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College is a time to develop as well-rounded individuals, capable of facing big questions that will inevitably lack perfect solutions.
Wrestle with complex issues, Warner tells 1,500 graduates

Former Virginia Governor Mark Warner, a potential Democratic candidate for president, told members of Wake Forest’s Class of 2006 that they now have a responsibility to elevate the nation’s political discourse to address problems ranging from the war in Iraq to American dependence on foreign oil. “Reject the cynicism and shallow posturing that dominate our media, tune out the shouting and background noise that masquerade as meaningful commentary,” he said. “Instead, wrestle with those complex issues, be respectful of those with whom you disagree, and always remember that despite all our differences there is that common bond that draws us together and binds us together as Americans.”

Warner spoke to about 934 undergraduates and 649 graduate and professional school students who received their diplomas during the May 15 ceremony on Hearn Plaza, which began under cloudy skies with cool temperatures, but ended under bright sunshine. It was
issues without questioning each other’s underlying morality or religious sincerity. We should be able to disagree about tax or health care policy without questioning each other’s basic compassion or motives. If you remember nothing else about what I say today, remember this: No one, no one in politics has a monopoly on virtue, on patriotism, or most importantly, on the truth.”

The issues the United States faces, he said, are too important for name-calling and superficial debate. “America’s diminished stature in the world, global terrorism, the hyper-competitiveness of the global economy, our dependence on foreign oil which threatens not only our nation’s security but adds to global warming, and the massive budget deficits that underline our ability to meet these challenges; each of these problems are like snowballs rolling down the hill, each picking up their own momentum, any one of which, if we get wrong, could be a major national catastrophe.

“Unfortunately all these problems are approaching us simultaneously. To turn these perils into promise, to reap the huge potential of this interdependent world, we do need people who are passionate in their beliefs, dedicated to debate, but committed to forging consensus in the best traditions of our nation. As graduates of Wake Forest you are perfect candidates for this job.”

Warner, a co-founder of Nextel Communications before entering politics, offered graduates one final word of advice: “Call your mother,” he said to laughter and applause. “I say that not just because I was in the cell-phone business... you’ve got to acknowledge that you didn’t get here alone.” Warner, who received
In his remarks to the graduates, Hatch recognized President Emeritus Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., and his wife, Laura, who were in the audience, and thanked students for welcoming him to campus, before offering some advice. “Do not expect to know today what your best opportunities will be in the future,” he said. “As much as we like to plan and prepare for what is ahead, to control our destiny, in all likelihood your best opportunities will come as a surprise. You have no way today of charting them or predicting them ahead of time. And today, if you limit yourself to what is already evident on the horizon, you may be in more control, but your future will be less interesting and less inspiring. So today, my advice is simple: Relish the unknown, embrace the unexpected and welcome the joy of surprise.”

Three retiring faculty members from the Reynolda Campus were recognized during the program: Jill Jordan McMillan, professor of communication, who joined the faculty in 1983; Gordon A. Melson, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and professor of chemistry, who joined the faculty in 1991; and Charles L. Richman, professor of psychology, who joined the faculty in 1968. Professor of Philosophy Marcus B. Hester (’60), who joined the faculty in 1963, is also retiring, but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Three retiring faculty members from the Bowman Gray Campus also were recognized: David A. Bass, professor of Internal Medicine—Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy, and Immunologic Diseases; W. Kenneth Haisty, associate professor of Internal Medicine—Cardiology; and Paul J. Meis, professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology—Maternal/Fetal Medicine.

In addition to Warner, honorary degrees were awarded to author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor, a professor at Piedmont Bible College in Georgia, who delivered the Baccalaureate address on May 14, honorary Doctor of Divinity degree; Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health, honorary Doctor of Science degree; and Walter A. Orenstein, associate director of the Emory University Vaccine Center and a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Immunization Program, honorary Doctor of Science degree.

—Kerry M. King (’85)
Graduation album

Joe Martinez of Jacksonville, North Carolina, a photographer while he was a student at Wake Forest, took his camera to Commencement on May 15. He shared photos from his graduation album.

Smiling friends…

The prize…

Gathering…

Getting ready to march…

Joe with his parents…

The graduate’s view from the Quad…
**New members elected to Board of Trustees**

The following new members were elected to the Board of Trustees at the board’s March meeting:

- Ranlet S. Bell (JD ’89), Winston-Salem, an attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice;
- Susan M. Ivey, Winston-Salem, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Reynolds American Inc.;
- John R. Lowden (’79, MBA ’82), Greenwich, Connecticut, president of Newcastle Partners LLC;
- Harold O. Rosser, New Canaan, Connecticut, managing director of Bruckmann, Rosser, Sherrill & Co. LLC; and
- Joshua M. King, a junior from Johnson City, Tennessee, the student member of the board.

Former members re-elected to the board were:

- W. Louis Bissette, Jr. (’65), Asheville, an attorney with McGuire, Wood & Bissette;
- Simpson O. (Skip) Brown, Jr. (’77, MBA ’86), Winston-Salem, president and chief executive officer of TriStone Community Bank;
- Lawrence D. Hopkins (’72, MD ’77), Winston-Salem;
- James W. Johnston, Winston-Salem, president and chief executive officer of Stonemarker Enterprises Inc.;
- K. Wayne Smith (’60), Newton, North Carolina, president emeritus of OCLC Online Computer Library Center Inc.; and
- Janice Kulynych Story (’75), Atlanta.

Current board member Graham W. Denton, Jr. (’67), North Carolina president of Bank of America, was re-elected to the board.

The board re-elected L. Glenn Orr, Jr., of Winston-Salem, chairman, and elected K. Wayne Smith vice chairman. Former board member Jan W. Calloway of Greenwich, Connecticut, was elected a life trustee.

**Hatch initiates strategic planning**

As he completes his first year in office, President Nathan O. Hatch has begun a comprehensive strategic planning process to identify key priorities for strengthening the University. The planning process, expected to be completed by the fall of 2007, includes all schools and departments on the Reynolda Campus.

“Our new plan will build upon existing strengths and identify areas where we need to improve, through setting priorities, defining strategies, and developing tactics to reach our goals,” Hatch said. “This is an exciting time for Wake Forest. I am more confident than ever that Wake Forest has the ability to continue to take a significant place within higher education.”

Provost William C. Gordon (’68, MA ’70) and incoming Senior Vice President Nancy Suttenfield will co-chair the planning process and a planning council comprised of faculty, staff, and student members. The first part of the process will involve examining the internal and external factors that affect Wake Forest to develop strategic priorities; each academic and administrative area will then create plans to address those priorities. “We will need to take into account not only our own highest aspirations for Wake Forest but also the external forces that impact us,” Gordon said. “A viable plan balances the two.”

A Web site (www.wfu.edu/planning) has been established to keep alumni, faculty, staff, and students informed about the planning process.

**Trustees approve ’06–’07 budget**

The Board of Trustees has approved a $286 million budget for the Reynolda Campus for 2006-2007, up from $268 million this year. The most significant increase is for salary and fringe benefit increases, up $8.4 million from the current fiscal year. The new budget allows for a 3 percent overall increase in the staff salary pool and a 6 percent overall increase in the faculty salary pool. Trustees will vote this month on the new budget for Wake Forest University Health Sciences, which includes the Bowman Gray Campus and Piedmont Triad Research Park.
**NEA recognizes WFU Press**

Wake Forest University Press, the major publisher of Irish poetry in North America, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant for Volume 2 of The Wake Forest Series of Irish Poetry. Like the first volume, the second volume consists of representative anthologies to introduce a number of Irish poets who have not appeared widely before in North America. Although small among university presses, the Wake Forest Press is internationally known for publishing such distinguished poets as Ciaran Carson, Thomas Kinsella, Vona Groarke, Conor O’Callaghan, and John Montague.

**Poteat Scholarship to honor Parker**

A Poteat Scholarship is being named in honor of the program’s longtime director, Lynn H. Parker, who is retiring after twenty years. “Lynn has been an integral part of the Poteat Scholarship program for most of its existence, leading the program and its students with personal attention, passion, and professionalism,” said Jason Cogdill (‘98, JD ’01), a former Poteat Scholar who is leading the fundraising effort to endow the scholarship in Parker’s name. Established in 1982 for North Carolina Baptist students, the Poteat Scholarship is awarded to about twenty freshmen each year and is currently valued at $11,200 per year. Gifts may be made to Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

**Reynolda House names director**

A deputy director of The Baltimore Museum of Art has been named executive director of Reynolda House Museum of American Art. Allison C. Perkins, who had been responsible for the Baltimore museum’s education and interpretation division since 1999, has more than twenty years of experience as an art museum educator and administrator. She has served as acting curator of education at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska; curator of education at the Portland (Maine) Museum of Art; and education director of the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Babcock offers MA in management**

The Babcock Graduate School of Management will offer a new Master of Arts in management degree this summer. The one-year program, designed for college graduates who were liberal arts or science majors, will introduce students to the fundamentals of business and management. “We created this new management program with the non-business major in mind,” said Babcock Dean Ajay Patel. “It will provide college graduates with a fifth year of study that will instill in them solid, marketable business fundamentals that will add to the fine education they have in their college major.”

**Babcock receives $1 million gift**

A $1 million gift from businessman Thomas Dingledine (MBA ’78) will be used to fund courses and programs at the Babcock School to promote ethical, social and environmentally responsible business leadership. His gift will help faculty members create new content for their classes, provide funds for research in those areas, and create new experiential learning opportunities for students. Dingledine, president of Exploration Partners LLC in Charlottesville, Virginia, said he hopes the gift will increase awareness about how to conduct business in a way that recognizes responsibilities to the greater good.
Truman Scholar

RISING SENIOR ELIZABETH LUNDEEN of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the latest Wake Forest student to receive a Truman Scholarship, a national award for postgraduate study for students interested in careers in government or public service. She was one of seventy-five students nationwide selected to receive a $30,000 scholarship for graduate or professional school. A political science and history major, she plans to pursue a joint law and master’s in public policy degree and work for the government or a non-profit agency before practicing environmental law. Fourteen Wake Forest students, including four in the last five years, have received the scholarship since Congress established the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation in 1975.

Kemper Scholars

RISING SOPHI-MORES DeeDee Pinckney and Sarah Walker have been named Kemper Scholars, the second consecutive year that two Wake Forest students have been selected by the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago. Each will receive an annual scholarship of $3,000 to $8,000 for the next three years and a $6,000 stipend for a summer internship following their sophomore year in a nonprofit organization in Chicago. The Kemper program is designed to help liberal arts students prepare for leadership roles in their chosen field and community. Pinckney, of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, plans to major in sociology. Walker, of London, plans to major in business or Spanish.

Rhodes Scholar

SENIOR LAKSHMI KRISHNAN, Wake Forest’s latest Rhodes Scholar, picked up another honor when she was named to USA Today’s 2006 All-USA College Academic Second Team. An English and German major from Sugar Land, Texas, Krishnan was one of only six students from North Carolina colleges and universities to be recognized. USA Today named twenty students each to a first, second, and third team, based on outstanding academic achievement and
Deacon debaters finish 2nd in nation

Recent graduates Jamie Carroll (’06) and Brad Hall (’06) placed second in the nation among seventy-eight teams competing at the National Debate Tournament in March. It was the highest finish by a Wake Forest team since the 1997 team won the national title.

Carroll, from Nashville, Tennessee, was named the tournament’s eighth best speaker, and Hall, from Manahattan, Kansas, was named the ninth best speaker. The teammates, both political science majors, defeated teams from Dartmouth, Northwestern, and Emory, and two teams from Harvard before losing on a split decision in the final round to Michigan State University.

Wake Forest was one of only six schools in the nation to qualify the maximum three teams for the tournament. The teams of senior Elizabeth Gedmark of Louisville, Kentucky, and junior Chris Sedelmyer of Erie, Pennsylvania, and freshmen Seth Gannon of Atlanta, Georgia, and Alex Lamballe of Nashville, Tennessee, finished the tournament with 4–4 records.

KidsFest

More than three hundred local children with disabilities were treated to carnival games, entertainment, and food during the inaugural “KidsFest” on campus in April. The festival was organized by three student groups—Helping to Overcome Physical Expectations, the Volunteer Service Corps, and the Disabilities Awareness Coalition—to build on the volunteer efforts by Wake Forest students at The Children’s Center for the Physically Disabled and The Special Children’s School. Organizers hope to make the festival an annual event.
Have given. Milner joined the faculty in 1969 and had served as chair of the education department since 1978—the longest tenure by a current chair—before stepping down this summer. In addition to training hundreds of teachers, he has been active with the North Carolina English Teachers Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, North Carolina Governor's School, the Advanced Placement Institute, the National Writing Project, and the North Carolina Association of the Gifted and Talented.

Joseph Milner

LONGTIME PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION Joseph O. Milner has received the Dellinger Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina English Teachers Association, only the third time the award has ever been given. Milner joined the faculty in 1969 and had served as chair of the education department since 1978—the longest tenure by a current chair—before stepping down this summer. In addition to training hundreds of teachers, he has been active with the North Carolina English Teachers Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, North Carolina Governor's School, the Advanced Placement Institute, the National Writing Project, and the North Carolina Association of the Gifted and Talented.

Kline Harrison

PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT J. Kline Harrison has been named the Calloway School's first Kemper Professor of Business. Harrison, who is also an associate dean at the Calloway School, joined the faculty in 1990. He teaches classes on organizational behavior and management, and he was heavily involved in creating the new interdisciplinary global trade and commerce studies minor.

The professorship was funded by a grant of $129,500 from the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago.

Ronald Dimock

BIOLOGY PROFESSOR Ronald V. Dimock, Jr., has received the Meritorious Teaching Award from the Association of Southeastern Biologists for his contributions to the training of both graduate and undergraduate biology students. Dimock, the Thurman D. Kitchin Professor of Biology, teaches marine biology, invertebrate zoology, comparative physiology, and physiological ecology. Since joining the faculty in 1970, he has led student field trips to a variety of sites, including the southwestern United States, Mexico, and the Galapagos Islands. Candidates for the award must be nominated by former students.

A better way

Law, sociology faculty collaborate to study the 'settlement dance.'

MEDICAL-MALPRACTICE lawsuits have exploded in recent years, leading to huge jury verdicts for injured plaintiffs. Or so newspaper headlines and politicians crusading for tort reform would have you believe. In reality, fewer than 10 percent of malpractice cases actually proceed to trial; most cases are voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiffs without any payment of money, while 30 percent to 40 percent are resolved through negotiated settlements.

As essential as settlements are to keeping the wheels of justice turning, there's been very little research on the process. For the last ten years, what may seem an odd pairing of Wake Forest researchers—an attorney and a sociologist—have observed hundreds of hours of settlement talks, combed through reams of documents, sifted through hundreds of court files, and queried attorneys, judges, insurers, and doctors to understand what they
like to call the “settlement dance” and how it can be improved and better utilized to reduce the cost and time involved in malpractice litigation. “Settlements happen more often than verdicts, but there’s very little literature on the way medical-malpractice lawsuits are settled,” says Professor of Law Ralph Peeples. “In law school, you focus on the trial—lawyers try cases. But most of these cases are settled, so the process of settlement needs to be better understood.”

Peeples’ research partner, Professor of Sociology Catherine T. Harris, is one of only a handful of sociologists in the country researching malpractice issues. She brought a background in quantitative research methods—scientifically collecting and analyzing data—and a longstanding interest in issues relating to medical students to their ongoing research. “We bring complementary skills to the project,” Peeples said. “I could go to the courthouse and pull a litigation file and read it. But once you start generating information and looking for patterns, that’s a methods problem for someone with Dr. Harris’ background. The social-science approach to research is not something lawyers know much about.”

They’re careful to explain that they’re not studying whether there are too many malpractice suits filed or whether jury awards are too large, but are focusing on why some cases result in settlements and similar ones don’t, and why some cases end up in trial and others don’t. It involves researching not only medical and legal issues, but also human interaction and negotiation dynamics. “Litigation is expensive and time-consuming, and often loses sight of the original two players—the doctor and the patient,” Peeples notes. “When there are claims, there should be a more satisfying and efficient way to resolve those claims.”

Peeples and Harris initially teamed with Duke University law professor Tom Metzloff in the mid-1990s to study the use of court-ordered mediation in resolving malpractice lawsuits. When that project ended, Peeples and Harris forged ahead and have collected a wealth of data on malpractice cases in North Carolina. They’ve analyzed more than 500 court files; interviewed and surveyed attorneys, superior court judges, claims adjusters, and physicians who have been sued for malpractice; received unprecedented access to the claims files of two major insurers; and observed fifty settlement mediations—some lasting more than ten hours—as the proverbial “fly on the wall.”

They’ve published a number of articles and papers, writing about physicians’ attitudes toward being sued; the way claims are resolved, whether by settlement or trial; the role of insurers in resolving claims; and the attributes of plaintiffs’ lawyers who specialize in malpractice litigation. They’ve come to recognize the rituals—the “settlement dance”—followed by all the key players in negotiations and are working on a paper to describe that intricate choreography. It’s not taught in law school, Peeples says, but it’s a dance that everyone involved in the process instinctively understands. If, for instance, an insurer makes any offer of money, most of the time the case is going to be settled before trial. At trial, juries find for the physician more than 75 percent of the time; plaintiff’s lawyers know the long odds so it’s in their best interests to try to reach a settlement.

They’re also studying what effect imposing caps on damages and limiting the number of expert witnesses that can be called to testify in a trial has on whether a case is settled or proceeds to trial. North Carolina doesn’t limit damages or the number of expert witnesses, while Virginia does, a convenient regional difference that could provide fodder for future study. They’re also trying to find real cases to test their ideas for improving the claims resolution process. They’ve pitched a “model approach” to plaintiffs’ and defense lawyers in a number of recently filed cases, and attorneys in several of those cases have agreed to abide by their model guidelines.

If it’s successful in reducing the cost and time of malpractice litigation, look for them to be visiting more courthouses across the state. “If we can show some positive results (in the early cases), that ought to lead to a larger scale study,” Peeples says. “There has to be a better way.”

—Kerry M. King (’85)
Master plan

The next step in John Anderson’s journey takes him from the administration to the classroom.

The elevator ride from the Wait Chapel narthex to the bell-tower suite of offices takes precisely forty-four long seconds. An engineer by training, John P. Anderson (MAEd ’00) took note of that during his first year at Wake Forest when his office was located there, high above Hearn Plaza. Twenty-two years later, the elevator ride still takes forty-four seconds; that still-rickety elevator may be the only part of campus that hasn’t been improved during his long tenure as the campus master builder and planner.

“The thing I have always liked best is being allowed to work with Wake Forest students. Every time I work with them I’m reminded that they’re high-class people.”

Anderson, who is retiring this month as vice president for finance and administration, brought an engineer’s discipline and a planner’s zeal when he followed new President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., from the University of Alabama—where he had been a professor of engineering and mathematics and director of financial planning and long-range planning—to Wake Forest in January 1984. He instituted the University’s first long-range academic planning process and developed the first campus master plan to address a serious lack of academic and student space.

Over the next two decades, he led the planning, construction, and financing of $200 million worth of construction projects—including Olin Physical Laboratory, the Benson University Center, the Worrell Professional Center, Kirby Hall, and Greene Hall—that dramatically changed the face of the Reynolda Campus.

“One of the things that I take the most pleasure in is to walk on campus and to see the buildings built during the Hearn administration and see how much the place has been ‘prette tied up,’ because when I came here it was a little ‘severe,’ and now we have a really beautiful campus,” he said. “One of Tom Hearn’s direct instructions to me was that we win a prize for the most beautiful campus in America, and we did that his last year.”

Anderson also has played critical roles in the University’s major academic initiatives during the last two decades, from the School of Law’s 440 plan in the late 1980s to the Plan for the Class of 2000, which brought the now-ubiquitous computing environment to Wake Forest. Through his management of some of the largest administrative units on campus—facilities management, information systems, human resources, and financial and accounting services—his influence was felt in most every corner of campus. His portfolio early on also included student affairs and, later, managing the University’s endowment and serving as treasurer. Off-campus, he oversaw the growth of Graylyn into an award-winning conference center and, more recently, he helped bring Reynolda House Museum of American Art into the Wake Forest family.
After spending the next year as a postgraduate fellow at the Southeast Institute of Family and Group Therapy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, he’ll return to campus next fall to teach full-time in the graduate counseling program. It may seem an odd landing place for an engineer who holds a master’s degree in applied mathematics and a master’s and doctorate in engineering mechanics, all from Georgia Tech, plus an MBA from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. But he was also just a thesis away from a doctorate in psychology from UAB when he moved to Winston-Salem, and he later picked up a master’s in education in counseling from Wake Forest.

As he cleaned out his Reynolda Hall office this spring, he gave away the engineering books that filled one side of a bookcase the width of his office and moved his counseling books to the office he’s had in Tribble Hall for several years. He’s co-taught a counseling class for years and is looking forward to more contact with students in his new role. “The thing I have always liked best is being allowed to work with Wake Forest students. Every time I work with them I’m reminded that they’re high-class people.”

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Suttenfield is named senior VP for finance

Nancy D. Suttenfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been named senior vice president and chief financial officer. She will assume part of the duties of retiring Vice President for Finance and Administration John P. Anderson (MAEd ’00). Matthew S. Cullinan, formerly an administrator at the University of Notre Dame, previously had been named vice president for administration.

Prior to assuming her current position at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2000, Suttenfield was vice president for finance and administration at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, for four years. She has also worked at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., in various positions, including chief financial officer, and with the state of Virginia’s Department of Planning and Budget and Department of Taxation. She received her undergraduate degree in mathematics education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in economics from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bullock to succeed Boyette as VP for Advancement

Two veteran administrators are taking on new roles this summer. James R. Bullock (’85, MBA ’95), assistant vice president for University Advancement, has been promoted to vice president for University Advancement, succeeding Sandra C. Boyette (MBA ’95). Boyette, who has directed the University’s alumni, development, and public affairs offices since 1996, will become a senior advisor to President Nathan O. Hatch and will also continue to oversee the public affairs office.

Bullock has served as director of the University’s current capital campaign, “Honoring the Promise,” since it began in 1999. He joined the alumni and development office after graduating from Wake Forest in 1985 and has served in a number of positions, including associate director of development for the School of Law and the Babcock School and director of capital support for the “Heritage and Promise” capital campaign in the early 1990s.

Boyette, who joined the development office staff in 1981, was foundations officer and assistant director of development before being named director of public affairs in 1987. She became Wake Forest’s first female vice president when she was named vice president for public affairs in 1989. She assumed additional responsibilities for the University’s alumni and development offices in 1996 and was named vice president for University Advancement in 1997.

Fund will honor Clay, help Calloway students

The Richard “Dick” Clay Fund has been established in memory of the longtime Campus Bookstore director. It will support students in the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy who have internships or independent study projects that deal with entrepreneurship and ethical aspects of business. Clay (’56), who died in 2004, opened the bookstore after the move to the new campus and later served as director of University Stores before retiring after thirty-seven years. For more information on the fund, contact Mike Buddie (’93), assistant director of development for the Calloway School, at (336) 758-5223 or buddiemj@wfu.edu.
**Melson steps down as Graduate School dean**

_Gordon A. Melson_, who led the development of new graduate programs in the biomedical sciences and other areas, is stepping down this month after serving as dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for fifteen years. During his tenure, new graduate programs were created in molecular genetics, biomedical engineering, cancer biology, health sciences research, accountancy, and molecular medicine. In recent years, the University has launched a joint School of Biomedical Engineering with Virginia Tech, introduced a new Ph.D./MBA program, and reinstated an M.D./Ph.D. degree program.

Melson, a native of Sheffield, England, joined Wake Forest as dean and professor of chemistry in 1991 from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he was associate provost for research and graduate affairs and professor of chemistry. Prior to his appointment, every dean of the Graduate School had been a Reynolda Campus faculty member. A national search for a new dean will begin later this summer.

In Melson’s first year at Wake Forest, nineteen doctorates and ninety-six master’s degrees were awarded. Last spring, forty-eight doctorates and 186 master’s degrees were awarded. The number of degree-seeking students on the Bowman Gray Campus has risen from 113 in 1991–92 to 290 in 2005–06, while the number on the Reynolda Campus has risen from 351 to 413 during that time.

During his tenure, he increased partnerships and collaboration between the Graduate School and the rest of the University, particularly in the sciences, and between faculty on the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses. “I’m also pleased to see our Graduate School students embracing programs that cross departmental, school, and campus lines,” he said. “In today’s world, people in the workplace need to be able to work comfortably and effectively with those involved in other fields, other specialties.”

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**Presidential Trust for Faculty Excellence**

_President Nathan O. Hatch_ has announced a new plan to attract $10 million in additional funds for faculty support during the next eighteen months. He has created the Presidential Trust for Faculty Excellence, which will be used to support faculty professorships, stipends, and research. About $2.3 million had already been pledged to the new fund by mid-April.

Gifts of $250,000 or more, in cash or securities, are being solicited for the Presidential Trust. Seventy percent of each gift will be used to fund an endowment supporting faculty stipends, departmental professorships, and chairs. Twenty percent will provide carry over operating funds to be used at the discretion of the dean to make competitive offers to new faculty and to current faculty being recruited by other institutions. The remaining 10 percent will be used for the purchase of library materials that support faculty research.

_Gordon Melson has been Dean of the Graduate School since 1991._
Their college journey began with these words of welcome from then-President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr.: “Shel Silverstein has a marvelous little homily describing the choice that is yours today at the start of your journey:...
For the Eight Students
Wake Forest Magazine has followed since that late August day in 2002 when they entered as freshmen, their college journey indeed took them to Spain and Maine—and Australia and Amsterdam and Vietnam, too. The magic carpet took them to places they never envisioned four years ago, as they discovered new academic passions and new possibilities for their future and the joy of serving humanity. But the best rides end all too soon, they discovered. As they graduated last month, they reflected on where they’ve been and where they’re headed next.

Stories by Kerry M. King ('85)
Photos by Ken Bennett
DURING HER COLLEGE JOURNEY, Missy Malkush discovered an unexpected way to combine her lifelong interest in medicine with her passion for art. She found what she was searching for by following her heart away from medical school and into the growing field of prosthetics and orthotics, which she'll pursue in a master’s program at Georgia Tech this fall.

Despite changing her major from studio art to chemistry to biology and finally to health and exercise science, Malkush had remained firmly on the pre-med track until last summer. “I had been on this health-professions direction since I was a little girl, but I was waiting for something to sweep me off the sidelines. When I began to take med school more seriously while studying for the MCAT, I knew that was a life direction that my heart wasn’t into.”

Some sage advice from Associate Professor of Art David Finn, himself a biology major, helped open her mind to other possibilities. “He wanted to let me know that if I have a passion for art, I don’t have to let go of it because I may major in something else. But what do you do with health science and art?”

As she was reconsidering medical school, a classmate’s comment that her father studied orthotics sparked her interest. When she found the program at Georgia Tech, she had the “This is it!” moment she had been seeking. She got a firsthand look at what her future career might look like by volunteering last year at a clinic in Winston-Salem, where she worked with recent amputees and in the fabrication studio making new limbs.

A Presidential Scholar in art for her talent in photography, she was able to combine art with her interests in the human body in Finn’s sculpture class on “Bodies and Objects” last fall. “I was beginning to recognize how art can be part of my life. I found something that I really enjoyed that I wasn’t expecting. I was working with plaster in ways that I would work with it in the field. Everything just seemed to come together. I never thought that I’d become a sculptor, but in prosthetics/orthotics, I’ll sculpt the human body.”

Malkush credits a range of other experiences with giving her the confidence to pursue something she never envisioned four years ago. A semester in Spain helped her learn to live on her own. The LEAD leadership-development program helped her set goals and sharpen her leadership skills. And Wake Forest’s divisional requirements forced her to take classes outside the sciences, which stimulated her thinking in other areas. “You don’t have to stick to one route,” she said. “You can’t be scared to not know what’s ahead; see where your heart takes you.”

“I expect Wake Forest to prepare me for the transition from living with ‘mommy and daddy’ to being on my own. A lot will have to happen to make that possible.”
For Reggie Mathis, his college journey ended up pretty much where it all began—planning for divinity school and law school—which isn’t to say that he hasn’t changed along the way. Confident and ambitious as a freshman, he matured into a more thoughtful, less-driven leader as a senior, when he served as Student Government president. He came into Wake Forest with firm religious beliefs and a strong interest in politics, and left with a clearer vision of how he can combine the two in his future. “It’s not so much about my degree, but what the degree opens me up to doing,” he said.

As his last semester ended, he had to choose between following his faith into divinity school or his interest in politics into law school. He opted for divinity school—at Wake Forest—at least initially, with law school to follow. Four years of college—and in particular a class on “Religion and Public Life” with Professor of Religion Stephen Boyd—showed him how he can use his faith to help people in what he now envisions as a career as an attorney representing churches and religious organizations.

Mathis effectively combined religion and politics into his academic life—majoring in both areas—and in his extracurricular activities. He was active in Student Government and campus religious activities, and he helped start an interfaith worship group. As perhaps the most prominent African-American student leader on campus, he was pulled in many directions and had to learn to say “no,” a lesson learned the hard way when he took on too much too early on. But the most important lessons learned may have been patience and tolerance—whether of a difficult roommate or a classmate’s differing views.

“I’ve learned how to understand other people, to tolerate other people, and to listen to other people,” he said.

“When I came to Wake, I don’t think I listened very well, but as president I’ve had to listen. As a freshman, I had very clear ideas. I can see other ideas now. It (college) challenges your way of thinking. You can certainly understand where other people are coming from.”

Despite some notable achievements as president—working with ARAMARK to improve the student meal plan and leading an effort to construct a replica of the Old Campus arch on Hearn Plaza—he took his lumps in the Old Gold and Black almost every week. “It’s been a humbling experience, but it’s better to be criticized for doing something than for doing nothing,” he said.

“My respect for other people’s views and beliefs has grown. I’ve been challenged into seeking deeper into what I believe and to know exactly why I choose to believe what I do. That’s not changed my faith, only made it stronger.”

“Following your heart is an expression that’s overused, but it’s true. If there’s something inside whispering to you where you should be going and what you should be doing, you’re better off listening to it.”

"MAJOR

Undecided

FUTURE PLANS

Medical School"
FOR SASHA SUZUKI, THE FORMER walk-on to the women’s golf team, her college journey ended at a place she never would have envisioned four years ago: a full-time job—five months before graduation—with a social-service agency in downtown Winston-Salem. Along the way, she gave up golf but gained a new passion for social issues and the confidence and maturity to balance class work and a demanding job during her last semester.

“College does force you to become more mature and make you appreciate and realize how fortunate you are and not take for granted the many things we are given, such as the opportunity to be here at Wake Forest,” she said. “It gives you a different perspective and insight on life.”

An assignment in professor David Phillips’ “Urban Planning” class interviewing residents of a public housing project sparked her interest in urban and social problems. “That was the catalyst, and then it spiraled out of control. It shaped the last two years in terms of my professional and academic interests. I might not be where I am now if it weren’t for that class.”

Wanting to do something in the community, she landed an internship at the United Way, where she worked on the “Project Welcome” team—along with divinity school students Kyle Layman and Adam Davis—matching displaced Hurricane Katrina families with organizations and churches that could provide support. That led to a full-time job last December with the Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) as a caseworker providing continuing support for those families.

She made the difficult decision to give up golf to take advantage of the other opportunities coming her way. “I miss my teammates, but had I stayed on the golf team, I wouldn’t have had the time to do a lot of other stuff. I’ve always had an interest in being involved in the community even though my résumé might not reflect that.”

The daughter of Japanese immigrants and a native of New Jersey, Suzuki says she now feels at home in Winston-Salem. She planned to remain at ESR after graduation but would like to return to school eventually for a master’s in public health, public administration, or social work, or perhaps an MBA. “I want to stay in the non-profit sector, but I’m not sure about staying in direct services, that wears you out. It’s such a different world. Many of us here are fortunate enough to not know what it’s like not to be able to pay the rent or have to rely on social-service systems… There are so many ways to get involved in the community and you may actually have a chance to make a difference.”
“I’m still working on that. I’m sure I’ll spend the majority of my life trying to become that person. The biggest change over the last four years is what’s important to me in life. It’s not about how high I can go or how much money I can make, but about doing something that I like and being a respectable person.”

Tyler Barefoot began his college journey heading for business school, but after a major detour through the English department, he is heading to law school now—or back to the road to see where the journey takes him next. The small-town North Carolina boy who worried as a freshman about being away from home probably won’t be returning home anytime soon; the last four years have whetted his appetite to see, and do, more.

“I have grown into a very different person,” he said. “I’m far more independent and open-minded than I was when I came here. I feel that I have matured into a much more responsible person and that I have developed a stronger sense of self. You don’t think about it when you’re sitting in class studying history or science or math, but you start to look at things differently and develop your own world view, and not just what you’ve been told your entire life.”

A native of Dunn, North Carolina, Barefoot found new homes in places probably on the opposite end of the spectrum: in the office of the Wake Forest University Press, the major publisher of Irish poetry in North America, and Kappa Alpha Fraternity, which he helped bring back to life as one of the charter members of the reconstituted chapter. He attended high school at North Carolina’s prestigious School of Science and Mathematics, but he fell in love with the humanities at Wake Forest.

After changing his major from business to history to political science, he switched one last time, to English, for practical reasons—as good preparation for law school—and because he discovered that he enjoyed writing and studying literature. “At first, I thought I needed to be a business major, and I needed to do this, this, and this, so I can get to this point. And once I get to that point, I can become even more successful. It was all about monetary success and trying to move up. Now, I really just want to do what makes me happy.”

As he graduated last month, he was still contemplating his plans for this summer—clerking at a law firm or perhaps writing for a newspaper or magazine—and beyond, weighing offers from several law schools, and looking ahead to a possible career as a sports or entertainment attorney, or a constitutional law expert. “I think there’s a pretty good chance that I might take a year, or even two, away from school,” he said. “I’m 22 years old and in no rush. There are still things I haven’t seen and haven’t done yet, so I’m leaving plenty of options open.”
Andy Lobashevsky  
Birmingham, Alabama

Andy Lobashevsky’s assessment of his college journey probably won’t end up on any student-recruitment posters: “I know less now than I did before I came here.” But that’s not a bad thing, he quickly adds. “I had convictions galore when I was a freshman. I knew everything. I could tell you how to graduate from college and become a doctor. But then you get a couple of bad grades and rejection letters from medical schools, and you get humbled.”

A native of Moscow, Lobashevsky and his parents immigrated to the United States when he was six and eventually settled in Birmingham, Alabama. His parents are medical researchers, and he’s spent the last four years aiming for medical school—at graduation, he was still deciding between the University of Alabama-Birmingham or Duke University—but he wants to work with patients, perhaps as a surgeon, and not in a research lab. If his goal has been clear from his first day on campus, he had plenty of time for soul-searching.

“College is an opportunity to find out who I really am. I know there are aspects of my personality that I haven’t found yet that will help me grow as a person.”

Lindsay Wilber  
Yarmouth, Maine

For Lindsay Wilber, a native of Maine who spent a year volunteering with AmeriCorps before coming to Wake Forest, the last four years solidified her interest in volunteer work, and especially working with children. “The more things I’ve tried (here) and learned about myself, the more I know what I want to do,” said Wilber, who returned to Maine after graduation to look for a job in a non-profit organization in the Northeast. “I don’t know if I feel ‘prepared,’” she said. “I feel excited about all the opportunities out there. I feel like I have a good education and that there are a lot of things that I could do. It’s funny when you get to senior year… there’s sort of a shift when you think ‘okay, I’m ready for something different.’ It’s not that I want to leave Wake Forest because I’ve loved it. I have met so many great people and built wonderful friendships. In that way, it will be difficult to move on to something else, but you just come to this point where it’s time to try something different.”

Wilber left behind a record of service, most notably with the DESK project, which provides desks for local school children to use at home, and to the Volunteer Service Corps, which she co-chaired and helped reorganize this year. She was also active in CARE (Community Awareness through Response and Education) and the LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) program, and she served as a PREPARE advocate, trained to assist student victims of sexual assault.

“I’m not out to cure cancer, find world peace, or stop hunger all in one day, but I am out to make a difference. I intend to continue to do ‘my part’ and make my contribution each and every day.”

Classes on organizational behavior, taught by Professor of Communication Jill McMillan, and on leadership in the non-profit sector, taught by Associate Professor of Business Holly Brower ('83), meshed well with her campus activities and her future goals. “I spoke with the LEAD group right before spring break, and it was interesting to think about how I am now as opposed to sophomore year...
“Throughout the whole process, I questioned myself, do I really want to do this? Wake Forest gave me the challenges and classes and opportunities to ask myself that repeatedly and to confirm that my experience has led me to this point with confidence. From having a variety of experiences, in the classroom, outside the classroom, extra-curricular activities, I’ve realized what my maximum potential is.”

A Reynolds Scholar, Lobashevsky pursued an eclectic array of interests, from taking jazz-piano lessons to hosting his own show on WAKE Radio, to conducting research in biochemistry and on artist Max Ernst. He traveled to Spain, Holland, and Florida for research on Spanish master Salvador Dali. He was the only male in his class to minor in Women’s and Gender’s Studies.

College made him more aware of his own shortcomings, he said, “and at the same time, it helped when I was leading CARE,” she said. “CARE was really my first challenge with leading a group. I was out to do everything myself, and that’s not really being a leader. You have to work with people and allow others to take on things.”

Wilber hopes to return to school one day for her master’s degree, possibly in non-profit management. While she didn’t have a job lined up at graduation, she’s convinced that she took away something far more important from Wake Forest. “I remember giving a speech in high school that college is not necessarily deciding what you want to be, but deciding who you want to be. I feel like I’ve become the person I want to be at this point in my life.”
**Will Brown**

*Radnor, Pennsylvania*

**FRESHMAN**

**MAJOR**

Undecided

**FUTURE PLANS**

Undecided

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**An Avid Outdoorsman, Will Brown’s college journey literally took him up mountains and down raging rivers, but the most challenging destination may have been right on campus, in the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. Meeting those challenges in and outside the classroom has made him a more confident person, ready to take on another year in the Calloway School in the master’s in accountancy program and a career in finance after that.**

“I think I’ve changed a lot, in that I’m a lot more confident,” he said. “Wake Forest has challenged me, and I’ve been able to rise to the challenge. At the same time, I don’t think I’ve changed in terms of the deeper aspect of who I am and what I believe in.”

After coming into Wake Forest uncertain about a major, Brown found himself drawn to the Calloway School. He capped his senior year with an internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Charlotte. “What really drove me to the business school was the challenge of it and the fact that the classes were so difficult. I knew if I put my mind to it and was willing to commit the time, I could do it and have a sense of accomplishment. That’s what I was looking for out of my experience. I didn’t want to come to college and take an easy path through. I really like to see how far I can go.”

He has come a long way since living for three years on a sailboat, sailing from one port in the Caribbean to the next, with his parents after they retired from their jobs and sold the family home in Radnor, Pennsylvania. The transition from a solitary educational experience—he earned his high-school diploma by correspondence courses—to a hectic college lifestyle was largely smooth sailing. “I’m pretty good at smooth sailing. “I’m pretty good at

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Kelly McManus’ nascent interest in politics blossomed—no, exploded is probably a more accurate word—into a passion during her college journey. But before she heads to Capitol Hill or runs for office, she plans to spend the next two years teaching middle-school English in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, through Teach for America.

If college made her more intense—“I’m the most intense person I know,” she says—it also helped focus her political energies. “I’ve learned a significant amount about leadership and the best ways to make change. I have become really committed to several causes and have developed a more holistic worldview. I have definitely grown up a lot, and I feel much more confident about who I am and what I believe.”

With the mentoring of professors such as political science professors Katy Harriger and Bryan Shelly, and vice president and law professor Ken Zick, she’s combined classroom work, research, community service, and advocacy to build a solid foundation for her future. After her stint with Teach for America, she’d like to return to London, England, where she spent last summer as an intern for a member of the British Parliament. Then she plans to attend law school and then graduate school to earn a master’s in public policy. Then it’s on to work for a public-policy group or lobbying firm and perhaps a run for political office.

“Because I’ve had so many different experiences here, I feel more able to adapt, and in that sense I feel prepared,” she said. “I know who I am, what I am capable of, what my passions are, what I care about, and what I want to accomplish.”

McManus grew up largely in Winston-Salem where her father, Jerry (’78), was an assistant football coach at Wake Forest in the 1990s. Her brother, Ryan, just finished his freshman year at Wake Forest.

As one of the few liberals in a largely conservative student body, she naturally gravitated to College Democrats, but she also found a home in Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. “I had to face a wide variety of challenges in my leadership positions within these groups, especially trying to get people involved and excited about our activities. I have also really tried to make sure that I’m listening to the people in my organization and not trying to impose my opinions on the group.”

A service trip to Vietnam and experiences closer to home—whether tutoring in a local school or volunteering at AIDS Care Service—complemented her classroom and research work. “You can use academics for real practical social change, for helping people. I saw the importance of not just living in the ivory tower, but using what I was learning, using research, to go into the community and become a part of it.”

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"I think I have done that for the most part. That's why I ended up doing the five-year accounting program and finance degree. I heard about that when I came into Wake, and my initial reaction was why would someone want to do that, it just sounded impossible. I took on the challenge, because I was interested in it and I thought I could do it, and so far the results have worked out."

Brown left his mark on Wake Forest by invigorating the Outdoor Recreation Club and organizing and often leading student adventure trips—backpacking trips to the Grand Canyon, Paria Canyon in Utah, and the Greek Island of Crete, and a whitewater-rafting trip in West Virginia, among them. (He also traveled to Costa Rica for a service trip.) He likens those experiences to his college journey. “You can look at a hike on a map or look up at a mountain you’re going to climb, and think it’s impossible. But then you do it, and you have that sense of accomplishment that makes it worth it.”

"It's not important that people know who I am when I walk around campus. But I want to be known as someone who's active and who cares and is involved."
Electrospinning is used to fabricate scaffolds to produce bioengineered vessels—
Compassion, coupled with fearlessness in the face of long odds and formidable obstacles, can produce dramatic rescues. Witness the firefighter who busts into a blazing building or the non-swimmer who plunges into a river to save a life. Could that same combination of traits also produce dramatic advancements in medicine?

In the case of one of the most dramatic of our times, the answer is, absolutely. The phenomenal process of tissue and organ regeneration is being nurtured at perhaps the world’s premier research laboratory in the field—the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine—by the empathy and determination of its director, Anthony Atala, M.D.

The results of his team’s work to date are amazing—achievements that
only a decade ago would have been the stuff of science fiction. Already, Atala and his colleagues have bioengineered urethras and injectable cartilage cells that have been successfully implanted in humans. In a recent issue of a leading medical journal, Atala reported long-term success with seven children and teenagers in whom he and his co-researchers implanted bladders grown from their own cells. Blood vessels, muscles, wombs, and vaginas the team has fashioned have been tested pre-clinically and are nearly ready for human testing.

Based on his accomplishments to date, Atala has received the Christopher Columbus Foundation Award, given to a living American who is currently working on a discovery that will significantly affect society. And more is to come. Presently, the Institute's scientists are working on growing more than twenty different organs and tissue types in all parts of the body, including the heart, liver, pancreas, kidney, lung, and nervous system. The beauty of their approach is that in fashioning new tissues and organs, they use the patient's own cells, thereby circumventing autoimmunological and ethical roadblocks associated with organ transplantation and embryonic stem cell research. In a major breakthrough in summer 2005, Atala's team successfully extracted stem cells—undifferentiated cells that can adopt the structures and features of other cell types—from skin. The process holds promise for providing the formative cells for organ and tissue regeneration through a far less complex and painful procedure than bone marrow extraction—not to mention avoiding the use of human embryos, a political and ethical pitfall.

Anthony Atala: ‘It begins with the patient. This is the problem; how can we solve it?’
Atala and his team hold more than a hundred national and international patents and they have been adding new ones at a pace of one every six weeks since their arrival at Wake Forest two-and-a-half years ago from Harvard University, where Atala was director of tissue engineering and cellular therapeutics. A half dozen companies have been formed to develop and market these technologies, with a new one being founded every couple of years or so. It is safe to describe him as a darling of venture capitalists, and he is newly ensconced in a 60,000-square-foot laboratory in downtown Winston-Salem that is the world’s largest dedicated to regenerative medicine. Small wonder that economic development officials regard his presence here as a powerful catalyst for prodigious growth of the local biomedical industry—a sector they hope will be a pillar of the region’s economy in decades to come—and that Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center leaders deem his work a boon to its burgeoning prestige and position in the competitive environment of medical research funding and a thoroughbred addition to its growing stable of ahead-of-the-field research groups.

For an anemic economy as well as for seriously ill human beings, the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine just might yield a dramatic rescue of its own.

“The recruitment of Tony was a bold and insightful act on the part of [Wake Forest University Baptist] Medical Center,” says Christopher Price, senior vice president of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and executive director of the Piedmont Triad Research Park, where Atala’s laboratories are located. “It is only in the last few years that regenerative medicine has received the attention it’s getting today, and we were extremely fortunate not only to get out ahead of the curve in the field, but to do so with what is widely regarded as the premier research group in the nation in this field. It is an extraordinarily promising area of research and product development and one that will draw other groups and companies to grow up around it.”

Richard H. Dean, president and chief executive officer of Wake Forest Health Sciences, says the regenerative institute is consistent with the Medical Center’s strategy of recruiting research groups that are national leaders in their fields—groups such as the hypertension center, which relocated from Cleveland in the early nineties, and the human genomics center, which arrived from Baltimore in 2000. “Tony’s work is highly collaborative, and by facilitating and integrating with the work of other disciplines and centers, it will multiply and magnify all of our outcomes and profiles,” Dean notes. “We have crossed a threshold. The quality and quantity of biotechnology research groups and companies that have located in Winston-Salem in just the past few years have reached a critical mass that holds promise of engendering the kind of self-sustaining economic growth and development we are after.”

And yet, with all the spectacular achievements and hoopla, Atala is at heart a humble clinician interested in research not for its own sake but for what it can do to relieve sickness and suffering. Despite the demands of running a multi-million-dollar, eighty-member laboratory, overseeing the various companies, dealing with investors and government funding agencies, and chairing Wake Forest School of Medicine’s urology department, he always finds time to treat patients. When he says, in his warm and self-effacing way that betrays not one shred of hubris, that he would never have entered research if it wouldn’t have held promise of direct benefit for patients, you don’t doubt his sincerity.

“What drives this whole effort at the end of the day is the patient,” Atala says with his radiating smile that can practically heal on its own. “Many times as physicians we feel helpless for
lack of tissue or organ therapies and wish we could do more. It’s a different way of looking at research. Typically, research is hypothesis-driven; there is some mystery there to be solved. We do that in our research, but it begins with the patient. “This is the problem; how can we solve it?”

The Institute is dedicated to alleviating one of medicine’s most serious crises: the shortage of human organs and tissues. Someone dies every thirty seconds from organ failure and every ninety minutes while on a waiting list for organ transplantation. According to estimates, the United States spends close to $600 billion a year caring for patients who might benefit from replacement tissues and organs. In an obese and aging nation, demand will only continue to soar. The only practical solution to the organ and tissue shortage, Atala and others believe, is to increase the supply by growing them.

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substitute; islet cells that could serve as insulin-producing pancreatic cells as well as cell-replacement therapies for neurological, cardiovascular, liver, and other illnesses; artificial blood vessels; and treatments for renal failure. All told, close to a hundred projects administered by ten senior researchers are under way at the institute.

Not surprisingly, Atala’s work is generating substantial interest in the venture capital community. Wake Forest has entered into a multi-year, multi-million-dollar agreement with a Pennsylvania-based biotechnology company, Tengion, Inc., which holds a licensing agreement to develop and market technology that Atala developed while he was at Harvard. Tengion will fund research projects at the institute that focus on vascular and genitourinary applications and have an exclusive worldwide license or option to develop any resulting technology.

“[Atala’s] group has the three components necessary for success: funding, talent, and desire,” Dean Stell, associate director of Wake Forest’s Office of Technology Asset Management, said in an article in the medical center’s magazine, Visions. “Many scientists who make fundamental discoveries just don’t have the desire to do the applied research that is needed to take it to another level.” Partnering with industry is “essential,” in Atala’s view. “We do the ‘R’—the research—of R&D,” he states. “You need the ‘D’—the development—to get it to the patient. Technology for its own sake is incomplete. It needs to be disseminated.”

Some might wonder why a researcher of Atala’s stature would forsake a glamorous city like Boston and a prestigious post at Harvard, one of America’s most esteemed medical institutions. But for him, the decision to relocate when Wake Forest started recruiting him four years ago was easy.

“At Harvard, there was one medical school but many independent hospitals, each with its own specialty and bureaucracy,” Atala notes. “It’s well-known in clinical circles that conducting trials at Harvard can be challenging, to say the least. Here, we have one medical school, one hospital—one medical center.

“The vision Dick Dean shared during the recruitment process of developing the largest urban research park in the nation in Winston-Salem was inspiring,” he goes on. “Wake Forest, the city, the state—all of them regard biotechnology as important to their future. It is really terrific to have the kind of collaborative environment we have here. When everybody’s interests are aligned, you have the ability to move forward quickly.

“Besides, my family and I love living here,” he adds. “It’s a wonderful place to be.”

Despite his progress to date, Atala harbors no illusions. He knows that many obstacles still loom, and that years of painstaking trial and error lie ahead before regenerative medicine becomes as safe and commonplace as joint replacement and heart bypass surgery (to name two procedures that were gee-whiz stuff less than two decades ago) are now. But he is undaunted. The patient needs it.

“We’ve hit and scaled many walls to get to where we are today,” he says. “And I know there will be many more walls. But having hit and penetrated those walls in the past, I am completely confident we’ll circumvent those to come as well.”
Above: railroad tycoon W. Averell Harriman’s Sun Valley resort blazed the trail for those that followed.
Inset: Sun Valley on the cover of Life magazine.

By David Fyten
In the beginning, there were the pioneers—mountain men with rustic gear who blazed trails through virgin territory. They were followed by captains of industry—entrepreneurs of vision and means who transformed and opened the wilderness for a newly prosperous and mobile populace. In time, political, financial, and environmental forces stalled the push, although new breeds of speculators and adventurers remain drawn to the landscape. In its day, it was a phenomenon that personified a country with lofty ambitions, a taste for the fast life, a rapid ascent to the pinnacle, downhill momentum, and a clear path and vast and marvelous vistas before it.

This might be a capsule history of the American West—and it largely is—but actually, it describes the American ski resort industry. From the early decades of the twentieth century, when domestic skiing was rudimentary and local; to the first destination ski resort, built in Sun Valley, Idaho, by a railroad tycoon to draw passengers; through the quarter century after the Second World War, when phenomenal growth of discretionary income and leisure time and the enterprise of Army mountain warfare veterans who had trained in the Rocky Mountains ignited a wildfire of resort development and opened skiing to the less affluent and families; to the eventual intrusion of “urban” problems into resort communities and the resultant rise of regulatory controls and political opposition to unrestrained development; to a return to skiing for the rich and a flat growth curve for the industry, which would be flatter still were it not for snowboarding and a hot second-home market—the ski resort industry can be viewed as a microcosm or mirror of our national experience, and skiing itself as a metaphor of the American dream’s rise to dazzling heights and descent to lower elevations over the past half century.

Harold W. Tribble Professor of Art Margaret Supplee Smith is documenting this fascinating and surprisingly relevant story in a book she is working on titled *High on the Mountain*, scheduled for publication later this year. Smith is an architectural historian by specialty—hence the book’s subtitle: *An Architectural History of American Ski Resorts*. But she realized it would be incomplete if it failed to address the political, economic, social, and cultural implications of its topic, so she devoted much of the exhaustive research she conducted over six years to interviewing key players in the ski resort industry.

The story of downhill skiing and destination resorts in America begins nearly a century ago with two types of skiing: near and far. On the one hand were the members of “outing clubs”—groups of privileged urbanites and college students—and locals who skied within easy travel distance in pristine mountainous areas like Lake Tahoe, California, and Stowe, Vermont, without benefit of lifts, lodges, or runs. “They camped or stayed in farmhouses or cabins,” says Smith, who is one of just a handful of academic historians studying the subject. “They would make one or perhaps two runs a day because they had to hike to the top of the mountain.” For the outing clubs, “it was a Sierra Club-type experience in the tradition of the Scandinavian ideal of *Idraet*—outdoor exercise that demanded strength, toughness, and manliness.” On the other hand were the rich and socially well positioned, who vacationed at the exclusive Alpine resorts of France, Switzerland, and Austria. Many went there not so much
to ski as to partake of European culture and society.

Then, at the very depths of the Great Depression, a corporate executive named William Averell Harriman had an idea that would transform not only America’s skiing habits but also its recreation and leisure industry.

Railroads dominated the destination resort business in the West and Southwest in the early twentieth century. Competing among themselves for passengers, they sought to establish major destination attractions along their routes. In the process, they opened what previously had been isolated regions, such as Santa Fe, Palm Springs, and the Grand Canyon, to tourism.

Harriman, who would go on to a distinguished political and diplomatic career, had inherited control of the Union Pacific Railroad from his father, who had built it after the Civil War. The Union Pacific had the secondary Northern Rim position at the Grand Canyon (the Santa Fe Railroad had the favored Southern Rim) and facilities at Bryce and Zion, but it needed what Fortune magazine called in 1939 “an exclusive attraction—some big, glamorous name to pull in customers.” Harriman’s brainstorm was to target skiers, still relatively few in America at that time, rather than summer tourists, and lure them West with a destination resort in a place with mountains and snow. To find one, he dispatched an emissary, Austrian Count Felix Schaffgotsch, on a journey through the Rockies. Schaffgotsch briefly considered Aspen, Colorado (rejecting it as too dilapidated and remote), before recommending Sun Valley in southern Idaho. Harriman hired National Park Service architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood to design a rustic but elegant lodge; a Hollywood set designer to fashion a Bavarian-style village; and Steve Hanna-gan, a famous adman who had made Miami Beach a household name, to sell a Sun Valley winter vacation to socialites and celebrities. Immediately upon opening in winter 1936, Sun Valley became the wintertime destination of the rich, who were drawn to its easy slopes, European-style ambience, chair lifts (the first in America), guest rosters of stars and celebrities like Clark Gable and Gary Cooper, and isolation from the crowds of visitors descending on the West as tourism lost its image of exclusivity. Sun Valley opened shortly before Life magazine was first published, and the resort’s appearance on one of its earliest covers heralded the coming of the destination ski resort as the glamorous new playground of the rich and famous.

Downhill skiing developed from an altogether different tradition in the East. During the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps established camps at Stowe, Vermont, and began clearing ski trails on nearby Mount Mansfield. The first was opened in 1933, the same year that Austrian ski legend Sepp Ruschp came to America to create the now-legendary Stowe Ski School. The sport’s popularity soared, and in 1937, Stowe hosted the first Eastern Downhill Championships. In the early days, skiers would hike two-and-a-half miles to the mountain summit. Eventually, there were rope tows, and a single chair lift was built in 1940, but for many decades, skiing at Stowe and the hundreds of “mom and pop” rope tow sites throughout upper New England and upstate New York reflected the ideals of rugged Yankee individualism and outdoorsmanship. In contrast to the Sun Valley experience of elites traveling great distances to ski casually, Eastern skiing was rigorously physical, populist as well as elitist, and local.

Sun Valley retained its status as the nation’s sole exclusive destination resort up to and through the war, when resorts were closed. Then, a combination of forces fashioned a fuse for the explosion that followed. After the war, the U.S. Forest Service opened its vast mountain land holdings to recreational use and enticed developers with lucrative lease offers. Also, the Army’s 10th Mountain Division trained in the Rockies during the war, and its members emerged with a strong sense of camaraderie, a passion for skiing, and a love for Colorado. They would go on
to comprise a robust cadre of inventors, developers, and instructors. More than sixty resorts were either founded by, directed by, or had ski schools run by 10th Mountain veterans and some two thousand of them would join the ranks of ski instructors.

The impetus for America's next destination resort came from one of those veterans. At the war's outset, Austrian skier Friedl Pfeifer emigrated first to Australia and then to America, where he taught at Sun Valley before joining the 10th Mountain Division. He often came to Aspen, the isolated mining town that Schaffgotsch had rejected, on maneuvers and weekend furloughs while training at nearby Camp Hale. After the war, Pfeifer settled in Aspen with the dream of making it a world-class ski resort, and opened its first ski school. Meanwhile, a third of a continent away in Chicago, Walter Paepcke, an industrialist and philanthropist, had a vision of his own—of founding an institute for the propagation of culture, leadership, ideas, and values-based dialogue. He was drawn to Aspen, and although he was not especially keen on the notion of a ski resort, he realized it was Aspen’s future, and he pooled his efforts with Pfeifer’s to develop it. Joining them were architects Frederic “Fritz” Benedict, a Frank Lloyd Wright protégé and 10th Mountain Division veteran, and his brother-in-law, Herbert Bayer, a modernist designer in the Bauhaus tradition. Together they transformed the shabby town into a model of Victorian architecture preservation and built a modern resort complex for the Aspen Institute. With its breathtaking panoramas, highbrow ambience, and challenging runs unequaled this side of the Alps, Aspen became a destination of choice for expert skiers and the social set not long after its opening in early 1946.

Aspen was difficult to get to, which no doubt enhanced its aura of specialness. But in the broader picture, inaccessibility was an obstacle that would need to be circumvented if Rocky Mountain resort development was to proceed on a large scale. Two breakthroughs demolished that barricade. First, developers convinced airlines to provide scheduled service to towns close to prospective resort areas. Second, Interstate Highway System planners routed east-west I-70 through the heart of the Colorado Rockies. Some of the finest skiing areas in the world would be accessible to the rich and middle income alike.

The sport grew steadily but spectacularly in popularity through the fifties. Then, advances in technology, coupled with an event with huge impact, sent it soaring toward the summit. In 1960, the Winter Olympics were held in the U.S. in Squaw Valley, California. The televised Games, highlighted by America’s technological panache, provided a victory over the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War, captivated the nation and introduced it on a large scale to alpine skiing and the glamour and brilliance of its European champions. Also, through much of the fifties, recreational skiing had stayed frozen in a technological backwater. Wooden skis had to be waxed after every couple of runs; clothing often consisted of woolen, water-absorbent hiking gear; boots and clamps were cumbersome and unyielding, promoting broken bones; waits of an hour or more for slow-moving T-bars and rope tows were the norm at peak periods; and sudden thaws or lack of snowfall had resorts and skiers at their mercy. Then, a blizzard of inventions—fiberglass skis, waterproof boots and outfits, quick-release clamps, high-speed chair lifts, and snow-making and grooming equipment—made skiing safe, comfortable, predictable, and relatively hassle-free. With the industry’s path cleared of obstructions, the number of ski areas nationally shot from seventy-eight in 1955 to 662 a decade later.

Developers gleaned the greater potential inherent in skiing’s rising popularity and the nation’s growing pursuit of recreational opportunities, and they began to build “total” ski resorts with luxury spas and family-oriented attractions and summertime activities such as golf, hiking, and horseback riding. Among the first was Vail, which opened in 1962. Developed by 10th Mountain veteran Peter Seibert, it became, along with Aspen, one of Colorado’s two world-class ski resorts. But in a number of respects, Vail differed significantly from its elder forty miles to the southwest. Situated along the I-70 corridor a hundred miles west of Denver, Vail was reached easily by car, which made it more convenient and economical for moderate-income, single-day, and family skiers. To differentiate its look from Aspen’s Victorian-Western style and to attract the affluent skiers who were going to Europe, Seibert and chief architect Fitzhugh Scott designed Vail to resemble a Tyrolian village. Aspen was becoming a haven for the counterculture; to attract a more conservative clientele, Vail was developed as a planned community with strict design and land-use regulations. Even long hair was prohibited. And its year-round appeal positioned Vail as an attractive second-home site, a market that would mushroom in coming decades. Vail’s popularity touched off an avalanche of resort development, starting with new facilities at the venerable Steamboat Springs, Colorado,
fragile mountain environments, and locals resented the loss of control over their communities. This prompted Vermont, in particular, to enact strict environmental laws and regulate development more closely. So just as some of the larger New England ski areas like Mount Snow, which had opened in 1954, were starting to feel the pressure of competition from Western resorts and sought to expand, they were blocked from doing so, grooming the trail for Western domination of the total destination resort market.

But that domination was not to remain unchecked. Western resort developers would begin to feel political and economic constraints of their own by the early seventies. “Most [Western] ski areas are on federal lands, and from the thirties through the sixties, the U.S. Forest Service actively promoted recreational use, just as it had promoted agriculture, timbering, and mining,” Smith says. “But that changed with the 1969 Environmental Protection Act. Suddenly, the Forest Service was not a partner, but a regulator. Every new development had to meet certain environmental standards, and that added to the cost.” Also, residents of existing resort communities and those near proposed resorts took up arms over traffic gridlock, water shortages, the “suburbanization” of rural landscapes, and other issues. “The idea of ‘getting away from it all,’” Smith says, “was turning into an urban experience.”

As a result of these trends, only three new destination resorts—Deer Valley in Utah, Beaver Creek in Colorado, and Whistler-Blackcomb in Alberta, Canada—were built in the eighties, and all were enormously expensive.

Other factors were making skiing increasingly costly and beyond the reach of the moderate income and families. “No sport is as dependent on the weather as skiing,” Smith says. “As expectations of having groomed slopes, plenty of snow, and ever-faster uphill transportation rose, so did the cost of providing these increased services. Also, equipment and gear improved, and that raised the cost of skiing. Plus, most people today think of skiing as a vacation rather than a wilderness activity, and they want the luxurious accommodations and benefits of a vacation.” In the Northeast alone, more than 500 small rope-tow operations have shut down over the years, casualties of the destination resort.

The price of a daily lift ticket at those resorts, meanwhile, has risen steadily, to where it exceeds seventy dollars at some. Hotel rooms are $250 to $400 a night during peak season.

Skiing always has been an activity of the young and rich, but the stock market boom of the eighties created a slew of young millionaires who wanted not just the sport but also the way of life. “It’s part of a greater societal pattern in which adults continue to play and dress like children,” Smith observes. “Many people who used to ski in college adopt a leisure lifestyle and resume skiing after they get older, marry, make money, and have children and then grandchildren.” In the more fashionable resort communities, huge upscale dwellings replaced the earlier cabins and A-frames. “Land is scarce and expensive and the building has to justify the cost,” she says. “And computers have made distance commuting a reality.

and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, ski areas in 1963 and 1965, respectively, and continuing unabated for a decade with custom-built resorts at new sites, including Snowmass, Snowbird, Telluride, Keystone, Copper Mountain, Crested Butte, and Breckenridge.

Like the West and its 10th Mountain Division veterans, the East had an old-boy’s network of its own. Stratton in Vermont, which opened in 1962, was started by Harvard graduate and New York City financier Frank Snyder. His architect was Alexander McIlvaine, another Harvard grad who had designed the first lodge at Squaw Valley for Alexander Cushing, still another Harvard alumnus who brought the Olympics to Squaw Valley. Members of the elite New York Amateur Ski Club, most of whom were Ivy League graduates, promoted Stowe.

Smith notes that because New England drew from a population base of thirty million within a few hundred miles, it didn’t have to provide the total resorts that the West did. Easterners stayed in A-frames, old farmhouses, dormitories, inns, and motels on overnights. But ski-area and second-home development was random and individualistic and soon started getting out of hand. Sewage had to be reckoned with as thousands of skiers descended on areas like Mount Snow, which had opened in 1954, were starting to feel the pressure of competition from Western resorts and sought to expand, they were blocked from doing so, grooming the trail for Western domination of the total destination resort market.

Stratton, Vermont, shown here in its first year of operation, exemplified the East’s very different ski resort industry.
Hence, the shift to condos, time-shares, fractional ownership, etcetera."

As the total-resort concept has waxed, the mountain has waned in stature, in Smith’s view. “All of the resorts are going to the idea of a village dedicated to entertainment,” she notes. “Ski resorts today are owned by corporations, and with skiing being the vulnerable enterprise it is, and the fact that most people ski just a few hours a day, they need a broad base to protect their investments. The mountain used to be the focus of a resort; now, it’s the village center. The mountain is seen as an amenity to sell real estate.” With the village the focus of attention, many resort towns are in a virtually constant state of renovation, according to Smith. “The Western resorts, with their structures dating back to the sixties and seventies, are in urban renewal,” she says, “while New England is engaged in the sort of comprehensive resort planning we think of as Western, which means their buildings will be newer.”

Skiing’s popularity has been on a gradual downward slope the past couple of decades, a trend that might have slowed or stopped many resorts dead in their tracks were it not for the rise of snowboarding. Invented in 1985, the sport (in which one “surfs” down a slope with both feet on one board) grew in tandem with its flatland cousin, skateboarding—both capitalizing on a renegade, “bad-boy” image. Because of that image, many resorts prohibited snowboarding for years. But as the ranks of its aficionados spread from adolescent males to men and women of all ages and social status, so did its respectability, and today only a couple of holdout resorts still ban it. Snowboarders today comprise about 25 percent of a typical ski resort’s clientele and are projected to overtake skiers in a decade. Like America itself, the ski resort industry is evolving and adapting to cultural change.

Smith, who earned her doctoral degree at Brown University and joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1979, spent twelve years curating an exhibition on and co-authoring a comprehensive history of North Carolina women. By the time the project was finished in 1999, “I needed a change,” she says. “I was ready to get outdoors, get back to architecture, and work with men as well as women.”

On a skiing trip to Aspen in 1994, Smith had been struck by the architectural look of the village, and the notion of researching a history of ski-resort design stuck with her. Soon after she started the project in 2000, she created an on-line database of architects and their projects, which currently has more than 350 names of ski resort designers.

It also was Smith’s good fortune to be able to interview many of the pioneer resort developers over the course of her research—movers and shakers like Vail founder Pete Seibert, who died a few years ago; Ted Johnson, a famous powder skier who was on the cover of Sports Illustrated twice in the sixties and founded Snowbird in Utah; Frank Snyder, who started Stratton; and Leslie Otten, a former president of the American Ski Company (and the father of 1999 Wake Forest graduate Joshua Otten), who developed Sunday River in Maine, among other resorts.

She also interviewed a host of renowned snow country architects, such as Henrik Bull (whose nephew, Eric Stone, teaches in Wake Forest’s psychology department), Ian Mackinlay, John R. Smith, George Homsey, and Ray Kingston. “Because so much of the resort development occurred in the sixties and seventies, and because they were and are robust sportsmen, many of them are in their seventies and eighties and in very good shape,” she says. “It never occurred to me when I started the project that I would identify all these key players, and that they would still be around to tell their stories.”

In 2002, Smith gave a paper at the first and only International Ski History Congress held in Park City, Utah, just before the Winter Olympics. “All the icons of skiing were there, and at an age to realize that not only they, but the sport, had a history,” she says. “It was very cool.”
What does it mean to think entrepreneurially? What qualities encourage some to recognize opportunities? Why do some take advantage of those opportunities to create value for themselves and others or to solve problems for the social good? Is teaching these qualities a valuable part of a liberal arts education? A subset of Wake Forest’s faculty has thought long and hard about these questions for the last two years.

It is clear that entrepreneurs are the change-makers of our world. To think entrepreneurially means to think analytically, to synthesize information, to solve complex problems, to work within ambiguous environments, and to organize and lead teams. Entrepreneurial thinking creates value: intellectual value, social value, and artistic value as well as economic value. If a primary component of the academy’s job is to place our students in the strongest possible position to have satisfying and successful lives as good world citizens, then it makes sense to provide opportunities to develop entrepreneurial thinking.

That is why last fall Wake Forest unveiled a new course of study for its students—a minor in entrepreneurship and social enterprise. With built-in flexibility, the minor encourages students to take control of their education and offers them the opportunity to gain the knowledge that will support the pursuit of their passions. The appeal of the minor is already obvious. More than thirty students signed on in the first few weeks of the program.

The minor is built on the premise that many of the courses that are useful to the would-be entrepreneur are already taught at a liberal arts institution. Students begin with three required core courses. The first is “Creativity and Innovation,” taught by Associate Professor Lynn Book, who has a shared appointment with the Office of Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts and the Theatre and Dance department. This interactive seminar introduces students to readings and processes from various disciplines that elucidate the nature and function of creativity and the conditions that stimulate it. Students engage in dynamic creative processes and projects in order to develop a “critical creativity.”

The second course, “Foundations of Entrepreneurship,” is taught by Bren Varner (’99) from the Center and the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. This course addresses the challenges of creating and sustaining organizations in today’s global environment. It provides an overview of the role and importance of entrepreneurship in the global economy and in society, examining how individuals use entrepreneurial skills to craft innovative responses to societal needs.

The third course, “Internships in Entrepreneurial Studies,” provides students with opportunities to apply knowledge in an entrepreneurial for-profit or not-for-profit environment. It encourages students to engage with the real world. The remainder of the courses required for the minor (nine hours) allow students to determine a concentration that most suits their personal passions and goals.

The menu of options, drawn from departments throughout the university, is organized under the general categories of “Thought and Behavior,” “Leadership and Engaging the World,” and “Entrepreneurial Process.”

Along with this wide variety of courses already offered at Wake Forest, new upper-level entrepreneurship courses are also being developed. For example, “Free Trade, Fair Trade: Independent Entrepreneurs in the Global Market” is a field-based seminar that compares the barriers to market participation that independent entrepreneurs experience cross-culturally. Free trade policies are contrasted with fair trade practices to determine why so many independent producers have trouble succeeding in a globalizing world. Some students in the course will travel with their mentor, Anthropology Professor Jeanne Simonelli, to Chiapas, Mexico, to see first-hand the effects of free trade and fair trade practices on small-scale coffee producers. Others are working...
on a feasibility study to see how Wake Forest can help facilitate market access for small producers.

The minor in entrepreneurship has tapped into a vital source of energy on campus. Wake Forest students are by nature creative and innovative, and several students have been inspired by the new entrepreneurship initiative to start ventures of their own. Others who had already begun projects have found considerable support from the Office of Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts and even a home in student-run space, the Entrepreneurship Center. Two theatre majors formed the company Magic Mouth Productions. The theatre/magic show they wrote and produced, “Awakenings,” was performed for sold-out houses in the Main Stage Theatre. It delighted audiences of all ages with a poignant coming-of-age story combined with large-scale illusions such as a car magically appearing on stage.

Two other students have created a company that sells unique hand-made stuffed robots on-line. Their product demand was so high that they had to suspend operations long enough to restructure their business. They now have a supplier and sales are again in full swing. A group of biology and business students under the tutelage of Professor of Biology Ray Kuhn have created a company called Aqualutions LLC. The company produces immunological reagents that will allow aquaculturists to detect diseases in fish cultures. Such diseases currently rob the aquaculture industry of 20 percent of its potential products yearly—and result in the overuse of antibiotics in non-infected ponds because of a lack of good detection methods. Aqualutions’ products will benefit the fish farmer and the environment. Although the products are presently aimed at the catfish industry, other future markets include the ornamental fish trade and hobbyists.

The next major step in supporting entrepreneurial thinking at Wake Forest is the development of an Entrepreneurship in Residence Program. Entrepreneurial alumni and successful community entrepreneurs are needed to serve as mentors for students interested in starting non-profit or for-profit ventures. The office is also establishing a Board of Advisors to help guide Wake Forest students as they initiate ventures. If you would like to be involved in this program, contact Elizabeth Gatewood, director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Liberal Arts, or visit the Web site at www.wfu.edu/organizations/entrepreneurship/.

There is a surge of interest in entrepreneurship and the mindset and skills inherent in entrepreneurial thinking on college campuses. Creativity, innovative ability, social motivation, and leadership are emerging as basic entrepreneurial qualities. The value of encouraging these qualities in our liberal arts community is self-evident. With the new minor in entrepreneurship and social enterprise, Wake Forest is assuming a prominent position in promoting entrepreneurial thinking and action in college students.

William E. Conner is professor of biology. Sharon Andrews is associate professor of theatre.
Spring is always a special time for Wake Foresters, and we are proud to welcome our recent graduates, the Class of 2006, into the Alumni Association. Commencement was held on Monday, May 15th with Mark Warner, the former governor of Virginia, as the Commencement speaker. Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest, professor, and noted author, was our Baccalaureate speaker on May 14th. Approximately 1,400 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students graduated. (Remember: one of the “25 Ways You Can Help Wake Forest” is to “hire Wake Forest students and graduates.” If you have job openings at your place of business, please consider hiring Wake Forest alumni whenever possible!)

We are equally pleased to welcome the newest members of the Wake Forest family, the newly-admitted students who will join the Class of 2010. This year we had another strong year for alumni children applying to Wake Forest, with more than 250 applying.

June 30th concludes Wake Forest’s fiscal year, so we now are in the final days of our 2005–06 College Fund drive. Please help us reach our goal of 11,500 donors to the College and Calloway Funds. Alumni participation is our primary goal: every gift helps us reach it, as well as having a positive effect on Wake Forest’s national rankings. Please remember your alma mater and join me in giving generously to the College Fund. Your gift counts!

In July, the volunteer boards and alumni councils of the Reynolda Campus will meet for a joint Summer Leadership Conference, which will be my final meeting as your Alumni Association President. Much work has been done this year under our strategic plan: 1) to strengthen our regional alumni clubs through the dissemination of best practices; 2) to enhance alumni involvement in career services and networking opportunities for undergraduates; and 3) to expand alumni programs and outreach through such new offerings as the Lifelong Learning pilot program, among others. Special thanks go to all who helped in these efforts this year.

I am pleased to announce that following our July meeting, Ruffin Branham ('69) of Richmond, Virginia will become the new Alumni Association president. Ruffin has been an active member of the Wake Forest family, and I know he will build on the momentum achieved thus far by the Alumni Council in implementing its strategic plan. I am confident that the Alumni Association will continue to flourish under his leadership.

Looking ahead to the fall, I hope you will mark your calendars now and plan to come back to campus on September 29–30 for Homecoming 2006. This year, alumni have an extra special reason to return to campus—the 50th anniversary of Wake Forest in Winston-Salem. We will celebrate the beginnings of the Reynolda Campus with a number of special events highlighting this historic Wake Forest milestone. Additionally, reunion events are being planned for members of the Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001. Bring your families for lots of fun, games, and food at the Festival on the Quad on Saturday morning, as well as the Alumni Tailgate and Post-game Reception in Bridger Field House. More details will be available on the Alumni web site later this summer (www.wfu.edu/alumni), and Homecoming brochures will be mailed to all alumni then. Call your friends and classmates and plan to come back to campus for a wonderful Homecoming weekend!

As I conclude my tenure later this summer, let me say that it has been a pleasure to serve you and to see, first hand, all the ways you support Wake Forest through your participation in campus and regional events, your volunteer service, and your financial support. Wake Forest truly is an institution unlike any other. Thank you for all you do for our University.

With all best wishes,

Nancy Kuhn ('73)
Alumni Association President
1940s

Altha Smith Satterwhite ('45) is 85. She took a trip to Kyoto, Japan, for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Japan Baptist Hospital, which she and her husband helped start.

1950s

Arnold D. Palmer ('51) has been named one of the NCAA’s “100 Most Influential Student-Athletes” as No. 25 on the list. He won two NCAA Championships (1949 and 1950) and was the first-ever ACC Champion in 1954. Professionally, he played from 1955–2005 with 62 PGA Tour victories and 10 Champion Tour victories. He was named to Wake Forest’s Hall of Fame in 1971.

Betty L. Siegel ('52) has been named to Georgia Trend magazine’s “Most Influential Georgians Hall of Fame.” As the retiring president of Kennesaw State University, she was honored by its Foundation with “A Silver Salute” for her 25 years of leadership.

Eunice Duncan Liesmann ('53) and her husband, Ronald, retired to Livingston, TX, to be near their son, Michael. They have a daughter, Sallie, who lives in California.

Robert S. Murphy ('53) lived in Kentucky for 51 years, teaching math in high school and at Somerset Community College. He has returned to North Carolina and is teaching math part-time at Cape Fear Community College.

I. Beverly Lake Jr. ('55, JD '60), former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession and to the State of North Carolina from the Wake Forest School of Law.

Buck Rish ('55, MD '58) has published his third novel, The Last Mule in Sunrise.

1960s

Maurice W. Horne ('60, JD '66) is chief judge of the Social Security Adjudications and Review Office in North Carolina. He has presided over hearings involving appeals of disability claims for 24 years. He and eight other judges and a staff of about 40 are involved in setting hearings from Fayetteville and other judges and a staff of about 40 are involved in setting hearings from Fayetteville to the mountains.

Ruth Winchester Ware ('61) had her poems, “Timothy’s Stone,” published in the Poetry Council of North Carolina’s Bay Leaves, and “Tuesday Woman,” published in Immigration Emigration Diversity. Her untitled black and white photo was exhibited in Chapel Hill, NC, at the Women’s Center Annual Art Show, “Through Women’s Eyes, By Women’s Hands.”

Stephen H. Corwin ('62, MD '65) and Robert F. Corwin ('62, MD '65) have retired and closed Corwin Urology Clinic in Waco, TX. They continue to be active in civic activities.

Jerry L. Punch ('65) is an audiologist and a professor in the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University. He has been named a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for his contributions in teaching, research and administration.

Allan Head ('66, JD '69) has been an executive with the N.C. Bar Association for 32 years. He has been named president of the National Association for Bar Executives.

Wade B. Haubert ('67) turned 60 and retired after 35 years in transportation, the last 25 as sales manager for Billings Transportation Group in Pennsylvania. His plans include volunteer work and lots of golf.

Mike Lewis ('67, JD '70) and David Daggett (JD '85), of the law firm Lewis & Daggett in Winston-Salem, sponsor the Safe Sober Prom Night Program. They motivate high-school students to take a pledge against drinking and driving and distribute free “Do it Right!” T-shirts to those who take that pledge.

Jim Funderburk ('68, JD '72) has been re-elected as a state bar councilor from the Gastonia, NC, area. He is vice chairman of the Rules Review Commission.
Lee Nathan Sanges (’68) is manager of the local office of the Employment Security Commission/Stanly County JobLink in Albemarle, NC. He has been in workforce development programs for 32 years. He and his wife, Marlene, have two sons, Thane and Evan.

1970s

Carl Keller (’70) and his senior mixed-doubles tennis team won the Wilmington Championship and advanced to the North Carolina State Championships for the third straight year.


George M. Bryan Jr. (’72) has been named president and chief executive officer of The Children’s Home Inc. in Winston-Salem, with a satellite campus in Franklin, NC.

Lawrence N. “Chip” Holden (’73) has been recognized as a leader in production with MassMutual Financial Group in Winston-Salem.

Richard S. “Steve” Orr (’74) has been appointed insurance commissioner for the state of Maryland. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Baltimore County.

Joanne Johnston Ritter (’74) is an administrative assistant in the Office of Alumni Activities and Annual Support at Wake Forest. She and her husband, Bob (’74), have two children.

Richard W. Scheiner (’75) is chairman of Semmes Bowen & Semmes, a firm of 70 attorneys headquartered in Baltimore, MD.

Charles Monroe Wilmoth (’75) is a development officer for Foundation Partnerships with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund in San Francisco, CA. He is a graduate of Leadership San Francisco. He received a Leadership Commendation and serves as a literary judge and grant panelist for the San Francisco Arts Commission.

Mark Northam (’76) is a research science consultant, focusing on carbon management technologies, in the Technology Management Department of Saudi Aramco in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He enjoyed four years of retirement from ExxonMobil but missed the challenges and interactions of the workplace.

J. Anthony “Andy” Penry (’76, JD ’79) is a partner with Taylor Penry Rash & Riemann in Raleigh, NC. He was elected to membership in the American Law Institute.

Stephen R. Briggs (’77) was provost and vice president for academic affairs at The College of New Jersey. He has been named the eighth president of Berry College in Mount Berry, GA.

Stephen W. Coles (’77, JD ’80) is with Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, NC. He is one of Woodward White Inc.’s 2005-06 “Best Lawyers in America” for civil litigation. His daughter, Sarah Craig, is a Wake Forest freshman.

Eric N. Olson (’77, PhD ’81) is the Robert A. Welch Distinguished Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He and Abraham Rudolph won the 2005 Pollin Prize for Pediatric Research for their pioneering work in fetal and neonatal cardiology.

Ernie Rushing (’77) has retired from the Washington State Attorney General’s office. He served as senior assistant attorney general and division chief for both the Natural Resources Division and Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division. He and his wife, Janet, daughter Amanda, and son Ben, live in Washington and Mexico.

Henry “Hank” Shore (’77) is pursuing his master’s in library and information science at the College of St. Catherine in Minneapolis, MN. He is an intern in the archives of Cargill Inc.

Richard Burr (’78), U.S. Congressman, gave the address at Wake Forest’s Founders’ Day Convocation in February.

Clare Novak (’78) is an international leadership development consultant in Chester Springs, PA. She wrote Never Rule Without a Magician, a Sage and a Fool: How Great Advisors Help Leaders Soar While Keeping Both Feet on the Ground. Her personal journeys have led her from ice-climbing to dinner on the Danube, Dneiper and the Nile.

James H. Burrus Jr. (’79, JD ’81) is an assistant director of the criminal division of the FBI in Washington, D.C.

David “Nicky” Guy Jr. (MBA ’79) has survived two strokes and is improving with therapy. He and his wife, Susan, have two college students.

John R. Lowden (’79, MBA ’82) is president of Newcastle Partners LLC in Greenwich, CT. He has been elected to the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.

Tamara Greb Smith (’79) is in her 23rd year of teaching drama at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, VA. She has been selected Teacher of the Year for 2005-06.

1980s

Jocelyn Burton (’80) has joined Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem as counsel. She is a member of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.

Bob Costner (’80) composed additional music for a film documentary, “Martha in Lattimore,” which was screened at the RiverRun International Film Festival in Winston-Salem.

Gilda Glazer (JD ’80), a pianist with The Glazer Duo, has recorded an album of American music, “Amber Waves” (Centaur Records, 2006).

Mac Haupt (’80) is in the monitoring section of the Ecosystem Enhancement Program of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. He lives in Raleigh with his four sons.
Alan E. Rolfe (’80) is retiring as a captain after 26 years in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He will continue his medical practice in dermatology, consultative internal medicine and geriatrics in Norfolk, VA.

Jerry Allen Wolfe (JD ’80) has been re-elected as the Commonwealth’s attorney for the City of Bristol, VA. He has served 16 years on the Bristol City Council and seven years as mayor.

Rick Glazier (JD ’81) has been named to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Panel for a three-year term. He is an attorney teaching criminal justice at Fayetteville State University and pre-trial law at Campbell University School of Law.

Chris Swecker (JD ’81) is an assistant director in the criminal investigation division of the FBI in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Preston Walk (’81) practices law in Virginia. He completed his sixth year as board chairman for Clinch Independent Living Services Inc. He serves on the board for Bluefield Baseball Club Inc. and is a substitute judge and administrative hearing officer.

Mary Dalton (’83) directed a film documentary, “Martha in Lattimore,” which was screened at the RiverRun International Film Festival in Winston-Salem.

Becky Garrison (’83) is senior contributing editor for The Wittenburg Door in New York. (www.wittenburgdoor.com) She has published a book, Red and Blue God, Black and Blue Church: Eyewitness Accounts of How American Churches are Hijacking Jesus, Bagging the Beatitudes, and Worshipping the Almighty Dollar (Jossey-Bass, April 2006).

Morris C. Massey (’83) focuses on land use, governmental matters and real estate with Hill Ward & Henderson in Tampa, FL.

Bill McKenney (’84) is a senior policy advisor with the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Ellen Sheehan McKenney (’89), live in Chevy Chase, MD, with their children, Jack (4) and Lila (2).

James R. Bullock (’85, MBA ’95) has been named vice president for University Advancement at Wake Forest, effective July 1.

Allyson Shepard Brown (’86) is vice president and controller of Direct Retail Lending with BB&T Corporation in Winston-Salem.

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Catherine Hendren (JD ’88) received the St. Paul’s Cross from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem for extraordinary dedication to her parish and community. She and her husband have two children.

Elizabeth Morriss Srinivasan (JD ’88) received the Chester County (PA) Bar Association’s 2005 President’s Award.

Ranlet S. Bell (JD ’89) is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem. She has been elected to the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.

Kevin Bertelsen (’89) is senior vice president and power and utilities portfolio management officer in Bank of America’s Global Corporate and Investment Banking Group. He received the bank’s highest honor, the Award of Excellence, in 2005. He and his wife, Jenny, son Jackson, and daughter Libby, live in Charlotte, NC.

Karl Greeson (’89) was invited to attend the 2006 AT&T Leaders Council at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. This annual event recognizes top AT&T business performers.

Joseph LaMountain (’89) is president and founder of SparkLight Communications. He produced a public service advertisement for television that is a finalist for the American Advertising Federation’s 2005 ADDY Award. He and his wife, Mimi, and two daughters, Mein and Phoebe, live in Alexandria, VA.

Jennifer Vladimir Shashaty (’89) has published a book, Bermuda Hearts: A Bennington Hall Legacy Romance, a historical romance.

1990

Joseph B. Dempster (JD) has been named managing partner of Poyner & Spruill LLP with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Southern Pines, NC.

George Reasner was the director of photography for a film documentary, “Martha in Lattimore,” which was screened at the River Run International Film Festival in Winston-Salem.

Jacob Valashinas has opened a personal jewelry business in Carolina Beach, NC. He enjoys surfing every day and painting oil portraits.

1991

Nick Manta is senior vice president and director of training at HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation in Atlanta. He received the Bronze Award for Achieving Impact by Chief Learning Officer magazine. He and his partner live in Sandy Springs.

1992

Shelley McVey Boehling is a stay-at-home mom; homeschooling, teaching Sunday School and playing in the Wilmington Tennis League. She and her husband, Eric, live in Wilmington, NC. They have three children, Andy, Brock and Corrie Lee.

1993

Elliott Berke has been named counsel to the U.S. Speaker of the House. He and his wife, Lindsey, and daughter Julia, live in Arlington, VA.

Jill Stricklin Cox (JD) is a managing member of Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem. She represents management in employment law.

Jennifer Carlson Goldcamp is the research coordinator for the Injury Control Research Center at West Virginia University. She and her husband, Michael, and their children, Ethan, Nate and Emily, live in Morgantown, WV.
Mike McCrary has been inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame. He was a defensive lineman for the 1992 Independence Bowl championship football team and was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in the 7th round in 1993. He played with the Seahawks for four years before moving to Baltimore.

Andrew Snorton is with the Gwinnett County Public Schools in Norcross, GA. He served as a consultant for the Youth Motivation Task Force at Albany State University, chapter president of the Gwinnett County Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and co-director of the Alpha Leadership Program for Higher Achievement. He was one of WB-TV’s “Unsung Heroes” for outreach.

Blair Lynn Whitley teaches second grade at The Steward School in Richmond, VA.

1994

Jill Celeste Alkonis is a travel photographer. She owns a wine bar, “Palate,” and recently opened Jill Celeste Gallery. She lives in Decatur, GA, where she received a Hometown Hero Award for founding outdoor community jazz concerts and local wine-tasting events.

Justin Choulouchas is chief financial officer for Hoya Lens Shanghai Ltd. in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China.

Kelly Dougherty published her first book, *Sleeping with Steinbeck*, a chronicle of her cross-country journey with her dog.

Jason G. Grimes completed his MS in building construction and facility management at Georgia Tech. He is with the U.S. General Services Administration in Georgia. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Caelyn Mildred (1) and Carrie (4).

Bonita J. Hairston (JD ’97) has been appointed legal counsel for the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem.

Brian T. Nicholson (MBA) is vice president of business strategy at The Fresh Market Inc. in Greensboro, NC.

1995

Amanda McMakin Rader and her husband, Dustin, are owners of Beyond Media in Louisville, TN. They have three children, Hannah (8), Jackson (6) and Annie (2).

Nick Jamile Adams has published a book, *How To Make Friends with Black People*.

Victor R. Allen (MBA) is treasurer of Eastman Chemical in Kingsport, TN.

Eric Boone is a seven-year associate in the Global Securities Department of Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP in Brooklyn, NY. He is a member of the national board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is vice chair of the board’s international affairs committee.

Sandra Combes Boyette (MBA) will retire as vice president for University Advancement on July 1. She was named senior advisor to the president and will still supervise the office of Public Affairs.

L. Carter Gray (MD ’99) is on faculty in the OB-GYN Department at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC.

Stephanie Neill Harner has been inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame. She was the first four-time All-American in ACC women’s golf history. She competed professionally on the Futures Tour and one season on the Ladies’ European Tour, and was assistant coach at Wake Forest for the 2003-04 season.

Amy Lee Montri and her husband, Michael, and son, Carter (1), have moved back to Atlanta.

Chad Simpson is completing an Air Force optometric residency in Texas. Upon completion, he and his family will be transferred to Guam.

1996

Carl Daniels is a director at Merrill Lynch. He works as an institutional salesman in the Municipal Markets Division at the world headquarters in New York City. He and his wife, Lindsay, are expecting their first child.

Loyd Henderson works for the mezzanine debt fund at Oaktree Capital in Larchmont, NY.

April Hess (MSA ‘97) and her husband, Hans, have opened Elevation Burger, an organic hamburger restaurant, in Falls Church, VA.

Jeff Miller is senior vice president at Cantor Fitzgerald LP in New York City. He and his wife, Kim, and two children live in Long Beach, NY.

J. Brice O’Brien (MBA) is senior vice president of consumer marketing at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem.

1997

Stephen Barnes is in his third year of medical school at St. George’s University. His wife, Elizabeth McGill Barnes (’99), is the northeast regional manager for Wilkins Media Company. They live in Brooklyn, NY, with their new daughter.

Kenny Herbst is an assistant professor of marketing in the Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary. He and his wife, Caroline, live in Williamsburg, VA.

Michele Scriven Mason is completing a residency with New Leaders for New Schools. She is pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership at Union University. Her husband, André (’96), is a national sales consultant with First Tennessee Bank. They have one son, André Jarrod (2), and live in Memphis, TN.

Melanie Sloan is vice president of research at the Winfield Consulting Group in Atlanta.

Jamey Spencer focuses on the firm’s private equity fund of funds business at Morgan Creek Capital Management LLC in Chapel Hill, NC.
Corinne Woodcock Topper is executive director of the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg, PA.

Bill Williams and his wife, Kari, have opened a family dental practice in Fletcher, NC.

1998

Wendy Wade Barclay (PhD ’04) has completed her training as a post doctoral fellow in the Department of Cancer Biology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She and her husband, David (MD ’02), and daughter Vivian, are moving to Denver, CO, this year for David to complete a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship.

Connie Boerkoel (MBA) is director of merchandise planning and deployment at the Bath & Body Works division of Limited Brands Corporation in Columbus, OH.

Kimberly A. Gossage (JD) and Jenniefer Cross Garrity (JD ’95) have opened a law practice in Charlotte, NC. Garrity & Gossage LLP provides insurance defense and elder law services.

1999

Stacey Thurman Bradford (JD) is a member of the labor and employment practice group of Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP in Birmingham, AL.

P. Devan Culbreth (JD ’04) is an associate attorney with Johnson Hearn Vinegar Gee & Glass PLLC in Raleigh, NC.

Allison Dougherty completed her two-year service as an education volunteer with the Peace Corps in Paraguay. She is an education specialist for The Hartford in Boston, MA.

Benjamin F. Jackson is a fellow in pediatric emergency medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham/Children’s Hospital of Alabama.

Scott Jones (MBA) is a financial advisor with UBS Financial Services Inc. in Winston-Salem.

Jeremy Noel is director of Clickitgolf.com in Charlotte, NC, where he was project coordinator for the parent company, Clickit Ventures LLC.

Super Lawyers

The following alumni have been named “Super Lawyers” by Charlotte and North Carolina Super Lawyers magazines.

Carl W. Hibbert (’70, JD ’84)
Estate planning and trusts
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Raleigh, NC

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

Stephen W. Coles (’77, JD ’80)
Business litigation
Brinkley Walser PLLC
Lexington, NC

Joslin Davis (JD ’77)
Family
Davis & Harwell PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Howard Borum (JD ’80)
Real estate transactions
Carruthers & Roth PA
Greensboro, NC

Stephen R. Berlin (’81, JD ’84)
Environmental and land use
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

Craig B. Wheaton (JD ’81)
Employee benefits/ERISA
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

Sarah Wesley Fox (JD ’83)
Labor and employment
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Raleigh, NC

Stan Atwell (JD ’84)
Estate planning and trusts
Carruthers & Roth PA
Greensboro, NC

Randall D. Avram (JD ’86)
Labor and employment
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Raleigh, NC

David Daggett (JD ’85)
Lewis & Daggett PA
Winston-Salem, NC

Gregg E. McDougal (JD ’87)
Business litigation
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Raleigh, NC
Kristine VanDoran Rork is in a one-year internship in child clinical psychology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Andrew I. Shaw is an associate in the corporate department of Posternak Blankstein & Lund in Boston, MA.

2000

Suzanne Davis Campbell is on the board of directors for theYWCA in Winston-Salem.

W. Taylor Campbell III (MSA ’01) is a financial advisor with D.L. Davis & Company in Winston-Salem. He has been recognized as a leader in production by the MassMutual Financial Group. He reports he was ranked third in the United States for placement of insurance with the LifeBridge Program, a free life insurance program for working parents to protect children’s educations.

Shannon Watkins Catlett is a senior graphic designer with Neiman Marcus Advertising in Dallas, TX, and serves on the board of directors for the Dallas Society of Visual Communications. She and her husband, Sean, celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Jennah Dieter received her MS from Palmer College of Chiropractic. She specializes in pediatric and perinatal chiropractic care at the Khoury Centre for Health and Wellness in Bellingham, MA.

Matthew A. Krause (JD) is a defense counsel with the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service at the 10th Mountain Division Field Office, Fort Drum, NY. He represents soldiers involved in court martial actions.

Cheryl Bradley Smith (MBA) is director of strategic planning for Hatteras Yachts in New Bern, NC.

Jennifer Nall received her master’s of public health from Tulane University and completed her service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malelane, South Africa.

Michael C. Palma received his DMD from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. He graduated with National Board Honors, the Dental Implant Student Award and the H. Segal Emergency Care Award. He is in his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Jefferson University Hospital.

Erin McGeehan Sommers received her PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a technical specialist at Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Duner LLP in Washington, D.C.

Cameron Williard completed her BS/MS in organic chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a nurse practitioner at the Medical University of South Carolina. She is a national account executive for the Asheville Citizen-Times in Asheville, NC. She was honored as Retail Sales Executive of the Year for 2005.

2001

April D. Craft (JD) practices family law and education law with Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, NC. She reports she is the first female attorney in their 120-year history. Seven of the nine attorneys are Wake Forest Law graduates.

Lauren Klopacs is director of new business in the circulation department of Forbes in New York, NY.

2002

Sara Jane Belsches received her MD from the University of South Alabama. Her residency in pediatric neurology is at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Lee Briggs is pursuing an acting career in New York. He is an intern at Cinetic Media, has been on the soap opera “Guiding Light,” has appeared in a Sprint commercial and is finishing a low-budget feature, “The Way Toward Dover,” that he acted in, produced and directed. His highest-profile job to date is in a Pepsi commercial, http://pepsi.yahoo.com/freeride/tv_ad.php. He is the son of Bill Briggs (’73) and Becky Connelly (’72) and grandson of Jean and Earle Connelly (’48). He plans to be married in July.

Nicole True Cedarleaf (JD) has joined the Rochester, NY, office of Hiscock & Barclay LLP. She practices insurance defense litigation.

2003

Ray Ashburg (JD) is an attorney with Dow Chemical Company. He and his wife, Amy, live in Pearland, TX.

Nick Jeffries received his MDiv from Duke University Divinity School. He is the program specialist and administrator for Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland, NC.

Ricky Perez is the wide receiver coach for Elon University.

Nicole Patterson Smiley is a national account executive for the Asheville Citizen-Times in Asheville, NC.

2004

Kelly Doton was chosen as a member of the World Cup field hockey team to represent the United States in the World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Rome, Italy.

Brian Lenker is assistant director of the College Fund at Wake Forest. He focuses primarily on young alumni and the senior class campaign.

Marriages

Douglas P. Connor (JD ’64) and Marjorie G. Mitchell. 2/12/06 in Mt. Olive, NC.

Henry E. “Hank” Shore Jr. (’77) and Mary Hinkle. 6/4/05 in Winston-Salem. They live in Minneapolis, MN.

Christina Lynn Benson (’95) and Hunter Holmes Smith. 3/4/06. They live in Atlanta.
Shannon Loraine Bailey ('97) and Matt Seal. 3/5/05. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Kennon Graber ('97) and Scott Richard Linkowski. 11/12/05 in Blowing Rock, NC. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Stephanie Lynn Jenkins ('97) and Kelly Ann Mason ('97).

Florence Elizabeth York ('98) and Myles Werner Clouston ('00). 10/22/05 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Joseph Hayes Calvert ('99), Caitlin Beth Currin ('98), Jessica Ann Kent ('98), Shannon Elizabeth Stittnet ('97) and Kelly Lynn Evans Ventura ('98). Attending were Robert West Candler III ('02), Amanda Elizabeth Carlson ('01), David Huffman Dorsey (MBA/MD '01), Matthew Hultquist ('01), Jennifer Lynn Ivanicki ('01), Meredith Mulhearn Julquist ('01), James Stacey Rhodes ('97) and tennis coach Jeffrey Todd Zinn.

Alecia Robyn Chandler ('99) and Matt Wilder. 7/16/05 in Colorado Springs, CO. The wedding party included Alison Snodgrass Chiock ('99), Allison Doughearty ('99), Halle Eisenam ('99), Amelia Hummel Hodges ('99) and Kerrie Kardatzke ('99). Attending were Amy Williams Cantando ('00), Matt Cantando ('99), David Hodges ('99), Brooke Kennedy Newton ('99) and Alison Bilheimer Rao ('98).

Andrew Rodd Ferguson ('00) and Abbey P. Keenan ('00). 10/15/05 in Chatham, MA. They live in Charlottesville, VA. The wedding party included William Balisteri ('00), Courtney Boshart ('00), Amanda Silva Chanon ('00), Ann Ferguson ('01), Carinne Keenan ('98), Kristen Miller ('00), India Perry ('00), John Rabun ('00), James Stevens ('00) and Brooks Sykes Sutton ('00).

Holly Elizabeth Ivanoff ('00) and Matthew Lloyd Graham. 10/8/05. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Paula Abigail Decker ('00) and Michelle Therese Hess ('00).

Claire Knaur Strang ('00) and Charles Jacob Farver ('01). 3/4/06 in Charleston, SC. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Courtney Mills Boshart ('00), Margaret Stuart Brooks ('00), Alex Bradley Cregan ('01), Nicholas Ryan Farrell ('01), Christopher Chauvin Hicks ('01), Thomas Andrews Ivers ('01), India Shea Perry ('00), Robert Renn Pfeiffer ('01), Gregory Thomas Tietjen ('02) and Margaret Siewers Turner ('00).

Kerry Church ('01) and Kevin Dillon ('01). 8/27/05 in Philadelphia, PA. The wedding party and guests included Kevin Bray ('02), Mike Devin ('01), sophomore Matt Dillon, Chris Farhney ('99), Laura Brett Fahnrey ('02, MSA '02), Greg Gladstone ('01), Ashley Horton ('01), Courtney Kuhl ('01), Fairley Washington Mahlum ('01), Maureen Meyer ('01), Cameron Miller ('01) and Kadi Thompson ('01).

Matthew Anthony Jaso ('01) and Carrie Snyder. 10/22/05 in Cumberland, MD. They live in Richmond, VA. The wedding party included Christopher Gialanella ('01).

Ann Marie Mongelli ('01) and Michael Hawryluk. 2/18/06 at the U.S. Naval Academy. The wedding party included Jennifer Iwanicki ('01).

Laura Elizabeth Pridgen ('01) and Owen English Taylor ('01). 2/18/06 in Charlotte, NC. Eugene Connelly Pridgen (MBA '75, JD '78) and Jamie Pridgen are the bride’s parents. Elizabeth Owen Taylor ('65, MA '71) and Charles Hart Taylor ('63, JD '66) are the groom’s parents, and Helen Bryan Owen ('37) is the groom’s grandmother. The wedding party included Amy Lampert Brandt ('02, MSA '02), Alyson Beacham Davis ('02, MSA '02) and Catherine Barr McLesster ('02, MSA '02). In attendance were Mary Helen Owen Davis ('70), William Hersey Davis ('70), Mary Bryan Holt ('50), John Charles Hunter ('81, JD '85), Susan Jackson Kelly ('01), Holly Marie Langmuir ('01), Edward Marcus Marsh (JD '74), Jennifer Rose McCorkle ('01), James Griffin Owen ('69), William Boyd Owen Jr. ('67, MD '71), Angela Smith Pridgen ('73) and Anna Worley Townsend ('02, MSA '02).

Britton Kristen Stackhouse ('01) and Hugh Bennett Miller Jr. 10/15/05 in Pensacola, FL. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Krissy Yablonsky Atwater ('01), Erin Haugh ('01), Trista Hopkins ('00) and Allison Forrest Houle ('00, MSA '01).

Brooke Ashley Woods ('01) and Lee Michael McCollum. 9/17/05 in Dallas, TX. The wedding party included Andrea Brooks ('01), Alexandra McFall ('01) and Lindsey Randolph ('02).

Lisa Glebatis ('02) and Joshua Perks. 8/20/05 in West Park, NY. They live in Austin, TX. The wedding party included Addie Blaby ('02), Sarah Egner ('02) and Kaycee Shoemaker ('02, MSA '03). Attending were Holly Howell ('02), Hope Walters Inman ('02), Ross Inman ('01), Candace Kohl ('02), Kara Markley ('02), Rick Price ('02), Erik Ryan ('02) and Ben Snow ('03).

Branston W. Williams ('02) and Sarah J. Lester ('03). 10/29/05 in Atlanta. The wedding party included R. Cameron Cole ('01, MAEd '02), Nicholas R. Dahn ('02), Jonathan M. Fenton ('03, MSA '04), Elizabeth Doby Justice ('02), Jeb M. Justice ('02), Mildred C. Kerr ('03), Jennifer L. Newman ('03, PA '06), J. Stephen Perkins ('02), C. Benjamin Rainwater ('02), Rebecca K. Rose ('03), Matthew G. Scott ('02), Adrienne V. Thompson ('03) and Amanda L. Whitehead ('03).

Brent C. Wootton ('02) and Sloane Elizabeth Liddle. 11/19/05. They live in Durham, NC.

Catherine Anne Beck ('03) and Adam Lael Agress. 4/8/06 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Alicia Burns ('03), Tori Countner ('03), Tiffany Cummins ('03), Jennifer Gayle ('03), Lauren Magnetti ('03) and Maria White ('03).

Helen Pierce (MD '03) and John Jones III. 3/17/06 in Winston-Salem.

Jennifer “Jen” E. Schneider ('03) and Matthew C. Camp (MD '05). 5/28/05 in Davis Chapel on the Bowman Gray Campus. They live in Redlands, CA. The wedding party included Erin Lunn ('00) and Brad Thomas ('00, MD '05).

Christopher Andrew Webb ('03) and Jennifer Anne Coccitto ('03). 8/7/05 in Asheville, NC. They live in Norwalk, CT. The wedding party included Eric Putnam ('03) and Matthew White ('03). Ryan Blackburn ('03) attended.

Births/Adoptions

J. Anthony “Andy” Penry ('76, JD '79) and Karen Moriarty, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Sarah Marie. 2/18/06. She joins her sisters, Carolyn (20) and Kathryn (16), and brother John (2).

Lora Jaye Smeltzly ('78) and Michael Finch, St. Petersburg, FL: a daughter, Lily Meloy Tess. 10/21/05.

Mark A. Johnson ('82) and Allyson M. Johnson, Greenbelt, MD: a son, Christopher Michael. 3/28/06

Kelli Brewer Sabiston ('86) and Paul Sabiston ('85), Shallotte, NC: a son, Eric Brewer. 10/27/05. He joins his sister, Natalie Clare (6).
Run the World

Hunter Schimpff (‘05) is in the business of serving up culture, with a side dish of exercise.

By Scott Holter

If your idea of a vacation is to become immersed in the fabric of a thriving city or seaside town, to spend afternoons shopping at the trendiest boutiques and evenings indulging in the local cuisine, Hunter Schimpff’s itinerary may not be for you.

But if you’re looking to do all that and begin each day with a vigorous, heart-pumping run over some of the world’s greatest landscapes, Schimpff’s Dallas-based tour-operating company, Run The World, may be your ultimate guide.

Schimpff, a 2005 graduate who majored in Spanish, launched the Web-based business last October with two destinations—Chile and Argentina—and a pledge to provide customers with a healthy mix of his two greatest passions.

“We look at our offering as a main course of culture with a side dish of running,” say Schimpff, who manages the business from his home. “So often people go on vacations and don’t get a lot of exercise. We are perfect for culture-seekers who are active, whether it’s walking three miles a day or running seven miles a day.”

The one-time high school cross-country athlete was a recreational runner during his four years at Wake Forest. These days he puts up to eighteen miles a week on the training shoes but leaves the actual tour running to the guides he has employed in both South American countries.

Schimpff gained an appreciation for that part of the world while studying abroad in Chile during his junior year.
It eventually became a springboard to what would be the first big business decision in his young professional life. “I really got to know the (South American) people and learned what tremendous people they are,” he says. “When I decided to go forth with the company, it was a natural to want to take people there.”

That decision came last August. Stuck at an early-career crossroads following a summer in Uruguay where he worked as a duck-hunting guide, Schimpff was pounding the Texas pavement of Austin and Dallas each day in search of work. During one sleepless night an inspiration came to him.

He had no clear-cut idea of any certain vocation, knowing only he wanted his job to have an international and cultural flavor and allow him to interact with people and use the technology skills he garnered in college. The running aspect of the business equation was a natural. “Finally in October,” Schimpff says, “I got some gumption and some courage, and I did it. I figured the worst thing that would happen was I’d lose the savings that I used in the investment. But at least I’d learn quite a bit.”

Relying on his own experiences in South America, coupled with the knowledge of his in-country guides, Schimpff has assembled a smorgasbord-style itinerary for each country that promises to have his tour groups, which are limited to ten people each week, learning as well.

“I’m keeping the tours in smaller groups because I don’t want anyone feeling like they’re just a number,” says Schimpff, who hopes to expand to Scotland and Canada. “I want each and every person to get to know the guide and all of the people they’re traveling with.”

Tours leave on Sunday and return the following Saturday, and the majority of customers travel in groups or with families. Every fourth week, Run the World offers an excursion for singles.

While running is the conduit for most everyone who signs up, Schimpff assures customers they will also uncover much of the country. He provides an orientation packet, which includes a list of activities offered. For instance, in Buenos Aires guests might explore the historical architecture, participate in a “gastronomy walking tour” of various neighborhoods, attend a soccer match, or visit the city’s venerable churches and museums.

In Chile, tours cover the coastal town of Vina del Mar and its sister city Valparaiso, and activities include a Casablanca vineyard visit, a tour of the homes of poet Pablo Neruda, jaunts through local art galleries, and stops at several bakeries and ice cream shops.

Participants are asked to choose their favorite six. Schimpff gathers all the votes and, using a point system, whittles the activity list to the four that will be offered on that particular tour.

On a typical day, guests will run in the morning and take part in an activity in the afternoon. A two-hour break in the middle allows them to rest, shop or tour the city or countryside on their own.

“It’s a combination of structure and exploration,” Schimpff says. “Even with the running, we say, ‘Exercise at your own pace.’ If they want to run for eight miles, fine. If they only want to run two miles and spend some time exploring the park where we’re running, it’s their choice. All activities are done at their pace.”

As Run the World’s lone United States employee, Schimpff has found himself acting as travel agent, public relations executive and accountant. He has also served as chief marketer, handing out fliers at marathon expositions, contacting local running clubs, and placing an ad in the popular Runner’s World magazine. Every piece of literature he hands out directs people to www.runningvacation.com.

“It’s about making what I do inviting to people, and I guess it all comes back to that sense of community that was so special and unique at Wake Forest,” he says. “I went to Wake to learn how to think, and they did an awesome job of preparing me to do just that.”

The thinking he learned in college paid dividends for Schimpff, especially during the two months of indecision following August’s middle-of-the-night brainstorm. “When it was still on my mind in October, I decided to listen to the advice that I usually give to my friends,” he recalls. “Think through what you’re doing, but ultimately do what you’re passionate about.”

Scott Holter is a freelance writer based in Seattle.
Joan Brodish Binkley ('87, JD '91) and Daniel H. Binkley, Greensboro, NC: a son, Julian Steele. 12/8/05. He joins his brothers, Joseph (6) and George (5).

Alan Joseph White ('87) and Stephanie Ann White, Waltham, MA: a son, Deacon Charles. 11/22/05

Andrew Hart ('88) and Laura Hart, Lancaster, SC: a daughter, Olivia. 3/5/06

Linda Sink Smith ('88) and Sander Smith ('88), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Emma Grace. 4/27/05 in South Korea and adopted 9/05. She joins her brothers, Alex (9) and Graham (6).

Shula Ramsay Good ('89) and Ward Good, Richmond, VA: a son, Randolph Lawson. 12/13/05. He joins his brother, Ramsay (2).

Jennifer Sorensen Kaylor ('90) and Kevin Kaylor, Pawleys Island, SC: a son, Jackson Allen. 11/22/05

Nick P. Chinuntdet ('91) and Amber McKinney Chinuntdet ('92), Powder Springs, GA: a son, Alexander Nicom. 3/27/06. He joins his brother, Andy.

Shelley McVey Boehling ('92) and Eric Boehling, Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Corrie Lee Louise. 11/17/05

Chuck Meacham ('92) and Karen O’Connor Meacham ('93), Evansville, IN: a daughter, Colleen Elizabeth. 10/7/05. She joins her sister, Kate, and brother, Conor.

Kim Doolittle Norris ('92) and Alex Norris, Atlanta: a daughter, Kathryn “Kate” Adair. 2/22/06

Timothy S. Oswald ('92) and Jennifer Inglis Oswald ('93), Marietta, GA: a son, Nevan Bradford. 3/30/06. He joins his brothers, Espen (6) and Anton (4).

Patrick Picklesimer ('92) and Amy Picklesimer, Chapel Hill, NC: a daughter, Linda Elaine. 7/3/05

Robert M. Cook II (JD '93) and Lisa Cook, Batesburg-Leesville, SC: a daughter, Caroline Hope. 1/8/06. She joins her brother, Trey (9), and sister, Helen Elisabeth (18 mos.).

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Amanda Karper Doss (’93, MS ’95) and Will Doss, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Lillian Rose. 9/14/05. She joins her sisters, Susannah Ellen (5) and Evelyn Grace (3).

Jennifer Grayson Hudson (’93) and Jon Edward Hudson (’94, MD ’04), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Clara Elizabeth. 8/30/05

Melissa Anderson Laxton (’93, MD ’98) and Ron Laxton, Yadkinville, NC: a daughter, Hannah Marie. 10/27/05. She joins her brother, Henry (3).

Erin Komicz Petty (’93) and Robert C. Petty, Stonington, CT: a daughter, Sydney Catherine. 1/17/06. She joins her brother, Holden (2).

Elizabeth “Beth” Jenkins Pflomm (JD ’93) and Rob Pflomm, Tustin, CA: a son, Nicholas. 2/17/06. He joins his brother, Jack (2).

Lauren Martin Smith (’93) and James Smith, Denver, NC: a daughter, Laura Elizabeth. 2/16/06. She joins her sister, Sarah Kathryn (2).

Kimberly Erickson Arnett (’94) and Harry Arnett, Decatur, GA: a daughter, CJ. 2/1/06

Mary Renner Beech (’94) and Curt Beech (’94), Pasadena, CA: a daughter, Eden Renner. 1/3/06. She joins her sister, Tate (2).

Melissa Thomas Cantzrell (’94) and Joseph DeArmound Cantzrell (’94), Williamsburg, VA: a son, Jacob “Jake” Charles. 12/15/05. He joins his sister, Laura Elizabeth (3 1/2).

Katie Gage Crites (’94) and Mark Crites, Atlanta: a son, Colin Marshall. 2/28/06. He joins his brother, Gage (16 mos.).

Stephen C. Detor (’94) and Gina G. Detor, Lighthouse Point, FL: a son, Parker Lee. 1/11/06

Joe Dickson (’94) and Elizabeth Dickson, Chattanooga, TN: a son, James Alexander. 1/30/06. He joins his sister, Emily (13), and brothers, Jacob (12), Aidan (9) and Morgan (7).

Patrick Eric McLaughlin (’94) and Nicole Germain, Woonsocket, RI: a son, Miles Alexandre. He joins his brother, Maxson.

Shelby Thornton Patrick (’94) and Chip Patrick, Charlotte, NC: a son, Thompson. 3/27/06

Tracy Nickerson Schaefer (’94) and Jim Schaefer, Black Mountain, NC: a daughter, Kylie Elizabeth. 8/7/05

Jan Stewart Swanton (’94) and Thomas Swanton, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Carly Elizabeth. 10/19/05. He joins her sister, Hannah (4 1/2).

Robert Michael Cruickshank (’95) and Ann Cruickshank, Reading, MA: a son, Conall Patrick. 2/16/06. He joins his brother, Liam (2).

Melissa Berry Grattias (’95) and Eric J. Grattias (MD ’98), Chattanooga, TN: a son, William Eric. 3/3/06. He joins his sister, Maddie (4).

L. Carter Gray (’95, MD ’99) and Jim Warner, Durham, NC: a son, James Henry. 3/2/06

Tim Hailstock (’95) and Arielthia Friday Hailstock (’96), Highlands Ranch, CO: a son, Jeremiah Joshua. 10/28/05. He joins his brother, Tim “TJ” II (21 mo.).

Laura Bain Hamel (’95) and Jonathan Hamel (’96), Miami, FL: twin sons, Jonathan Alexander and Benjamin Henry. 1/20/06

Liesl Rose Lawrence (’95) and Dylan Lawrence, Boise, ID: a daughter, Annabel Rose. 1/6/06

Jennifer Finnegan Patruno (’95) and David Patruno, Syracuse, NY: a son, Jonathan David. 2/12/06

Erin Harzinski Russo (’95) and Tom Russo, Nelliston, NY: a son, Eli Trent. 2/18/06. He joins his sister, Lillian Jane (3).

Chad Simpson (’95) and Tara Simpson, San Antonio, TX: a daughter, Bryce Bailey. 8/24/05

Jessica Hannah Thacker (’95) and Brian Thacker, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Kelly Rose. 11/5/05

Chad Brederznitz (’96, MSA ’97) and Cynthia Brederznitz, White Lake, MI: a son, Tyler Burns. 12/28/05. He joins his sister, Anna (2).

Daniel Lee Briggs (’96) and Laurie Long Briggs (’97, MSA ’98), Lexington, NC: a son, Lyndon Carroll. 12/12/05. He joins his sister, Sidney Leier (2).

Amy McMahan Crawford (’96, JD ’99) and David J. Crawford, Huntersville, NC: a son, Owen James. 3/13/06. He joins his brothers, Jacob (5) and Cole (3).

Nicole Ferrara Essig (JD ’96) and Matthew R. Essig, Highlands Ranch, CO: a daughter, Natalie Nicole. 12/14/05

Loyd Henderson (’96) and Kelly Henderson, Larchmont, NY: a son, Drew Beck. 2/10/06. He joins his twin sisters, Tai and Sydney.

April Arden Hess (’96, MSA ’97) and Hans Hess, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Elisabeth Arden. 11/21/05

Tony Hooker (’96) and Melissa Hooker, Concord, NC: twin sons, Nathaniel Cade and Andrew Cole. 3/3/06. They join their brother, Logan (3).

Schuyler Andrew Huck (’96) and Emily Turner Huck (’98), Charlottesville, VA: a daughter, Elle Kate. 1/3/06. She joins her brother, Turner (3).

Shannon Meeker Marrujo (’96) and Daniel Marrujo, Apex, NC: a son, Maximilian Daniel. 8/16/05

Leslie Godby Martell (JD ’96) and Gregory Martell (MBA ’94), Gaithersburg, MD: a daughter, Caroline Anderson. 2/11/05

Jeffrey S. Miller (’96) and Kim Miller, Long Beach, NY: a son, John “Jack” Patrick. 6/8/05. He joins his sister, Catharine (2).

Gannon Johnson Ward (’96) and David Ward, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Lillian Ruth. 1/17/06. She joins her sister, Katherine (18 mos.).

Brett Weber (’96, JD ’99) and Cameron Bader Weber (JD ’01), Charlotte, NC: a son, Thomas Briggs. 1/12/06. He joins his sister, Carson (2).

Ryan B. Weimer (’96) and Adrian Chastain Weimer (’99), Edinburgh, London: a daughter, Annabel McCrery. 2/12/06

David Wayne Willis (’96) and Lenore Kralovich Willis (’97), Marietta, GA: a daughter, Ashlyn Marie. 11/21/05. She joins her brother, Daniel (2 1/2).

Lisa Martin Wolford (’96) and Jeffrey Brian Wolford, Arvada, CO: a son, Kai Martin. 2/9/06
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2. Complete the VSA-10 Form on the Virginia DMV Web: [www.dmv.state.va.us](http://www.dmv.state.va.us)
3. Fax or mail the completed form to: Wake Forest Office of Alumni Activities, c/o Mark “Frosty” Aust, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227, Fax: 336.758.4800

Jennifer Brock (97) and Erick Brock, Joppa, MD: a daughter, Emily Noel. 12/8/05. She joins her sister, Corinne Elizabeth (3).

Kelly Boblett Griffith (97) and Gareth Edward Griffith (88), Greensboro, NC: a son, Maddock Ryne. 12/11/05. He joins his brother, Bryce Maguire (2 1/2).

Allison Costa Kearney (97) and Edward “Gus” Kearney IV (97), Leesburg, VA: a son, Edward Augustine V. 8/31/05

Josh Kellett (97) and Brandi Bingham Kellett (00), Fort Lauderdale, FL: a son, Elijah “Eli” Lee. 3/13/06. He joins his brother, Marshall (2 1/2).

Bryan Lee Macy (MBA ’97) and Teresa Macy, Folsom, CA: a daughter, Kaitlyn Rose. 4/27/05

Joseph M. Michalski (97) and Jennifer Harrison Michalski (00), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Breana Lucille. 3/15/06. She joins her brother, Joseph Merritt (2 1/2).

Shannon Bailey Seal (97) and Matt Seal, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Madelyn Louise. 12/16/05

Todd Sninski (97) and Dabney Sninski (97), Cary, NC: a son, Andrew Ryan. 11/23/05

Bill Williams (97) and Kari Williams, Asheville, NC: a daughter, Sarah Anne. 10/1/05

John David Anderson (98) and Macie Anderson, Meridian, MS: a son, Bradley Tipton. 1/25/06

Wendy Wade Barclay (98, PhD ’04) and David Knox Barclay (MD ’02), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Vivian Ruth. 1/14/06

Laura Tucker Cecil (98) and Ben Cecil, Charlotte, NC: a son, Tucker Scott. 7/23/05

David C. Fenton (98) and Jennifer Fenton, Pickerington, OH: a son, Tyler. He joins his sister, Audrey (2).

Jacqueline Hughes Gulino (98) and Michael Gulino, Bronx, NY: a daughter, Sofia Paige. 2/10/06
Heather Moon Hayes ('98) and Bob Hayes, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Eleanor Anne. 2/13/06. She joins her sister, Mary.

Christopher Heim ('98) and Maryann Heim, Rockville, MD: a daughter, Alison Michelle. 3/15/06

Katherine Flynn Henry (JD ’98) and Deron Henry, Kernersville, NC: a son, Quinn Thomas. 12/27/05

Cassie Howell Martucci ('98) and Nicholas Martucci, Charlotte, NC: a son, Giovanni Elijah. 6/21/05

Christopher Mullen ('98) and Lori Mullen, South Portland, ME: a son, Joshua. 2/17/06. He joins his sister, Emma (2).

Stacy White Nichols ('98) and Robert Nichols, Bakersfield, CA: a son, Ryan Weston. 3/8/06

William R. Pekowitz Jr. ('98) and Karen Pekowitz, Ossining, NY: a daughter, Julia Brotherhood. 12/3/05

Amanda Lewis Riepe ('98) and Andrew W. Riepe (99), Indianapolis, IN: a daughter, Mia Elizabeth. 9/2/05

Megan Kleinfelder Roach ('98) and Joseph Roach, Cincinnati, OH: a son, Maxwell Joseph. 9/21/05. He joins his sister, Morgan (2).

Kristin Dougherty Scali ('98) and Michael Scali, Kennett Square, PA: a son, Benjamin Cole. 2/27/06. He joins his brother, Michael (22 mos.).

Erik Steven Vandersen (MBA ’98) and Jennifer Giffen-Vandersen, Savannah, GA: a son, Jack Moore. 3/12/06

Rachel Avon Whidden ('98, MA ’00) and Christopher M. Whidden (98), Lake Forest, IL: a daughter, Felicity Mae. 7/20/05

Elizabeth McGill Barnes ('99) and Stephen Barnes ('97), Brooklyn, NY: a daughter, Caroline Margaret. 12/16/05

Sarah Houghtlin Beatty ('99) and Patrick Beatty, Atlanta: a son, James Houghtlin. 12/13/05

Benjamin F. Jackson ('99) and Elizabeth Wingfield Jackson (’00), Birmingham, AL: a daughter, Anna Dargan. 1/1/06. She joins her brothers, Samuel (3) and Henry (2).

Stefanie Mathews-Rosecrans (’99) and Christopher Rosecrans, Dana Point, CA: a son, Austin Kane. 1/6/06

Adrian Miller (’99) and Marti Miller, Conover, NC: a son, Kennedy Lennon. 1/21/06

Ben Wilson (’99) and Shelly Woodson Wilson (’99), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Abigail Riley. 10/3/05

Hugh Brian Wolverton (’99) and Monica Bates Wolverton (’99), Mt. Pleasant, SC: a daughter, Audrey Mae. 8/21/05. She joins her sister, Landry Kathleen (2).

Todd P. Zerega (JD ’99) and Megan Lulich Zerega (JD ’99), Pittsburgh, PA: a daughter, Madeline Megan. 11/28/05

Daniel F. Diffley (JD ’00) and Catherine Alexander Diffley (JD ’00), Atlanta: a daughter, Eloise Catherine. 11/11/05

Cameron Farmer (’00) and Brooke Farmer (’00), Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Ada Cavin. 1/28/06

Caroline Knox (JD ’00) and Ashley Knox, Hendersonville, NC: a son, Turner Ashley. 1/31/06

William Andrew Merritt III (’00) and Shelli Merritt, Charlotte, NC: a son, William Joseph. 4/5/06. He joins his sister, Nina (2).

Jennifer Pollock Mueller (’00) and Matthew Mueller, Timonium, MD: a son, Hadley Cristin. 3/2/06

Amanda Epstein Musson (’00) and Stephen Musson, Marietta, GA: a son, Nicholas Joseph. 3/9/06

Keith Zanni (JD ’00) and Lisa D. Zanni (JD ’01), Chesapeake, VA: a daughter, Megan Katherine. 12/30/05. She joins her brother, Drew (2).

Robert Browne (MBA ’01) and Sandy Browne, Moyock, NC: a daughter, Jennifer. 1/21/06

Wendi Jean Cimino (MBA ’01) and Richard C. Cimino, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Gretchen Elliot. 12/31/05. She joins her sister, Winston.

Scott M. Duncan (’01) and Kristen Duncan, Louisville, KY: a son, Carter Hale. 3/7/06

Jennifer Storey Plante (’01) and Marcel Plante, Villa Park, IL: a son, Pierce Christian. 5/21/05

Leigh Anne Shepherd Wray (’01) and Hal Wray (Wake Forest medical student), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Serena Lillie. 4/2/06

Rebecca Van Zandt Albertson (’02) and Zach Albertson (’02), Winston-Salem: a son, Peter Van Zandt. 1/7/06. He joins his sister, Leah.

Gary D. Brewer (MBA ’02) and Ginny Brewer, High Point, NC: a daughter, Merritt Belle. 1/20/06

Jill Massey Desmonie (MBA ’02) and Benjamin Desmonie, Mebane, NC: a son, Dylan. 2/28/05. He joins his brother, Paul (3).

Eduardo Espinola (MBA ’02) and Cathy Jo Espinola, Collierville, TN: twins, Brendan and Savannah Marie. 11/24/05. They join their brother, Alec (2).

Sarah Janczak Ramsden (’02) and Tim Ramsden (’02), Charlotte, NC: a son, Hudson Richard. 10/8/05

David Robbins (MBA ’02) and Angela Robbins, Raleigh, NC: a son, Charles David. 6/13/05. He joins his brother, William.

Obi I. Chukwumah (’03) and Danielle McDougal Chukwumah (’03), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Zinachkwudi Chikamaka. 3/23/06

Jeremey C. Roy (MBA ’03) and Karen Roy, Edmond, OK: a son, Jacob Evan. 1/19/06

Greg Russ (MBA ’03) and Shannon Russ, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Ashley Caroline. 4/15/06

Vanessa E. James (JD ’05) and Jason R. James (MAEd ’03), Bridgeton, NJ: a son, Aidan Michael. 2/23/06

Deaths


George P. Donavant Sr. (’30), Aug. 22, 2005, Raleigh, NC: He worked with Addressograph Multigraph in Raleigh, NC, and Nashville, TN. He reitred as purchasing agent in 1975 from the City of Raleigh.
Nathan David Dail ('32), April 19, 2006, Greensboro, NC. He was a retired mail carrier in Edenton, NC. As a student on the Old Campus, he had legendary President William Louis Poteat for a biology class, and in 1996, his name was linked with Poteat’s when his daughter, former trustee Barbara D. Whiteman ('58), and her husband, Bob, funded a Poteat Scholarship in his honor. He is also survived by two other daughters, Mary Helen D. Crowe and Marion D. Seaman. Memorials may be made to the Nathan D. Dail/Poteat Scholarship Fund, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Herbert R. Kendrick Jr. ('32), March 9, 2006, Dillsburg, PA. He was the founder and former owner of radio station WHGB, an outdoor sports writer for national magazines and Gun Dog editor for the Pennsylvania Game News. He was a ship-model maker, exhibiting at the Smithsonian Institution, Statue of Liberty Museum and Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

James Wyatt Newsome (JD '36), Feb. 4, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He was retired from the Army Air Corps after serving at posts around the United States and in foreign countries.

DeWitt Smith Jr. ('36), Feb. 24, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He was a tobacco farmer most of his life and a salesman for Williamson Volkswagen in Lumberton, NC, before retiring in 1982.

Coy W. Yates ('37), Jan. 13, 2006, Durham, NC. He was retired from Crain and Denbo Inc. and a member of The Gideons International.

Robert M. Martin Jr. ('38), Jan. 29, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He practiced law in High Point, NC, and was Special Superior Court Judge for seven years. He served an eight-year term on the N.C. Court of Appeals, before retiring in 1982. He was also a special consultant to the N.C. State Treasurer.

Edward V. Blanchard ('39), Jan. 9, 2006, Ahoskie, NC. He was the founder and president of Blanchard Office Supply Inc. for over 50 years and was active in the community.

T.W. “Casey” Martin Sr. ('39), March 3, 2006, Lattimore, NC. He retired after 46 years in education in Green Creek, Boiling Springs, Lattimore, Mooresboro and Waco. He was a Cleveland County Principal of the Year and a District II Principal of the Year.

Walter B. Peyton (JD '39), Dec. 21, 2005, Binghamton, NY. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a staff officer for General Eisenhower at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in London and Paris. He was an attorney, director and president of the Broome County Taxpayers Association and president of the United Taxpayers of New York State.

Robert C. Brown ('40), Jan. 25, 2006, Asheville, NC. He was a high school science teacher in the Asheville City and Buncombe County schools for 38 years and he also taught in Charlotte, NC, and Largo, FL. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in aerial photography and remained active in the Air Force Reserve until retiring in 1967.

John S. Watkins Jr. ('40), Feb. 15, 2006, Oxford, NC. He was a World War II veteran and a retired automobile dealer and tobacconist.

Charles Ward White ('40), Jan. 15, 2006, Durham, NC. His father, R.B. White, was a professor of law at Wake Forest. He worked at DuPont and served in the U.S. Navy before practicing law with various partners in Durham over the next 50 years. He practiced with Hofler Mount & White until 1994 and retired in 1997 as of counsel for King Walker Lambe & Crabtree.

Lois Upchurch Jeffreys ('41), July 19, 2005, Raleigh, NC. She retired in 1983 after 30 years of service to the North Carolina State Laboratory. She was the widow of Joseph Jeffreys ('43).

Rudy L. Sloan ('41), Jan. 29, 2006, Lake Mary, FL. He served as a paratrooper during World War II. He was an engineer with the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Coastline Railroad for 42 years, retiring in 1984.

Fred Tillman Collins ('42), Jan. 23, 2006, Fort Worth, TX.

Malvin J. Parham ('42), Dec. 20, 2005, Penrose, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and operated several businesses before retiring to western North Carolina.

O.R. Pearce Jr. ('42), March 1, 2006, Topsail Beach, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and practiced dentistry in Greenville, NC, for 50 years.

Richard Thomas Vernon ('42), Feb. 8, 2006, Walnut Cove, NC. He was a school teacher in Walnut Cove and was active in his father-in-law’s petroleum distribution business, Walnut Cove Fuel Supply Inc., until his death.


Willis J. Hobbs ('43), June 23, 2005, Mooresville, NC. He was a teacher.

Harvey S. “Buddy” Northington Jr. ('43), Jan. 2, 2006, South Hill, VA.

Wooten Marion Odom ('43), March 7, 2006, Ahoskie, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was retired as a partner in the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse and as owner of the Red & White Food Store.

William H. Price ('43), Dec. 17, 2005, Monroe, NC.

James D. Reeves ('43), March 27, 2006, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze Star Medals. He was president and owner of the Miami Beach land survey firm of Zurwelle-Whittaker Inc. for 30 years.

B. Donald Keyser ('45), March 8, 2006, Buius Creek, NC. He was professor emeritus in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Campbell University. He served several pastorates and was named theologian in residence at Memorial Baptist Church. He co-published a book, Jerusalem to Gaza: A Theology of the Old Testament.

Stanley Margoshes (MD '45), Feb. 16, 2006, Miami, FL. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Army and practiced private internal medicine until 1986. He was the director of the Cedars Hospital Geriatric Clinic, a clinical associate professor of family medicine at Cedars Medical Center and later vice president of the board of directors of the Guardianship Program of Dade County, FL.

Douglas B. Brendle ('46), Feb. 11, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was a former trustee (1987–1990), founder of the Brendle’s catalog-showroom chain and a member of the family that funded Brendle Recital Hall, named for his father, during the second phase of construction of the Scales Fine Arts Center in the early 1980s. After attending Wake Forest, he graduated from Western Kentucky University and served in the Army for two years before joining his father’s wholesale grocery-distributing business in Elkin, NC. In the early 1960s, he and his two brothers opened North Carolina’s first catalog showroom. By 1990, Brendle’s was one of the Southeast’s leading catalog-showroom chains with 3,000 employees and 59 stores in five states. He retired in 1995 as president and chief executive officer. He later opened Doug Brendle’s Natural Health Superstore in Winston-Salem and in four other locations.
Roy Grady Burnus Jr. (‘47), March 10, 2006, Shelby, NC. He served in the Navy during World War II, was a car salesman and repairman and put up power lines over central and eastern North Carolina. He had a successful dental practice in Shelby for almost 50 years and was past president of the Western Dental Society.


Henry A. Pond (‘47), Sept. 30, 2005, Portland, OR. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was with the Portland Public Schools for 32 years.

William Kerr Hauser (‘48), Jan. 24, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during completing his degree. He was an entrepreneur, self-employed most of his career, and president of Alco Custom Cabinets Inc.

Albert K. Hines (‘48), Feb. 6, 2006, Enfield, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, was a farmer and founded Hines Manufacturing Co. Inc.

Needham O. Horton (‘48), April 7, 2006, Wake Forest, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a retired prison guard at Camp Polk in Raleigh, NC.

Maury C. Newton Jr. (‘48), Jan. 7, 2006, Kennesaw, GA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He joined his father, Maury C. Newton (‘25), in the general practice of medicine in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia until his father’s death. After completing a fellowship in cardiology, he was assistant professor of medicine at the University of Virginia Medical School. He then practiced medicine for 21 years in Marietta, GA, before retiring in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, a son, Maury III (‘75), two daughters, Cynthia and Lucy, and seven grandchildren.

William Edward Walker Jr. (‘48), Nov. 3, 2005, Kinston, NC. He served in the Navy during World War II. He served 38 years as purchasing agent and freezer locker manager at Kennedy Home.

Frances Hunter Perry Aaroe (‘49), April 15, 2006, Richmond, VA. She worked for the CIA in Washington, D.C., and Lake Laboratories in Milwaukee, WI. She was in drug registration at A.H. Robins in Richmond, VA, where she retired in 1990.

Jones C. Abernethy Jr. (JD ‘49), Jan. 31, 2006, Newton, NC. He was a self-employed attorney practicing for more than 50 years in Hickory, NC.

Carroll W. Beasley (‘49), Jan. 22, 2006, Colerain, NC. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps pilot in World War II. He retired after 40 years as manager of Beasley Oil Company.

John F. Crossley (JD ‘49), Feb. 10, 2006, Wilmington, NC. He was a U.S. Navy blimp pilot in World War II and later became a JAG officer. He practiced law at Crossley McIntosh Prior & Collier in Wilmington, NC, from 1949 until his retirement in 1990. In 2003 he moved to Bradenton, FL.

John R. Flowers Sr. (‘49), Feb. 19, 2006, Hickory, NC. He was the retired president of The Flowers Company and president of N.C. Automotive Wholesale and Southern Automotive Wholesale. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Jeff, and son and daughter-in-law, Bobby Jr. (‘90) and Dana.

Sarah Staton Howell (‘49), Feb. 22, 2006, Concord, NC. She was a retired teacher and librarian at Mount Pleasant middle and high schools.

Donald E. McCollum (‘49, MD ‘53), March 29, 2006, Durham, NC. He served as a medic in the U.S. Air Force and was professor emeritus of orthopaedic surgery at Duke University, where he retired in 1998 after 41 years. After retirement, he served three years as a consultant to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham.


Allen A. Bailey (JD ‘50), Feb. 10, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He was an alumnus of the School of Law and a member of its board of visitors. He received the “Alumni of the Year” award in 1979. One of the courtrooms in the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management was named in his honor in 1993. An attorney in private practice in Charlotte before retiring in 2004, he co-founded the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and was active in the Southern Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He was one of only 500 lawyers elected as a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He served as president and vice president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention from 1972 to 1975 and was named “Baptist Layman of the Year” in 1972. He is survived by his wife, Evoydeene (Ebbie), and son, Michael Allen Bailey. Memorials may be made to the Allen Bailey Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest School of Law, PO Box 7206, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Edward D. Champion (‘50), Jan. 9, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He was a radio announcer most of his life in the southeastern United States. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired in 1993 after 15 years with the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation as director of Broadcast Services.

Neil Elbert Downing (‘50), March 9, 2006, Fayetteville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a pharmacist’s mate. He was a retired educator and after retiring he was a volunteer at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital.

Howard C. Knight (‘50), Feb. 10, 2006, Concord, NC. He served as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention in Tarboro, Kershaw, SC, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Morehead City, NC. After retiring, he served as interim pastor in Kinston, NC, and Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties.


Walter L. Pate Jr. (‘50), Aug. 2, 2005, Plymouth, IN.

Charles “Chuck” Allen Shaw (‘50), April 11, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was a World War II veteran of the Marines. He was a chaplain and achieved the rank of captain during his 20-year career in the U.S. Navy before retiring in 1973. He worked as an employee counselor for RJR Nabisco until 1987.

David S. Snipes (‘50), June 13, 2005, Central, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a geologist with the California Oil Company in New Orleans, LA, and Jackson, MS, until 1960. He was a geology professor at Furman University from 1963-68 and at Clemson University from 1968 until his retirement in 1998. Clemson’s annual hydrogeology symposium bears his name.

Gerald Reid Chandler (‘51, JD ‘54), Nov. 19, 2005, Albemarle, NC. He had his own legal practice.

William C. Mercer Jr. (‘51), Jan 24, 2006, Farmville, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He practiced dentistry in Farmville and Greenville for more than 48 years.
Mary Jane Myers Overby ('51), March 18, 2006, Reidsville, NC. She was a retired laboratory medical technician at Annie Penn Hospital where she worked for 30 years.

William Donald Wilfong Jr. ('51, MD '54), Jan. 17, 2006, Bennettsville, SC. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a retired radiologist with Marlboro Park Hospital, Chesterfield General Hospital and Hamlet Hospital.

W.C. Barham Jr. ('52), Sept. 18, 2005, Wake Forest, NC. He pastored a number of churches in eastern North Carolina and was the interim pastor of Ransdell Chapel Church in Franklin county. He is survived by his wife, Idna Mae Driver Barham ('56), a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Hubert L. Owen ('52), Jan. 12, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He taught high school for several years in North Carolina and was a civilian flight instructor for the Air Force. He retired in 1984 as professor and assistant department head of physics at North Carolina State University.

R. Judson Mitchell ('53), March 25, 2006, New Orleans, LA. He served in the U.S. Army and was an assistant professor at Emory University. He was a professor emeritus of political science at the University of New Orleans, where he retired in 2000. He authored three books on the Soviet Union, wrote articles on Soviet and European politics and wrote a novel, Immerman.

William J. Rowland ('55), Jan. 20, 2006, Garner, NC. He worked for International Resistance Company, Lilly Mills, Pharmaceutical Sales Company, owned convenience stores and was a real estate appraiser.

Richard A. Smart Sr. ('55), Aug. 19, 2005, Ocean Isle Beach, NC. He owned and operated Smart Advertising Inc. in Rancho Mirage, CA.

Charles R. Wilson ('56), Jan. 9, 2006, Oak Island, NC.


George Edward Johnson ('57), April 9, 2006, Pfafftown, NC. He retired in 2003 as president of Holly Poultry Company of Winston-Salem.

Joseph F. Woodruff Jr. ('57), Jan. 24, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was a sales representative for Champion Map, Rand McNally and Quality Map Companies.

Robert Frank Goerlich ('58) and his wife, Shirley Boyce Goerlich, April 6, 2006, Port Orange, FL. They lived in Unadilla, NY, and wintered in Florida. He served in the U.S. Army, received the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and other commendations, and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He retired from public communications in 1995 with Singer Link Aviation and was appointed to the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council.


John S. “Jack” Phillips ('60), Feb. 17, 2006, Rehoboth Beach, DE. He served on the Rehoboth Beach Life Guard Squad and was very active in sports.

Winfred Eugene Spaugh ('60), Jan. 26, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was a member of the U.S. Army Security Agency during the Korean War. He was retired from Bell Laboratories and I.L. Long Construction Company.

Margaret Ann “Peggy” Smith ('63), Jan. 18, 2006, Salisbury, NC. She was a Latin teacher with the Salisbury-Rowan County school system and performed with the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Frances Rittenhouse Bowen (BBA '65), Nov. 25, 2005, Reedville, VA. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sandra L. Allison ('66), Feb. 15, 2006, Washington, D.C. She was associate deputy assistant secretary of finance and budget and officer of housing with the Department of Housing and Urban Development where she had worked for 40 years.

John Homer Hodges ('66), Jan. 23, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was past president of the N.C. Foot and Ankle Society and the N.C. Board of Medical Examiners. He received the Starling Hartford Award for Excellence in Anatomy from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

Karen Sheddand Landolina ('66), Feb. 7, 2006, Burlington, NC. She was the 1986 Volunteer of the Year at the Alamance County Association for Retarded Citizens.

John F. Porter Jr. ('66), March 20, 2006, Hamlet, NC. He was a pharmacist in South Carolina.

A. Gilmore Crumpler Jr. ('67, JD '70), Jan. 21, 2006, Sandy Springs, GA. He was vice president of the Trust Department at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem and then in Atlanta. He established a personal financial counseling firm, Crumpler & Company, retiring in 2004.


Randy J. Weikel ('67), Jan. 31, 2006, Greensboro, NC. He was a partner for 30 years in the family manufacturer representative business and later a sales consultant with the Fenton Art Glass Company in West Virginia.

James B. Jacobsen ('68), Jan. 12, 2006, Piedmont, SC. He served in the U.S. Army Honor Guard and was a real estate attorney in Mauldin, SC.

James T. “Jim” Clack ('69), April 7, 2006, Greensboro, NC. A three-sport athlete and a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame, he went on to have a standout career as an offensive lineman in the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the New York Giants and won two Super Bowl Rings with the Steelers. After retiring from the NFL in 1981, he had a successful business career as a commercial and residential real estate developer, restaurant owner and retailer. Most recently, he was the CEO of Impact International, a sales and sales management-training firm. He founded the Jim Clack & Friends Foundation to provide mentoring for people in their comebacks from adversity.

Charles Winfield Paul ('70), Feb. 6, 2006, Lancaster, VA. He was a probation officer with the Raleigh (NC) Probation Department, worked in trusts with Central Carolina Bank in Durham, NC, Centura Bank in Rocky Mount, NC, Wachovia Bank in Midlothian, VA, and later was the senior vice president and trust officer at Bay Trust Company in Kilmarnock, VA. He is survived by his wife, “Ray,” and two sons, Carlyle “Bear” ('99) and Westray.

Charles Blackmon (MBA '75), May 6, 2005, Durham, NC.

Steven M. Frank ('76), March 5, 2006, Lexington, NC. He was retired from Lexington Realty.
Richard D. Hodges (’77), March 6, 2006, Mount Airy, NC. He was a North Carolina and Virginia land surveyor and past president of the Piedmont Chapter of the N.C. Society of Land Surveyors.

Robert Hunnicutt Smith (JD ’77), Feb. 19, 2006, Taylorsville, NC.

Richard Lee “Rick” Potter (’79), Feb. 22, 2006, Fredericksburg, VA. He and three others were killed when the small plane he was piloting crashed while returning from a trip to Winston-Salem for the Wake Forest-Clemson basketball game. A season-ticket holder, he had flown to games from his home for the past two seasons. He was the owner of Potter Homes and co-owner of Spotswood Construction Loans. He was active with the Rappahannock Community Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and the Angel Flight Program.

Edward Arthur Grandpre (MAEd ’80), March 17, 2006, Anderson, SC. He was an assistant professor of higher education at Clemson University. He had served in student affairs positions at Florida State, Mississippi State, Ohio State and the University of Georgia.

Anthony C. Bruneio (’81), Feb. 21, 2006, Cheraw, SC.

Carl R. Adkins (MBA ’82), Feb. 2, 2006, Aiken, SC. He was a family practitioner in Fayetteville, WV, for 11 years and chief of staff at the Raleigh General Medical Center in Beckley, WV. He retired in 1998.

Friends, Faculty/Staff

Pauline J. Bean, Jan. 9, 2006, Wytheville, VA. Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest University Health Sciences Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC.


John Edward Davis Jr., Feb. 3, 2006, Harrisonburg, VA. He taught biology at Wake Forest from 1956 until 1968 when he was named chairman of the biology department at James Madison University. He later served as provost at JMU before retiring in 1986.

Dorothy Wright DeLoach, April 5, 2006, Charlotte, NC, formerly of Winston-Salem. She worked in the Wake Forest Athletic Ticket Office.

Rodell Charles Johnson, March 6, 2006, Advance, NC. He served in the U.S. Army, and was associate producer and animation director for Bray Studios in New York City, and a prominent watercolor artist.

Gabrielle Jolie Malliott, Jan. 31, 2006, Winston-Salem. She was a former temporary employee at the School of Law. She is survived by her mother, Janet Malliott, a library technician in the Professional Center Library, two brothers and her father.

Mary Alice King Morris, Nov. 9, 2005, Gastonia, NC. She was a generous donor to the athletic program and the widow of Leslie Morris (’41, MD ’43), who served two terms on the Alumni Council in the 1970s. She and her husband funded a tennis scholarship in 1996 and, following his death, she continued his philanthropy to Wake Forest. In 1998, she and her son, Les Morris Jr. (’67), created a charitable lead trust to fund an athletic scholarship in memory of Leslie Morris.

Joseph Waverly Rowell, Jan. 25 1006, Bristol, TN. He was a former professional baseball player and was retired from Dillard Paper Company. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and four sons, Steve (’73), Brent, John and David (’82). Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, The Salvation Army or Wellmont Hospice in Bristol, TN, or to the Joe and Frances Rowell Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Robert Stephen Sherman, Feb. 22, 2006, New Bern, NC. He was the civil engineer who did the structural designs for Wake Forest’s new campus and was later vice president of Carolina Steel.

Robert Dicks Shore, Feb. 27, 2006, Winston-Salem. A donor to WFDD, Reynolda Gardens and the School of Medicine. He was retired from Alex Brown and Sons.

Mary Virginia Camp Smith, Jan. 12, 2006, Raleigh, NC. She was a member of the University’s Board of Trustees from 1974 until 1977. She was active in historic preservation efforts and was chairman of the Historic Murfreesboro (NC) Commission for 21 years.

Eugene Gray Smith Jr., March 9, 2006, Winston-Salem. He was retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and was an organizer and first president of Winston-Salem Tennis Inc. He is survived by his wife, Rachel, and children Eugene Gray Smith III (JD ’76) and Stewart Smith Perry.

Ernest Harshaw Yount Jr., March 15, 2006, Winston-Salem. A professor emeritus at the School of Medicine, he helped develop the Department of Medicine during his 36 years on the faculty. After graduating from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and serving as a medical researcher in the U.S. Army, he joined the medical school faculty in 1948. In addition to chairing the Department of Medicine from 1952-1972, he also served as chief of medical services at the medical center before retiring in 1984. He received the medical school’s Distinguished Faculty Service Award in 1990.
Several hundred alumni attended the Old Campus reunion in April, which included tours of the campus, class photographs, and a program in Binkley Chapel (at left and above). Wake Forest moved to the new campus fifty years ago this summer.

**Trek to the Old Campus**

Familiar faces from both campuses, Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of English Edwin G. Wilson (’43) and Chaplain Emeritus Ed Christman (’50, JD ’53).
OBITUARY

Eugene Worrell, alumnus and benefactor, dies

T. Eugene Worrell (‘40, LLD ‘79), the namesake and major donor for the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management and Worrell House in London, died April 20 in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was 86.

Worrell received the University’s highest award for service, the Medallion of Merit, during Founders’ Day Convocation in February, for his more than three decades of service to the University as a trustee, a member of the boards of visitors for the School of Law and School of Medicine, and a prominent benefactor. He received an honorary doctorate degree in 1979.

In 1990, Worrell and his wife, Anne, gave $5 million—the largest gift ever from an alumnus—toward construction of what became the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management, which opened in 1993. He also generously supported the University’s international programs. In 1976, the Worrells funded the purchase of a house on Steele’s Road in London, which became Worrell House, the University’s second study-abroad residence. In 1982, they funded an endowed chair in Anglo-American studies. Worrell also funded the Roger Goldberg Award in Trial Advocacy, given annually to a Wake Forest law student who displays the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy.

Worrell attended Wake Forest on a debate scholarship and was a champion orator. He briefly attended law school at Wake Forest, but graduated from George Washington University School of Law. He worked as a Special Agent with the FBI during World War II and later practiced law in his hometown of Bristol, Virginia. In 1949, he began his long career as a newspaperman when he founded The Virginia Tennessean newspaper in Bristol. After purchasing The Daily Progress in Charlottesville, Va., in 1970, he moved to Charlottesville and lived there until his death. Worrell Newspapers grew to become one of the largest chains of small dailies in the country.

After transferring ownership of the chain in 1978 to his son, Thomas E. Worrell, Jr., he established Worrell Investment Company. Worrell was also a collector of wildlife art, and his collection of sculpture, paintings and antique Chinese jade is the only one of its magnitude in the country.
Impossible Questions and Questioning the Impossible

By Emily Nicole Leonhardt ('06)

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ome of the best advice I have ever received came from my fifth-grade social studies teacher. Mrs. Hillman insisted that no matter how daunting a test question appeared, it was never impossible. She gave us a simple tip: when faced with a difficult problem, take a deep breath and think, “Oh, what an interesting question!”

To this day, my mother teases me with this line when I’m studying for a particularly difficult test. The method never worked miracles and it didn’t guarantee correct answers, but the lesson served me well over the years. Mrs. Hillman knew that no matter how much we studied, we wouldn’t always have the exact answer to every question. She trusted our ability to reason and encouraged us to rely on experience when memorization failed us.

If I recall, those fifth-grade history tests were not terribly difficult; but, by the time I began my second year of calculus, I was dealing with some very interesting questions. I was consistently one of the last students to finish each test, stubbornly refusing to give up on tough problems. It often paid off and I’m proud of my accomplishments, but I have a nagging feeling that Mrs. Hillman wouldn’t want me to settle for academic perfectionism. That wasn’t her point.

Ironically, it’s easy to be a perfectionist at an institution like Wake Forest. It begins before college and by the time we are on the job hunt it is an art form. We perfected our high school resumes, ensuring that our applications listed X hours of community service, Y number of AP classes, Z leadership positions and, of course, an astronomical grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale. And it didn’t hurt to be an avid cellist or have a patent pending if you were fishing for a scholarship. The cycle continued in college; but, instead of acceptance letters, we aspired to business programs, research grants, internships, and honor societies. All too soon, these goals became prestigious scholarships, Fortune 500 jobs, and top-notch graduate schools.

And suddenly we find ourselves here, at graduation. If we continue to define ourselves by these goals, we are at risk of never being satisfied. As soon as we attain one, we plant a new ambition. Landing the dream job is not enough—there will be promotions and raises to strive for afterwards.

Now don’t get me wrong, I’d like to be successful. But how do you measure success? I think it’s kind of like limits in calculus. We can get infinitely close to achieving it without getting it perfect. And that’s frustrating. I am fully confident that we will do some amazing things in the years to come, and I believe that all dreams are possible. I hope, however, that we never get stuck in a cycle of attempting to perfect ourselves. My social studies teacher would say that in the end it is not about whether or not we answer correctly, but about how we approach the question and what we learn in the process.

In our pursuit of answers, we must find time to appreciate the questions. A liberal arts education provides the unique opportunity to learn for the sake of learning. In my field, a technical school would have offered the training to make me a more proficient computer programmer than I am today. I chose Wake Forest, though. In doing so, I discovered a diversity of experiences and a breadth of knowledge that I will take with me wherever I go.

My professors demonstrated a genuine passion for learning, and I found their enthusiasm contagious. A professor of Victorian literature inspired me to spend a week delving into the personal letters and critical heritage of George Eliot. I loved every minute and soon after, declared a double major in English…for fun. Through literature, I have explored far-off and fantastical places, and I’ve reexamined the familiar. I’ve looked out from under the Bell Jar with Sylvia Plath, and I’ve searched for a room of my own with Virginia Woolf. I’ve seen characters face questions much tougher than an integration problem, and I’ve learned from their successes and failures.

I believe that there is still time to learn the nuts and bolts of our careers and that there are no textbook instruction manuals for the problems we will face in the future. College is a time to develop as well-rounded individuals, capable of facing big questions that will inevitably lack perfect solutions. How do we study in preparation for a hurricane? What textbook teaches us to deal with cancer? We can spout facts and add up the atrocities of war, of terror, of hunger, but does it help us to do anything about it?

Both inside and outside of the classroom, our lives are a process of learning. We gather knowledge, skills, and experience so that when we are faced with our own impossible questions, we are prepared to try to answer them. It is natural to become overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems that arise in the world today, but it is unacceptable to avert our eyes, to say we can’t at least try to find answers.

Our education has prepared us well, and we leave tomorrow with confidence, ready to question the impossible. But when the inevitable panic of that first tough question strikes, we need to just breathe and remember—“Oh, what an interesting question.”

This senior oration by Emily Leonhardt ('06) was one of three winners selected at the 2006 Senior Colloquium and presented at the Honors and Awards Ceremony on May 14. The other winning orations were “The Bubble Experience” by Andy Lobashovsky ('06) and “Hope—in the Voices of Africa” by Nemanja Savic ('06). Read them online at www.wfu.edu/orations.
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Sarah McPherson hugs her mom, Connie, before she lines up to receive a master’s degree in counseling at Commencement on May 15. To see more Commencement photos, go to www.wfu.edu/wowf/commencement.