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FORMAT FEEDBACK**

Is it possible to get a print edition of the *Madison*? It is difficult to read online. As big a fan as I am of JMU (where my son Lucas is a senior), I am not willing to take the time to tackle this online. Nor do I want to print out 91 pages. I am the vice president of communications for a foundation, so I identify with a desire to “be green.” However, you may be jeopardizing your readership if this is strictly offered online.

SALLY HARTMAN ('10P)
Norfolk, Va.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Hartman, your copy is on the way. Readers: request a print copy at madisonmag@jmu.edu and stay tuned for more *e-Madison* updates.

THANK YOU ADMISSIONS

Dear Sarah Nilsen and the JMU Admissions team: I received the copy of the fall 2009 *Madison* that you sent me. Thank you for mailing me this wonder-

ful edition. The university magazine is a reflection of the greatness I sense about JMU. The magazine was so informative and interesting on many levels. My whole family read it, and it increased our excitement over the prospect of my attending JMU. My first choice for college is James Madison, and my parents are 100 percent behind my decision. We have neighbors and family friends who have graduated from JMU. They are intelligent, social and active people, and they embody the passion of the school. These alumni truly loved their experience and are always eager to talk about it. JMU offers everything I am looking for in both education and an equally important college experience. I would love the opportunity to be a Student Ambassador and know JMU will be a place for me to grow.

TOM CAMPBELL ('14)
freshman

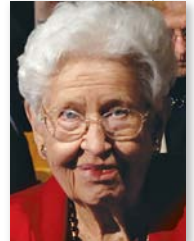
EDITOR'S NOTE: Tom: Congratulations on becoming a Duke!

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{Guest Editor's Note}

A lifelong Madison love affair

As *Madison* was ready to go to press, JMU learned of the death of an exceptional alumna, Inez Graybeal Roop ('35). This former English and history major died peacefully last month at age 97. It is as though an era has passed at Madison, as Inez's life has been so inextricably interwoven with that of JMU's.



“During a long life spanning most of the 20th century, Inez Roop lived through enormous changes,” said her *Richmond Times-Dispatch* obituary. “Most important to her personally was the expansion of tiny Harrisonburg State Teachers College into the not-so-tiny James Madison University.”

She was the JMU Board of Visitors member who made the motion to change the name of Madison College to James Madison University in 1977. She stood beside Gov. Mills Godwin and JMU President Ronald E. Carrier in Richmond when the governor signed the declaration changing the name.

All five JMU presidents have counted Inez among their friends. She served on the JMU Alumni Association Board of Directors, as Alumni Fund Drive chair, Richmond Alumni Chapter creator and president, and as a Bluestone Society officer. She, and her husband, Ralph ('05H), who died in 2006, gave numerous gifts and scholarships to JMU. She was a charter member of (and suggested) the Madison Founders Society — the group of individuals who have included JMU in their estate plans. In 1994, Roop Hall was named in her honor. In 1977, Inez received JMU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award, which was renamed in her honor in 2003.

I first met Inez as a high-school senior, when she and Ralph hosted a “Meet the Prospective Student” reception in their Richmond home. Inez loved and believed in JMU. She enjoyed JMU basketball and celebrated our 2004 football national championship and the recent victory over Virginia Tech (Ralph's alma mater). I remember how proudly she represented her class in JMU's 2008 Centennial Celebration procession. I last saw Inez in April, when she was at JMU celebrating her 75th class reunion with style.

We all will miss her Be the Change spirit. She made JMU part of her entire life. Who will take up the torch?

— **STEVE SMITH** ('71, '75M), *associate vice president, JMU Constituent Relations*

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