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Honoring a legend

Ed Wilson (‘43) receives Medallion of Merit at Founders’ Day.

Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson (‘43), regarded by many as “Mr. Wake Forest” for personifying the values and spirit of Wake Forest for more than fifty years, received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, during Founders’ Day Convocation on February 19.

“Since 1939 when he arrived at our original campus as a freshman... Wake Forest has been central among the purposes of his life,” said Provost and Acting President William C. Gordon (‘68, MA ’70), who read the citation and noted Wilson’s “legendary aversion” to such honors. (The full text of the citation is on the University Web site at http://www.wfu.edu/wowf/2004/021904.html.)

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr., who underwent brain surgery in December, attended convocation and was greeted with a standing ovation from the large crowd in Wait Chapel. He presented the award to Wilson, who also received a standing ovation. Wilson joined the English department faculty in 1951, following service in the Navy and graduate school at Harvard.

He served as assistant dean and dean of the College before being named the University’s first provost in 1967. After retiring as provost in 1990, he was named vice president. He continued to teach his popular course on the Romantic poets until 1999.

Author and journalist Anna Quindlen, who gave the Convocation address, spoke on the media’s role in fostering dialogue and civil discourse, the University’s academic theme for 2003–04. A former reporter and columnist for The New York Times who won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1992, Quindlen has written four best-selling books. She also writes the “Last Word” column in Newsweek magazine.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anna Quindlen speaks about the role of media in society.

Senior James Woodlee (above, left) presents Associate Professor of Business James Cotter with the Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Contribution to Student Life. At right, School of Law Dean Robert Walsh (left) presents Professor Michael Green with the Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching.
Hearn continues to recover

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. continues to recuperate at home following brain surgery in December. In addition to keeping up with campus activities through his communications with Acting President and Provost William C. Gordon (‘68, MA ’70), he has attended several basketball games. Dr. Hearn and his family extend to the Wake Forest community their appreciation for the many encouraging messages that they have received during his illness.

“Recuperation will require my full energies and attention for some significant time,” Hearn wrote in a letter to the Wake Forest community before his surgery. “I have all confidence in Bill Gordon’s ability to direct the important work of the University during this period. I know that you will give him your full support.”

Rhodes Scholar with a cause

Senior Jennifer Harris has been named a Rhodes Scholar, the eighth Wake Forest student to receive the prestigious scholarship since 1986. Harris, a native of Lawton, Oklahoma, is a political science and economics major. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in international relations at Oxford University next fall.

Harris has traveled extensively in Europe and elsewhere—supported by Wake Forest grants—to research refugee issues. “I’m trying to convince people that international security and human rights, specifically refugee rights, are not mutually exclusive,” she said.

In Eastern Europe, she has researched asylum programs for refugees that also protect government interests. In Croatia and Sarajevo, she has examined how to return refugees to their homeland in the former Yugoslavia. In Latvia, she helped officials develop political asylum laws.

Harris was one of thirty-two American students selected for the Rhodes Scholarship. Last year, she was one of seventy-six students in the country to receive a Truman Scholarship, and she was also named second team on USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Team.

Jennifer Harris will study at Oxford.
**Pro Humanitate at work**

Senior Rosita Najmi was one of twenty students selected first team for *USA Today's* 2004 All-USA College Academic Team, which honors students for outstanding intellectual achievement and leadership. She was featured with other members of the team in the February 12 issue.

Najmi, an economics major from Knoxville, Tennessee, has been active in campus organizations and co-founded Project Bokonon, which provides medical supplies to hospitals in Bénin, West Africa. Last fall, she was named one of *Glamour* magazine’s Top 10 College Women for 2003.

**Did you know?**

Almost 10 percent of Wake Forest’s undergraduates study abroad every year at University-owned houses in Venice, Vienna (at left), and London, through other Wake Forest-sponsored programs, or through programs with other universities. A look at where they went this year:

**Total studying abroad: 387 *

**Through Wake Forest programs: 133**

- Venice *(Casa Artom)* 39
- Salamanca, Spain 31
- Vienna *(Flow House)* 26
- London *(Worrell House)* 23
- Hirakata, Japan 5
- Dijon, France 4
- Burgos, Spain 3
- Beijing 1
- Berlin 1

**Through other programs: 254**

- England 78
- Spain 45
- Australia 43
- Italy 23
- France 16
- Ireland 7
- Scotland 7
- Germany 5
- Austria 5
- New Zealand 5
- Chile 4
- Greece 3
- Czech Republic 2
- Nepal 2
- Netherlands 2
- Switzerland 2
- Africa 1
- Barbados 1
- Denmark 1
- Hungary 1
- India 1

*Total fall and spring semesters; includes seven students studying abroad all year; does not include summer programs.

Source: WFU Center for International Studies
Degrees of difficulty

Temperature changes could mean doom for cloud forest plants.

Many species of plants in the Amazon cloud forest may not survive the dramatic climate changes forecast to occur within the next one hundred years, according to a new study published in the February 6 issue of Science by Wake Forest ecologist Miles Silman.

Silman, along with collaborators Mark Bush and Dunia Urrego of the Florida Institute of Technology, documented climate change and changes in forest composition occurring during the past 48,000 years in one of the world’s biodiversity hot spots. It is the first continuous record of Andean climate change.

They took sediment samples from a remote lake on the eastern slope of the Peruvian Andes and analyzed the fossilized pollen in each layer to determine what plants grew in the area and in what abundance from before the peak of the last ice age through modern times.

The data show that the lower mountain forests of the Andes have a history of profound but not rapid climate change, suggesting that temperature change in these systems was gradual, perhaps averaging less than 1 degree Celsius (approximately 2 degrees Fahrenheit) per 1,000 years, said Silman, assistant professor of biology. “An anticipated warming of 1 to 4 degrees Celsius within the next 100 years raises concerns for the long-term survival of these systems,” he said.

“For species with narrow elevation ranges, the predicted rate of climate change may move them completely outside of their climatic niche space within only one or two plant generations,” Silman and his co-authors wrote in the study. “Climate change, coupled with habitat destruction, could cause Andean plant communities to experience greatly increased extinction rates.”

From the data collected, Silman and his fellow researchers determined the cloud forest existed at or near the site consistently for the past 48,000 years. The forests were more stable for longer periods of time than we expected, he said.

Because plant communities form the basis for all other biodiversity in these systems, stability is important. “When we lose plant species and substantially alter the plant communities in other systems, we get cascading changes in the animal communities, and, importantly, changes in plant communities that can, in turn, cause further changes in climate,” Silman explained.
Extraverts may have the edge when it comes to balancing work and family, according to a new study by two Wake Forest professors that looks at the role of personality in the work-family experience. The researchers examined how an individual’s personality traits contribute to conflict, as well as to positive influence between work and family.

Extraverts—individuals who are outgoing, sociable, and talkative—experience the most positive connections between their work and family roles, said Julie Holliday Wayne, adjunct assistant professor of business. For example, more extraverted individuals reported that having a good day on the job makes them better companions when they get home. Extraverts also said that the things they do on the job make them more interesting people at home, she said.

Wayne, who studies workplace issues, teamed up with William Fleeson, an associate professor of psychology who studies personality, to conduct the study, which appeared in the February issue of the Journal of Vocational Behavior. The study used a large, diverse national sample. Extraversion was just one of the five key personality factors the researchers considered.

“We know that situational factors, such as hours worked and parental status, influence how much interference people experience between their work and family lives,” Wayne said. “But, in this study, after we eliminated these factors, we found that an individual’s personality contributed to the degree of conflict and facilitation they experienced.”

Conscientiousness, another of the key personality factors, was related to less conflict between work and family, presumably reflecting efficient time use and organizational skills, she said. “Conscientious individuals—those who are efficient, organized, and thorough—may be better able to successfully complete work tasks in less time so that they are less preoccupied with work while at home and vice versa,” she added.

Those with the neurotic personality trait—think Woody Allen or Jerry Seinfeld’s characters—experienced the greatest amount of work-family conflict, Fleeson said. “If something goes wrong, they tend to exaggerate the negative,” he says. “These are the people who regularly experience high levels of anxiety.”

The study’s findings suggest the need for organizations to help employees achieve work-family balance, and that to do so, they should consider the individual’s personality traits as well as factors of the work situation. For example, Fleeson suggested that Employee Assistance Programs and other programs could be developed to help neurotic individuals understand their tendency to view experiences negatively and to coach them on how to view work-family conflict as less threatening.

In addition to shedding light on the importance of personality factors, this is one of a few published studies that shows that work and family roles can benefit each other, Wayne said.
History on record for the future

Professor of History Ed Hendricks recently completed a two-year effort to produce an electronic version of the History of Wake Forest College book series. All four books—which cover the University’s history from its founding in 1834 through the end of the Tribble administration in 1967—are now on one CD, available for purchase at the College Bookstore and also at the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society on the old campus.

Hendricks said he made the CD to ensure that future students, alumni, and historians have access to Wake Forest’s history, especially since the books themselves are no longer readily available. “So many students today come here without any knowledge of the University’s history,” said Hendricks, who has taught a course on the history of Wake Forest since the 1970s.

The first three books in the series were written by George Washington Paschal (1892), a professor of Latin and Greek at Wake Forest from 1890 to 1940. The most recent one, written by Bynum Shaw, professor of journalism from 1965 to 1993, covers the World War II era, the move to Winston-Salem, and the presidency of Harold W. Tribble.

Provost Emeritus and Professor of English Edwin G. Wilson ('43) is writing the next volume, which will cover the administration of James Ralph Scales from 1967 to 1983.

“It’s been a dream of mine to have a nice one-volume, readable history of Wake Forest,” Hendricks said. “But it would have to be a condensed history; you could not have the amount of detail (as in the four volumes). It would be tragic to have that supersede the encyclopedic version. When I started this in the fall of 2001, I realized how important and extensive these volumes were, and they needed to be available in some format.”

Funding to convert the books into an electronic format was provided by the University’s Archie Fund and Timothy Croak ('76) and Seth ('57) and Mary Brown. After the books were scanned by a Florida company using an optical character recognition process, Hendricks enlisted the help of his wife, Sue (MBA ‘79), and students to proofread the text. Jing Wei, instructional technology specialist for the history department, converted the text to portable document format (PDF), created bookmarks, and helped duplicate the CD.
Anthony Atala, an internationally recognized leader in tissue engineering, has joined the faculty of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. Atala, formerly director of Tissue Engineering and Cellular Therapeutics at Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, will lead the medical school’s urology department and the new Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering Institute. He brings a team of physicians and scientists along with licenses of several technologies he has developed. The work focuses on growing new human tissues and organs to repair those that are either defective at birth or destroyed by disease. His start-up company will relocate to the Piedmont Triad Research Park in a move that could lead to more than one hundred new jobs in three years.

Medical Center researchers Thomas A. Areury and Sara A. Quandt have received the national Praxis Award, recognizing excellence in professional anthropology, for their work on reducing the impact of green tobacco sickness among migrant and seasonal farm workers in North Carolina. Their research is part of a ten-year program to improve the health of migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Arcury, professor and research director of family and community medicine, and Quandt, professor of public health sciences—epidemiology, are both anthropologists. Both are also adjunct professors in the Department of Anthropology on the Reynolda Campus. The Praxis Award is given every other year by the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists.

Professor of English Barry Maine (below) has been named director of interdisciplinary honors, succeeding Professor of History James Barefield, who is retiring this spring. The honors program offers seminars, usually team-taught by faculty from different disciplines, to highly qualified undergraduates. Maine joined the faculty in 1981 and was chair of the English department from 1987 to 1996.
Back-to-back champions!

The Wake Forest field hockey team has done it again, winning a second national championship and becoming only the third school to ever win back-to-back field hockey championships.

The top-ranked Deacons defeated second-ranked Duke, 3-1, in November in Amherst, Massachusetts, to claim the title. Wake Forest finished the year 22-1 and won the ACC Tournament for the second straight year, on the way to a fourth consecutive Final Four appearance.

Head Coach Jennifer Averill (156-84-3 in twelve seasons) was again named ACC and National Coach of the Year. Senior Kelly Doton was named National Player of the Year. Six players were named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team, four received All-American Honors, three were named First Team All-Americans, and three were named to Junior National Field Hockey Teams.

Once parking, soon a park

With the expansion and renovation of Calloway Hall complete, a new park is being constructed in the adjacent Reynolda Hall parking lot. The park, with trees and other landscaping, brick sidewalks, and tables and benches, will expand from the renamed Calloway Center to Kitchin Residence Hall. Some parking will remain near Kitchin Hall.

The Calloway Center of Business, Mathematics and Computer Science consists of Kirby Hall, completed last fall, and West Hall, the original part of the building. Kirby Hall houses the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. West Hall, which was renovated last semester, houses the math and computer science departments. Kirby Hall will be dedicated April 1.

Fostering yet more dialogue

Events highlighting the University’s theme year, “Fostering Dialogue: Civil Discourse in an Academic Community,” are continuing this semester. Two Irish symposiums will be held March 15–19 to coincide with the annual Wake Forest University Press Irish Festival. The symposiums, “Opposing Views and Common Ground: Examining the Road to Peace in Ireland,” and “Dialogue through Poetry” will feature several Irish historical and literary scholars to discuss the peace process in Ireland.

The theme year will end late in the semester with a celebration on the Quad that will draw on London’s tradition of allowing speakers to express their views in a public forum. The “Hyde Park Speakers’ Corner Day” will give participants a chance to climb up on a soapbox and express their views about a number of topics. The theme year is sponsored by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. You can find a full schedule of theme-year events at http://themeyear.wfu.edu.
Powell to speak at Commencement

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to speak at Commencement on May 17. He is the latest prominent figure to address graduates in recent years:

- 2003 New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg
- 2002 Senator and presidential candidate John McCain
- 2001 Former First Lady Barbara Bush
- 2000 Cisco CEO John Chambers
- 1999 Cardinal Francis Arinze
- 1998 White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles
- 1997 IBM CEO Lou Gerstner
- 1996 Senator Sam Nunn
- 1995 CNN News Anchor Judy Woodruff
- 1994 Former Congressman Jack Kemp
- 1993 Notre Dame President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh
- 1992 Novelist Tom Clancy
- 1991 Virginia Governor Doug Wilder
- 1990 Millard Fuller, founder, Habitat for Humanity

Scholarships honor Kitty Green

Two new scholarships commemorate the life of Catherine E. (Kitty) Green (’74, MBA ’82), who died in November 2002. She created one with her husband, Hobart Jones (’74, MBA ’80), before her death, and BB&T has funded the other. Additional gifts from friends and former colleagues have augmented both funds.

The Kitty Green and Hobart Jones College Scholarship was created to assist undergraduate students whose annual family income is less than the full cost of one year’s attendance at Wake Forest. Currently, one hundred fifty-six Wake Forest students meet the scholarship’s criteria, about 4 percent of the overall undergraduate enrollment. The scholarship was awarded for the first time last fall to freshman John I. Sanders of Blackstock, South Carolina.

The second scholarship, the Kitty Green Presidential Scholarship, will be awarded for the first time next fall on the basis of merit, exceptional talent, and leadership as part of the Presidential Scholarship for Distinguished Achievement program. The fund was started by three of Green’s friends in

Winston-Salem: Nigel D. Alston, director of employee/community relations at GMAC; J.D. Wilson (’69), CEO of Excalibur Enterprises; and Nancy N. Young (’67), director of corporate affairs at Sara Lee. BB&T contributed $50,000 to the scholarship, and another $20,000 has been given or pledged by friends and colleagues of Green.

After a long career in business, Green changed careers and was a fourth and fifth grade teacher in rural Virginia at the time of her death. She received the Judson DeRamus Award for service to the Babcock Graduate School of Management in fall 2002.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Cameron Meador (’01, MAEd ’02), director of gift stewardship, at (336) 758-4834 or (800) 752-8567, meadorcm@wfu.edu.
Can the liberal arts and entrepreneurship make successful partners?

For Wake Forest and the Kauffman Foundation, the concept is a promising investment.

Stories by David Fyten
Photos by Ken Bennett
By nature entrepreneurs are big thinkers, and in brainstorming a program to integrate entrepreneurship into its liberal arts curriculum, Wake Forest is as big as they come. The program is the largest and boldest academic initiative on the Reynolda Campus since the Wake Forest Undergraduate Plan of the mid-nineties. It holds promise of closing the philosophical and programmatic gap between business and the arts and sciences that is commonplace on liberal arts campuses like Wake Forest while opening new avenues of thinking about the very nature of entrepreneurship itself.

The catalyst for this ambitious undertaking is a $2.16 million matching grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation of Kansas City. After awarding the University a $50,000 planning grant last summer to prepare its application, the foundation announced in December that it had chosen Wake Forest as one of eight “Kauffman Campuses” nationwide that it will support in developing programs to promote entrepreneurship in the liberal arts. (For details of Wake Forest’s program, see page 23.)

By the end of the grant period, University officials say they will be prepared to support any student, from any discipline, and from freshman year through graduate school, who wants to learn about and pursue entrepreneurship in any field of endeavor.

“We are excited about seeing the possibilities that entrepreneurship can create on a liberal arts campus like Wake Forest,” said Carl Schramm, president and CEO of the Kauffman Foundation. “Wake Forest has already proven itself as a community dedicated to supporting
Throughout college, senior Jennifer Woodsmall has been called often to foreign soil, studying for semesters in Italy and Thailand and summers in France and England. But it was during an interlude on one of the trips that she discovered a calling and a journey of a different sort: supporting women entrepreneurs in Third World countries with the profits from her own business.

In the spring semester of her sophomore year, while she was in Thailand, Woodsmall spent a week in Hanoi, Viet Nam, where she made it a point to meet the people. Women in Viet Nam, as in many disadvantaged countries, run most of the businesses, and she was struck by the skill and dedication to quality of the many craftswomen who make women’s handbags in their own small shops.

Woodsmall took some of their bags as gifts back to Kansas City, her hometown, when she returned, and “the people I showed them to loved them,” she says. Then the seed of an entrepreneurial notion her Hanoi visit had planted bloomed into flower. “My dad is an entrepreneur, and I pitched the idea of going into business with these women to my parents,” she says. “They loved the idea. Mom suggested going into business together, which I thought was great, since she’s my closest friend.”

Woodsmall had a larger purpose in mind: helping the women entrepreneurs she had met, and others like them worldwide. “There’s an organization called the International Federation of Women Entrepreneurs, which allocates money to women in Third World countries to help them sustain their ventures,” she notes. “I wanted to give something back. Mom and I felt that we could help.”

In August, Woodsmall returned to Hanoi with her mother, Linda, and proposed to her craftswomen friends a design-manufacturing partnership arrangement. They responded enthusiastically. Back home, “Mom and I started creating handbag designs and doing marketing research around the Kansas City area,” she says. “I dived into learning everything I could about importing requirements, brokers, all the details that go into a business like this.”

The result was J.L. Lane (for Jennifer, Linda, and a family name), a growing company that sells its fashionable line of hand-embroidered silk handbags at stores in the Kansas City area and has established a list of promising contacts in the Southeast. The slogan on its slick marketing brochure reads, “2 nations, 2 generations, 2 women, 1 vision.”

Having already coped with unforeseen glitches, both of a standard business startup variety (such as the shipment of handbags that wound up in Detroit, with no apparent way of getting them to Kansas City) and distinctive to their situation (the challenges of cross-cultural communication), the Woodsmalls now are facing new obstacles. “Mom and I are limited in our design ability,” Woodsmall says. “We’re looking at hiring a designer, along with marketing people in Dallas and on the West Coast.

“Our sales are increasing,” she reports. “We had high upfront costs, and we’re just starting to make a profit.” When that happens, a percentage will be given to the women entrepreneurs’ federation. “We see a lot of potential in it,” she says. “We’re very hopeful for the future.”

High on Woodsmall’s list of the attributes of successful entrepreneurs is passion. “Entrepreneurship is a whole new way of thinking, of taking an idea, no matter how crazy or off the wall, and pursuing it,” she says. “My passion always has been to improve the lives of others.”

Woodsmall is majoring in psychology and religion because, she says, they help one learn about different cultures and ways of thinking. But business is becoming a greater priority. She has taken a couple of business courses, and she spent much of last summer at the London School of Economics studying entrepreneurship. “After graduation, I’d like to get more business experience and eventually work with women in Third World countries,” she says. “It’s a dream of mine to begin an outreach organization, but we’ll see what fate holds.”
It’s a way of life.

Consider sophomore Michael Burch. He set up a lemonade stand in his Cincinnati neighborhood when he was six and sustained it for several summers simply for the joy of dispensing good service and product. Throughout his youth, he took apart and reassembled radios and appliances to see how they worked and might be improved.

It’s that inherent curiosity and impulse to make even good things better that fueled Burch’s startup of a successful Internet service provider (ISP) company when he was a high school junior. And it will doubtlessly motivate his career in medicine, Web site building, or whatever else he might do in the future.

Burch, a pre-med student with an economics major, is founder of A1 Access U.S.A., an Internet dialup access company. (Yes, he chose the name for its potential marketing edge. “A lot of directories are listed alphabetically,” he notes.) The concept is simple: he rents phone lines from telecommunications giants, then sells Internet dialup access on them to individual customers. “It’s for people who don’t want the extra garbage [one gets with commercial ISPs],” he says. “My customers just want to get online and not have me in the way.”

Burch got his start as an independent salesperson for a leading ISP as a high school freshman. Over the course of a couple of years he learned the business and made good money, so when the ISP decided to terminate its independent sales strategy, he struck out on his own. A1 grew rapidly, amassing some two-hundred-twenty customers at its peak. Its client base today has shrunk due to dial-up’s loss of market share to broadband services, but Burch still devotes about ten hours a week to the business, pocketing “more than from a regular job, but not enough to get rich.” Still, he’s earned enough from his various endeavors to pay for his Wake Forest education.

Having gained Web design experience with Wake Forest’s Knowledge to Work program, Burch now is considering establishing a new company that would specialize in designing Web sites for politicians. “Surprisingly, there would be little competition in the area,” he notes. “I’m working now with a U.S. House candidate on a volunteer basis to build a track record.” He remains drawn to medicine, and if he becomes a doctor, “I’ll guarantee you my practice will have a Web site.”

Burch lists passion, organization, and flexibility as qualities essential for any successful entrepreneur. “You have to have fire for what you’re doing or you won’t stick with it and do what’s required, which inevitably is more than you think it will be,” he says. “You must have a plan and proceed in a systematic way. And so many problems come up that you’d never anticipated. Someone stole my [Internet] domain, and I had to reroute all of my e-mail addresses for a time. It was a major hassle, but you do whatever is necessary.”

For those with the soul of the true entrepreneur, it’s not about money, a company, or even a concept. It’s about the passion to improve systems and build a better whatever.

students with new venture ideas. We are pleased to be able to support its efforts.”

“We believe Wake Forest possesses a unique ability to develop a model for making entrepreneurship part of the campus culture at a liberal arts university,” said William C. Gordon (’68, MA ’70), provost and acting president. “This grant will help us provide a strong foundation in entrepreneurship teaching, research, and outreach.”
In a world where the best opportunities are increasingly entrepreneurial, the implications are profound. “Our economy will prosper only to the extent that we are successful in attracting and developing entrepreneurial enterprises to replace traditional employers that are on the wane,” said Page West, Benson-Pruitt Associate Professor of Business who coordinates the Calloway School’s entrepreneurship programs and served as principal investigator of the grant proposal. “What entrepreneurs do is develop a distinctive world view which cannot be easily imitated by others. They conceive an idea and then refine it through an idiosyncratic process of seeking information that others don’t see. They foresee problems and find ways around them. They are creative and act in uncertain environments.” What better way to cultivate these qualities, he and other architects of the proposal ask, than through the liberal arts?

To be sure, entrepreneurship is not a revolutionary concept on campus. Examples abound of successful student ventures. Based on his research, biology graduate student Nicholai Hristov is developing innovative 3-D imaging software that offers creative possibilities for visual artists as well as biologists. Two years ago, a multi-disciplinary team of undergraduates received honorable mention in a business plan competition for its work on a medical waste recycling technology venture. Senior Rosita Najmi co-founded Project Bokonon, a non-profit corporation that provides medical services and supplies to Benin in West Africa.
But like many liberal arts institutions, the University historically has had no formal programs to serve non-business undergraduates who are interested in entrepreneurship. Outside the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, no undergraduate faculty members teach or conduct research in the field, and no established mechanisms or venues are in place to help students identify entrepreneurial opportunities and pursue them. Small wonder, then, that liberal arts students

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EES SOMETHING THAT’S BROKEN, AND IF HE CAN, HE’LL FIX IT — AND THAT HIS HIGH STANDARDS ELEVATE HIS DEFINITION OF INVENTIONAL BENCHMARKS. IF OF INVENTION, THEN IMPROVEMENTuity, to his way of thinking.

“It’s analytical,” the Wake Forest senior says of his entrepreneurial impulse. “You ask, ‘How can this be changed for the better?’ So you take it apart. Maybe you don’t get it back together, but that’s okay — it’s the process that counts. The real fun is looking at someone else’s idea and taking it apart for them.”

One summer night in 2001, Hinson was waiting tables at a banquet at the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem. “I noticed the poor quality of the temporary labor that was staffing the banquet,” he recalls. “Later, I asked the manager if he would be interested in a regular source of good, dependable temporary help from Wake Forest. He was ecstatic.”

Thus was born Wake Works, now called Wake Works Staffing, Inc., a well-structured and profitable provider of temporary banquet labor, drawn mostly from the Wake Forest student body, to hotels, conference centers, and caterers. From an initial pool of fewer than a score of students in fall 2001, Hinson now can draw, with a touch of his hand-held digital device, from a pool of one hundred-forty-four well-trained and reliable event staffers on short notice. Custom database technology manages all facets of the company’s day-to-day operations, from online billing to employee performance evaluation software based on mathematical analysis. Wake Works works so well that Hinson is negotiating franchises at Vanderbilt, Princeton, and other universities.

From childhood, Hinson has always been ahead of the curve. As a boy in Washington, D.C., he parlayed his paperback book collection into a unique lending library. “I cut numbers out of construction paper, pasted them onto my books, and loaned them to other kids in the neighborhood,” he says. “I wouldn’t charge for borrowing the books, but I would assess a late fee if they weren’t returned on time. I was making pretty good money until some of the parents decided this was not a very good idea.”

A technological whiz, Hinson in high school established and ran a computer-consulting firm that within a year was out of the red and employing three part-time workers. “My father taught me that nothing is impossible,” he says.

Hinson based the Wake Works concept on his hunch that students would go for the higher pay and flexibility he could offer them. He was right: by paying more than the minimum wage and allowing the students to choose when and how much they work, he’s had little trouble sustaining a large and stable labor pool.

Each employee must undergo drug and background screening and complete a three-hour training course on basic serving etiquette. An additional two-hour course in wine and advanced serving is required to participate in Wake Works Elite, which supplies clients with servers with greater culinary experience and training. Using his PDA, Hinson can receive staffing requests from clients and communicate work opportunities to his student labor force anywhere and any time. With a click of a key on their laptops, students can accept or decline each opportunity, enabling Hinson to fill a labor call in relatively short order.

Wake Works derives its income from client fees and a 9 percent assessment of the gross income in each employee’s paycheck. “The business model is sound,” says Hinson, who tapped into faculty and student talent in devising it. “There is very little capital investment, and all of our costs are covered up front. But the way it was conceptualized and the way it evolved were very different. If we hadn’t been open to change and advice, it would have failed. You can’t become too attached to your baby or you’ll go down with the ship.”

Other attributes of a successful entrepreneur, besides openness and flexibility? “You have to have drive, consistent and constant,” he says. “And you can’t be afraid of failure. You are walking a tightrope without a net and you have got to like that — even get a little high off of it.”

Hinson, who loves history and majors in it because “the past predicts the future,” calls Wake Works “my toy.” But although he’s incorporated it with financing from three investors and finds the thought of letting it go “almost unbearable,” he recognizes that with graduation approaching the best strategy will be to spin it off to some other enterprising student.

That, of course, won’t be the close of his entrepreneurial career. But just how that will look is a bit up in the air right now. “My father is fond of saying that the wisest man is the one who knows what he doesn’t know,” says Hinson, an honors student with an economics minor. “I’m intelligent enough to know my weaknesses.”
No idea is too exotic for the hard-core entrepreneur. Take Zach Klein’s, for example. As a high school student in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Wake Forest senior parlayed his observation of the limited selection of pets in local stores into one of the East Coast’s largest online exotic animal businesses.

But the snakes-and-spiders trade is just one of Klein’s eclectic phantasm of Web-based business concepts. From college dating to rock-and-roll criticism, he keeps his creative olfactory to the wind for the scent of some notion that could satiate his hunger for innovation. “It’s the way,” he says, “that I walk, talk, and breathe.”

It’s been his way, as it has for so many entrepreneurs, since boyhood. “Ever since I was little, my parents joked about me carrying around a briefcase with fingerpaints in it,” says Klein, a studio art major interested in photography. “My father was an entrepreneur, and he depended on me to do his computer work. I learned a lot from him.”

After noticing that “cats and parakeets were about all our pet stores had for sale,” Klein started thinking about the market potential of a Web-based exotic pet business. He scoured online directories for retailers with whom he might partner and found one in Atlanta who got his animals from a Florida breeder-importer of reptiles, arachnids, and other unconventional pets. It wasn’t long before he and the storeowner started ReptileShack.com.

“It was just an idea I had,” says Klein, who was seventeen when the venture was launched. “I have no pets of my own, and I don’t know a whole lot about the exotic pet trade. It was just a good example of the new Internet economy: a middle man bringing everybody together.”

It certainly was. In its first year, sales grew at a rate of between 20 and 30 percent a month. Soon, they were placing ads in magazines aimed at exotic animal fanciers and renting trucks to display animals at shows. Over time, they branched out into selling exotic pet foods like crickets and worms, along with cages, aquarium tanks, and plants, and other accessories. At their height, monthly sales approached four hundred animals.

“It’s been ideal,” Klein says of the business, which he has continued to operate through college but is now for sale. “Each week the distributor calls us to let us know what he has, and I put it up on our Web site. My partner handles the calls and I manage the marketing and the site.”

Without offering specifics on its profitability, Klein says he’s been able to keep up with of his college loans, adding: “There’s no way I could have come to Wake Forest without it.”

At Wake Forest, Klein’s social circle has centered around an audaciously creative coterie of student Web entrepreneurs led by Ricky Van Veen [’03], who created what remains one of the country’s most popular college sites. “To be successful as an entrepreneur, you have to surround yourself with good people,” Klein says. “I wanted to be part of a think tank.” Feeding off the synergy of friends like fellow senior Nick Gray, Klein has ventured into new domains.

Among them is an online social directory for college students featuring photos and personal information. Among its more than 20,000 registered users is its creator. “A girl who lived a floor below me in my dorm found me online,” he says, smiling.

Klein’s greatest passion, though, is rock music. He’s done extensive freelance writing and photography for the music industry, spending this past summer in Denmark and Germany covering rock
concerts. To help other aspiring young journalists get established, he has launched Crazewire.com, which publishes rock music reviews and articles by fledgling talents, many of whom obtain concert passes from Klein through his contacts in the music industry. “It’s fast-paced,” notes Klein, who was advised in its formative stage by journalism professor Wayne King. “Rock fans are obsessive and want updates quickly and first-hand.” Crazewire’s popularity is growing fast: it recently opened a European bureau in Germany.

For all his many endeavors to date, one gets the sense from Klein that “we ain’t seen nothin’ yet.” After graduation, he’ll be taking his sites to San Diego as a partner in Van Veen’s company, Connected Ventures, which is building a burgeoning conglomerate of Web sites targeted at college males. From there, who knows? Klein certainly doesn’t: he’s keeping the future open.

“[Entrepreneurs are] people who are genuinely excited about an idea and think it will make people’s lives better,” says one who never calls himself an entrepreneur. “It can flourish in any number of fields. You see everything as chemistry; you want to play with it and see where it will go. Money, or at least the urge to get rich quick, can’t be your motivation. Whenever someone asks me if there’s money in their idea, I know they’re not an entrepreneur.”
and undergraduate faculty on the Reynolda Campus, as elsewhere, often fail to connect their disciplinary interests with entrepreneurship.

At least part of this disconnection stems from the stereotypical association of entrepreneurship with business. “The general focus of liberal arts disciplines on knowledge and understanding is often at odds with the perceived focus of business-related curriculum on practicalities of wealth and profits as a critical outcome,” says the University’s grant proposal. “Liberal arts faculties express concern about diluting their primary focus on education and for maintaining the independence of universities from commercial interests. Moreover, the ideals of liberal learning include developing an appreciation of moral values [and of] using knowledge in the service of humanity. Therefore, the distinctions between entrepreneurship and the liberal arts can only have become more pronounced in light of corporate scandals that have dominated headlines.”

But far from being at odds with each other, entrepreneurship and the liberal arts may in fact be mutually reinforcing concepts, the proposal suggests. “We believe that entrepreneurship is consistent with the habits of mind that are part of the liberal arts philosophy,” it states. “[These are habits] that ask ‘why’, that evaluate evidence, that are open to new ideas, that attempt to understand and appreciate the perspectives of others, that accept complexity and grapple with it, that admit error, and that pursue truth.”

The proposal states that Wake Forest subscribes to the Kauffman Foundation definition of entrepreneurship as “a process through which individuals and groups pursue opportunity, leverage resources, and initiate change to create value.” This definition is important, it notes, because it covers a wide range of possibilities beyond business. “Staging a new theater production or museum event, developing public policy that encourages new economic development, finding novel ways to get citizens more involved with the democratic process, developing new educational programs targeting at-risk students”—all of these create value for others.

Wake Forest seems distinctively well-positioned for this initiative. Award-winning entrepreneurship programs at the Calloway School and the Babcock Graduate School of Management are outstanding resources. Babcock’s Angell Center for Entrepreneurship is ranked in the top tier of national programs by Entrepreneur Magazine and has received international recognition for its case competitions. U.S. News & World Report ranks Calloway’s entrepreneurship program sixteenth in the nation.

Through the School of Medicine’s technology transfer program and the University’s involvement in efforts to establish a regional research park in downtown Winston-Salem, Wake Forest continues to acquire know-how in new venture dynamics. And cross-departmental collaboration, team-teaching, and interdisciplinary study pervade its liberal arts curriculum—an outside-the-box culture that will help instill entrepreneurship’s best habits in students. “The
A liberal arts atmosphere is perfect for this kind of initiative because it encourages you to look outward from your field,” says William E. Conner, a biology professor and avid backer of the Kauffman program. “I once taught a course on bioacoustics with George Holzwarth in physics and Teresa Radomski in music. Wake Forest encourages you to do things like that. If I’d tried to teach that course at a straight research university, they would have laughed at me.”

David Finn, an associate professor of art who serves with Conner on the Kauffman grant advisory committee, says he is most enthusiastic about the program’s emphasis on creativity and interdisciplinary collaboration. “The ability to think critically and to think and act creatively really is at the core of what we’re talking about,” he says. “A lot of interesting opportunities can be found in the boundaries between disciplines. One of our graduates, Jennifer Nicole Gentry (’97), has a successful practice in the visual communication of complex medical, scientific, and technical subject matter. She majored in art and biology, and based on the connections she made between the fields, went on to study medical illustration as a graduate student at Johns Hopkins.”

Conner says what he likes most about the Kauffman program is its broad mission statement and definition of entrepreneurship, with its focus upon the adding of value to society. “A lot of our students have wonderful ideas, but they don’t know how to bring them into tangible form,” he says. “One of my freshman advisees is a young woman named Kristen Jackson. At our first meeting of the year, she told me she had a dream to start a summer camp for children with incurable illnesses, but didn’t know where to begin. Now, she can start with an introductory seminar on entrepreneurship, proceed with a program of coursework, practical experience, and plan development, and be ready to go by the time she graduates.

“We should be in the business of making dreams like this happen,” Conner adds. “That’s the real promise of this program—making dreams happen.”

IN THE DETAILS...

Highlights of the University’s five-year plan for the Kauffman grant program include:

► Adding dozens of courses in entrepreneurship and creativity throughout the curriculum, including three foundational courses during the first two years and up to three in-depth, within-discipline courses during the last two years, and seminars in creativity and imagination, entrepreneurial business skills, science- and technology-based entrepreneurship, and project development
► Adding four new faculty positions in the liberal arts to provide enhanced teaching resources for entrepreneurship curriculum initiatives
► Establishing a University Center for Entrepreneurship that will function as an incubator providing extracurricular assistance to campus entrepreneurs who are in the early stage of idea development and feasibility assessment
► Creating a Wake Forest Entrepreneurship Electronic Network to facilitate interaction among students, faculty, and alumni interested in entrepreneurship
► Arranging collaborations with and internships in medical school commercialization efforts and other local sites that engage in and practice entrepreneurship
► Establishing an extensive program of faculty development in creativity and entrepreneurial thinking, including seminars developed by faculty fellows in entrepreneurship instruction
► Recruiting entrepreneurial “champions” from the liberal arts faculty through education, exposure, and incentives
► Providing interdisciplinary, cross-campus, and experiential learning opportunities related to entrepreneurship, including internships
► Establishing a “Fifth-Year Entrepreneurship Institute” that will support, with stipends and housing, up to four recent graduates pursuing new ventures
► Launching a multi-year communication program to create greater awareness and understanding of entrepreneurship within the liberal arts community
As Maryland's upstart governor, Robert Ehrlich (JD '82) is the marquee attraction in a political balancing act—and he relishes performing without a net.

The President of the United States calls him “a live wire…an incurable optimist who brought common sense to the [Maryland] governor's mansion—which is just what this state needed!” But his detractors insist that he's a right-wing ideologue who has cynically isolated himself from both the news media and the legislative branch of his own state government.

Fourteen months after Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (JD '82) stunned the experts with an upset victory that made him the first Republican governor of Maryland in more than thirty-six years, the battle lines have been drawn for a political showdown that promises to draw increasing national attention to Annapolis during the 2004 election year.

Like George Pataki in New York, Mitt Romney in Massachusetts, and Arnold Schwarzenegger in California, the forty-six-year-old Ehrlich finds himself in the extraordinary position of trying to run a state government that has, in recent years, been thoroughly dominated by moderate or liberal-minded Democrats.

The feisty and jut-jawed Ehrlich may be the most interesting governor in the fifty states. With a better than two-to-one Democratic majority working against him, the former four-term congressman must also contend with the fact that six of the state's eight U.S. House members, both its U.S. senators, and the mayor of its largest city (Baltimore) all belong to the Democratic Party…in a state where the word "Republican" has been synonymous with the words "electoral defeat" throughout most of the twentieth century.

Hounded daily by the state's two major newspapers (The Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun), and endlessly harried by urban liberals and academicians who regard him as nothing less than a fire-breathing, political Beelzebub, Ehrlich is also hemmed in by a growing budget deficit and mushrooming social problems (urban crime, traffic gridlock, decaying public schools) that would leave most governors tearing their hair out.

Strangely enough, however, Ehrlich actually seems to be enjoying his jittery high-wire act.

Sit down with him over a cup of coffee at Government House in Annapolis, and you'll find yourself chuckling out loud at the sheer fun this man appears to be having while somehow fending off one political attack after the next. “Let's face it, this is a right-of-center administration dealing with a left-of-center General Assembly [legislature]. Getting things done in this state is never going to be easy for me. But the good news is that I'm tough, and my staff is tough, and we are going to find a way to get our programs through. Of course, we've got some people in this state who aren't happy about our successes, because they want us to fail. But I can assure you that this administration will not fail—even if I do get my butt kicked once in a while on some particular issue.”

A former standout college linebacker at Princeton who later paid his way through law school at Wake Forest by working as an assistant football coach for the Demon Deacons, Bob Ehrlich amazed the political pundits back in early 2002 when he announced his long-shot candidacy for governor. First elected to Congress from the Baltimore suburbs during the 1994 “Republican Revolution” orchestrated by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Ehrlich had enjoyed four highly visible terms in office as a moderate-conservative activist and occasional spokesman for the new right-of-center congressional majority on Capitol Hill.

In spite of Ehrlich's success in Washington, most Maryland political observers in 2002 couldn't help wondering if the congressman harbored a secret career death wish. He would be required, as a gubernatorial candidate, to take on then-Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy.
Townsend (a daughter of Robert Kennedy and the niece of JFK), in a state which has voted overwhelmingly Democratic since the last days of Teddy Roosevelt.

But Ehrlich never flinched. Day after day, he hammered at his central campaign theme: Maryland had spent the preceding eight years (under Democratic Governor Parris N. Glendening, a former university professor) attending a non-stop “cocktail party of excessive spending,” and the state badly needed to cut back on its $22 billion annual budget. While blasting Glendening and Kennedy Townsend, the hard-charging Ehrlich vowed that he would not increase taxes in order to reduce the deficit, but would chop away at superfluous programs and work for cost-savings through better efficiency in government.

In an era when George W. Bush was slashing taxes and attacking “waste in government,” Ehrlich’s message began to catch on with many of Maryland’s traditionally Democratic voters. When the smoke cleared, the 5.4 million residents were shocked to discover that the fiscally conservative but moderate-on-social-issues Republican had become the next governor, nailing down an electoral majority of more than 52 percent.

How did Ehrlich pull it off? “I think there were two key factors at work,” says Dennis Muniak, a political science professor at Towson University who has written often about Maryland politics. “First of all, Ehrlich is a charming politician, a really appealing figure who’s quite good at the public relations involved in campaigning. And I think his victory in Maryland shows how American voters are increasingly voting on the basis of personality, rather than on the substantive issues.

In spite of these dire predictions, Ehrlich shows no signs of intimidation. “There’s no question that we’re facing some formidable partisan challenges,” he readily admits, while describing the battles he will soon be facing. “And it’s true that we’ve got some major media challenges to contend with, as well. But that’s the way it is. We don’t complain about it; we deal with it. The bottom line is that we’re competitors—and we have to compete every day here. We face many challenges, but I do think competitors also tend to view challenges as opportunities.

“I’ve always liked that Churchill quote about how politics is ‘tougher than war,’ because in war you get killed once, but in politics you get killed many times, day in and day out. But quite frankly, the challenges come with the job, and if you’re not up for the challenges, you shouldn’t have run for the job!”

The son of a lifelong auto salesman from the blue-collar Baltimore suburb of Arbutus, Bob Ehrlich has been meeting challenges since his days as a youthful all-star football player on the sandlots of his gritty hometown. After growing up in an $11,000 house (his mother Nancy worked as a legal secretary), the one-day governor capitalized on his athletic skills to win a scholarship to the city’s most prestigious boys’ private school, Gilman Prep. Later, as a ferocious linebacker and co-captain of the Princeton University football team, he sold sandwiches door-to-door at night to supplement his athletic scholarship.
After landing in Winston-Salem for his first year of law school in 1979, Ehrlich quickly signed on for a most un-lawyer-like job—as an assistant coach for the Demon Deacons football squad. “That was a fabulous experience,” he says. “I loved coaching, and we had a great year in ’79—we beat Auburn and Georgia and went to the Tangerine Bowl. I found that helping coach football was extremely good preparation for politics, where you get knocked down repeatedly and have to keep picking yourself up again.”

While developing a lifelong friendship with former football coach Al Groh (now head coach at the University of Virginia), Ehrlich also fell in love with the intricacies of the law. “Attending law school at Wake Forest was about the smartest move I ever made,” he says. “I learned a great deal about the courtroom and trial work, and that knowledge has proved invaluable over the years…which is why I always advise young people to go to law school, if they can. Even if you don’t practice, that kind of education makes you far more competitive in the marketplace.”

Along with learning about the law, Ehrlich was also polishing his “people-skills,” according to longtime law school professor Charlie Rose. “Even back then, you could see that Bob Ehrlich was good with people,” recalls Rose. “He was very friendly, very outgoing and personable. Looking back, it’s easy to understand how he wound up as a successful politician.”

After earning his J.D., Ehrlich rose rapidly through the ranks of a blue-chip Baltimore law firm and then launched his political career with an eight-year stint as a Maryland state legislator. By 1994, he was nicely positioned to join Congress as a maverick reformer whose message about the “tax-and-spend Dems” resonated loudly in Baltimore’s middle-class suburbs.

As to Ehrlich’s prospects in troubled Maryland, his supporters warn not to bet against him. But will the Republican outsider be able to assemble an effective governing coalition in 2004? For many of his critics, the answer is a resounding “no.” They point to a long list of vexing difficulties now facing Maryland, including:

- A yearly budget shortfall of $700 million, soon to be $1 billion. Ehrlich’s solution: Legalize slot machines to boost revenues and cut back on services—including, if necessary, the state’s ambitious $1.3 billion public school improvement program. One strategy he will not rely on: new taxes. “I will not raise income or sales taxes,” he says. “Marylanders are already paying 4.3 percent of their incomes in local and state taxes [the third-highest percentage in the nation], and enough is enough.”
- Ugly wrangling between Democratic state officials and the Republican governor in Annapolis. Increasingly irked at Ehrlich’s strategy of using “interim appointments” to name agency heads without legislative review (along with sub rosa budget cuts applied via obscure administrative procedures rather than new legislation), Baltimore Mayor Martin O’Malley recently sued the governor in an effort to block his interim appointment of a new Baltimore City Department of Social Services chief. (The court showdown will be especially interesting to watch, say observers, because O’Malley is expected to challenge Ehrlich in the gubernatorial election of 2006.)
- A series of missteps and gaffes that have bedeviled Ehrlich and the First Family at times, during their first year in office. Last October, for example, First Lady Kendel Sibiski Ehrlich—a lawyer and former public defender in Maryland—made national headlines by announcing that she would like to “shoot” rock star Britney Spears for setting a “bad example” for youth. Although she later apologized, the Ehrlichs are still grappling with the fallout. (Observers say they repaired some of the damage last October, however, after announcing the expected arrival of their second child this month.)

Ask Bob Ehrlich what it’s like to be the Republican nail that gets whacked by the Democratic hammer seven days a week, and the former linebacker laughs gleefully. “Listen, I wouldn’t be in this job if I couldn’t take it. I know how to roll with the punches, and I know how to draw the line between my professional life and my private life at the dinner table. Fortunately, I’ve also been able to hang onto my sense of humor. And I think that’s very important. We’re facing some huge challenges in Maryland right now, and the battles up ahead are going to test us all. I’m just glad that I’ve got a strong, supportive family, and that I haven’t lost the ability to laugh at myself.”

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EVEN AS A SMALL CHILD, Margaret Taylor could feel the invisible wall between countries. She remembers coming up hard against it crossing over from her hometown of El Paso, Texas, into Juarez, Mexico, then nervously declaring to an imposing border guard on the return trip that she was indeed a citizen of the United States.

As a college student, she learned that the wall not only is excluding, but also confining. Her father, a justice-minded minister, taught her about the plight of political refugees whose requests for sanctuary in the United States were met with an official policy of large-scale detention. Later, she witnessed their harsh treatment firsthand at an immigration detention camp in south Texas.

Her formative years eventually led Taylor, a professor at Wake Forest School of Law, to a distinguished career as an immigration scholar and teacher. From her outpost in North Carolina, which has one of the country’s fastest-growing Hispanic populations, she has become a leading expert in her field, one whose voice is consistently heard in the debate over immigration policy and whose work has laid a theoretical foundation for advocates representing detainees.

Prolific and indefatigable, Taylor provides expert analysis to national media, testifies before Congress on detention issues, submits comments on proposed regulations, and helps organize amicus briefs in cases challenging mandatory and indefinite detention. She has served on the advisory board of a project in New York City that tested a model of supervised release as an alternative to detention, and she co-founded an e-mail listserv for teachers of immigration law that has become a vital networking conduit for their community and the venue for much of the extensive mentoring she does.

Colleagues and students alike praise not only her teaching acumen, but also her ability to inculcate in her students the will, in her words, “to do good.” In the past two years, she has received the top teaching awards bestowed by both the Wake Forest School of Law and the Association of Immigration Lawyers of America (AILA)—the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award in 2002.
over the tightened entry restrictions and immigrant detention policies the government has implemented in recent years, especially since 2001, in the name of national security.

“Over the past decade, the grounds for deportation have expanded and the relief from it has contracted,” says Taylor, who is in her thirteenth year at Wake Forest and sixth as a full professor following her appointment to the highest rank at the relatively young age of thirty-four. "Under immigration law, non-citizens subject
to deportation are not entitled to the same constitutional protections and judicial interventions as in other areas of the law. To a scholar, it is an opportunity to address issues that matter in the real world.”

David Martin, a professor at the University of Virginia who formerly served as general counsel for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), recalls how Taylor’s arguments submitted in response to new detention rules in 1997 were instrumental in persuading the INS (now part of the Department of Homeland Security) to ease certain restrictions. “Margaret is a wonderful colleague,” he says. “Her candor and openness have won her friends—and influence—in academic and government circles alike. Her quiet tenacity in her research helps her excel at getting the story beneath the surface, especially regarding the government’s litigation positions and regulatory changes. As a consequence, she is widely recognized as the leading academic authority on immigration detention.”

Hiroshi Motomura, a respected immigration scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill, praises Taylor’s combination of academic insight and practical focus. “She is particularly interested in how the concepts that have driven detention policy have been put into practice—or not put into practice—by the agencies and officials who must implement them,” Motomura says. “This focus makes her academic writing more grounded and influential while maintaining the highest standards of conceptual sophistication.”

Ronald F. Wright Jr., one of Taylor’s closest colleagues on the School of Law faculty who co-authored with her an article titled “The Sentencing Judge as Immigration Judge,” specializes in prosecutorial charging decisions and criminal sentencing, among other subject areas. “Margaret has a genius for knowing which ideas matter,” Wright notes. “In her research, she chooses topics like detention conditions, access to lawyers, or prosecutorial discretion, ideas that have huge implications for real people. These topics were not hot scholarship topics until Margaret made them that way. In so doing, she changed the national debate.”

What better crucible than Texas—one of two states, along with California, with the country’s highest immigrant populations, and that function as its front-line portals for entry, legal or otherwise—for the forging of a sterling career in immigration law?

When Taylor was ten, her family moved from El Paso to Houston, and she went on to enroll as an honors history student at the University of Texas at Austin. During her junior year, her father, a Presbyterian minister devoted to social justice, sent her some literature from the Sanctuary Movement, which was advocating the cause of Central Americans who were being imprisoned by U.S. authorities despite claiming asylum for having fled political violence in their home countries. That awakened her consciousness.

But it was the following year that Taylor had her true epiphany. On her way home from spring break, she stopped to observe conditions at the Los Fresnos detention camp outside McAllen, Texas, where thousands of Latin Americans claiming asylum were being held, charged with or convicted of nothing more than the Reagan administration’s hostility to their claims. A Phi Beta Kappa scholar who already had been accepted to Yale School of Law, she knew then that it was the field she would pursue.

At Yale Taylor took an immigration law course “at the first opportunity I had” and wrote a paper on INS detention that became the basis of her first law review article. After a stellar law school career that included an editorship of the Yale Law and Policy Review, she clerked for Judge Jerre S. Williams on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and worked for two years in an Austin law firm before deciding to pursue an academic career. During her Wake Forest interview in 1991, Taylor told
THE KEY TOPICS AND THEMES OF MARGARET TAYLOR’S SCHOLARLY WRITING AND POLICY ADVOCACY

CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION.
“The INS was ill-equipped to take on the rapidly expanding system of immigration detention that emerged in the early nineties,” Taylor says. “Even as the INS presided over the fastest growing component of federal incarceration, it had no minimum standards in place to ensure humane conditions of confinement.” Her first article, published in 1995, was the first in the academic literature to focus attention on deplorable immigrant detention conditions and to consider how courts should address constitutional challenges brought by INS detainees to their confinement conditions. A second article detailed the numerous obstacles to securing legal representation for INS detainees and considered legal challenges and administrative reform to redress this problem.

Shortly after her first article was published, Taylor was invited to speak about INS detention and submit policy recommendations at a forum hosted by the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, which was preparing a report to Congress on immigration policy. “It was quite an honor,” she says. “From that experience, I learned the value of scholarship that is linked to social justice. And I met the government officials and advocates for immigrants who are a natural audience for my work.”

DEPORTATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDERS.
“ ‘Out of sight, out of mind’ is the unspoken premise of the policy of deporting criminal offenders,” Taylor says. “But in reality, deporting convicted criminals has little impact on crime in the United States, can foster international crime networks, and can contribute to political instability and other domestic problems in receiving countries.” In 1998, she co-authored a study commissioned by the Inter-American Dialogue, a think tank in Washington, D.C., that considered the geopolitical impact of criminal deportations. Finding that the huge growth in criminal deportation was indeed creating problems in receiving countries, the study concluded that immigration law should return to the time when only serious offenders were deported, and that ties to the U.S., such as citizen spouses and children, should merit relief from deportation.

Perhaps Taylor’s most controversial piece was the article she co-authored with Wright in the Emory Law Journal in 2002. It explored the notion that deportation decisions for some non-citizen offenders should be made at the time of sentencing by the judge that presides over the criminal proceedings. This merger of functions, the authors asserted, would enhance the efficiency of criminal deportation (an idea, Taylor notes as an aside, that is not “wildly popular in the immigration advocacy community”) while providing an array of constitutional protections, including the right to counsel, for non-citizen offenders facing the prospect of being deported.

RIGHT TO BAIL AND ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION.
Taylor asserts that due process requires a hearing before a neutral decision-maker before a non-citizen subject to deportation can be detained. In the criminal context, judges routinely grant bail to defendants awaiting trial; denial of bail must be justified by evidence of flight risk or some special danger. In the immigration context, by contrast, the INS often has unilateral authority to make detention decisions. In addition, Congress passed a law in 1996 mandating detention of virtually all criminal offenders while their deportation hearings are pending, regardless of the seriousness of their crime, their lawful residency status, or their ties to the community.
Dean Robert Walsh that she would be willing to teach a variety of courses as long as she could teach immigration law. Needless to say, he's glad he agreed.

The arc of Taylor's Wake Forest tenure has coincided with the cresting of her specialty. The nineties were a decade of unprecedented growth in immigration detention and the deportation of non-citizen criminal offenders. INS detention capacity grew from roughly 8,000 beds to 22,000 beds and the agency increased by almost ten-fold the number of non-citizen criminal offenders it removes from the country. Taylor notes that these trends were fueled by a tripling of the INS enforcement budget, a stripping of procedural rights for criminal offenders in deportation proceedings, and an expansion of the list of crimes that render a non-citizen deportable. "Now, even long-term permanent residents convicted of relatively minor crimes such as shoplifting or simple assault can be deported for offenses that happened years or even decades ago and did not, at the time of the offense, result in any immigration sanctions," she says.

In deportation proceedings, the constitutional protections of a criminal trial, such as the right to appointed counsel, do not apply. But the Supreme Court has repeatedly held that non-citizens subject to deportation are protected by the due process clause. Much of Taylor's work explores the contours of due process for non-citizen criminal offenders and for INS detainees.

Taylor argues against detention mandates, asserting that immigration enforcement would be more efficient and humane if Congress and the executive branch instead devoted serious attention to establishing detention alternatives. She served on the advisory board of a pilot project run by the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City, a leading innovator in criminal justice reform, to test supervised release, which works well in the criminal context, as an alternative to immigration detention.

Taylor has testified before Congress against detention mandates and in favor of supervised release and individualized detention decisions. At a U.S. House hearing in December 2001, the Republican committee chairman permitted the Democrats on the committee to call one witness to counter the testimony of an entire panel of INS officials. Taylor was that witness. (She tells a dramatic story about that appearance. "My trip to D.C. was almost as nerve-wracking as being grilled by members of the House of Representatives," she recalls. "My initial flight was so delayed that I was going to miss the hearing. I caught another flight to a different airport, but then my cab driver, who was surely the only taxicab driver in Washington who didn't know how to get to Capitol Hill, had a wreck because he was consulting a map while driving. At the time of the accident, I was on the cell phone with frantic committee staff members who were already worried that I wasn't going to be there to testify. I got to the hearing with five minutes to spare.")

Taylor acknowledges that her own personal political preferences lean toward the liberal. "But in the context of my work," she adds, "it's important that I be balanced and fair. I try to critique rulings and policies in ways that are helpful and not merely critical."

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approach to teaching is to move each student's understanding of the material to a much higher analytical level than the student could achieve alone,” says Motomura. “But she works just as hard to make them understand that all the analysis in the world won't matter unless they understand how things work in the real world. She is adept at constructing exercises that force students to think not purely theoretically, but how theory and practice are interwoven.”

“Margaret knows how to get her students interested in ideas that matter,” Wright observes. “Over the years, many students have become passionate about immigration law after taking her course, and some have chosen that area of practice after leaving law school. Margaret shows her students, in and out of class, the ways that legal institutions matter for real people. She has a refreshing way, in a world too full of cynicism about law, of convincing her students that idealism is an asset to a professional, rather than something to hide or ignore.”

One of Taylor's former students is Julie Suh (JD '01), who serves as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals in suburban Washington D.C. “It seems to me that Professor Taylor has such genuine passion for the field because immigration law and policy touch the lives of the most marginalized and powerless individuals in our society,” Suh says. “When I was a student in her class, it was that passion that ignited my interest in the field. She is plugged into both the immigration advocacy and academic communities not only because she is a dedicated and respected scholar, but also because she is very personable and easy to approach.”

The AILA is the national association of over 8,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. Its immediate past president is John L. “Jack” Pinnix (JD ’73), a Raleigh attorney specializing in immigration and nationality issues who is a founding board member and national director of the American Immigration Law Foundation, a non-profit educational and service foundation which promotes public understanding of immigration law and policy through education, policy analysis, and support to litigators.

In accepting the Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award at the association's annual conference in New Orleans last June, Taylor mused, with tongue only partly in cheek, that immigration law ought to be a required course in law school.

“Some of them center on the knowledge and skills acquired in the course. Immigration law teaches students how to read a complicated statute. It makes administrative law concepts come to life, and shows students how an agency operates. Immigration law also underscores for students the importance of constitutional rights—not because they see these rights being vindicated, but rather because students in this class see a very scary picture of what the world looks like when constitutional norms are not fully enforced by the courts.”

Taylor then listed her two most important reasons. “First, immigration law restores a human face to the study of law,” she said. “Students are moved by the plight of real people they read about in their immigration law casebook and, increasingly, in the newspapers—real people whose lives are threatened; real people impacted by an unduly harsh statute; real people who are victims of an abuse of government power, of bureaucratic bungling, of inexcusable delays. And finally, immigration law shows my students the power of a law degree for doing good. That's not something we necessarily teach in law school. And that's what impresses me each year at the AILA conference: the enormous amount of dedication and hard work that immigration attorneys do every day to help real people and to do good.”
For love of a river

The meandering waters of the Lumbee connect generations of Wake Forest families.

By John Madison Memory (65, JD ’68)
The Memory-Johnson-McMillan family was in the first group of recognized distinguished Wake Forest families during the 1980s. Today, there are nearly no Peoples in the family, and the youngest Memorys are the sixth cousins of the youngest McMillans. You may ask, “Is this really a family?” If it is, I think the most important reason is shared love for a river.

In 1807, Daniel and Catharine Campbell White came to America from Scotland, Daniel as a Baptist missionary. In 1813, they used Catharine’s dowry to buy two square miles on the west side of Drowning Creek in what is now Scotland County in south-central North Carolina. (Though now officially the Lumbee River, Riverton folks and Lumbee Indians call it the Lumbee.)

While the river meanders through a wide, swampy flood plain, the Whites’ tract had five high-ground river landings. All of the Wake Forest Memories, Johnson descendants, and McMillans are descended from the Whites. The area, known as Riverton for more than one hundred years, is the site of about ten year-round or resort homes of each of the three family groups. At least twenty-five Memories and Memory descendants, twenty-five Johnson descendants, and thirty-five McMillans and McMillan descendants attend the annual Fourth of July picnic at the most beautiful river landing, Cypress Bend. Having spent lots of time together all their lives in or near the river, these cousins know each other better than most Americans know their first cousins.

So, what is the connection with Wake Forest? Since Daniel White was known as the “Father of North Carolina Baptists,” it should be no surprise that many of his descendants gravitated to Wake Forest College. Over more than one-hundred fifty years, many fine Riverton folks have attended or were otherwise connected with Wake Forest. The folks I mention are in rough sequential order in relation to the school and are spread pretty evenly over one-hundred fifty-five years. There are other wonderful Wake Forester Riverton folks. Those I tell about are, as far as I know, the ones who have especially loved the Lumbee.

Archibald Alexander McMillan attended Wake Forest College before the Civil War but transferred to UNC with several other students as a protest against some faculty action. After the war he married a White daughter and fathered a large group of impressive children. I can’t imagine that this well-educated farmer did not relish bathing in the clean and refreshing Lumbee River during four or five months of the year.

Walter Matthews, who married a White granddaughter and lived in Riverton, was, I think, the first Rivertonian to graduate from Wake Forest College, possibly in the 1870s. John Charles McNeill, unofficial poet laureate of North Carolina, described the Lumbee River as a “sweetheart stream” and displayed his truly great love for it in several of his poems, such as “Sunburnt Boys.”

Gerald Johnson (‘11), who was born in Riverton, wrote with affection of Riverton and the Lumbee during his long and distinguished career as a historian and journalist. Brothers John Arch (1902), Roy, and Hudson (08) McMillan had continuing connections with Riverton and the Lumbee. Hud went possum and raccoon hunting in the river swamp during vacations from Baptist missionary work. Roy, a Riverton
patriarch, could go to the river at night and engage ten to twenty owls in simultaneous conversations.

After Wake Forest College, Wingate Johnson (1905) completed medical studies and was instrumental in the establishment of Bowman Gray medical school. He often said that “the Lumbee River cures all ills.” When he was in his eighties and vacationing in Riverton, I often paddled him several bends up river, and he would float back to Cypress Bend on his back.

Thomas Mervelle Watson (’17), a Tulane medical school graduate, enjoyed Riverton vacations, staying with his family in their rustic log cabin cottage. His brother McNeill Matthews (’21) once caught thirty-five fish during one afternoon at Cypress Bend and served them at a fish fry that evening.

Johnson Matthews (’22), as a boy and young man, set Riverton upstream paddling and underwater swimming records that still stand. Lois Johnson, long-time dean of women, and her sister, Kate Parham, who endowed the Parham Scholarship fund, participated in all-female Johnson-family skinny-dips. Both swam a graceful breast stroke into their nineties.

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My much-loved uncle, Jasper

A Memory family reunion at Riverton in the early ’80s. Jasper Livingston Memory (’21) is at left in second row. The photo includes nine Wake Forest graduates, two law school alumni, and one medical school graduate.

Livingston Memory (’21), for decades the education department chair, had a summer cottage and farm in Riverton. He often bathed at his landing, Fairley’s Ford, after working on his farm, helping a relative with a tough project, or playing tennis.
After teaching some, Daniel White Smith, Sr. (’31) returned to Riverton in about 1946 and farmed, living in the oldest remaining Riverton building, the John and Mary Livingston home (c.1830). I remember so happily Dan’s smile and generosity in sharing Cypress Bend, which he owned. He and his wife Wrae started the tradition of Fourth of July family reunion picnics in 1961.

Polly Blackwell, Gerald and Lois’ niece, did not attend Wake Forest, but she was a member of the Board of Trustees. The incredible canoeing skills of nearly all Rivertonians were demonstrated in the mid-1980s when she and her husband, Winfield, both in their seventies, each selected a canoe which was hard to handle on the treacherous Lumbee, loaded in a young grandchild, and completed a three-hour down-river float without difficulty. (Others were nearby and could have helped if problems had arisen.) “Expert” canoeists from elsewhere in North Carolina will plan for such a float for weeks and arrive equipped with ropes, knives, first-aid kits, life jackets, expensive shirts and hats, waterproof containers for all sorts of things, and straps to secure their glasses. Riverton canoeists don’t need any of that stuff.

Robert McMillan (’43), like his father Roy, a Riverton patriarch, holds the record for the number of canoeing trips from Cypress Bend to Georgetown, South Carolina. Now in his eighties, he is often seen expertly life-guarding several of his twenty-grandchildren as they swim across the Lumbee at Cypress Bend. I remember many good conversations on the riverbank with Robert’s brother Arch (’38).

McNeill Watkins, a 6’6” former Navy frogman, taught the Riverton boys “scouts out,” a river and swamp version of hide-and-seek. When McNeill had a terminal illness in the 1990s, he returned to live in his home in Riverton.

Three of the best students in Wake Forest history were brothers Archibald (’38), John (’43), and Campbell (’48) McMillan. Arch lived in Riverton for a good while; John built a beautiful retirement home there; and, happily, Campbell and his family still appear at Fourth of July picnics. Wingate’s son Livingston was a physician and built the first year-round Riverton home.

Some of the Wake Foresters who have had continuing attachments to the Lumbee, Riverton, and Rivertonians have been my twin brother David (’65), Jan Johnson (’74) Smith (Wingate’s granddaughter), Ann Jackson (’77) Bullard (also Wingate’s granddaughter), Robert’s children Duncan (’74), Douglas (’73), Rebecca (’77), and Lewis (’85), and my nephew and niece, Duncan (’95) and Alexa (’97) Memory. The fifth generation of McMillan men to attend Wake Forest, Duncan’s son Evan, is a student there now.

I’ll confess that I have loved the Lumbee, so beautiful in every part of every season, as long as I can remember. This past June, as I approached sixty, I gazed at the flooded river and decided that I then had probably my last chance to canoe to Georgetown. I broke the age and craziness records for long trips down the river by canoeing about two-hundred-twenty miles by myself in six days to within sight of Georgetown. I felt that lots of wonderful Wake Forester-Rivertonians were with me in spirit.

John Memory (’65, JD ’68) lives in Salisbury, North Carolina.
With the advent of spring and baseball season on campus, many of us Wake Forest grads in the upper tier of senior-citizen status remember the great teams of the late ’40s, particularly the 1949 Deacons and its pipe-cleaner-thin first baseman who was, alternately, its mascot, cheerleader, and batting leader.

Wiley Warren (‘52), who died in October 2003 after eight years in declining health, inspired by just his presence because he spent his young years fighting polio contracted when he was two years old. Unable to walk without assistance until he was five, some thought he would never walk without some form of aid. Still others feared he might never walk again.

But they didn’t reckon with a spirit and heart to match that would, combined with considerable inherent athletic ability, carry him to a Southern Conference (forerunner of the Atlantic Coast Conference) batting title in 1949 as a sophomore, then later to team leader and captain of the 1951 Deacs. His conference-leading average was .402, and he also took the Big Four title with a resounding .422 clip.

The 1949 Deacons went all the way to the NCAA College World Series, losing in the championship game to the University of Texas. In a season in which the team won twenty consecutive games, they won
the conference title, then swept Kentucky and Mississippi State for the district banner in Charlotte. Warren and the Deacs swept two games from the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame to advance to the College World Series in Wichita, Kansas. To get to the final game, the Deacs won a 2-1 thriller and eliminated tournament favorite Southern California in extra innings.

As teammate Gene Hooks ('50) said, “Warren had a sweet bat. He was the best example of an overachiever I ever played with.” Hooks was a two-time All-American performer at third base and one of the most sought-after athletes in the state coming out of high school in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, in 1944. He was the longtime Director of Athletics for Wake Forest and now lives in Lake Wylie, South Carolina.

Warren’s hitting prowess is well-documented in the at-bat averages but little is said of his ability in the field. Not strong or especially quick, he nevertheless handled 290 consecutive chances at first base without an error in the banner 1949 season, making him an easy choice for All-State honors.

Another teammate and admirer of Warren’s, Art Hoch ('51) of Raleigh, is a retired teacher at N.C. State University and former professional baseball player and manager. “I never saw a guy who got more out of what
he had. He also did so much for youth baseball in Raleigh. He often golfed out of town with a group of us and he always insisted on driving so he could be sure to be back for youth baseball practice.”

Both Hooks and Hoch credit Warren with starting and maintaining Letterman’s Day, which is an annual and much-anticipated function at the College. Hooks said Warren “was the glue that held it all together. He did all the calling and the legwork.”

A capstone to his successful career was when his 1951 Wake Forest team was selected by the committee of the U.S. Olympic Games to represent the United States in the first Pan American games in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Out of 2,000 athletes from eighteen countries, Wake Forest finished second to Cuba and brought home a silver medal.

There was no lack of work or enthusiasm in his zeal to keep abreast of things at Wake Forest and in touch with his former teammates and friends, even after he was diagnosed with post-polio syndrome in 1993. His condition worsened and by 1995 he used a battery-powered scooter to get around. He developed respiratory problems in 1998 and was placed on a ventilator. After six weeks in the hospital, he was able to return home, bedridden and in need of nursing care.

And yet those final years were spent calling and staying in touch with friends and arranging functions such as Letterman’s Day. He did so through mid-September when the 2003 event was held, but he was hospitalized and unable to attend. He died on October 3.

His devotion to youth activities was recognized when he received the Raleigh Hot Stove League’s 1984 Amateur Award for his outstanding contribution to baseball and basketball as coach, administrator, and promoter. His teams won numerous city and regional championships.

Willis “Doc” Murphrey (’52, JD ’57), an intimate and cherished friend from their grade school days in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, admitted he “cried so darn much at Warren’s funeral, I thought I’d die too.”

One of the school’s most colorful and beloved alumni, Murphrey is a retired attorney living in Roanoke Rapids, and he remembered a game in which he played against Warren in a summer league. “I was playing third, and I went over to talk to our pitcher when Wiley came to bat with runners on base. Knowing he was especially effective with runners on, I said, ‘For God’s sake don’t throw him anything outside.’ But he left a pitch out there and Wiley blasted it right over my head. The runners scored and that won the game. He could flat hit and was the cheerleader on the team. If we were behind, Wiley would say, ‘Are we going to let these rinky-dinks beat us?’ He had so much desire. I’d love to have had him coach my grandson.”

Family friend Sonny Lewis (’56), a neighbor and Wake Forest grad after the Warren years, said he was “an absolute inspiration. If you were feeling bad, just go visit Wiley and...
you’d come away feeling better. His attitude was unbelievably positive. Even in his condition in the last five years, he was planning and contacting friends about Wake Forest events. Warren walked away from active participation in 1995, saying, “After nearly forty years of coaching a lot of fine young men, I retired.” Warren retired from the N.C. Department of Revenue, where he was supervisor of auditors and director of the Corporation Franchise Tax and Income Division, in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Della; three sons: Gregory, Jeffrey, and Michael; and four grandchildren.

When the roll is called “Up Yonder,” you can believe Wiley will be at the gate to welcome his countless friends and admirers with a smiling “Play ball!”

Leo Derrick ('50) is a retired television executive who lives in Asheboro, North Carolina. A walk-on pitcher with the 1949 team, he never saw action because he broke his ankle the night before their opening game.

He loved the school and was loved in return.”
If you’re like me, you love Wake Forest for many reasons. Chief among them, Wake Forest is a place of great beginnings, where wonderful things happen. Sparks seem to fly here, in the classroom and across the campus. In turn, these glimmers become the catalyst for the kind of personal and intellectual development that inspires our students to help change the world.

A shining example of this is our most recent Rhodes Scholar, senior Jennifer Harris, a double major in politics and economics who plans to pursue a master’s degree in international relations while at Oxford University (See related story, page 4.) After arriving in North Carolina from Oklahoma, Jennifer’s studies motivated her to help refugees in Croatia and Bosnia, which in turn led to an invitation to attend meetings of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights as a representative of the UN High Commission for Refugees.

Jennifer is a Graylyn Scholar, which is a need-based scholarship. Without this support, she would not have been able to attend Wake Forest. Her success demonstrates a wonderfully simple equation: those students who benefit from the generosity of others do not merely help spread the name of Wake Forest. Even more, they touch the lives of untold others in the process.

Close to 60 percent of Wake Forest students receive financial aid, and the average award is over $13,000. The Annual Funds are an important part of providing this aid and help assure that Wake Forest will continue to be a place of great beginnings—for generations to come.

I am pleased to report that over 6,000 Wake Forest alumni, parents, and friends are already part of our effort to reach an historic goal: 10,000 donors for the current fiscal year that ends in June. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us reach that goal. We need even more of you to get on board and help with the final push. Looking back, I am sure that you will be gratified to know that you were a part of this remarkable accomplishment.

Speaking of accomplishments, at our spring meeting in February, the Alumni Council recognized Wake Forest student-athletes, past and present, who bring honor to the University. Only three teams in the history of collegiate field hockey have ever won back-to-back championships, and Wake Forest is now included in that elite group. (See related story, page 10). Wake Forest golf legend Curtis Strange (’77) (right) was also recognized by the Alumni Council. For his outstanding career—still very much in the making—and his many contributions to the game of golf, along with his important support of Wake Forest, it was our pleasure to present him with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Alumni Council meeting coincided with the second annual meeting of the Wake Forest Society, comprised of the hundreds of volunteers who have previously served on a board or council. Seeing the participants gathered together made clear how fortunate Wake Forest is to have such a strong and generous network of alumni, parents, and friends. Please stay involved in the life of Wake Forest. Your time and resources are invaluable, whatever form they take. And remember: you are part of what makes Wake Forest great.

Alfred Adams (’68, JD ’73)
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association
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1950s

Sam M. Torrence (’52), a former partner of Couch Construction Company, spent more than half his life building roads in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. He was president of the Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the National Asphalt Pavement Association. He was inducted into The Alabama Road Builders Hall of Fame.

Al Birmingham (’55) was inducted into the Arizona Golf Hall of Fame at the Camelback Golf Club in Paradise Valley, AZ.

Ralph W. Pellecchia (’56) received the 2003 Management Service Award for his accomplishments at AXA Advisors in Red Bank, NJ.

Larry Williams (’58) is the retired pastor of Louisburg Baptist Church in Louisburg, NC. He leads retreats for church leaders, and he and his wife, Zelma, play with their four grandchildren.

Tom C. Womble (’58) retired as chief operations officer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

A.J. Morton Jr. (’59) is on the board of trustees and finance committee of the North Carolina Jaycees Foundation in Asheboro.

1960s

Sidney S. Eagles (’61, JD ’64) retired as N.C. Court of Appeals chief judge and has joined Smith Moore LLP in Raleigh, NC.

John Norman (’61) has been named professor emeritus after 34 years at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. He was chair of science education and received the outstanding teaching award from the College of Education.

John L. Whitley (’61) received his MAEd in 1970 from the College of William and Mary and his EdD in 1981 from Virginia Tech. He retired from N.C. state government and is vice president of the Triangle Urban League.

Jesse J. Croom Jr. (’62) was an A.H. Newman Fellow at the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University in Macon, GA.

Robert N. Pulliam (’65), owner and managing partner of Pulliam Financial Group, is joining Centermark LLC, a Charlotte-based firm, as managing partner of its Winston-Salem office.

Lawson A. Deaton Jr. (’67) completed IBM’s requirements as an eServer certified specialist.

Jimmy Clack (’69), winner of three NFL Super Bowl rings, has been selected for the North Carolina Hall of Fame.

1970

Deborah Hodge Barden received her master’s of arts in reading education from UNC-Pembroke and is a licensed K-12 reading specialist. She continues to teach Latin part-time and is a copy editor at the Montgomery Herald in Troy, NC.

John Frederick retired from public school administration and is a sales consultant with Harcourt School Publishers. He and his wife, Deborah (’70), live in Troy, NC.

Edgar B. Gregory (JD) is a District Court Judge for the 23rd Judicial District in Wilkes County, NC. He was elected vice president of the N.C. Association of District Court Judges.

Jerry Cash Martin (JD ’72) is enjoying retirement and occasionally serving as an emergency superior court judge in North Carolina. He rode his bicycle solo from Alaska to Mt. Airy, NC, completing 3,700 miles in 38 days. He and his wife, Carolyn, have toured Canada, New Orleans and Texas on their motorcycle and have been blessed with their second grandchild, Olivia Marie, daughter of Mark and Caroline Martin (JD ’98) Bokesch.

Bruce Reeve is president of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) board of directors for 2004.
**1971**

Mary “Cherry” Duncan France is a bankruptcy judge in the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Deborah Krueger Hipes is a seminar presenter with the Bureau of Education/Research in Carmel, IN. She will be speaking to educators in 41 cities on young adult literature.

Larry E. Penley (MA ’72) is president and chancellor of Colorado State University. He and his wife, Yolanda, have moved to Fort Collins, CO.

Walter W. Pitt Jr. (JD) is in bankruptcy law with Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. He is one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

**1972**

Thom W. Ford is with Applied Research Associates Inc. in Virginia Beach, VA.

Robert F. Simms is an adjunct professor at North Greenville College in Tigerville, SC, and interim pastor of Daventon Baptist Church in Pelzer, SC. He wrote a book, Sacred Subversion: How Some Churches Defeat Pastors and Destroy Themselves (PublishAmerica, 2004).

Michael E. Slinkard retired from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years. He is an F-15 simulator instructor with Lockheed Martin at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, FL.

**1973**

Barry D. Smith has a three-year appointment as director of the University of Guam Marine Laboratory. He continues to conduct his research and teach undergraduate classes in natural history of Guam and marine biology.

Steven E. Stewart, who has served the past 28 years in local government, is the Carrboro (NC) town manager. His wife of 21 years, Nita, passed away in 2002.

**1974**

Warren K. Anderson Jr. is with Anderson & Howell PA in Jacksonville, FL. He is the legal chair of the Sierra Club of Northeast Florida and a board member of the Preservation Project of North Florida.

Thomas O. Phillips (MA ’78) has been named Director of Wake Forest Scholars. He will oversee postgraduate scholarships and fellowships for Wake Forest undergraduate students.

**1975**

Martha E. Poe is manager of a Lifeway Christian Store in El Paso, TX. She has adopted a 7-year-old girl named Jazmin.

Mark S. Thomas (JD ’78), with Maupin Taylor PA in Raleigh, NC, is chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the N.C. Bar Association. He is the lay leader at Edenton Street United Methodist Church.

**1976**

Michael F. Clayton, with Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, was listed by the Legal Times as one of 15 leading IP lawyers in Washington, DC. He was also listed in the 2003 and 2004 International Who’s Who of Trademark Lawyers.

Rynn Barrington Olsen retired from the U.S. Navy as a captain after 26 years of active duty. He is director of plans and operations at Northrop Grumman Corporation in McLean, VA.

Sarah C. Shoaf (PA ’77) won golf tournaments in Winston-Salem and Pinehurst to advance to the Executive Women’s Golf Association National Championship in Scottsdale, AZ.

**1977**

Nick Ursini (MBA) is campus chair of the undergraduate business program at the University of Phoenix-Cincinnati for its Cincinnati and Dayton campuses.

Stephen A. Webb and his wife, Paula, have relocated to Asheville, NC. Steve is director of national accounts and reimbursement strategies with ChromaVision Medical Systems. They have two sons, Paul and Christopher (’03).

Barbara Yutrzenka is professor and director of the clinical psychology training program and acting dean of graduate studies at The University of South Dakota.

Robert W. Malburg Jr. (MBA ’82) is vice president of First State Bank in Burlington, NC, and chairman of the board of directors of EastPay.
Robert A. Mullinax Sr. (JD) is with Mullinax & Williams PLLC in Newton, NC. He is on the board of directors of Eastern Catawba County Christian Ministry and is a member of the Newton-Conover Educational Foundation. He recently began serving a four-year term as mayor of Newton. His son, Robert Jr. (’01), is a Wake Forest law student.

Deborah Epperson Stringer is general manager of two radio stations in Galax, VA, including WBRF (98.1 FM), the flagship station for Wake Forest sports.

Terri L. Gardner (JD ’81), with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC, is among Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

Susanna K. Gibbons (JD ’81), with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC, is one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

Laura Moore Patterson, a math teacher at Bryson Middle School in Simpsonville, SC, was named the 2003–04 Greenville County Teacher of the Year.

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Retiring and rewiring  By Bruce Buchanan ('93)

Authors Rick Miners ('68) and his wife, Jeri Sedlar, have some ideas about life (yes, life) after career.

Retirement has long been synonymous with lounging by the pool, cool drink in hand, and not a responsibility in sight. But that definition no longer is appealing to millions of Americans who don’t want the end of their career to be the end of their active, productive lives.

Rick Miners and his wife, Jeri Sedlar, have co-authored a book to help people find happiness and contentment in retirement. Don’t Retire, Rewire! is the couple’s second book and has been featured in Time magazine, the Wall Street Journal and on NBC News.

Miners is president of FlexCorp Systems, an employer services firm that provides payrolling, benefits and human resource support to companies. FlexCorp employs about 500 workers, some of them in their 70s and 80s. Sedlar, the former editor-at-large of Working Woman magazine, is president of Sedlar & Miners, an executive search firm the duo established in 1994.

Like many professionals, Miners and Sedlar have a great deal invested in their careers, but realize they can’t work at the same jobs forever. “We were talking about ‘What are we going to do if we retire?’” Miners said.

The problem, he said, is that most of society’s conventions about retirement were created when most jobs relied on hard, physical labor. By the time people were in their 60s, they were worn out and, in most cases, near the end of their lives. Today, however, the workplace has changed and 65 is no longer old. Most career-minded professionals don’t want to completely stop working, even if they would like to slow down or change directions.

Sedlar said that while many people look forward to getting away from some aspects of work—the commutes and the stress, for example—they don’t realize until they retire that they enjoy or even need other parts of the job. “Work is where you get your ‘Attaboys’ and ‘Attagirls,’” she said. “Know what you are giving up and if it’s important to you.”

“People say, ‘What’s going to keep me busy? What’s going to keep me fulfilled?’” Miners said. Without the structure that work provides, retirees can feel bored.

In the book, Miners and Sedlar help the reader identify his or her “drivers”—those things that motivate us. Sedlar calls them “your personal DNA.”

Drivers vary from person to person, and everyone has multiple drivers. Sample drivers include: making a difference, continuous learning, the desire to be visible, financial independence, and the need to stay up-to-date.

Michael Jeske is director of business governance for the intimates, hosiery and direct marketing divisions of Sara Lee Branded Apparel in Winston-Salem.

Jimmy Strickland is vice president of franchise operations for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. in Winston-Salem. He has been chosen to participate in Krispy Kreme’s first corporate leadership initiative.

1982

D. Anderson Carmen (JD) is in construction law with Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. He is one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

Elna C. Green (MA ’84) published a book, This Business of Relief: Confronting Poverty in a Southern City, 1740–1940 (University of Georgia Press, 2003).

James J.S. Johnson is a lawyer, part-time state agency trial judge, adjunct professor for LeTourneau University in Texas and a cruise-ship lecturer.

1983

Carole Rector Bankhead (MBA ’91) is working from her home in Blacksburg for Virginia Tech’s undergraduate admissions office. Her husband, Todd (MBA ’92), is president of Bankhead Development Corporation. They have two sons, Tyler and Harrison.
The authors say understanding these motivations is the first key to finding happiness when it is time to make a career change. The next step is to figure out which of these drivers is fulfilled by work and what would be missing if work were no longer there. Once a person understands what they need and what work provides, he or she can plan retirement activities that fulfill those drivers.

The key to making it all work, Miners and Sedlar say, is planning. Sedlar said that many people get so caught up in their work and home routines that they don’t do the necessary legwork for retirement. But any large-scale career changes need thorough investigation, Miners said.

Don’t Retire, Rewire! is filled with real stories of pre-retirees as they go through the retirement planning process. For example, Tom is a 58-year-old workaholic sales manager who feels weighted down by stress and paperwork. He thinks he’s ready to retire, but after going through the five-step self-evaluation, he decides he still enjoys the competitive thrill of sales and would miss the structure work brings to his daily life. Tom loves playing golf, so he decides to seek a job selling golf equipment. He put together a game plan to learn more about the golf equipment industry and scheduled some meetings with prospective employers.

Carol is a 51-year-old Wall Street broker who never particularly cared for her job, even though she made a great deal of money. Carol knew she would rather do something to help animals and after consulting with Miners and Sedlar, she decided to start her own non-profit animal adoption facility. This project will fulfill her needs to make a difference, stay active and interact with people.


So how are Miners and Sedlar going to rewire? By spreading the word of Don’t Retire, Rewire! across the country. The husband-wife duo already has done a few “rewiring retreats”—a weekend program for prospective retirees—and plan to do more in the future as they scale back their office work schedule.

“It’s scary, it’s exciting and it’s rewarding all at the same time,” Sedlar said.

Both maintain strong ties to Wake Forest, serving on the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy’s Board of Visitors. Miners said they keep close tabs with other Wake Forest graduates in the New York City area, where they live.

In fact, Miners suggests that some Wake Forest alumni can rewire by doing volunteer work for the University. When he was a student, he said he found a campuswide sense of generosity and common purpose, so he welcomes any opportunity to give something back to his alma mater.

“I didn’t just go to college at Wake Forest,” Miners said. “Wake Forest is a part of me and I’m a part of Wake Forest.”

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Joal Hall Broun (JD ’86) is serving a second term on the Carrboro board of aldermen. She is with the Center for Self-Help in Durham, NC.

Mark Hamblin is a city councilman and mayor pro tem for the City of Washington, NC.

Eloise McCain Hassell (JD) received the Alumni Teaching Excellence Award from UNC-Greensboro.

Camarra Cheatwood Kidd teaches social studies and is department chair at Surry Central High School. She received the National Board Certification of Adolescence and Young Adulthood in Social Studies/History. She and her husband, Jeff, and children, Kaitlin (8) and Sy (2), live in Dobson, NC.

Jamie Yates Reynolds relocated to Texas with her husband, Scott, and his new job. She is a stay-at-home mom for son, Jay (2 1/2), and daughter, Lyndsey, who is in kindergarten.

W. Howard Upchurch Jr. (MBA ’87) has been named chief customer officer of Sara Lee Branded Apparel in Winston-Salem.

Lucy O’Donnell Vlahakis is a freelance writer living in Los Angeles with her husband, Matt, and two children, Niko (5) and Laura (3).
1986

John W. Babcock (JD) is in business law with Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. He is one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

Wayne A. Ritchie has been certified as a civil trial specialist through the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization. He is a partner with Ritchie Fels & Dillard PC in Knoxville. He and his wife, Margaret, have two children, Natalie (9) and Robert (6).

Kimberly Stogner (JD ’94), with Vaughn Perkinson Ehlinger Moxley & Stogner, is on the Winston-Salem board of directors for First Citizens Bank.

1987

Melissa Conn is director of the Venice office of Save Venice Inc., an American non-profit that raises funds for the restoration of art and architecture in Venice, Italy.

1988

Phil Koch (MBA) is chief commercial officer with a tag and label supplier based in Hong Kong. He and his wife, Lisa, had their third son, Max, in April 2003.

Scott Rembold is associate dean for development and alumni relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of The Johns Hopkins University.

Ashlee Renee Wiest-Laird is pastor of First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, MA. She and her husband, Lance, have three children: Naim (3), Aidan (1) and Mycah (10 mos.).

1989

Lorna Campbell Martin is the 2003-04 Teacher of the Year for Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, NC. She teaches English, advises the yearbook staff and coaches the women’s soccer team, which made it to the third round of the state championships.

Daniel M. Sroka (JD) is a solo practitioner in Greensboro, NC, representing small businesses and start-up companies.

1990

J. Eric Coffman is with Bullock & Coffman LLP in Lexington, KY.

Jackie Copeland is the corporate compliance officer for Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare in Elkin, NC.

Paul Osowski is a partner practicing product liability, professional negligence, business litigation, insurance defense and workers’ compensation with Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough LLP in Charlotte, NC.

1991

Peter J. Hines is director of marketing, public relations and customer service for Bethesda Softworks, a video game company.

Renee Hughes practices labor and employment law, general commercial litigation and criminal defense with Moore & Van Allen PLLC in Charlotte, NC.

W. Curt LaFrance Jr. is director of neuropsychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital and assistant professor (research) at Brown University Medical School. He received a grant to study treatments for patients with non-epileptic seizures from the National Institutes of Health for Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Linda Donelan Langiotti is vice president of marketing with MP TotalCare Inc. in Tampa, FL.

Thomas C. Pope III is a branch manager for Crawford Claims Management Services and Crawford Risk Management Services in Montgomery, AL. He received the Award for Academic Excellence from the Insurance Institute of America.

Calling all scholars!

The newly established Wake Forest Scholars program would like to catalog the names and experiences of alumni/ae who have served in the Peace Corps, received undergraduate ambassadorial Rotary fellowships, received undergraduate one-year Fulbright scholarships, or received doctoral Fulbright grants. “We hope to create an accurate archive of Wake Forest involvement with these programs,” said Tom Phillips (’74, MA ’78), director of Wake Forest Scholars. Those wishing to send information on these or related travel and international scholarship programs should write to Phillips at phillito@wfu.edu.
Tracy Stickney is teaching chemistry and coaching varsity field hockey at Governor Dummer Academy in Newbury, MA.

Laura Smith Williams is the Southeast division actuary for Liberty Mutual Group in Charlotte, NC.

Thomas F. Williams is with Prudential Carolinas Realty in Charlotte, NC.

1992

Thomas R. Campbell (JD ’95) specializes in wills, estate planning and plaintiff’s personal injury with Campbell & White PC in Gettysburg, PA. He and his wife, Tamara (’94), have a son, Collin (2).

James Coley received his master’s in real estate development from Columbia University and is director of design and construction for Goldman Properties in New York.

Patrick Day is associate pastor for children and youth at First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, IL.

Peyton Ross Dorsett Jr. and Kristy Fink Dorsett (’94) have moved from Brussels, Belgium, to Houston, TX. He is a manager in corporate development at Solvay America Inc., and Kristy is a stay-at-home mom for their two boys.

Faran Pietrafesa Henwood is a part-time physician assistant in emergency medicine at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. She and her husband, Treve, have a son, Lanyon.


Kristen Angell Shaw is in the cast of ABC’s “Line of Fire,” playing the part of Janet Malloy.

Jeff Wise has a general practice focusing on criminal defense, family law and personal injuries at Wise Law Firm in Oklahoma City, OK.

John B. Anderson (JD ’96) is with the employment group of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Jayne Stoll Frazier is a managing member of Scharf Pera & Company PLLC, certified public accountants, in Charlotte, NC.

Keith Gibeling is a history instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

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October  9  Wake Forest vs. Virginia Tech football game
            School of Medicine Alumni Weekend
October 23  Wake Forest vs. Florida State football game
            Homecoming—College, Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, Babcock School of Management, Divinity School, Law School
October 30  Wake Forest vs. Duke football game
            Family Weekend
November 13  Wake Forest vs. North Carolina football game
            President’s Weekend (for members of University Gift Clubs)

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Mark Hilpert received his master’s in international affairs from George Washington University and graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School. He is stationed at Virginia Beach, VA, training as an intelligence officer.

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Heather M. Sager is a partner with Carlton DiSante & Freudenberger LLP, specializing in management-side labor and employment law, in San Francisco, CA.

Aaron Tabor is founder and CEO of Physicians Laboratories Inc., makers of Revival Soy-branded nutritional foods, in Kornersville, NC.

Bill Wright and his wife, Allison, live in Atlanta. Bill is training at Ethica Health & Retirement Corporation for his license in nursing home administration.

1994

Walter Keith Alexander is a senior underwriter in the community development group of Bank of America in Charlotte, NC. He and his wife, Gabrielle, own Blimpie Subs & Salads in the Concord Commons Shopping Center in Concord, NC.

Todd Barfield is a trader for Fair Haven Capital LLC in Red Bank, NJ.

Chris Y. Berry is in commercial real estate at Transwestern Commercial in Charlotte, NC.

Andrew Carpenter is a software engineer II in the Infrastructure Management Solutions Department at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis, MO.

William R. Derasmo (JD) is with Troutman Sanders LLP in Washington, DC, in the energy practice group. He and his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Kelly Ann, live in Fairfax Station, VA.

Erik Froelich is chief operating officer of Cambridge Isenhour Homes, a developer and builder, in Winston-Salem.

Sara W. Harrington has moved her debt relief law practice, The Harrington Law Firm PLLC, to a larger, central location in Raleigh, NC.

Shannon Hutcherson Hines is legislative director for Senator Richard Shelby, Alabama.

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800-472-9596 or www.graylyn.com
Cate S. Hoskins (JD) is in real estate transactions with O’Kelley & Sorohan LLC in Alpharetta, GA. She and her husband, Carter, have a daughter, Allison (7).

1995

Steve Bumgarner (MBA ’02) is director of marketing for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. in Winston-Salem. He has been chosen to participate in Krispy Kreme’s first corporate leadership initiative.

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Bruce R. Marsh received his master’s in economics and American foreign policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. He works for the Office of International Postal Affairs, U.S. Postal Service, in Rosslyn, VA.

Shannon Moore Martin is a client services coordinator for Aging Wisely Inc., a geriatric care management company in Florida.

Wendell L. Taylor is counsel to U.S. Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey, second in command at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. He is a four-time recipient of the Hunton & Williams LLP firm’s E. Randolph Williams Award for outstanding pro bono service and a graduate of the Thomas C. Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. He is on the board of directors of the University of Richmond Law School Association and Carver Promise, a member of the Richmond Bar Association judiciary committee and the John Marshall American Inn of Court, and CEO for three community-based organizations: the Youth Diversity Coalition LLC, Tomorrow’s Promise LLC, and Advanced Youth Connections LLC.

Garrick P. Updegraph is director of human resources for Aspen Medical Products in Long Beach, CA.

1996

Scott Bovelsky (MA ’98, MD ’02) is in his second year of OB/GYN residency at the University of Louisville. His wife, Christina Habib Bovelsky (’96), will graduate from medical school this year. They have a son, Zachary Winston (2), whose middle name indicates where they met.

Tracey Hillegass Daley is a stay-at-home mom in Atlanta. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children, Caroline Elizabeth (1 1/2) and Colby Christopher (8 mos.).

Catherine E. Davis spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar and is a biologist with the Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia. She can be reached at katiedavis74@yahoo.com.

Charlotte Dillon Little is an art director with DDB Worldwide in New York.

Rachel Sheedy received her master’s in journalism from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, interned for Chicago magazine and did a design residency at The Independent on Sunday in London, England. She was an editor for The Tuscaloosa News in Alabama and is now a copy editor for Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine in Arlington, VA.

Mark W. Williams (PhD) is in surgery residency at the Medical University of South Carolina.

1997

Elizabeth A. Haskell received her MAEd, concentrating on curriculum and instructional technology, from Framingham State College and is pursuing a CAGS, concentrating on leadership, at Cambridge College.

Kenneth C. Herbst is an assistant professor of food marketing at the Erivan K. Haub School of Business at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, PA. He has published numerous articles on consumer psychology and has been interviewed about his food research and industry expertise by the New York Times, USA Today, Woman’s Day, the Orlando Sentinel, the Roanoke Times, the (Hampton, VA) Daily Press and the Winston-Salem Journal.

Attention, alumnae volleyball players!

Wake Forest will hold its first Alumnae Volleyball Weekend April 16-17. There will be a banquet on Friday night and an alumni game on Saturday morning in conjunction with the last tournament of the spring season. Contact Head Coach Valerie Baker (bakervg@wfu.edu) for information.
Art smart  By Stephanie R. Stephens ('74)

Expect to see the unexpected at the trendy gallery of Mary Leigh Cherry ('97) and her husband, artist Tony de los Reyes.

Simply going through the motions of obtaining a Wake Forest education did not appeal to Mary Leigh Cherry. Conversely, as her professors unanimously agree, Cherry distinguished herself not only as someone who made the grades, but also ventured fearlessly beyond the classroom on to her chosen career path and into life. She utilized every opportunity provided by Wake Forest and instinctively created her own, preparing herself to meet her destiny. As a result, Cherry is, as she assesses it, “in control of my life. I know there is a greater force guiding me, putting me into different places and situations where I need to be.”

The “where” for Cherry in 2004 is her gallery, cherry-delosreyes, in Los Angeles. She and husband, Tony de los Reyes, profess that they’re “committed to hosting innovative and unexpected exhibitions by regional and national artists, and integrating international artwork into the energetic mix of Los Angeles. The gallery contributes to today’s art world by embracing a wide range of dialogues at the critical edge of contemporary culture.” Translated to plainspeak, the two show some pretty funky stuff—some of which isn’t meant for museums—like a twenty-foot-long air conditioning duct suspended from the ceiling, enhanced by sound and light, a virtual “performance piece,” says Cherry.

She is acknowledged to be smart about art—whether hammering, hanging, painting or plastering at her gallery—or working part-time as the director of a non-profit foundation Fellows of Contemporary Art in support of California artists.

It’s far from hometown Durham, North Carolina, and early specialization in math and sciences; an internship post-high school at Duke University changed her, she says. Then Wake Forest and its faculty showed the way towards art, both studio and history. The art department, she says, was ideally sized to provide her “direct access” to professors and to targeted extra-curricular activities that mirrored the quickly approaching work world.

Cherry hit the academic track at a fast clip, applying and being accepted to the Casa Artom program in Venice, Italy, usually reserved for juniors or seniors. She “begged” then-Venice faculty director and history professor James Barefield to select her for his trip when she was only a freshman. Her chutzpah worked: Cherry went to Venice in the fall of her sophomore year. Barefield recalled meeting the determined Cherry. “She had a very considerable sense of purpose, even though she was younger. Something about her just struck me, I suppose, for I interviewed a lot of people.”

Art was banging on Cherry’s door, and she was answering, never considering her future as an actual artist. But as she memorized slides for art history, she wanted to know the why’s and what for’s of paint, wood, plaster,
clay and inking plates. “I don’t think you choose to be an artist; people think you take some classes, and ‘voilà!’ you’re a painter,” says Cherry. “An artist doesn’t feel right if they’re not creating, like my husband. If he’s not in the studio, he’s not himself. It’s really an innate feeling.”

As a student, Cherry had a comfortable way of breaking down the distinction between student and teacher, a skill that benefited both parties. When 1997 was declared “The Year of the Arts,” Cherry chaired the student committee for studio art professor David Finn, helping redesign the freshman orientation program. “She’s a super organizer, intense, amazing at getting people to do things,” he said. “She worked on a decidedly professional level and was a shining example of the entrepreneurial spirit.”

Cherry made the WFU Fine Arts Gallery (now Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery) her lab, volunteering no-holds-barred for gallery director Victor Faccinto. “I got to do everything from sitting the gallery and installation to driving a major art critic to the airport,” she says. Faccinto characterizes her as possessing “lots of motivation, interested in being creative within rather than just following along. It is rare to have someone not on faculty who works so hard and adds so much to the mix.”

Kathryn McHenry, assistant director and curator of Wake Forest Art Collections, added, “Whatever Mary Leigh did, she did very well. She was a multi-tasker, a mover and shaker. It doesn’t surprise me that she’s making it in the art world.”

Professor of Art Harry Titus remembers Cherry’s coordination of an exhibit of prints by Hogarth, owned by Herb Schiller, MD (‘64, MD ‘68, MA ’87), of Winston-Salem. “Mary Leigh organized the show, worked with him, selecting examples. She did the research, made the wall labels, supervised the hanging…her first experience with getting things together. That’s essentially where she separated herself. She ‘got the taste’ and realized she liked it.”

After graduation in the fall of 1997, Cherry returned to Venice as student assistant to Tom Phillips (‘74, MA ’78). “She was a great sport who’d roll up her sleeves,” says Phillips, now director of Wake Forest scholars. “She set an example with her spirit, her creative self. The students worshipped her. During that trip, Cherry made friends with artist Mercedes Teixido (’83), who became a guiding force and later introduced her to Venice Beach, where she relocated in 1998.

In that unique town she shared an apartment with Wake Forest alums Mike Futia (’97) and Wade Solomon (’96). Cherry worked in an art supply store and the Santa Monica Museum of Art and decided to convert half of a garage into her first real gallery. There, initial exhibitions in a tiny space drew respected reviews in the Los Angeles Times, New Art Examiner and Art Issues. “Now I knew this was more than just a hobby,” she said.

Currently at their new joint space—formerly solely his—Cherry and de los Reyes collaborate on nine-hundred square feet of storefront that is highly sought-after by artists. The couple receives up to five submissions a week from hopefuls, and the two do studio visits regularly as part of their commitment to follow artists and their careers. It’s a never-ending labor of love that adds up to long days and nights, and weekends on the job.

“We feel a great responsibility to artists. We act basically as an agent, maybe more like a manager, when we accept someone. Then we do a lot of nuts-and-bolts work.” That, she says, includes sending out descriptive packets and finding grants and residencies for her charges. “We don’t represent every artist we show, however.”

She adds, “It’s a very hard business. I have such great respect for gallerists who’ve been doing this for twenty years. I have a great life. I’m extremely happy. I’m meant to be here.”

Stephanie R. Stephens (’74) is a print and broadcast journalist based in Laguna Niguel, California. She is the niece of Elizabeth Phillips, professor emerita of English.
works with the Chamber’s board of advisors and President's Circle investors, and manages economic and community development projects.

Jeremy Noel is publications coordinator at the University of South Carolina Sports Information Office. In addition to overseeing production of some Gamecock media guides and promotional materials, he is the primary media relations contact for men's golf and men's soccer.

Stacey D. Rubain (JD) is practicing worker’s compensation and insurance defense with Orbock Bowden Ruark & Dillard PC in Winston-Salem.

Andrew Shaw is in his final year at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, TN. After graduation he will join the litigation department of Bowditch & Dewey in Massachusetts.

2000

Chris Aprill is a portfolio manager at Evergreen Investments in Charlotte, NC. He was recently awarded his CFA charter.

Karen Stephan Borchert is director and Jessica Jackson ('00) is associate director of The Campus Kitchens Project, a non-profit headquartered in St. Louis, MO. They took their passion for cooking and made “goodwill a full-time mission” with 500 college-campus volunteers and food donated by restauranteurs to create hot meals for senior citizens, the homeless and kids in after-school programs.

W. Taylor Campbell III (MSA ’01) received his CPA from North Carolina, with the certified long-term care designation.

Brian F. Corbett (JD) is with Poyner & Spruill LLP. He and his wife, Morgan Poteat Corbett ('98), and son, Charlie, live in Raleigh, NC.

Robert Glenn Jones (MD) completed residency training and is in his first year as a GI fellow at the University of Utah. He recently married Lauren Zollinger.

Betsy LaFuze spent two years as a missionary teacher in a village high school in Uganda, East Africa. She has returned to Houston for her April wedding and will then move to Florida.


Amanda Pruitt completed her master’s in social work at UNC, completed an internship at El Centro Hispano in Durham, NC, and worked at The Alliance of AIDS Services in Raleigh, NC. She is a social worker in the emergency department at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

Christopher M. Trebilcock (JD), an associate with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC in Detroit, MI, has received a fellowship from Michigan State University’s Political Leadership Program.

2001

Kimberly F. Armfield Dedmon (JD) is practicing law in Nashville, TN. She married Kenny Dedmon in 2001 and they had a child, Isabelle, last April.

Marcia Eaddy is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Merck and Company Inc. She is engaged to be married in August.

Ashleigh Duncan Ellsworth received her MA in religion from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. She is the director of faith formation for youth and family ministry at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Flagstaff, AZ.

Frank Musolino Jr. received his JD/MBA from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, FL.

On the air

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Jennifer Nall received her master’s in public health at Tulane University. She is living and working at an orphanage in Malelane, a small town in the Mpumalanga province of South Africa, as a volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps.

Kelly E. Sancilio is pursuing a PhD at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

2002

Brent Blum is an analyst for Accenture in Cincinnati, OH.

Jennifer N. Mason (JD) is in the regulation of business and governmental relations department of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC.

William J. ‘Joe’ Parker III is a first lieutenant and support and transportation platoon leader in C Forward Support Company, 215th FSB, Ft. Hood, TX. He is deployed in Baghdad, Iraq, for 12 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Jochen Zaremba (LL.M) is practicing information technologies, telecommunications, corporate and international law with Lehner Danekamp Mayer & Knorz in Dusseldorf, Germany. He published an article, “International Electronic Transaction Contracts Between U.S. and EU Companies and Customers,” in the Connecticut Journal of International Law (Spring 2003).

2003

Laura Abernethy Greer (JD) is practicing commercial litigation with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem.

Monica R. Guy (JD) is a member of the Forsyth County and N.C. Bar Association and is practicing family law at Bell Davis & Pitt PAC in Winston-Salem.

Amanda E. Kelley (JD) is an associate with Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan PLLC in Chattanooga, TN.

Trenna K. Oakley (JD) is practicing family wealth planning and corporate law in the corporate department of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, OH.

Jeffrey M. Saltzman was recognized as one of the nation’s Junior Fellows by the American Academy of Political and Social Science for his work on the rise and demise of the apartheid system in South Africa.

Julie K. Williamson is a licensed claims representative with GMAC Insurance in Winston-Salem.

Marriages

Deborah Lynn Epperson Sizer (’77) and John Walter Stringer. 9/13/03. They live in Galax, VA.

Stuart Passantino (’88) and Jennifer Strong. 9/6/03. They live in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Douglas Worthington Davis (’89, MA ’99) and Molly Anne Yarbrough. 10/25/03 in Winston-Salem.

J. Eric Coffman (’90) and Heather Hathaway Marshall. 5/31/03. They live in Lexington, KY.

Patrick Lemons (’90) and Allison Buehner. 10/25/03 in Louisville, KY. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Katherine McTyeire Lowder (’91) and Eric S. Brown. 4/27/03 on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. They live in Falls Church, VA.

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James N. Coley II (’92) and Katherine Price. 8/9/03 in Asheville, NC. They live in Brooklyn, NY.

Kelly Gahan Kilroy (’92) and Scott William Foley. 8/2/03 in Baltimore, MD.

Stephen Clarke Dettor (’94) and Gina Goodrum. 10/18/03 in New Orleans, LA. Alumni in attendance included Rick Connolly (’94), Cal Luthy (’94), Brian Miner (’94), Steve Schumacher (’95), Tony Sgambari (’94) and John Willis (’96).

Lisa Hannah Cort (’95) and Jeffrey James Owen (’97, JD ’00). 6/28/03 in Burnsville, NC. The wedding party included Leah Austin (’96, JD ’01), Patricia Lynn Beauchamp (’94), Nancy Stacy Copeland (’95), Carolyn Ray Cort (MD ’70), David Arthur Cort (MD ’70), Heidi Dorothy Cort (’97), Charles B.Q. Davis (JD ’01), Carrie Cort Friesen (MD ’04), Christopher John Leonard (’96, JD ’99) and Revill Ramsey Mallory (’97).

Amy Ragan (’95) and Cary DiCristina. 10/11/03 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Sally Wooten Baker (’95), Diane Burke (’95, JD ’98), Kim Hensley Harris (’95), Sarah Carroll Smith (’97) and Lisa Snodgrass (’95).

Charlotte Dillon (’96) and Randall T. Little (’97). 8/16/03 in Pawley’s Island, SC. They live in New York. The wedding party included Lindsay Webb Craven (’96), Liz Hall Dekanich (’96), Tricia Grant Hunt (’96), Jessica Hill Maddox (’97), Kirsten Minich (’96), Brandon Saul (’97), Chris Thayer Sherner (’96) and Keith Siegner (’97, MSA ’98).

Jean Ann Grant (’97) and Whit Mansfield. 6/21/03. They live in Atlanta.

Kimberly Sonja Henney (’97) and Wesley Hillman McCluney. 7/19/03 in Bryn Mawr, PA. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included Marei Heim Hatcher (’98), Richard Allen McCluney (’00) and Ashley Anne Randolph (’98).

Ryan R. Klein (’97) and Kelly Marie Simon (’99). 6/9/03 in Santorini, Greece. They live in Raleigh, NC.

Todd Andrew Sninski (’97) and Dabney Elizabeth Maner (’97). 10/11/03

Lori A. Carter (’98) and William B. Connolly. 10/11/03 in Asheville, NC. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Amie Fonville Sivon (’98). The wedding directors were Barbara Mathes Yurkutat (’99) and Lynette Kirk (’00, MSA ’01).

Garrett Putman (’98) and Harriet Willimon. 7/19/03 in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Madison Clark (MD ’98), John Hage (’98) and Ward Horton (’98).

Elisabeth P. Thompson (’98) and Dylan S. Baker (’99). 10/18/03 in Alexandria, VA. They live in Washington, DC. The wedding party included Morgan Poteat Corbett (’98), Clay Hall (’98), Will Hayes (’98), Weston Lewis (’99), Frank Posillico (’99), and Dylan’s father, Frank Baker (’69), grandfather, William Baker (’42), and uncle, Prentiss Baker (’65).

Carmen M. Vaughn (’98) and Warren V. Ganjehsani. 3/1/03 in Rock Hill, SC. They live in Marietta, GA.

Adriane Malanos (’99) and Joseph T. Belton (’99). 8/16/03. Attendees included Kara Csensich (’98), Steve Granese (’98), Thomas McKiernan (’00) and Jason Wall (’98).

Melissa Ann Michel (’99) and Dionisio Rubi. 12/7/02 in Stonewood, WV. They live in Gettysburg, PA. The wedding party included Kelly Simon Klein (’99). Friends in attendance included Jennifer Bahus (’99), Anne Burnsed (’99), Kristy Hubbard (’99) and Ryan Klein (’97).

Kelly T. Wolff (’99) and Dustin S. Lyman (’99). 6/28/03 in Lake Bluff, IL. They live in Chicago.

John Chris Aprill (’00) and Kim Johnston. 9/13/03. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Beth Beagles (’00) and Kevin Pierson (’00), Dallas, TX. 12/20/03 in Longwood, FL. They live in Dallas, TX. The wedding party included Jeff Bottcher (’00), Mora Hanlon (’00), Katie Potts (’01, MEd ’03) and Betsy Woodruff (’00).

Rufus Byron Brown IV (’00) and Jennifer Lindsay Bays (’01). 10/11/03 in Atlanta. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Amy Elizabeth Byars (’01), Catherine Elizabeth Candler (’00), Elise Bentley DeGarmo (’01), Nicole Steele Francis (’01), Alyssa Mary Griswold (’01), Benjamin Felder Jackson (’99), Joseph Nathan Kerr (’00), Jessica Davis MacCallum (’01), Molly Amanda MacNaughton (’01), David Stuart Rietz (’00), Kevin Lawrence Sprouse (’00), Elizabeth Nan woodall (’01) and Ryan Alvin Wilson (’00, MSA ’01).

Amanda Beth Epstein (’00) and Stephen Musson. 9/20/03 in Atlanta. They live in Alpharetta, GA. The wedding party included Jennifer Pittaway Baer (’99), Valerie Parker Mirshak (’99) and Anne Taylor (’00). Father Jude DeAngelo, Wake Forest Catholic campus minister, was one of the officiants.
J. Eric Crupi (JD ’01) and Renee Esfandiary. 11/15/03

Caroline D. Gray (’01) and David R. DenHerder. 9/27/03 in Washington, DC. They live in Arlington, VA.

Allison L. Hallman (’01) and Jeffrey David Sapp. 12/6/03. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included Missy Bryce (’02, MSA ’02), Jayne Walker Grubbs (’01), Anna Kuhn (’02) and Kara Wallace (’01).

David James Samuel (’01) and Ridgely Sarah Blue (’03). 10/4/03 in High Point, NC. They live in Richmond, VA. The wedding party included Eric Bernard Almond (’02), Katherine French Bovard (’04), Anna Louise Curnes (’03), Mackenzie Hope Goldstein (’03), Jillian Sahajdack Rainwater (’03), Robert Scott Richards (’01) and Bradley Austin Samuel (’99).

Kelly Elizabeth Sancilio (’01) and Thomas Corcoran. 11/16/03

Lee Jamison Schuh (’01) and Mary Lyn Anne Marquardt (’03). 10/18/03 in Towson, MD. They live in South Windsor, CT. The wedding party included Matthew Joseph Davis (’01), Nisrine Libbus (’02), Katherine Joyce Mills (’04) and William Drew Senter (’02).

Crystal Ann Bowman (JD ’03) and Jeffrey Brian Crews. 9/6/03 in Ocean Isle Beach, NC. They live in Summerfield, NC.

Elizabeth Ellis Cauble (’03) and Brian Christopher Gross (’03). 1/3/04 in Knoxville, TN. The wedding party included Robert Manning Christopher Jr. (’02), Angelo Michael Del Re (’03), Emily Blake Hinman (’03), Nick Anderson Jeffries (’03), Adrienne Ann Myer (’02), Katherine Troy Rigby (’04) and Mason McClung Shelton (’03).

Danielle McDougal (’03) and Obi I. Chukwumah (’03). 3/1/04 in Wait Chapel. The wedding party included Kellen Brantley (’04), Nick Burney (’03), Iana DeSouza (’03), Ronetta Dewberry (’99), Alecia W. Hardy (’03), Chrystal Harris (’03), Elliot Ivey (’03), Sadie Nallo (’04) and Ricky Perez (’03).

Births and Adoptions

Karen Hollingsworth Miller (’83) and Robert Scott Miller, Charlotte, NC: a son, Walter Scott. 7/28/03. He joins his brother, Worth (2 1/2).

Carolyn Jo Christian (’84) and William Shehee, Mebane, NC: adopted son, Francisco Christian Shehee. He was born in Guatemala 1/19/03 and arrived in the United States 12/4/03. The grandparents are Edgar Douglas Christian (’50, JD ’83) and Jean Sholar Christian (’51), and his aunt is Kimberly Christian-Dotson (’85).

Rick E. Fuller (’84) and Carol Fuller, De Pere, WI: a daughter, Madelyn Anita. 6/21/03. She joins her brothers, Sam (7), Kevin (4) and Ben (2). Alumni can reach them at 84deacdoc@ameritech.net.

John Wayne King (’84) and Angela Buontempo, Warren, NJ: a son, John Walter. 10/18/03

Deryl A. Davis (’85) and Whitney Warren Davis (MAEd ’97), Washington, DC: twins, Nathaniel Andrew and Eliza Marie. 10/22/03

David G. Lerner (JD ’85) and Deborah A. Lerner, Orlando, FL: a son, Christopher Albert. 9/23/03. He joins his brother, J.P.

Jill Clayton Moore (’85) and Mark Moore, Greensboro, NC: a son, Garrett Clayton. 4/11/03

Kathy Watts Bryant (’86) and Paul Bryant, Apex, NC: a son, Alexander Colin. Born 6/20/03, adopted 11/24/03 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Bill Boggs (’87) and Melanie Parham Boggs (’92, MD ’97), Richmond, VA: a son, Peyton Robert. 11/7/03

Ed T. Bonahue (’87) and Tina Smith (’87), Gainesville, FL: a son, Alexander James Bise. 6/26/03. He joins his brother, Edward (7), and sister, Maddie (5).

Melissa Conn (’87) and Fabrizio Tibolla, Venice, Italy: a son, Lorenzo. 8/12/03. He joins his brother, Sebastian (4).

David McClelland (’87) and Kelly McClelland, Sterling, VA: a son, Eli Henry. 1/12/04. He joins his brothers, Alexander (5) and Luke (2), and sisters, Caroline (7) and Mary Scott (4).

Khalique S. Zahir (’87) and Lubna Zahir, McLean, VA: a daughter, Rhea Amelia. 1/11/04

John F. Bragg III (’88) and Catherine Carlton Bragg (’90), Huntersville, NC: a daughter, Alice Fisher. 3/29/03. She joins her brothers, Frank (6) and James (4), and sister, Martha Kate (3).
Mark P. Del Mastro (’88) and Melinda Del Mastro, Charleston, SC: twin daughters, Maria Pilar and Carmen Francesca. 8/25/03. They join their sister, Isabel (3).

Renee Roy McCoy (’88) and Benjamin McCoy, Charlotte, NC: a son, Benjamin Moore. 11/15/03

Elizabeth “Beth” Weller (JD ’88) and Bill Parkinson, Dallas, TX: a son, William Kyle MingXiao. He was born 7/1/00 in China and joined them 10/15/03. He joins his sisters, Sarah (9) and Erin (6).

Julie Carlisle Albrecht (’89) and J.P. Albrecht, Charlotte, NC: a son, Tyler Finn. 12/5/03. He joins his sister, Abigail Grace (3).

Margaret “Lou” Brown (’89) and Jack C. Knight, St. Louis, MO: a son, Benjamin. 10/2/03

Bruce Cabiness (’89) and Donna Cabiness, Archdale, NC: a daughter, Morgan. 10/10/03. She joins her brothers, Caleb and Parker.

Julie Lemoine Lesjak (’89) and Bob Lesjak, Vienna, VA: a son, Phillip Stefan, and a daughter, Isabel Marie. 7/1/03. They join their brother, Oliver (3).

Tracy Moss Wharton (’89) and Daniel Barrett Wharton (MBA ’91), Parkersburg, WV: a son, Daniel Robert. 2/26/03

Michael D. Williams (’89) and Andra Campbell Williams, Statesville, NC: a son, Matthew Ross. 4/6/03. He joins his brother, Dawson.

Allyson Kurzman Tysinger (’90) and Michael Davis Tysinger, Richmond, VA: a son, Jackson Davis. 4/7/03. He joins his sister, Ashley (4).

Neville “Ned” Hedley (’91) and Kimberly Reynolds Hedley (’94), Chicago, IL: a son, William Reynolds. 6/16/03

Peter J. Hines (’91) and Shannon Hutcherson Hines (’94), Annandale, VA: a son, Tyler. 7/22/03. He joins his brother, Connor (5).

Michelle Sigmon Jones (’91) and W. Craig Jones (’91), Charlotte, NC: a son, Christopher Riley. 9/11/03. He joins his brothers, Craig (6) and Andrew (3).

Brooke Fenderson Kingsley (’91) and Stephen Kingsley, Fredericksburg, VA: a daughter, Clare Lovelace. 5/6/03

Loring Tyler Matthews (’91) and Jeffrey Clay Matthews, Landenberg, PA: a daughter, Sydney Anna. 6/6/03. She joins her brother, Tyler (4).

Susan Webb Meador (’91) and Henry Meador, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Hannah Dare. 10/6/03

Leigh Ann Young Olinger (’91) and Will D. Olinger III (’91), Gainesville, FL: a daughter, Reece Woodall. 10/20/03. She joins her sisters, Brittney (7) and Katie Grace (5).

Jacinda Santon Smith (’91, MBA ’94) and Todd A. Smith, Princeton, WV: a daughter, Katherine Anne. 10/29/03

Susan Horsewood Stines (’91, MAEd ’93) and Reid M. Stines (’91), Apex, NC: a son, Ryan McElligott. 7/21/03. He joins his sister, Carly (3).

Rosalind L. Tedford (’91, MA ’94) and Patrick C. Morton (MA ’97, MBA ’02), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Erin Nicole. 11/19/03

Laura Smith Williams (’91) and Thomas F. Williams (’91), Charlotte, NC: a son, James Dallas “J.D.” 7/2/03

Van Barnette (’92) and Meredith Hart Barnette (’94), Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Margaret Shields. 10/24/03. She joins her brother, Henry (3).

Stephanie Toney Bennett (’92) and William Ross Bennett, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Abigail Jean. 11/8/03. She joins her sister, Olivia (4).

Patrick Day (’92) and Katie Day, Naperville, IL: twins, Cora and Quinn. 5/20/03. They join their brother, Galvin.

Kavita Shah-Mehta (’92) and Prashant Mehta, San Carlos, CA: a daughter, Saiya. 10/16/03

Alison Bell Watson (’92) and Scott Watson, Raleigh, NC: a son, Davis Gray. 7/8/03. He joins his brother, Mitchell (8).

Laurie DiLodovico Cross (’93) and Scott C. Cross (’94), Los Angeles, CA: a son, Evan Scott. 11/19/03

Elizabeth Jones Edwards (’93) and Mark E. Edwards (’94, JD ’97), Nashville, NC: a son, Spencer Thomas. 11/29/03

Josh D. Else (’93) and Anna Dean Harris Else (’97), Bethesda, MD: a daughter, Margaret “Maggie” Kennedy. 10/25/03

Jeannie Armour Evans (’93) and Barrett Allen Evans, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Katharine Isabel. 11/11/03. She joins her brother, Samuel Bradley.
Jay Parker ('93) and Ellen Fogle Parker ('93, MA '95), Austin, TX: a son, Nolan James. 10/3/03. He joins his sister, Caroline Grace (2 1/2).

Erin Komich Petty ('93) and Robert C. Petty, Stonington, CT: a son, Holden Everett. 6/30/03

Diane McKeon Smith ('93) and Forrest E. Smith, Apex, NC: a daughter, Olivia Eloise and Madeleine Isabelle. 9/28/03

Richard D. Soultanian (JD '93) and Lisa Kennedy Soultanian (JD '95), Basking Ridge, NJ: daughters, Olivia Eloise and Madeleine Isabelle. 9/28/03

Wade Tollison ('93) and Stephanie Tollison, Woodbury, MN: twin sons, Jackson Browning and Samuel Edward. 10/25/03. They join their sister, Isabella (1).

Walter “Keith” Alexander ('94) and Gabrielle Alexander, Charlotte, NC: a son, Grant Keith. 8/12/03

Todd Barfield ('94) and Anna Barfield, Long Branch, NJ: a son, Griffin David. 10/16/03

Laura Cline Berry ('94) and Chris Y. Berry ('94), Charlotte, NC: a son, Luke. 10/21/03. He joins his brothers, Lance and Cameron. Cooper.

Daniel G. Cahill (JD '94) and Sallie Thorpe, Raleigh, NC: twin sons, Daniel Reed and George Thorpe. 11/3/03. They join their sister, Kathryn (3).

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Tamara Nicholson Kaliszewski ('94) and Andrew Kaliszewski, Durham, CT: a daughter, Mary Hope. 10/26/03. She joins her sister, Julia May (2).

Rodney Perdue ('94) and Angela Collins Perdue ('94), Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Kristina Anne. 12/26/03

Elizabeth Rees ('94) and Holden Hoofnagle, Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Sophia Patricia. 10/9/03

Heidi Cruz Marlowe-Rogers ('95, MD '99) and Arron A. Marlowe-Rogers ('95, JD '02), Winston-Salem: a son, Xavier David. 8/30/03

David M. McConnell II ('95) and Dowling Anderson McConnell, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Amy Carson. 10/19/03

Paul E. McIntosh Jr. ('95) and Emily McIntosh, Madison, AL: a son, Alexander Nathan. 10/15/03

Eric P. Orbock (JD/MBA '95) and Jessica Kahn Orbock (JD '97), Athens, GA: a daughter, Eva Catherine. 9/02/03

Kathy Salisbury Pretzer ('95) and Steve Pretzer, Raleigh, NC: a son, Ryan Craig. 7/22/03

David H. Priest ('95, MD '99) and Tammy Priest, Nashville, TN: a daughter, Olivia Lynne. 10/1/03. She joins her brother, Nathan (3).

Amy Cook Riter ('95) and Craig S. Riter, Half Moon Bay, CA: a daughter, Finley Kathleen. 10/21/03

Angela Denison Silva ('95) and Samuel Eber Machado Silva, Salisbury, NC: a daughter, Esther Gabriela. 12/7/03. She joins her sister, Lydia (2).

Jule E. Banzet IV (MBA '96) and Suzanne R.S. Banzet (MBA '96), Winston-Salem: a son, William “Will” Ross. 10/10/03. He joins his brother, J.

Daniel L. Briggs ('96) and Laurie Long Briggs ('97, MBA '99), Lexington, NC: a daughter, Sidney Leier. 11/14/03

Jessica Wadkins Griege ('96) and Charles William Griege, Dallas, TX: a daughter, Amelia Grace. 12/3/03. She joins her brother, Charlie (2).

Michael Kauffman ('96, JD '99) and Deanna Kauffman, Fairview Heights, IL: a daughter, Madeline Jennifer. 11/29/03

John R. Rinker II ('96) and Erika Hille Rinker ('98), St. Louis, MO: a daughter, Clara Anneliese. 11/21/03

Karen Rosenberger Robins ('96) and Eric Robins, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Sarah Nicole. 12/22/03. She joins her brother, Jackson.

Kristopher David Vess ('96) and Sarah Floyd Vess, Concord, NC: a son, Colin Michael. 10/31/03

Brett G. Weber ('96, JD '99) and Cameron Bader Weber (JD '01), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Meredith “Carson.” 10/20/03

Mark W. Williams (PhD '96) and Cheryle Williams, Mt. Pleasant, SC: a son, Mark W. “Mack”Jr. 10/28/03

Bill Bishop ('97) and Deanne Bishop, Oklahoma City, OK: a daughter, Kaitlyn Jane. 6/24/03

Katherine Spurlock Creech ('97) and Jeremy Dennis Creech ('97), Bartlett, TN: a son, Alexander Thomas. 10/29/03
Deaths


William Rufus Hartness Jr. (’36, MD ’36), Dec. 17, 2003. He is survived by his children, William Rufus Hartness III (’67) and Freda Hartness Wilkins, four grandchildren, a sister, and two brothers.

Larry S. Moore (JD ’38), Nov. 28, 2003.


James “Jay” L. Jenkins Jr. (’40), Oct. 30, 2003. He was a retired political adviser, newspaper reporter and editor, and a member of the NC Journalism Hall of Fame. A native of Boiling Springs, NC, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He began his journalism career at United Press International in 1941 and later worked for The Winston-Salem Journal, The Charlotte Observer and the Raleigh News & Observer. For many years, he worked as a political adviser and lobbyist for William Friday, former president of the University of North Carolina system. He helped Friday create the television program “North Carolina People,” which still airs on public television. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and a son, James L. Jenkins III.


James Jasper Ellis (’42), Dec. 9, 2003.


E. Reed Gaskin (’47), Oct. 28, 2003. After earning his medical degree from Emory University and then studying ophthalmology, he founded the Gaskin Eye Clinic in Charlotte, NC, where he practiced for more than 45 years. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He and his wife, Jean, established a scholarship for pre-med students at Wake Forest in 1980. In addition to his wife, he is also survived by one son, Lewis (’76), who joined his father’s practice in 1984, and two daughters.


James Franklin Frishie Jr. (’49), Jan. 2, 2004. He was active in alumni activities, including serving as chair of his class’ 50th reunion and helping plan the old campus reunions in 1996 and 2000. He worked for IBM for 35
years before retiring in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Peggy (’51), son James and daughter Penelope (’73). Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 99 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC, 27603 or Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC, 27109-7227.


Charles Edward Bell (’50), Oct. 7, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Merilou Wall Bell (’54), four sons, and three grandchildren.

Stanley James Corne (JD ’50), Nov. 2, 2003. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Law Alumni Council.

Robert Franklin Pate Sr. (’50), Dec. 8, 2003.


Frank Odell Goslen (JD ’51), Nov. 4, 2003.


Robert Forest “R.F.” Smith Jr. (’53), Oct. 16, 2003. He was a retired Baptist pastor and former Wake Forest trustee. After graduating from Wake Forest and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, he served Baptist churches in Durham and Hickory, NC, before moving to Huntington, WV, where he was senior pastor at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church from 1979 until 1999. He received numerous honors during his lifetime, including induction into the Huntington Wall of Fame in 1992 and the Governor’s Distinguished West Virginian Award in 1993. He was named Huntington Citizen of the Year in 1997 by the Herald-Dispatch newspaper. He was also a newspaper columnist and the author of two books; his second book, Sit Down, God…I’m Angry, dealt with the death of his teenage son in a boating accident, only hours after he had completed his admissions application to Wake Forest. Smith and his wife, Faye Tyndall Smith (’55), later established the Robert Forest Smith Scholarship in the divinity school in their son’s memory.


Don Hoyle Lovelace (’55), Nov. 15, 2003.


Thomas E. Strickland (JD ’55), Nov. 26, 2003. He was a lawyer and a five-term North Carolina legislator. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, a son and a daughter.


Carroll Franklin Gardner (’58, JD ’60), Jan. 5, 2004. He was a well-known criminal-defense lawyer and political figure for 40 years. He was a longtime chairman of the Democratic Party for the 5th Congressional District and ran in the party primary for a U.S. House seat in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and sons David (’84) and Matthew.


Elizabeth “Libby” Jackson Williams (’65), Dec. 12, 2003. She is survived by her husband, D.M. Williams (’65, JD ’68), two daughters, her mother, and a sister.


William Geoffrey Fraser (’69), Jan 4, 2004. He was the son of professor emeritus of German Ralph Fraser.


Kimberly Wally Hampton (PA ’89), Nov. 21, 2003.


Russell “Russ” Samuel Hester (’02), Nov. 8, 2003. He was a member of DKE fraternity.

Hubert McNeill Poteat III (’02), Dec. 16, 2003. A communication major and member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, he was a great-great grandson of former Wake Forest president William Louis Poteat. He is survived by his parents, Robert (’68) and Hannah Poteat, and two sisters, Morgan (’98) and Hannah.

Faculty, Staff, Friends, Students


Barbara J. Beavers, Nov. 10, 2003. After earning a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Duke University in the 1950s, she had her own practice in clinical psychology and psychotherapy in Atlanta for nearly 40 years before retiring last year. In 1996, she and her brother and sister established the James Wallace Beavers Scholarship in memory of their father. She is survived by her husband, J. William Pruett.

Robert Allan Emken, Jan. 17, 2004. He was a member of the President’s Club and a retired executive vice president of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. He is survived by his wife, Connie, and children Janice (’82, MA ’86), Robert (’85) and Judith.

Margaret “Meg” Elizabeth Hudson, Nov. 2, 2003. A native of Lincolnton, NC, she would have been a junior at Wake Forest this year, but was forced to withdraw when her condition—pulmonary hypertension—worsened. She was salutatorian of her high school class at Gaston Day School and a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. She is survived by her parents, Jim and Beth Hudson.


William “Bill” Markley McKinney, Oct. 24, 2003. He was a retired professor of neurology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and a pioneer in the use of medical ultrasound. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he served in the Navy during the Korean War and then completed his residency in neurology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine before joining the medical school faculty in 1963. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and three children.


Ione Lane Preseren, Dec. 31, 2003. She was the wife of professor emeritus of education Herman Preseren.

Gilbert Leon Smith, Nov. 16, 2003. He was previously a building and grounds maintenance attendant at Wake Forest and Reynolda Village.

Flake F. Steele Jr., Oct. 29, 2003. He was a former president, treasurer and chairman of the board of Pine Hall Brick and Pipe Company in Winston-Salem and an active member in the community.


Mary Ferebee Wynne, Nov. 20, 2003. She was the widow of L. Wilson Wynne, who attended Wake Forest in 1935–36, and the mother of Leon Wynne (’70, JD ’79). She and her husband established a scholarship fund at Wake Forest in 1992 for undergraduates from northeastern North Carolina. From 1979 to 1998, she served four terms as a trustee of the Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina. She is also survived by three grandchildren, including Jennifer Wynne John (’01) and Sarah Ann Wynne (’03).
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Memories of Simos... While I could write a book, I will limit the response to a few thoughts.

The Simos family and their employees—the names rattle off in perfect cadence, Paul, Perry, Terry, Gray, Nell, and April—are our friends and extended family. Those who were “Simos regulars” probably spent as much time on Indiana Avenue as they did in the Zoo.

The familiar salutation of “Norm!” on “Cheers” is paled by comparison to the overwhelming greeting a regular received at Simos. Who can forget Perry calling for “TALL BUD!” accompanied by that famous frosted mug and a big Greek handshake as you entered on Friday evening. The red barbecue and slaw were a little strange to this product of eastern North Carolina, but the Simos touch made the concoction delicious.

My first acquaintance with Simos BBQ Inn came though Kappa Alpha Order. Paul had adopted us and proudly displayed our composite on the east wall. Paul was notorious for playing Santa Claus. He would don his suit, after proper preparation from the Christmas “spirit” (nod, nod, wink, wink), and come to the KA Lodge where he would hand out beverages to the gathered crowd.

In later years, Gray Tatum, the man behind the apron in the serving kitchen, would remember my wife Jan’s special cheeseburger order. We share Christmas cards with Gray each year, and he has taken a special interest in our children over the years.

There was nothing like holding “office hours” at Simos. There is some truth to the rumor that many used Simos as a number where we could be reached in an emergency.

I will miss the pork shoulder on the rotisserie in the corner (which has been gone for some time now); the crowding of six in a booth; the coldest beer in the world; the special way that Nell and April would call you “Shug”; the outside bathrooms (which have been inside for quite awhile); the exterior neon sign with the chef chasing the pig; the way newcomers could never figure out which one was Terry and which one was Perry; the way you could share an entertaining conversation with your fellow Deacons; the way the college boy could share a barstool counter with a Reynolds factory worker and each enjoy the other’s company; and especially the friendship of the Simos family.

For four generations (if you count Little Paul, which I do) the Simos family has been feeding and entertaining their customers and friends. Thank you for the food, drink and fellowship. We hate to see you go, but we will remember you fondly.

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Hang it from the rafters

Josh Howard ('03), a 2003 first-round draft pick of the Dallas Mavericks, was back in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum on January 29 as Wake Forest retired his jersey at halftime of the Maryland game. Howard, a unanimous selection for ACC Player of the Year last season, was named National Player of the Year by Fox Sports, Basketball Digest and College Insider. He was the first Demon Deacon to make the John R. Wooden Award All-America Team since Tim Duncan in 1997.