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### Owner:

University of Richmond

### Project Cost:

\$12,000,000

### Square Footage:

53,000 sf

### Cost per Square Foot:

\$226.42/sf

### Completion Date:

July 2003

### Project Consultants:

#### General Contractor

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### Project Description:

Expansion and renovation of an existing 15,000 sq. ft. structure on the campus enlarged the building to 53,000 sq. ft. The building provides state-of-the-art quarters for the university's journalism, political science, sociology-anthropology and rhetoric-communication studies departments. The facility also houses the university's Speech Center, Debate Center and Integrated Journalism Center.

### Green Features:

Architects and contractors followed the U.S. Green Building council's guidelines throughout construction and included many environmentally friendly features, including a system that monitors and adjusts fresh air entering the building to improve comfort and save energy.

Other features include special parking for carpool and alternative fuel vehicles, with plug-ins for recharging electric motors; special mats at major entrances to remove particles from shoes; and use of recycled steel and other recycled contents. All materials, such as paint and carpeting, were selected for their low "volatile organic compounds," which reduce allergy-related problems for faculty, staff and students.

