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This summer marks the 10th anniversary of MWC's historic preservation program in Scotland. (See page 6.)



YOU HOLD THE KEY

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

For the first time in its history, the development office at Mary Washington College has established a connection between the MWC Annual Fund campaign and a capital building campaign.

Vice President for Development Jeff Rountree says these two types of campaigns are usually kept separate at MWC and the majority of other colleges across the country. "Each year gifts to the Annual Fund serve a vital function to help cover areas of need at MWC that are not supported by funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia," says Rountree. "This money is essential, so when a donor makes a special gift to a building project, we still encourage continued support of the Annual Fund."

With the drastic budget cuts from the state and the crucial deadline of June 30, 2003, for both campaigns, Rountree says linking the two this year was a valid decision. "Everyone has a stake in the success of the **You Hold the Key** Annual Fund campaign and the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center. Both involve Mary Washington College and all MWC alumni, parents, friends and businesses."

Nanalou West Sauder '56, Annual Fund chair, says the goal for the 2002-03 Annual Fund campaign is to reach \$1.25 million. "In 2000, 2001 and 2002, MWC supporters helped the College reach and surpass the \$1 million mark for unrestricted giving. These gifts are essential to help MWC fund special programs, scholarships and other areas with critical need. I am confident our alumni, parents, friends and businesses will come through to help us surpass the \$1 million mark again this year and to achieve the \$1.25 million goal."

Once that crucial goal is reached, additional funds will be designated toward the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center in support of the **MWC Kresge Challenge**. Campaign Chair Alice Andrews Jepson '64 says this is an exciting way for everyone to participate in the funding of the new center.

"We kicked off the campaign to fund the new center in May 2000," says Mrs. Jepson. "We have been fortunate to receive gifts of all sizes from more than 100



Student callers raised \$534,000 in pledges to the Annual Fund during the Fall Phonathon.

individuals, couples, classes, organizations and businesses for a current campaign total of \$5.3 million. In March 2002, we received notification that the Kresge Foundation would award a \$400,000 grant for construction of the Alumni Executive Center if we reach \$5.6 million before June 30, 2003. If we accomplish this goal, the Kresge Foundation will then bestow the grant, and we will have obtained the necessary \$6 million for the construction and furnishing of the new Alumni Executive Center."

Mrs. Jepson says there is a way every single person with an MWC connection can participate to make a difference. "To raise the remaining \$300,000, we need everyone's help. Please make a gift to the Annual Fund to help MWC achieve the \$1.25 million goal. All funds in excess of that goal will be directed to the new cen-

ter to help meet the **MWC Kresge Challenge**. For those interested in making a leadership gift, a few naming opportunities are still available."

To make your gift to the 2002-03 **You Hold the Key** Annual Fund and to support the **MWC Kresge Challenge** for the new Alumni Executive Center, please use the envelope provided in this magazine. All gifts are important.

For additional information, please visit the MWC Foundation Web site at www.mwc.edu/gift, or call (888) MWC-0004.



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You Hold the Key Annual Fund Campaign

\$601,206 received in unrestricted gifts as of 12/31/02

\$648,794 needed before 6/30/03

\$1.25 million goal

Funds in excess of \$1.25 million will be designated to meet the MWC Kresge Challenge

MWC Kresge Challenge for the Alumni Executive Center

\$5.3 million received in gifts and pledges from private sources as of 12/31/02

\$300,000 needed before 6/30/03

\$400,000 Kresge Grant if goal met by 6/30/03

\$6.0 million goal



From left: Joanne Crockett Lewis, Diane Dorin Clark, Barbara Humphries Davenport and Sally Crenshaw Witt pose for photo after graduation in 1964.

Alumna Says MWC Friendships Last Forever

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

When Sally Crenshaw graduated from Mary Washington College with a history degree in 1964, she worried she would lose touch with her newly found friends. Thirty-nine years later, she says these friendships are as strong as ever.

"We were naïve, unsophisticated and homesick when we first arrived at MWC in 1960, but it didn't take long to form friendships with roommates, suitemates and classmates." Sally says she and about seven close friends hold frequent mini-reunions to share memories of special places and events.

"One of my favorite places on campus was the third-floor reading room in Trinkle. We loved the leather sofas and would go up there in the afternoons to read and take naps, although Dr. Quenzel didn't much like that. We also loved to go to Seacobeck to make our favorite spaghetti sandwiches," says Sally. "I remember that we didn't dare walk on the grass or step on the seal in Trinkle. We took great pride in the décor of our residence halls and parlors. Mary Washington College was just a wonderful place to be."

Sally played on the field-hockey team for three years, and was also a member and president of Mortar Board, an academic honorary society. "I always loved Mortar Board because it was so much fun," says Sally. "When we had 'Mortar Board tapping,' it was a great surprise to see who was going to get in. Your parents were told in advance, and were usually hiding in the balcony, but you didn't know until you were tapped on the shoulder." Sally also was involved in May Day celebrations and served on the court three different years. She remembers sharing taxis for trips to U.Va. and dining at the Quantico Officers Club.

In 1967, Sally married Samuel Brown Witt III, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia School of Law. Today, the couple lives in Rich-

mond. Sam is a principal and senior vice president of Stateside Associates in Arlington, Va., and also serves as president of the VMI Board of Visitors. Through the years, Sally taught pre-kindergarten through third grade in Virginia, North Carolina, and overseas, in Belgium. She currently is a volunteer reading tutor for the Micah Initiative in Richmond's inner-city schools; she enjoys special activities with the Garden Club of Virginia and, in October, participated with her husband in a triathlon.

Sally and Sam also follow the careers of their two sons and travel around the world to visit them. "Both our sons are Fulbright Fellows and are busy following their dreams," says Sally. "Clay is a painter and just returned from a year in Damascus, Syria, where he studied Arabic and Arabic calligraphy. Sam is currently in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he is studying Russian and working on a book. He just published his first book of poems, *Everlasting Quail*, and featured his brother's artwork on the cover. We are very proud of both our sons."

Recently, Sally made a generous gift to support the campaign for the new Alumni Executive Center, although she says the decision process was difficult. "I wasn't sure about making a contribution at first, because I thought money should go directly to support students. Then my husband pointed out that today's students are tomorrow's alumni. If you have a nice place for people to gather, more alums might stay connected with the College, which ultimately helps students."

Sally says she is looking forward to the grand opening in June 2004, which will coincide with her 40th class reunion. "Mary Washington College opened the portal of life for me," she says. "It gave me wonderful memories and intense friendships I'll never forget."



Sally Witt says MWC is still a part of her life today.