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Founders’ Day 2006

President Emeritus Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. and life trustee T. Eugene Worrell ('40) received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, at Founders’ Day Convocation on February 21.

Guest speaker Sen. Richard Burr ('78), R-NC, focused on the challenges facing the United States today and told students, faculty, members of the Half Century Club, and others gathered in Wait Chapel that the U.S. Constitution should be our guide to the future. “For this country to go forward, it has to be united and it has to be one nation, and (as) reliant on the American people as on the leadership,” he added.

The convocation was the first for President Nathan O. Hatch, who succeeded Hearn last summer. Hatch presented the Medallion of Merit to Hearn twenty-two years after Hearn, in his first year in office, presented the medallion to his predecessor, James Ralph Scales. A portrait of Hearn was unveiled by Hatch and Hearn’s wife, Laura. The portrait, by Rhode Island artist Ben Wohlberg, will be displayed on the second floor of Reynolda Hall.
Hall alongside portraits of Wake Forest’s other previous presidents. During his two decades as president, Hearn successfully negotiated the University’s independence from the Baptist State Convention, dramatically expanded the campus, increased the endowment to provide more funds for scholarships and professorships, started the divinity school and strengthened the other professional schools, enhanced undergraduate education, and promoted the importance of leadership and community service to students.

“Today we honor a visionary whose ambition, foresight, and faith forged a remarkable chapter in the history of this University,” Hatch said in recognizing Hearn.

“He became a towering figure who courageously navigated Wake Forest through times of dramatic change and raised the stature of a small regional liberal arts school to one of the top 30 universities in the nation… The extraordinary transformation of this University is his legacy.”

Worrell received the Medallion of Merit for his more than three decades of service to the University. He has served on the Board of Trustees and on the medical school’s Board of Visitors. In 1990, he and his wife, Anne, pledged $5 million—the largest gift ever from an alumnus—toward construction of what would become the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management. He has also generously supported the University’s efforts to expand its international programs.

“(His) fondness for Churchill and Wake Forest have had a profound impact on students and faculty,” Hatch said. “This man has used his living to make a life of giving.” In 1976, the Worrells donated what is now Worrell House for a study-abroad center in London. In 1982, they endowed a chair in Anglo-American Studies, now held by David Coates, Worrell Professor of Anglo-American Studies. Worrell, 86, lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and is the retired founder of Worrell Newspapers, Inc.

Hatch also recognized two seniors who have received prestigious scholarships for postgraduate study. Lakshmi Krishnan, of Sugar Land, Texas, was one of thirty-two American students selected to receive a Rhodes Scholarship for study at Oxford University. An English and German major, she plans to pursue a master’s degree in English literature. She is the third Wake Forest student to receive the Rhodes Scholarship in the last three years.

Blake Brandes, of Hickory, North Carolina, was one of forty-three American students chosen to receive a Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study in the United Kingdom. An English and French major, he plans to pursue a master’s degree at the University of Kent, where he will specialize in post-colonial studies.

Burr, in his fifteen-minute address, told students they live in a time of great challenge—terrorism, the spread of disease, and global instability—and great opportunity through the growth of democracy. “What will we do as individuals, as an institution, as a country; do we pull back or
do we engage? What role should you and what role should the country play? What should guide us, as Americans, in how we respond? I would suggest to you that it is history that should guide us... specifically, that document called the Constitution, that document written by our founding fathers at a very challenging time when they clearly understood the stakes.”

Burr recalled the divisiveness of the Civil War, and Abraham Lincoln’s response to it. “He understood for a country to progress forward, you have to unite a country first.” He then turned to Ronald Reagan: “I’m reminded of President Reagan’s remarks when he said that he never could understand what it was about the U.S. Constitution that was so special. It wasn’t until he read everybody else’s that he understood what was so special about ours. Theirs starts ‘we the government.’ Ours starts ‘we the people.’ There’s a huge difference.”

During convocation, faculty awards were presented to:

- Mary F. Foskett, Zachary T. Smith Associate Professor of Religion—Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Contribution to Student Life;
- Brook M. Davis, assistant professor of theatre—Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching;
- Gregory B. Cook, associate professor of physics—Award for Excellence in Research;

Religion Professor Mary Foskett (left) receives the Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Contribution to Student Life from K. Brett Turner (’06), president of ODK.

Brook Davis (left), assistant professor of theatre, receives the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching from Deborah L. Best (’70, MA ’72), dean of the College.

Associate Professor of Physics Greg Cook (left) receives the Award for Excellence in Research from Gordon Melson, dean of the Graduate School.

Babcock School Professor Patrick McMullen (left) was a co-winner of the Cowan Faculty Research Prize, presented by Babcock Dean Ajay Patel.
Charles R. Kennedy, Jr., associate professor of management—Kienzle Teaching Award; Robert C. Nash, associate professor of finance, and Patrick McMullen, associate professor of management—Cowan Faculty Research Prize; and Charles P. Rose, professor of law—Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award.

Kerry M. King ('85)

Babcock School Professor Rob Nash was a co-winner of the Cowan Faculty Research Prize.

Professor of Law Charles Rose receives the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award.
Bee-havior

Why do animals do what they do? Susan Fahrbach has found the perfect partner for her research.

Sometimes the simplest questions are the hardest to answer. Here’s one for you: why do animals do what they do? How come their behavior matches so appropriately with each stage of their lives? Sometimes they reproduce; other times they don’t. Sometimes they store food; other times they don’t. How do they know what to do, and when?

Many of us might respond with a shrug or a tautology—they know because they know. Not Susan Fahrbach. She approaches the question as if it were a Russian doll or an onion—going in and in, patienty prying open or peeling back each successive chamber or layer until the core is exposed.

And she has found the perfect partner for that probe: the honeybee.

Fahrbach, the Reynolds Professor of Developmental Neuroscience who is in her second year at Wake Forest, investigates connections between hormones and behavior and between learning and memory. Bees, by virtue of their life cycles, behavior patterns, and brain structures, are ideal subjects.

“The honeybee has fewer than a million nerve cells in its brain,” she notes. (By comparison, humans have billions upon billions.) “And yet, they do the right thing at the right time—predictably, consistently, and reliably. Scientific inquiry is an ever-smaller series of black boxes you keep unlocking. I want to go down to the cellular and molecular levels and bring it back to behavior.”

As a doctoral student at Rockefeller University in New York City, Fahrbach concentrated on hormonal regulation of behavior—specifically, the factors that trigger maternal behavior in female rats. “Something happens at birth that changes their attitude toward the young,” she notes. “They’re afraid of pups one day, and nurturing the next.”

The researcher knew that estrogen’s action on the brain prepares the way for another hormone, oxytocin, which causes the uterus to contract and milk to flow in pregnant mammals. She wondered whether oxytocin might also have some behavioral function. Sure enough: by injecting oxytocin into virgin rats, she induced motherly behavior in them, thus identifying oxytocin as a sort of “love hormone” that engenders feelings of affiliation.

Fahrbach soon found that even a rat’s brain has far too many cells, and thus “too much that’s going on,” to draw the hormone-behavior correlations she was after. So she turned to insects in her post doctoral research position at the University of Washington in Seattle.

“It was a complete switch, and I had to learn the basics of the insect nervous system,” she says. “I loved it, so it stuck. It’s important to have many different approaches to neuroscience. Working with insects—at Washington, it was big green caterpillars—gives me a chance to ask questions that would be unethical to pursue in vertebrates.”

In 1988 Fahrbach landed a faculty position in the Department of Entymology at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The next faculty member hired by the department the following
year, Gene Robinson, specialized in bee research. “Gene was a bee person but not a neuroscientist,” Fahrbach notes. “I was exactly the opposite. It was an ideal match.” Their collaborative studies of bee behavior have yielded voluminous publications over the years.

“It’s impossible to have a successful life as a bee if you can’t remember where the flowers are or where your hive is,” Fahrbach says in explaining her choice of research subject. “So she [all worker bees are female] absolutely depends on learning and memory. Also, until she is three weeks old, a worker bee spends all her time in the hive doing various tasks. Then, all of a sudden, she leaves the hive, goes to flowers and gathers pollen and nectar, and never does hive work again.

“What makes a bee decide it’s time to change? It’s a complicated question,” she continues. “But what we have discovered is that bees forage have a larger section of the brain, called the mushroom body, than hive bees do. All sensory information converges there.”

Since she and Robinson published a short but influential article on the bee brain in the scientific journal *Nature* in 1993, Fahrbach has focused on three topics: the mechanism of brain growth; the process by which the bee’s outside experiences connect to, or “couple” with, its brain cells; and the implications, or outcomes, of a larger brain.

“If a part of the brain gets bigger, is that better?” she asks. “Are you a better rat if your cortex is bigger? What’s the impact? The answer might seem obvious, but this is the hardest question to answer. Bees are so good at navigation and odor recognition that it’s hard to make subtle distinctions that could correlate behavior with brain size. One of the things we’re working on here is devising tasks that bees don’t do so well.

“For example, bees are very good at nest-mate recognition through odor,” Fahrbach explains. “They’ll post the equivalent of a bar bouncer outside the entrance to the hive to prevent any non-resident from entering. We’re trying to find ways to make the task of recognition harder and harder—for example, by positioning hives next to each other. Will it be the bees with bigger brains that will make the distinction between a bee that is one of their own and one that is not?”

What prompted Fahrbach to forego a tenured full professorship at Illinois after sixteen years? “I thought I’d never leave,” she says. “But when you reach a certain stage of your career, they start to drop hints about how right you’d be for a particular administrative job. What I want to do is teach and do research; I do my best work one on one with students. Also, as state universities look for ways to cope with tighter budgets, they increase class sizes. Some semesters I’d find myself standing on a stage in front of 500 freshmen. That has value in its own way, but I didn’t feel I could really reach out and shape students by doing that.

“The offer from Wake Forest was an opportunity to come to a first-rate research university and teach in paradise,” she continues. “Last fall I taught my favorite course, hormones and behavior, which I never was able to do in my previous position. I had fourteen students, and it was the equivalent of teaching a graduate course at Illinois, with reading of primary literature and critical writing.”

An added benefit of her move is the supportive environment she’s found. “North Carolina is one of the best states for beekeeping,” notes Fahrbach, who keeps five hives at Professor of Biology Peter Weigl’s farm in Pfafftown. “It’s far enough north so that its bees haven’t been Africanized and far enough south to have longer summers and extended hive activity. There is a long tradition of beekeeping here, and in the short time I’ve been at Wake Forest I’ve made some wonderful connections with bee researchers at other universities in the state. We’ve formed a consortium for possible collaborations; one researcher in Greensboro is studying aging through the queen bee, which lives for years as opposed to the few months that worker bees live. With probably not more than fifty honeybee labs in the world, it’s fun to have other folks in the field within driving distance.”

—David Fyten
Gender balance

An openness to difference and acceptance of opposites characterize Wanda Balzano, director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

One of Wanda Balzano’s earliest exposures to antithesis was the postcards in neighborhood shops in her native city of Pompeii, Italy. On racks next to each other were cards of the city’s ruins with ancient frescoes of risqué brothel scenes and others with images of the Virgin Mary. “Thereafter, whenever I saw contrasting things,” she says, “I never was surprised, because I understood how they defined the culture.”

It’s that openness to difference, acceptance of apparent opposites, and instinct for synthesis that Balzano has carried with her throughout her life and career, and which she brings now to her position as director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

Balzano, a specialist in Anglo-Irish literature and drama who spent last year as a visiting professor at Wake Forest after studying and teaching for fourteen years at University College Dublin, assumed the post under a two-year contract on July 1. She succeeded Anne Boyle, a professor of English who directed the interdisciplinary minor program for two-and-a-half years.

During her tenure, Boyle guided the broadening of the program’s focus from strictly women’s studies to gender studies, which focuses on the cultural roles of men as well as women. Balzano, whose scholarly subjects have ranged from Irish author Samuel Beckett to nuns in twentieth-century Irish literature, seems well suited to advancing that inclusive agenda.

“It’s important not to prescribe roles, and also to question and be open [in gender discussions],” says Balzano, whose husband, Jefferson Holdridge, is director of Wake Forest University Press, a leading publisher of Irish poetry. “I’m reminded of a saying I saw outside a church in Connecticut. It read, ‘Do not put a period where God put a comma.’ The danger in defining something is to encapsulate it.”

Her proclivity for openness to contradiction is virtually genetic. From the balcony on one side of her family’s dwelling was a view of Mount Vesuvius, the volcano whose catastrophic eruption in 79 A.D. buried the city and all of its inhabitants. From the balcony on the other side was a view of the Mediterranean. The stark contrasts—the looming of an ominous pinnacle and the languidity of a limitless plane; the ebony crust of lethal lava and the azure liquidity of a pacific sea—engendered a passion for metaphor as well as apparent incongruity in the impressionable girl.

And for imagination. Sometimes Balzano and her schoolmates would play hooky and hang out in the ancient ruins, where, in her words, “things got very gothic and spooky.” Perhaps in the spirit of the Romantics, who longed to be somewhere long ago and far away, she studied Latin and Greek in high school. She planned to continue studying classical languages and literature in college in Naples, until a mentor encouraged her to learn English, the “language of the future.”
Balzano’s college, the Istituto Universitario Orientale, surely must rank as one of the world’s most cosmopolitan, drawing students from all over the world and offering instruction in languages as obscure as dialects of Berber. Having become fluent in French and Spanish, she came late to English and found it extremely difficult to learn, but she mastered it sufficiently to major in it, with concentrations in philology, history, sociology, and philosophy.

Balzano, whose first name is pronounced “Vonda,” earned a scholarship to Ireland in the summer of 1990 and was captivated by the country—perhaps because of its contrasts to southern Italy. Everywhere she looked, there was grayness—in the churches, the clouds, the clothing—except in one place: the eyes of the Dubliners. “Almost everybody had blue eyes,” she recalls. “I loved gazing into the eyes of people as I passed them on the street. It was like being in the sea. I felt like I was swimming.”

Her original plan was to stay in Ireland for two years, but the many friends and networks she made prompted her to undertake graduate study at the University of Dublin, the venerable institution that James Joyce attended. After earning a master’s degree in Anglo-Irish literature and drama with a thesis on Samuel Beckett, she completed her doctorate in 1998 with a dissertation titled The Apple: Irish Palimpsest of the Feminine.

“I had been strongly influenced by the feminism of a professor in Naples, who was as objective and analytical as she was activist in her approach to women’s issues,” she explains. “In my doctoral studies, I decided to study twentieth-century Irish women authors, with a particular emphasis on nuns. The figure of the nun, particularly in strongly Catholic countries like Ireland and Italy, is fascinating and surprisingly complex. There were nuns who were feminists and those who were passive, and nuns who were devoted to charity work and remained loyal to the Church despite being excluded from so much of its inner workings. “I also became fascinated with the concept of home—perhaps in part because I was so far from mine,” she goes on. “Once they make their final vows, Irish nuns can never return home again. In a story titled The Apple, a nun stands outside her family’s home, envisioning what it’s like inside and wondering if she should go in, even though she is forbidden by her order to do so. I saw the story as a symbol of women’s subjectivity; of being eternally poised on the threshold of choice.”

After spending three years as a senior tutor in third-year English, another three years as a postdoctoral fellow in the Anglo-Irish Department, and two years as a lecturer in English, Balzano decided to halt a two-year transoceanic marital commute and join Holdridge by accepting a visiting position in Wake Forest’s Women’s and Gender Studies program in 2004. As she begins her leadership of the program, she is working on a book titled The Veiled Subject: Women, Theory, and Religion in Irish Literature and pursuing her fledgling scholarly interest in the concept of the foreigner.

“This is a very happy place,” she says of the Women’s and Gender Studies office—and, by extension, Wake Forest. “So many people have already put so much creative energy into it. I feel like I’m standing on the shoulders of giants. I simply hope to build upon what’s already here.”

—David Fyten
Lilly grant continues support of the Pro Humanitate Center

The Lilly Endowment Inc. has given nearly $500,000 to continue its support of the Pro Humanitate Center, which it initially funded several years ago. The Center supports programs throughout the College that encourage students to explore how they can combine service to humanity with their future career goals. “Students are yearning to discover life work that is meaningful and uses their gifts in ways that serve the world’s needs,” said Betsy Taylor, director of the center.

Since it opened in 2002 with a $1.9 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, the center has funded a number of programs, including freshman seminars, workshops, service trips, symposiums, and the 2003–2004 theme year on “Fostering Dialogue.” Programs stress the importance of individual values, spirituality, service, and ethics in professional life. The Endowment’s latest gift will support international service trips, a vocational exploration program, and programs that explore the University’s Pro Humanitate motto.

Yamane’s book examines role of church in politics

The Catholic Church’s role in national politics is well documented, but the church is also playing an increasingly important role in state politics, often out of the public spotlight, according to a new book by Associate Professor of Sociology David Yamane. The Catholic Church in State Politics examines how state conferences of Catholic bishops lobby state legislators on issues such as abortion, capital punishment, education, health care, and same-sex marriage. Yamane, who joined the faculty last year, focuses on the sociology of religion and postwar American Catholicism.

Redmond receives honor for teacher education

Associate Professor of Education Mary Lynn Redmond has been recognized by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language. Redmond, who joined the faculty in 1989, received the Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education. The council also recognized separately Wake Forest’s foreign-language teacher education program, which Redmond directs, for its exemplary program in teacher development. Redmond has served as a consultant to school districts in the development of foreign-language curriculum and has written numerous foreign-language resources and scholarly publications.
Second-year law students Lesley Bark and Justin Barnes argued a Moot Court case before a uniquely qualified panel of judges in November. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Judge Thomas Ambro, Jr., of the U.S Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, heard arguments by the student-lawyers in the final round of the law school’s annual Stanley Moot Court Competition, held this year in Wait Chapel to accommodate the large crowd expected for Roberts’ appearance. Bark was declared the winner.

To the Editor:

I read with great sadness in the December issue of the Wake Forest Magazine about the passing of Charles Allen (’39, MA ’41). As a biology major, I had the great pleasure of not only taking Dr. Allen’s Evolution and Comparative Anatomy classes but also having him as my faculty advisor.

I have many memories of my time together with Dr. Allen but I will always remember him most for his devotion and love for his university and his students. I will be forever grateful for the investment of his time and belief in me as a student and, more importantly, as a person. He truly helped shape who I am and I continue to strive to be the person that he always knew I could be!

Dr. Allen was and will always be a very special person to me and countless others who had the great pleasure of learning in his presence. Wake Forest University was one of his loves, and as a member of the family of alumni, I assure you the feeling is and will always be mutual.

E. Stuart Passantino (’88)
Delaware, Ohio

Computer security video wins prize for students

A video produced by five Wake Forest students has won a silver medal in a national computer security awareness contest. The video, “Computing in a Community Environment, Part IV: Back Yo Data Up!” was designed to promote responsible and ethical use of computing resources. It was produced last year by Rebecca Boswell (’05), Matthew Fetter (’05), senior Alex Creswick, and juniors Nick Drader and Drew Crofton.

The winning video and three earlier ones were funded by Wake Forest’s Fund for Ethics and Leadership. The contest, sponsored by the EDUCAUSE/Internet2 Computer and Network Security Task Force and the National Cyber Security Alliance, was part of a national campaign to increase computer security at colleges and universities.

Gills establish scholarship in the Divinity School

David (’77) and Diane P. Gill (’77) of Knoxville, Tennessee, have established a scholarship in the Divinity School in honor of David Gill’s parents. The Rev. Sumner H. Gill and Mrs. Lois C. Gill Scholarship will cover full tuition for one Divinity School student each year. The Rev. Gill spent nearly forty years in the ministry and was pastor of First Congregational Church of River Edge, New Jersey, from 1954 until 1981.
Fast friends

Scholarship winners share more than keen minds and leadership skills.

Their presence is unmistakable on campus. Besides representing the epitome of academic success at Wake Forest, seniors Lakshmi Krishnan and Blake Brandes practice their passions of volunteerism and art with an enthusiasm apparent to all they encounter.

The duo, recently named a Rhodes Scholar and a Marshall Scholar, respectively, met four years ago as high-school seniors competing for the Carswell Scholarship. They instantly captivated both each other and the selection committee. “We saw in both of them a spark of personality and great potential to become leaders on campus,” said Thomas O. Phillips (’74, MA ’78), director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program. He has watched them shine throughout their time as undergraduates, marveling at the unique perspectives they bring to the University.

Indeed, their studies are a bit unorthodox. Brandes, a native of Hickory, North Carolina, has explored hip-hop music as an unofficial public voice around the globe, conversing and rapping with people in France and Morocco. Krishnan, a native of Sugar Land, Texas, wrote her honors thesis around how vampires in the nineteenth century novel contributed to sinister connotations of blood. “Our interests have earned us the nicknames ‘bilingual rapper’ and ‘vampire lady,’” Krishnan said with a laugh.

But, of course, there is much more to them. A short list of their extracurricular achievements includes presidency of the campus chapter of Amnesty International, a grassroots human rights organization, for Krishnan; and the Volunteer Service Corps; Innuendo, a co-ed a cappella choir; and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity for Brandes. Additionally, they act as co-editors-in-chief of the Philomathesian, a student journal, in their spare time.

To their success, they credit their friendship. “We piggyback on each other’s conceptual ideas,” Brandes said, recalling a time they decided to turn two minor characters in Samuel Beckett’s Endgame into dynamic figures through a lively reading in their Irish Literature and Criticism seminar.

Professor of English Jeffrey Holdridge remembers them as eager and unpretentious students. “Both are very sharp, but what struck me the most about them was that they also worked to make everyone in the classroom feel at ease,” he said. And it is precisely the same grace and courtesy they have shown their peers that they used to encourage each other through the past fall, as they tackled the largest challenges of their lives: the Rhodes and Marshall scholarship applications.

“I remember asking Blake if I should apply,” Krishnan said of the Rhodes Scholarship. “I think it was important to know there’s someone else doing the same grueling process. It’s reassuring to know you’re not the only crazy person.”
Brandes agreed that their friendship provided abundant support.

“It’s an honor to be nominated,” he said, “so I didn’t want to complain. But on the other hand, it’s a very stressful process. It was good to have someone with whom I could be completely honest.” In addition, they helped each other prepare for interviews, offering suggestions on how they could better articulate their positions and how to connect ideas. “It acclimated us to an elevated level of discourse,” Brandes said.

In the end, all their efforts paid off. Just two weeks apart last semester, Krishnan was named one of thirty-two American Rhodes Scholars, Wake Forest’s tenth since 1986, and Brandes was among forty-three Americans selected to receive the Marshall Scholarship. Both will have the opportunity to continue their passion for literature while studying in England, at Oxford for Krishnan, and Kent University for Brandes.

“We’re excited about the prospects with the scholarship. But the truth is that there’s a huge cultural difference between Britain and America. And it’s really comforting to know I’ll have a friend nearby,” Krishnan said. For the time being, they intend to relax a little and enjoy the last months of their undergraduate experience. “When we’re together,” Brandes said, “it’s pretty much continuous laughter from the time we meet until the time we part.”

—Katie Hendrick (’06)
Following the Leaders

Students set aside personal agendas for service to peers.

Stories by David Fyten
At times it can seem there are almost as many theories of leadership as there are would-be leaders. There are the great-man theory and the trait theory; the role theory and the managerial grid; the path-goal theory and the vertical-dyad linkage model; Hersey and Blanchard’s situational leadership model and Vroom and Yetton’s normative model; cognitive resource theory and strategic contingencies theory; the Hawthorne Studies and Kurt Lewin’s change model; Bass and Burns’ transformational theory and the transactional leader-member exchange theory; and more. Someone should take the lead and sort them out.

Leadership training and opportunities abound for Wake Forest students, and a lot of them—about 25 percent of the undergraduate student body, according to one estimate—take advantage. That’s not all that surprising at a school replete with former high school class presidents and multiple extracurricular activities participants. But these student leaders don’t bother with theories of leadership; they are too busy putting them into practice. For them and the staff and faculty members who mentor them, all one really needs to know about leadership can be summed up in one simple phrase: service to others. And that, many would agree, is as it should be at a University with the motto, Pro Humanitate.

“Leadership and service go hand in hand,” says Mike Ford (’72), director of student development who oversees the College’s student organizations and leadership development programs. “One begets the other.”

Samuel T. Gladding (’67, MAEd ’71), associate provost and professor and chair of counseling who has taught leadership in a variety of courses and mentored scores of student leaders in his fifteen-year tenure at his alma mater, espouses the servant leadership model advanced by the late Robert Greenleaf. “Servant leadership emphasizes the greater good and the collectiveness of us all,” notes Gladding, who served a number of years as a top assistant to former University President Thomas K. Hearn Jr., who made leadership and character cultivation a priority. “While individuals may do good things and be recognized for them, it’s the common good that needs to be emphasized. We’re only as strong as our neediest person.”

Gladding, who administers the Fund for Ethics and Leadership, which awards grants for ethics- and leadership-related projects on campus, points out that a number of the major events at Wake Forest over the years—the presidential debates; disaster relief efforts; remembrances of September 11; the ethics and honor theme year—were first...
proposed by students. “The common threads in all of them were vision of what could be,” he observes, “and desire to make a difference for the benefit of the collective good.”

If conversations with Wake Forest student leaders, past and present, and their advisers yielded one consistent characteristic of leadership, it is dedication to a cause—service to a group’s purpose—and not to one’s own aggrandizement or agenda. “Putting a goal higher than self is the hallmark of a leader,” says Casey Mull (‘06), who chaired a Student Government committee, heads the admissions office’s Harbinger Corps of student aides, and is active with the inner city Teach for America program. “I enjoy giving more than receiving. I view it as a way to give back.”

Notes Martha Napier (‘07), a Presidential Scholar in art who serves as a Presidential Aide and president of her sorority: “You won’t get very far in life or with your peers if all you’re pushing is your own personal agenda.” And this, from Carolyn Harbaugh (‘08), a Student Government and sorority officer who chaired the Presidential Inaugural Ball decorations committee this fall: “True leaders never lead for their resumés or so that others will think better of them. They lead by example and by giving as much as they expect from those they are leading.”

Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch says leaders typically are portrayed as having charismatic personalities, but the most transformational leader he has ever known was hesitant in speech and manner. “In his book Good to Great, Jim Collins identifies as one of the principal characteristics of a good leader a kind of humility—a willingness to surround oneself with other good people and not remain the center of attention,” Hatch notes. “Our society has a one-dimensional view of leadership as posturing to get to the top—a self-centered clamoring for success. We have a lot of opportunities to practice leadership at Wake Forest. I would like to see us have more opportunities as a community to reflect on what leadership really is.”

In an effort to further strengthen its leadership development programs, the University has retained the services of consultant John P. Dugan, coordinator of student involvement and leadership development programs at the University of Maryland and co-principal investigator of the Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership. Dugan visited campus in the fall and was to have submitted his report to Ford early this semester.

“Wake Forest University’s leadership development program has many things for which to be proud,” he says. “During a recent site visit, it became clear that students felt empowered by existing programs and were pleased with the significant amount of support and voice they were given in shaping the Wake Forest experience. The current demand for higher education to produce socially conscious, civically engaged leaders, however, should be used as a catalyst to further refine existing services and develop a comprehensive leadership development program. This type of initiative calls for collaboration across departmental...
and program units, an interdisciplinary approach, a clear marketing plan, and the seamless integration of curricular and co-curricular experiences.

Although leadership is taught as the sole or partial subject of a modicum of courses, the bulk of the training is co-curricular and on-the-job. Starting with the LEAD (Leadership Excellence Application and Development) program in the freshman year and continuing with retreats and other events held over the course of their four years, student leaders not only learn the basic principles of leadership, they also learn how the University administration works, and they get to know other student leaders, forging valuable networks. With more than a hundred and fifty student organizations, each with its own set of officers and committees, they have no shortage of opportunities to apply the principles, tap their networks, and work the system.

For a select number of incoming freshmen, leadership training gets started even before orientation in August with two programs: Outward Bound and SPARC. Outward Bound, a five-day backpacking and climbing expedition in the North Carolina mountains, is an exercise in personal growth for its more than forty partici-
bridges between the American School and local high schools. “Battles of the bands” and joint charity fundraisers were among the successful activities he devised to bring the cultures together.

When it came time for college, Hammer decided he wanted a quality school that was small but played big-time athletics. He didn’t know a lot about Wake Forest at first, but it wasn’t long before he discovered what a great fit it would be. As a freshman, he participated in LEAD, which helped him get connected and re-energized his passion for getting involved.

He pledged Sigma Chi and was named its philanthropy chair as a sophomore. The premier fundraising event Wake Forest’s Greek organizations stage each year is the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund Drive to raise money for research at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Hammer “fell in love” with the Piccolo project and decided to devote the lion’s share of his time to it. His enthusiasm led to his appointment as its co-chair for 2005–06.

Although the Piccolo drive annually raises more than $50,000—the largest single charitable gift the Cancer Center receives—Hammer and others thought its structure of each fraternity and sorority staging its own separate fundraising event was growing stale. So he took the lead in proposing in its stead two large-scale events that would involve all Greek organizations.

For the first, held in September, the Piccolo Drive committee made what had been a solo fraternity event—the “Hit the Bricks for Brian” marathon around Hearn Plaza—a Greek-wide event, and it raised $11,113, double last year’s total. The second event, scheduled for this month, will be new—a dance marathon—and Hammer expects it to boost the fund drive total well past last year’s figure.

Hammer, who also is a Presidential Aide, applies to his various endeavors what he learns about motivation, communication, organizational behavior, and other aspects of leadership theory in J. Kline Harrison’s Organizational Theory and Behavior course at the Wayne Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. “I go to different meetings and see it all happen,” he says. “It’s fascinating.”

Hammer left a big chunk of his heart back in Asia, and the rest probably will reunite with it after he graduates. A Chinese minor, he’s keeping his options open, but probably will follow his father’s path in international finance from an Asian base of operation. For now, he is focusing on making a difference at Wake Forest. “I’m just exploring and meeting new people,” he says, “learning from them and seeing what can be done for the future.”
“They emerge with new skills, new contacts, confidence, and knowledge of how the University works. It really empowers them to be leaders across campus.”

Each fall, thirty-five student leaders, fifteen faculty and staff members, and the president himself participate in the President’s Leadership Conference, which examines prominent issues facing the University. This year’s conference, held in Wilmington, focused on building a sense of community on campus. A New Leaders Retreat for forty-plus fledgling student leaders is held off-campus after classes end in May. It’s a veritable cauldron of creative brainstorming: the idea for an inaugural ball was first proposed at the 2005 retreat.

One of Hearn’s major leadership cultivation initiatives was the creation of a full-ride Presidential Scholarship in Leadership. Recipients are exposed to an impressive array of leadership styles, theories, and decision-making processes and are given responsibility for leading complex and major projects. Former recipients report how influential the experience was in charting their future course.

For two years after graduation, Laura Wilson (‘96) taught English and social studies in an underprivileged neighborhood through Teach for America, then taught and worked on community development initiatives for the Peace Corps in a Namibian village. After earning a master’s in public policy from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, she landed her current post as a congressional liaison officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development. “Without hesitation, I would say that my experience as a Presidential Scholar influenced my choices,” Wilson says. “Being selected under the category of leadership and referred to as such throughout my four years helped to shape my self-identity as a leader. This has helped me feel comfortable making decisions that may be unpopular but that, in my opinion, advance the public good.”

A chemistry and biology double major at Wake Forest, Kelly Gidcumb (‘00) worked for a pharmaceuticals company after graduation, but soon decided to switch careers and now is in her final year at Wake Forest School of Law. “My goal was to become an intellectual property attorney, which would require my passing the patent bar exam,” she says. “So I prepared a strategic plan for study and reorganized my lifestyle to make time for it. As a result, I passed the exam before I ever enrolled in law school. In large part, I attribute my passing to the confidence I gained as a Presidential Scholar [coordinating Excellence in Action, a program showcasing the talents of current Presidential Scholars in art, music, and other disciplines for prospective Presidential Scholarship recipients]. I was confident I could master the subject matter, break it down into smaller chunks, and make sense of it on my own.

“My Presidential Scholar experience has affected me in other, more subtle ways as well,” she continues. “I take more challenging classes [in law school] because I know I can handle the load. I take on more responsibility with the law journal and with work because I am organized and focused. I have confidence that I can go to all my classes, study and prepare for them, work on the law journal, assist students with computerized legal research, mentor younger students, look for a job, research graduate schools, prepare for the ethics exam, spend time with my fiancé, plan my wedding, look for a new home, and still find time to go to the grocery store, cook meals, clean the house, do laundry, study with friends, see my family occasionally, and, yes, even sleep once in a while!”

Another legacy of the Hearn years is the Presidential Aides program. Each year, twenty-five or so upperclass men and women serve as hosts of special guests at luncheons and ceremonial functions; as liaisons between the student body and the trustees, president’s office, and alumni and parents councils; and as general ambassadors of Wake Forest. Participants and staff alike identify networking as a principal benefit of the program. “It opens doors,” says Matt Hammer (’07), a Presidential Aide and co-chair of the annual Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund Drive (see profile on page 16). “It is amazing the people I’ve gotten to meet. Trustees, alumni, parents—all of them are impressive people in positions of leadership, and I’m learning what it takes to be like them.”

The only course presently offered at Wake Forest that’s devoted exclusively to leadership is taught by Donald J. “Buz” Moser, director of University Stores. A
FEW KNOW THIS, but Necessity had twins. When she gave birth to Invention, she also had Leadership. Among her abundant progeny on Leadership’s side of the family is Lena Benson (‘06).

As a freshman, Benson was active in the Wake International Student Association (WISA), an organization for undergraduate and graduate students from foreign countries as well as American students who have studied abroad or simply want to interact with people from other cultures. “I’ve always had a passion for intercultural communication,” says Benson, a communication and political science double major from Greenville, South Carolina. “I’m biracial, so it has been important to me my whole life. I had lived all over, but I went to high school in Greenville, which is surprisingly cosmopolitan with the BMW and Michelin plants. I felt more accepted there. And I wanted to continue experiencing that same sense of inclusiveness and acceptance in college.”

But after WISA’s president in Benson’s freshman year, Chrystal Harris (‘03), graduated, the club fell dormant. Benson spent the spring of her sophomore year studying abroad, which renewed her passion for all things international. “I wanted to restart [WISA] and get people together again,” she says. “A lot of international students don’t have cars and can feel isolated. WISA is a terrific way to get them connected with people.”

Mounting an exhaustive promotion and recruitment effort, Benson almost singlehandedly resuscitated WISA, rebuilding its membership to some thirty active core members who are joined by another twenty or more at its events. It fields an intramural soccer team, and throughout the year it sponsors a host of activities ranging from foreign film nights and outings to soccer games and concerts, to a “global social,” a spring event featuring displays of the countries students are from or have studied in, belly dance performances, international foods, crafts exhibits, a Peace Corps speaker, and more.

Benson also serves as Speaker of the House in Student Government, which provides a challenging counterpoint to WISA. “I can’t lead SG the same as I do WISA,” she explains. “Student Government has well-established, formal procedures which I simply follow. WISA is more dynamic, and our members expect a more collaborative style.” To accommodate both, she draws upon her participation in LEAD and the New Leaders Retreat her freshman year. “I not only formed networks, I was exposed to different leadership styles, and I draw on them as the situation demands,” she says.

Benson plans on pursuing a career in diplomacy or public policy. That’s not shocking; she knows a thing or two, after all, about relating to other cultures. And she knows a bit about leadership as well: to sustain WISA’s momentum, she’s grooming undergraduate members to take the reins after she graduates.

“Passion is important to being a leader,” she says. “But even more important is being able to motivate others. You listen, you’re open to what others think and how they feel, and you incorporate them into your goals. That’s how you gain respect: by being reliable and a good listener.”
Reggie Mathis ('06) may not be a born mediator, but he certainly is a raised one. Growing up in Wilmington, North Carolina, he attended multiracial, non-denominational Christian services with his mother, who saw to it that he was brought up in a racially and ethnically diverse environment.

Mathis has demonstrated that zeal for unity as a student leader throughout his four years at Wake Forest. In whatever venue he serves—the chaplain’s office, Student Government, the Archway Project—he heals wounds, builds bridges, and promotes the concept of oneness as a community.

“I have an interest in relationships with people,” says Mathis, a politics and religion double major who is president of Student Government this year. “I like to feel I have a responsibility to help people who wouldn’t have access to channels that others do.

“My vision is to create a unified and cohesive community,” he goes on. “We are becoming a more diverse campus, yet we remain fragmented according to socio-economic status. We can expand our horizons and embrace diversity by creating an intentional environment for engaging in dialog and associating in a collegial way.”

Observers say Mathis has been one of the most effective Student Government presidents in memory because of his outstanding capacity for, and willingness to, listen. “My responsibility is to listen to all our constituents and share their concerns,” he says, noting his persistent effort at redressing student objections to the meal plan as an example. “I place a lot of emphasis on promoting cross-organizational interactions. I regularly go to meetings of the various [student] organizations just to be seen and to listen.”

Another arena in which Mathis promotes unity is Campus Ministry. For two years he was active in “As One,” a campuswide unity service, and he helped organize the Multi-Faith Council, a venue sponsored by the Chaplain’s Office for students of different faiths to dialog with each other. “We are a more diverse community spiritually as well as ethnically and socioeconomically now,” he notes, “and this speaks to that.”

Mathis, who delivered an inspiring talk at President Hatch’s inauguration ceremony in October, also is active in the Archway Project to replicate on the Reynolda Campus the landmark stone arch at the entrance of the Old Campus.
This speaks to institutional history in a very direct and important way,” says the easygoing senior, whose imposing stature belies his gentleness. “Institutional memory is vital to appreciating the present. Without something tangible on campus to stimulate interest in it, we are in danger of losing touch with it.”

As he plans his future, Mathis is weighing law and divinity studies. “My interest in law reveals, I think, a deeper vocation for being a mediator,” he says. “That is the most valuable resource a student leader has for his peers.” Then, pausing to reflect further, he adds, “Service to peers in general is the highest form of leadership.”

J. Kline Harrison, an associate dean at the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, includes a leadership component in the Organizational Theory and Behavior course he teaches. Although he covers a range of theories in the course, Harrison focuses on the contingency approach, in which one tailors his or her leadership style to the talents, maturity, attitudes, and other attributes of one’s followers. He lists communication, role modeling, fairness, genuineness, and not taking full credit for the team’s accomplishments as key characteristics of a good leader.

Harrison notes that many Calloway students have leadership roles in the organizations they’re involved in on campus. “It’s a great lab opportunity,” he notes. “They can go back to their organizations and practice the principles they learn in class.”

The rhetoric of leadership is a research interest of Harrison’s Calloway School colleague, Holly Brower (’83). Brower, an assistant professor in her first year on the faculty, studies the language of leaders, noting that presidents, for example, are more successful if they use “image” language rather than “concept” language. “An example is Martin Luther King’s memorable ‘I Have a Dream’ speech,” Brower notes. “Would we remember it quite so well if had he said, ‘I Have a Concept’?”

Other qualities of effective leadership speech include repetition of key messages and varying one’s tone of voice, she adds. “When you want to convey passion about something,” she states, “you need to say it with a voice that is congruent with the message.”

Brower says true leaders lead by example. “You don’t lead from on top—you serve and thus inspire people,” she says. “Great leaders are about empowering their people and not about dragging them along coercively. You earn the right to lead by serving with humility and a sense of humor.” Nevertheless, words matter, in Brower’s view. “First impressions are important,” she notes. “When a student first comes into an organization, others will hear your words. You set the stage by what you say. Then your behavior becomes confirmatory. You gain trust by what you do.”

Student leaders are sensitive to the special challenges of leading, without any real authority, peers who have conflicting interests and priorities. Each has his or her own particular strategy for coping with them. “The truth is, I’m just like them,” says Carolyn Harbaugh. “If someone isn’t pulling their weight, you give them a little extra help to find where they would fit best.” Adds Martha Napier: “When you deal with your peers, you have to let other people take ownership of problems and their solutions. You have to listen to their concerns. You can’t act like you know more than they do because that can create obstacles at the end of the day.”

Matt Hammer takes a pragmatic tack. “Motivating college students for non-academic activities can be extremely difficult,” he observes. “To get and keep them involved, I give them plenty of information to show what’s in it for them.”

Casey Mull says motivation and finding the time to meet with everyone’s busy schedules are his two greatest challenges. His response gets at the heart of what leadership is really about. “Enjoy what you’re doing, and your enthusiasm will inspire others,” says Mull, who was among a group of eleven young men who resurrected the dormant Chi Psi chapter on campus. “Being a genuine person goes hand in hand with leading by example. You can serve others—and lead them—by leading a good and positive life.”
Pursuit of Happiness
FIVE YEARS AGO, Shelmer Blackburn ('82) was driving in life's fast lane.
A founding partner in a pharmaceutical start-up, he lived in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina, wore nice suits every day, and flew around the world to meet with eminent physicians and Nobel-laureate scientists.

Today Blackburn lives on a hundred rolling acres in Wilkes County, North Carolina, five miles down the road from the family farm where he grew up. He wears jeans and muddy boots to tend a thriving cattle business. “My friends think I’ve fallen out of a tree,” he said. “This is not the Shelmer they knew.”

Carolyn Ashburn ('61) and Bruce Cooper ('73) can tell similar stories. Ashburn retired last spring from her work as a nurse and clinical researcher at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Two months later she entered the Wake Forest Divinity School. She hopes to work as a hospice chaplain; for now she's writing papers and taking exams as her newly retired college friends plan cruises.

After almost thirty years in the insurance industry, the last seven spent running his own brokerage, Cooper sold the business last spring and in September entered the police academy in Washington, D.C. Always a fitness enthusiast, he loves the physical challenge of the training and the mental exercise of learning criminal law. He hopes to serve for eleven years, eventually as a detective, before facing the mandatory retirement age of sixty-five.
Cooper said. “But I figure, hey, as long as I’m having fun.”

Fun is a sentiment all three career-changers talk about in describing their new work. The challenges of learning new industry regulations, new technology—even, for Ashburn, of making it across the Wake Forest campus in ten minutes between classes—energize them.

They’re hardly alone among Baby Boomers who—after long, successful careers—don’t see endless days of golf or tending grandchildren in their near future. They know they are fortunate to have that option, financially, but they have too much energy to contribute. As the saying goes, the only thing successful people often fail at is retirement.

Sitting in an easy chair, cup of coffee in hand, slippered feet resting on an ottoman in his living room, Shelmer Blackburn looks laid-back, but don’t be fooled. His mind rarely rests. In a few quick years he has grown his father’s small cattle farm into a cutting-edge operation. He tends several hundred cattle locally; on his own property, he has built barns and installed cattle watering systems in the pastures. Inside the brick home that he tastefully renovated, Blackburn tracks the animals’ nutrition, health status, genetic stock, and his company’s finances on his computer.

Blackburn’s twenty years in the pharmaceutical industry began with a Washington, D.C.-area organ transplant hospital and registry. In the late 1980s he joined then-Burroughs Wellcome in Research Triangle Park to do clinical drug studies. The work combined science, technology, business, government regulations, and international travel; Blackburn ate it all up.

In 1995, he and three other partners formed United Therapeutics to develop a non-intravenous drug for hypertension. The work was exciting, literally life-saving, and enormously successful. Today the firm employs one hundred and twenty-five and has its own manufacturing facility. So why leave?

“Maybe it was a little bit of burnout, because it was a lot of sacrifice, working twenty-four/seven for six or seven years,” says Blackburn. “As with any business, I had some issues with personalities and control. One day I thought, if I wanted to exit stage left, this would be a good time because it wouldn’t hurt the company.”

A year earlier, Blackburn had purchased his current property as an investment during a trip home to visit his elderly parents. Newly retired, he came home for the holidays in 2001, started helping his dad with the cattle, and never left.

That next April, Blackburn flew to Kansas with Rodney Shepherd, a local cattleman. Shepherd needed to purchase some equipment and meet with a feed yard owner in Kansas but had never flown; Blackburn had flown around the world but didn’t know much about feed yards. “I sort of went along as cruise director,” Blackburn quips. But once he started talking to the yard owner, his business mind kicked in.

“I knew Rodney was ‘good people,’ as they say around here—family oriented and progressive. He had cattle savvy, I had business and finance savvy. ‘Maybe we ought to start a business,’ I told Rodney. I told him we would need to have a thousand head of cattle in the feed yard by Christmas. We’ve never had more than one hundred cows on my dad’s farm; I’m sure Rodney had never had more than three hundred stocker cattle. He probably thought I was out of my mind.”

Champion Cattle now owns some 3,000 cattle, locally and in the Midwest.
Blackburn also established the Blackburn Family Foundation to support causes of interest to his family, including the Wake Forest Divinity School, where it recently funded a professorship. He is chairman of Adult Enrichment Services of Wilkes County, a non-profit organization addressing the medical care needs of seniors and special-needs adults in areas where local resources are limited.

“There’s a whole lot to the notions of faith and intuition,” Blackburn says. “I bought this property with the idea of developing it. But you sort of get the dirt underneath your fingernails and you think, we don’t have enough of these open spaces.”

Carolyn Ashburn has changed careers a number of times over the last four decades, from Wake Forest nursing school director and faculty member to director, with her husband John (’60), of a Yadkin

Carolyn Ashburn wrote seventeen papers in her first semester of Divinity School.
Country retreat and summer camp, to clinical researcher and nurse at Baptist’s center for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). That last job involved working with patients close to death. After eleven years of holding patients’ hands, hugging their family members, and going to funerals, she decided that work as a hospice chaplain was a natural next step. The work merges her lifelong faith, her desire to help others, and her understanding of what people need as they face dying. Returning to college in these days of laptop computers and e-mailed assignments has been a little daunting, Ashburn said. “I love being back on campus, I remember how much I loved it as an undergrad. But the hardest thing has been the technology.” Ashburn wrote seventeen papers in her first semester, with two and a half more years to go for her master’s degree. Her two daughters, both teachers, have helped her learn to use a laptop while cheering her on, calling home to ask how her exams went. The support of her husband and kids helps, because her friends “think I’m a little loco.” This summer, a small group of classmates held a reunion at the beach. “It was a ‘welcome to Medicare’ party, with about thirteen of us, and of course everyone else was retiring and planning trips.” Ashburn has her own getaways. Most Friday afternoons, she and her husband pack up for their second home in Todd for the weekend. There, in a rocking chair on her porch looking down at the creek, she rocks—while writing papers on her laptop. Bruce Cooper also brings skills from his former career and lifelong interests into training to be a cop. “I’m pretty good at solving problems,” he said. “I’ve been doing that my whole working life in the insurance business. You have to ask a lot of questions, deal with difficult problems. Solving crime is very similar. You’re dealing with people who have a lot of problems.” It’s not unusual for people in the insurance business to retire in their fifties, Cooper says. But not many would then opt to undergo six months of background checks and psychological tests. And when the police academy session began in September, Cooper’s days began with workouts from five to seven a.m. The physical work of police training especially appeals to Cooper. A swimmer at Wake Forest, “I’ve worked out all my life. At home I lift weights, run on a treadmill, jump rope. About ten years ago I got into mountain biking, which is pretty challenging. And my son and I did tae kwon do for about twelve years.” Cooper, working out alongside his twenty- and thirty-year-old fellow classmates, has passed the first two of three physical tests of push-ups, sit-ups, and running. He’ll finish the academy in July. His children, two daughters and a son, are excited about their dad’s new line of work. His wife has been supportive—except during a home visit from academy representatives. “The more she found out about what I’d be doing, the less she liked the idea.” Cooper, though, says he is more apprehensive than afraid. “Being a patrolman is like

Bruce Cooper: from insurance broker to police officer.
being a bouncer, lawyer, and customer service rep all at the same time,” he says. “There’s an amazing amount of law you have to learn. And there are more forms to fill out than there were in the insurance business.”

The reality, as career-changers learn, is that few workplaces are truly free of such things as paperwork and difficult personalities. But the challenges of learning new skills, especially when you’ve consciously chosen the new field, can be invigorating.

Blackburn can attest to that. He doesn’t miss the fast lane, except maybe some international travel. And on the farm, he says, “I wake up every morning at six, without an alarm, excited to start the day.”

“Im pretty good at solving problems,” says cop-to-be Cooper.

Lisa Watts is a freelance writer living in Greensboro, North Carolina.
The news struck like a thunderbolt throughout the world of Beethoven scholarship. After having been missing for 115 years, the sole autograph manuscript of Beethoven’s own transcription of his Große Fuge (Grand Fugue) had miraculously been discovered in July 2005 on the floor of a storage closet in the library of Palmer Theological Seminary in, of all places, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

News of its rediscovery began to circulate later that summer among Beethoven scholars. An article in the New York Times on October 13 confirmed the story for the general public. As Lewis Lockwood, eminent Beethoven scholar, retired Harvard professor, and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Wake Forest put it, “Wow! Oh my God! This is big. This is very big.” The manuscript was entrusted to the auction house of Sotheby’s, which placed it on auction last December 1 in London. The original estimated selling price was from $1.7 million to $2.6 million.

Published posthumously in 1827 as op. 134, Beethoven’s transcription for piano, four-hands was his way of transmitting to the musical world one of his most notoriously difficult and challenging pieces, the Große Fuge, op. 133. Indeed, audiences and critics in 1825–1826, the date of composition and first performance of the fugue, found it to be so intractable and abstract in its language that one critic declared it “indecipherable, like Chinese.” The Große Fuge was the original last movement of the six-movement String Quartet in B-flat Major, op. 130. Uncharacteristically, Beethoven gave in to pressure from his friends and publisher, Artaria, and removed the fifteen-minute fugue from the piece and composed a smaller alternate finale. As fate would have it, the “little” finale was the composer’s last completed work.

As fate would also have it, I have been spending the past several years conducting research on the original quartet version of the Große Fuge. Thanks to an R. J. Reynolds Research Leave and a grant from the William C. Archie Fund, I traveled in the fall of 2002 to several European libraries—the Beethoven House Archive in Bonn, the Music Division of the Prussian State Library in Berlin, and the Library of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków—to study the extant sketches and autograph (in Poland) of the work. My particular interest in the work centers on a peculiarity in the notation in one of the iterations of the fugue’s principal theme (or subject)—the one that dominates the landscape of the piece’s first large section (it makes a brief reappearance toward the end). To put it simply, Beethoven notated the theme in a more complicated fashion than would, on the surface, seem necessary. He consistently wrote two eighth notes with a tie between them, when one simple quarter note would have been sufficient. This figure is repeated literally hundreds of times throughout the fugue.

Since writing two notes with a tie made for more than twice the work (not to mention expensive ink and paper), Beethoven surely had an important reason to do so. The sources I examined show that this labor-intensive notation shows up quite early in Beethoven’s thinking about the Große Fuge. The notation raises at least two questions—a) how should one perform it (i.e., with a re-articulation of the second eighth note, or as a sustained quarter note) and b) what could it possibly mean?
The fact that Beethoven retained the strange notation in his transcription to a different medium (piano four-hands) raises even more questions, but indicates clearly that the notation itself was important.

Of course I knew about Beethoven’s transcription, but until now, no primary source for it in Beethoven’s hand existed. Upon learning about the resurfacing of the op. 134 autograph, I was understandably quite anxious to see it, if at all possible, before the auction took place. I learned from the *Times* article that the autograph was to be on display at Sotheby’s New York City office from November 16–19, and I promptly contacted via e-mail several people, including Stephen Roe, Sotheby’s Division Head for Books and Manuscripts and Music Specialist. Much to my delight, he invited me to spend one hour alone with the document on the afternoon of November 18.

The hour-long session turned into an hour and a half, but not without interruptions. Because of the high interest among the general public in this important find, a steady stream of visitors came by the exhibit to get a first-hand glimpse of this valuable and important musical artifact. Dr. Roe, who had given me a small room in which I could be alone with the autograph, apologetically took it back out for a few minutes at a time. During one of these interruptions, however, I shared with him some information about the autograph of the original version (the Kraków manuscript) he did not know. The autograph of the quartet version of the *Große Fuge* was missing the final twenty-six measures! This meant that the autograph of the transcription was the only complete version of the *Große Fuge* in Beethoven’s hand. Needless to say, Dr. Roe was thrilled to learn this information, as it had the potential of driving up the value of the manuscript of op. 134 when it went up for auction. In fact, as I prepared to depart, Dr. Roe was showing it to the last group of visitors for the day, stating, “And this is the only complete version of the *Große Fuge* in Beethoven’s hand.” At this point I wished I had negotiated a profit-sharing deal with Sotheby’s before having given the information so freely! My friendly sharing of expertise did not go entirely unrewarded, however, as it won me an extension of my time with it. I was invited to return the next day to spend another hour with Beethoven’s autograph.

Whenever a find of this importance lands in the hands of an auction house, scholars pray that the eventual buyer will be philanthropic enough to donate it to a major library or museum. The *Große Fuge* autograph of the transcription sold on December 1 for £1.13M ($1.9 million). The winning bid was submitted via telephone by an anonymous buyer. Could this mean that it will disappear for another 115 years? Possibly. But that would represent a worst-case scenario. On the remote chance that the buyer sees this article, may I be so bold as to recommend the Z Smith Reynolds Library as a wonderful repository?

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Throughout her career at Wake Forest, Deborah L. Best (’70, MA ’72) has mastered the art of balancing a myriad of tasks—teaching, research, mentoring students, speaking at professional conferences around the world, and taking on whatever else comes her way. When the longtime professor of psychology was named Dean of the College in May 2004, she took on her toughest balancing act to date.

It’s not the future envisioned by her high-school guidance counselor, who tried to dissuade her from applying to Wake Forest as a high-school senior. “She told me I’d never get in Wake Forest and if I did, I’d never stay,” Best laughs heartedly as she relates the story of an earlier era when Wake Forest was still predominantly male. She not only got in and stayed in, she never left. Even though she’s now moved into
the Dean’s Office in Reynolda Hall, she makes it clear that after thirty-five years as a faculty member, she is still a faculty member first. “I know what my value system is. To quote our president, I’m a faculty member at heart. I love teaching, I love research.”

Probably no one on campus knows Best better than Professor of Psychology Robert C. Beck, who first met her when she was the only sophomore in his upper-level psychology course in the late 1960s. “Other than Ed Wilson (’43), I don’t think there is anyone on the faculty or in the administration that knows the University better than she does,” Beck says. “She came through the ranks: as an undergraduate student, graduate student, instructor, named (endowed) chair holder, chair of every professional organization she’s been in. All the time she’s thinking about what is good for her students and for Wake Forest.”

Another longtime colleague, Professor and Chair of Psychology Mark R. Leary, said Best’s new position is the perfect “personal and professional blend because she’s been affiliated with Wake Forest for so long and she’s so personally invested in Wake Forest. She is strong in every dimension that you would look for: an exceptional teacher, an exceptional researcher and scholar, an exceptional mentor, exceptionally connected in her profession, and certainly giving of herself to the institution in terms of service within the walls. She is truly the complete package, and on top of that, she’s a wonderfully warm and nice person.”

That blending of the personal and professional is what endears her to so many on campus. “She’s one of my best friends, but everyone who knows her would say that,” Beck says. Best has an impressive record of scholarly achievement and a desk-full of thank-you letters from students, but is modest and unassuming. “A friend once said ‘I know what my value system is. To quote our president, I’m a faculty member at heart. I love teaching, I love research.’”

Best’s ability to balance teaching and research—and throw in community service, too—is reflected in the awards she’s received since she first joined the faculty in 1972 as the first full-time female faculty member in the psychology department. (She’s now the longest serving female faculty member in the College.) She’s won all of the major faculty awards: the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1984, the Excellence in Research Award in 1986, and the Schoonmaker Faculty Prize for Community Service in 1994. “She has the ability to go from one to the other, and she does them all well,” says Leary. “She makes it appear effortless, but it’s hard for me to imagine it is, because she has her finger in so many pots.”

Provost William C. Gordon (’68, MA ’70), a former classmate of Best’s and fellow psychology major at Wake Forest, says Best brings the right perspective to the dean’s position. “She’s something all academic administrators hope they are—a true faculty member serving in an administrative capacity. On many campuses today—I don’t care who the personalities are—there tends to be a gulf between administration and faculty. Certainly for a faculty member who moves into administration it’s a little bit like walking a tightrope. The key probably, and what Debbie has been able to do, is to remember what the University is about—faculty and students—and to focus not so much on whether you’re classified as a faculty member or an administrator, but on what your role is—to lead—and I think she takes that role very seriously.”

Best has always moved easily between the worlds of faculty and administration, and she has enjoyed
an unusually high level of interaction for a faculty member with the University’s trustees. She chaired the campus fund-raising drive for the *Heritage and Promise* campaign in the early 1990s and was frequently called on to serve in various campus leadership roles, including president of the University Senate and "chair of chairs," leading the department chairs’ meetings. She could be more outspoken than administrators might have liked ("I try to be tactful," she says) but there was no questioning her loyalty to Wake Forest; likewise, faculty members knew there was no questioning her loyalty to the faculty.

"Debbie’s Wake Forest ties are impeccable, yet faculty know she isn’t just a cheerleader for Wake Forest, but somebody who truly loves the institution, and sometimes loving the institution means saying things that need saying," says Professor and Chair of Music David B. Levy. “That gives her a lot of credibility with the faculty. She’s also a real straight shooter. When she thinks something’s wrong, she doesn’t hesitate to speak her mind about it.”

The only surprising thing about Best being named dean was that it didn’t happen sooner. Following Tom Mullen’s retirement in 1995, she was frequently mentioned as a possible replacement, but she didn’t feel the timing was right for personal or professional reasons—she had just been named chair of the psychology department—and she withdrew her name from consideration. In 1997, she was named to an endowed position, the William Louis Poteat Professor of Psychology. (She also has an appointment at the medical school as a research associate in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.) When Paul D. Escott announced in the fall of 2004 that he was stepping down as dean, Best’s name again rose to the top of everyone’s list, and this time… she still wasn’t interested. She had stepped down as chair of the psychology department two years earlier and was looking forward to spending more time on her own research.

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Professor of Biology Carole Browne was dispatched by a group of female faculty members to try to persuade her. “This was a wonderful opportunity to have an academic administrator who was a woman, and Debbie’s name came up,” Browne said. “She had all the qualifications that the University was looking for in a dean. She had won the teaching award, the research award, the community service award. She had been a department chair, she was a leader in her professional societies, and she had a great record of publications; I couldn’t imagine what more anyone else could have.”

Best eventually reconsidered and applied. “I didn’t lie awake at night dreaming about being dean,” she says. “I told the committee I could do the job well, if they decide I’m the right person for it. But if not, I’m happy doing what I’m doing.” Following a national search, the faculty selection committee decided that the faculty member they already knew so well was the best person for the job. Best became the first female Dean of the College and only the second female academic dean at Wake Forest, after the late Dana Johnson, dean of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy from 1992 to 1996.

As dean, Best—along with associate deans Toby Hale (’65), Billy Hamilton, Paul Orser (’69), and Linda Bridges—oversaw the entire academic program of the College, handling everything from curriculum to the budget; organizing new faculty orientation and new student orientation; making sure there are enough courses available for students and planning the summer sessions. She describes her new position as not that much different from her stint as chair of the psychology department from 1994 to 2002, albeit on a larger stage. “I was a department chair and those people in the chairs’ meetings are people that I value as my friends and colleagues. I don’t think I’ve changed any, I just have a slightly different job assignment now. I think they know that their best interests are my best interests. My job is to make it so departments and faculty can do the very best job they can, and ultimately that means that students will benefit.”

Colleagues know she can handle the tough decisions often required of her new position. “She knows how to make hard decisions. She doesn’t look back and have a lot of angst over what she should have done,” Beck says. “She makes a decision
and moves on. She's very bright and grasps problems very quickly."

Faculty consider her closeness to the trustees and to Gordon and other administrators to be huge pluses. “The dean has to be an advocate for the faculty, and we know that she is,” Levy says. “Her ease in dealing with various administrative levels and trustees can only have a positive effect. She understands the dynamics here and the problems and challenges.”

Best lobbied for years to solve the psychology department’s biggest problem, a lack of space in cramped Winston Hall, which it shared with the biology department. Greene Hall finally opened in 1999 to house psychology—one of the largest undergraduate departments—and several other departments. She has kept her office and research space there and intends to continue teaching an honors psychology class every fall, as well as working with students on their thesis projects throughout the year. "She has the ability to be really demanding in what she expects from her students, but to do it in such a nice way that they rise to the occasion and then appreciate it,” Leary says. “The material that they cover in her honors course is material most students don't get to until the second or third year of graduate school. I doubt that less than 1 percent of the colleges in the country give their undergraduates the high level of statistical background she gives those honors students.”

Best says she tries to model for her students the example set forth by her professors. “Having people like Bob Beck, John Williams, David Hills, and David Catron who were so engaging by including their students in their research…The scientific enterprise is really exciting if you like ideas and questions and like trying to find the answers to those questions. I really like giving that opportunity to students. I had a student recently tell me that she appreciated the time I had spent with her, and I said ‘no, this is what I do.’ I love doing research with my students. I could not be a good classroom lecturer if I weren't an
active scholar, active in the sense of carrying out the science and publishing it. It keeps me thinking about ideas, it keeps me reading, it keeps me current in the literature. And I can interact with students, so I know what’s going on on campus.”

One of her current honors students, senior Mallory Kinlaw, asked Best to work with her on her research project this year, not knowing at the time that her father, Jim Kinlaw (’70), and Best had once been classmates. “She has been wonderful,” Kinlaw says of Best. “I was concerned that as dean she would be busy and often unavailable, but the very first day I met her, she gave me her cell phone number, her home number, her office number, her e-mail address, every possible way to contact her. She encourages all of her students to come by her office at any time with questions from class. I have never been in her office and felt that she was rushed for the next appointment, probably the contrary.”

As she does at the end of every semester, Best invited Kinlaw and the other eleven students in her honors class, all female, to dinner at her house on Faculty Drive in December. Her home is close enough to campus for her most famous student—Tim Duncan (’97)—to have frequently visited, once even rollerblading over to play video games with her then-young son. Best says her own experiences as a Wake Forest student do help her relate to current students. “In some ways things haven’t changed for students—the sense of community, the connections with each other and with the faculty, the very high expectations for high achievement, and the sense of concern for the whole person.”

**Best first came to Wake Forest—** despite the misgivings of her guidance counselor—because two high-school friends were already students. Born in Asheville, North Carolina, and raised in the small towns of Gastonia and Hickory, she describes herself as a tomboy and junior scientist growing up. She credits her parents—her father was a management systems analyst for Exxon and her mother was a radiology and X-ray technician—both now deceased, with instilling in her a love of reading, writing, and math. She and her older sister, Dee, a computer-lab specialist at an elementary school in Gastonia, became the sons their father never had, playing sports and going hunting with him.

At Wake Forest, she immersed herself in courses in anthropology, biology, and psychology, worked on the *Howler* staff and in the College Union, joined the Fideles society, and served as an usher for Secrest Artists Series events and as a hostess in the President’s Box in the then-new Groves Stadium. Beck recalls her as an outstanding student.

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—Provost William C. Gordon

Gordon likened her to a “gym rat,” always hanging around the psychology department.

One of the most obvious changes to occur since her student days is reflected in her all-female honors class. When she was a student, fewer than 30 percent of the students were female and there were only sixteen women on the college faculty. “Even though there was a small number of women—Lu Leake, Marge Crisp, Mary Ann Taylor, Dot Casey, Beulah Raynor, Lib Phillips—they were visible and respected,” she recalled of their influence on her. Today, she oversees a student body that’s evenly split between men and women and a faculty that’s 34 percent female.

Best began working with Professor of Psychology John Williams because of her interest in researching racial attitudes of young children. When she remained at Wake Forest for graduate school, Williams asked her to co-teach a class with him. After finishing her master’s degree, Williams asked her to stay another semester to work with him on a research grant and to teach another course.

“I was fascinated with kids and what was going on in their heads—what they thought and did,” says Best, whose research throughout her career has focused on young children. “When the opportunity to do that (through Williams’ research grant) came along, I stayed, and I found that I really liked the teaching part. I really loved challenging the students, asking hard questions, and getting them to see different viewpoints and pushing them to do more than they thought they could do.”

While working on her doctorate in developmental psychology at

In recent years, she’s written numerous book chapters on cross-cultural gender roles and stereotypes and co-authored a book on memory strategies for young children. She’s also served as an editor of several psychology journals and as chair of the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology and chair of the Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology. “She could walk into virtually any major psychology department in the country and be known,” Beck says.

Best’s reputation extends to other countries as well. She travels overseas once or twice a year to present papers at crosscultural research conferences and has research collaborators—and friends—all over the world. She was president of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology several years ago. “Her academic achievements and high level of competence are combined with unquestioned integrity and great sense of responsibility,” says frequent research collaborator Janak Pandey, professor and chair of psychology at the University of Allahabad in India and a former visiting professor at Wake Forest. “Her work is widely cited and her contributions are very well referenced in textbooks. All of this has provided a great name for Wake Forest around the world.”

Best is taking her honors student, Mallory Kinlaw, with her to two psychology conferences in Greece this summer. “Networking is so important in academia,” Best says. “Anytime I go to a conference I take students along because it’s valuable for them.” As dean, look for Best to take faculty and students along for what should be a busy, and productive, ride in the next couple of years. “She has a real enthusiasm for what she does,” Gordon says. “That enthusiasm is contagious. People sense how enthusiastic she is and that draws them to those same things.”
Greetings from the Wake Forest Alumni Association! As I shared with you in the September Wake Forest Magazine, the Alumni Council has developed a strategic plan that focuses on ways to enhance the alumni experience through communications, outreach, and services for our more than 55,000 alumni. I am pleased to report that some of our initiatives are already beginning to take shape.

Lifelong Learning Course—June 15–16
One of the major components of the Alumni Council’s strategic plan is the development of a Lifelong Learning Program, which seeks to provide educational opportunities for Wake Foresters long after graduation. We are pleased to announce that our first lifelong learning course will be held on campus on June 15–16. Entitled “Signs of the Times: Contemporary American Religion in Historical Perspective,” this pilot course will be led by the dean of our Divinity School, Bill Leonard. For more information (including pricing and accommodations), please contact Betsy Chapman (’92, MA ’94), director of Alumni and Parent Programs, at chapmaea@wfu.edu or see the additional information on page 52.

Alumni Admissions Forum—June 16
The Alumni Admissions Forum, now in its 14th year, will be held June 16. If your child is a rising high school sophomore or junior, you’ll want to mark your calendar and attend this event. The Forum is designed to provide alumni children and their families with a comprehensive look at the college search and selection process, whether your child is interested in Wake Forest or in other selective schools. For more information, please contact Betsy Chapman at chapmaea@wfu.edu or see the additional information on page 52.

Wake Forest Clubs
Although Wake Forest already boasts a strong Clubs network, the Alumni Council has been working with club leaders to improve club offerings. As part of the strategic plan, “best practices” are being synthesized from the Charlotte and Raleigh Clubs and shared with other clubs. If you have not been active in your local Wake Forest Club, we encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to network with others in the Wake Forest community. See the Clubs Web site (www.wfu.edu/clubs) for more information.

Career Services
Through a new partnership with the Office of Career Services, the Alumni Association has sponsored two on-campus Career Networking Forums and career networking forums have been held in Washington, D.C. and Charlotte. Alumni can help students by participating in these networking forums, becoming a member of ACAP (the Alumni Career Assistance Program), volunteering to do mock interviews on campus, hiring Wake Forest graduates (there will be around 1,000 available this May!), and more. For more information, contact Mark “Frosty” Aust (’87, MBA ’01), director of Wake Forest Networking and Outreach, at austml@wfu.edu.

The College Fund
Help us reach our College Fund goal! Please make your gift by June 30! The College Fund’s goal this year is 11,500 donors, and we ask for your support. Under the leadership of Steve Darnell (’70, MBA ’74), National College Fund Chair, we are well underway toward meeting our goal – but we need to keep this momentum going! Please make a gift—at whatever level you can—to support the College Fund. Gifts to this Fund (which includes the Calloway Fund) are unrestricted; thus, the University uses these funds where they are needed most. Moreover, the percentage of alumni who give is a factor that directly affects Wake Forest’s national ranking among colleges and universities—another way in which your gift is important! Please join me and give generously.

There is much more going on at Wake Forest, and I hope you will visit our Web site at www.wfu.edu/alumni to learn more. Thank you for all you do for Wake Forest!

Nancy Kuhn (’73)
Alumni Association President
If you have news you would like to share, please send it to CLASSNOTES editor, Wake Forest Magazine, P.O. Box 7205, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7205. CLASSNOTES can be e-mailed to classnotes@wfu.edu or entered in an online form at www.wfu.edu/magazine/classnotes. It is important that you include your class year(s) and degree(s) with each note. The person submitting information must provide a telephone number for verification and accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information. The deadline for CLASSNOTES is the 15th day of the month two months prior to the issue date. For example, the deadline for the June issue is April 15.

1950s
Francis M. “Joe” Fulghum Sr. (’51) was honored by Newark (DE) High School with the dedication of the newly refurbished baseball field in his name. He was head baseball coach from 1967–87. He also has been named to the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame.

Donald E. Greene (JD ‘51), retired district attorney for the 25th North Carolina District, was honored with the unveiling of his portrait at the Catawba County (Hickory, NC) Justice Center.

Betty Siegel (’52) received the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel’s Howard Washington Thurman Ecumenical Award.

John Brock (’54) is on the Board of Trustees at Anderson (SC) University. His book, Southern Breezes Whistle Dixie, has been accepted for publication. He and his wife, Barbara Land Brock (’55), recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

James “Jay” Johnson (’55, JD ’56), a life member of the Law Board of Visitors, was honored by Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. His portrait was unveiled at a ceremony in the Charlotte office.

Anne Beatty Oakman (’57) has retired for a second time from the Rutherford County School System. She taught for 15 years, completed her master’s, and was a high school counselor for 28 years.

Carol Jennette Shook (’57) is enjoying retirement and traveling with her husband. When at home, she volunteers at the Carroll County Farm Museum and the GFWC Woman’s Club of Westminster, and she teaches a water fitness class at the YMCA of Central Maryland.

Olin H. Broadway (’59) received the North Carolina Technology Association 21 Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the executive in residence at UNC Charlotte’s College of Information Technology.

1960s
H. Slade Howell (’62, MD ’68) is retired from his private practice of general surgery and works with Indian Health Service in Arizona and Oklahoma. He completed his 7th Bike N.C. Tour, an annual 500-mile bicycle trip across North Carolina.

Denny L. Turner (’62) has retired as associate minister of music and administration after 27 years at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. He has served in the music ministry for 45 years.

F. Leary Davis Jr. (’64, JD ’67) has been named founding dean of Elon University’s law school, scheduled to open in the fall in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Joy Baker Davis (’65), have three children: James, Elizabeth (’96) and Trey (’91), and two grandchildren.

1970s
Jane B. Weathers (’70) was honored by the N.C. Bar Association with a gold and diamond-accented butterfly pen. The members established the Jane Weathers Fund to recognize her 20 years of service as director of the sections divisions.

Wayne Hurr (’71) is the staff psychologist at Georgetown University Counseling Center. He provides consultation services for the athletic department, is a contributing author for a book, The Psychology of High-Performance Track and Field, and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Sport Psychologist Registry.

R. Kirk Jonas (’71) retired as deputy director of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission of the Virginia General Assembly in 2004. He is director of the Richmond Research Institute at the University of Richmond.

Legal Elite
Business North Carolina Magazine
Walter W. Pitt Jr. (JD ’71) Bankruptcy and Business Law
Bell Davis & Pitt PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Daniel R. Taylor Jr. (JD ’76) Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

Steve Berlin (’81, JD ’84) Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

David Smith (’81, JD’84) Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

John W. Babcock (JD ’86) Bell Davis & Pitt PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Kimberly H. Stogner (’86, JD ’94) Vaught Perkinson Ehlinger Moxley & Stogner
Winston-Salem, NC

Amy K. Smith (JD ’88) Bell Davis & Pitt PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Charlott F. Wood (JD ’89) Bell Davis & Pitt PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Steve Gardner (JD ’94) Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

Business Virginia Magazine
J. Eric Crupi (JD ’01) Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization
McGuire Woods LLP
McLean, VA

Wake Forest Magazine
Robert D. “Bob” Mills (’71, MBA ’80) received the Lena C. Godwin Memorial Award from the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County. He is associate vice president of University Advancement at Wake Forest.

Catharine B. Arrowood (’73, JD ’76), with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC, has been appointed to the N.C. State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers and will serve on the International Committee. She is president-elect of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial Bar Association.

Costi Kutteh (’73) has been elected mayor of Statesville, NC, for a four-year term. He and his wife, Teresa Currin Kutteh (’73, MAEd ’74), have three daughters.

Thad Moore (’74) retired as president of the Self-Help Credit Union in Durham, NC. He continues to serve part-time at Self-Help and assists his wife with her business.

Bill Argabrite (’75, JD ’78) is managing partner of Hunter Smith & Davis LLP in Northeast Tennessee.

James A. Fulp (MBA ’75) is executive vice president and director of sales for the independent contractor division of Raymond James Financial Services in St. Petersburg, FL.

Barbara A. Yutrzenka (’75) is director of the Clinical Psychology Training Program at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She has been appointed to a three-year term on the South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Reed Humphrey (MA ’76) is professor and chair of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of Montana.

John W. Lassiter (’76, JD ’80) is president of Carolina Legal Staffing with offices in Charlotte and Raleigh, NC, and Columbia, SC. He has been re-elected to an at-large seat on the Charlotte (NC) City Council.

J. Anthony “Andy” Penry (’76, JD ’79), a partner with Taylor Penny Rash & Riemann in Raleigh, NC, was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates.

James K. Dorsett III (JD ’77) has been elected president of the American Counsel Association. He reports he is only the fourth North Carolinian to receive this honor.

Robert A. Marley (’77, MD ’81) is a general/truma surgeon, assistant trauma director and resident program director at the Akron General Medical Center in Akron, OH. He and his wife, Rebecca Bracken-Marley (PA ’80), have five children.

Eric N. Olson (’77, PhD ’81) received the fourth annual Pollin Prize for Pediatric Research for his pioneering work in fetal and neonatal cardiology.

David E. Nash (’78) is a partner, practicing environmental and corporate sustainability, with McMahon DeGulis LLP in Cleveland, OH. He is co-founder of Sustainable Cleveland.

Mike Parker (JD ’78) is chair of the N.C. Council of School Attorneys. He has represented the Orange County Board of Education since 1985.

Michael Dale Applegate (’81, PhD ’86) practices neurology in Asheboro, NC. His wife, Tamara Taylor Applegate (’81, MBA ’86), teaches math at Randleman High School. They have four children: Dan (a freshman at Wake Forest), Kevin (15), Elizabeth (12) and Matthew (6).

Candy Hatcher (’81) is a profiles editor at The Chicago Tribune. When she is not working, she helps her husband pick out renovation supplies for their 1925 bungalow. She saw Amy Barnett (’81) in Milwaukee and planned to go cross-country skiing with Leslie van Houten Taylor (’83) in Madison, WI.

Valinda Barrett Wolfert (’81) is a partner in the business and international section of Vinson & Elkins LLP in Dallas, TX. She has been named one of the “Best Lawyers in America” and is a “Texas Super Lawyer” according to Texas Monthly magazine. She and her husband, Steve, have a son, Will (13).

Lamont E. Clegg (’82) is the director of education for BoarsHead Theater in Lansing, MI.

Memories of the move
Fifty years ago, Wake Forest established a new destiny in a new place. The “removal” has been called the most decisive event of Wake Forest’s modern history. Wake Forest Magazine will look back on the historic move to Winston-Salem in the September issue. Do you have a short personal story of the move that you’d like to share? Please e-mail Cherin C. Poovey at poovey@wfu.edu.

1980s

Paul Louis Bidwell (’80, JD ’85), an attorney in Asheville, NC, won a case before the N.C. Supreme Court establishing the right of public school students facing long-term suspension to be represented by an attorney at disciplinary hearings. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Kate and Patrick.

Steve Gurganus (’80) is a community planner in the project development and environmental analysis branch of the N.C Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Kathleen McQuaid, live in Raleigh, NC.
Randall Husbands ('82) has changed careers after 18 years in healthcare administration. He is a teacher and tutor with Educational Services Inc. in Newark and Wilmington, DE. He says he owes a lot to Wake Forest professors Charles Richman and Steven Ewing and his high school Spanish teacher.

Andy Alcock ('83) is a reporter at WLKY-TV in Louisville, KY.

Craig Thompson Friend ('83) is associate professor of history and director of public history at N.C. State University. He has two recent publications, “Along the Maysville Road: The Early Republic in the Trans-Appalachian West” and “Southern Manhood: Perspectives on Masculinity in the Old South.”

Robby Gregg ('83) is the director of diversity communications with America Online in the District of Columbia.

William B. Reingold (JD '83) is chief judge of the 21st N.C. Judicial District. He received the Lifetime Award of Merit from State University of New York at Oswego.

William Lee Dawkins Jr. (JD '85) is vice president land and legal for Stephens Production Company, a division of Stephens Group Inc., in Fort Smith, AZ.

Brent W. Ambrose ('86) has been appointed the Jeffery L. and Cindy M. King Fellow in Business and professor of real estate with the Smeal College of Business at Pennsylvania State University.

Janice Marie Collins ('86) received her master's from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in Athens and is in the doctorate program in the School of Telecommunications. She has 20 years’ experience in broadcast journalism and two years’ teaching at Hampton University. She has earned six regional Emmy awards, an Associated Press Award, the Best of Gannett and AABJ and NABJ awards.

Michele Carpenter Cruz ('86) has been profiled in the 2006 edition of Who's Who in America. She and her son, Jasper (5), live in Nashville, NC. She is the owner/operator of C2 Printing & Design Inc., writes for the Nashville Graphic, volunteers with Rocky Mount Down East Radio Reading Service and Cause & Concern, and partners with N.C. Special Olympics. She is the curator for the Quigless Clinic-Hospital Historic Exhibit in Tarboro, NC, and has a home photography and oil painting studio. Her oil painting, “Flight 71,” was third in the 2002 Icarus International Art Exhibition and Competition in Kitty Hawk, NC.

Melanie Erwin ('86) has been named mortgage banker with First Citizens Bank in Raleigh, NC.

Kimberly H. Stogner ('86, JD '94) has been certified by the N.C. State Bar as a specialist in estate planning and probate law.

Allyson Currin Stokes ('86) writes that her husband, Chris Stokes, passed away on Nov. 20. They have twin daughters, Kathryn and Margaret.

Leigh Houghland ('87) is vice president and commercial officer with Virginia Company Bank in Newport News, VA. When not at work, he is fishing in the Chesapeake Bay with his children, Callie and Will.
Ian Baucom (’88) is an associate professor of English at Duke University in Durham, NC. He has published a new book, Specters of the Atlantic: Finance Capital, Slavery, and the Philosophy of History.

Diane Dahm (’88) and her husband, Jay, edited a book, Mayo Clinic Fitness for EveryBody.

Jeanette Lee Johnson (’88) is principal of the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and the Walker Career and Technical High School, which will open in August in Naples, FL.

David B. Smith (’88) is an associate minister at Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, SC. He and his wife, Deborah, enjoy time with their granddaughter, Cameron.

Guy Strandemo (JD ’88) is a foreign service officer for the U.S. State Department. He is stationed in Doha, Qatar.

Pamela Muller Swartzberg (’88) is chair of the Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark and has recently been appointed a trustee of Seton Hall University. She reports she is the first woman to hold that post. She and her husband, Mark, have five children and live in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

Copeland Baker (’89) and her family became a family of seven, adding three stepdaughters when she married Britt Boyd. They live in Alpharetta, GA, where she is owner of Corporate Office Cleaning Inc.

Brad Kendall (’89) is executive vice president of Kendall Supply Inc. in Lawrenceville, GA. He has been named the J.M. Tull-Gwinnett Family YMCA 2005 Volunteer of the Year. He works with at-risk youth, introducing them to possible aviation careers by taking them for plane rides. He serves as board chairman and participates in fundraising and board development efforts.

Charles H. Killebrew Jr. (’89) is executive editor of The Dispatch in Lexington, NC, where he has been since graduation.

Karen A. Nelson (’89) is a staff operations manager with Sprint in Kansas City, KS.

Joseph A. Saffron (’89) is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. After returning from Baghdad, he was awarded a second Bronze Star Medal. He and his wife, Lisa, and their three daughters, Emily (10), Carina (6) and Julianne (3), live in Mechanicsburg, PA.

William W. Toole (JD/MBA ’89) is a shareholder with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA in Charlotte, NC. He was selected as a “North Carolina Super Lawyer” in the area of environmental/land use by Law & Politics.

1990

Anne Schiller Flynn (MD ’94) is practicing with Charleston (SC) Pathology Associates.

Noelle R. Miles is on the board of directors of the Belleville Area Humane Society and the Four Hearts Foundation. She practices small-animal medicine at Mon-Clair Animal Hospital in Millstadt, IL.

Kathleen “KC” Murphy is a part-time prosecutor (felony jury trials) in the State Attorney’s office in Baltimore City, MD.

1991

Gina Hodge Collins (PA ’93) is a surgical physician assistant with Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons in Greensboro, NC.

Wayne R. Dallas (MBA) is a financial advisor with UBS Financial Services in Greensboro, NC.

1992

Steve Fowler is the government attorney for Columbus County in Whiteville, NC.

Jeffrey S. Lisson (JD) is vice president of the Water Valley (TX) ISD Board of Trustees, secretary/treasurer of the Concho Valley Community Action Agency, and vice chairman of the Concho Valley Adult Literacy Council. He practices civil and estate litigation with Carter & Boyd PC in San Angelo, TX.

MaryBe Swatzel McMillan is secretary/treasurer of the North Carolina AFL-CIO. She reports she is the first female officer in the organization’s history.

Scott Smith is a quality manager at the earthmover plant for Michelin North America in Columbus, SC. He and his wife, Chantal, live in Lexington, SC, and have two children.

1993

Eric H. Biesecker is a partner and commercial litigator focusing on construction law and real estate litigation with Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier in Greensboro, NC.

Joanna Garbee Brumsey is a certified public accountant and a shareholder with Wall Einhorn & Chernitzer PC in Norfolk, VA.

Sean Cooney (MAEd ’98) received the 2005 Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award from Wake Forest. He teaches at Colerain High School in Cincinnati, OH.

Jay Parker is director of Worldwide Marketing for Servers at Dell Inc. in Texas.

1994

Andrew “Drew” Carpenter is senior software engineer with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife, Lorrie, live in St. Peters and have two children, Kieriana (6) and Andrew Reagan (1).

Joe Dickson is an attorney with Shumaker Witt Gaither & Whitaker PC in Chattanooga, TN.

Kelly Blue Duffort is a communications manager for GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Eric W. Iskra (JD) has been elected for a second term as member in charge of client relations with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, WV. He is chair of the ERISA and Managed Care practice group.
Dwaine E. Lee is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development. He and his wife, Naoma, and sons, Connor (3) and Erik (1), are moving to Macedonia this summer. He will be the director of USAID/Macedonia’s Education Development Office.

Nicole Fumo Marrone is a trial attorney in the voting section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Janet DeMott Rasmussen received her master’s in physical education sports and fitness from the University of Central Florida. She is pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. Her husband, David Rasmussen (’93), is with Northrop Grumman in Orlando. They have a son, Gabriel (9).

Griffis C. Shuler (JD) has been named a partner with Lewis & Daggett Attorneys at Law PA in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Julie, have a daughter, Perrin.

W. Todd Stillerman is a partner and practices with the finance and real estate group of Dechert LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Christy Hood Vico received the 2005 Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award from Wake Forest. She teaches at Garden Hills Elementary School in Atlanta.

Jennifer Fields Reaves practices business law with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, NC.

1996

Jason M. Andrus is an assistant professor of biology at Augusta (GA) State University.

Ryan N. Bookout received his doctor of pharmacy from the University of North Carolina and completed a pharmacy practice and oncology specialty residency at the University Hospital Health-Alliance of Greater Cincinnati. He is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and an oncology clinical pharmacist with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Scott T. Brawley has been named director of government affairs for the National Sleep Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Ross Felts (MSA ’97) worked in Indonesia for six weeks with World Relief’s tsunami disaster response unit. She is a senior finance manager at Direct Holdings Americas in Washington, D.C.

Rachel L. Sheedy is deputy copy chief for Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine in Washington, D.C.

Michael E. Turner (JD) is a partner with Cabaniss Johnston Gardner Duman & O’Neal LLP in Birmingham, AL.

Charles R. Turner Jr. is senior director of finance and operations for NetIQ, an enterprise software company. He and his wife, Rebecca Childress Turner (’96), live in Houston, TX, with their newborn daughter, Julia.

Kristopher D. Vess is plant manager for Collins and Aikman Automotive Systems in Greenville, SC. He and his wife, Sarah, have two children, Colin Michael and Ava Victoria. They live in Anderson, SC.
Jennifer L. Woods received her master’s in clinical research from Indiana University. She is an Adolescent Medicine Fellow in the Department of Pediatrics.

1997

Stephanie Arnold received her master’s of divinity from Princeton Seminary and was ordained in November. She is associate pastor at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, NC.

Kisha Arrowood Burdick received her PhD in psychology from Yale University. She and her husband, Matthew Grey Burdick (’99, MAEd ’00), live in Durham, NC.

Anita Case is executive director for an HIV clinic in Rock Hill, SC. She plans to participate in the June AIDS LifeCycle (www.aidslifecycle.org) from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Christopher R. Gaskell (MAEd ’98) is in the U.S. Secret Service, stationed in Miami, FL.

Justin Guariglia lives in New York after spending 10 years in Asia. He continues to work for National Geographic Traveler and his photographic archive is online in the National Geographic Image Collection (www.ngimages.com). An exhibition of his work will be held this month at the Fotofest Biennial in Houston, TX.

Heather Hartman is an editor, working on science, medical and professional books, at Oxford University Press. She and her husband, Peter Hoffmann, and son, Nicholas, live in Rockville, MD.

Noel Bayard Morelli (PA ’00) is a surgical physician assistant at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

1998

Susanna Adams is a philanthropic advisor with the Norfolk-based wealth management firm, Waypoint Advisors.

1999

Rachel Worlds Coyne (JD) practices corporate taxation with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, NC.

Justin Hill (MBA) is an application developer for QL2 Software, a small Seattle company. He works remotely from Atlanta, where he lives with his wife, Wendy, and their three children.

2000

John P. Anderson (MAEd) will retire in June as vice president for administration and finance at Wake Forest. After a sabbatical, he will teach in the graduate counseling program.

Adrienne Cashion received her PhD in physiology from the University of California, Davis.

Edward M. Collins III (MBA) is director of IT finance and administration at AIG/United Guaranty in Greensboro, NC.

Mark Crum is vice president of First Charter Corporation in Charlotte, NC.

David Darr received his MS in biology from UNC-Greensboro. He is with the Linerger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC-Chapel Hill and lives in Raleigh, NC.

Anne-Marie LeBlanc Davis is head of residential services with the Frannie Peabody Center. She and her husband, Aaron, and son, Owen (2), live in Portland, ME. She is expecting another child in August.

Christopher M. Trebilcock (JD) is an associate with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC in Detroit, MI. He is on the board of directors of the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Junior Council.

Chris Williamson is the operations/technical support analyst for the Department of Biochemistry at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

2001

Ellen Davis Badgley is a software engineer with Raytheon Corporation in Reston, VA.

Allison Darwin is an occupational therapist at Carolina Meadows Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, NC. She and Jenny Womack (’84) developed and implemented an older driver screening program and presented it at several state and national conferences. She received the NOVA Award at the fall conference of the N.C. Occupational Therapy Association.

Jayne Walker Grubbs received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She teaches third grade at Union Cross Traditional Academy. She and her husband, Jason (JD ’02), live in Kernersville, NC.
Elizabeth Hester completed her MS from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. She works in New York for Bloomberg Media.

Morgan Hillemeyer is an associate on the investment properties team at CB Richard Ellis in Nashville, TN.

Vance Jennings is practicing law with Brent Adams & Associates in Raleigh, NC. He and Mary Erin Auld were married in Wait Chapel in August 2004.

Rawley Johnson teaches sixth grade at KIPP Bridge, a college-preparatory charter school for inner-city youth, in Oakland, CA.

Joe Meador received his master’s in information security from East Carolina University. He is an information security analyst at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Gavin B. Parsons is an associate in the complex litigation practice group of Troutman Sanders LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Emily Gail Wilson Sumner graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law. She is practicing business immigration law at Challa Law Offices in Richmond, VA.

Hannah Armstrong Young received a master’s in Spanish Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is an interpreter coordinator at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

2002

Meg Carriere is completing her DVM at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine and will be working in a small-animal hospital in Atlanta.

Meredith Allred Cole (JD ’05) and her husband, David (JD ’05), live in Atlanta. She is an attorney with Vinson Talley Richardson & Cable in Dallas, GA.

2003

Peter J. Choi (JD) served two judicial clerkships in the New Jersey Superior Court before joining the firm of DeCotiis FitzPatrick Cole & Wisler in Teaneck, NJ. He practices public finance and redevelopment law.

Angelo M. Del Re received his master’s of neuroscience from the Medical University of South Carolina. He is a first-year student in the MD program.

2004

Ryan Whitley is graduating from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in June and will be the associate rector of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Tampa, FL.

Kurt Banas is a consultant with Navigant Consulting in St. Paul, MN. He was part of a team of volunteers who traveled to the Monteverde Cloud Forest region of Costa Rica for two weeks to help with projects in the village of Canitas.

David Eric Carpenter (MBA) and his wife, Marilyn, have one daughter, Sydney Ling (5).

John D. Cattano (MBA) of Columbia, SC, is the managing partner of CC Development Group for the Value Place apartment-hotel hybrids in Columbia and Greenville, SC, and Chattanooga, TN.

LeRoya Chester Jennings (JD) prosecutes misdemeanors with the Dekalb County Solicitor’s General Office in Atlanta.

Benjamin R. Norman (JD) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.

Scott S. Poelman (JD) practices tax law with Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch in San Diego, CA.

Megan Sadler (JD) is with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman in Charlotte, NC.

Bryan G. Scott (JD) focuses on business and commercial litigation, including employment and intellectual property issues, with Spotts Fain PC in Richmond, VA.

Frances E. Scott (JD) focuses on labor and employment matters with Hutton & Williams in Richmond, VA.

2005

Evan M. Bass (JD) practices commercial real estate law with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, NC.

David Cole (JD) is with Freeman Mathis & Gary in Atlanta.

Courtney L. Curry (JD) is a first-year associate with Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease LLP in Columbus, OH.
Brian A. Hayles (JD) is in the litigation practice group of Poyner & Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Ashley Hoagland earned a non-exempt status by placing in the top 59 at the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour qualifying school.

Kenneth E. Menzel (JD) is with Pharr & Boynton PLLC in Winston-Salem. He presented a paper focusing on the potential liability of design professionals in the event of terrorist attacks at a workshop on “Building Vulnerability and Protection Against Chemical and Biological Agents.”

Cassandra Richards counsels underprivileged students to help them work toward positive and uplifting goals, is an assistant track coach for Cardinal Gibbons High School, and teaches suspended middle and high school students in the Wake County area.


Marriages

Andy Alcock (‘83) and Sarah Kinsman. 10/15/05 in Louisville, KY.

Robert N. Satterfield (‘89) and Jessica Atkinson. 3/5/05 in Wilson, NC. Attending were Emily Aycock (‘00), Laura Boyce (‘89), Graham Gardner (‘92), Christine Pallace (‘90), Tad Rhodes (‘94), Bill Satterfield (‘92), Harriett Stephenson (‘91), Lee Stephenson (‘90), Joy Storms (‘80) and Scott White (‘90).

Elizabeth Ann Hayes (‘90) and Joseph Richard Saint. 11/20/05 in Pittsboro, NC. The bride’s mother is Shirley Mudge Hayes (‘56). The wedding party included Melodie Sheets Langford (‘87), Kim Morgan (‘90) and Meg Smith Rosselot (‘90).

Anne Bothwell Schiller (‘90, MD ‘94) and R. Patrick Flynn. 9/10/05. They live in Charleston, SC.
John Danforth (’70) has a large extended family. It numbers in the thousands and includes the teachers, graduates, students, and friends of Forsyth Country Day School (FCDS), an independent, private school with whom Danforth has shared the last thirty-six years of his career.

After graduating from Wake Forest with a degree in physical education, Danforth returned to his hometown of Wilbraham, Massachusetts. But, Danforth’s then-girlfriend, Carol (’71, MAEd ’84), now his wife of thirty-five years, had him heading south again after telling him of a job notice posted in the Wake Forest career services office. A new school in Lewisville, North Carolina, was hiring a physical education teacher, soccer coach, and athletic director. “I wrote a three-page letter, was invited down for an interview, and was hired. Starting my teaching and coaching career at FCDS was the realization of my ambition to be a teacher and a coach.

“In 1970, the school’s first year, there were twenty teachers and 195 students. We didn’t have facilities of our own yet so we used Trinity Methodist Church for classrooms. I worked with the first through sixth graders in the morning teaching social studies and PE classes. In the afternoon, I drove an old activity bus, aptly named the Blue Goose, to local city parks for PE with the boys in grades seven through nine. There were twenty-seven boys total in those three grades.”

For twenty-seven years, Danforth taught PE and Latin, and coached basketball, soccer, and track. As varsity coach, he led the soccer team to win three state championships and the girl’s track team to win two state championships. In 1978 Danforth was voted State Coach of the Year by the N.C. Scholastic Coaches Association. He served as National Coach of the Year Committee chairman for the National Soccer Coaches of America for six years.

“John was a track record-holder for the 440-yard race at Wake Forest, so he had us running all the time,” says Hill Stockton, a 1978 FCDS grad who played both soccer and basketball. “He was a tremendous motivator. He broke clipboards at halftime if we weren’t playing well, but the team just went back on the field smiling. What’s amazing is he’s...
the same today as he was then. It's hard to imagine, but John has maintained his enthusiasm for thirty-six years.

“I broke a clipboard at Ravenscroft at halftime, but we lost anyway, 2-1,” says Danforth. “Hill was called for a handball and that was the difference when they made a penalty kick. That was in 1977; I can remember games.”

Danforth's memory includes not just every game his teams played, but the extensive history of the school. “John is the only person who could reconnect thirty-odd years of alums to a school that, for more than twenty years, had no formal way of staying in touch with its graduates. No one has taught, coached, advised, or mentored more students than John at FCDS. At our twenty-fifth high school reunion, all the basketball players were honored. There were about forty men and women there. At halftime, all the players lined up and John went one by one and said the name of the person and when he or she graduated without using any notes,” says Stockton.

Letters, cards, notes, and e-mails from alumni over the years testify to the deep-seated relationships Danforth maintains with graduates. “It means a lot to me to hear that I have helped them learn the value of fitness through running, for instance. I have tried to be there for former students in happy times and in times of crisis. I feel very close to so many alumni because I have known them for so long.”

Stockton was one of three alumni who, in 2003, spearheaded a fundraising campaign to name the John A. Danforth Middle School. Together with Tim Cooper and David Neill, both 1979 grads, over $400,000 was pledged by those who wanted to thank their teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. Pledges were submitted from alumni, parents, and grandparents from the first graduating class all the way through the class of 2004, as well as by families with students currently attending, revealing the bond Danforth shares with those who support Forsyth Country Day School.

“We asked people to write down their thoughts about John on the back of their pledge card, and we made a scrapbook of these memories,” says Stockton. “Many of the responses talked about John's dedication and concern, but some were comical. One contributor noted how he had once invited John to his home to play cards. He told John to bring the chips, and John showed up with a bag of potato chips. That's typical John. He's like a kid.”

Sunny Cordray ('96), a 1991 graduate of FCDS, says as a student she remembers Danforth bringing his school spirit and former Wake Forest cheerleading experience to FCDS group meetings. “He would come into a meeting and talk about an upcoming game and get everyone fired up.” Now, as a teacher at FCDS, Cordray says Danforth still makes students stand up and participate. “The kids love to have him around because he's fun. He's at every conference or state event for every sport. He comes to every game and everyone looks for him to be there. He's really become a symbol for Forsyth Country Day.” As a result, Cordray says every alum who visits stops by Danforth's office hoping to see him.

“When I came to Forsyth Country Day in 1999, I was told that if there was one person who could pull alumni together and open doors for fundraising, it was John Danforth,” says headmaster Hank Battle. “There's no one in the 10,000-plus extended family of Forsyth Country Day School who won't answer the phone when John Danforth calls.”

The same year Battle became headmaster, Danforth traded his sweatpants for a suit and tie. As director of alumni affairs and annual programs, he now spends much of his day encouraging those whose lives he has touched to touch the lives of future students at the school he loves. “John Danforth has the key to the door of anyone connected to FCDS. When John calls alumni, they ask: when, where, what can I do. That he has inspired this loyalty simply by being himself seems a surprise to John. He really has no concept of the impact he has had on students, from childhood into adulthood,” says Neill.

“If you go into his office at school,” says Cordray, “pictures of every team he's ever coached are hanging on the walls. He has soccer balls signed by all the kids on the teams, cards given to him by students from his Latin classes, and photos from all the alumni functions. It's like a shrine to FCDS, and you can see how many kids lives he's touched.”

In October 2004, Danforth was honored for his years of service, and the John A. Danforth Middle School Building was officially dedicated. “My family was flown in from as far as California and Connecticut. I didn't know what was happening until that night. It was overwhelming and extremely humbling. Our daughters, Ginnie, from Greenville, South Carolina, along with her husband Scott, and our grandson, Drew; and Carrie, from Midlothian, Virginia, both attended. I've always said I'd like to know the names and addresses of all five hundred people who were there so I could write them a thank-you note,” says Danforth. “The relationships that I've had with so many students has kept me here, and I've been told that I have to stay until at least 2020 to open the fifty-year time capsule.”

“I just hope he's around for a long, long time,” Cordray says. “John's definitely a gift to the school.”
Michael Dunne ('92) and Chicko Kawamoto. 5/05 in a traditional Shinto wedding ceremony in Hakone, Japan. They live in Greenwich, CT.

Anita Burson ('93) and Clint Thompson. 3/12/05 in Carrollton, GA. Attending were Lucy Anderson ('94), Rebecca Gentry ('95), Adrienne Vogel Hill ('95), Chip Hill ('95) and Amanda McMakin Rader ('94).

Susan Banks Watkins (MBA '94) and Frank Henry Ahlborn. 10/15/05 in Durham, NC. Attending were Tate Ogburn (JD/MBA '96), Helena Paulin (MBA '94) and Carol Gatewood Seamons (MBA '94).

Amanda Sue Lane ('95) and Andrew Thomas Long. 10/29/05 in Greenville, SC. The bride’s parents are Nancy Martin Lane ('84) and Hugo C. Lane, professor of biology at Wake Forest. Attending were Michael Graham ('94), Pamela Rettig Graham ('93), Betty Turnage Griffith ('66), Ross Griffith ('65), Suzanna Griffith ('91) and Paul Long ('67).

Allison Leslie Reid ('95) and Robert Bruce Warrington Jr. 10/29/05 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Courtney Foley ('98) and Allison McWilliams ('95).

Quentin Tremayne McPhatter ('96) and Michele Geathers. 10/22/05 in Kannapolis, NC. They live in Graham, NC. The wedding party included Adrian Bass ('97), Stevie Cox ('98), Ren Leathers ('96), Oscar Martinez ('96), Andrew Snorton ('93), Daniel Walker ('95) and Rufus Williams ('96).

Michael W. Smith ('96) and Erin M. Mancuso. 7/16/05 in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Jeffrey Jones ('96) and Tracey Farrington Jones ('95).

Jennifer Louise Snee ('96) and Dudley Winthrop. 10/22/05 in Washington, D.C. The wedding party included Josephine Davidson Baker ('96) and Kristen Walls Poff ('96).

Allison Leslie Reid ('95) and Robert Bruce Warrington Jr. 10/29/05 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Courtney Foley ('98) and Allison McWilliams ('95).

William Kyle Irwin ('97) and Emily J. Raabe. 11/5/05 in Amelia Island, FL. They live in Rockville, MD.

Corinne Woodcock ('97) and Curtis Topper. 11/5/05 in Harrisburg, PA.

Jennifer Laudadio ('98) and Ethan Austin Taylor Cantwell-Igleheart. 10/1/05 in Charleston, SC. Nicole Baldwin ('98, MAEd ’02) performed prior to the ceremony. In attendance were Jocelyn Gilmour Brummett ('95), Karen Friedman ('98), Colby Grant ('98) and Kristin Winkle Tacy ('97).

Phillip Schmitz Moore ('98, MD '02) and Stefanie Jolly. 8/30/05 in Maui, HI.

Leona Frances Trombly ('98) and Shane Alan Taylor. 10/16/05 in Winston-Salem. They live in Cary, NC. The wedding party included Brian Wayne Paitsel ('97, MD '04). Attending were Sharrika Davis ('96, MALS '98), Beverly Huffstetler ('97), Chris Savinsky ('96, MBA '01), Andrew Tapp ('99) and Anna Cox Tapp ('00).

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Stephanie Ann Wilkerson ('98) and Daniel Lee Alexander Yoder. 7/9/05 in Winston-Salem. The bride's parents are Sally and Jack Wilkerson, dean of the Calloway School. The wedding party included Molly Drum ('03), Jennifer Taylor Jacques ('99) and Kelli Wilkerson, a graduate student at Wake Forest.

Christine Dianne Calareso ('99) and David Bleecker. 6/4/05 in Naples, FL. They live in Laguna Niguel, CA. Attending were Alison Guiney ('99), Caitlin Maier Joyner ('99), David Joyner ('98, MSA '99), Valerie Hand Odegard ('99), Eve Richter Scott ('99), Curtis Martin. 10/7/05. They live in Atlanta.

Virginia “Gin” Watson ('99, MSA '00) and Howard Jenkins. 10/29/05 in Roanoke Rapids, NC. They live in Alexandria, VA. The wedding party included Ginger DesPrez ('99), Trey Gaylord ('97) and Jacob Wellman ('01).

Amy Elizabeth Jenkins ('00) and James William Jefferson Farrar. 5/28/05 in Raleigh, NC. Attending were Michelle Theresa Hess ('00), Carolyn Randall Hutchinson ('00), Margaret Alison Sigmon ('00) and Karen Ann Zeglis ('00).

Colleen Ann Bradley ('01) and Jason L. Martin. 10/7/05. They live in Atlanta.

Amy Elizabeth Byars ('01) and George Asbury Lawson III ('01). 3/5/05 in Charleston, SC. Sudie Griffin Langford ('02) was a reader. The wedding party included Elizabeth Woodall Biber ('01), Jennifer Bays Brown ('01), David Byars ('04, MSA '03), John Charecky ('02, MSA '02), Jessi MacCallum Crum ('01), Colin Edwards ('01), Bentley DeGarmo Eskridge ('01), Nick Ferenc ('01), Nikki Steele Francis ('01), Tom Fussaro ('01), Donny Hall ('01), Vance Jennings ('01), Erin Leathy ('01), Molly MacNaughton ('01), Ben May ('01), Alyssa Griswold Sprouse ('01) and Preston Wendell ('01).

Ellen Miley Davis ('01) and Joshua Logan Badgley. 10/16/04 in Fairfax, VA. The wedding party included Jennifer Kate Gunn ('01) and Sarah Ann Obrecht ('01). Alan Marshall Trammell ('01) attended.

Danielle L. Hicks (MBA '01) and Chad Alan Bishop. 10/15/05 in Asheville, NC. They live in Clemmons, NC. Attending were Amy Walker Bacon (MBA '01), Christine Yates Ferrell (MBA '01), Ruth Henry Keyes (MBA '01), Sarah Ross (MBA '01), Jason Schugel (MBA '01) and Molly Brown Schugel (MBA '01).

Aileen Grace Socrates ('01) and Brian Michael Kelly ('01). 9/4/04 in Hanover, PA. They live in Los Angeles, CA. Father Jude DeAngelo of the Wake Forest campus ministry officiated. The wedding party included Kristie North Appegiren ('01), Theravan Jarrett ('01), Hannah Armstrong Young ('01) and Jeryl Prescott Sales, former dean and professor. Attending were Yemi Adegbomire ('00), Akua Asera ('01), Tisha Fowler ('01), Lauren McSwain-Starrett ('02), John Spires ('01), Bryan Starrett ('02), Matthew Udvari ('01), Laura Wray ('02) and Kristin Zippole ('02).

Susan Lynn Czaplicki ('02) and Nathan Den Herder. 9/4/05 in Purcellville, VA. They live in McLean, VA. The wedding party included Rebecca Van Zandt Albertson ('02) and Elizabeth Phelps ('02).

Shelley Hunter ('02) and John “Jacob” Reeves ('02). 6/26/04 in Kannapolis, NC. They live in Oklahoma City, OK. The wedding party included Sara Kessinger ('02) and Jon Spivey ('02, MA '03). In attendance were Lauren Kenney Garabelli (MD '02, MD '06), Paul Garabelli (MD '06), Brooke Jacobs ('02), Lucas Keipper ('02) and Alison Reigle ('02).

Matthew Kinsland Johnson ('02) and Clare Tenney Conway. 11/5/05 in Sugar Land, TX. The wedding party included Carrie Gareen Denning ('02), Jared Warren Hays ('02), Kathryn Ann Johnson ('07), Philip Justin Richardson ('01), Ramy Muhammad Serageldin ('01), Brent Wesley Thomas ('02) and Derek Adams West ('02).

John David Matthews ('02) and Karen Diane Ludwig ('03, MSA '04). 10/22/05 in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Tracie McDonald ('03, MSA '04), Katie Tymann ('03, MSA '04) and Catherine Vanatta ('03, MSA '04).

Eve-Marie Zigrossi ('02) and Joseph Scott Welch. 9/3/05 in Pittsburgh, PA. They live in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The wedding party included Elean Gamble ('02), Laura Mason ('02) and Jessica Zazworsky ('02).

Jennifer Leigh Whelan ('03, MAEd '04) and William Drew Senter ('02). 12/17/05 in Jefferson, NC. They live in Pinehurst, NC. Christy Helfst ('04) was an honorary guest.

Geneva Long ('04) and Reginald Yourse ('05). 6/25/05 in Matthews, NC.

Frances E. Schultz ('JD '04) and Bryan G. Scott ('JD '04). 12/31/05. They live in Richmond, VA. The wedding party included Nathan W. Conrey ('JD '04) and Samantha A. Sutphin ('JD '04).

Births/Adoptions

Gary Hill ('81) and Marylou Lane, Upper Montclair, NJ: a son, Daniel Garrison. 3/23/05. He joins his sister, Sophie (6).

Charlie Goodie ('83) and Trish Goodie, Middletown, MD: a daughter, Carson Grace. 8/23/05. She joins her sisters, Taylor (12) and Chloe (6), and brother, Caleb (8).

Janis Fonda Kerns ('85) and Michael Kerns, Potomac, MD: a daughter, Rory Elizabeth. 8/13/05. She joins her sister, Kathleen (2).

Robert Allen Frommelt ('87) and Tara Mulvey Frommelt, Meriden, CT: a son, Luke Allen. 12/14/05

Karen Kostick Victor ('87) and Steve Victor, Walnut Creek, CA: a son, Sebastian Steven James. 12/2/05. He joins his sister, Kristina (5).

James G. Welsh ('87, JD '97) and Beth McConnell Walsh ('90), Winston-Salem: twin daughters, Kathryn Chandler and Sarah Walker. 9/9/05. They join their brother, Jim (8), and sister, Maggie (6).

Jerry Sainsbury ('88) and Bonnie Newlon, Dowington, PA: a daughter, Emma Rose. 5/2/05

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There are a number of opportunities for Wake Forest alumni, parents, friends and their families to come to campus this summer.

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- Joel Osteen and the “Postmodern” Church: The Nondenominationalization of American Religion
- Religious Liberty in America: The Recovery of Conscience
- Drinking, the Golden Calf and Other Strange Stories: Revisiting the Bible’s ‘Hard Sayings’
- And more

The course is open to alumni, parents and friends of Wake Forest. The cost for the course is $400, which includes two nights accommodations in Polo Residence Hall on campus, all course materials, and meals on Thursday and Friday. For local attendees or those wishing to arrange their own accommodations, the commuter rate for the course is $300. Registration is available via the Alumni Web page at www.wfu.edu/alumni

For more information, contact Betsy Chapman (’92, MA ’94), Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, at chapmaea@wfu.edu or 336.758.4845.

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**Alumni Admissions Forum**  
**June 16**

The Alumni Admissions Forum is designed to educate and inform alumni children about the admissions process at selective colleges and universities. This program is a blend of general information (that could apply to any selective school) as well as Wake Forest specific information. Session topics include:

- Wake Forest Information Session (optional)
- Beginning the College Search Process/Choosing the Right College for You
- The Transition Between High School and College
- Financing a College Education (parent session)
- Writing Winning Application Essays (student session)
- Campus Tour, Reception and Q&A

The program is open to all high school students; rising sophomores and juniors are especially encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome to attend the Lifelong Learning program on June 15-16, and students may attend the Admissions Forum on their own.

The cost for this program is $80 per family of three (includes lunch and all materials). Registration is available via the Alumni Web page at www.wfu.edu/alumni or contact Betsy Chapman (’92, MA ’94), Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, at chapmaea@wfu.edu or 336.758.4845.

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The following Wake Forest Summer Sports camps are being held on campus this summer.

For more information, contact the sports camp personnel listed for each camp, or visit [http://wakeforestsports.collegesports.com/camps/wake-camps.html](http://wakeforestsports.collegesports.com/camps/wake-camps.html)

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Guy Strandemo (JD ’88) and Kimberly Strandemo, Doha, Qatar: a son, William Guy. 9/5/05 in Fargo, ND. He joins his brother, Thomas (11), and sisters, Madeline (10) and Sarah (6).

Billie Taylor Toalson (’88) and Kent L. Toalson, Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Sally Loring. 12/5/05. She joins her brothers, William Seth (12), and sister, Susan (9).

Margaret Maske Clayton (’89) and Edward Lewis Clayton III (’90, MBA ’00), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Anna Elizabeth. 8/11/05.

Chuck Ellison, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Rose. 4/8/05. She joins her brother, Jack. William Seth (12), and sister, Susan (9).

Loring. 12/5/05. She joins her brother, Toalson, Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Sally Loring. 12/5/05. She joins her brothers, William Seth (12), and sister, Susan (9).

Elizabeth Ann White Packman (’89) and Jon Charles Packman (’91), Mooresville, NC: a son, Bradley Alan. 3/3/05. He joins his sister, Kendall (5).

Mark Stowers (’89) and Laura Doggett Stowers (’90), Raleigh, NC: a son, John Mark. 8/30/05. He joins his sisters, Mayson (10) and Claire (4), and brother, Luke (7).

Kathleen “KC” Murphy (’90) and Jim Wallner, Sparks, MD: a son, Thomas Cole. 11/24/05. He joins his sister, Emma, and brother, Kevin.

Catherine Brittain Callahan (’91) and Chuck Ellis, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Anna Elizabeth. 8/11/05

Gina Hodge Collins (’91, PA ’93) and Edward M. Collins III (MBA ’00), Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Hannah Noelle. 12/19/05

Christopher Keith Cotton (’91) and Beth Cotton, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Lindsey Frances. 12/27/04. She joins her brother, William (4), and sister, Ellie (2).

Neil Porter (’91) and Kelly Porter, Apex, NC: a son, Kirk Tappan. 6/10/05. He joins his sister, Anna (3).

Jenna Fruechenicht Butler (’92, JD ’95) and Al Butler, Wilmington, NC: a son, Algernon Lee IV. 10/30/05. He joins his sister, Sara Frances.

James Coley (’92) and Katherine Coley, Brooklyn, NY: a daughter, Alexandra Paige. 11/22/05

Betsy Brakefield Funk (’92) and Samuel Patrick Funk (’93), Nashville, TN: a daughter, Elizabeth “Hattie” Hatten. 3/8/05. She joins her sisters, Mary Caroline (6) and Lucy (3 1/2).

Faran Pietrafesa Henwood (’92) and Treve Henwood, Morrison, CO: a son, Teagan Blaise. 8/31/05. He joins his brother, Lanyon (2).

Jim Leggett (’92) and Kelly Harris Leggett (MD ’00), Greensboro, NC: a son, Harrison. 7/28/05

Jennifer Kurzmann Reno (’92) and Edward Howard Reno II, Kennesaw, GA: a daughter, Elizabeth “Lisa” Anne. 1/6/06. She joins her brothers, Benjamin (5) and Harrison (2).

Kim Lennox Sharkey (’92) and Kevin Sharkey, Gypsum, CO: a daughter, Rylee Lennox. 11/8/05

Scott Smith (’92) and Chantal Smith, Lexington, SC: a son, Zachary Paul. 2/15/05

Julie Tascher Swan (’92, MBA ’94) and Roderick J. Swan, MBA ’96, Frederick, MD: a daughter, Emma Grace. 8/30/05. She joins her sister, Ashley (8), and brothers: Cameron (6), Ryan (4 1/2), Devon (2 1/2) and London (15 months).

Rod Webb (’92) and Garnett Webb, Raleigh, NC: a son, Mitchell Works. 1/1/06. He joins his brother, Grecar (5), and sister, Mercer (3).

Melissa Kemper Beach (’93) and John C. Beach (’93), Atlanta: a son, Brooks Alton. 8/30/05. He joins his brother, Hatcher (3).

William E. Burton III (JD ’93) and Laura Burton, Brown Summit, NC: a son, William Edward IV. 5/18/05

Debby Yarber Clarke (’93) and Walt Clarke, Raleigh, NC: a son, Walter Redding. 4/11/05. He joins his sister, Emma (3).

Jennifer Moore Lucas (’93) and Barry Lucas, Charlotte, NC: a son, Thomas Chapman. 11/4/05. He joins his brother, Sam (2).

James Gregory Matthews (’93) and Annah N. Matthews, Winston-Salem: a son, Tyler Lawton. 9/29/05

Donald O’Shea (’93) and Dorie O’Shea, Houston, TX: a daughter, Taylor Alice. 4/24/05. She joins her brother, Mason (3).

Chad V. Blankenburg (’94) and Debbie Blankenburg, Charlotte, NC: a son, Arthur Kent. 4/14/05. He joins his brother, Griggs (3).

Kelly Blue Duffort (’94) and Sam Duffort, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Katherine Grace. 6/24/05

Allison Martin Harris (’94) and Charles Eugene Harris (’93), Southern Pines, NC: a daughter, Stella Blair. 7/25/05

James Hendrix (’94) and Alli Hendrix, Orlando, FL: a son, Campbell James. 10/3/05. He joins his sister, Lily (3).

Marjorie “Mari” Clifton Kyle (’94) and Christopher Stevens Kyle, Harrisonburg, VA: a son, William Christopher. 9/16/05. He joins his sister, Elizabeth.

Nicole Fumo Marrone (’94) and Christian Marrone, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Charlotte Isabelle. 11/16/05

Heather Hoch Szajda (’94, JD ’97) and Douglas Szajda, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Brooke Isabelle. 5/05. She joins her brother, Grant.

Dena Silver Upton (’94) and Jake Upton, Cambridge, MA: a son, Brody Silva. 8/26/04

Elizabeth Marsh Vantre (’94) and Scott Vantre (’94), Glen Allen, VA: a son, Drew Scott William. 9/14/05. He joins his brothers, Nick (4) and Steele (2).

Jennifer McGough Watson (’94) and Scott Andrew Watson (’94), Gainesville, FL: a son, Owen Donald. 11/11/05. He joins his sister, Kaitlyn Sandra (2).

Lacy H. “Hank” Ballard III (’95) and Christine C. Ballard, Winston-Salem: a son, Lacy Henry IV. 5/26/05

Michael L. Briggs (’95) and Kathryn W. Briggs, Granada, Spain: a son, Gaston Alexander. 1/7/06. He joins his brother, Wilson.

Amy Barnard Hughes (’95) and John McCaskill Hughes (’96), Washington, DC: a son, Ryan McCasikll. 12/30/05. He joins his brother, Jack (18 mos.).

Mary Caroline Bell Lee (’95) and Harper Lee (’96), Charlotte, NC: a son, Harper Bunl. 12/6/05. He joins his sister, Morgan (2 1/2).
Lisa Cort Owen ('95) and Jeffrey J. Owen ('97, JD '00), Asheville, NC: a daughter, Susannah Elizabeth. 11/15/05

Jeffrey T. Workman (JD '95) and Jean Workman, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Whitaker Rose. 6/30/05. She joins her brother, Garrett Thomas (2).

Christina Habib Bovelsky ('96) and Marshall Scott Bovelsky ('96, MA '98, MD '02), Jeffersonville, IN: a son, Aidan Scott. 10/5/05. He joins his brother, Zachary Winston (2).

Lynne Foster Finch ('96) and Kenneth Finch, Montgomery, AL: a daughter, Catherine Olivia. 10/26/05

William Andrew Hanlon II ('96) and Andrea Sovich Hanlon ('96), Pinehurst, NC: a son, John “Jack” Allen IV. 12/17/05

Suzanne Margarite James ('96) and Michael James, Winston-Salem: a son, Kyle Cross. 3/20/05

Michael H. Kauffman ('96, JD '99) and Deanna Kauffman, Fairview Heights, IL: a son, Braden Michael. 11/8/05. He joins his sister, Madeline (2).

Kristen Blix Riley ('96, MSA '97) and John Riley, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Elisabeth Seidl. 7/20/05. She joins her brother, Connor David (1).

Allison Christofoli Rollins ('96) and A.J. Rollins ('96), Atlanta: a daughter, Clare Abigail. 9/27/05

Rebecca Childress Turner ('96) and Charles Turner ('96), Houston, TX: a daughter, Julia Claire. 6/29/05

Michael E. Turner (JD '96) and Stacey Turner, Birmingham, AL: a daughter, Anne “Libby” Elizabeth. 6/3/05. She joins her sister, Jane Margaret (4).

Andrew VanDerveer ('96, MBA '04) and Lauren DeSanty VanDerveer ('97), Mooresville, NC: a daughter, Brooke Ashley. 12/22/05. She joins her sister, Emily (2).

Kristopher D. Vess ('96) and Sarah Vess, Anderson, SC: a daughter, Ava Victoria. 10/4/05. She joins her brother, Colin Michael (2).

Caroline Cohl Wall ('96) and Frank Wall, Raleigh, NC: a son, Angus Jones. 10/27/05

Christine Weber Whitney ('96) and Andrew Whitney, Atlanta: a daughter, Cecilia. 10/26/05. She joins her sister, Luisa (5), and brother, Oliver (3).

Karen Baker Chippendale ('97, MSA '98) and William Chippendale, Issaquah, WA: a son, William Thomas III. 9/30/05

Heather Hartman ('97) and Peter Hoffmann, Rockville, MD: a son, Nicholas James. 10/6/05

Melissa Minot Hawks ('97) and Carney Hawks, Purchase, NY: a daughter, Lauren. 9/15/05

Mary McElwee Mendenhall ('97) and Brian Mendenhall, North Wilkesboro, NC: a daughter, Mary Douglas. 12/17/05

Noel Bayard Morelli ('97, PA '00) and Thomas R. Morelli, Baltimore, MD: a son, Matthew James. 4/6/05

Kim Sklenicka Murawski ('97) and Dan Murawski ('97), Atlanta: a son, Braeden Daniel. 11/12/05

Benjamin Parker Mustian ('97) and Rebecca Q. Mustian, Columbia, SC: a daughter, Emily Quinn. 9/29/05

Peter John Nosal ('97) and Kelly Durant Nosal ('97), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth. 8/19/05

Mark Hamilton Tucker ('97) and Jennifer Holt Tucker, Pageland, SC: a son, Davis Hamilton. 10/16/05

James David Batchelor (PhD '98) and Maria Batchelor, North Atteleboro, MA: a son, David Renatu. 11/15/05

Amy Pyles Edwards ('98) and Matthew Edwards, Alpharetta, GA: a son, Owen Thomas. 10/19/05. He joins his brother, Jacob McKain (2).

Angela Sigmon Fox (MBA '98) and Brian Fox, Hickory, NC: a son, Lawson Wade. 5/17/05

Suzanne Willers Hlavacek ('98) and Jim Hlavacek, Gainesville, GA: a son, Andrew James. 5/31/05

Bethany Wolf Kelleher ('98) and John Kelleher, Denville, NJ: a son, Liam Joseph. 11/21/05

Jane Martin Marchand ('98) and Mark David Marchand ('98), Albuquerque, NM: a son, Austin Mark. 10/5/05

Bonnie Warren Palsa ('98) and Albert Palsa, Annapolis, MD: a son, Albert “Albie” Thomas III. 11/27/05

Paul Volpe ('98) and Suzanne Pohlmann Volpe ('94), Arlington, VA: a daughter, Claire Josephine. 4/17/05

Paul Andersen (JD '99) and Jill Mahonchak Andersen (JD '99), Morristown, NJ: a daughter, Lily Patricia. 5/24/05

Catherine Dyksterhouse Foca ('99) and Chris Foca, Knoxville, TN: a daughter, Tolor O’Neale. 10/19/05

Sarah Van Auen Hulcher ('99) and Will Hulcher, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Tolor O’Neale. 10/19/05

William A.S. Hunt ('99) and Amanda Edmonds Hunt ('97), Cornelius, NC: a daughter, Georgia Anne. 7/20/05

Andrew Lampros ('99) and Suzanne Lampros, Atlanta: a son, Gregory John. 9/30/05. He joins his brother, Peter (7), and sister, Liza (5).

Jill Rader Sergison ('99) and Peter Sergison, Durham, NC: a son, Andrew Rader. 12/5/05

Allyson Fayard Sonntag ('99) and David Sonntag ('00), Raleigh, NC: a son, Asher David. 9/7/05

T. Wesley Templeton (MD '99) and Leah Bumgarner Templeton (MD '99), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Madeline Elise. 11/22/05. She joins her sister, Lauren Elise (20 months).

Suzanne Davis Campbell ('00) and W. Taylor Campbell III ('00, MSA '01), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Davis Lauren. 12/17/05

Kristen Hancock Shoemaker ('00, MAEd '04) and Ben Shoemaker, Tulsa, OK: a daughter, Elizabeth Macrae. 8/17/05

Vance Jennings ('01) and Mary Erin Auld Jennings, Franklin, NC: a daughter, Riley Grace. 10/10/05
Professor Emeritus William H. Gulley, who taught in the sociology department from 1966 until retiring in 1987, died on December 19, 2005, at his home in Winston-Salem. He was 85. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and three children, Peggy, Bill (‘86), and John.

Gulley came late to academe, serving more than a decade in the Navy before returning to school for his Ph.D. and beginning his teaching career. At Wake Forest, he taught courses on the sociology of religion, urban studies, and social and volunteer organizations. His research interests were in volunteer organizations and the urban community.

Professor Emeritus of Sociology John Earle was in graduate school with Gulley at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was already on the sociology faculty when he was hired. “He was a kind person, who took a lot of interest in his students, and a good colleague,” said Earle, who retired in 2001. “He was someone who was very easy to work with.”

Professor of Sociology Catherine Harris, who once team-taught a class with Gulley on the sociology of art, said he was unassuming and quiet, but also funny and witty. “He was a great lecturer, and the students enjoyed him. He was really interested in the welfare of students, and he maintained contact with many of them.”

A native of Petersburg, Virginia, Gulley volunteered for the Navy in 1937. During World War II, he served in Europe and Guadalcanal and was on the Navy boxing team. Following the war, he graduated from UNC, but he returned to the Navy in 1948 and served as an intelligence and communications officer in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

After he retired from the Navy in 1953, he taught biology, chemistry, and physics at a school in Virginia before returning to UNC and earning his master’s degree in 1957 and his Ph.D. in 1961. He founded the sociology departments at Virginia Commonwealth University and Eastern Kentucky University before joining the Wake Forest faculty in 1966 in what was then a combined sociology and anthropology department.

Deaths

J. Floyd Fletcher (‘34), Dec. 7, 2005, Durham, NC. A pioneering television executive and prominent civic leader, he was a life trustee of Wake Forest and one of the University’s major benefactors. He was a major supporter of the School of Law, establishing a full-tuition scholarship in memory of his father in 1978. He served on the Board of Trustees (1973–76 and 1982–85) and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he moved to Durham and started radio station WTIK. In 1954, he and business partner Harmon Duncan began the first television station in the area, WTVD. Several years later, WTVD became a part of what would eventually become Capital Cities Broadcasting Corporation. He served as a vice president and director of Capital Cities until his retirement. He was inducted into the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Jean, two daughters, Barbara and Betsy, a son, Jim, and two stepchildren, Susan and Jeff.

Edwin F. Perry (‘38), Oct. 25, 2005, Louisville, KY. He served as a Baptist pastor in Fayetteville and Rockingham, NC, and for 31 years at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, where he was pastor emeritus.

James E. Etheridge ('40), Nov. 7, 2005, Wilson, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a lifelong member of the North Carolina Dental Association.

Elbert Cray Hill Jr. ('40), Nov. 2, 2005, Sterling, VA. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught mathematics at the University of Miami and retired in 1980 from the U.S. Weather Bureau/National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL.

Leon Thomas Raynor ('40), Sept. 1, 2005, Maple Hill, NC.


W. Hammond Floyd ('42, JD '47), Oct. 18, 2005, Myrtle Beach, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a special agent with the FBI in Cleveland, Albany, and New York and Washington, D.C. until 1975.

Henry “Hank” Bougus ('43), Nov. 25, 2005, Solvay, NY. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a physical education teacher for the West Genesee Central School District for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

James “Jimmie” Arthur Jeffries ('45), Nov. 21, 2005, Greensboro, NC. He retired after 34 years as a photographer with the Greensboro News & Record, was a security officer for Guilford Security and worked with his sons as a key maker and locksmith.

LeRoy C. Hand Jr. ('47, MD '50), Dec. 10, 2005, Camden, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. He had a private family medical practice in Gates County for 24 years and was a Coast Guard medical officer and hospital physician at Albemarle Hospital until his retirement.

Randall Altmon Dyches Sr. ('49), Oct. 13, 2005, Folly Beach, SC. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and was retired from G.M.A.C. in Charleston, SC.

John Northan Bridgman Jr. ('48), Nov. 15, 2005, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His career in education began in the New Hanover County elementary schools where he was principal of Wrightsville Beach School, administrator of the Wilmington Head Start program, an accreditor for the Southern Association for Accreditation of North Carolina Public Schools, director of the N.C. Advancement School in Winston-Salem, and education consultant to the Architects of N.C. Elementary Schools for the Department of Public Education. He retired in 1989 and was a consultant to the Lumberton School Board and later chairman of the Wrightsville Beach Planning Board.

William Smith Doyle Sr. ('48), Jan. 2, 2006, Martinsville, VA. He was a prominent businessman and generous supporter of Wake Forest who served on the Alumni Council and the College Board of Visitors. In 1986, he provided funding for the award now known as the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching in honor of his Wake Forest philosophy professor, A.C. Reid. A foundation he established provides scholarships to students from Martinsville attending Wake Forest and other colleges. A veteran of the Army-Air Corp during World War II, he founded Doyle Lumber Co. in 1948 and later operated other lumber-related companies until his retirement in 1989. He was a past president of the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association. He is survived by his wife, Lillie; three daughters, Gail Gregory ('74), Sarah Krebs ('78) and Mary Elizabeth Doyle; and two sons, Wilbur Smith “Smitty” Doyle Jr. ('72) and David Reid Doyle (MBA '87).

Dolores M. Thompson (MD '48), Sept. 25, 2005, Villa Park, CA.

P.A. Cline Jr. ('49), Jan. 14, 2006, Boiling Springs, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a retired professor emeritus of Gardner-Webb University. He was an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Church.

William P. Currier Jr. ('49, JD '51), Dec. 24, 2005, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and practiced law in Chase City, VA. He retired to Charlotte in 1982 to be closer to his two sons.

Herbert R. Berry Jr. ('50), Dec. 16, 2005, Shrewsbury, PA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a communications engineer for the Department of Defense. He was an avid golfer.

Wendell M. Lykins ('50), Aug. 5, 2005, Louisville, KY. He was a retired high school teacher.

Max A. Nance ('50), Dec. 6, 2005, Asheboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and operated Nance Chevrolet Company until selling the dealership in 1991.

Howard Allan Jemison Jr. (MD ’51), Nov. 29, 2005, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He had a private medical practice in Essex, MA, was the head of student health services at Wake Forest, and had a private practice in King, NC. He was a medical consultant for North Carolina Disability Determination Services from 1985 until his retirement in 1997.

Margaret Garren Allen ('52), Nov. 1, 2005, Wake Forest, NC. She worked with her husband at the community newspaper, The Wake Weekly, for 44 years. She was active in the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society.

Robert Paschal Burns ('52), Nov. 7, 2005, Raleigh, NC. He was an architect and a professor in the College of Design at North Carolina State University.

John A. “Buck” Jones Jr. (BBA ’52), Oct. 11, 2005, Clayton, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He worked at Carolina Packers in Smithfield, NC, taking over after his father’s retirement. He bred quarter horses and represented North and South Carolina as the first director to the American Quarter Horse Association.
OBITUARY

Thomas Gossett, English professor and author

Professor Emeritus Thomas F. Gossett, a longtime English professor who spent much of his career writing about the history of race in America, died on December 11, 2005, in Winston-Salem. He was 89.

Gossett, who specialized in American history, philosophy, and social science, taught 19th and 20th century American fiction and introductory composition and literature courses. After he retired in 1987, he remained a frequent visitor to the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, where he continued his research and writing. He is survived by his wife, Louise.

“One thing that is clear about him is that he is charmingly unforgettable,” said Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of English Edwin G. Wilson (’43) during a memorial service for Gossett on December 15. “In recent days friends around the Wake Forest campus have laughed and cried over him, unwilling to believe that he will not again be walking—one more time—into the library in search of yet another errant piece of information or just looking for someone to tell a story to.”

Gossett received national attention for his landmark 1963 book, Race: The History of an Idea in America, written several years before he joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1967. A new edition of the book was printed in 1997. “As a scholar (he) was widely recognized as the author of one of the best books on race in America,” Wilson said. “He did not wince from taking on this most difficult subject of his native South, and he explored historic, brutal racism with exacting research and ethical human understanding.”

Gossett also received wide acclaim for his 1985 book, Uncle Tom’s Cabin and American Culture, which examined how the 19th century novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe influenced attitudes toward race.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Gossett earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Southern Methodist University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He served as a radio operator in the Army Air Force during World War II and was stationed in Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East. He taught English and American literature at Louisiana State University, Wesleyan College in Georgia, and Trinity University in Texas prior to coming to Wake Forest.

Jeanette Hughes Jordan (’52), Nov. 3, 2005, Raeford, NC. She served in many capacities at First Baptist Church in Raeford for more than 50 years. She volunteered for 20 years at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst and taught second grade in the Hoke County public schools for 13 years.

Willis E. “Doc” Murphrey III (’52, JD ’57), Dec. 6, 2005, Roanoke Rapids, NC. He was one of Wake Forest’s most famous alumni, known for his humorous stories and leading the cheers at Groves Stadium, no matter how bad the score. After taking some 11 years to finish his undergraduate and law degrees (broken up by a two-year stint in the U.S. Army), Murphrey was well on his way to becoming an unforgettable character. Professionally, he began and ended his legal career in private law practice in Roanoke Rapids, sandwiched around 20 years as an assistant district attorney for Halifax, Northampton, Hertford and Bertie counties. But it was his love of Wake Forest that endeared him to generations of alumni. He received the University’s Medallion of Merit last year. “No boy ever went to Wake Forest College and enjoyed it more than I did,” he said in an article in the September 2005 issue of Wake Forest Magazine (www.wfu.edu/magazine). He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, and children Everette Murphrey (’81, JD ’84) and Susan Britt Macon.

Roy E. Snell (’52), Oct. 26, 2005, Lexington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He entered the ministry and returned to South Korea as a Southern Baptist missionary. He also served in Indonesia and Guam before retiring. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sarah Brooks Snell (’53), six sons: Jim, John, Tom (’80, MAEd ’82), David, Steve and Bo, and 11 grandchildren.

B.C. Phillips Jr. (’54, MD ’57), Oct. 25, 2005, Walterboro, SC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was in general medical practice for 41 years.

Barbara Geer Davis (’55), Oct. 16, 2005, Semora, NC. She was retired from the Durham County school system and served as a minister’s wife for 40 years.
Samuel Carson Flynn Jr. (’55), Dec. 4, 2005, Virginia Beach, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy for 31 years as a fighter pilot and landing signal officer. He received many awards including the Silver Star, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Meritorious Service Medals, 22 Strike Flight Air Medals, two individual awards of the Air Medal and three Navy Commendation Medals.

Rudolph R. Pulley (’55), Dec. 2, 2005, Creedmoor, NC.

Roger C. Slater (MD ’55), Nov. 26, 2005, Prescott, AZ. He served in the U.S. Navy and practiced medicine in Blythe, CA, for over 40 years as chief of staff and chief of surgery at Palo Verde Hospital. He was inducted into the Florida State University Hall of Fame in 1994. From 2002 to 2004 he was medical director for Yavapai County Long Term Care.

Faye Tyndall Smith (’55), Dec. 11, 2005, Huntington, WV. She was a school teacher until her marriage to the late Robert Forest Smith (’53). Memorials may be made to the Robert Forest Smith III Scholarship Fund, The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 1135 Fifth Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227 or to the R.F. Smith Jr. Memorial Fund, The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 1135 Fifth Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.


John G. “Jack” Ammons (’58), July 4, 2005, Red Springs, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was retired from the North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation office in Lumberton, NC, was a charter member of the Red Springs Rescue Squad, and a funeral director with Boles Funeral Home.

Marjorie Colmer Bond (’58), Nov. 14, 2005, Miami, FL. She taught French and government in the Miami-Dade school system. She retired as chair of the Romance Language Department in 1989.

Robert Harold “Bob” Clodfelter (’58), Dec. 1, 2005, Lexington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a retired vice president and branch manager for Lexington State Bank. He is survived by his wife, Joan, four children and six grandchildren.

Raleigh Alton Holt Jr. (’58), Oct. 18, 2005, Edmond, OK. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and operated a family dentistry practice for 12 years in Orangeburg, SC. He was a professor of removable prosthodontics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, OK, for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Towe Holt (’61), four children, their spouses and six grandchildren.

Lemuel P. Price (BBA ’58), Jan. 2, 2006, Greenville, SC. He served in the U.S. Army and the Counter Intelligence Corps. He was a retired sales engineer with Steel Heddle Manufacturing Company.

David A. Jones (JD ’59), Dec. 30, 2005, Gastonia, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an insurance executive and agency manager until his retirement in 1990.

Ronald Wayne Brown (’60), Nov. 23, 2005, Winston-Salem. He was vice president at Alexander & Alexander (formerly Wachovia Insurance Agency) until his retirement in 1993.

Louie A. Mauney (’60), Nov. 19, 2005, North Myrtle Beach, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was on the board of directors for the North Myrtle Beach Humane Society, a member of the Keep North Myrtle Beach Beautiful Committee, a columnist for the North Myrtle Beach Times and an election commissioner for the City of North Myrtle Beach. He was honored as the 2005 North Myrtle Beach Volunteer of the Year.

Dianne Lancaster Porter (’60), Dec. 9, 2005, Shallotte, NC. She taught school in Florida, Hawaii and Massachusetts.

A. Hugh Altvater (MD ’61), Dec. 1, 2005, Charlotte, NC. He practiced pathology at Watauga Medical Center in Boone, NC.

Charles D. Page (’61), Oct. 28, 2005, Charlotte, NC. He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Paul W. Sullivan Jr. (’61), Dec. 16, 2005, Hendersonville, NC. He was an administrator with the Scotland County Schools in Laurinburg, NC, for 30 years, retiring in 1991. Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest University Scholarship Funds, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227 or the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.


Norian Denny Fordham Jr. (’63), Jan. 18, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was with Duncan Music Company for 37 years, owned and operated Fordham Music Co., was an employee of Target Stores, a bus driver for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, and a cafeteria cashier at Southwest Elementary School. He was a lifelong musician with a career in church music as assistant director and director of the Salem Band, director of the Moravian Band, Southern Province, and director of music at Olivet Moravian Church.

Vincent J. L amplifier (MA ’63), Nov. 7, 2005, Harrington, DE. He was an assistant professor of mathematics at Elon College until 1973. He retired in 1991 as manager of the Computer Information Center of the State of Delaware.

Barr G. Ashcraft (’64), Oct. 30, 2005, Amherst, MA. He was a photojournalist with images appearing in Life, National Geographic, Newsweek, Time and other newspapers and magazines around the world. He was a retired building contractor after 25 years in the family business.

Paul E. Barber (’64), Dec. 13, 2005, Raleigh, NC.

Kenneth E. Ford (’65), Jan. 16, 2006, Fleetwood, NC. He was retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. with 30 years of service.
Joanna Lawrence Rollman (’68), Dec. 27, 2005, Greensboro, NC. She loved music, was a renovator and interior decorator and on the Murfreesboro (NC) Historical Commission. She is survived by her husband, Roger ('67), two sons, Lawrence and Sean ('94), and a granddaughter.

Charles E. Kirkpatrick (’69, MA ’70), Oct. 29, 2005, Frankfurt, Germany. Funeral services were in Waynesville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, retiring as a major in 1991. He was a historian for the U.S. Army, taught at West Point, and published three books, with two awaiting publication. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and daughter, Celia Kirkpatrick (’01).

Samuel L. Sehorn (’69, MD ’72), Sept. 22, 2005, San Marcos, TX. He was a cardiothoracic surgeon at St. Joseph Hospital in Texas.

Robert W. “Bob” Callahan (’70), Dec. 8, 2005, Shelby, NC. He was a research chemist for 20 years with Hoechst-Celanese. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Chemical Society. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227 or to the Uptown Shelter, PO Box 36471, Charlotte, NC 28236.

Thomas W. Starling (’71), July 20, 2005, High Point, NC. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and was district manager for the High Point Enterprise.

James Bradley Simons (’72), Dec. 8, 2005, Jacksonville, FL. He toured and played golf with the Professional Golfers Association.

David Rodney Duke (’73, JD ’77), Jan. 5, 2006, Kinston, NC. He was a trial attorney for 28 years, past president of the Lenoir County Bar Association and the Eighth Judicial District Bar, past director of the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys, and a life member of the National Registry of Who’s Who.


Benjamin Kretzbach Ball (’78), July 16, 2005, Morehead City, NC. He was co-owner of Century 21 Newsome-Ball Realty.

Jerry Wayne Lawson (MS ’80), Dec. 14, 2005, Pfafftown, NC.

Michael Reid Laffon (’81), Nov. 23, 2005, Hickory, NC. He was a retired pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Jersey City, NY.

D. Bruce Blake (’84), Oct. 28, 2005, Dunwoody, GA. He attended Wake Forest before graduating from the University of Georgia. He is survived by his parents, a brother and two sisters.

Stuart Bruce McGuire (’85), Dec. 15, 2005, Concord, NC. He was with IBM and a systems architect with Wachovia Bank.

Jennepher Hart Micalizzi (’87), Jan. 8, 2006, Charlotte, NC. She was a physician in internal medicine.

Roderick Edward Sparnicht Jr. (MA ’87), Nov. 12, 2005, East Bend, NC. He served in the Korean War and was a technical writer and engineer for Bell Systems, Western Electric and AT&T. Memorials may be made to Brenner Children’s Hospital, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

James M. Blackburn Sr. (MBA ’96), Jan. 15, 2006, Clemmons, NC. He was an engineer and assistant director in Facilities Management at Wake Forest, as well as a member of S.O.R.T. He is survived by his wife, Sara, and children, James Jr. and Bonnie.

Christen Wulf Balady (’01), Nov. 30, 2005, Philadelphia, PA. She was the circulation coordinator for Anthropologie. Memorials may be made to the Christen Balady Memorial Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Beverly Paul (MS ’03), Oct. 18, 2005, Sacramento, CA. She was a graduate student at the University of California, Davis.

Benny “Gray” Cockerham III, Oct. 21, 2005, Conover, NC. He was the son of Jill and Benny Gray Cockerham Jr. (’82) and was killed in action in Iraq. Memorials may be made to the Benny Gray Cockerham III USMC Memorial Fund, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Stanley M. Frank, Jan. 2, 2006, Greensboro, NC. A longtime chairman of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority board, he oversaw the growth of the airport for two decades. He was a generous donor to the University and a past member of the College Board of Visitors, the Medical Center’s Board of Visitors and the Comprehensive Cancer Center Board. He received an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 1981. He was currently serving on the board of directors of Reynolda House Museum of American Art. A native of New York City, he moved to Greensboro in 1936 to work at Carolina By Products, which he later bought, and he chaired the board until 1988. He was a founding member of the Greensboro Sports Council and a founding partner of the original Greensboro Generals professional hockey team. His childhood fascination in flying led him to become a private pilot, and he served on the airport authority board for more than 30 years, including 20 years as chairman (1972–1992). He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and sons Barry and William.

John Zebulon “Zeb” Green Jr., Nov. 12, 2005, Thomasville, NC. He was the retired CEO and chairman of the board of Green Printing Co. in Lexington, NC. He was a major donor to the medical school and served on the school’s Board of Visitors.

Rosemary Bernard Groves, Jan. 15, 2006, Winston-Salem. She was a social worker for the American Red Cross, managed a research project for Baylor College of Medicine, was assistant to the dean and personnel officer of Harvard Divinity School, assistant to the president of Guilford College, and manager of the pharmacology and physiology departments at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Richard Groves, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, a daughter, two sons and a granddaughter. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Church, PO Box 7326, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Mittie Lee Orr Hatch, Jan. 9, 2006, Columbia, SC. She was the mother of President Nathan O. Hatch. Memorials may be made to the James M. Hatch Chair in Counseling at Columbia International University, PO Box 3122, Columbia, SC 29230.

Students, Friends, Faculty/Staff

George Walker Box Jr., Nov. 21, 2005, Winston-Salem. He was with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins PLLC. Memorials may be made to the George Walker Box Jr. Trust for Brain Cancer Research, Wake Forest University Health Sciences Brain Tumor Center of Excellence, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157, or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Betty Cheek, Dec. 29, 2005, Greensboro, NC. She was the wife of Life Trustee Charles Cheek (’41).
Paula S. Henson, Jan. 18, 2006, Orlando, FL. She was the wife of the late Glen Henson ('27) and a major donor to the College and law school.

Mae Duckworth Hope, Dec. 4, 2005, Charlotte, NC. She was the wife of the late C.C. Hope Jr. ('43), an influential board of trustees chairman who chaired the search committee that selected Thomas K. Hearn Jr. as Wake Forest's twelfth president in 1984. She is survived by three children, Steve, Chip and Joan Bell ('76), and seven grandchildren.

Henry Conrad Lauerman, Dec. 25, 2005, Winston-Salem. A former Navy captain, he taught in the School of Law from 1963 until retiring in 1993. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1938, he served aboard four submarines during World War II and became the youngest officer to command a submarine during the war. Following the war, he was assigned to the Judge Advocate General's office and studied law at Georgetown University School of Law. He later commanded an amphibious command ship before retiring from the Navy in 1962. A year later, he received a post-graduate degree in law from Duke University and joined the Wake Forest law faculty. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; a son, Thomas; and three stepchildren, Edward, James and Susan.

John F. McNair III, Nov. 3, 2005, Winston-Salem. He was president and CEO of Wachovia Corporation and an avid donor and fundraiser.

Ricky Douglas Mitchell (MDiv '06), Dec. 7, 2005, Winston-Salem. He retired after 25 years from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and was pursuing his master's in the Divinity School at Wake Forest.

Dorothy Myers Morehead, Nov. 30, 2005, Winston-Salem. She was active in many charities and organizations and pursued interests in gardening, books, golf and bridge. Memorials may be made to the Robert P. and Dorothy M. Morehead Pathology Research Fund, c/o Office of Development, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Elizabeth Blossom Peterson, Nov. 10, 2005, Winston-Salem. She was a retired secretary in the Classical Languages department at Wake Forest.

Hazel Robey, Nov. 1, 2005, Winston-Salem. She was retired from the Wake Forest Advancement Office.

Louis de Schweinitz Shaffner, Jan. 11, 2006, Winston-Salem. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, he completed his medical training at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and joined the faculty there in 1951. He practiced general surgery and pioneered the specialty of pediatric surgery in Forsyth County. He was named professor emeritus of surgery in 1985 and received the Medical Alumni Association's Bowman Gray Award in 1992.

Dorabelle Graves Sykes, Jan. 3, 2006, Mount Airy, NC. She was a generous donor to the College and Medical School and the widow of Charles L. Sykes ('36). She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth and Charlotte, and one son, Charles Jr.

Robert Newell White, Oct. 23, 2005, Advance, NC. A graduate of Harvard University and its School of Business, he was an executive with International Paper Company before joining the faculty at the Babcock Graduate School of Management in 1972. He retired in 1982. The school's Robert White Award is given annually to the MBA student presenting the best management practicum from a field study/consulting project done for a sponsoring company.

Reba Moore Williams, Nov. 4, 2005, Newton, NC. She was a member of the President's Club and a donor to the Deacon Club, College Fund and Law Fund.

Mary Yorke Wyatt, Dec. 16, 2005, Raleigh, NC. She was the widow of William Luther Wyatt Jr. ('35). Memorials may be made to the William L. Wyatt Scholarship Trust, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.
Adaptable

Architect Mark Kirchner (‘85) has changed careers as well as continents.

Mark Kirchner (‘85) is Facilities Director/University Architect for the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Kirchner graduated from Wake Forest with a major in mathematics and a minor in computer science. He earned his master of architecture degree in 1995 from Georgia Tech, where he met his future wife, Samia, a native of Pakistan. After working in Atlanta and Hawaii, he moved in 2000 to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a tiny triangle of a country at the mouth to the Persian Gulf, surrounded by the gulf, Oman, and Saudi Arabia.

Why did you return to school to become an architect?

I was first drawn to architecture in high school through the design and construction of our family house. The architect became a family friend. At Wake Forest, there was no architecture degree, so I followed other interests, mixing art classes in with the study of numbers. After graduation, I worked for a few years as a computer programmer, but was drawn back to architecture while touring the Sydney Opera House in 1989. The complex engineering and organization behind this inspiring building was what really drew me in. A marriage between science and art. I still use tools I learned from the computer job every day. I don’t use any of the math, but my logical approach to problem solving is indebted to the Wake Forest mathematics department. It’s a good major, if not an obvious one. It’s adaptable, and can lead to many fields.

What in the world led you to the UAE of all places?

Eighty percent of the population in the UAE is expatriate, and one of the job benefits is plane tickets back every year to the place of origin. After Hawaii, I was interested in visiting another part of the world, and one that was close to the environment my wife grew up in. This was a chance for her to be close to home and have an opportunity to speak her native Urdu. We figured on four years, and are midway through our sixth year. Based on the average expat, we have at least four more to go before we get away from here. Life is surprisingly safe and comfortable, once you get used to the heat and humidity.

We describe Wake Forest as small in size, big in resources, tall among national universities. Is the American University of Sharjah (AUS) the Wake Forest of the Middle East?

AUS has about 4,000 students and strives for excellence in engineering, architecture, design, and business. The College of Arts and Sciences provides strong classes for the liberal arts angle. It also offers degrees in English and mass communications. The library has a special reserve section, where books with nudity or unpopular thesis are kept. They are accessible to all, but are controlled to avoid vandalism. There is lively debate among faculty and students regarding everything from the appropriateness of certain topics in the classroom, to the appropriateness of a mosque on an American university campus, to the right to raise roosters or chickens in the faculty housing area. It’s probably like Wake Forest in its early years, and not just because of the chickens. The students are smart and intellectually very active, but have often had censored education before University.

Any chance of an exchange program between Wake Forest and AUS?

I believe that an exchange program between Wake Forest and AUS would be a great way to strengthen the bridge between east and west. Although this is not my field, my experience at both universities reveals to me certain similarities. Both universities are small, promote liberal arts programs, and have low faculty/student ratios. All classes are taught in English. AUS is very Americanized in the sense that it and the UAE are melting pots for the region. There are sixty-eight nationalities at the university. Most of the students are expatriates already.
living in the UAE. No one culture dominates, and acceptance of other cultures is the norm. The classrooms and student center are mixed, but no mixed visiting in the dorms is allowed, and a curfew for dorm students is enforced. There are no fraternities; instead, AUS has more than fifty student clubs. Besides the typical photography and diving clubs, there are almost as many cultural clubs as nationalities. I have trained almost thirty architecture students from Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, all the Arab countries. They are like students everywhere. Most are very bright, some are lazy. The students wear all kinds of dress at school. Some girls wear the tightest, trendiest clothes, but may be walking arm in arm with a fully covered friend. It's wonderfully contradictory.

As a university architect, do you have any ideas how to fix Tribble Hall so students (and professors) don't get lost?

One word: signage. Navigation is a big problem on (my) campus. Up to now, there has been almost no signage. It seems simple but is a time-consuming project that can't be done in your spare time. In the five years I have been here, constant construction has meant no time for soft design. As University Architect, I'm responsible for the design and construction of all new campus buildings. In my tenure, the university has doubled in size, from 2,000 to 4,200 students. I have designed and supervised construction on numerous buildings, including academic buildings for classrooms, engineering and science laboratories, a state-of-the-art library, a student center, a food court with Starbucks, Burger King, and Pizza Hut, a bowling facility, dormitories, a daycare, and faculty housing.

Your wife is Muslim, and you were raised Catholic, but converted to Islam several years ago. What led you to that decision?

Islam does not allow Muslim women to marry outside of their faith. It's as simple as that. I was reluctant at first, but then I stood for my brother-in-law when he converted to marry my wife's sister. At that point, I realized conversion was do-able within my personal faith. We were raised Catholic, but my parents fell in love with Samia and were open to my conversion. It made my wife's family very happy. It also made living in the UAE possible, although I didn't realize that at the time. Our wedding was a great introduction to the wonderful combinations that occur with cultural mixing. The week before the wedding, I converted to Islam in a mosque near the University of Pennsylvania. The Muslim wedding is called a Nikkah and took place inside a restaurant belonging to a friend in rural Lancaster county. Two days later, we repeated our vows in a non-denominational church ceremony for my parents and our friends.

What's it like being an American in the Middle East today with the war in Iraq only about 500 miles away?

I live and work on the university campus, in a house I designed. I leave campus to go to dinner, shopping, movies, the beach. The beaches and water here are great. Our daughter Maya, born in the UAE, has been swimming in the gulf since she was six-months-old. The war hasn't negatively impacted our life in the UAE any more than it would in the U.S. But we may be more aware because we have perhaps more friends that are impacted. Our Iraqi and Afghani friends hope every day for some positive change. Lebanon, Pakistan, and other nearby countries are facing difficulties too. We have friends that have faced hardships from last year's tsunami and the Kashmir earthquake. Nevertheless, the greater Arab region and the Indian subcontinent need some place to invest their money. There is apparently a lot of it. As the west becomes more closed, and the region remains unstable, more and more money is being invested in neutral, stable, progressive Arab countries like the UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar. Similarly, the more difficult it is to go to school in America, the more students will come to AUS.
You wrote some friends before the war started that you weren't particularly afraid of being in the Middle East and that you saw your daily, random contact with Middle Eastern people as “the best glue for bonding together our global society.” Was this being a little naïve, given all the conflicts in the world?

Luckily, I had been in the region a year before 9/11. I work with a lot of people outside the University: consultants, contractors, government departments. Most of these people are from an Arab background. They seem to recognize that individuals shouldn’t be blamed for the actions of governments. They have a long history of problems between neighboring countries; perhaps this helps them to see past politics and learn to work together. These experiences and friendships put me at relative ease. My friends at home did not have those experiences and so were afraid for me.

This example supports my belief that fear is based on the unknown. Once that fear is known, the understanding can turn into acceptance and respect. The night after 9/11 we had a farewell dinner for my old boss, a Palestinian-American who was returning to the U.S. At that time, I was only one of two Americans in the administration. I was surrounded by my colleagues who were Palestinians, Iraqis, Sudanese, Afghans, Arabs. All the countries President Bush listed as responsible for harboring terrorism. Everyone was in shock, and very consolatory towards me. It gave me a very different perspective from that of my friends in the U.S.

How has the UAE managed to remain stable and prosperous, when much of the Middle East is in perpetual conflict?

Sharjah is one of seven city-states that joined together in the '70s to form the United Arab Emirates. Abu Dhabi is the capital, Dubai is the famous tourist destination, and Sharjah is dedicated to heritage and education. The government is a royal monarchy, and is lucky to have educated, progressive leaders with a lot of money to spend on the welfare of the country. The nationals, the local people, are called Emiratis. You cannot become a national and get a passport from the UAE except by birth from an Emirati. This means the citizen population remains small and expatriates make up 80 percent of the population. They come from all the Arab states, plus Lebanon, Iran, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines. From the west, the British are the most common, followed by Canadians, Australians, and finally, Americans. Russia and its border countries have become another strong workforce. The country is predominantly Islamic, but there are many Christians and Hindus as well.

The stability of the country and its open policy has drawn in a lot of foreign investment. The UAE has a lot of respect in the region. You could say that the Emirates are the Switzerland of the Mideast. The Ruler of Sharjah invests in education in many other countries, from Egypt to England. Nelson Mandela is a friend of the Sharjah Ruler, and he gave a lecture at the University. One comment he made was something to the effect that democracy is not the only effective form of government. He was referring to the success of Sharjah and the UAE. In retrospect, it also criticized the post 9/11 U.S. foreign policy of democratizing the region.

As an American, I believe that democracy is the best form of government yet implemented in human history. As an expatriate living in the Middle East with many non-American friends, I realize that democracy is a delicate concept not easily implemented in this culture. The UAE government is now going through baby steps towards democracy. I guess they realize that it only takes one lunatic to ruin a good monarchy. Things have remained in good hands so far. Last year we saw the transition of the Ruler in Abu Dhabi and last week (early January) the transition of the Dubai Ruler.

I hear you have first-hand knowledge of Saddam Hussein’s swimming ability?

That would be second-hand knowledge. Most of the Iraqis in the UAE had fled the reign of Saddam Hussein. They are happy he is gone. But it still isn't safe to go back. We had a dinner party one night, cooked by Samia and my Afghan-Pakistani mother-in-law. We invited two Iraqi friends who had not previously met, a Lebanese couple and a German lady. After dinner the two Iraqis got to talking, trying to one up each other. The winner told a story about how he was swimming in a lake one morning. Saddam Hussein showed up out of the blue and invited him to swim with him. They swam out together but Saddam swam back alone. My friend came back with the boat guard. I’m not sure if it was because Saddam was in better shape, or that my equally fit friend was not allowed to disgrace the president.

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