



**RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE** by Parks P. Duffey, III

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1. The dairy barn, built in 1912 and part of the Seward Hatcher Farm; used as a gym and dances for the campus. Affectionately called “Guernsey Hall” or “Cow Palace.” Gym by day; ballroom by night! Restored as the Barn Theater where The Richard Bland College Players perform. 2. Guernsey cows grazing beside the dairy barn. 3. Students, faculty and community patrons attending a play in the Barn Theatre. 4. Water tower was removed in 1995 after the campus was connected to county water in 1994. 5. Originally the laundry for Central State patients and later served as the art building and the Crater Criminal Justice Academy. 6. Home originally part of the Seward Hatcher Farm. Housed security personnel and currently is the home of Dr. Russell Whitaker, Dean of Administration and Finance at RBC. 7. The RBC Gazebo was constructed in August 1985. 8. Site of original Gurley House which burned in the 1930’s, the Gazebo is a popular place for weddings of RBC graduates. 9. Humanities and Social Sciences Building, formerly called “Commerce Hall.” From the 1920s to 1930s, housed patients of Central State Hospital. The Commonwealth of Virginia deeded the land to the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary July 1960 to establish Richard Bland College. 10. Maintenance department painting H&SS building. 11. Granite and brick monument indicating establishment of RBC in 1960. 12. Maze Hall named April 1996 for former RBC President Clarence Maze, Jr. 13. Nursing students from Southside Regional Medical Center enrolled in classes on campus beginning September 1962. 14. Flea Market held every fall originally begun in 1980 by members of Zeta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, International Honorary Education Fraternity. 15. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts “camp out” on campus every summer for learning and sports activities. 16. Grounds crew mowing to keep the campus beautiful. 17. “The Friends of RBC Library” gather to plan fundraising activities for the Library. Dr. LeAnn Binger was the first president of “The Friends.” 18. Cub scouts pitch a tent in the pecan grove. 19. Cub scouts plan activities in the pecan grove. 20. A “Friend of RBC Library” planting a pecan tree. 21. Students reading RBC yearbook, *Statesman*, first published in 1961. Considered an appropriate title since the College is named for the great statesman, Richard Bland of Jordan’s Point, whom Thomas Jefferson described as the wisest man south of the James River and who was called the “father of the Revolution in Virginia.” 22. An RBC student feeding the wildlife and domesticated animals on campus. 23. Students practicing their lines for an upcoming play produced by the RBC Players. 24. Parks Pegram Duffey, III, artist of Richard Bland College print completed in 2001. 25. Pink flamingos have often been seen on campus! There is a connection with a hobby of Dr. James B. McNeer, current president of RBC. 26. Students and faculty discuss International Travel opportunities at Richard Bland College. 27. Richard Bland (1710-1776), a distinguished writer and politician who represented Prince George County in the House of Burgesses, Virginia General Assembly for 33 years – from 1742 to 1775. 28. Students reading RBC’s creative magazine, *Mnemosyne*. 29. Bantam rooster, one of Dr. Maze’s many barnyard animals on campus. 30. Queenie, the beloved campus dog who lived to be 15 years old and is buried on campus grounds. 31. Dr. Maze patterned the red bridge in the water garden after Monet’s bridge in France. 32. The lovely water garden at the President’s House was constructed during Dr. Maze’s presidency. 33. Banana plants were plentiful on campus but many have been replaced with crepe myrtles. 34. Grounds department storage shed. 35. “Cat,” the *Bon Homme Richard* mascot in 1978. 36. Presidents of RBC: Colonel James M. Carson (1961-1973), Dr. Clarence Maze, Jr. (1975-1996), Dr. James B. McNeer (1996-present). 37. Peacocks belonging to Dr. Clarence Maze, second president of Richard Bland College. 38. Richard Bland College President’s house, originally part of the Hatcher Seward farm. 39. Statue of Hebes located in front of President’s home. Originally stood in Popular Lawn Park in Petersburg. 40. The track and playing field next to the gym, Statesman Hall. 41. “Relay for Life” walkers. First Relay in the area sponsored by the American Cancer Society was held at RBC in 1999; grown to multiple Relays in the area. 42. Statesman Hall, the campus gym, was completed in 1973. 43. Walkers from the community enjoy exercising at the track. 44. RBC students line up for Commencement. 45. RBC basketball team, “The Statesmen,” with Cham Pritchard who coached the team from 1976-1994. 46. Student Center/Library Building where the RBC Community Wind Ensemble hold their rehearsals. 47. A student reading the *Bon Homme Richard*, the College newspaper. 48. Students going to the Campus Center to enjoy the annual International Forum speakers. 49. VIVA sign. The RBC Library is a member of VIVA (The Virtual Library of Virginia) begun in 1994, and provides for the sharing of library resources. 50. Former library directors, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hartman, Mr. Eike Hueter, Dr. Virginia Cherry. 51. Student Center/Library opened in 1969 and houses the Bookstore, food services area, Library and administrative offices. 52. Cliff Walker, who has been employed at RBC for 27 years, puts umbrellas on stands in front of the Library. 53. Ernst Hall dedicated in 1969, named in honor of Frank A. Ernst, business and civic leader whose farsightedness led to the school’s formation. 54. Robert G. “Bobby” Churn, RBC Dean of Students in the 1980s, sold his famous hotdogs (“Churn Dogs”) to students. 55. Railroad ties in front of Ernst Hall were found on campus and were from the Petersburg-Weldon Railroad during the Civil War. One of the oldest operation lines in the country, it contributed to the “Golden Age” of Petersburg from 1830-1860. 56. Nature Trail, officially opened in 1970, with 54 marked points of interest. Originally mapped by C.C. Steirly, district forester.