

Dear Alumnae,

Much to report these days—

*From the Alumnae Association*

### **Alumnae Association Surveys**

Thanks to all who have sent in replies to the Alumnae Association survey. We received nearly 800 by our deadline of January 30th. It is vital to hear from each of you —what you're thinking about the College right now and your feelings about the best ways for the Association and the Alumnae Office to keep you connected. Your responses have varied widely, but each one shows that you care deeply about your R-MWC experience and would like to continue an affiliation with each other. Your Alumnae Association Board meets on February 10-11 for our regularly scheduled meeting on Association business and to review the survey results.

### **Alumnae Reunion: May 31-June 2007**

In the next few weeks the Alumnae Reunion registration mailing will go to the alumnae from the classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1982, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, and 2005. Many great activities are planned —hands-on historic tours including the history of Lynchburg and R-MWC, lectures by faculty, class photos, time with the Trustees, mix and mingle receptions and dinners, and fun with your friends you haven't seen in five years or more!

We've also planned a *special twist* this year; we are asking each alumna in a Reunion class to create a quilt square from the piece of fabric we will mail you to represent what has been special and meaningful from your R-MWC education. Physically and metaphorically, we will weave the threads of our past and future together. We are also aware that a quilt square will not appeal to all of our alumnae, so there will also be a Memory Book with protective covers that will hold letters from alumnae who prefer to write or submit "Quilt" items electronically.

*College News*

**Call for 2007 Alumnae Achievement Award Nominations**

For over 20 years we have honored outstanding alumnae at our Alumnae Leadership Council in September. Please be thinking about a classmate or chapter member who personifies the value of a liberal arts education and who has brought honor to herself and R-MWC through her outstanding accomplishments. We invite you to submit your nomination **by March 1** to the Alumnae Office, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503 or via e-mail to [hgarnett@rmwc.edu](mailto:hgarnett@rmwc.edu) A nomination form can be downloaded at [www.rmwc.edu/alumnae/alum\\_awards.asp](http://www.rmwc.edu/alumnae/alum_awards.asp)

**From the Registrar's office:**

Total attrition from the fall to spring semesters was 66 students, compared with an average of 39 at midyear over the past five years. Twenty-seven (27) students transferred to other institutions; of those, seven (7) transferred to women's colleges and one to a coeducational institution in protest of the coeducational decision. Other reasons for departures included academic ineligibility (10), withdrawals during fall semester for medical or other reasons (7), on leave for the spring semester (8), and financial or personal reasons (14).

**Admissions:** *Profile of Applicants as of January 26, 2007*

Female: We have 574 female applicants to date. The top states are: Virginia, Texas, California, North Carolina, and Maryland. International applicants have been submitted from China, Jamaica, Nepal, and Colombia. The first year applicant average SAT is 1147, with the average high school GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Top academic interests are: Biology, pre-med, psychology, education, pre-law, and business. Top sports interests include: Riding, track/field, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball.

Male: We have 81 male applicants to date. The top states are: Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. International applicants hail from six countries (the majority from China). The first year applicant average SAT is 1123, with an average high school GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

Top academic interests are: Pre-med, history, business, biology, and psychology. Top sports interests include: Track/field, soccer, tennis, and basketball.

Note that the SAT scores reflect averages for current applicants, not admitted students. While the applicant averages do fall within the 50% mid-range of the College's enrolling students over the past ten years, averages for admitted students can be expected to be higher.

### **Alumnae Connections Working Group Formed**

Twenty-two alumnae, including four alumna trustees, Alumnae Association Board members, and a faculty member comprise the Alumnae Connections Working Group. The two overarching principles for our group are:

- 1) The College and the Alumnae Association will work in concert to reach out to all current and future alumnae/i to encourage mutual support.
- 2) The College will continue to recognize, value, and honor the history and traditions of the College and Alumnae Association while embracing change.

### **Lawsuits Dismissed**

On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>; Judge J. Leyburn Mosby Jr. of Lynchburg Circuit Court dismissed the two lawsuits filed against Randolph-Macon Woman's College.



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