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## First day of school



Washington-Henry Elementary students receive first-day-of-school greetings Tuesday from Superintendent Jamelle Wilson and School Board Chairman Ann Gladstone. The pair visited nearly all of Hanover's public schools that day. (H-P photo by Dan Sherrier)

## Brandy Hill Plaza bouncing back to life

By DAN SHERRIER  
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A New York developer is pulling the Mechanicsville clock tower back from the brink.

The Cotswold Group purchased Brandy Hill Plaza last October and has given the Route 360 property some "tender love and care," according to Robert Shasha, president of the company.

"Our specialty is taking long-suffering lemons and turning them into lemonade," Shasha said.

Roofing has been replaced. The elevator within the clock tower has been fixed. Renovations have improved the office space, including the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system.

The landscaping has spruced up the site, and the parking lot will grow by about 50 spaces.

New tenants are beginning to fill the long-vacant storefronts. Interior renovations will continue as businesses move in.

Thalhimer, a Richmond-area real estate company, is handling the leasing. Shasha said his company learned of the property through Thalhimer.

Richard Thalhimer, first vice president, said several potential tenants have expressed interest in moving in. For example, Logisticare, a company that manages non-emergency transportation logistics, has signed a lease to rent offices in the clock tower.

Space still remains available, however.

Thalhimer said the Cotswold Group has done a great job of coming in, repairing the center and bringing it back to life.

One new tenant already up and running is Willie's BBQ.

Bob Williams has relocated his bar-  
becue company from Bottoms Bridge, Va. into the Brandy Hill Plaza.

Williams also opened up Deuces Wild, a bar and grill, in the same strip, and he has leased other adjacent storefronts (all together, address numbers 7067 to 7079).

He currently employs about 20 people. His wife, Catherine Parker Williams, a Hanover native, runs the day-to-day operations at Willie's BBQ.

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## R-MC to dedicate 2 facilities

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Saturday will be a big day at Randolph-Macon College. The students are back and two new campus facilities will be dedicated.

The dedication of the John B. Werner Pavilion at the McGraw-Page Library will take place at 10 a.m., followed an hour later with the dedication of Day Field, the new football stadium complex. The first home game of the season will be played on the new field at 1 p.m.

"This is indeed cause for celebration," says R-MC President Robert R. Lindgren. "The campus is more dynamic than ever with the addition of the Werner Pavilion and the new Day Field."

### The John B. Werner Pavilion

The John B. Werner Pavilion will offer two spaces for faculty and student use. The first floor, named in honor of Hardaway Abernathy '39, will be open 24/7 for student study and will house a small café. Tables, seating and a large table with a flat-screen computer will provide a range of study spaces. The second floor includes a high-tech classroom named in honor of Professor Emeritus George Brown Oliver '49.

Construction of the Werner Pavilion was made possible by a lead gift from the Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.

This addition to the R-MC campus is named for Trustee Emeritus and Honorary Degree Recipient Dr. John B. Werner '53.

Werner, whose service to the college includes 20 years as a member

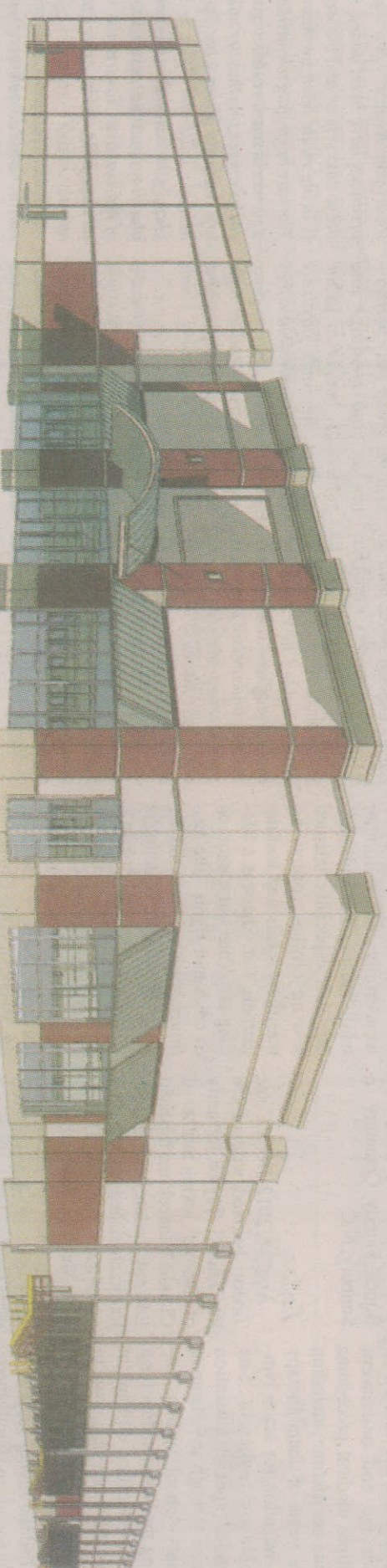
of the Board of Trustees, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Alumni and is a member of the Presidents Society and the Heritage Society.

He retired in 2007 as the executive director of the Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation, a position he had held since 1993. He retired from Sovran Financial

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The John B. Werner Pavilion



This 350,000-square-foot distribution center for The Vitamin Shoppe will be built just off U.S. 1 on Ashland's north side. (Artist's rendition)

## Ashland vitamin distribution center will employ 174

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serve the company's growing customer