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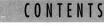
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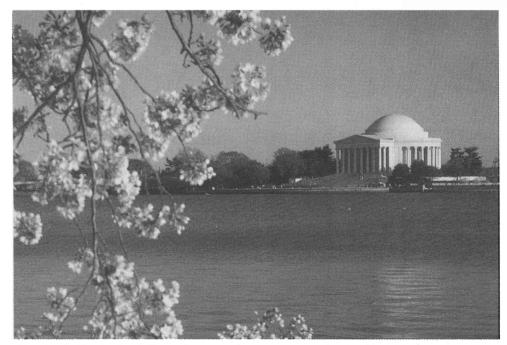
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By now it's standard procedure to begin a regional issue with the following disclaimer: Try as we might, we will never find everyone who ought to be mentioned. We employ a variety of research methods, ranging from targeted computer retrievals to basic word of mouth, and still a few noteworthies escape our nets.

Washington represented an extreme challenge in that regard. Though the number of SU grads living there is modest—roughly 1,400 in the District, another 5,300 nearby—the potency of this group is unparalleled. Virtually everyone who has gone to Washington has done well there. To find them all and then select from among them was difficult.

Why have alumni in Washington done so well? We'll generalize dangerously. The vast majority of professionals who head for Washington plan to serve the federal government, and no one prepares an individual for that fate better than the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. There are alumni of other SU schools, too—Newhouse being noteworthy among them—but the Maxwell link is incontrovertible. When browsing through this issue, stop to wonder where Washington would be without it. *—Dana L. Cooke*