The following were received by our Chairman and sent on to the Register to be shared with the membership at large.

I was very touched to receive your kind message from the American Branch of the Richard III Society. Do please thank the committee and any membership most warmly on my behalf.

It has been both an honour and a pleasure to be Chairman of the Society and I have greatly valued the comradeship of so many members round the world. May loyalty continue to bind us all, as I'm sure it will.

Sincerely yours,
Jeremy Potter

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Thank you very much for your letter of 7 November and your congratulations on my election as Chairman of the Society. May I, in return, offer my congratulations to you on your election as Chairman of the American Branch.

Please let me know of special activities of the American Branch, which will be of considerable interest to the Committee, which meets monthly.

In particular, if you learn of any members of the American Branch who are visiting the UK, please inform me. If they are in the UK when a special event is taking place, such as the Service at Bosworth (August), the AGM (September), or the Carol Service at Fotheringay (December), then we will naturally give them a special welcome.

With the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Hamlin

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To the Editor:

I am interested in learning about secular music and other secular performing arts during the Yorkist era. I would appreciate hearing from any fellow Ricardians who would be willing to suggest a preliminary reading list.

Laura V. Blanchard
12 Bofinmar Avenue
Crabnburg, NJ 08312

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From the U.K.

Any Ricardians interested in their UK ancestors, especially if they are from the Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, or Derbyshire area, may want to make note of the following information.

Ms. Sarah Richardson, 308 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe South Humberside, DN16, 2RS, UK, will search records and take photos to aid in your investigations. She charges 4 pounds per hour, plus expenses, for her services, and can be contacted at the above address.

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Submission Deadlines

Summer 1990 Issue: June 15, 1990
Autumn 1990 Issue: August 15, 1990
Winter 1990 Issue: November 15, 1990

Needed:
Book reviews on all Plantagenet, Tudor, and medieval themes including those on the "other side."

Long, thoroughly researched articles. These don't need to be scholarly per se, just well-written and thoughtful. I have plenty of ideas, and I invite anyone who would like to write the lead article to give me a call or write me.

Art work.

Poetry.

And, of course, reports on chapter activities.

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These are the New Year brought, among other things, the necessity to change two numbers on checks when paying bills. For the last nine years, we got by just changing one number—the last. Suddenly we are faced with the thought that, in nine years, we will have to change all four numbers. This hasn't happened for a millennium, and won't happen for another millennium.

Think back a thousand years. A Saxon king, Ethelred II, sat on the throne of England; the Battle of Hastings was over a quarter of a century away; the Plantagenet period was one hundred and ninety years in the future; Bosworth Field was almost five hundred years old. As a matter of fact, Bosworth is about midway in the last thousand years. What will the next millennium hold for historians, for Yorkists, for Ricardians?

It is a pleasure to welcome two new Chapters to the Society: Michigan and New Jersey, in alphabetical order. Chapters are the strength of your Society: it's where a lot of the work really gets done, where a lot of the research is accomplished, and where a lot of the fun is had. If you are not in a Chapter, join one near you, and get active in it. If there is no Chapter near you, get together with other members in your area and form one! If you meet quarterly, you can justify a reasonably long trip to the meeting, all go to dinner afterwards, and then stay over for the night in the city where the meeting is held.

Your Society has taken several steps to strengthen the Society's focus on education and scholarship. Dr. A. Compton Reeves, of Ohio University (Athens), is now the Society's official representative to the Medieval Congress. Chapters have been asked to establish the positions of Library Coordinator and School Coordinator. These positions are to become the focal point of local contact with library and schools. But if you are not in an area covered by a Chapter, don't fret. Appoint yourself as local Library and School Coordinator; make contacts, tell librarians and teachers about the Society and about Richard. Recruit them; get them started working on the goals of the Society, along with you.

I am happy to report that memberships seem to be increasing. This is due in no small part to the efforts of each and every one of you. Let me again challenge you to recruit at least one new member before the 1990 AGM. If you have already recruited a member, then you know how easy it is, so recruit another one!

As a final word, wearing my New England Chapter hat: The AGM has been shifted forward one week to October 5-7, so as to avoid a conflict that had been overlooked. This will make it possible for those of you who desire to attend both the Society AGM in London on the weekend of September 28-30 and attend the American Branch AGM on the following weekend.

Eugene McManus,
Chairman
And a Greeting . . .

I became an historian at the age of eight, when I read Thomas Costain's wonderful account of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, searching for his runaway true love. It struck me, even then, that any man who valued a woman so highly could not later do all the terrible things of which he was accused. I have never changed my mind.

I didn't guess then, of course (how could I?), that I would eventually have the honor of serving the Society bearing Richard's name as editor of the Register.

As the Society continues to grow and mature, I hope to expand the Register with it. I look forward to hearing from the members and will rely on you for suggestions, complaints (not too many, I hope!), and contributions.

I apologize for the lateness of this issue. As I write this, I am Linda Oestricher Furlet by the time this issue reaches all of you, I will be Linda Furlet. I think I can safely promise that a wedding will not interfere with the next issue!

A few practical matters about contributions: I have an IBM-compatible computer and welcome any submissions on disk. My computer is equipped with a modem, for anyone who cares to submit a late-breaking item! If you need to submit electronically, call me first to get the protocols.

Linda Oestricher Furlet
Editor
BOARD MINUTES

Sunday, January 7, 1990

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. (CST) by Chairman Gene McManus, with Bob Doolittle, Alan Dixler, Carole Rike, and Roxane Murph in attendance. Jacqueline Bloomquist was unable to attend.

• Alan Dixler reported, as of year's end, we have $5,400 in the endowment fund; $2,100 in the scholarship fund, and $13,700 in the general fund for a total of $21,200. Carole reported that she had just mailed the Treasurer a check for $5,500, which will bring our balance to $26,700.

• Carole Rike reported that we have 413 members, of which 369 are renewals, but she was in some doubt about the accuracy of her figures, since she has gone to a new computer system and thinks the numbers are actually higher. She will check them and report to the Board.

• Marti Vogel has agreed to serve on the Editorial Review Board.

• We have had some mechanical difficulties arise in the preparation of Under the Hug for printing, but they should be corrected very shortly.

• The Registers and Ricardians went out last week, and the new membership brochures and membership cards should go out within the next few weeks.

• Compton Reeves has accepted the chairmanship of the Yorkist history symposium at the medieval conference at Western Michigan University.

• The Board has discussed the status of the Middleham Appeal, and Carole reported that Mallory Paxton, the Chairman of the Appeal, had sent her a copy of the English Heritage brochure. Since the name of the Richard III Society does not appear on the brochure, there is some question about whether we are responsible for printing and distributing it. Carole will get in touch with Mallory for more information.

• Alan reported that the revision of the by-laws, provisionally passed at the last AGM, providing for biennial rather than annual election of Board members, is legal. Roxane will prepare an updated version of the by-laws to include all revisions since they were originally passed.

• A list of Board policy decisions of the past three years will be published in the Register in the near future.

• Joyce Hollins, Mary Donermeyer, and Carol Bessette have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, with Joyce serving as Chairman. Nominations are due to the Board by June 1.

• The Board discussed the possibility of cutting costs for the Ricardians, our most expensive budget item, by requesting that the English Society permit us to publish here, thus saving shipping costs. Failing that, we will ask our members if they wish to continue to receive the publication, on an individual basis, and are willing to pay an additional $4-5.00 per year. It would continue to be sent with the Register to those members who want it.

• Mallory Paxton will be asked to prepare a survey on the subject.

• Gene announced that the 1990 AGM, to be held in the Boston area, has been shifted to October 5-7, to avoid conflict with the Yom Kippur holiday. The AGM had been scheduled for the previous weekend.

• Gene suggested that the Society present certificates of appreciation to members who serve the Society, especially during the AGM.

• Alan agreed to act as legal counsel for the Society, a position which he has filled informally for the past three years.

• The meeting adjourned shortly after 4:00 p.m. (CST). The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 1990.

Roxane C. Murph, Acting Secretary

HISTORY OF BOARD POLICY DECISIONS

November 1985 — January 1990

Highlights of board minutes, and AGM minutes, will be published in the Register.

June 1986

Job descriptions and/or agreements for appointive officers should stipulate that such appointees recognize their responsibility for returning to the board, or their successors, all Society materials at the end of their terms of office. All officers must be accessible by phone during their tenure.

November 1986

The board as a whole will act as the budget committee for the Society, to keep track of projections and receive committee reports on a quarterly basis. The board will set standards and write guidelines to make reporting uniform.

Board officers will serve from November 1 to December 31 to allow for an orderly transition after the AGM.

Committee appointments will run from January 1 to December 31. The board will then make new appointments, or reappoint the incumbent, at its discretion.

March 1987

Members who renew late will be asked to pay $1.00 per mailing for back issues of the Register and Ricardian which they have missed.

Subscriptions for the Register for non-members is set at $8.50 per year.

Advertising will be accepted for the Register at the following rates: ¼ page @ $35.00 per annum, ½ page @ $60.00 per annum, and full page @ $100.00 per annum.

An editorial review of three members, to be appointed by the board, will check the Register copy for accuracy of facts, typs, grammar, et cetera. It will not act as a censor.

May 1987

Use of official Society stationery is restricted to board members and committee chairmen.

January 1988

No life memberships in the Society will be offered in the future.

May 1988

All ballots will be sent to members via first class mail.
EDMUND DE GREY

Margaret Castango
Washington State

Ricardian Register
Spring, 1990
Edmund De Gray (continued)

the great tournament at Smithfield in June, 1467, at which the queen's brother, Anthony Woodville, jousted with Antoine of Burgundy. 

Grey's wife was Catherine Percy (b. 1423), the daughter of Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland, and Eleanor Neville. The Grey's had six children, four sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Anthony, who died in 1480, did not live to succeed to the Ruthyn lordship. He married Eleanor Woodville in 1465. They had no children.

George, the second son, married Anne Woodville in 1483 (widow of William Viscount Bourchier. Edward IV's first cousin).

Edmund's third son, John, married Dorothy (surname not recorded in any of the sources consulted). None of the sources gave any information on the fourth son, named Edmund.

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Throughout the Yorkist period, Edmund and his family appear to have been staunch supporters of the Crown. It would be most interesting to know what they were doing during the "reapportionment" in 1470 and 1471. None of the sources offer any hint of Lancastrian retaliation for what was usually termed Grey's treachery at Northampton.

Anthony Grey accompanied Edward IV to France in 1475. Earlier in the year, Edmund and Catherine, with Anthony and his wife, were among the brethren of the Confraternity of the Holy Trinity at Luton. In the following year, 1476, sons, George, John, and Edmund, had also been admitted to the Confraternity. 17

Grey carried the second sword at Richard III's coronation. Sons George and John, on the same occasion, were made Knights of the Bath, an honor awarded Anthony Grey by Edward IV in 1465. In 1483, Richard appointed Edmund commissioner of oyer and terminer in London and adjoining counties. And, in 1485, Richard confirmed Grey's titles.

There is no mention in any of the sources consulted of participation by the Pastons with the Grey family at Bosworth, and it seems likely that they prudently remained at home. George's connection with the Woodville family probably had some effect. The fourth earl of Northumberland, who failed Richard III at Bosworth, was Catherine Grey's nephew.

Grey's titles were confirmed by Henry VII in 1487. The earl died in 1490, having reached the age of seventy-three and having survived the turbulent reigns of five English kings. George Grey succeeded to Edmund's honors and George's title, the sixth Lord Grey, third earl of Kent. George's second wife was Catherine Herbert, daughter of William Herbert, earl of Pembroke. Their son, Henry, who technically should have succeeded his childless brother, did not assume the title "by reason of his slender estate." 18

The Paston Letters

Edmund Grey was in written communication with the Pastons on at least one occasion, and is mentioned in several letters. He wrote to John Paston from Ampthill in July, 1454, signing himself Lord of Hastings, Waifford, and of good blode." 22

The Greys of Ruthyn had the same arms as Grey of Codnor (dating to the thirteenth century): a barry of six argent and azure. In chief three torteaux.

Crest: On a chapeau gules turned up ermine a wyverns or.

Supporters: As earl of Kent: two wyverns or. As Grey of Ruthyn: Deuter, a wyver or, sinister, a lion rampant gules. 24

Lord Grey's seal (1442) shows not only the Grey arms, but also those of Hastings and Valence: Grey quarterly 1 and 4, barry of six argent and azure; in chief three torteaux; and 2 and 3, Horseman of three quarters, a knight's horseman gules (for Hastings) and 2 and 3, barry argent and azure, an orle of marlets (for Valence.)

Gillingham, in describing Grey's livery at Northampton, says his men wore a badge of a "black ragged staff."
son John Grey, then a very young man, to be exchanged for Reginald and left as hostage until ransom was completely discharged.


5. Charles Ross, Edward IV, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1964, p. 27. DNB, Grey, p. 624, and other sources. Edmund Grey led the vanguard, but it appears to me that Paul Murray Kendall, Warwick the Kingmaker (Warwick hereafter), WW Norton, NY, 1957, pp. 62, 73, is probably correct in saying that Grey led the right Lancastrian wing, since he submitted to Edward of March, who was leading the Yorkist left. The battle was brief, but resulted in the capture of Henry VI and the death of a number of prominent Lancastrians: the duke of Buckingham, the earl of Shrewsbury, Viscount Beaumont, and Sir Robert Aske. Sir George Gairdner (ed.), Complete Guide to the Battlesfields of Britain, Webb & Bower, Devon, 1987, p. 104, in a description of the battle, notes this: "The troops of Lord Grey, whose command of the Lancastrian vanguard had not prevented them from coming to an arrangement with Warwick, helped the attackers gain entry."

6. Two of the sources consulted in the course of this research suggest that the Yorkists expected Grey's aid at Northampton. One was David Smurthwaite, "The Earls of Northumberland, a Genealogical Research," XXXVI Ordinance Survey, 1963, pp. 125-6. The other source suggests that the dispute originally involved John Holland, first duke of Exeter (1422-1460), second son of the earl of Richmond and brother of Grey's wife. Some 300 of the court party were killed or drowned on the Ne. The queen and prince were not at the battle site.

7. Either in the course of this or in the course of other research, it was found that Grey's brother, Thomas Lord Rougemont (whose description of the battle is involved John Holland, first duke of Exeter (1422-1460), second son of the earl of Richmond and brother of Grey's wife). Some 300 of the court party were killed or drowned on the Ne. The queen and prince were not at the battle site.


9. An incident that might suggest a suspicion of collusion between Grey and the Yorkists is mentioned in Gairdner (ed.), Paston Letters, No. 396. The letter, from John Brocicing to John Paston, dated 7 Dec. 1459, was written from Coventry at the time of the 1459 Parliament which attained Richard of York. It states that the Bishop of Exeter (George Neville) and Grey "declared them full worshipfully to the king's great pleasur." Salisbury, George Neville's father, was attainted, along with his sons John and Warwick and some twenty other persons of York's party. The bishop and Edmund Grey were suspected of harboring Yorkist sympathies at this time, is not perfectly clear, but seems likely in any event, they were able to satisfy the king that they were loyal subjects.

10. If there was collusion, George Neville might have been intermediary between Grey and Warwick. It may be noted that Neville is listed as one of the bishops who were exchanged for Reginald and left as hostage before the battle Northampton (p. 4 above). Many years later, in 1472, Edward IV had cause to suspect George Neville, then Archbishop of York, of collaborating with the earl of Oxford, and had him imprisoned for about two years.

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12. The date of their marriage is not clear. The Peerage, VII, p. 165, says "before Jan. 1458-9." Jack's Grey Valor, p. 53, shows that they were already married, with children, in the 1440s. Catherine Percy's grandmother, Elizabeth Mortimer, the wife of the earl of Pembroke, was the wife of Henry "Hotspur" Percy and the granddaughter of Lionel, duke of Clarence. Grey's mother was Constance Holland, daughter of John Holland, first duke of Exeter (d. 1400), and Elizabeth, second daughter of John of gaunt by his marriage to Blanche of Lancaster. This might be an appropriate place to note that Catherine Percy Grey was first cousin to Richard III. Her first husband was Robert Grey, and her second husband was John Percy, the second Duke of Northumberland. Their mothers were sisters, Eleanor and Cicely Neville. They were also related, through descent, from Lionell, duke of Clarence.

13. I am reminded of a comment made by Warwick to Margaret of Anjou in the novel, Crown of Glory (paperback edition of The King's Grey Mare by Rosemary Hawley Jarman, Jove Books, NY, 1987), p. 201: 'Ma reine ... are we not all descended from the great Edward III?'


15. The DNB, p. 624, mistakenly says that George Grey and Anne Woodville were married in 1465. She married her first husband that year, he died in 1483.

16. Of all the sources consulted, only the DNB, p. 624, states that George Grey also accompanied Edward IV to France in 1470.

17. Peerage, VII, p. 165, note c.


20. Please see notes 6 and 11 above.


22. Letter No. 260. Jack (ed.) Grey Valor, says, p. 37, n. 6, that Edmund had the son of Robert Grey as ward. Robert was Edmund's younger half brother whose estates Edmund seized upon Robert's death.

23. A priest, Robert Colynson, had accused Ralph Lord Cromwell of treason. But Gairdner is not sure Grey of Ruthyn is the Grey intended; the reference may be to Lord Grey of Codnor or Lord Grey of Wolton, he says, in discussing this letter, No. 297.

SCATTERED STANDARDS

In the immediate aftermath of the AGM, we were thrilled to announce the formation of two new Chapters, one in Michigan and the other in New Jersey. Anyone interested in becoming active in one of these new groups should contact the following people:

**Michigan**

Mary P. Miller
6831 Longwood Road
Canton, MI 48187-1020
(313) 459-8948

**New Jersey**

Joe Anne Ricca
638-B Sixth Street
Carlstadt, NJ 07072
(201) 933-6861

Plans are underway for the formation of a Chapter in the Upper Darby, PA area. Anyone interested in helping with this effort should contact:

Regina Jones
253 Ashby Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
(215) 352-5728

**OHIO CHAPTER**

On Saturday, January 20, thirteen members gathered at the home of Tedd Trimbath in Dayton, Ohio. Switching the normal order of procedure, our host was asked to give his program first, which proved to be an informative and detailed report on the battles of the Wars of the Roses, from the first St. Albans to Ashby Road. I am very impressed by their effort, particularly since the display features many Ricardian items in addition to the books that have recently accepted the position of Director of the Fool (otherwise known as Mary Schaller), who did such a sterling job at the 1989 AGM, gave a repeat performance of the 1991 AGM will be held on Friday, Saturday, October 4, 5 and 6, 1991. On Friday, there will be a hospitality Table and a cocktail party. On Tuesday there will be workshops and a business meeting and a formal dinner at 6:00 p.m. with a featured speaker. No special events are scheduled on Sunday because members will be departing on different individual schedules.

Plans were also made for the Southern California Chapter's Twelfth Night Party to be held on January 7, 1990. Program Chairman Diana also suggested possible topics for meetings to be held in March, May and August of 1990. Some subjects that were mentioned included Medieval Music, Medieval Medicine, Medieval Renaissance Faire, reading recordings for Medieval Gardening, Medieval Textiles and/or Medieval Make-up. Another possibility was a slide show with the theme "A Richmond Evening." The Chapter is also interested in promoting out-reach activities such as recruiting posters at colleges, library case displays, a booth at the Renaissance Faire, reading recordings for the Braille Institute, and possible meetings with the Society for Creative Anachronisms. These are the new officers of the Southern California Chapter of the Richard III Society.

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The Middle Atlantic Chapter met for afternoon tea at the home of Tony and Belinda Collins in late September. Professor Terence Murphy of the History Department of American University in Washington, D.C. spoke to the group with a novel and thought-provoking approach to the Princes-in-the-Tower puzzle. The Chapter has strongly endorsed Professor Murphy as a speaker for the 1990 AGM; his message is one that all Ricardians should hear.

We met again in mid-January at the Tenleytown Public Library in Washington, D.C. Tar-

Janet Sweet announced a February Packet of information for each member.

Janet Sweet in Westerville, Ohio. Details will be published in the next Crown & Helm.

After the program, the new officers were introduced:

- Spencer Northrup, Chairman
- Gillie Lehmann, Vice Chairman
- Gary Bailey, Treasurer
- Judie Gall, Secretary

Spencer opened the meeting by expressing pro-

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**NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER**

The countdown to October 1990 has begun here in New England! We are excited and busy preparing for what we hope will be a fun and informative AGM. Formal information on the AGM will be sent to you in the coming months, if you or anyone else from the New England Chapter can help any fellow Ricardian who is considering attending the AGM, please let us know.

Our last meeting, held in December, was kindly hosted by Daphne Hamilton in Worcester, MA. It was a productive meeting in terms of continued AGM planning and also the election of new officers. We owe many thanks to our past Chairman, John Jewett, for the time and effort he put into establishing the New England Chapter back in 1987. We look forward to John's continued input and support of the Chapter. We are happy to announce that Carole Bell was elected as our new Chairman.

Carole has been an active member of the Chapter for a number of years and is sure to do well in her new role. The Acting Chairman, Joe Ann Ricca, will continue as secretary. Mary and Don Donermeyer offered to help.

New England is beautiful in Autumn. We hope you will plan to attend the 1990 AGM. It will be a great time to meet with fellow Ricardians, visit Boston and to enjoy the autumn colors.

*Linda Spicer*

*Chapter Secretary*

**NEW JERSEY CHAPTER**

The New Jersey Chapter had its first official meeting on November 18, 1989, at the home of acting Chairman Joe Ann Ricca. Nine members were present, as well as American Chairman Gene McManus. Joe Ann opened the meeting with a brief history of the origin of the Chapter, which she started with the help of Alan Didier. Favorable response to her appeal promptly the decision to go ahead with organizing the Chapter.

Members then introduced themselves and told how their involvement with Richard III came about.

The Treasurer was not present, but Joe Ann explained that she and Alan Didier had already paid the required Chapter fee to the Society.

Officers for the Chapter were discussed and it was decided that three volunteers who were acting as officers would continue to serve until by-laws could be drawn up and formal elections held. The acting officers are:

- **Chairman** Joe Ann Ricca
- **Vice-Chairman/Secy** Maggie Corchnoy
- **Treasurer** Alan Didier.

By-laws were discussed. It was decided that a proposed set of by-laws would be drawn up by Maggie Corchnoy, to be voted on at the next meeting.

A schedule of four meetings a year was proposed. Meetings are to be held at different locations around the state. We will encourage Ricardians in the New York and Philadelphia areas to join our Chapter.

Dues of $5 a year were proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

A newsletter title was proposed and favorably accepted. A newsletter, *Epistula Regia* Latin for "Letter of the King."

Joe Ann is putting together an exhibit on Richard III for her local library. Several members offered to help.

Joe Ann asked members to support the Muldred Appeal and encouraged members to support Richard's cause actively.

Gene McManus gave a welcoming "pep talk" to the new Chapter and asked members to voice any problems or concerns they have with the Society. He said that he would like to see more publicity, more members and a better use of the talent of members.

*Maggie Corchnoy*

*Secretary*

N.B. The next Chapter meeting will be February 17, 1990, at Maggie Corchnoy’s house.

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**SOUTHWEST CHAPTER**

At an AGM, someone was once heard to say, "To be a Ricardian demands a sense of humor." The 300th Ricardians of the Southwest Chapter tested that adage — and proved it true enjoying, with loud laughter and generous applause, the program at their January meeting.

The program presenter was Bill Holt, an English professor at Tarrant County Junior College. Holt, a graduate of Illinois State University at Normal, teaches a course in Shakespeare at TCJC. To "entertain" his students after they have finished a read of Richard III, Holt shows them a "comic" video of Richard III.

Titled "Comedy Experiment!," the video stars Stuart Pankin as a producer/writer who is trying to interest two Broadway-show backers to invest in a "musical" that he has written based on Richard III. To "sell" the backers, Pankin presents scenes from his show which has a working title of "The Hump." The laughs increase when Pankin appears not only as Richard, naturally, he is the "hump" of the title, but Lady Anne as well. And how about the "soft-shoe" finale of "Clarence, Edward and Me." Yes, you are right, after the preview, "The Hump" is headed for Broadway. Well, someday, maybe.

It was evident that Holt is not, in any way, denigrating Richard III when he shows the video to his class. In his talk about the Shakespeare play before showing the video, Holt said: "Richard III, while a tragedy, does have some comedic elements which are necessary to relieve the starkness of the fall of King Richard."

It was the consensus of those who had gathered for the potluck dinner meeting at the home of Sue and Lloyd Scurlock, that "The Hump" would be entertaining viewing at the next AGM. The tape is a copy that can be appreciated by a Ricardian.

*Pat Poundstone*

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**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER**

On March 3, Richard III Society members met at the home of Sally Yenkinson in Boyertown. Jeff and Toni Collins, Drew and Wendy Logan, Rose Ann Messersmith and Regina Jones were treated to a relaxing view of horses grazing beyond Sally's window as we settled down to business.

Formally declaring ourselves a Chapter, we designated Regina Jones as Chairman and Sally Yenkinson as Vice-Chairman, and collected dues. We will be the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, welcoming members from Pennsylvania and Delaware. Regina volunteered to draw up Chapter by-laws; these will be discussed and approved over the next few meetings. Regina will also notify Carole Rike of our Chapter within the week so that we will be "official."

We decided on October 1990, as the target month for our first library exhibit, which will be at the Community Township Library in Conshohocken. Rose Ann and Sally are putting this together.

Drew is scouting local universities for Medieval History professors. He has agreed to be our "university liaison" and to line up guest speakers for future meetings. He may arrange to have some of the lectures on a college campus and open them to the general public.

We each took some Society brochures to place in books about Richard III in our local libraries, as a way to publicize the Society.

We agreed to buy the videotape *The Sunne in Splendor* to view at a future meeting.

Toni showed us a wonderful letter she has written to the owner of Fast Times, a shop in Cornwall, England, which specializes in medieval kits. Their catalogue advertises a copy of a tapestry originally designed for Margaret of York, "Richard III's daughter." Toni graciously corrected this error.

Our next meeting is set for May 19, at Anabel Barker's house in Wyncote, where we will discuss Josephine Troy's The Daughter of Time and William Snyder's The Crown and The Tower.