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IRISH POETRY, WROTE W.B. Yeats, has always been closely tied to magic. So it seems in the case of the Wake Forest University Press, which celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this month during the University’s annual Irish Festival.

In its short but stellar life, the Press, one of the smallest—if not the smallest—university presses in the country, has earned a reputation of nearly mythic proportion as the major publisher of contemporary Irish poetry in North America. Founded in 1976 by English Professor and Irish scholar Dillon Johnston, the Press also represents one of the prestigious and important models in the humanities that a liberal arts education has to offer, according to Edwin G. Wilson ('42), senior vice president and professor of English who has played an important role in the life and success of the Press.

Johnston conceived the idea in 1974 after realizing, through his own research, just how few titles of contemporary Irish poetry were available in the U.S. He went to Wilson, who was provost at the time, and pitched his plan. After some fine-tuning, Wilson and the University administration accepted the plan.

The Press began to roll in 1976, publishing works by Austin Clarke, Ciaran Carson, and John Montague. It was an excellent start, topped off with a positive review by The New York Times.

“Students have spoken of Dillon Johnston as a teacher: his wide-ranging knowledge, his skill in interpretation, his high expectations—and also his generosity,” says Wilson. “Colleagues here and elsewhere know his scholarship and admire his judgement and critical insights. My own admiration for him is grounded primarily in the story of the Wake Forest University Press and the Irish Poetry Series; in his having conceived and given birth to the Press and in his having nurtured it for twenty-five years and in his having—throughout—applied impeccable standards in the selection of authors and works and design and typography. The Press, I think, is one of the most enduring humanities achievements of modern Wake Forest, and Dillon is entitled to most of the credit.”

If Johnston is to be credited as the Press’ founding father, he says Wilson is its midwife and Candide Jones (MA ’79), who has managed the Press since 1990, its governess. Jones, founder and director of the Wake Forest University Irish Festival, is as sprightly and keen as Johnston is soft-spoken and deliberate. While Johnston turns his energy more toward acquisitions, Jones—his former student—is heavily involved in the financial and accounting aspects of the business. She deals also with the printers and freelance designers and her work has resulted in the Press receiving acclaim not only for the quality of what is published but...
also for the quality of its books, including some hand-sewn editions. Jones also works with the poets on timetables and getting the manuscripts in hand, and she arranges reading tours throughout North America for the Press’ poets.

“Wake Forest University Press has played a vital role in the growing awareness of Irish poetry,” says Paul Muldoon, Oxford University Professor of Poetry and the Howard G.B. Clark Professor in the Humanities and Director of the Creative Writing Program at Princeton University. Muldoon’s poetry has been published by the Wake Forest Press. “It is the only press to have published Irish poetry almost exclusively, and Dillon Johnston is to be commended for the sophistication and single-mindedness he has brought to the enterprise. A large part of the successes of the Press is due to the combination of Dillon’s scholarship and ‘soul.’”

As a small independent publisher and two-person office subsidized by the University, the Press has experienced small but steady increases in sales over the years, to the point where it sold 6,000 books last year. Its titles are distributed to Barnes and Noble and Borders and are available through online sales and through the Press’ Web site.

By publishing poetry exclusively, the Press’s four to six titles each year bring as many volumes of poetry to American readers as major publishers do.

To date, titles include some ninety books by poets such as Thomas Kinsella, Peter Fallon, John Montague, Michael Longely, Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill, Rachael Geise and noted critic Seamus Deane, as well as the first ever anthology of Irish women’s work, The Wake Forest Book of Irish Women’s Poetry, 1967-2000, which contains an unusually large number of poems. The anthology is critically important because it is the first such collection to give voice to Irish female poets, a very recent trend even in Ireland that the Press has deliberately sought to nurture.

“I have had certain difficulties with my British publishers and certainly I fell out with them over my work,” says poet Medbh McGuckian. “My poems would be a bit more explicit about my allegiances and my ancestral feelings. So I find it refreshing to deal with Dillon and the Wake Forest people. They understand poets as individuals. We are a weird lot. We can’t just produce poetry at the drop of a hat. We are very sensitive and Wake Forest understands that, and I think they understand the Irish situation in a way others don’t.”

—Liz Switzer

Ancient wisdom

Classical languages still alive after all these years

THEY SAY LATIN IS A dead language. Don’t tell that to the students in Professor Robert Ulery’s courses, for whom Latin is very much alive and well. Ulery’s students not only have to decipher the complicated grammar, but they also have to speak it.

“I was quite frightened at the beginning when I found out we were going to have to speak Latin in class. I wasn’t sure if I’d be able to figure out what he was saying, but now I’m pretty used to it,” said Michelle Buckius, a freshman from Long Island, New York, who took intermediate Latin with Ulery in the fall. “When you translate, you read the sentence and plug in all the words to make it make sense. When you’re just talking to someone, it forces you to think faster.”

That’s exactly the effect Ulery is hoping to achieve with his experiment to replace translation of the Latin reading into English with a series of questions and answers in Latin. Students aren’t so much learning ordinary conversation as they are learning to read and interpret using Latin instead of English. Only a handful of professors around the country are attempting this method, but Ulery is helping to spread the idea through presentations at various professional meetings and work on textbooks that would apply the idea to reading the ancient authors.

“If you use Latin as a conversational medium, your reading can be more fluent,” Ulery said. “The simple repetition of the questions and answers leads eventually to comprehension. And it is comprehension either in the thought of the language itself, or in a simultaneous mental English. The important thing is to keep the English from being written down, memorized or otherwise fixed.”

Using Latin as the medium of instruction is one way faculty members in the Department of Classical Languages are working to make their subject matter more engaging and more accessible to students. The professors see it as their mission to be “stewards and transmitters of the legacy that has come down to us from antiquity,” according to department chair John Andronica.

“It is our responsibility to master the corpus, and then, as best we can, to pass it on unimpaired to our successors,” he said. “In the classroom what is needed are efforts to be creative in the use of new pedagogical and technological developments to keep alive the texts and their spirit, and to explore as much as possible the ancient world and much
about the modern that may serve to illuminate the texts and be illuminated by them.”

Once the core of higher education, classics—the study of Latin and Greek and the world they served—has taken a backseat to courses of study that some would consider more practical. When the first American colleges were formed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, classics ruled the curriculum, said Associate Professor James Powell. Now it has disappeared entirely from many colleges. Some reasons for the shift include the explosion of knowledge that has produced more disciplines and the democratization of higher education with its accompanying increase in numbers of students. But it's also a matter of a fading interest in the study of anything that doesn’t appear practical and oriented toward helping a student find a job after graduation.

“The high-minded approach, which I happen to agree with, is that the study of classics and indeed of all the liberal arts is inherently good and you don’t need to justify it further,” Powell said. “But there’s a practical argument for studying classics also. Employers are saying that in this rapidly changing technological world, it’s impossible to train students specifically because the technology will be outdated by the time they graduate. What the employers need are people who are intellectually engaged, who know how to think analytically and to learn. Then they can teach them the specifics.”

Not all students are a hard sell. Tim Williams, a sophomore Latin and history major from Blacksburg, Virginia, said studying the language has made him a better writer and analytical thinker. “People always say they can’t believe I’m a Latin major, that I’m never going to make any money at that,” he said. “But I’m doing something that challenges me and brings me enjoyment, and I think that’s what’s important in life. It’s making me a more well-rounded individual, and I don’t think the whole point of college is to worry about what job you’re going to get after graduation. I think it’s finding something that interests you and seeing where that leads you.”

At Wake Forest, the commitment to the discipline remains strong although student interest has waned over the years. “Some of Wake Forest’s outstanding students have done a great deal of work in the Department of Classical Languages,” said Paul Escott, dean of the college. “The value of the classics for a liberal arts education remains great, and the questions addressed by the major Greek and Roman writers have abiding significance.”

When Wake Forest first opened, all students were required to study Latin and Greek for all four years. By 1869, those requirements had been relaxed, and 66 percent of the students studied Latin, while 37 percent studied Greek. Those numbers have steadily declined so that now only 5-6 percent of Wake Forest students study Latin, and 1 percent study Greek. This year, seven students are majoring in Latin, Greek, or classical studies; seven are minoring in those subjects. Additional students take courses in the department, of course, and one of the more popular courses, taught by Powell on mythology, has eighty-five students enrolled for the spring semester.

“The current generation has been shaped by video and music. We suspect today’s students have a decreased ability to process certain kinds of
knowledge if they are not packaged in those formats,” Ulery said. “Much of the work in Latin requires memorization, and for many of these students, it’s the first time they’ve been asked to do that.”

The faculty members hope that being aware of these propensities will help them infuse students with their passion for Latin and Greek. “The appeal of studying the classics is the sheer intellectual thrill of encountering an author across the gap of centuries in that author’s own language,” Ulery said.

Part of the difficulty in getting students interested in Latin and Greek begins long before they reach the college level, Powell said. Latin isn’t exactly the most popular foreign language course in high schools, aside from those students who study it to help increase their verbal scores on the SAT. The number of public high school students who enroll in Latin actually has increased in recent years, but a nationwide survey by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages found that the number of students taking Latin was only 189,000 in 1994–95, up from 164,000 in 1990–1991.

“Teaching language to adults is a difficult proposition because the brain is wired to learn language as a child. If we were starting at age nine like in the old days, it would be a different story,” Powell said. “The brain is in the wrong shape to learn at this age, and the two-year language requirement is not as long as it seems when you want students to learn to read something as sophisticated as Virgil and Plato.”

Associate Professor Mary Pendergraft is working on a project through the Joint Committee on Classics in American Education that will detail what each state requires of its high school Latin teachers. There is a shortage of qualified Latin teachers, and even those who meet requirements are often strapped for time as they must pack mythology, culture, and civilization along with the language into their classes. “Teaching is a spectrum,” Pendergraft said. “We are partners with the high school teachers, and any support we can give to them is good for the education of our students.”

For those who do catch the bug, the study of the ancient languages can be a satisfying experience. “Latin has taught me English,” said Julie Richardson, a senior Latin major from McLeansville, North Carolina, who plans to become a physician’s assistant. “I think I write better. My grammar and composition is much better. Anything you translate that’s in Latin is scholarly material, and the more scholarly material you read, the more scholarly you write.”

—Ellen Dockham

How women think

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Conformists believe that the only way to be a good mother is to stay at home. This model of intensive mothering developed in the late forties in post-World War II America, Hattery said. Although moms were often home with their children before then, they were not able to devote themselves primarily to childrearing.

“The work of running a household without the help of modern appliances and convenience foods prevented women from focusing completely on their children,” Hattery said. But, by the fifties, women began “not staying at home being housewives, but being mothers.”

The conformists are likely to stay at home even when this requires tremendous financial sacrifice. The non-conformists reject the intensive motherhood ideology, believing that they can work and still be good mothers. They feel a responsibility to provide economically for the family, feel entitled to pursue their own career interests and believe professional child-care benefits their children.

The pragmatists, although they tend to subscribe to the stay-at-home mother model popularized in the fifties, make their decisions about employment based on practical considerations. With input from their husbands, they conduct a cost-benefit analysis weighing the pros and cons of working. Some decide to work, while others decide to stay at home. The pragmatists tend to idealize fulfilling, well-paying part-time employment, Hattery said. But, many are frustrated about not being able to attain that goal.

The innovators accept the stay-at-home mother ideal, too, but reject the standard methods of achieving a balance between work and family.

“Innovators create new ways of meeting the demands of both their roles as caretakers and economic providers for their families,” Hattery said. Strategies they use include working shifts that do not overlap with their husbands’ or working from home. Some of the innovators in the study who worked considered themselves stay-at-home moms because they did not use outside childcare. They balanced schedules with fathers and found ways to work without compromising what they saw as their duties as mothers.

The conformists, the non-conformists, and the innovators were happy with their decisions to either stay at home or to work despite the financial stress or time pressures they faced. The pragmatists, whether they chose to work or not, were the most dissatisfied with their situations. Pragmatists staying at home full-time felt guilty about not contributing financially to their families and about not pursuing the careers they had worked so hard to attain. Those pragmatists who were employed full-time felt guilty about not spending more time with their children.

“I would love it if women who go to work would understand better those who stay at home, and that women who stay at home would better understand that choice.”

—Cheryl V. Walker
SAFE SEX FOR SCARLET-bodied wasp moths means avoiding being eaten by predators while mating. So, the male moth, in order to protect his intended during courtship, covers her with a bridal veil of poison, says William Conner, professor of biology. The moths are immune to the toxin, but the poisonous cloud prevents predators from spoiling the wedding of the insect pair.

The scarlet-bodied wasp moth, native to Florida, is the only insect known to transfer a chemical defense in this way, says Conner. He discovered the moth’s distinctive behavior while conducting research at the Archbold Biological Station near Lake Placid, Florida.

Conner’s study was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in December. His findings were the subject of a cover story in the most recent issue of the newsletter of the Entomological Society of America.

As a caterpillar, the insect feeds on a non-toxic plant, climbing hempweed. Then, when it becomes a moth and is ready to mate, the male changes his eating habits. As darkness falls on his big night, he visits the poisonous dogfennel plant.

Dogfennel is easy to spot in pastures, says Conner, because the cows eat all the grass around it, but leave the tall toxic plant standing.

The male moth extracts toxins called “pyrrolizidine alkaloids” from the plant.

“He lands on the plant, regurgitates on the plant to dissolve the alkaloids and then reimmibes the toxin-rich liquid,” says Conner.

The small red and black moth stores the toxins in a special pouch. The pouch, located on his underbelly, is filled with fibers that have a cotton candy consistency.

Once he has ingested the toxin from the plant, the male is no longer tasty to his common predators, particularly spiders and bats. After gathering the poison, the moth goes in search of a female. When he finds his insect bride, they mate for nine hours. But, just before mating, the moth releases the toxin like a cloud of miniature confetti that sticks to the female. The toxin protects her while she is mating and while she lays her eggs. The female moth then passes the toxin to her eggs. The toxin deters egg-eating insects like ants and ladybugs from devouring her young.

To test whether the toxin was effective in protecting the adult moths, Conner and his Wake Forest student assistants placed the moth in the web of a golden orb-weaving spider.

Instead of eating the moth, the spider released the moth by cutting it free from its web.

As part of their analysis of the transfer of the toxin from the male to the female, Conner and his research assistants have recorded videos of the male releasing the toxins before mating.

The research sheds light on the evolution of sexual signals in insects, says Conner, who, with his wife, Mindy, and several students, has been working on the project since 1996.

“The link between chemical defenses and sex appears to be a strong one,” he says. “Just as early human females probably preferred males that could help defend them and their household, it makes sense for female insects to choose males that can provide a good defense for them and their offspring.”

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—Christine Underwood

Campus Chronicle

Mouth of the South

Wake Forest staffer wins National Hollerin’ Contest

When Kevin Jasper hollers at someone, he’s not looking for an argument. This analyst programmer in the Wake Forest Information Systems department is just sharing a folk tradition that is near and dear to his heart. He is one of a small contingent of people in North Carolina who still practice the art of hollerin’. Jasper is committed to preserving the folk tradition that is unique to the Sampson County area.

Jasper’s interest in hollerin’, which is more a musical expression than a yell, was sparked back in the mid-seventies when he heard the winner of the National Hollerin’ Contest appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. In 1997 the hollerin’ bug bit him again, and Jasper began training for competition.

He called the founder of the contest, Ermon Godwin, and was introduced to recordings made in the mid-seventies of winners dating back to the first National Hollerin’ Contest, which has been held in Spivey’s Corner, North Carolina since 1969.

“What interested me most about it was the fact that it is a vocal expression. I sing, and so it became very challenging to me to learn how to do it,” Jasper said. “It has taken me three years to learn how to do these hollers. I found it difficult to try to emulate at first.”

All his hard work paid off. He placed second the second time he entered the contest, and in June he was named winner of the thirty-second annual National Hollerin’ Contest. Johnny Carson had long since retired, but Jasper found himself being interviewed by David Letterman, Regis Philbin, and many newspaper reporters and radio personalities.

“I received several nice voicemails and e-mails from Wake Forest employees who heard me on [locally syndicated] radio shows,” Jasper said. “I’ve done over eighty over-the-phone interviews with radio stations, including two in Canada, two in New Zealand and one in Sydney, Australia.”

Practice makes perfect, and Jasper had lots of time to practice during his hundred-mile round-trip commute each day between his home in Burlington and the Wake Forest campus in Winston-Salem.

“I’m sure there are times when people can see me doing odd things in the car,” Jasper said. “I tell everybody that a lot of people in the big cities yell at each other with their windows down, but I holler with my windows up.”

Before the majority of the population had a mobile phone strapped to their hip, people kept up with their neighbors using a good, throaty holler. One of those was what Jasper calls the “gettin up” holler.

“Each farmer would have a trademark holler. When they got up each morning, they would holler to the neighbor to let the neighbor know they were up and doing OK and the neighbor would holler back,” Jasper said. “I’m sure they had some friendly competition to see who could wake the other households up first.”

People all over the world holler for communication. Different types include: expressive hollers, distress hollers, functional farm hollers and communication hollers (which includes the “gettin up” holler).

“The kind of hollerin’ they’re trying to preserve with the contest is the expressive hollerin’. That’s what’s unique to that area of North Carolina. Most people don’t realize that it’s a folk art form,” Jasper said. “There’s a fellow at UNC [The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill] who did a master’s thesis on hollerin’, believe it or not. In his research, he can’t find any evidence of another tradition of this style of hollerin’.

Jasper describes this style of hollerin’ as “a high-pitched sort of thing that involves the falsetto register of the voice.”

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Credit for hours

University changes its academic credit system

In a move advocated by many faculty members for years, Wake Forest will switch from the academic credits system to an hours system. The move, which occurs in fall semester, will bring the University in line with most other institutions in the country.

New students who enter the University in Fall 2001 will earn hours instead of credits for their coursework. In general, a class that meets three hours per week will be worth three hours toward the total of 112 hours required for graduation, said Paul D. Escott, Dean of the College. Students who have already begun their coursework under the credits system will remain on that system until they graduate. Both systems will run concurrently for up to six years until the transition is complete.

“For many years, we have been in a somewhat anomalous position compared to other institutions. Most other institutions have a system of hours, and we are one of the comparatively few schools on a credit system instead,” Escott said. “It has led to a lot of complications and confusion through the years, especially when a student takes a course at a university near home over the summer or when a student for any reason transfers credit in. The conversions aren’t clear, and the student might end up with less credit than he or she or even the department expected. This will put us more in line with what is typical in American higher education.”

Escott said the conversion from credits to hours will not make a substantive change in the curriculum or in the amount of work students must complete to graduate. Students may, on average, have to take one more course to graduate under the hours system.

Claudia Thomas Kairoff, chair of the curriculum review committee and associate dean of the College, said Wake Forest had an hours system up until the seventies, when the University briefly experimented with a schedule that included a January term that necessitated using credits. When the University returned to the semester format used today, it was a technological nightmare for the registrar’s office to change from the credits system. “It was more for the University’s convenience that the credits system stayed in place,” Kairoff said, “but it created a headache for the faculty because most other universities use hours. The faculty in general feels that the hours system is a more accurate and honest representation of what we’re doing, and it should avoid a lot of those headaches. In this age of globalization when students are encouraged to do some of their coursework abroad, for example, the hours system will make it much less complicated.”

—Ellen Dockham

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher delivered the Broyhill Series lecture in Wait Chapel February 16.
Two Distinguished Writers with Wake Forest connections were honored by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in Washington, D.C., in December. Maya Angelou, poet, writer, and Reynolds Professor of American Studies, was one of twelve recipients of the National Medal of Arts. Will Campbell ('48), preacher, social activist, and author of *Brother to a Dragonfly*, received the National Medal of Humanities.

Victor I. Flow Jr. ('52) (right), automotive executive and Wake Forest benefactor, received the University's highest award for service, the Medallion of Merit, at Founders' Day convocation February 8. In other awards presented at Founders' Day, Angela Hattery, assistant professor of sociology, was awarded the Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Contribution to Student Life; Nina Lucas, director of the dance program in the theater department, was awarded the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching; Kathleen Kron, assistant professor of biology, and James Schirillo, assistant professor of psychology, received the Award for Excellence in Research; Patricia J. Roberts, a law professor, was presented the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award; and Ajay Patel, associate professor of finance in the Babcock School, was presented the Kienzle Teaching Award.

Dianne Dailey, Head Women's Golf Coach at Wake Forest, has been inducted into the National Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Alan Trammell, a senior at Wake Forest, has been selected to receive a Marshall Scholarship. The prestigious scholarship, financed by the British government, provides an opportunity for forty American students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership potential to continue their studies for two years at any British university. Trammell, who along with fellow Wake Forest senior Jessica Posner also was recognized in February as a USA Today All-USA College Academic Team winner, plans to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the nationalism and ethnicity program.

Jim Newman, Chief Executive Officer and president of DJ Pharma in San Diego, California, donated thousands of bottles of medicines in January to support a Wake Forest service project in Honduras. The shipment arrived just as eleven Wake Forest students began a ten-day service effort under the auspices of the Honduras Outreach Project and Exchange (HOPE) Scholars Program to work in the Agalta Valley, a remote mountainous region devastated by 1998's Hurricane Mitch. Newman, whose daughter, Jennifer, is a Wake Forest sophomore, decided to donate the medicine after hearing about Wake Forest students' annual domestic and international service projects.

A Wake Forest Alumnus has published a history of Deacon basketball. Titled *Demon Deacon Hoops*, the 245-page hardcover book traces, in text and photographs, Wake Forest basketball from its inception in 1906 through 2000. For information on how to obtain a copy, contact its author, Barry Lawing (MA ’84) at blawing@forsyth.cc.nc

The Financial Times of London has ranked Wake Forest's Babcock Graduate School of Management number fifty-five among the world's 100 best graduate business schools.

Two former Demon Deacon football players competed in this year's Super Bowl. Mike McCrary ('93) started at defensive end for the champion Baltimore Ravens, while Thabiti Davis ('98) was a backup wide receiver for the New York Giants. Ernie Accorsi ('63) is general manager of the Giants.
¿Cómo saldrá...
It’s only an hour from Miami to Havana by air, a short enough distance that many Cubans have attempted to traverse it in rickety boats to seek asylum on American soil. So close, but thanks to forty years of U.S. sanctions, so far away. Cuba shows up as a blip on the radar screen for most Americans—save those in Miami—only on infrequent occasions of major news like the Cuban Missile Crisis or Elian Gonzalez. In fact, much of what Americans know about the neighboring country can probably be traced to a series of characters known mostly from television, movies, and theater: Fidel Castro, Fulgencio Batista, Che Guevara, Elian Gonzalez,
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even Ricky Ricardo. Throw in some images of cigars, salsa dancing, gambling, and maybe some baseball, the American picture of Cuba. That’s an unfortunate consequence of the political situation, because Cuba is a fascinating place ripe for discovery, according to a group of Wake Forest professors who
There’s incredible beauty, they say, in the architecture and color of Havana, in the topography that allows views of the water at every turn, in the vibrant painting and dancing and writing of people who thrive despite their lack of basic resources. Most Americans can’t witness this in person, due to the 1963 “Trading with the Enemy Act” that makes it illegal for Americans to spend money in Cuba unless they obtain a license from the U.S. government. But with the passage of the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act in which the U.S. Congress encouraged academic exchanges, American academics find it easier than ever to get that permission. That is, as long as they’re willing to wade through complicated layers of paperwork, schedule a charter flight from Miami, and stand in line for hours at the airport waiting for everything to be checked.

The Wake Forest group was more than willing to leap those hurdles for the experience of visiting Cuba and making contacts with colleagues at the University of Havana, where Wake Forest has been in the vanguard of growing U.S. academic interest. Wake Forest was one of only three American universities with a presence at the University of Havana when Linda Howe, assistant professor of Romance languages, first set up the summer program three years ago. Now, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education, universities across the U.S., including UC-Berkeley, Duke, Tulane, Harvard, and Butler, are working on Cuban exchange programs.

In Wake Forest’s six-week summer program, students take courses in Afro-Cuban culture and Cuban literature as well as work on community projects with Havana schoolchildren. They take the children on tours of Havana’s historic district, discussing in Spanish the culture and architecture, and then help the children paint, draw, and talk about their experiences. Wake Forest students also prepare readings in Spanish for eight-year-olds, who then discuss the works and perform skits. As a group, the University students travel on weekends to outlying areas and take salsa dancing lessons for a taste of Cuban culture.

“I thought it would be interesting for our students to see another reality, to break down the stereotypes of the third world,” says Howe, who has been traveling to Cuba for ten years for her studies of cultural production in Cuba after the 1959 revolution that brought Castro to power. “It’s a chance for them to have an eye-opening experience and to see that Cuba is...
University of Havana told Howe about the low point reached after the collapse of the Soviet Union, which left Cuba’s economy in dire straits. “There was no gas, so the dean had to ride her bike twenty miles just to get to the university to make sure the classes could go on,” Howe says. “These people are incredibly dedicated, and that kind of sacrifice is hard for us to understand. They must have…"

“It was Howe’s vision that led six Wake Forest faculty members—Pia Wood, director of international studies; Jack Wilkerson, dean of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy; Herman Eure, chair of biology; Candelas Gala, chair of the Romance languages department; Earl Smith, chair of sociology; and Margaret Supplee Smith, chair of the art department—to join her in Cuba at the end of last summer’s program. “I wanted more people at Wake Forest to see the opportunities for exchange in Cuba,” Howe says.

“We can be part of the movement toward exchange of ideas rather than perpetuating the political problems. Through academics, we can be bridges between the two countries.”

Students and faculty alike are amazed at the perseverance of Cuban academics under working conditions that would be unacceptable at Wake Forest or any other U.S. university, Howe says. Besides the fact that their salaries of $20 to $30 a month are less than what Cuban taxi drivers make, faculty at the University of Havana lack the most basic resources, such as paper and pens. The dean of arts and letters at the University of Havana told Howe…"
real vision for their students to continue to work in spite of all the problems, to know that you can’t run a country on taxi drivers alone.”

Candelas Gala came away with the same admiration for the Havana faculty. “They have dismal working conditions. I met with the dean of humanities in an office that had no air conditioning and no paint in years. She had a pile of grocery bags under her desk that I assumed she kept because everything can be used. Would you imagine a dean here with bags under the desk?” Gala says. “She spoke French and English and had an enviable spirit. She was doing miracles with what she had. It is the life of the mind versus horrendous social conditions. They don’t have a thing and they keep doing it. I have to give them credit.”

Gala, who was born in Spain, remembers that Castro’s revolution was welcomed in her native country. “People believed that Cuba needed social change,” she recalls. “I have realized that it was a good dream that never materialized, but what struck me most was that the young people in Cuba are repeating the ideals of the revolution. You would think the revolution would have been accepted as a total failure, but they are still talking about Che Guevara like it was yesterday.”

As a scientist, Herman Eure was particularly amazed when he visited the biology faculty in Havana and saw the work being done in a field that depends on technology that in Cuba is unattainable. “The people are ingenious,” he says. “They take nothing and make it work. They are making the things they need to do research. I was impressed with their ability to do as much as they do with such few resources. There would be a great outcry at Wake Forest if we couldn’t buy the things we do.”
Eure is working with the biology department at Havana to arrange a possible faculty exchange and perhaps a future summer program for biology students patterned after Howe’s language program. “There’s a whole world south of us that we don’t know much about. Education is about more than sitting in a classroom; I’d like our students to see life from the perspective of someone who isn’t a majority,” Eure says. “Biology is all about diversity, and in science we ask questions designed to make life better. What better place to go than Cuba to accomplish that? It’s not just about learning the biology but about learning how to approach problems and how to solve them.”

Students could benefit in Cuba, as in other foreign study programs, from seeing that the rest of the world doesn’t necessarily live like Americans, Eure believes. “You can’t put a dollar value on what students learn in foreign study,” he says. “It changes who they are as people.”

Eure had that experience himself on the Cuba trip. He said he was amazed at the contradictions he saw there. “The weather is beautiful but brutal. The people are beautiful but also browbeaten and broken down. Havana is beautiful but crumbling—

whoever gets the paint contract on that city will make a fortune. There are ritzy hotels but two blocks away there’s the low-rent district where people don’t have clothes.” Eure says he was angered by the fact that everyday Cubans don’t have access to the amenities provided for tourists. They aren’t even allowed to enter the tourist hotels, restaurants, and beaches unless they work there, he
said. And even if they could get in, they wouldn’t be able to afford anything because of the two-tier economy in which dollars and pesos both function. Cubans receive state salaries in pesos that make it impossible for them to afford the tourist amenities charged in dollars.

The highlight of the trip for Eure was being invited to the home of a Havana faculty member for a party with other Cuban educators. “They had food and drink and good conversation for us, and we had a good time,” he says. But the evening was another example of contradictions. A friend of the host kindly offered to drive the Wake Forest guests back to their hotel, but he had to keep a log in his car to show that he had justification for being on that road in case he was stopped by police. “He was just doing us a favor but he had to worry about being caught,” Eure says.

Earl Smith attended that party with Eure and says it was also the trip’s highlight for him. “We got to visit with them in their home with no script. We were welcomed as members of the family. We ate, drank, danced, and were very warmly received,” Smith says. “The warmth we received with all Cubans we came in contact with was wonderful.”

Smith says one of the reasons he wanted to visit Cuba was to get a first-hand view of how the embargo had destroyed the ability of Cuba to advance. “I would say that in light of the devastation created by the blockade, the Cuban people have not only survived but have made progress in their lives with what they have to work with,” Smith says. “What I also saw was that this place is devasted. It is one step away from sinking—you can see that in the architecture, in the transportation, in the people’s faces—but it is also one step away from U.S. capitalism coming in 300 percent. Creeping capitalism is ready to pounce the minute Castro is gone. This is a country at the brink.”

Because the U.S. blockade prevents the free flow of goods that would keep prices down, most Cubans can’t afford or get access to things that Americans would consider basic, like Tylenol. The Wake Forest group observed refrigerators being sold for a thousand dollars when many Cubans live on less than forty dollars a month. New cars are also out of reach for most, as are parts for old cars that break down. Most of the Cubans who do have material goods get them from family members who live in the U.S., and that’s why it takes so long to board a charter flight to Cuba. Cuban-Americans traveling to see their families are loaded down with bags of medicines and toiletries—Earl Smith even saw someone carrying tire rims—and all those bags

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Despite these difficulties, Smith says the people seemed happy. “We didn’t see people waiting to escape. We saw people going to work and taking their kids to school, walking and shopping in the market. We could have been in Chicago or Los Angeles; people were just going about their daily lives,” he said.

As a sociologist interested in poverty, Smith sees great possibilities for study in Cuba. He’s interested in the socialism experiment in Cuba that creates difficulties for people on one level but also provides free healthcare and education and a virtually crime-free society. Smith is working on a possible exchange program and is excited about the prospect of taking his own professional interest in sports to Cuba. “How can such an impoverished nation produce so many great athletes?” he asks. “My students would benefit from new knowledge obtained about sport in underdeveloped countries and why places like Cuba and Kenya are outdistancing athletes from the developed world. We know very little about this.”

Wilkerson said Cuba is also the perfect place for business students to learn about business issues in a developing country, foreign investment in an increasingly global economy and cross-cultural ethics issues. “Business in a Third World country is a whole different mindset. Illegal bribery is a way of business life in some countries, and students who may end up working in these situations need to be aware of that,” he says. Wilkerson hopes to arrange short-term study tours during Christmas or spring break. He would also like to arrange for Cuban faculty members to visit Wake Forest. “It’s a crying need of their faculty members to go to places where they can use the resources,” he notes.

A business study tour would almost certainly include a tour of a cigar factory, one of the places the...
Wake Forest group visited. “It was a sweatshop,” says Pia Wood. “They had horrendous working conditions. Long hours, no breaks, no air conditioning, no fire escapes. They’re paid by the cigar, so they’re under pressure to work quickly in this environment.”

Wood says that despite the poor conditions the group witnessed, they also saw great beauty. “I was astonished by the beauty of Havana, even though it is deteriorating,” she says. “I was also surprised by the friendliness of the people. There was no hostility toward Americans and they seemed genuinely interested in talking to us.”

Wilkerson was surprised by the nineteen-fifties feel of Havana. “I felt like I was in an episode of I Love Lucy. The bands had that Ricky Ricardo sound, the waiters had linens and were dressed in suits, the cars were all from that era,” he says.

The feeling that time had stopped in 1959 was also what struck Peggy Smith, who had visited Cuba as a child and found that not much had changed. “Other places have had the last forty years of commercial tourism, but there’s none of that in Cuba. No McDonald’s, no billboards except those about the virtues of the revolution, very few cars,” she says. “All of this makes Havana more distinctive. Whatever you want to say about Castro, he has saved Cuba from homogenization. Except for the revolution, Havana would look like Las Vegas, Miami, and Nassau. It is clear capitalism is poised to enter the country, and I would wish the Cuban government has some plans in place to control and shape it. The big question is, can Havana accommodate increasing commercial interest and retain its soul.”

As an architectural historian, Smith was of course intrigued by Havana’s architecture. The buildings, designed in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, incorporate arcades and courtyards to cool the Caribbean climate. Colors of turquoise, pink, gold, and ochre abound. The scale of the buildings—from four to seven stories—is very human, she said, and trees and plazas add to the pleasant feel. Smith plans to include some of what she learned about Cuba’s architectural and urban history in a seminar she’s teaching this spring, and she hopes to bring an exhibit by Cuban artists to Wake Forest.

In a newspaper editorial published in August, Smith wrote: “In a strange twist of fate, the lack of market pressures in Cuba under communism has maintained an authenticity in its historic, natural and visual environment that will almost certainly be lost once the country is open to capitalism. We Americans take for granted the bounty of a consumerist society. Long ago, we accepted the trade-off of a visually polluted society. Interestingly, many Americans who have visited Cuba recently say the same thing: aren’t we lucky to see the country before it’s spoiled.”
LET THE ANNALS SHOW THAT in mid-December of the first year of a new century, nine men left Athens, Ohio, determined to change the course of college football history. The leader, who grew up in Huntington, West Virginia as the son of a policeman, flew ahead with his wife to secure the appointment. The other eight followed almost immediately in two vehicles, slipping and sliding along the icy highways and byways for more than eight hours before reaching their destination of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Their journey to tackle a hard job was determined to be what many have said cannot be done. They came to make Wake Forest a consistent winner in football.

Way back in 1892, the year before five-year-old Knute Rockne emigrated with his family from Norway to Chicago, the fifth intercollegiate football team ever fielded at Wake Forest beat Asheville Athletics, Washington
& Lee, Richmond, and Tennessee and tied Virginia Military Institute to finish a dazzling 4-0-1.

The next century—during which Wake Forest won 347 games, lost 542, tied 31, and enjoyed just 28 winning seasons—was largely downhill from there. The Deacons did have their day in the middle of the century under Douglas Clyde “Peahead” Walker, who over 14 falls coached 77 victories and nine winning teams. But the sun set after Walker, denied a $500 raise, migrated north after the 1950 season to coach in the Canadian Football League.

Three seasons later Wake Forest cast its intercollegiate lot with a fledging affiliation know as the Atlantic Coast Conference and the rest is some pretty dismal gridiron history. For in the 48 years since, the Deacons have won 91 games, lost 233, tied 10, celebrated 10 winning seasons and finished above break-even in conference play just six times.

Men on a Mission

by Dan Collins

Jim Grobe and his squad of eight have come to do the improbable: make Wake Forest a consistent winner in football. Doing the improbable is nothing they haven’t done before.
Of all the universities to ever play NCAA Division I football, only Kent State has compiled a winning percentage lower than that of Wake Forest. And of the nine schools in the ACC, eight have won more than they’ve lost.

The Deacons, meanwhile, have won fewer than two out of five. Their all-time winning percentage, through the 2-9 season of 2000, is .395.

Jim Grobe has heard, and duly noted, all the admonitions that he is attempting the impossible. The advice, while generally well-intentioned, is nothing he hasn’t been told before.

Accordingly, Ron Wellman, the director of athletics at Wake Forest, didn’t hire Grobe as the Deacons’ head football coach because Grobe is a solid, honest, and driven man easy to like and even easier to respect—though those who know him best seem to appreciate those qualities in him most. Wellman hired Grobe because of what Grobe had done in his six years at Ohio University. It was there Grobe turned one of the most abysmal programs imaginable around and set it right.

In the 10 seasons before Grobe left his assistant’s position at the Air Force Academy to become Ohio University’s head coach, the Bobcats won 17 games. In the six years under Grobe, they won 33 and lost 33 and finished with winning records in the Mid-American Conference five straight seasons.

“I had more friends call me and tell me that I’d lost my mind when I went to Ohio University,” Grobe recalls. “They really thought that I had committed career suicide. We were ranked, at Ohio University, 108th in the country among 1-A teams, and I think there were only 107 teams. It was bad.

“When I went to Ohio University everybody thought that I had bitten off more than I could chew. And after I came here, everybody is calling and saying ‘Hey that’s the perfect fit.’”

The question that followed Grobe all the way from Athens was how he can succeed where so many others have failed. In the last 30 years, Wake Forest has counted among its list of football coaches such notables as the late Cal Stoll (who, in 1970, won the school’s only ACC championship), John Mackovic (recently hired as head coach at Arizona University), Al Groh (recently hired as head coach at Virginia), and Bill Dooley (who left both North Carolina and Virginia Tech as the all-time winningest coach at both schools).


“It’s not just quality of life,’ says a long-time assistant of Grobe. ‘It’s the fact that you believe in the man. You believe in what he stands for.’
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An intensely competitive man himself, Wellman has spent his nine years as the Deacons’ director of athletics attempting to find a solution that has eluded him and his predecessors of the last 50 years.

And not even the most recent evidence derived from the eight years the program was coached by Jim Caldwell—Wellman’s first hire for the position, who won 26 games while losing 63—has deterred Wellman from his conviction that the Deacons one day soon will join Northwestern, Kansas State, and Oregon State on the list of one-time football fodder that learned to give better than it got.

“We aren’t that far away,” Wellman said. “We really aren’t. It’s just a matter of getting a few more good kids, a few more great athletes and the right type of approach to coaching and we’ll get over this hump. I’m absolutely convinced of that.

“Our history is not one of winning consistently, but there are a lot of schools emerging today as winning programs whose history has not been much better than ours.”

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Mention the conventional wisdom that Wake Forest will never win consistently in football, and one can see the shadows of fire emanating from Ron Wellman’s naturally calm and collected demeanor.

“That’s bogus,” Wellman said. “That is just absolutely bogus. It can be done at Wake Forest and it will be done at Wake Forest.”

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The Hunt for Big Red

Inside a nuclear submarine—still armed and prowling, even in peace.

by Douglas C. Waller ('71)

The United States and Russia are practically allies, albeit wary ones. Their soldiers serve together in the Balkans. Moscow now has a rowdy press, and American political consultants have trekked to the capital to advise candidates on how to manage political campaigns in free-wheeling elections. The Soviet Union exists no more, shattered into fifteen countries, most of which have a per capita gross domestic product no larger than the Dominican Republic’s. The great Red Army is a shell of its former self. Most Russian nuclear submarines remain tied to piers; nearby villagers donate potatoes and vegetables to keep the crews fed.

But one routine in the United State Navy has changed little since the end of the Cold War. Every two weeks, an American Trident nuclear submarine still slips quietly away from its pier and sinks deep into the dark sea to relieve one of the ten ballistic missile subs that remain on constant patrol in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Each Trident has twenty-four long-range missiles with about 120 highly accurate nuclear warheads, whose explosive power is twice as much as what was detonated by all the conventional weapons in World War II. And locked in safes aboard each Trident are top-secret targeting plans for those warheads to reduce Russia or any country the United States might consider hostile to radioactive rubble.

Why do these Armageddon machines still lurk beneath the ocean? Why do the Navy’s best and brightest sailors still volunteer to sail in these “boomers” (the service’s nickname for its ballistic missile subs), cutting themselves off from family and friends for months of lonely patrols?

Submarines are shrouded in mystery and danger, their steel skins keeping tons of water and death from rushing in (or not, as Russia’s Kursk discovered tragically last year), their submariners cultivating a rakish image (in World War II sub captains were considered barely a step above war criminals because they sank ships while hidden under the sea). I set out to write a book about the most fearsome of these underwater beasts and asked the Navy to let me aboard one of its Tridents.

The doors didn’t open quickly. I had written several books on the armed forces that had been well received in military circles, but that didn’t give me a free pass with the submarine service, which is secretive and doesn’t warm to outsiders. But eventually I was granted more access to a Trident than any journalist had ever had. The boat I was allowed to chronicle was the USS Nebraska, a $1.8-billion Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine home ported at the King Bay Naval Base along the Georgia coast.
That explains the book’s title—BIG RED: Three Months On Board a Trident Nuclear Submarine. “Big Red” is the nickname for the University of Nebraska and the submarine adopted it for its own. In fact, the Trident and the state have adopted one another. The sub is filled with University of Nebraska memorabilia—pennants, helmets, framed game photos, glass-encased footballs from championship seasons. Nebraska citizens are routinely invited to the sub for day cruises and the Big Red Sub Club of Nebraska often flies the boat’s sailors to the state where they’re treated like royalty. Visit Nebraska and its folks will tell you there are three things they’re proud of: corn, a football team, and a Trident sub named after their state.

The first thing I noticed when I climbed into the Nebraska was that I didn’t feel claustrophobic, which shouldn’t have been too surprising. The 18,750-ton vessel is 563 feet long. Stood up, it’s taller than the Washington monument. At its center, the sub is over four stories high and wider than a three-lane highway. (Russia’s Typhoon-class missiles sub, incidentally, is even bigger, with so much room inside that it has a pool and aviary for the crew.) The only time I felt cramped was lying in my sleeping compartment, a box measuring twenty-seven inches wide, eighty inches long and twenty-one inches high, with a fan blowing in cool air. It felt like an air-conditioned coffin.

The fifteen officers and 147 enlisted men aboard the Nebraska were young. The average age of these men entrusted with blowing up their part of the world was just twenty-four (women, who can serve on Navy surface ships and in combat planes, are still barred from subs). The captain
BIG RED tells the story of one three-month patrol aboard the Nebraska. Powered by a nuclear reactor with a uranium core no bigger than a subcompact car, the boat could steam under water for decades. But a patrol lasts about eighty days because the boat doesn’t have enough room for food to feed the crew much past that. Eighty days is also about as much as the crew can stand being cooped up in a giant black pipe staring at the same faces.

The days are spent conducting endless drills training to fight World War III and to deal with emergencies, such as fire or flooding or combat with an enemy attack sub. Only the President of the United States can authorize the use of America’s nuclear weapons. That order, written in a special code, would be transmitted by low-frequency radio signal to the Nebraska. The movie Crimson Tide, in which a Trident almost begins an accidental nuclear exchange, was a scary Hollywood drama. In a real Trident, elaborate safeguards are in place to make sure that the submarine captain receives a legitimate order from the President, and to keep a rogue captain from

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was just thirty-nine when he took command of the sub. The submariners were a far cry from characters out of U-571. Most were introverts who’d been techno-nerds in high school. The Nebraska’s officers were top students in their college classes, many with advanced degrees. Almost all the chiefs had at least a bachelor’s degree and most of the sailors working under them were working toward one.

I found their world so different from the one I left on land, beginning with their circadian cycle. On patrol, the men lived by an eighteen-hour day instead of the twenty-four-hour one I was used to: six hours on watch, six hours working in their departments, and six off. Their officers and chiefs were almost lily-white. Minorities mainly were in the enlisted ranks. Most of the crew came from broken or troubled homes, a phenomena found in other subs. The men in this steel womb become the family they never had growing up.

And as in a family, everyone knows everyone else’s business aboard a Trident. Everyone watches everyone else. For good reason. A screwball no one pays attention to is too dangerous to have aboard a vessel that carries nuclear weapons. In addition to their top-secret security clearances, crewmen who work with the Trident’s missiles, which cost $50 million apiece, have their financial and medical records, even their personal lives, regularly screened. The sub routinely conducts counter-terrorist exercises to test how the crew would react to one of its members going berserk and trying to take over the weapons.

With crew members carefully watching, the author takes his turn driving the boat.
launching the missiles on his own. Four crewmen in different parts of the sub must turn keys or pull a trigger to launch the missiles. And one of the keys is locked in a safe, to which no one on board has the combination; it comes with the launch order from the President.

It may be hard for outsiders to fathom, but practically every man aboard the Nebraska fervently believed that the sub’s mission—nuclear deterrence—was still critical. They might grumble about the chow in the crew’s mess or about silly rules in the Navy. Around holidays, they would complain about being away from loved ones. Why does the Navy insist on keeping Tridents underwater on Christmas when both the United States and Russia now celebrate it?

The politicians may be friends, but the generals aren’t. Russia still conducts mock attacks against the West with its strategic forces. Russian subs may be tied to the pier but they can still fire their ballistic missiles in port. China has a small nuclear arsenal as well and hostile nations such as Iran and Iraq are eager to build them.

The Nebraska’s crew had troubling reminders during its patrol that the world around them could still be a dangerous place. The day the sub set sail in May 1999, NATO warplanes were bombing Serb forces in Kosovo. The month before, Russian President Boris Yeltsin had warned that his country might be drawn into the conflict, which could lead to “a world war.” During the Nebraska patrol, NATO jets accidentally bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade and two Russian strategic bombers on a military exercise were intercepted by American F-15’s over Iceland. Atomic weapons cannot be uninvented. The men of the Nebraska still believe their silent sentinel is needed. Each time their submarine sets sail they take grim pride in the fact that it becomes the sixth-largest nuclear power in the world.

The Nebraska crew goes to battle stations to simulate war with the enemy.

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In 1953, Russell Brantley ('45) was on journalism’s fast track. He had already served as city editor of the Concord Tribune, worked as night editor for the Associated Press in Charlotte, and had recently been promoted to managing editor of the Durham Morning Herald. Only two years before he had married Elizabeth Jones ('44), a reporter for the Raleigh Times and daughter of legendary Wake Forest professor Broadus Jones and his energetic wife, Nannie.

And now here was Brantley’s alma mater presenting yet another opportunity. The College wanted him to serve as its news bureau chief during the transition from the original campus in Wake County to its new home in Winston-Salem.

Russell Brantley’s co-workers at the Durham newspaper—mostly Carolina alumni—couldn’t imagine why he’d even be interested in the job. “They had a pool going about how long I would last,” Brantley says now, sitting at the kitchen table in his home on Faculty Drive skirting the south side of campus. “I think the outside figure they gave was six months.” He laughs.

The bet is still unresolved. Though he retired from his official post as Wake Forest’s director of communications in 1987, Brantley continues as special consultant to Thomas K. Hearn Jr., the third Wake Forest president who has benefited from his counsel and craftsmanship with words. “I went to work at Wake Forest only because I wanted to see a college move,” Brantley claims, speaking in characteristically measured phrases. What Brantley could not have anticipated, however, was just how far the College would move—not only geographically, but in reach and stature.

While most of the world’s most distinguished colleges and universities are identified over long years by their locations—the architectural landmarks that host generations of faculty and students, the signature landscapes that stir proud memories among alumni—Wake Forest took a bold risk in pulling up roots and moving to Winston-Salem. Taking that institutional risk appealed to Brantley, himself a risk taker. This is the man who rode a Harley Davidson in the nineteen-sixties, took up rock climbing in his late fifties, mastered the difficult cliffs of the High Sierras, and all the while faced down Wake Forest’s sharpest critics and the inquisitive press.

And now Brantley has stepped to another edge. He has exposed his most personal joys and disappointments in a book of highly accomplished poems titled Fetch-Life, issued last fall by Stratford Press. In this collection, which poet Isabel Zuber has characterized as “strong, intense, and haunting,” Brantley begins with an unblinking account of his boyhood fantasies, his short-lived innocence, and what would become a lifelong attraction to inclement weather—meteorological and otherwise:

He believes there are no worms on the tree,
Only blossoms and their promise of apples.
The enemy comes closer—wind and rain, eels of lightning, great slams of thunder. He believes they know what they are doing and they are wicked. But he is Bomba, prince of the jungle who fears no evil and is powerful in his slabbed fort and khaki shorts...

Born in rural Zebulon, North Carolina, Russell Brantley had a reformist’s streak from the beginning. He challenged his Baptist Sunday School teachers’ renditions of Bible stories, and he also got an early dose of the hypocrisy of otherwise pious adults when his mother came home from work telling stories of illicit liaisons she overheard as a local telephone operator.

Brantley’s father, a graduate of Oak Ridge Military Academy, was a traveling drug salesman, who, Brantley says, “was very imaginative and wrote beautifully—both his words and his penmanship.” Brantley’s penchant for well-wrought words was most likely inherited from his father, but his long-term love affair with books was kindled by his mother. Because of an unusual blood condition that caused him to bleed too freely from the slightest scrape, Brantley’s mother discouraged him from physical activity. Instead, young Russell became the boy who lives on books and whimsy, as he explains in Fetch-Life. Brantley consumed Tarzan, the Hardy Boys, and Mark Twain. The latter is still a favorite.

Brantley always believed he was bound for college, but when the time came, he found that his father had some definite ideas. “You can’t go to Duke,” he told him. “They’re too expensive and too snooty. You can’t go to Carolina; you already like to party too much. If they’ll take you up at Wake Forest, then we can talk.”
The campus, circled by a low rock wall with its ancient buildings screened by ancient trees, is another make believe to him, its brief intellectual excitements to be indulged with cultivated scorn.

With a twenty-five-dollar scholarship, Brantley was admitted to Wake Forest, where he lived in the basement of Professor A.L. Aycock's house. That Brantley had his own private entrance was a blessing, he says, following so many late-evening parties. "I pledged one fraternity and then asked for my pledge money back so that I could take a trip to the beach instead." Brantley's grin is full of mischief. "I'm afraid I wasn't a very good fraternity man." Neither was he a particularly motivated student. It would be some years before he came to recognize the value of his English major and the powerful influence of his professors.

After graduation, Brantley undertook a variety of assignments as a freshman newspaper reporter, finding only more fodder for his skeptical view of religious extremism and his awareness of the fallibility of human nature.

He polishes his cynicism and loves watching the bald man hand out snakes to his Christ-bitten followers in this used to be neighborhood grocery next to an empty tobacco warehouse....

The people hiss and shout and come apart and the boy remembers he is a newspaperman who believes he seeks reality.

Only from hindsight does the job Brantley took with Wake Forest College seem such a perfect fit with the early events that shaped him. As the behind-the-scenes analyst of disputes ranging from free speech on campus to the regulation of student behavior, the wordsmith would help pioneer a path toward greater ecumenism and the protection of academic freedom. Weaving his clear, dispassionate prose through countless press releases and news stories, Russell Brantley brought an unswerving belief in the importance of objectivity.

As it turned out, says Hearn, "Russell Brantley has lived his whole adult life in dialogue with Wake Forest, and he has been an agent in shaping how we have understood our challenges and our institutional culture." Such distinguished service has led to his informal designation by many campus observers as the conscience of Wake Forest University.

"The most admirable thing about Russell Brantley is the way in which he never let his official responsibilities get in the way of his integrity as a journalist," says Edwin G. Wilson ('43), a revered English professor and former dean and provost whose long career at Wake Forest has covered the same period. Long before the term "spin doctor" was coined, Brantley was helping Wake Forest present itself and its future vision to the public. "But he was not an image maker," Wilson explains. "Russell was a writer and a journalist first—always forthright and honest."

"The faculty probably never had an adequate notion of how much work he did," says Thomas Mullen, who served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1968 to 1995. "He never sang his own praises." Likewise, says Mullen, Brantley refused to use superlatives or to overstate Wake Forest's accomplishments to the press. Even during the storms of controversy with the Baptist State Convention, Brantley was surefooted.

Nevertheless, his most serious trial by fire on the job was, in part, one of his own making.

When the Baptist-appointed trustees of the College voted to allow dancing on campus in 1957, the State Baptist Convention moved to rescind the decision. The rhetoric soon heated up sufficiently to gain the attention of Time magazine. Brantley says that while the convention argued on, "I was sitting around with some newspaper guys, and we decided somebody ought to do a funny story about the whole thing." The result was Russell Brantley's first and only novel, The Education of Jonathan Beam, published in 1962 by Macmillan. The book went into a second printing nationwide and scandalized many Baptist leaders.

Brantley's youthful parody of piety stirred things up just as President Harold Tribble's bold but beleaguered administration had begun to settle in on the new campus. In a called meeting, the trustees voted to take no action against Brantley. However, a group of ministers then called for the selection of a new slate of trustees for the college, citing Brantley and his book among other complaints.
For his part, Brantley never considered resignation. “I’m stubborn,” he says. “They were going to have to fire me. But because they didn’t, I felt I had an obligation to stay.”

He stayed through the Tribble years and for the entire tenure of President James Ralph Scales, a highly literate man who shared Brantley’s love of words. And then, when Thomas Hearn came to the helm, Brantley was one of the chief bearers of institutional memory and a valuable interpreter of the political landscape on campus at the time. He was, as Hearn says, “the deliverer of the truth unvarnished.”

Brantley would also serve as one of the key architects of the formal disengagement of Wake Forest University with the State Baptist Convention in fall 1986, a project he relished. Brantley believed that the institution had simply spent too much energy haggling over policy issues in the name of conflicting religious positions. His attraction to the Baptist viewpoint was and still is the doctrine of the free church and the independent priesthood of believers—a notion, he suggests, that ought to embrace divergent views rather than attempt to enforce a rigid vision.

*It is true I love storms better than most*, Brantley writes in *Fetch-Life*. And today the storms rage on. Most recently, he was called upon to serve as resource person to the president’s committee considering University policy on same-sex unions in Wait Chapel, a debate that would have been unspeakable when Brantley began his work nearly a half century ago.

Of his most recent role as a campus poet, Brantley says it was simply time to put together a book. Fellow poet and longtime neighbor Emily Herring Wilson sees it as something more significant: “Russell has always provided Wake Forest with a radical impulse, and now with his turn to poetry he has also extended our tradition of the word—literary, historical, and autobiographical.”

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Brantley writes obliquely about the aftermath of this loss and dedicates the collection to his late son. Sales from the book are being applied to the purchase of library books in his memory. Now as Lib fights lung cancer herself, Brantley’s celebratory poems about their marriage are all the more poignant as well.

Most days, Brantley still runs over to campus for a meeting or two while Lib does volunteer work in town. They treasure their visits with son Ben, chief drama critic for *The New York Times*, and daughter Robin, who is executive assistant to Richard H. Dean, director of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and the University’s senior vice president for health affairs. When the weather warms, they’ll likely head for their mountain retreat in Virginia. Brantley admits it can be difficult to write up there, the view from the fifty-some windows in their frame house is a huge distraction. But he already has nearly enough poems for a second book.

The man who loves storms plans to keep throwing his carefully chosen words at the world—some like lightning bolts and others more gentle. *Perhaps fetch-life will give me a scare!* he writes, and *old age swindle me toward greener pastures.* W
ENGLISH TEACHER Mary Beth Pucciano Braker (’91, MAEd ’96) received the 2000 Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award at Founders’ Day Convocation last month.

Braker, who teaches at East Chapel Hill High School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, received the Waddill Award on the secondary level. Braker worked for the Postmaster General in Washington, D.C., for several years before returning to Wake Forest to earn her master’s degree in education.

Martha Williams Newson (‘84), a fifth-grade teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina, received the primary award at Opening Convocation last fall. Newson has taught at Charlotte Country Day School since 1985.

Newson and Braker are serving on the selection committee for the 2001 awards. The committee is currently evaluating materials from the forty-three teachers nominated and will soon select three to five finalists on each level. The two winners will be named in May.

The deadline for the 2002 Waddill Awards is December 7. To nominate yourself or someone else, send a letter of no more than one page describing the nominee’s strengths as a teacher to Dr. Joseph O. Milner in the Wake Forest education department or complete the online form at www.wfu.edu/alumni/events/waddill.html.

WHEN ASSISTANT Professor of Dance Nina Lucas received the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching at Founders’ Day Convocation in February, it marked the 30th anniversary of the award, named for two alumni.

The award, which includes a cash prize, was first given in 1971 to David K. Evans in Anthropology and John M. Reinhardt in Politics, both of whom went on to have long distinguished careers at Wake Forest.

The award was originally funded by the University and the First Baptist Church of Greensboro. In 1986, the award was named the Reid-Doyle Prize in recognition of the generosity of Wilbur Doyle (’48) of Martinsville, Virginia, who endowed the prize in honor of A.C. Reid (’17, MA ’18), his philosophy professor. Reid, who died in 1988, was chairman of the philosophy department for forty-six years.

A committee of former recipients, students of the nominees, and administrators select the recipient, who has to be at or below the rank of assistant professor. The award is also supported by the Alumni Council and the Alumni Association.
THIS SPRING, Wake Forest will host a record number of alumni and friends for a Volunteer Leadership Conference. Members of the alumni councils and boards of visitors from the College, Calloway School, and all the professional schools will meet for a joint conference in conjunction with the public kickoff for the “Campaign for Wake Forest: Honoring the Promise” on April 26.

One of the great strengths of Wake Forest is its network of dedicated volunteers, including the more than seven hundred alumni and friends who serve on various boards. We are grateful to all those who serve the University, whether on a board, or representing Wake Forest at a college fair, or helping students find jobs, or in other important ways.

I hope you have seen the new electronic newsletter, What’s New @ WFU. The e-newsletter is a quick and easy way to have news from Wake Forest sent straight to you once every month. If you are not currently receiving What’s New @ WFU, see the accompanying article for details on how to sign up.

We are about three quarters of the way through the University’s fiscal year, and I am pleased to report that the College Fund is well on its way to meeting its 2000/01 goal of $2.625 million. I want to thank everyone who has supported the College Fund to date.

Annual, unrestricted gifts are critical to providing money for scholarships and financial aid, but they also benefit Wake Forest in other ways. One of the components used by U.S. News and World Report to rank colleges is percentage of alumni giving. Wake Forest already has a very impressive alumni giving percentage—second among ACC schools and thirteenth overall among the nation’s top fifty colleges—but we can still improve. I urge all alumni to make a gift—no matter what the amount—to help us raise our alumni participation rate even higher!

There are numerous Wake Forest Club events and Wake Forest Days coming up. Be sure to sign up for the events in your area. And it’s not too early to start planning for Homecoming 2001. Mark your calendars for October 26-27 and make plans to travel back to Winston-Salem for a wonderful weekend!

Bobby Burchfield ('76)
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association

Electronic newsletter provides up-to-date WFU news

The Office of University Advancement has created a monthly electronic newsletter, What’s New @ WFU, to bring the latest Wake Forest news directly to you via e-mail. The newsletter is designed to provide a sampling of news and athletic stories, features on faculty and students, and stories on the graduate and professional schools to quickly bring you up-to-date on all parts of the University.

What’s New @ WFU is “delivered” around the 6th of each month. A message titled “What’s New @ WFU” will appear in your e-mail inbox and can be opened and read like any other e-mail message. Each issue has a table of contents that provides a brief description of each item in that month’s newsletter, so readers can quickly scan the list to find those items of most interest to them. Many of the items provide links that will quickly take you to the full stories on the Wake Forest Web page.

If you do not currently receive What’s New @ WFU and wish to subscribe, visit the alumni Web site at www.wfu.edu/alumni and look for the link for What’s New @WFU in the “More Information” column.
Wake Forest clubs and presidents

FOR THE LATEST listing of club activities, visit the Alumni and Friends Web site (www.wfu.edu/alumni) and look under “Regional Club Organizations,” or call the Office of Alumni Activities, (336) 758-4278.

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Join fellow Wake Foresters for fun and fellowship in a city near you! Wake Forest Days are back for the fourth year in a row in 21 cities in April and May. Come out for a full day of events including golf and tennis outings, evening alumni receptions, programs for professional school alumni, and receptions for newly-admitted students. Speakers include President Hearn, Senior Vice President Ed Wilson (’43), Divinity School Dean Bill Leonard, Director of Athletics Ron Wellman, new football coach Jim Grobe, and basketball coach Dave Odom. Check out the alumni Web site (www.wfu.edu/alumni) for the date and details of the event closest to you.

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An equal opportunity donor

Gift endows scholarship fund for the low and middle income

AN ANONYMOUS donor has given $4 million—one of the largest individual gifts in the University’s history—to endow a scholarship fund for lower- and middle-income students and other students from the University’s traditional student constituency.

The Heritage Scholarship will be awarded to as many as thirty-two new and returning students for the fall 2001 semester.

“This is one of the more remarkable acts of philanthropy that I have ever been associated with,” said President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. “The donor is deeply committed to helping deserving students have the opportunity for a Wake Forest education. He clearly understands the need for scholarships at private universities and knew that scholarships are the top priority of our capital campaign.”

While University officials often work with donors who request anonymity, what makes this gift unusual, especially considering the amount, is that no one at the University knows who the donor is, said Robert D. Mills ('71, MBA '80), associate vice president for University Advancement. Mills was contacted several months ago by the donor’s investment manager at a Wall Street firm.

The donor, identified only as someone close to the Wake Forest family for the last decade, recently transferred stock valued at approximately $4 million to the University. Unless he decides otherwise, his identity will remain secret for his lifetime and that of his spouse, Mills said.

The donor asked that his gift be used to fund scholarships. With his approval, University officials created the Heritage Scholarship for students from lower- and middle-income families, those from small towns and rural areas, and those who are the first in their families to attend college.

“This will help us attract a group of students whose numbers are declining at private schools across the nation,” said Bill Wells ('74), director of financial aid. “These are students who cannot afford the full cost of private higher education, but who have not traditionally qualified for significant amounts of financial assistance. We will now be in a much stronger position to help bridge the financial gap that keeps many students from pursuing their dreams of studying here.”

The scholarship will cover up to 75 percent of all expenses, depending on a student’s financial need.

In a statement to the University, the donor specified that the scholarship recipients should have “a record of outstanding academic achievement or potential; a high degree of intellectual curiosity; the enthusiasm and courage to take advantage of a college opportunity; a sense of service and social responsibility; and perhaps special talents in some aspect of the liberal arts.”

“To me, what he is defining is what we like to think of as our traditional students, those who may not have had a lot when they came here, but who had a hunger to learn and a desire to make the best of a college education,” Mills said.
Global economist

Farr gift endows post in international economics

DAVID (’77) AND LELIA J. Farr (’77) of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a $1.5 million commitment to endow a professorship in international economics. Their gift will be used to hire a new professor in the economics department who could also teach in the Calloway and Babcock schools.

“We are extremely grateful to the Farrs for their generosity and for helping strengthen our faculty in such a significant way,” said President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. “Faculty support, along with student support, is the priority of the capital campaign, and I appreciate the Farrs’ willingness to make an early commitment.”

David Farr, chief executive officer of Emerson, was a chemistry major at Wake Forest, but has spent all of his career in business. Lelia Farr, an economics major, was most recently the managing director of management consulting services at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the company’s Cleveland, Ohio, office. She currently serves on the Wake Forest Alumni Council.

“We have chosen to endow a professorship based on our desire to honor the tremendous impact that quality professors had on our Wake Forest experience,” Lelia Farr said. “The targeted expertise of the endowed professorship is based on our keen interest in international finance and economics given our careers and global experience.”

“Supporting Wake Forest has always been an important priority for us,” David Farr added. “Aside from great memories of our years there, including meeting each other freshman year, the outstanding education we received at Wake Forest has been a fundamental building block of our careers and life success.”

The Farr’s gift may initially be used to bring a distinguished visiting professor in international economics to campus before a new professor is hired. The professorship will enhance the salary for the position as well as provide funds for books, supplies, travel, and research. The professorship may eventually be converted into a University Chair, which would provide additional financial support and allow the hiring of a nationally or internationally known scholar.

“The economics department is one of our strongest departments, distinguished by the quality of its teaching, its research, and its variety of scholarly perspectives,” said Dean of the College Paul Escott. “The emphasis of this professorship on international economics aids our efforts to internationalize our campus and curriculum and promote study abroad.”

There are currently twelve faculty members in the economics department. Sixty to seventy students major in economics and mathematical economics each year. The department already has several courses that focus on international economics, including economic development, international finance, and international trade.

“The study of economics is becoming more important at the world level, certainly with international trade and other issues,” said Professor and Chair of Economics Allin Cottrell. “And we have a high level of student interest in international economics. A number of our students study abroad and come back with an interest in international economics.”

Senior Michael Shantz of Englewood, Colorado, graphs a solution to a question in his international finance class.
The tie that binds

Family with deep WFU roots funds undergrad aid program

With family ties to Wake Forest dating back almost to the University’s founding, Dr. George Edgar Eddins Jr. (‘42) of Albemarle, North Carolina, is reaching out to future generations of Wake Foresters by establishing a major undergraduate scholarship program.

Eddins recently made a cash gift to establish the Eddins Family Scholarship Fund and will add to the endowment through an estate commitment. Details of the scholarship are still being finalized, but it should be awarded to one or more students next fall.

Six generations of Eddins’ family have attended Wake Forest, beginning with his great-great uncle, John Catr Scarborough (1869), followed by his grandfather, Edgar Freeman Eddins (1885), and his father, George Edgar Eddins (‘17). His daughter, Beth (‘71, MA ‘75), married a classmate, W.J. “Digit” Laughridge III (‘69), and their daughter, Meredith, is a freshman.

“My grandfather (Edgar Freeman Eddins) had a definition of wisdom,” said Dr. Eddins, who is retired from general practice in Albemarle. “‘Wisdom is the accumulation of knowledge, the understanding of knowledge, and the proper use of knowledge.’ The family’s commitment to education, and our desire to see it continue to be available to everyone, is the reason I felt endowing this scholarship was important.”

Dr. Eddins said he was fortunate not to have to worry about paying for his education. “When I came to Wake Forest, I never paid any tuition,” he recalled. “Something was said about me being a fourth-generation student, and I received a scholarship. Of course, it was only $50 a semester then.”

As a Wake Forest parent, Eddins’ daughter, Beth Laughridge, said she can appreciate the need for scholarships since tuition is no longer quite so inexpensive. Beth and Digit Laughridge live in Campobello, South Carolina.

“For children of teachers and ministers, those from Wake Forest’s traditional constituency, that (tuition) is a lot of money,” Laughridge said. “The school has been able to do a nice job of providing need-based aid, but it is our hope that this scholarship will go further in helping those students from middle income families.”

There seemed to be no question for Meredith Laughridge that her college career would take her down the well-worn path to Wake Forest. But it wasn’t until she and her parents arrived for move-in day last fall that she realized she would occupy the same room in Babcock Residence Hall that her mother did.

“She started to put her key in the door and I said ‘Wait a minute. We have to talk,’” Beth Laughridge said. “I was dating her Dad when I had her room, and I remember sitting where my daughter’s bed is now having no idea that I would ever have a child, much less one at Wake Forest, much less one in my room!”

Meredith Laughridge said she is not worried about living up to the standards of her formidable family history. “It feels just perfect to be at Wake Forest,” she said. “I couldn’t see myself anywhere else.”
What one gives, one gets back

Scholarship gives handicapped students a helping hand

EIGHTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD Lib Burns firmly believes that one gets back the good-will that one puts forth in life, a belief strengthened by her experience as a scholarship donor at Wake Forest.

Burns, who has been hearing-impaired for most of her adult life, endowed a need-based scholarship for handicapped students in 1989. In the last few years, even as her scholarship was making it possible for disabled students to attend Wake Forest, her hearing was declining to the point that she rarely left her house in Kernersville, North Carolina. But the recipient of her scholarship changed all that.

Cynthia Harmon ('00), a native of Claremont, North Carolina, received numerous scholarships to attend Wake Forest, including the Lib and Joyner Burns Scholarship. The scholarship—named for Mrs. Burns and her late husband of 30 years, who died in 1973—provides partial tuition to one or more students each year; four undergraduates and one law student are receiving the scholarship this year.

Harmon had been hearing-impaired since kindergarten and became legally deaf during high school. She excelled in high school, but by the time she came to Wake Forest, she knew that she would need a stronger listening device to succeed in college.

She received funds from the Burns Scholarship Fund to pay for a new type of assistive listening device from the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The device significantly improved her ability to hear her professors. After Harmon wrote Burns to thank her, a friend of Burns, John Wolfe (JD ’70), wondered if the new device would help her as well.

Wolfe, who also lives in Kernersville, took Burns to the medical school, where she was fitted with the same device. She has experienced the same positive results as Harmon, and for the first time in years she can enjoy hearing the birds singing during the day as well as the faucet drip at night.

“This has been such a joy to me to see this happening,” she said of Harmon’s improved ability to hear as well as her own. “I have had the world opened back up to me.”

Burns has gone back to church now at Kernersville Moravian Church and can even enjoy phone conversations since she doesn’t have to rely on reading lips anymore. “I just wish Joyner were here to see this,” she said. “He would just be so happy!”

Harmon, a psychology major and one of only two students in her graduating class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, now works as a rehabilitation technician in a group home for mentally retarded teenagers near her hometown. She plans to do graduate work in the next couple of years and would like to eventually work with hearing-impaired people.

“I try to help other hearing-impaired people whenever possible and am always happy to see them do well,” she said. “This instance, however, was particularly gratifying to me because of the great positive influence Mrs. Burns’ scholarship had on my life.”

—LIZ SWITZER
Dear diaries

Albritton papers preserve 19th-century history

A LMOST A CENTURY after his death, Wake Forest alumnus John Thomas Albritton, a Baptist historian, preacher, and teacher, continues to reach students and researchers through his personal papers, recently donated to the Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

The collection consists of biographical information; his personal diaries dating from 1860-1877 and 1896-1906; scrapbooks containing letters and other items; and copies of articles he wrote for newspapers, including the Biblical Recorder.

After graduating from Wake Forest College in 1857, Albritton worked as an educator, publisher, and Baptist minister in eastern North Carolina until his death in 1906. He ministered to Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

The papers were donated by Albritton’s great granddaughter, Nettie Byrd Newman of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

“Preserving and sharing history, especially my family’s history, has always been very important to me,” she said. “I have enjoyed these wonderful diaries for many years. By giving them to Wake Forest, I hope more people may enjoy them as much as I have.”

In 1919, Albritton’s children donated $25,000 to Wake Forest to establish a chair in biblical studies in their father’s name. The Albritton Fund continues to support the Albritton Professorship—currently held by Professor of Religion Fred L. Horton Jr.—and the Albritton Lectures, which bring noted biblical scholarships to campus every three years. The fund also provides support for Horton’s archaeological work in the Middle East and the acquisition of research and instructional materials.

“The donation of the Albritton diaries broadens the family’s already significant legacy to the University,” Horton said. “I would like to see the right student use this material for a thesis in religion or history. The diaries are particularly interesting because they not only cover the Civil War but continue on into Reconstruction and the early twentieth century.”

Horton, an Episcopal priest who joined the faculty in 1970, was named Albritton Professor of the Bible in 1991, the third faculty member to hold the professorship.
Alumni College in Scotland
May 9 – 17, 2001
Journey into the heart and highlands of Scotland from Stirling, the ancient capital. You’ll be immersed in the culture of the Scottish town, where you’ll meet and mingle with friendly Scots. Day-long excursions will take you to Stirling Castle, Bannockburn, Edinburgh, the Scottish Highlands, and the Loch Ness. (Alumni Holidays International) From $2,595 (from Atlanta, all-inclusive)

Treasures of the Seine
May 15 – 26, 2001
This 12-day program combines two of the world’s great cities and one of the most historic regions in Europe. Begin your exploration in London before crossing the English Channel to France to begin your cruise along the world’s most romantic river and through the heart of Normandy. You’ll be pampered in high French style aboard M/S Normandie, a deluxe river cruise designed expressly for navigating the Seine. At the end of your journey, Paris, the “City of Lights,” awaits. (Alumni Holidays International) From $3,795 (from Atlanta, all-inclusive)

Alumni College in Tuscany
June 5 – 13, 2001
June 19 – 27, 2001
Discover Italy’s beautiful Tuscany region. Wander through verdant countryside. Sample fine Chianti wines. Marvel at stunning works of art and ancient edifices that have survived virtually untouched for thousand of years. Excursions to Florence, Siena, Montepulciano, and the Umbrian jewels of Perugia and Assisi complete the perfect educational and travel experience. (Alumni Holidays International) From $2,495 (from Atlanta, all-inclusive)

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1950s

Bill F. Hensley ('50) of Charlotte, NC, has been elected to membership in the Carolinas Golf Hall of Fame. A veteran writer and promotor, he was cited for his numerous contributions to the game during a 50-year career. He was named to the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame in 1997. He was the first sports information director at Wake Forest.

Ray K. Hodge ('50) and Joyce Harrell Hodge celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000. The dinner was given by their three children and their spouses, Mark and Joy Hodge Blashaw, Ben ('81) and Kate Hodge and Donna Ariosa. During Wake Forest Homecoming 2000, Hodge was inducted into the Half-century Club and was named as a Trustee Emeritus.

Hunter James ('54) has published an online book titled “The Rosary” (Boson Books), which is set on the old campus in Wake Forest, NC. Another novel, “The Candidate, the Commiss and the World’s Longest Camel” (Alibris, a Random House affiliate) is set in Winston-Salem. He has also signed a contract with the University Press of Kentucky for a nonfiction work called “The Last Days of the Big Grassy Fork: Old Winston and the New Patriarchs.” This will make a total of 11 books he has published or in the process of publishing.

Ben Sutton ('56) has retired after seven years of service to Greensboro College. He was the chief financial officer from 1994-1996 and since then has worked closely with officials on plans for several remodeling projects at the college. Before joining Greensboro College he held the position of chief financial officer at Chowan College for 30 years and at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia for three years. He plans to spend retirement working with his son's business, ISP Sports, a sports marketing firm in Winston-Salem. He is an active member of Irving Park United Methodist Church in Greensboro and a volunteer with Truliant Federal Credit Union. He has six children and five grandchildren.

Lloyd F. Baucom ('57, JD '61) was elected chairman of the Board of Law Examiners. He is a member of the Charlotte, NC, law firm of Baucom, Clayton, Benton, Morgan & Wood, P.A. He has been a member of the N.C. Board of Law Examiners since 1990. He is a member and past president of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, a member of the N.C. Bar Association, the N.C. State Bar and the American Bar Association. He is involved in a number of church and civic activities. He and his wife, Joan, live in Charlotte. They have two children, Jennifer and Jay, and two grandchildren.

Douglas A. Graham ('58) retired as professor and department chair in August after 32 years teaching botany at Barton College. He and his wife will move this spring from Wilson, NC, to Lake Norman to find a new venture and to play tennis. They have a 3-year-old grandson who lives in Durham, NC.

W. Richard Gentry (JD '64) resigned as partner in the West Chester, PA, law firm of Buckley, Nagle, Gentry, Brion, McGuire & Morris and accepted a position as counsel to the Blue Bell, PA, firm of Kaplin, Stewart, Meloff, Reiter & Stein. He joins the firm's real estate department and will limit his practice to land use matters.

Lowell McKinster ('61) has retired after 30 years in the Army and a nine-year second career as business administrator at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA. He has returned to Wayne, WV, to live near his 92-year-old father.

C. Wayne Dillon ('63) and his wife, Peggy Dillon, have moved into a new home in Fuquay Varina, a suburb of Raleigh, NC. Peggy works for the N.C. Department of Insurance and Wayne is director of teacher education for Campbell University, having retired from the N. C. Department of Public Instruction in 1995 after 32 years as a state employee.

Claude S. Sitton (JD '63) of Burke County was elected president of the N.C. Conference of Superior Court Judges for 2001 and was elected vice president of the N.C. Bar Association for 2000-2001.

Joe Clontz ('64) retired after 33 years working in the area of campus ministry with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. In 1967 he went to Western Carolina University as Baptist campus minister. In 1971 he and his family moved to Chapel Hill, NC, where he served as co-Baptist campus minister for 13 years. From 1984-2000 he was a student ministry consultant and director of volunteer student ministries for the Baptist State Convention.

If you have news you would like to share—promotions, awards, honors, announcements of marriage, births, adoptions, deaths, etc.—please send it to Christine Underwood, class notes editor, Wake Forest Magazine, P.O. Box 7205 Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7205. Internet: classnotes@wfmu.edu. We are sorry, but we cannot publish third-party news unless the person submitting it provides a telephone number for verification and accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information.
Alumni Profile

Major B. Harding ('57, JD '59)

Eye of the storm

IT ISN’T OFTEN THAT a presidential election isn’t decided on Election Day, and it is perhaps more unlikely that a university might find itself with ties to the drama in more ways than one. Two-thousand was that kind of year for Wake Forest. First, candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore debated in Wait Chapel on October 11. At that time, who could have foreseen a second connection to the unfolding saga—this time through an alumnus who just happened to be a justice on the Florida Supreme Court.

As controversy surrounding the vote dragged on into December and ultimately to the country’s highest court, key rulings on dangling chads and dangling fates fell to judges on the Florida Supreme Court. One of those, Major B. Harding ('57, JD '59), says from the standpoint of public and press interest, the historic case was the most unusual he has considered during his thirty-two years on the bench.

Though he has made decisions in several high-profile cases, Harding said he was somewhat surprised by the public clamor the Bush vs. Gore rulings generated. “The intense reactions that greeted the decisions of any of the courts involved in the election cases were far greater than anything I have ever experienced,” he said. “I am pleased that the rule of law prevailed and the ultimate decisions of the courts have been the final answer.”

Often courts are called upon to rule in matters that have political overtones, said Harding, who lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Jane Lewis Harding ('58), whom he married during his last year of law school. But he thinks decisions rendered in the election controversy seemed to be viewed only through a political lens by the public and the media, who often seemed to lose focus of the legal issues involved. “I am certain that this and other courts approached the cases as seeking a resolution of conflicting statutes or principles of law, which is generally what courts are called upon to do. However, court decisions involving election issues were still characterized by the public as expressing political preferences by the Court,” he said.

In addition to the intense media attention, another challenge facing the justices was that the court’s decision had to be rendered expeditiously. Harding considered his preparation for oral arguments to be extremely important, and he was determined that the shortened time frame not undermine the clarity of the opinions or the rationale for the decision reached. “I had to balance the competing goals of issuing speedy, yet reasoned, decisions,” he said.

Harding said his experience at Wake Forest School of Law provided a wonderful foundation for his professional life as a lawyer and a judge, and that he still enjoys the friendship of some of his former professors. “While our class was amused at Dean Weathers’ suggestion in ethics class that we not establish a law office over a fish market, I recognize that he and the other professors not only wished, but expected, that we would be true to the law,” said Harding. “The allegiance to the profession and the courts has been and still is the reason we have such great freedom and prosperity in America.”

Justice Harding was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1991 and began a second six-year term in January 1999. He served as Chief Justice from July 1998 to June 2000. He began his tenure on the Florida bench with his 1968 appointment as a Duval County juvenile court judge. In 1970 he was appointed to the circuit bench in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and was elected chief judge in 1974 and 1975. At the time of his appointment to the Supreme Court, he was the dean of the Florida Judicial College and chair-elect of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges.

“There is a bumper sticker which states, ‘Election 2000—What a great civics lesson!’,” said Harding. “I agree. The election was truly an opportunity for the public to see the branches of government at work.”

—Cherin C. Poovey

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and being named as one of America’s best lawyers from 1998-2000.

Shuford Smith (’66) and Mary Helen Smith’s latest book, “101 Secrets for a Great Retirement,” has been released nationally by NTC/Contemporary Books. This holistic approach to retirement complements their previous book, “The Retirement Sourcebook.” More information is available on their Web site: http://www.alltel.net/~maraford.

John S. Barr (’67) has been named chairman of the board of the Richmond (VA) Metropolitan Division of the American Heart Association for 2000-2001. He has been a board member for the past three years and formerly chaired the Richmond division’s Cardiac Arrest Program. He is a partner with McGuireWoods L.L.P and practices in the firm’s labor and employment department, specializing in business and commercial trial work.

Nan Bell Bowles (’67) received her Ph.D. in curriculum and teaching at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December 2000. She is the middle school director of B’nai Shalom Day School in Greensboro. She and her husband, Ed Bowles (’64), live in Jamestown with their son, Brad, a student at Jamestown Middle School. Their daughter, Heather, graduated from Duke University in May 2000 and is living in Los Angeles, where she is an assistant to movie producer Martin Ransohoff.

Anne B. Buchanan (’67) has published her first book, “Healing in His Wings,” daily devotions for healing. An ordained minister and Ph.D. in natural health, she has a natural health ministry in Charlotte, NC. She serves as vice president and director of Carolina Natural Health Institute, Inc., which provides correspondence courses teaching people how to be healthy according to God’s plan and design. Her e-mail address is healingnaturally@yahoo.com

William H. Freeman (’67, JD ’74), Resident Superior Court Judge, has retired after 24 years on the bench. He plans to start a new career as a mediator and arbitrator.

James S. Knight III (’67) was awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists. Fellowship is by invitation and the mission of the American College of Dentists is to promote excellence, ethics and professionalism in dentistry.

Richard D. Herbert (’68) has been named director of student activities at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, FL. He spent three years as dean of students before accepting the new appointment.

Harry Arsenault (’69) is an Episcopalian priest, Rector of Church of the Resurrection in New London, CT. He is divorced and his son, Ross, was married in June.

Stancil Campbell (’69) has accepted an appointment as professor of theatre at the American University in Cairo. He moved there after several years of teaching and designing in Canada and in West Africa. Each summer, he continues to work at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, where he has served as technical director for 21 years.

Stephen Dolinger (’69) was named Georgia School Superintendent of the Year. In addition to his duties as superintendent of Fulton County schools, he serves on the board of:

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of directors for many educational and civic organizations. As Georgia’s Superintendent of the Year, he represents the state in the National Superintendent of the Year program. He has been superintendent of Fulton County schools since 1995.

Walter E. Dorsett Jr. (’69) has joined the staff of The Sun in Baltimore, MD, after six years with The News & Observer in Raleigh, NC. Before that, he had spent 27 years in journalism, working for the Winston-Salem Journal, the Lexington (KY) Herald, The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, the St. Petersburg (FL) Times and Gannett Suburban Newspapers in Westchester County, NY.

Bob Ervin (’69) has been promoted to associate vice president for learning technologies at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, NC. He has been the dean of business at the college since 1989. He is responsible for all the distance learning initiatives, the Web presence and all media and library support services.

1970

Richard A. Honeycutt heads his own firm, EDC Sound Services, which provides acoustical consulting and sound-system design and installation. He is A.B.D. in a Ph.D. program in electroacoustics at the Union Institute.

George W. Kester has joined the faculty of Washington and Lee University as the Mamie Fox Twyman Martell Professor of Finance and head of the management department. He was formerly the William H. Dunkak Professor of Finance at Bucknell University. He has held visiting faculty appointments at the National University of Singapore, University of Malaya and the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. In summer 2001, he will be a visiting professor at the University of Melbourne. His son, George Brian Kester, began his MBA studies at the Babcock School in August, making him a “fourth generation” Demon Deacon. His grandfather, John M. Kester Jr. (’39) and his great-grandfather, John M. Kester (’12) attended Wake Forest as well.

Alex Sink has retired from her work at Bank of America as president of the Florida banking group. She is working on a number of projects for her favorite organizations: Wake Forest, the Nature Conservancy and United Way. She and her husband, Bill McBride, are the parents of two teen-age children.

1971

Eunice Doman Myers was named Spanish division coordinator at Wichita State University after serving as graduate coordinator for 16 years. She is the co-editor of four volumes of proceedings from the Wichita State University International Conference on Foreign Literature, which she organized for 12 years. She is working on a book on the Spanish contemporary author Rosa Montero.

Larry E. Penley (MA ’72) has been elected chair of AACSB, The International Association for Management Education. He is dean of the Arizona State University College of Business and is the holder of the Bob Herberger Arizona Heritage Chair.

John R. “Jay” Perkins Jr. (JD ’81) has joined with four other attorneys to form the Vaughn Perkins Ehlinger Mosley & Stogner, L.L.P. law firm, a practice that will concentrate on estate planning, wills, trusts, taxation and representation of closely held businesses. Perkins joined Kilpatrick Stockton in 1996 as a partner and prior to that he was a tax partner with Ernst & Young, L.L.P., an international accounting firm. He is a member of the N.C. Bar Association’s Tax and Fiduciary Law section, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants.

1972

Mary Easley (JD ’75) is making history as the first first lady in North Carolina to work outside the home. She is a law professor at North Carolina Central University and the wife of Gov. Mike Easley.

1973

Jeff Triplette has been promoted to vice president, insurance, for Duke Energy. He joined the company in 1974 and was appointed assistant treasurer in 1998. He holds the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and served in the North Carolina Army National Guard for more than 26 years and during the Persian Gulf War. He was awarded the Bronze Star. He serves on the board of advisors for the World Captive and Alternative Risk Financing Forum, the Wake Forest University Alumni Council and is a referee for the National Football League. He and his wife, Laurie, have a son and a daughter.

1974

Lisbeth C. “Libba” Evans (’74, MBA ’78) has been named Secretary for the Department of Cultural Resources for North Carolina by Gov. Mike Easley. She is the CEO, director and sole shareholder of West Third Street Management Company, a real estate management consulting company. She is also president, director and majority shareholder of West Third Street, Inc. and Clark, Evans and Tate, Inc., two real estate holding companies. She is an active member of her community and has served as the chairman of the Winston-Salem Arts Council and on the boards of many organizations, including the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest University and the Board of Visitors at the North Carolina School of the Arts. She is married to James T. Lambie and has three step-daughters.

1975

Taylor Beattie is a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He has assumed command of Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, CA. His decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal (two), Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Medal (two) and the Battle E. He is a pilot with Federal Express and has been living in San Diego for the last 20 years. He is married to the former Amy Hardwick.

Al Gurganus has been promoted to professor of German at The Citadel and appointed to a five-year term as head of modern languages.

William Scott Jumper has taught American Government and coached women’s fastpitch softball at Lexington High School in Lexington, SC, for the past 11 years. His teams have earned three state AAAA titles and two runner-up finishes. His overall record is 279 wins and 69 losses. This is his 26th year teaching and coaching in South Carolina. He recently purchased a new home at 510 Sedgefield Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

James R. Schulz has joined the firm of Ragsdale, Beals, Hooper & Seigler in Atlanta, specializing in complex civil litigation and bankruptcy. Formerly he was an assistant U.S. Attorney for the northern district of Georgia.

1976

Bob Melton has been promoted to professor of aerospace engineering at Penn State University. He was also recently elected vice president-technical of the American Astronautical Society.

Kevin Quinley is the author of “Dodging the Bullet: Risk Management Tactics That Work,” a recently-published book focusing on medical malpractice risk management published by SEAK, Inc., Falmouth, MA. It is his seventh book. He is senior vice president at MEDMARC Insurance Company, Fairfax, VA.

Melvin Scales has been appointed to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees to Brevard College, a four-year liberal arts institution in Brevard, NC.

Craig V. Scaver is the senior director of licensing at Zak Designs and has been elected to a three-year term on the national board of directors for the licensing industry’s trade
Charles F. “Chic” Dambach (MBA) attended a ceremony in Algiers on Dec. 12, 2000 for the signing of the treaty that ended the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea. He was part of a team of citizen diplomats who worked with the leaders of both countries to promote the peace process. He is chairman of the Coalition for America Leadership Abroad, an advocacy network of 40 international affairs organizations.

James K. Dorsett III (JD) has been elected to the office of vice president of the N.C. State Bar. A partner with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P., Dorsett serves on the executive committee and the emerging issues committee for the N.C. State Bar. He has also been a state bar counselor representing the 10th Judicial District since 1991 and served two terms as chairman of the grievance committee. He has served on many different state bar committees in the past. He served two terms as a director of the Wake County Bar Association and has served on several of its committees and on other Raleigh-area committees and boards of directors. He is a member of White Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Wynn, and their four children, Elise, 12, Rush, 10, James, 8, and Grace, 2, make their home in Raleigh.

Charles A. Jones was promoted to colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve at Marine Forces, Atlantic, Norfolk, VA. He graduated from Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in 1981 and served on active duty as an attorney until 1992 when he left active duty to write. He has been active in the Reserve since 1993.

Mark Robinson (MBA ’79) has moved from Raleigh, NC, to become group creative director at Creative Alliance in Louisville, KY. His wife Kathleen, a Louisville native, and two children, Liam, 7, and Breck, 4, are enjoying their new home. Mark remains active as a musician and songwriter with his church.

William “Bill” R. Savage Jr. has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the marks CFP, Certified Financial Planner, and CFP with flame logo in accordance with CFP Board certification and renewal requirements. He is an independent fee-based financial planner specializing in comprehensive financial planning. He lives in High Point, NC, with his wife, Sharon.

Bob Billbrough has received the inaugural Georgia Technology Leadership Award. Billbrough is the founder and president of Quality Contract Manufacturing, L.L.C., also known as Qualcon. He is married to Catherine Watson Billbrough (’83), who is the daughter of John Watson, a member of the Board of Visitors of the Babcock School of Management.

George McCanless has been named vice president/finance for the News & Observer in Raleigh, NC.

Lou Tilley was named vice president of sports for CN8, the Comcast Television Network. Headquartered in Philadelphia where he has been a broadcaster for 15 years, Tilley hosts “The Lou Tilley Sports Connection,” a nightly one-hour sports magazine. He is in charge of all sports production and programming for the regional network. He handles the play-by-play duties for all college football and basketball games. Tilley hosts “The Lou Tilley Sports Connection,” a nightly one-hour sports magazine. He is in charge of all sports production and programming for the regional network. He handles the play-by-play duties for all college football and basketball games.

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1979
Gary Bolick wrote “A Snowman in July” (Creative Arts Book Company). The book is set in rural North Carolina in 1921. It is distributed nationally and can be ordered at major internet bookstores.

Carolina Fernandez (MBA ’81) has been offered a contract on her book project, “Planet Motherhood,” (Lifeline Press) due to be released this year. The nonfiction work offers creative and innovative ideas for mothers who want to encourage creativity in their children. She has also published two stories, one in Kay Allenbaugh’s upcoming “Chocolate for a Teen’s Soul 2” (Simon & Schuster) and the second in Kathy Lamancusa’s upcoming “Flowers Are For Love” (Simon & Schuster) both with a 2001 release date. She and her husband, Ernie, and their four children, Nick, Ben, Cristina and Victor, have relocated to Ridgefield, CT. Ernie accepted a promotion with IBM as executive assistant to a senior group vice president at IBM headquarters in White Plains, NY.

Glenn Elizabeth “Beth” Maxwell Pharr is executive director of Project Horizon, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing dating, sexual and domestic violence. Myles Taylor says his history major “finally bore fruit” when he was elected president of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia. Last year he co-founded Wellspring Advisors, a donor advisory firm that works with individuals, family and private foundations. He and his wife, Jacqui, live in Rockville, MD, with their two children, Olivia and Myles.

1980
Chris Larsen has settled into his new home in Media, PA, just outside of Philadelphia with his wife, Kyle, and children, Eric and Alex. He was promoted to president of SAP America.

Nathan Sikes started a software development company serving clients in the Piedmont and Research Triangle Park areas of North Carolina in October 1999. JAR Systems represents the names of his three children, Jonathan, Alex and Rebekah. The family is active in homeschooling and the home church movement.

Joe West moved to North Myrtle Beach, SC, from Charlotte, NC, where he had resided for the past 20 years. He has opened a financial services office for the American General Financial Group. He is engaged and planning a May wedding.

1981
Cindy C. Christopher is executive vice president of Commercial Carolina, corporate real estate services. The company recently opened a Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point office.

Robert Wrenn is a roving golf reporter for CNBC, broadcasting mostly Senior PGA Tour events and interviewing the likes of former Deacons Arnold Palmer, Jay Sigel, Lanny Wadkins, Joe Inman and Leonard Thompson. Previously he spent 12 years on the PGA Tour as a player and four years as a roving golf reporter with ESPN.

Stephen F. Davis assumed command of the guided missile frigate USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) in June and spent four
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months this fall circumnavigating South America as part of a multinational task force. He and his family have relocated to Mayport, FL.

Troy Jackson has been elected president of the N.C. Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and has been promoted to vice president, sales, with the Principal Financial Group. He lives in Raleigh with his wife, Lisa Motts Jackson (’83), and their three children Katie, Trey and Reid.

James J.S. Johnson completed an interdisciplinary studies program involving history, geography, bioclimatology, philology and international studies, earning a doctor of arts and sciences degree. He is a solo practitioner, part-time judge and college professor.

Francisco Forrest Martin has published "Challenging Human Rights Violations: Using International Law in U.S. Courts" (Transnational Publishers, 2001). He is the Ariel F. Sallows Professor in Human Rights at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law.

1983

J. Craig Bradfield has been promoted to vice president at BB&T Leasing Corp., in Atlanta. He is a regional sales manager and has been with BB&T since 1988. He is a certified leasing professional with the United Association of Equipment Leasing and is a member of the Atlanta chapter of the National Funding Association. He and his wife, Katy, reside in Alpharetta, and have two children, Allison, 4, and Connell, an infant.

Raul S. de la Vega, who completed his residency in diagnostic radiology and nuclear radiology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, has been named as a fellow of the American College of Radiology. He is president of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Radiology and is a member of Shelby Radiological Associates in Shelby, NC.

John Passacantando is executive director of Greenpeace USA, based in Washington, D.C. He co-founded Ozone Action in 1993 and recently joined it with Greenpeace. His wife, Lisa Guide, is acting assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior for Policy and Budget. They have two daughters, Sophia Rose, 5, and Mollie Maria, 2.

1984

Jeffrey W. Harris moved from Jacksonville, FL, to Charlotte, NC, to join a newly-formed commercial real estate development company named

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Laura F. Davis Mayer was promoted to labor relations manager for Mead Coated Board, a division of Mead Corporation. Laura, her husband, David, and two children, Kyle, 4, and Kristen, 2, live in Phenix City, AL. 

John D. Phillips is engaged to Courtney Freeman of New York City. He has asked Kevin Gregg (’87) to be Best Man for the Nov. 11, 2001 wedding. John is teaching in Poughkeepsie, NY. He taught at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, from 1996-1999 in the Department of International Relations and European Studies. He was a visiting lecturer in international economic relations at Cuza University from 1994-1996.

Kimberly H. “Kim” Stogner (JD ’94) has joined with four other attorneys to form the Vaughn Perkinson Ehlinger Moxley & Stogner, L.L.P. law firm, a practice that will concentrate on estate planning, wills, trusts, taxation and representation of closely held businesses. Stogner holds the Certified Financial Planner designation. Prior to her law career, she worked for Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem and Greensboro and for Continental Bank in Philadelphia. She is a member of the N.C. Bar Association and its Fiduciary Law section, the Forsyth County Bar Association and the Winston-Salem Estate Planning Council, where she is a past board member.

Robin Roy Ganzert (MBA ’91) finished her PhD in higher education administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Her doctoral dissertation title was ‘The Effects of Financial Stress on Higher Education.’ She is an assistant dean for finance and administration at the Babcock Graduate School of Management.

Ken Hunt (JD/MBA ’93) is vice president of marketing at Paradigm Genetics, Inc., a functional genomics company. He joined Paradigm from The Monsanto Company, where he was director of business development for the nutrition sector. Previously, he was director of business development for Monsanto’s Designer Fibers.

Stephen M. LaMastra has been elevated to the position of executive vice president and general counsel of Wolf Camera, based in Atlanta. This came just 14 months after his promotion to senior vice president at the company. He is a member of the company’s six-member executive committee and its board of directors, and he oversees both the legal department and several business units of the company. He has been with Wolf Camera since 1993. He is married to the former Anne Maher, a lawyer with Powell Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy. They live in Buckhead with their two children.

Ernest A. Osborn has been named a senior investment management consultant with Salomon Smith Barney’s Consulting Group. He is a member of the firm’s Winston-Salem office and is one of fewer than 150 of the more than 11,000 Salomon Smith Barney financial consultants authorized to use this designation. He earned the title after successfully completing a rigorous career development program.
Benjamin B. Peeler received a MD from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1991. From 1991-1998 he completed his general surgery residency and from 1998-2000 he was in a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Virginia. He is in a vascular surgery fellowship at the University of Virginia from 2000-2001 and a pediatric heart surgery fellowship at Emory University, 2001-2002. He plans to return to the University of Virginia in summer 2002 as assistant professor of surgery.

John “Jay” Waters has completed a one-year assignment as an exchange officer with the U.S. Navy at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. An Army major, he earned an advanced degree in national strategy and decision making. After graduation, he and his wife, Anna, and children, Albert, 6, Sarah, 4, and Eric, 2, were transferred to Maine. Waters is the commanding officer for the Portland Maine Military Entrance Processing Station. The station covers all joint military accessions for Maine, New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. He and his family live in Yarmouth and his e-mail address is porc-dr@necomp.army.mil.

J. Thomas Waters (JD) was reelected to serve a second term as president of AFSCME Local 3290, AFL-CIO. Local 3290 represents staff attorneys and support personnel within the Federal Aviation Administration’s Office of Chief Counsel. The members of the bargaining unit also appointed him to represent them in the ongoing contract negotiations. He is also a major in the U.S. Marine Corps and serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Marine Corps University. He teaches Law of War, international law and human rights. He also hosts a local television show titled “Community Commitment.”

Mark Allen is a musician who has been busy for the past three years working on Music Row in Nashville. He will soon release a solo album titled “American in the 21st Century,” which is available online at http://www.al-mmusic.com. He married Elizabeth Castleman (’88) on June 5, 2000.

Susan Sullivan Bush lives in Marietta, GA, with her husband, Mike, and two daughters, Emma, 5, and Alby, 2. She recently re-started her environmental consulting career, working part-time for R.W. Beck’s Orlando office from her home.

Daniel Griffin has been promoted to senior financial consultant with First Citizens Investor Services in Fayetteville, NC, where he is also a vice president. He is responsible for assisting individual consumers with planning to reach their financial goals.

Christopher M. Hines is convention and special events specialist at Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. He is engaged to Brigitte Steinberg of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The couple plans a civil wedding in Germany in May followed by a June church wedding in Aiken, SC.


C. Douglas Maynard Jr. (JD) of The Maynard Law Firm has been reappointed chair of the legislative committee of the litigation section of the N.C. Bar Association. He has been reappointed to the legislative committee of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and named Legal Affairs Chair (Amicus Curiae) of the auto torts section of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Jennifer Kim Pylyon Penberthy (MA ’91) is an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatric Medicine at the University of Virginia Health System. She lives in Charlottesville, VA, with her husband, David Penberthy, who is a radiation oncologist at UVA, and their 5-year-old daughter, Jennifer Morgan. She is living in Falls Church and working part-time for EzGov, an e-government technology company, to recent her environment consulting career, working part-time for R.W. Beck’s Orlando office from her home.

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Sandra K. Danitschek graduated from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing at the Medical College of Virginia in December 1999 with a master’s of science degree and became licensed as a pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) in May. She has relocated to northern Virginia, where she is working as a PNP at Ashburn Pediatrics. She is living in Falls Church with her former college roommate, Jill Weiskopf (’90).

Jim Fagan and Beth Fagan (’92) have moved back to Charlotte, NC, with their 2-year-old daughter, Lindsay. Jim is one of the managing partners of JDH Capital, a commercial real estate development company. Beth has already bought Lindsay her first basketball goal in the hopes to continue the tradition of Lady Deacon basketball players in the family.

Jill Weiskopf (’90) is a visiting instructor in the education department at Wake Forest for the spring semester. She is teaching science methods for elementary school.

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Elizabeth Morriss Srinivasan (JD ’88)

Alumni Profile

Law of the protection

Elizabeth Morriss Srinivasan (JD ’88) is thrilled to be asked about her work because it provides an opportunity to champion her deepest passion.

For the previous two years, she had directed legal services for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Last September, her interest came fully into bloom when she was named senior attorney for the Battered Women’s Justice Project, a national program housed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

“Domestic violence is a bipartisan issue,” she said. “Everyone should be concerned about the safety of women and children.”

And the issue is more complex than one might imagine. It’s no simple matter to successfully protect a victim from an abuser. Srinivasan deals with protection orders, separation violence, divorce, custody, arbitration, mediation, confidentiality issues, and safety planning.

“I once had a judge tell me, ‘It only takes two and a half minutes to prepare a protective order in an abuse case.’ But that’s not true: you have to get to know the client, and she has to have a rapport with her attorney so she can speak freely. It is about the intricacies of her life, it is not about getting a piece of paper.”

“Advocates must listen to the battered woman and see what works in her particular situation; she knows the abuser better than anyone.

“Sometimes the system takes over and the battered woman becomes a witness for the state in prosecuting the defendant. While it may be a very good thing to do, this has serious ramifications for her and her children; she needs to have someone in her court, in her corner.”

Central offices are based in the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which was established in 1976 as the first state coalition in the country. Srinivasan’s work ranges from advising advocates and others who call with questions to writing manuals and brochures covering topics such as how to select an attorney, why or when to use mediation, and support for the children involved in such cases.

The work is challenging and she approaches it with genuine zeal.

“I’m lucky to be working with some of the nation’s leaders in domestic violence,” she said. “I didn’t think anything could be as exciting as being in the courtroom, but this has topped it.”

Fresh out of law school in 1988, she worked with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. “I worked with some real heroes in civil action cases and class action suits and experienced an incredible sense of fulfillment in helping people,” she said. “I made $19,000 a year, and I don’t regret one minute of it.”

After marrying a medical scientist, Alagarsamy Srinivasan, in 1989, she followed him to West Chester County, Pennsylvania and worked in the private sector. She turned to public interest law after the number of clients who needed help and couldn’t afford it, particularly battered women.

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“For me, the life changing moment in my career was as a Legal Aid attorney,” she said. “I had obtained a protective order for a client, all the ‘i’s were crossed, the ‘t’s were dotted, it was a perfect file, and then she was murdered by her husband. A protective order is just a piece of paper. That’s why we do safety planning and so many kinds of other training: because sometimes, despite the best efforts, the abuser wins. Once you have a client die, you never look at any case the same after that.”

Srinivasan and her husband have two sons, and she seems to have no problem managing the whirlwind of career and family.

“Certainly, this work is difficult emotionally, but I think that’s a good thing. It definitely touches the soul,” she said. “I would encourage students to follow their heart and find something they’re passionate about. We all want material comforts, but if you ever get to the point where you aren’t touched by the people you come in contact with, it’s probably time to look for another career.”

—SHERIDAN HILL

Wake Forest March 2001
Vann ('93)

She is working with the architecture firm Cho Benn Holback & Associates in Baltimore, MD, and recently completed work on the Towson University Field House and Stadium project. She is currently working on an office design project with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and an elementary school located in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.

Wiley Reed has been elected partner at Denver Investment Advisors, L.L.C.

John Saad earned CLU, ChFC designations from the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA. He continues to work as a regional director for a major insurance company in Atlanta and can be contacted at jmsaad@yahoo.com.

Larry Schack (Ph.D.) and his wife, Tara, have moved to the metro-Seattle area. Larry has taken a senior position with Microsoft's Corporate Research division. All Baggs and Kappa Alphas are encouraged to drop by if they ever visit the Great Northwest.

1992

Will Coley has been named a recipient of the 12th annual Reebok Human Rights Awards. He is director of the Jesuit Refugee Services’ program at the Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center in Elizabeth, NJ. A leading national advocate for reform of INS detention policy, he fought to have his English language and religious services program reinstated after the INS suspended it. He said refugees spend months in the center awaiting admission into the country. Coley started working with refugees while studying at Oxford University in England.

Frederick Joseph “Fred” Hegner is engaged to Jennifer Gouge of Houston, TX. Jennifer is a sales associate for Dillard’s Department Stores. Fred is the claims manager for AIG International Services, an insurance subsidiary of American International Group, based in New York. Both plan to make Houston their home for the next few years.

Christopher C. King is an associate equity analyst covering the telecommunications sector for Legg Mason in Baltimore, MD. He will receive an MBA from the University of Maryland in May.

Brad Mattson is key market manager for North Carolina with Rain Bird’s golf division. Rain Bird is a manufacturer of irrigation products. He has relocated to the Charlotte area and looks forward to catching up with friends and alumni in the Carolinas. He can be reached at bmatsson@earthlink.net.

Daniel “Scott” Smith received a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech in June 1999 and married Chantal Jouret in May 2000. He works for Michelin North America, Inc. and left in January on an expatriate assignment in France.

Jill Polske Sweeney is a shareholder at Sarin, Thayer & Browne in Albuquerque, NM, where she practices in the areas of corporate and public finance, securities, state and local government and university law. She and her husband, Jeff, have a daughter, Shannon Brynn, who was born Aug. 25, 1999.

Tony Wyche lives in Washington, DC, where he is the communications director for U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan of Missouri.

1993

F. Douglas “Doug” Banks (JD) is a partner in the law firm of Poynor & Spruill, L.L.P. He practices in the areas of insurance subrogation, construction law, products liability and commercial litigation. Since joining the firm in 1999, he has participated in the development of national subrogation programs for several insurance carriers. He also regularly represents closely-held businesses in litigation and employment matters. He practices out of the Charlotte, NC, office and can be reached at (704) 342-5287 or at dbanks@poynorspruill.com.

Debra Margaret Beavers is a real estate agent in the Georgetown Pardoe Real Estate office in Washington, DC. She is licensed in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.

Ann Burns has joined the intellectual property and technology department of the Houston, TX, office of the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. She received the J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1999, where she was Notes Editor for The Review of Litigation. She was admitted to practice law in Texas in 1999.

Dana Lynn Morgan Fady graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in May and recently passed the Tennessee bar exam. He is working in Nashville, serving a one-year clerkship with U.S. Magistrate E. Clifton Knowles.

Kristen Vann has been elected a vice president of First Citizens Bank, Raleigh, NC. She is the supervisor of credit scoring and portfolio analysis in the retail risk management department.

Charles Walker is an artist living, working and exhibiting his artwork in Los Angeles and southern California. He also writes and publishes his observations of life in Los Angeles online in “The Weekly Walker.” Free subscriptions can be obtained at charles1169@yahoo.com. He received a master’s of fine arts from The University of Georgia, Athens, in 1997 and had an alumni exhibition titled “Kings They Hang” at Scales Fine Art Center last year.

1994

Brad Bradley left PricewaterhouseCoopers in Charlotte, NC, in 1999 after five years as an auditor and human resource manager. During the summer, he worked as the associate director of conservation for the Boy Scouts of America at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. In August 1999, he began graduate studies at Colorado State University for a master’s degree in natural resource management with a specialization in wilderness and protected land management. In addition to the career change, he spent the summer training for his first marathon. He entered and completed the Dublin 2000 Marathon in Dublin, Ireland, in October. He can be reached at bbbradley@lamar.colostate.edu.

Marc Palmieri is a writer and actor living in Manhattan, NY. As a writer, his play, “Poor Fellas,” ran for four weeks in June at the Bosakowski Theatre in midtown, and was recently published by Dramatists Play Service. As an actor, he will be appearing in Ferdinand Bruckner’s play “Race” at the Classic Stage Company in New York City. He is the lead in the critically-acclaimed feature film “Too Much Sleep,” which recently was acquired for a national theatrical distribution deal with Shooting Gallery, Inc. Palmieri is engaged to Kristen...
Ann Barthel. The two plan to marry in July 2001 in Shelter Island, NY.

Amanda McMakin Rader lives in Knoxville with her husband, Dustin, and two children, Hannah, 3, and Jackson, 1. She is a senior account executive at WVLT-TV, the local CBS affiliate. She was recently named to one of the boards with the American Cancer Society and is serving on the Knoxville City Ballet Guild and other service organizations. She can be reached at WVLT_ARader@yahoo.com

Eric Taylor is in Thailand with COERR, a Catholic organization. He is teaching English to refugees and will be there until summer.

1995

Steve Bumgarner has been promoted to marketing director at the Winston-Salem headquarters of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. He joined the company in 1995 and has served Krispy Kreme in a number of marketing and communications capacities, most recently as marketing manager. He is a member of the Centenary Methodist Church Chancel Choir and is active in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Arts Council and United Way. He and his wife, Heather, live in Winston-Salem.

Jocelyn Gilmour was promoted to manager at the CPA firm Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P.

Kathryn S. Haines has been married to Matthew Brooks Haines for two years and the couple resides in Chicago. She has completed her master's in urban planning and policy at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and began her Ph.D. in urban planning and policy analysis at the university in January.

Patrick Murphy and Hayley Davis (’92) are engaged and planning a May 2001 wedding on the island of St. John. Patrick is a research scientist in the regulatory affairs department, research and development division, of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company; he is also a general partner of Gamble Oak Equity Partners, L.P., a Winston-Salem-based hedge fund. Hayley is an associate of the brokerage firm Deutsche Banc Alex.Brown. The couple plan to live in Winston-Salem.

1996

Michael H. Kaufman (JD ‘99) has joined the St. Louis, MO, law firm of Armstrong Teasdale, L.L.P. He is a member of the American Bar Association (member of litigation and antitrust sections), the Illinois State Bar Association and The Missouri Bar. He joined the firm’s litigation department.

Sarah Elizabeth Little (JD ’99) lives in Charleston, SC, where she is a junior associate practicing civil defense in the litigation department of Clawson & Staubes, L.L.C.

Rachel L. Sheedy moved from Atlanta to Evanston, IL, to begin her master’s degree at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. Her concentration is magazine journalism. Her e-mail address is rachel.sheedy.96@alumni.wfu.edu.

Jennifer B. Thomas (JD) has joined the law firm of Bell, Davis & Pitt, P.A. as an associate. Her practice will concentrate in commercial transactions. Prior to joining Bell, Davis & Pitt, she was an associate in the Raleigh, NC, law firm of Howard, Stallings, From & Hutson, P.A. Before entering private practice, she served as judicial clerk to N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Ralph A. Walker.

John Willis completed training at the International Snowboard Academy in Boone, NC. While he will continue to perform sales management for a quality assurance
Haney (MBA ’98)

Bank and Jennifer works for DLJ Direct.

Amy Shenansky is finishing her master of physical therapy degree from Elon College this spring. She plans to pursue a career as a physical therapist in North Carolina.

Jill Deisler

Jill Deisler has joined the labor and employment law department of the law firm of Bell, Davis & PaineWebber in Beverly Hills, CA. She had previously worked in pharmaceutical sales for Abbott Laboratories and AstraZeneca.

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Jennifer Denise Jenkins received a master of science degree in educational psychology from Georgia State University and is a first-year law student at the University of Chicago.

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Kennedy (’97, JD ’00)

testing organization in Atlanta, his weekends will be spent in the foothills of North Carolina training younger instructors. His e-mail address is john.willis@tescom-usa.com.

Amy Shenansky

Amy Shenansky has joined the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, L.L.P., in Winston-Salem.

Valerie Williamson

Valerie Williamson was a contestant on Jeopardy! during the Jan. 8, 2001 broadcast. After staging an impressive comeback, she was tied with the returning champion at $8,000 going into Final Jeopardy!. The category was “1999 Art News,” and the question was about the cow statues that had been placed in a major American city. The answer was Chicago. Valerie answered New York. She came in second with $4,000. Her second-place prize was a week-long trip to Los Cabos, Mexico.

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Tim Rogers

Tim Rogers is a journalist/editor in Costa Rica. He spent the end of last year covering the Colombian peace talks, met the presidents of Spain and Argentina, the president of the Russian Duma, and several U.S. congressmen.

1999

Sarah Brooks and Scott Chestnut are engaged and planning a June 2001 wedding in Winston-Salem.

Troy D. Cahill (JD) has joined the law firm of Bell, Davis & Pitt, P.A., as an associate. His practice will concentrate in general civil litigation. After graduating from law school, he served as law clerk to the Hon. Frank W. Bullock Jr., U.S. District Court Judge for the middle district of North Carolina.

Christopher Corrado has been promoted to full manager of the Greensboro, NC, Abercrombie and Fitch stores. The new position gives him responsibility for both the kids and adult stores.

Matthew K. Lung (JD) has taken an associate position with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice in their products liability group. He is in their Research Triangle Park.
office in Raleigh, NC. He and his wife and children moved from Charleston, SC, where he was in practice with the Hood Law Firm.

Jonathan Neil Perry is a first-year law student at Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. After graduating from Wake Forest, he spent one year as a sixth grade science and social studies teacher in Mount Airy, NC.

Mark Rabuano is a second-year student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He will be working as a summer associate at the national law firm of Akim, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C.

Sara Stick (JD) has joined the firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, L.L.P. in Atlanta and is practicing in the area of commercial real estate.

2000

Lauren Choi (MD) married Philip W. Chung in June. They are both doing their residencies at Loma Linda Medical Center.

Births and Adoptions

1970s

Elizabeth Bagby Robinette ('77) and Keith Robinette, Winston-Salem: a son, Seth Alexander Bagby. adopted 3/14/00. Seth Alexander was born May 15, 1999 in Vidnoye, Russia.

Michael R. Langley ('79) and Mary Langley, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Michaela Grace. 3/14/00. Michaela has a big sister, Rachel. Michael is the manager of the molecular diagnostics laboratory at MCV Hospitals.

1980s

Paul J. Kennedy III ('82) and Michelle “Shelby” Kennedy, Winston-Salem: a son, William “Brooks”. 11/7/00

Lisa Ashburn Collins ('84) and Sammy Collins, Pilot Mountain, NC: a son, Samuel Dalton. 7/13/00

Chris White ('85) and Mary Beth White, Annapolis, MD: a daughter, Camille Christine. 8/18/00

Trevor Leigh Bailey ('86) and William Allan Blake, Laytonsville, MD: a daughter, Elizabeth Alena. 10/31/00. Trevor works at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

Page Kane Conway ('87) and Paul Conway, Raleigh, NC: a son, Alexander Blackwell “Wells”. 8/16/00. Wells has a 3-year-old sister, Shawen.

Melinda Crouse ('87) and Todd R. Crouse, Cary, NC: a daughter, Elizabeth Maureen. 7/28/00. Melinda spent the past year and a half as a stay-at-home mom to Elizabeth and Nicholas. She returned to work in January doing tax work for a CPA on a part-time basis.

Craig N. Current ('87) and Susan Current, Atlanta: a daughter, Caroline Russell. 1/2/01

Charles C. Hull Jr. ('87) and Kristin Hull, Atlanta: a son, Stephen “Taylor”. 3/17/00

Karen Kostick Victor ('87) and Steven Victor, Pleasant Hill, CA: a daughter, Kristina Marie Florence. 1/9/01

John F. Bragg III ('88) and Catherine Carlton Bragg ('90), Davidson, NC: a daughter, Martha Katharine “Martha Kate”. 10/30/00

Kay Draper Hutchinson ('88) and Marcus Hutchinson, Atlanta: a son, Elias “Eli” Draper. 2/16/00

Steve Mathes ('88) and Paige Matthew, Hershey, PA: a son, Alexander Gordon. 8/10/00

Jeff Slosman ('88) and Debra Slosman ('88), Fairview, NC: a daughter, Carson Olivia. 12/18/99

Scott A. Browning ('89) and Amy R. Browning, Mobile, AL: a son, Thomas Alton. 8/23/00. Thomas joins his twin sister and brother, John and Meredith, 5, and brother Will, 2. Scott has accepted membership in the law firm of Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordin & Harris, L.L.C. in Mobile. He continues to develop a transactional practice devoted primarily to real estate, corporate law and commercial transactions.

J. Scott Case ('89) and Scott Elaine Case, San Francisco: a daughter, Blake Katherine. 5/19/00

Melanie Privette Caudron ('89) and Tristan Caudron, Bethesda, MD: a son, Benjamin Tristan. 7/12/00. Ben’s brother Will is 2.

Laurie Jackson Draper ('89) and Reed Draper, Atlanta, GA: a son, Dylan Jackson. 9/25/00

Kathy Smell Duffin ('89) and Terry Duffin, Westminster, CO: a daughter, Kasey Leigh. 3/22/00. Kathy is a manager in communications and high tech for Accenture in Denver, CO.

Eric C. Hines ('89) and Heidi Hines, Cincinnati, OH: a son, Christian Langenderfer. 6/6/00. The couple reside in Cincinnati, where Eric is a district sales manager for Nortel Networks eBusiness Solutions.

Steve Killian ('89) and Clare Killian, Towson, MD: a daughter, Madeline Clare. 10/18/00

Remarks by Edwin G. Wilson

The Wake Forest College Birthplace Society cordially invites all alumni and friends to the dedication of the historic old well and the unveiling of the Old Campus replica Saturday, April 21

2 p.m. on the grounds of the Calvin Jones House, Wake Forest, North Carolina

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1990s

John W. Brown ('90) and Nicole F. Brown, Spartanburg, SC: a daughter, Lindsay Kate. 8/11/00
Amanda K. Williams ('90) and Tony Pellegrin, Edina, MN: a son, Henry Alden. 9/10/00. The couple has a 3-year-old daughter, Caroline.
Rob Wilson ('90) and Dianne Biondi Wilson ('91), Springfield, VA: a daughter, Tessa Grace. 12/4/00. The couple has two older children, Brooks and Beaden.
Mark Berenson ('91) and Judith Berenson, Cincinnati, OH: a daughter, Elizabeth Carole. 8/21/00
Jeff Hallock ('91) and Courtney Brooks Hallock ('91), Kansas City, KS: a daughter, Emma Madeline. 9/1/00. Emma Madeline has a brother, Brooks, and sister, Lilly.
Gretna Zinn Seymour ('91) and Jim Seymour, Lake Bluff, IL: a daughter, Hadley Zinn. 1/22/00
Elizabeth A. Smith ('91) and John Matthew Smith ('88, MD '92), New Bern, NC: a son, Michael Thomas. 8/24/00
Kevin Connor ('92) and Diana Connor, Tampa, FL: a son, Nicholas Ryan. 10/18/00. Mom, dad, baby and big sister are doing well.
Kelly Woodward Griffith ('92) and Sam Whitehurst, Winston-Salem: a son, Chase Davis. 9/24/00
Amy Davidson Bryant (JD '93) and Marc Bryant, Weston, CT: sons, William Weston and Christopher Kyle. 7/5/00. Amy continues to work as vice president of Davidson Capital Group, L.L.C., based in McLean, VA.
Timothy McDermott (JD '93), Clive, IA: a daughter, Courtney Elizabeth. 10/23/00
Hinton Raleigh Taylor ('92) and Tracy Strickland Taylor ('92), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Sarah Jenkins. 8/16/00
Rod Webb ('92) and Garnett Jones Webb, Raleigh, NC: a son, Greer Arthur. 12/9/00. He falls asleep in appreciation of "Dear Old Wake Forest.
April Corn Whitehurst ('92) and Sam Whitehurst, Winston-Salem; a son, Chase Davis. 9/24/00
Mary Greenwold Milano ('93) and John Milano, Ellicott City, MD: a daughter, Elizabeth Grace. 4/2/00
Matthew D. Olin ('93) and Rina Natalie Olin ('93), Durham, NC: a daughter, Anna Catherine. 8/26/00
Russell Smith ('93) and Tammy Smith, Casselberry, FL: a daughter, Sarah Grace. 11/2/00. Russell completed the master of divinity program at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL, and is a candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
Allen Avera Taylor (MBA) and Gillian Pike Taylor, Atlanta: a daughter, Margaret Avera. 10/6/00. Margaret has an older brother, Andrew. Allen's e-mail address is allen_a_taylor@yahoo.com.
Marriages

1980s

John D. Madden (JD '83) and Robyn D. Leipert. 9/9/00

Nelson J. Squires III (1983) and Janice L. Kasumovic. 7/29/00

Charlotte Kimbrough Clark (1985) and John Ward Knight. 10/29/99. John is president of Knight Holdings, Inc. The couple resides at 2303 Haven Ridge Drive, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30305. Charlotte resigned her position as partner in the law firm of McLain & Merritt, P.C. in March and formed her own law firm of Chambers & Knight, L.L.D., specializing in the areas of family law and domestic relations. On Nov. 13, 2000, she gave birth to their first child, John Ward Knight Jr.

Allen Frommetl (1987) and Tara Beth Mulvey. 9/9/00. Allen is an epidemiologist for Army Medical Surveillance Activity, part of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. It is the central epidemiological resource for the Army.

Michelle L. Hess (JD '99) and Jason S. Hess, Raleigh, NC: a son, Holden Scott. 8/1/00. His big brother, Hayes, is 2.

Shaida Jarrahi Horner (JD '99), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Yasmn Jarrahi. 12/27/00. She has been working with Carruthers & Roth, P.A. in Greensboro, NC, since graduation. Her practice is concentrated in business and tax law.

Gentle Hernandez Arnez (1980) and Marco Arnez, Cary, NC: a son, Noah Israel. 11/15/00.

Judy C. Chen (1991) and Michael V. Gamboa. 9/23/00. The couple reside in San Francisco where Judy is employed by Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and Michael is a dentist.

Susan Elaine Webh (91) and Henry Taylor McAdor of Richmond, VA. 10/21/00

Brooke Wimbush (91) and Travis Shumaker. 8/27/00. The couple married on the beach at Cannon Beach, OR.

Nicole Anatol (92) and Stephen Robert Baker. 8/4/00 in Toronto, Canada.

Jennifer Bergelin (92) and David E. Chaney of Durham, NC. 4/15/00. Jennifer is a graphic designer/production coordinator for The Robert Bergelin Co. (a family-owned furniture company) and David is a mechanical design engineer for Plantim Systems, Inc. The couple reside in Clemmons, NC.

Chris Samuelson (92) and Katherine Bradley of Chicago. 12/16/00. Chris is a director of national accounts with Verizon Avenue Communications. He received a graduate degree from DePaul University in 1994 and his CPA certification in 1996.

Alan T. Smith (92) and Mary Jane Littlejohn. 11/11/00

Norman Michael Archer (93) and Graine O'Flynn Johnson. 8/28/99

Jennifer Dework (1993) and Joel Katz. 7/8/00

Netasha Spivey (1993) and Melvin McLawhorn of Greenville, NC. 11/25/00.

Netasha is in her third year of residency at the University of Rochester in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She graduated from East Carolina School of Medicine in 1998.

Martina Clark (94, MAEd '95) and Don Goss. 11/18/00 in Great Falls, VA. Martina is an international baccalaureate biology teacher at George Mason High School in Falls Church, VA. Don is a consultant with Booz, Allen and Hamilton, a consulting firm in McLean. Their house is in Sterling, VA.

Betsy Cracker (94) and Richard David Kauffman of Lambertville, NJ were married on Nov. 18, 2000 at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD; they honeymooned in Tuscany, Italy. The couple lives in Chicago, where Rick attends medical school at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, IL, and Betsy is job searching in the mortgaging bank field. Betsy can be reached at rkauflman4@juno.com, (630) 322-9231 or 1012 Williams Street, Apt. 36, Westmont, IL 60559.

Razan J. Fayez (94) and Tariq Haddad. 9/20/00. Razan has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law and is a staff attorney at Piedmont Legal Services in Charlotteville, VA.

Robert Gayle (94) and Paige McLean (97). 11/4/00 in Lumberton, NC. Wake Forest alumni in the wedding party included Steve Gillmor (94), Jeff Hendrix (94), Jason Henson (94), Parker McLean Hendrix (94), Allison Lawson (97), Laurie McCugin (97) and Polly Ruettgers (97). The couple lives in Winston-Salem.

Kirsten Radler (JD '94) and Christopher T. Waack. 10/14/00 in Poland, OH. Kirsten is an associate attorney with Christensen & Ehret in Chicago and Chris is an associate attorney specializing in corporate health care with Gardner, Carton & Douglas in Chicago.

Amber Rice (95) and Brian McCracken. 9/16/00 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. Sarah Hunt
Calling All Veterans

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ROTC program at Wake Forest, and we'd like to honor all Wake Forest veterans at Homecoming 2001.

If you're a veteran, please let us know your name, class year, branch of military service, and dates of service. Please let us know of any other alumni or deceased family members who were veterans also.

Send your information to:
Office of Alumni Activities
P.O. Box 7227 Reynolda Station
Winston-Salem, NC 27109
or by email at hernanls@wfu.edu

Will Burns ('97) and Deborah DeBruhl. 7/10/99. Will has started evening MBA School in the Babcock Graduate School of Management.

Patrick E. Clark ('97) and Erin Murdock ('96). 10/14/00. They reside in Baltimore, MD, where Erin works in the marketing department of a small internet company. Patrick graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law in May and is performing a one-year clerkship for the Hon. Arrie W. Davis of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

Charee E. Duncan ('97) and Marty S. McConchie ('97). 8/19/00

Amy Janette Haddix ('97) and Kristian Richard Temkin were married in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. 11/11/00. The couple will reside in Charleston, SC.

Katherine Jane High ('97) and Brian Christopher Harhai ('95). 11/4/00 at Lake Junaluska, NC. Alumni in the wedding party included Katie Brown ('97), Mindy Marhai ('97), Kristin Winkle ('97), Ryan Bifulco ('97), Ryan McNally ('95), A.J. Rollins ('96) and Brian Whirrett ('97). The couple resides in Atlanta, where Katie is a consultant with Accenture and Brian is an assistant vice president with SunTrust Bank.

Deb Murphy ('97) and Jones Holcomb ('96). 9/23/00. The couple resides in St. Louis, MO, where Jones is a finance manager for Emerson Electric Company and Deb is a consultant for Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P. Jones is a MBA student at Washington University. Among the attendants at the wedding were Amy Carroccia ('97) and Tycely Williams ('97), Benjamin Parker Mustain ('97) and Rebecca Adlyn Quinn in Columbia, SC. 12/2/00

Andrew Barreto ('98) and Michael Sherk ('98). 8/12/00. The couple lives in Mebane. Mike is pursuing a master's degree in physical therapy at Elon College and Andrea is working toward a Ph.D. in pharmacology at Duke University.

Caroline Barritt ('98) and Matt Chambers. 6/10/00. The couple lives in South Hamilton, MA, where they attend Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Brian Webb ('98) and Keely Dempsey. 6/24/00 in Carmel, IN. The couple reside in Indianapolis. Brian attends medical school and Keely attends law school at Indiana University.

Shauna Noell Carter ('99) and Kyle David Bachmeier ('99), 6/10/00 in Atlanta.

Dawn Michelle Shoultz ('99) and Ryan Benjamin Opel ('99) married Oct. 14, 2000 at Duke University Chapel in Durham, NC. Many Wake Forest alumni and faculty were in attendance. Among the wedding party were Andrew Burton Parker ('99), Andrew Harris Robertson Brown ('99) and Kevin Russell Carter ('99).

Dawn is a second-year law student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ryan is a second-year law student at Duke University, where he is also pursuing a master of arts in psychology. The couple resides in Durham.

Anna Spaugh ('99) and Christopher Michael Pulliam ('99) 9/20/00 at Wait Chapel. The Pulliams reside in Wahiawa, HI.

Katherine Winfield Barber (JD '00) and Trent Eugene Jernigan (JD '00), 8/26/00
Deaths

Alumni


Walter Williams Cohoon ('29), Dec. 10, 1999. While a student at Wake Forest he was a member of the Golden Bough, vice president of the Student Council, member of the intercollegiate debate team, anniversary debator and orator, chief marshall, winner of the Junior Oratorical Medal, representative from Wake Forest College to Inter-State Oratorical Contest (winning second position among colleges of the southeastern states, Senior Class Orator, Class of 1929, and President Philomathian Literary Society. Following graduation, he practiced law in Elizabeth City, NC, and as a county prosecuting attorney. He was elected 1st District Solicitor in 1948, a position he held unopposed for 17 years. In 1963 he was appointed resident court judge of the 1st Judicial District and held that position until his retirement in 1974, serving as an emergency judge until 1977. At the time of his death he was 91 years old and the oldest living Superior Court Judge in the state. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.


Charles Fletcher Owen Jr. ('32, MD '34), Jan. 6, 2001. In 1933 he was the captain of the 1933 basketball team. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He practiced general medicine in Canton, NC, where he was a member of First Baptist Church. He was the first radiologist in the Piedmont and practiced radiology in Asheboro, Siler City, Thomasville, Lexington, Troy and Southern Pines. He was a member of the Randolph Rotary Club. Surviving are daughters, Jayne Parker and Nancy S. Owen; a son, Charles F. “Chip” Owen III; and six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Memorials may be made to The Wake Forest Deacon Club, 499 Deacon Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27105.


Thomas J. Fulk ('38), June 2000.

Donald F. Jordan ('38), June 7, 2000.


Elster Howell "Hal" Greene Jr. ('49), Nov. 21, 2000.

Frank Simmons Nash ('49), Nov. 22, 2000.


Bernie L. Frazier Jr. ('52), Dec. 7, 2000, Winston-Salem. He was the owner of Bernie Frazier Construction Co. At Wake Forest, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and was later a founding member of the Alumni Board of N.C. Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter. He was a former member of Forsyth Country Club, Twin City Club, Piedmont Civitan Club and the Jaycees. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis R. Frazier.

Fred M. Upchurch ('53, JD '58), Dec. 5, 2000, Greensboro, NC. He practiced law in Greensboro from 1958 until his retirement in 1993. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, Omicron Delta Kappa and other organizations. He was an ardent supporter of Wake Forest, particularly the athletic program. His favorite was the Deacon football team. He is survived by his wife, Judith Golden Upchurch.


John Elbert Hall Sr. (JD '55), Jan. 2, 2001, North Wilkesboro, NC. After receiving his law degree, he served as clerk to U.S. Judge Johnson J. Hayes. He was assistant U.S. District Attorney in the mid-1950s and was a practicing attorney for 45 years. He was a member of the North Wilkesboro Elks Club, Wilkes County Bar Association, N.C. Bar Association and Liberty Masonic Lodge #45. He served on the board of directors of the Wilkes County Vocational workshop and Legal Services of the Blue Ridge.

Sarah Riecke Cox ('56), November 2000.

Allyn Douglas Gibson ('56), May 1998.

William Dunning “Bill” Holoman Jr. ('56), Dec. 30, 2000, Richmond, VA. He was retired, having worked at the Reynolda Hall information desk for a number of years. He was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church.


Pansy Muriel Martin ('60), Nov. 22, 2000.


Betsy Dotson (JD '77), April 8, 2000.

Andrea Mitchell Metzler (MBA '79), Nov. 10, 2000, San Francisco. She was founder and president of Highway One. She started the business in 1983 to provide full-service marketing communication services to the West Coast. Highway One became one of the West's largest and most successful marketing agencies, culminating in its recognition as one of the country's Ten Best Agencies by PROMO Magazine. In 1994, the company was acquired by D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, a unit of The Bcom3 Group, and became part of the D'Arcy worldwide marketing services group. Prior to founding Highway One, Metzler was group product director for RJR Nabisco. She was highlighted in Who's Who in American Business and Who's Who in International Business and was a member of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. She was also an elder in her church. She is survived by her husband Craig Metzler (MD '82); a daughter, Jenn, and son, Bryce. She is also survived by her parents, Bill and Joan Mitchell of Lexington, NC: and her brother, Peter Mitchell, of Winston-Salem.


Randall Ray Combs ('81), August 2000.

Deaths

Faculty, Staff and Friends

John Devin Clark Sr., Dec. 6, 2000.


Margaret Hines Griffiths, April 24, 2000.

S. Bryant Kendrick Jr., Nov. 13, 2000. He was a member of the faculty at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Laurence B. Leinbach Sr., Dec. 17, 2000. He was a retired member of the faculty at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.


Sandford Hale “Sandy” Smith, Nov. 27, 2000.

Margaret Templeton Southard, Oct. 12, 2000, Forsyth County, NC. She retired from Wake Forest as a librarian after 30 years of service.


Wake Forest March 2001
WE HAVE READ the essays on academic passion, honor, and social responsibility, marveling at the energy and optimism of youth. We have read glowing letters from teachers, ministers, and friends. We have read of tragedy and faith and human frailties. Surrounded by the applications of those who long to attend Wake Forest and those whom we long to enroll, we seek to make the decisions that will affect so profoundly these students and this institution that we love. We know our responsibility is great.

Objective measures suggest impressive transcripts. Yet in seeking those future alumni we strive to look beyond the numbers for intellectual curiosity, those who simply love to learn. Those who will discuss and debate, who will open their minds and energize Wake Forest by their presence—they are the ones we seek.

We remain a community of scholars and yet the life of the mind is not our singular pursuit. We look for those who exemplify the combination of wisdom and goodness that our forbears valued—character, honesty, kindness. Pro Humanitate. Wake Foresters share much in common but value our differences. Artists and athletes, urban and rural, black and white, male and female together have made us unique. We seek new students who will share their diversity, enriching the whole of Wake Forest.

We know our history. We have read of the giants of Wake Forest who preceded us and we are guided by our memories of our days as students. The faces have changed but the character and the beauty, the heart, and the soul remain constant. This is a very good place, but not one of complacency. Each new year we strive to enroll a class that will appreciate our heritage while reaching higher and farther. How hopeful we are, and how fortunate that the cycle continues.

Martha Blevins Allman is associate director of admissions at Wake Forest.