Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 20, 1982. Dr. Henderson was a former delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, state supervisor of elementary education and executive secretary of the International Girl Scouts of America. She earned master’s and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

1922/Anna I. J. Riddick of Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 21, 1982. Miss Riddick received an M.A. degree from the University of Chicago and operated an interior decorating business.

1927/Ethel Perkins White (Mrs. Leroy) of Fork Union, Va., Sept. 25, 1981.

1930/Frances A. Cake of Clifton Forge, Va., Dec. 18, 1981. From 1950 until her retirement in 1972, Dr. Cake was Associate and Professor of Physical Education, Department Chairman and Graduate Professor at California State University, Los Angeles, Calif.

1935/Leon A. Cooper of Rocky Mount, Va., Jan. 2, 1982. From 1954 until her retirement in 1974, Miss Cooper was librarian at Virginia High School, Bristol, Va.


Puerto Rico Alumni Meeting • In January President and Mrs. E. Bruce Heilman attended a UR alumni meeting in Puerto Rico. While there, they were present for an A. H. Robbins Company plant dedication. The above photos show some of the people who were present at the alumni function. A. (from left to right) Luz Trilla de Vazquez (attended Westhampton for two years), Mrs. E. Claiborne Robins (D. Hum. ’73), Dr. Herman J. Flax (R’36), Mrs. Carmin Cobos (a guest of Dr. Flax), and President Heilman. Dr. Flax is the current president of the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association. B. (From left to right) Robert G. Sullivan (R’60), Dr. Emilio F. Trilla (R’41), and E. Claiborne Robins (R’31, L.L.D. ’60). C. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll L. Saine (G’66) with President and Mrs. Heilman.

From Japan • Chancellor-President Takaichi Murakami (second left) and Haruo Furukawa, director, International Division (second right), both from Seinan Gakuen University, the Baptist university in Fukuoka, Japan, had lunch in September with President and Mrs. Heilman in the President’s Home.
LETTERS

Faithful Follower

The President’s Office received this letter recently and thought it made a nice human interest story to pass along to UR magazine readers so they can learn of the people who support the University.

About 68 years ago my late husband, Wendell White, enrolled in Richmond College as a day student. Believe it or not, he had had no high school training, but had an outstanding and understanding teacher in the one-teacher school in Cobbs Creek, Virginia. She allowed her ambitious student to progress at his own rate. He had been handicapped by taking care of his ailing father until his other brothers were old enough to assist.

When he decided to enter Richmond College, he refused to be deterred by a letter from the dean telling him to wait until he was notified of his acceptance. He had felt a call to the Gospel ministry and realized he was getting a late start in preparation. He was 25 at the time. With a cheap cardboard suitcase he arrived at the college and asked for permission to sit in the classes, assuring the officials that he would drop out after the first semester if his grades were below passing. Reluctantly they agreed, and he settled in a boarding place for an indefinite period of time.

About two years later, an official called him to his office and said, “White, we are proud of you,” and then advised him not to continue working toward a college degree but proceed to the Southern Baptist Seminary because of his age and his eagerness to launch into pastoral work. He heeded that advice, and about two years later he began a 38-year ministry in four churches in South Carolina, namely: Fairfax, Summerton, Elloorie, and West Columbia.

At age 67, he and his first wife retired to Virginia where he served as supply pastor of several churches. Following her death in 1965 he remarried. His keen mind began to fail and he spent the last 11 months of his 89-plus years in a convalescent center in Newport News.

As the surviving wife, I want to inform you of his appreciation for “Richmond College”; and I am carrying out his wishes, as expressed to me many times during conversation, by sending a modest donation to the University of Richmond at this time. Perhaps some worthy student is in need of assistance or maybe the theology department can use the sum effectively. You make the choice.

Mrs. Clara L. White
Darlington, S.C.

Sports Fan

Your fall issue of the “U. of R. Magazine” reached my desk this a.m. Normally, I would toss it in my briefcase for possible scanning before bed, but the cover was so colorful and “alive” that I began to peruse the contents immediately. It is an excellent volume and has served to generate in me, for the first time since graduating from Richmond College in 1960, a desire to be a contributing alumnus.

All of my high school years, three of my undergraduate years, and seven of my graduate years were spent involved in athletics. I am absolutely convinced of the value of such participation in the development of a young person in dimensions the classroom can never address. With very few exceptions, I have questioned if the University of Richmond has really, honestly faced what the objectives of the school’s athletic program should be. Perhaps the November 1979 retreat served as a forum for such discussions, but there has not yet been what one objectively could call much of a change in the competitive level of the school’s major sports participation.

Private education constantly deals with the tension of maintaining excellence in the face of severe revenue pressures. This condition demands the maximum utilization of the physical plant year round, the continuous application for research funds by a faculty anxious to engage the frontiers of their disciplines, the successful movement of graduates from the classroom into the marketplace of ideas, and the visible success of the institution’s realistic athletic program. When these four factors are viable and vital, they serve as the effective launching pad from which the president and the Board make their financial thrust into the business world and to the alumni.

Having spent my entire life in the Southeastern United States (Virginia to Florida) and having been very active in higher education, I believe I have a reasonable pulse of how the University of Richmond is perceived. The most consistent comment I have heard, since about 1971 when the Robins gift became widely known, is where is the money going that is allocated to the athletic program? Most of the country does not see the beautiful campus, does not know of the faculty’s contribution to science and the humanities, rarely hears of achievements of graduates, but they do read the sports pages of newspapers.

As an athlete, I did enjoy the feeling of being a viable competitor relative to prominent athletes from other schools of renown; however, to lose rather consistently, particularly as a team, to such opponents does little to maintain morale and the desire to train. The best coaches have thresholds to their ability to perform miracles.

Mr. Vaughan’s article superficially reflects an athletic excitement to Richmond’s decade of the 70s, but when read carefully, it is rather depressing. The principal success stories involve a relatively few number of individuals and rarely teams. Our current superstar in football, Barry Redden, is more a star in spite of the team rather than as a result of it. This does not mean we do not have quality men on our football team, nor that they do not have a commendable level of talent. It should cause the trustees and athletic administrators to evaluate the realistic objectives of the program, however. Have we simply got to have the revenue from the “big” school games, regardless of it making our teams appear consistently mediocre or less?

Chuck Boone was one of the finest men I knew in our class. A bright man, a warm person, and an accomplished craftsman in football and baseball. I was really encouraged when I saw him take the reins of the athletic program in ’78. My hope for Chuck is that he is still honest and is being treated honestly as he attempts to administer our school’s athletic affairs. If this is happening, and he is being allowed to staff his program with men of character and ability similar to those whom I know he had in the late sixties, then Richmond will begin to reflect the birth of a winning tradition at the proper level of competition for a school of its size, its financial and human resources, and its purported reason for existence—to serve as a word of life and a light of knowledge for the lasting construction to young people of value to themselves, to their community, and to their Lord.

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