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Faculty, alumnae recognized at Fall Convocation; columnist speaks

Professors Katy J. Harriger and Page H. Laughlin, and alumnae teachers Blair Lambert (’94) and Kristen Ring (’94, MAED ’98) were honored during Fall Convocation in October.

Harriger, who joined the political science department in 1985, received the Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service. The award is named for Donald Schoonmaker (’60), a professor of politics from 1965 until his death in 1993, who was active in state and local politics and civic affairs. Harriger has been active in a number of organizations including the Community Alliance for Education, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium, and the North Carolina Political Science Association.

Laughlin, who joined the art faculty in 1987, received the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching. She was praised for encouraging students to embrace the diversity of a liberal arts education in order to enrich their artistic skills. The award is named for Jon Reinhardt, a professor of politics from 1964 until his death in 1984.

Lambert and Ring received the Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to outstanding alumni teachers, one on the elementary level and one on the secondary level (see p. 3). Each received a $20,000 prize, funded by David Waddill of Rye, New York. Waddill established the award in 1994 in honor of his father, a professor of mathematics from 1962 until 1997.

Lambert, who was recognized on the primary level, is a third-grade teacher at Mountain Park Elementary School in Dobson, North Carolina. She was nominated for the award while teaching at Benjamin Fox Elementary School in Belmont, California, before moving to Dobson last summer.

Ring, a high-school English teacher at Forsyth Country Day School in Lewisville, North Carolina, was recognized on the secondary level. Like Lambert, she also changed schools over the summer. Previously she taught at Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem.
Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author Leonard Pitts, Jr., the featured speaker at convocation, encouraged students to fight for the civil liberties that too many people are willing to give up in their panic to be safe from terrorism. Free speech, the right to a fair trial, and protection against unreasonable searches “are not incidental to who we are,” he said. “They are not minor elements of the reason this country is the envy and the dream and the goal of people around the world. They are the core of us.”

Too many Americans are “willing to voluntarily jettison our unalienable rights,” he said, as soon as the government “whispers the right scare words in our ears: terrorism, terrorism.”

Pitts, a nationally syndicated columnist who lives outside Washington, D.C., won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2004. His column in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, “We’ll Go Forward From This Moment,” a defiant open letter to the terrorists, has been widely quoted. His visit to Wake Forest was funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation as part of the University’s “Voices of Our Time” guest speaker series.

Waddill Award winners
Since 1994, twenty-six alumni teachers have received the Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award.

2006
Blair Cox Lambert (’94) San Francisco, California
Kristen Duplessie Ring (’94, ’98 MAEd) Winston-Salem

2005
Christy Hood Vico (’94) Atlanta, Georgia
Sean Cooney (’93, MAEd ’98) Cincinnati, Ohio

2004
Lynne F. Peters (’87) Cary, North Carolina
Mitchell W. Cox (’82) Hillsborough, North Carolina

2003
Anna J. Garrison (’75) Red Springs, North Carolina
Joy Bautista (’98) Boston, Massachusetts

2002
Jackie Rogers (’98) New York City
Jonathan Milner (’90) Winston-Salem

2001
Elizabeth F. Goffigon (’93) Sparks, Maryland
Jeffrey H. Morgan (’95) Winston-Salem

2000
Martha W. Newson (’84) Charlotte, North Carolina
Mary Beth P. Braker (’91, MAEd ’96) Chapel Hill, NC

1999
Deidra M. Steed (’88) Candor, North Carolina
Deborah Waldron (’90) Arlington, Virginia

1998
Katie C. Zimmer (’85) San Diego, California
Kevin Pittard (’85) Covington, Georgia

1997
Ellen Stanley (’85) Wilmington, Delaware
Patricia Ruffing Killian (’74) Gainesville, Florida

1996
Grace Hancock (’78) Raleigh, North Carolina
Becky Malenkos (’75) Carmel, Indiana

1995
Dori Bendall Walk (’77) Staunton, Virginia
Brian Rollfinke (’86) Baltimore, Maryland

1994
Martha H. Carter (’70) Seneca, South Carolina
Peggie S. Murray (’73) Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Primary level winner first, followed by secondary level winner.

Clockwise from top: Faculty processional enters Wait Chapel; Dean of the College Debbie Best (right) presents the Schoonmaker Award to Katy Harriger, professor of political science; President Nathan O. Hatch (right) with speaker and columnist Leonard Pitts; President Hatch presents the Waddill Award at the secondary level to Kristen Ring (’94), MAEd, ’98; Professor of Art Page Laughlin (left) receives the Reinhardt Teaching Award from Dean Best; Blair Lambert (’94) receives the Waddill Award at the primary level from President Hatch.
Junior Rob Calagione is hoping to get a head start on a career in government when he interns in Washington, D.C., next semester. Calagione is among ten students who will be spending the spring semester in the nation’s capital through a program being offered by Wake Forest for the first time.

“I am hoping for an internship that focuses in some capacity on U.S. foreign relations with the Middle East,” says Calagione, a history major from Hopkinton, Massachusetts. “One of the great things about this program is that there are numerous internships that would provide this opportunity, whether it be working for a government agency, a media outlet, or a non-governmental organization.”

The new program, called “WAKE Washington,” is being conducted through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, a nonprofit educational organization that partners with colleges and universities to offer academic coursework and internships tailored to a student’s interests. Students will work up to 35-hours-a-week at their internship and participate in a weekly seminar class, taught by The Washington Center’s adjunct faculty. They will also undertake an independent study project, based on their internship or coursework, with a Wake Forest faculty member.

The strength of The Washington Center, says Associate Dean of the College Paul N. Orser (’69), who is directing the program, is that it offers a full-range of internships and courses that provide something for everyone, whether a student is interested in politics and government, or art, business, journalism, or science. Response to the program has been so strong that the University is considering adding a summer program.

Sophomore Betty Hill, a history major from Glen Burnie, Maryland, hopes to land an internship at one of the Smithsonian museums or the National Gallery of Art to prepare for a career as a curator. Junior Joy Meeder, a health and exercise science major from Columbia, Maryland, would like an internship in public health to further her interest in health issues or lead her to look in a different direction. “This semester provides the rare opportunity to get hands-on work experience and get a picture of what life could look like after Wake Forest,” she says.

Senior Jackie Malecki, a communication major from Randolph, New Jersey, was willing to give up her last semester on campus to get a head start on a career in public relations while finishing her degree. Junior Eric Sweeney, a political science major from Leicester, Massachusetts, hopes to intern with a House or Senate committee. “The most powerful and important people in the world come to Washington in order to make their voices heard and to effect change, and I wanted to be a part of this,” says Sweeney, who is planning to attend law school.

The idea of starting a program in Washington has been around for years, but it picked up steam a year ago when it was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Visitors of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Several prominent Washington-area alumni and parents—including Nancy Kuhn (’73), immediate past president of the Alumni Association; Toby Moffett (P ’04), a member of the Board of Visitors; and Al Hunt (’65) and Bobby Burchfield (’76), members of the Board of Trustees—offered to help the University investigate possible options which eventually led to The Washington Center.

—Kerry M. King (’85)
Virtual reality

Technology—and the World Bank—unite students from two continents in the fight against poverty.

It was immediately apparent there was something about Economics 258 that was a bit out of the ordinary this fall. The upper-level seminar on economic growth and poverty reduction, co-taught by Mary McNeil (’78) of the World Bank Institute and Sylvain Boko, Zachary T. Smith Associate Professor of Economics, pushed the envelope in all directions.

For one thing, guest lecturers with real-world expertise were presenting almost every week, and for another, student interest in the class was intense—the course immediately reached its maximum enrollment of fifty-eight, and almost as many were turned away. Even more notable was the fact that more than half of the students came to the class via a big video screen. They were actually six thousand miles away in the World Bank’s Distance Learning Center in Accra, Ghana’s capital.

And while half the students were in attendance by means of virtual reality—as was the parade of guest lecturers—the content was all-too real, sometimes startlingly so. Dominic Osei-Boakye, a somber young man in his 20s, larger than life on screen, said matter-of-factly, “In many parts of Accra there is water only one day a week; in my part we only have water on Mondays…. and we only have electricity maybe two days of the week. … About seventy percent of the people in Ghana live in the villages where they don’t even have electricity at all.”

That sort of stark reality is at the heart of the course. Its purpose is to integrate practice with theory, not only by bringing in practitioners in the curriculum—World Bank staff and educators working to eradicate poverty in the trenches all over the world—but also by drawing on the experience of students themselves in parts of the world where need is not a problem in a textbook or a laboratory but a grinding day-to-day reality.

“This kind of learning experience should be a key part of the curriculum in any top University in the U.S. today,” says McNeil, who works in Washington, D.C. She is passionate about her commitment to work with Boko, her colleague Paula Duggan, and others within the Bank and in Winston-Salem to help Wake Forest take a leading role through institutional partnerships with the World Bank and universities in developing countries.

McNeil, who has been with the World Bank since 1986, is senior operations officer and coordinator of social development programs at the World Bank Institute, the capacity building arm of the Bank. She focuses on decentralization and local government reform and is currently leading country-level technical assistance programs in Ghana, the Philippines, and Bosnia. She also manages a $2.5 million grant facility on social accountability in Africa.

In one of the first joint sessions with the Ghanaian students, the visiting lecturer attributed his eagerness to participate to his own certainty that the dialogue between and among rich and poor in the next generation of leaders is essential for economic development and poverty reduction. Boko and McNeil agree that the thrust of the course fits nicely with the University’s central mission. What could be more Pro Humanitate than fighting poverty?
Inside medicine

Health Policy Administration minor gives students hands-on access to people, facilities, and resources.

Seven years after it began, the minor in Health Policy and Administration is proving to be an invaluable experience for students interested in learning more about the ever-changing field of medicine. It’s estimated that 15 percent of all students will work in the growing healthcare sector, no matter what their primary field of study.

Mario DeMarco (’01), the first student to complete the Health Policy and Administration (HPA) minor, became interested in the program while participating in a work-study program with an epidemiologist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center who focused on clinical trials. “Research and policy affect thousands or millions of people at once rather than impacting one patient at a time. I knew then that public health was something I wanted to pursue,” says DeMarco, who majored in biology and earned a minor in political science as well as in HPA.

In 2006, DeMarco took a year off from medical school to pursue his master’s in public health (MPH) at Harvard. This year, he is applying to residency training programs in family medicine. When DeMarco first started medical school, there were few, if any, courses offered about the mechanics of the healthcare system itself. Now that’s changing. “Physicians need to be able to read and understand medical literature and research and make decisions within the context of a larger healthcare system,” DeMarco says. “Having been exposed to this aspect of healthcare within the HPA minor, I was prepared for, excited about, and willing to embrace these components of medical education that most students feared or didn’t understand.”

Heather Lanthorn (’04), who graduated with a degree in anthropology and a minor in HPA, is an MPH candidate at the University of Michigan. To complete her HPA senior year internship requirement, she assisted Dr. Sara Quandt at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. At the time, Quandt was conducting a number of health studies on migrant farm workers, a group with high rates of hunger and food insecurity. Lanthorn interviewed people around North Carolina—both food providers and food-insecure representatives—to determine what programs were available and acceptable to members of this community. She researched how to develop community gardens and food co-ops, and did the background research and fact-finding that Quandt did not have time to do on her own.
“I learned important skills,” says Lanthorn. “You might think it is a grand idea for people to start personal gardens, but you only have to have one or two people tell you that they are not going to come from twelve hours in the field to work in their own gardens to realize that you have not fully thought the solution through at the most basic level.”

“We provide a unique resource for undergraduate HPA students on the Reynolda Campus,” says Quandt. “Students do some career exploration as well as address real-world problems. The medical school benefits because the undergraduates on the Reynolda Campus are very bright and hard working. They work independently and think critically. Give them an assignment, and they run with it.”

Pre-med student Jonathan Barry, a senior from Gray, Tennessee, is fulfilling his internship with Dr. Richard Dean, president and CEO of Wake Forest University Health Sciences. Dean has supported the HPA program by offering resources and opportunities for HPA students on the Bowman Gray Campus.

“In Dr. Dean’s office, I work on a variety of tasks and initiatives, participate in and observe meetings, and gain exposure as to how a premier academic medical center operates at the executive level,” says Barry, who plans to complete an MPH at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine before entering medical school in 2008.

“Eighty percent of our HPA students go to graduate school,” says Michael Lawlor, the economics professor who developed and directs the HPA program. “Many are psychology, economics, and sociology students interested in public health projects from the psychological, economic, and sociological aspects. Others come from the life, health, and physical sciences, and business.”

With fifteen students enrolled this year, the small, high-quality program is about the right size. Many other students take advantage of the classes offered without completing the minor. The minor requires four core courses in public health, epidemiology, health economics, and an internship in Health Policy and Administration, which is usually completed at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, and an elective chosen from courses such as medical anthropology, social welfare policy, medical ethics, and the sociology of healthcare.

“We’ve designed a curriculum that interests students and begins to show them the field of public health,” Lawlor says. “Fortunately, there are many resources at the medical school, and our students are able to learn and profit from them.”

Joanne Ruhland, vice president of government relations for Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, teaches the required Introduction to Public Health course on the Reynolda Campus. “The medical center provides students with contacts who work on a day-to-day basis in hospital administration, physical therapy, or any other number of healthcare areas. The biggest asset for the students is that they have hands-on access to people, facilities, and resources.”

Ruhland, who has taught the class for five years, says that the interaction with undergraduates is mutually beneficial. “Because we talk about current concerns such as medical care reform, workforce shortage, and medical malpractice, I get the student’s perspectives on these issues.”

“In a small way,” Lawlor says, “HPA is a bridge between the two campuses. But even with the abundant resources on the Bowman Gray Campus, many HPA students could benefit from having more administrative internships available for those interested in that aspect of health care delivery. That’s the place I’d most like to see the program grow.”

— Kim McGrath
Voices of Our Time

In the fall semester Wake Forest launched “Voices of Our Time,” a speaker series that brings renowned experts to campus to discuss timely topics from biotechnology to religion to business competitiveness. “As a liberal arts university, Wake Forest is committed to creating an atmosphere where dialogue flourishes among people with various interests and beliefs,” said President Nathan O. Hatch. Upcoming speakers include civil rights activist Keith Beauchamp, who will discuss “What the Civil Rights Movement Did and Did Not Accomplish,” and Sister Helen Prejean, author of the book that inspired the Academy Award-winning film Dead Man Walking. Both will speak in February. For a complete schedule, see www.wfu.edu/lectureseries/

Black Enterprise magazine ranks WFU

Black Enterprise magazine ranked Wake Forest 22nd on its list of “50 Top Colleges for African Americans,” published in its September issue. The magazine surveyed five hundred African American higher-education professionals to gauge a school’s academic and social environment for black students, and examined such data as the number of black undergraduates, percentage of black enrollment, and the graduation rate for black students. Wake Forest had 249 black undergraduates enrolled last year, 6 percent of the total undergraduate enrollment. Wake Forest ranked 31st in 2004, the last year the magazine compiled its list.

Silman receives research grant

Biologist Miles Silman has received a grant of nearly $835,000 from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to study the effects of climate change and fire on plant biodiversity and ecosystem function on the eastern slope of South America’s Andes Mountains. The grant will fund research in the Tropical Andes conducted by Silman and scientists from UCLA, Edinburgh University, Florida Institute of Technology, and Oxford University. Silman has studied forest ecology in the western Amazon and the Andes for sixteen years. Each summer, he takes Wake Forest undergraduate and graduate students to Peru to study tropical biodiversity.

Theatre’s Christman honored

Associate Professor of Theatre Jonathan Christman was nominated for two LA Ovation Awards for his design work on the production “Belfast Blues.” The award-winners were to be announced last month in Los Angeles. Christman, who joined the faculty in 1983, was nominated in the lighting design and scenic design categories. A one-woman show, “Belfast Blues” was presented by the Virtual Theatre Project at Wake Forest during the 2002–2003 season. Since then, the show has been staged in New York, London, Belfast, and Chicago. Christman has already won a Los Angeles Drama Critic Circle Award for his digital imagery work in “Belfast Blues.”
**Hearn, Wilson receive North Carolina Awards**

President Emeritus Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. and poet Emily Herring Wilson (MA '62) were among the seven recipients last month of the prestigious North Carolina Award, the highest civilian honor the state can bestow.

Hearn, who led the development of Wake Forest into a national university during his tenure as president from 1983 until 2005, was recognized for public service.

Wilson received the award in literature. She is the author of numerous books, including several collections of poetry, and she co-authored, with Professor of Art Margaret Supplee Smith, *North Carolina Women: Making History*. She is the wife of Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43).

Former North Carolina Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. (P '85) received the award in public service.

**Campus Kitchen gets fired up**

Wake Forest students have joined efforts with a national organization—which got its start on campus—to help feed the hungry in the Winston-Salem area. Wake Forest is the first school in North Carolina and only the tenth in the nation to join The Campus Kitchen Project, a program that grew out of the “Homerun” program started at Wake Forest in 1999. Homerun was started by Karen Stephan Borchert ('00) and Jessica Jackson Shortall ('00) to provide hot meals for local needy residents. After graduation, they expanded that concept into The Campus Kitchen Project.

Borchert, who now serves as director of the organization, said the program has come a long way since it started in a basement kitchen in Collins Residence Hall. “It began more as a hobby than anything that we thought would translate into a career. We often talk about Wake Forest as a place that fosters entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation. Our careers and life paths are directly related to the opportunities that Wake Forest encourages each of its students to take.”

Since September, student volunteers have prepared about one hundred meals per week in kitchen space on campus provided by ARAMARK, the University’s dining services provider. Meals are prepared using food donated by ARAMARK and food purchased at wholesale prices. Students deliver the meals three days a week to local residents.

**Bersagel ('05) is named NCAA Woman of the Year**

Anne Bersagel ('05), a standout cross-country and track and field star who also received numerous academic honors during her Wake Forest career, was named the 2006 NCAA Woman of the Year in October. The award is given annually to a female student-athlete who demonstrates academic and athletics excellence and a commitment to community service. A native of Greeley, Colorado, Bersagel majored in economics and political science and graduated with honors last December. She holds school records in outdoor track in the 3,000, 5,000, and 10,000 meters. She is the first Woman of the Year ever selected from Wake Forest.

Clifton Truman Daniel (with Jim Kemp ('52), at left), grandson of President Harry S. Truman, reflected on his grandfather’s trip to Wake Forest for the groundbreaking of the new campus during a program in September celebrating Wake Forest’s fifty years in Winston-Salem. More Homecoming photos, page 64.
Endowment management recognized

Wake Forest’s management of its endowment has earned it recognition as the “Savviest Nonprofit of the Year” by Foundation and Endowment Money Management, a newsletter focused on nonprofits’ investment management. The newsletter’s Web site said, “Wake Forest University and its treasurer Lou Morrell are not afraid to defy tradition and adopt innovative strategies in pursuit of returns.”

The endowment returned 17.5 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Wake Forest’s endowment was valued at $1.2 billion at the end of the fiscal year, compared with $907 million in fiscal 2005.

In its online profile of Wake Forest, the Web site explains that Morrell is such a strong believer in global investments and emerging markets that the school no longer has any strictly domestic managers—instead relying on its global managers to carve out exposure in the U.S.”

The profile also focuses on Wake Forest’s practice of managing a “unique tactical asset allocation strategy in house, which involves moving money among mutual funds managed by Fidelity Investments.” Morrell has been vice president for investments and treasurer since 1995.

Provost William Gordon to step down in June

Provost William C. Gordon (’68, MA ’70) announced in October that he will step down as the University’s chief academic officer next June. Gordon was named provost in 2002 after serving as president of the University of New Mexico.

“I will always deeply appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve as provost at Wake Forest—a university with exceptional strengths, and a university I am so proud to claim as my alma mater,” said Gordon, who plans to take a year off before joining the psychology department faculty.

Gordon is currently co-chairing, with Senior Vice President for Finance Nancy Suttenfield, a comprehensive strategic planning process for the University, which is to be completed by next fall. He served as acting president of Wake Forest from December 2003 to April 2004 while then-president Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. was treated for a brain tumor.

“Bill’s leadership of our faculty has been extraordinary. He is able to view important decisions from the perspective of a faculty member, and he also has a strong sense of the right thing to do at Wake Forest,” said President Nathan O. Hatch, who will chair the search committee to select a new provost.

Gordon received his doctorate in experimental psychology at Rutgers University and taught at the State University of New York at Binghamton from 1973 to 1978, when he joined the faculty at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. There, he was chair of the psychology department, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and provost and vice president for academic affairs, before being named president in 1999.
TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos! I have been associated with Wake Forest for forty-two years... from the time I enrolled as a freshman in September of 1964. There are things I learned from “Pilgrim’s Progress” (September 2006) that I didn’t know and things that I had forgotten. “Pilgrim’s Progress” is a wonderful trip down Memory Lane, but more than that, it is a wonderful record of people and events that need to be remembered.

I really appreciate and applaud the superb job David Fyten did in researching, organizing, and presenting the information in “Pilgrim’s Progress.” Believe me, this is one issue of Wake Forest Magazine that will be retained and reread. Thank you!

Rick Harvey (’68)
Blue Ridge, Virginia

TO THE EDITOR:

The September 2006 issue is hands-down the best issue ever of the Wake Forest Magazine. The Irish poets’ story, the information on admissions, the capital campaign, and all the charts and figures included. I was especially impressed with the “Letters to the Editor.” Kelly McManus’ (’06) response to Doug Phelps (’61) charmed me, and it was wonderful to read a dialogue across generations. But nothing could prepare me for the awesome “Pilgrim’s Progress” story. Wow! It is safe to say I didn’t know one-tenth of that history. The article should be required reading for every student at Wake Forest, and David Fyten should get an award for writing it.

Mike Pascal (’88, LL.D ’05)
Mountain View, California

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you immensely for “Pilgrim’s Progress” in the September 2006 issue of Wake Forest Magazine. As the son of one of the faculty members who made that historic move, and the grandfather of a member of this year’s senior class, Grady S. Patterson IV, who bears the name of my father and me, I appreciate more than I can say David Fyten’s prodigious efforts in researching and then putting into words that entire, life-changing experience. I also enjoyed the photographs, and especially the one of the 1945–46 faculty in which both my father and my grandfather, Professor of Physics James L. Lake (the middle one of the three gentlemen seated at the front), appear. The whole thing captures so accurately the confusion and mixed emotions surrounding the entire affair.

Grady S. Patterson, Jr. (’50)
Raleigh, North Carolina

TO THE EDITOR:

I've received a note pointing out a typo that crept into my article about pennies (“Common Cents,” September 2006). In the first paragraph, the original text said that the value of metal in a penny has climbed to 0.85 cents. Somehow the 0. was dropped so that the text says that the metal value of a penny is now 85 cents —off by a factor of 100. The reach of our alumni magazine is startling. The note pointing out the typo (and agreeing with the conclusions) was from Paul Volcker —the former chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Robert Whaples
Professor of Economics

TO THE EDITOR:

I enjoyed very much the excellent article “Pilgrim’s Progress” (September 2006). It brought back many memories for me since I moved to Wake Forest at age 12 when my father became dean of the School of Law. We lived in an old house across from Gore Gym. I worked for “Ben’s of Wake Forest” as a high-school kid. I hung out in that “den of iniquity”—Shorty’s. I drank beer at “Forest Heights” on the Raleigh road, but was amused when I checked out downtown in recent times that I could now drink a beer at Holding’s Drug Store. But overall the town hasn’t changed that much.

Bob Lee (’55)
Kure Beach, North Carolina

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Close to Home

THE HISTORIC FACULTY DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTS WAKE FOREST’S PAST WITH ITS FUTURE.
As his house was being constructed about midway down Faculty Drive, by the old “wagon road” that led back to the Reynolds Estate, Henry Stroupe had observed the frantic activity that summer of 1956 as workers raced to complete the first faculty homes on the new campus. Just three days before the mid-June start of summer school that marked the opening of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, Stroupe and his wife, Elizabeth, and their two young sons finally—after ten years of delay, during which The Removal was constantly pushed back—had moved into their new home, just a short walk down Wingate Road from campus.

The floor-to-ceiling windows in the living room at the back of the house offered an expansive view of the twelfth tee at the Old Town golf course. With the windows open, he and Elizabeth could dance to the music drifting over from the clubhouse. Out his front door, across the street, were the remnants of what had once been a nursery for the Reynolds Estate. Along the front of the house was a line of boxwoods brought from history colleague Forrest Clonts’ ('20) yard in the town of Wake Forest. Other than Don Hipps ('48), a physical education instructor and wrestling coach who had moved in down the street, they were alone for a brief spell. “I remember sitting out on the front porch late one evening in the first two or three days and it was so quiet,” says Stroupe ('35, MA ’37), now 92. “There was nobody else around.”

But he knew others were coming. By the end of that first year, twenty-three families had put down roots in the woods and hayfields of the former Reynolds Estate. Along with a handful who settled on Belle Vista Court—developed privately at the same time as Faculty Drive—and those who moved into Faculty Apartments—some permanently, others just until their own homes on Faculty Drive could be built—most of the faculty, then numbering less than one hundred, lived on campus. Those who settled on Faculty Drive were largely sons of Wake Forest who had spent their entire lives around the Old Campus.

By Kerry M. King ('85)

Henry and Elizabeth Stroupe were among the first to settle on Faculty Drive in 1956 and are now the last of that first group of homeowners still living there.
There was Grady Patterson (‘24), who had already served for nearly thirty years as registrar and whose diligence saved many important records—locked away in the fireproof vault—when the old College Building burned in 1933. There was Lewis Aycock (‘26) of English, O.C. Bradbury of biology, and Charles Black (‘18, MA ‘20) of chemistry, each of whom had taught on the Old Campus for more than thirty years, but they, too, packed up and moved to Faculty Drive. (Patterson and Bradbury would later move back to the town of Wake Forest.)

At one end of the street was law professor Robert E. Lee (JD ’28), who would teach for more than thirty years on the new campus, and German’s James O’Flaherty, who was one of the most productive scholars on the faculty. There was Cronje Earp (‘26), who taught Greek, and whose voice was so loud that it would drown out other professors teaching in adjoining rooms in the new library. There was Charlie Allen (‘39, MA ’41), who taught biology, but whose loves were art and music and who, decades later, would help build the Fine Arts Center. There was Ivey Gentry (‘40) of the math department, who helped survey the lots on the street before claiming his own lot at the corner of Faculty and Wingate Road.

Bill Speas (1907) of physics and Jasper Memory (‘21) of education (who in reality did a little bit of everything from organizing the summer session to directing the placement and alumni offices) had been neighbors on South Wingate Street in the Woodland Drive neighborhood in Wake Forest, and they built houses beside one another on Faculty Drive. There was the first faculty couple to ever marry, K.T. Raynor (‘14) of math, who was nearing the end of his career, and his wife, Beulah Raynor (MA ’47) of English, who would teach for another two decades. A little farther down the street were Justus Drake (‘36) of English and his wife, Elizabeth, who would serve for years as secretary to the Board of Trustees and to Presidents Tribble and Scales.

At the far end of the street—where it intersected with Bethabara Road, long before that outlet was closed off when University Parkway was built—were younger faculty members, most with young children, who would build their legacies on the new campus: Clarence Patrick (‘31), who founded the sociology department and who in the 1980s played a key role in building the Paschal Drive condominiums for retired faculty; Harold Barrow, who founded the health and exercise science department; Delmer Hylton, who laid the foundation for the Calloway School’s accounting program; and Franklin Shirley, who ensured that Wake Forest’s debate program continued to flourish on the new campus and who later served as mayor of Winston-Salem.

None of the mostly one-story ranch houses could capture the charm of the graceful, Southern homes and the idyllic life they had left behind in the town of Wake Forest, but it was, says Ed Wilson (‘43), “an attempt to recreate what was left behind. You had a neighborhood much like what you had in old Wake Forest.”

Today you have a neighborhood rich in history and tradition, where each house tells a unique story of the Wake Foresters who have lived there and of Wake Forest’s earliest days in Winston-Salem. It’s the type of neighborhood where the houses are still referred to by the name of the original owners, no matter how long it’s been since the first owners lived there. But as older residents have died or moved into retirement homes—the Stroupes are the last of the original twenty-three homeowners still on Faculty Drive—some of that sense of community inherent in the early days has been lost as more “outsiders” not connected to the University have moved in.

Soaring prices—houses that originally cost around $20,000 sell for $200,000 to $300,000 now—are beyond the means of many younger faculty, who can easily find newer and larger homes elsewhere at cheaper prices.
And because professors’ lives aren’t as intertwined with the College as they were fifty years ago, many simply don’t want to live on campus. “For ten to twenty years, Wake Forest was very isolated” after the move to Winston-Salem, says Wilson, who lived in the basement of D.A. Brown’s house on Faculty Drive, then in Faculty Apartments, before building his own house on Timberlake Lane in 1968. “Later, as Wake Forest merged with Winston-Salem, that bond (of living in one neighborhood) was not as appealing to newcomers.”

But he and others sense—or perhaps hope—that the tide could be turning. In recent years, a small coterie of younger faculty members with children has staked out their claim to their ancestral land on Faculty Drive and in the Royall Drive area—which includes Timberlake Lane and Poteat and Sledd courts. More than sixty of the eighty-nine homes are now occupied by faculty or staff, including a dozen bought in the last few years.

“It builds for us a fondness and a connectedness to what is at the heart of Wake Forest,” said one of the newer arrivals, Kahle Associate Professor of History Michele Gillespie, who moved into the Germaine Brée house (circa 1973) on Royall Drive several years ago with her husband, Kevin Pittard (’85), and their two sons. Her parents bought the James O’Flaherty house (circa 1956) about the same time. “Living here, you learn from your neighbors who these streets were named for, and you gain this new sense of continuity with old Wake Forest and what Wake Forest was all about.”

The newer arrivals are touting the benefits of the neighborhood—the ability to walk to work and to easily have students over to their homes; the seamless blending of their personal and professional lives; the safety of living in a gated community; the myriad cultural and sporting events on campus; and the ambience of a college neighborhood—and pushing
the University to more aggressively market the homes to faculty and staff. Neighborhood events like the Halloween bonfire, caroling door-to-door at Christmas, the Fourth of July picnic, and the annual potluck dinner build the sense of community and strengthen the Wake Forest bond most residents share.

Among the others who have moved into the neighborhood since 2000 are Associate Professor of Psychology Christy Buchanan, who lives in the Drake house (circa 1956) with her husband and three children, and Associate Professor of Communication John Llewellyn and his wife, adjunct instructor of communication Susan Faust, and their two children, who live next door in the Patrick house (circa 1956). Professor of Biology Bill Conner and his wife moved last year into the Royall Drive house built by mathematics professor Ben Seelbinder (circa 1968). Vice President for Student Life and Instructional Resources Ken Zick, who lived on Faculty Drive in the early 1980s, returned to the neighborhood several years ago, buying the house next door to his first house.

Some of the children of the early homeowners also have moved back to the neighborhood. Roz Tedford ('91, MA '94), daughter of longtime theatre professor Harold Tedford, grew up on Royall Drive. She and her husband, Pat Morton (MA '97, MBA '02), who both work in Wake Forest's Information Systems department, are raising their two children in the Faculty Drive house built by longtime grounds superintendent Melvin Layton ('47). “I remember telling Pat how much I loved growing up on a campus,” says Tedford.

The Rev. Jim Hylton ('75, MDiv '06), son of accounting’s Delmer Hylton, left the retail world several years ago to enroll in the Wake Forest Divinity School; he and his wife and two children moved into his childhood home when his parents moved into the Paschal Drive condominiums. Betty Shirley Allejrone, daughter of debate’s Franklin Shirley, lives across the street from her childhood home, in the Faculty Drive house (circa 1958) built by Minnie Kallam, a reference librarian from 1948 until 1975. Bill Blackburn, son of J. Glenn Blackburn (’35), the College chaplain and minister of Wake Forest Baptist Church—on the old and new campuses, from 1947 until 1964—grew up in the church parsonage (originally owned by physical education’s Jim Long) on Faculty Drive and now lives next door, in the Raynor house.

It's believed that Wake Forest is the only university in the country that has private residences that can be accessed only by entering campus, although technically the neighborhood is off campus. The University holds a right-of-first-refusal on homes in the area to encourage resale to faculty and staff and offers a mortgage rate 92 percent of the national average on thirty- and fifteen-year fixed rates or variable rates, up to a loan balance of $250,000, or 95 percent of the purchase price of the property, whichever is less. Some would like to see the University extend the low-interest loans to include renovation expenses, pointing out that many of the 1950s-era houses often need remodeling to replace outdated kitchens and bathrooms.

“I hope the University recognizes what a special asset this community is,” says Director of Admissions Martha B. Allman ('82, MBA '92), who, with her husband, Joe ('82, JD '86), felt so strongly about raising their two young daughters in the neighborhood that they “downsized” four years ago to buy the Faculty Drive house built in 1984 by biology professors Carole and Bob Browne. “It’s a real testament to the kind of place Wake Forest is that people who work here and faculty members would want to be this close.”

The Faculty Drive neighborhood, like most everything else on the new campus, traces its roots back to the Old Campus. Most of the faculty lived close to campus, along North Main Street, known as Faculty Avenue, on one side of campus, or along South Main Street on the other side, or in newer homes along Woodland Drive. As they faced giving up their homes, there was a fear that “something was going to be lost,” said Professor of History Ed Hendricks, who bought the Grady Patterson house—complete with fallout shelter added in the 1960s, the only house on Faculty Drive so equipped—in 1999. “On the Old Campus, there was a fairly tight connection between faculty homes and the campus.”

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Marcellus Waddill and his wife, Shirley, who have lived on Sledd Court since 1974, with Cori Hood, one of the three children of neighbor Dean Hood, an assistant football coach, and his wife, Crystal. “It’s nice having kids in the neighborhood again,” Waddill says.
Although Wake Forest had accepted the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation’s offer to move to Winston-Salem in 1946, it would be another ten years before the move finally took place. Younger faculty such as Charlie Allen and Henry Stroupe put off buying homes even as the date of the move was continually pushed back. The Stroupes took to calling Winston-Salem the “promised land,” telling their two young sons whenever they asked for something—like a television—that they would have to wait until they got to Winston-Salem.

To address the need for faculty housing, in early 1955 the College purchased a long, narrow sliver of land—27.75 acres to be precise—between the campus proper and the Old Town golf course from Reynolda, Incorporated, for $54,112.50 or about $1,950 per acre. Retired facilities management director Harold S. “Pete” Moore, who joined the staff in 1953 and oversaw much of the construction of campus, recalls that construction of the first homes started about the same time as the campus heating plant was finished. “One of the things you have to do to new boilers is to dry them out by putting low-level fires in them. The trees being cut for the right of way for Faculty Drive provided a good source for free wood to cure those boilers,” relates Moore, who has lived on Royall Drive since 1967.

Faculty could purchase a lot based on their seniority; venerable Professor of English H. Broadus Jones (1910), on the faculty since 1924, was first on the list, although his house wasn’t among those finished in 1956. Henry Stroupe, a history professor who later served as founding dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, was tenth and paid $2,100 for his half-acre lot. For the Stroupes’ sons, Stephen, who was 11 at the time of the move, and David, who was 10, the new campus—with its large gyms and playing fields—and the adjoining golf course and woods were vast playgrounds, which they could enjoy with some twenty other kids living right around them. “All my friends moved with me,” recalls David Stroupe, an instructor in Wake Forest’s health and exercise science department since 1999. “There was so much to explore, everyday we’d head in a new direction.” Many of those children would end up going to college just down the street, including David Stroup, who graduated in 1968, and his brother, Stephen, who graduated in 1966.

Charlie Allen, a young biology professor known even then for his attention to detail and his wide-ranging skills, was determined not to have a ranch house typical of the time and he found a more modern design in a magazine. He practically built the house himself, recalls his widow, Clara, who sold the house six years ago and now lives in a retirement community in Winston-Salem. Before their house was

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**THE FIRST SETTLERS**

The twenty-three original homeowners on Faculty Drive and the five on Belle Vista Court. Homeowners on Faculty Drive are listed according to the location of their house, starting at the end of Faculty Drive nearest Winston Hall. Belle Vista Court is located behind Faculty Apartments.

Robert E. Lee (JD ‘28), Law, 1946-77
James O’Flaherty, German, 1947-84
Cronje B. Earp (26), Greek, 1940-71
Elton C. Cocke, Biology, 1938-71
D.A. Brown, English, 1941-73
Charles M. Allen (’39, MA ’41), Biology, 1946-89
Grady S. Patterson (’24), Registrar, 1926-72
Lewis Aycock (’26), English, 1928-71
Ivey C. Gentry (’40), Math, 1949-89
Ora C. Bradbury, Biology, 1925-61
Henry S. Stroupe (’35, MA ’37), History, 1937-84
Jasper Memory (’21), Education, 1929-71
William E. Speas (1907), Physics, 1920-59
Donald Hipps (’48), Wrestling Coach, 1954-59
James W. Long, Physical Education, 1946-1956
K.T. Raynor (’14), Math, 1926-61, and Beulah Raynor (MA ’47), English, 1946-79
Franklin Shirley, Speech/Debate, 1948-85
Charles Black (’18, MA ’20), Chemistry, 1919-65
Justus C. Drake (’36), English, 1946-71
Clarence H. Patrick (’31), Sociology, 1946-78
Harold M. Barrow, Physical Education, 1948-77
Delmer P. Hylton, Business, 1949-91
Melvin Layton (’47), Buildings and Grounds, 1951-78

**Belle Vista Court**

Robert G. Deyton, Vice President and Controller, 1952-57
J. Allen Easley, Religion, 1928-63
George Griffin (’35), Religion, 1948-81
Roland Gay (’28), Math, 1933-72
Percival Perry (’37), History, 1939-87, and Margaret Perry, 1947-98, Registrar
Can you imagine a time, says Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson (at far right), when most of the college’s faculty and administrators lived in the same neighborhood? Wilson (‘43) has lived on Timberlake Lane since 1968; Dean of the College Emeritus Tom Mullen (second from right) still lives around the corner, on Poteat Court; Chaplain Emeritus Ed Christman (‘50, JD ‘53) lives down the street, on Royall Drive; and former Dean of Women and Associate Vice President Emerita Lu Leake lives in the Faculty Drive house (pictured) built by Charles Black.

finished, the Allens set up a card table in the living room and invited everyone else who was building a house on the street over for cake and coffee. (In later years, they would entertain performers visiting campus for the Sechrest Artist Series, which Charles Allen helped start, in their completed house.)

While his house was being finished, registrar Grady Patterson—along with his daughter, Sarah “Sally” Patterson Barge (‘57), who was about to begin her senior year at Wake Forest—lived with his next-door neighbors, the Aycocks, while his wife, Elizabeth, stayed behind in Wake Forest to finish packing. The move was emotional for Elizabeth Patterson, a native of Wake Forest and daughter of longtime physics professor J.L. Lake. “It did indeed grieve her to have to leave her ‘home’ (from childhood) in old Wake Forest, but she was always one hundred percent behind my father in everything,” says Barge, whose marriage to Walter Barge (‘57) in August 1956 was the first wedding in Davis Chapel. But the new home was larger and nicer, with such luxuries as wall-to-wall carpet, and her mother poured herself into decorating it, she said.

Another two dozen homes would be built on Faculty Drive from 1957 through 1963. There were a few more Old Campus stalwarts, but most of the houses were built by younger faculty and administrators, including Dean of Men Mark Reece (‘49), treasurer John Williard, athletics director Gene Hooks (‘50), and communications director Russell Brantley (‘45). Julian (‘51) and Jean Burroughs bought the last of the original lots on Faculty Drive in 1963—paying $1,800 for a low-lying lot that had been passed over in earlier years, but they filled it in to create a level front yard. They found themselves living among many of Julian’s professors from the Old Campus and some of the great names in Wake Forest history.

With Faculty Drive full, save for a dozen lots available for lease at the far end of the street—the restrictions on these lots would eventually be changed and the lots sold in the mid 1980s—the College sought more land for faculty housing. In the early 1960s, the Mary Reynolds Babcock
Kahle Associate Professor of History Michele Gillespie with Willie Hughes at her Royall Drive home: the historian learns about Wake Forest’s past from Hughes and her neighbors.
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Better than

Wake Forest researchers are crossing campuses
and disciplines in greater numbers than ever to answer science's big questions.

By David Fyten
ONE WORD—"FIBRIN"—
and Roy Hantgan knew this could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

It was the spring of 2001, and Hantgan, a biophysical chemist on the Bowman Gray Campus, was attending a seminar being given by a candidate for a faculty position in the Reynolda Campus physics department. The candidate, a young German named Martin Guthold, was discussing his research interest in blood clotting when he spoke the magic word. Hantgan, whose own research was in the same vein, instantly recognized the term for the mesh of fibers that attach to platelets in the blood stream to form clots and stop bleeding and knew he'd encountered a kindred spirit.

Wake Forest. Motivated partly by the emphasis that grant-making entities are placing now on translational, or "bench to bedside," research—projects with practical biomedical application potential—and partly by the recognition that studies of particularly complex and intractable subjects that cannot be done by one or even a few can be done by many, College faculty members are joining with Medical Center scientists with increasing frequency and success.

Wake Forest is working hard to foster a culture of transdisciplinary research collaboration. Besides awarding three to five grants of up to $20,000 for cross-campus research projects each year, the University regularly sponsors a host of events at University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston in 2004. "People here are truly open to collaboration, which provides an optimum environment for our work [on aggressive and impulsive behaviors—violence, drug use, extreme risk-taking, and etcetera—in adolescents]."

"Wake Forest has a point of view I really appreciate," says Jacques S. Fetrow, Reynolds Professor of Computational Biophysics on the Reynolda Campus. "It is not stolidly entrenched in the old disciplinary mold, but rather is very much interdisciplinary, which is the way industry, at least in my field [drug-related research and development], is heading." An impassioned networker and champion of collaboration, Fetrow works tirelessly at bring-

It was fibrin, that wondrous stuff of clotting, that attached Roy Hantgan (left) and Martin Guthold (far right, with graduate student Wen Hua Liu and senior Eric Sparks).

Five years later, Guthold and Hantgan's joint research has yielded important insights into the physical properties of blood-clot fibers. Their findings have been publicized in Science magazine and hold promise of facilitating medical advancements in the prevention and treatment of strokes and other vascular and circulatory disorders.

Their partnership is but one of a burgeoning number of fruitful cross-campus research collaborations at which faculty members on both campuses can learn about—and perhaps be inspired to join or create new projects from—the work of others.

"[Wake Forest's collaborative culture] is a primary reason why we moved here," says Donald M. Dougherty, director of the Neurobehavioral Research Laboratory and Clinic, which he and colleague Charles Mathias relocated to the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center from the
between faculty members—to get them out of their departments and comfort zones and into possible collaborations.”

Research collaboration is nothing new; what’s striking about today’s trend is its transdisciplinary nature. Whereas in the past chemists, for example, would tend to partner with other chemists, a biomedical research team today might include physicists, chemists, biologists, statisticians, computer scientists, and others, each with a particular specialty and role.

A good example of the diversity of a cross-campus biomedical research team at Wake Forest today is one headed by Fetrow and Leslie Poole, professor of biochemistry and director of the Center for Structural Biology at the School of Medicine. In their research on cellular redox signaling, they have enlisted the participation of Freddie R. Salsbury of physics, a specialist in the structure and function of proteins; Larry W. Daniel, a departmental colleague of Poole who has expertise in cell signaling and serves as the team’s lead biologist; S. Bruce King of the College chemistry department, who develops reagents for the group’s experiments; David John of computer science, who with Edward E. Allen of mathematics uses a form of algebra to predict complex biological pathways; and William Turkett and Stan Thomas of computer science, who provide Bayesian statistical analysis.

“...the big questions in science won’t be answered by scientists working alone in their labs,” says Fetrow, herself a paragon of diversity with a doctorate in biochemistry and a joint appointment in the physics and computer science departments. “We’re not going to be able to answer the questions we need to answer without bringing in physicists, chemists, mathematicians, computer scientists, and biologists. The investigator who knows a little biology, a little chemistry, or a little physics [to supplement their specialty] is not much help. You need the real chemist, the real physicist, the real computer scientist and statistician in the room.”

Although Guthold and Hantgan both studied fibrin and the mechanisms of blood clotting, they did so from different perspectives. Physicist Guthold was intrigued by the tensile strength, elasticity, and other biophysical properties of fibrin fibers. Biochemist Hantgan had spent close to thirty years investigating the molecular properties of fibrin and its formation from a soluble protein in the blood called fibrinogen.

Guthold was experimenting with a technique no researcher had employed before to their knowledge, using the incredibly sharp and tiny needle of an atomic force microscope to scan the topography of fibrin fibers (which are a thousand times smaller than a human hair) and then manipulate them to test their stretchiness. The results were encouraging, but Guthold lacked an effective method for observing and imaging the process.

Enter Hantgan. “Roy made a couple of critical contributions [to the project],” Guthold says. “First was his huge experience and historic perspective on the properties of fibrin fibers. His knowledge of their biochemistry assisted us in separating individual molecules and preparing our samples. Second was his technical expertise with fluorescence. By applying fluorescent dye to the fibrin molecules and then using a fluorescent microscope in combination with the atomic force microscope, we were able to observe the results of what we were doing.”

Guthold discovered that fibrin fibers are far more stretchable and elastic...
than was previously suspected—able to stretch up to six times their length without snapping and also return to their original shape after stretching to three times their length. The findings of his group, which also includes graduate students and UNC scientist Susan Lord, could facilitate the development of treatments to dissolve clots and control random clot formation, which can bring on heart attacks and strokes in older adults.

And as a personality psychologist, I’m very interested in impulsivity, which is a fundamental facet of personality.”

Mathias cited a paper accepted for publication recently as an example of Furr’s contribution. “We had all this data from a [study] population that mainstream psychology doesn’t usually have access to,” he says. “Mike came in and really integrated the theoretical with the practical. You come to appreciate that other perspectives can inform your data and that there can be more to the story than you can learn alone.”

Perhaps no other Reynolda Campus faculty member has participated in as many cross-campus research projects, and over a longer period of time, than Jack Rejeski of the Department of Health and Exercise Science. For nearly two decades, the behavioral scientist has collaborated with physicians, statisticians, and other Medical Center scientists in several investigations of the benefits of physical activity and dietary weight loss in reducing the risk and seriousness of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other disorders. He currently serves as co-chair of the clinical research core for the Pepper Center, a federally funded infrastructure for geriatrics research at the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

One of his current projects is a partnership with David C. Goff, a prominent cardiovascular epidemiologist on the medical school campus. Supported by a five-year, $3.5-million award from the National Institutes of Health, Rejeski, Goff, and collaborators in biostatistics and epidemiology are building upon a mammoth multi-center national trial called the Diabetes Prevention Project (DPP). DPP found that people at risk for Type 2 (so-called adult onset) diabetes can reduce its probability of incidence or its severity through weight loss and increased physical activity. The results were powerful—so powerful that the NIH made money available for translating them into preventative education and counseling strategies. Goff and Rejeski’s team will work with some three hundred subjects in Forsyth County in developing a small-group counseling program for behavioral change using lay health counselors and audiovisual aids.

Goff says their mutual interest in chronic disease prevention was a powerful magnet that drew him and Rejeski into partnership. “I was trained as an
M.D. to treat one patient at a time, but in health promotion, I came to realize that it might be better to adopt behavioral and environmental approaches,” he says. “I don’t know a lot about [those areas]. Jack has that expertise.”

So what factors help determine successful collaborations? J. Todd Thornburg, administrative director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University, has spent eight years working to identify key aspects of productive group science projects. He shared his observations at a conference titled, “The Science of Team Science: Assessing the Value of Transdisciplinary Research,” held in late October in Bethesda, Maryland.

oriented researchers (e.g., specialists in modeling or crystallography), as well as a mix of abstract thinkers (creative, as opposed to detailed), concrete thinkers (detail-oriented; linear), and synthetic thinkers (able to coalesce diverse ideas into a coherent picture.)

“One group that we observed had trust, respect, and good listening skills but was faulty in its communication and ability to cooperate,” he notes. “But that was easier to work with and rectify than the absence of trust would have been, because if trust were absent, a member might be inclined to withhold data from the rest of the group. Also, linear thinkers have the tendency to focus only on the next logical step in their experiment, to the exclusion of the bigger picture. Creative or synthetic thinking can mitigate that.

“At the Cancer Center, we’re focused on bringing in people with a sense of shared purpose,” Thornburg states. “There are many possible motivations in science. You can get people to work together if you give them enough money. Others may want to help somebody, or may just want to be famous. Here, it is the single-minded focus on meeting the scientific challenges [of cancer] that is emphasized.

“The ability to fit in is important to our faculty,” he says. “We’re not Harvard [Cancer Center], with its staff of 800; our staff is 110. But [with shared purpose] we can turn our size to our advantage because we can catalyze collaborations that might not be possible in larger or more fragmented or inflexible settings.”

The researchers interviewed for this article checked off on Thornburg’s skill-set list and added a few attributes of their own—humility; enthusiasm; rapid responsiveness; a stick-to-it, never-say-die attitude; willingness to work hard; imagination; the readiness to surround oneself with colleagues who might be more talented or competent in certain areas than oneself; and, finally, a sense of humor.

With all the advantages of transdisciplinary collaboration, could the days of the solitary researchers in science—the proverbial geniuses working alone in their laboratories—be numbered? In Thornburg’s view, they are already past. “The low-hanging fruit in science has been picked. Future discoveries will be made by groups,” he says.

“One-man-or–woman shows will find themselves at a distinct disadvantage.”

In Jack Rejeski (left), David C. Goff (right) found the expertise in behavioral and environmental approaches he needed to complement his medical-training inclinations.
To the point

The work of editorial cartoonist William Warren ('08) sends a strong, silent message.

By Cherin C. Poovey (P '08)


As resident editorial cartoonist for the OG&B, Warren speaks loudly without ever opening his mouth. His art, along with his point of view, combine to send some powerful messages each week. Bring on your emotional, intellectual, and political buttons, says Warren—he’s prepared to push them.

A junior political science major and a studio art minor, Warren has been lucky enough to find, relatively early in life, a niche where his talent for art and his passion for politics afford him the supreme opportunity for self-expression. Whether the target of his sarcasm is the student dining plan or global terrorism, his task is to be truthful, his obligation is to be opinionated. An effective editorial cartoonist, he says, provides a humorous perspective, and ultimately stimulates thought.

His ability to do that is not going unnoticed. Last summer Warren won the John Locher Memorial Cartoon Award as North America’s top college political cartoonist from the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. Part of his prize was a trip to the group’s annual conference in Denver, where he met established cartoonists including his favorite, Pulitzer Prize-winner Michael Ramirez, who gave him advice and critiqued his work.

Wednesday nights are usually busy for Warren, who can be found working to meet his deadline for Thursday’s Old Gold and Black. Often he has more than one cartoon in an issue, and he’s recently begun work on a comic strip. He works in his Davis Hall room, first sketching on computer paper the idea that may have come to him five days ago, or five hours ago. Then using a light box, he transfers the sketch to drawing paper. He uses pens (even a quill) and Sharpies to add texture before scanning the cartoon into the computer for final touch-up.

“Art is important,” says Warren, who says he has been drawing since he was old enough to hold a pencil. “Some want to push it aside, but it’s a key part of the message. Without it you have an editorial. The art has to deliver a powerful message,” he says.

He describes himself as “very convicted about a lot of things,” adding that editorial cartooning allows him to voice his opinion in a way that is entertaining and thought-provoking. “I would love to get hired by a newspaper and pursue this as a career,” says Warren. “This is a strange niche I’ve come to enjoy.”
Daveed Gartenstein-Ross (’98), a national debate champion as a Wake Forest student, has been gaining attention for his work as a counterterrorism consultant. In addition to working with law enforcement, he frequently appears as an analyst on ABC, the Fox News Channel, MSNBC, and talk radio, and he writes for publications including Commentary, The Weekly Standard and The Wall Street Journal Europe. Born into a Jewish family, Gartenstein-Ross converted to Islam as a Wake Forest student. His first job after college was with the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation, an international Wahhabi charity that proved to be an al-Qaeda financier. Although he is now a practicing Christian, Gartenstein-Ross’s experience at Al Haramain gave him a window into radical Islam that few others possess. His first book, My Year Inside Radical Islam, will be published by Tarcher/Penguin in February 2007. Following is an excerpt that focuses on the indoctrination process he experienced at the Al Haramain Foundation.

I grew up in Ashland, a liberal oasis in conservative southern Oregon. Although Jewish by birth, my parents weren’t happy with traditional Judaism and joined a new religion known as the Infinite Way. My dad once described it as a “disorganized religion”: it had no membership, no dues, no nonprofit corporation, and no enforcement of doctrine.

I first learned about Islam as a junior at Wake Forest through a college friend, al-Husein Madhany. Al-Husein, a tall Kenyan-born man...
of Indian-American parents, was a dedicated campus activist, and our friendship brought me into social and political circles that I never anticipated. But to my surprise, I also found myself considering his religion, Islam, as my own way of life.

Even before 9/11, I knew that many non-Muslims feared Islam because of so-called “Islamic terrorism.” I did some serious study to address these concerns and came away convinced that true Islam was moderate. There were undoubtedly some extremists, but one couldn’t impute the actions of a few outliers to the entire body of believers. The faith felt comfortable, inviting. The next step was to convert, which I did in fall 1997.

As a campus activist, a key question was how to get people involved. Al-Husein and I latched onto self-perception theory, a psychological theory that holds that an individual only has about the same level of knowledge of his own behavior that another person could have. People’s attitudes are developed by observing their behavior and reasoning backward from it to determine what their attitudes must be. Thus, if you can get someone to act in a certain way, eventually his beliefs will fall into line. Applying this, al-Husein and I thought that if we could get people involved, even in a casual way, they would start to define themselves as activists.

Curiously, self-perception theory never crossed my mind when I accepted my first job out of college, at the Al Haramain Islamic Foundation. At the time, Al Haramain had offices in more than fifty countries and an annual budget of around $50 million. Its U.S. headquarters was in my hometown, Ashland.

I knew that Al Haramain was a Wahhabi charity, adhering to the puritanical form of Islam that predominates in Saudi Arabia. The Wahhabis have an absolutist vision, resenting Muslims whose norms differ from theirs. Though I knew that some of my coworkers’ ideas would be at odds with mine, I accepted the job. I could learn about Islam while saving on rent by staying with my parents. I thought I could work there, sample the group’s beliefs, pick from their positive ideas, and discard the rest. I never considered that the methods al-Husein and I had gleaned from self-perception theory to shape people into activists could, in turn, be used to shape me.

In January 1999, a sheikh visited us. Born in Egypt, Sheikh Muhammad Adly was a short man with a large gray beard. One day I was assigned to drive him around town. As I walked to my car, a dark-haired woman in her late thirties greeted Gartenstein-Ross in Douz, Tunisia in the fall of 1997, about to enter the Sahara Desert.
me. She wasn't wearing a hijab, the headscarf worn by Muslim women. To my dismay, I realized that her lack of hijab struck me as wrong. The woman was an elementary school teacher. She wanted to bring her class here to learn about Islam and asked who she could speak to about this. As I answered, I glimpsed Sheikh Adly out of the corner of my eye. He stood a short distance away, and his presence made me self-conscious. When our conversation ended, the teacher stuck out her hand and said, “I appreciate the help. It was nice talking with you.” I hesitated, and let her stand there with her hand sticking out. I said, somewhat embarrassed, “No thanks.” I felt uncomfortable shaking her hand with the sheikh watching; touching a woman would be contrary to his beliefs. She gave me a perturbed look, then turned and walked to her car without saying another word.

Once we got into my car, Sheikh Adly asked me some introductory questions. He wanted to know how I came to Islam and my future plans. When I told him that I wanted to go to law school in the fall, he shook his head, astonished. “You should not go to law school,” he said. “If you go to law school, you will have to say that the Constitution is good.”

I was surprised. What's wrong with the Constitution? But that wasn't how I responded. My first inclination was not to defend the Constitution, but to question his facts. “I can study Islamic law,” I said. “A lot of American law schools have good programs in Islamic law. I don't have to just study U.S. law for three years.” With a shrug, Sheikh Adly said, “If you go to law school, someone might try to make you say that the Constitution is good.”

After three months at Al Haramain, I began to believe in new rules, restrictions, and moral injunctions that I never could have accepted before. I became more amenable to the idea that sharia, Islamic law, was the best way to govern a society. Weren't God's decrees superior to the shifting sands of modern morality? Why shouldn't the state ban homosexuality? Why shouldn't the state enforce the modesty of women?

But the biggest step was when I stopped listening to music. I was told early at Al Haramain that music was impermissible, but for months I didn't stop listening to it. I loved music: I had an enormous CD collection and would associate particularly strong emotions with certain songs.

But ever since I heard that music was Islamically wrong, I struggled with whether I should remove it from my life. One night, driving...
home from work, I felt that I needed to make a decision. I drove past the golf course, out toward the lake. Driving often helped me clear my head. I listened to a mixed tape that I had made in college, and the music seemed to fit the road.

But this would have to end, I decided. There were my coworkers’ views, but there was also my relationship with Allah. Was music forbidden by Islamic law? If I really believed in Allah, I had to be honest. Even if some music was lawful, the music I was listening to was not. Stringed instruments were well known to be haram (forbidden), and I couldn’t think of a song on my mixed tape that didn’t have a guitar. And the themes? Allah, I knew, wouldn’t approve of them. There were songs about sex, about drugs—most of my music was objectionable in some way.

I drove back toward the house, knowing this would be the last time I enjoyed the music that I used to love. …Carrying the tape into my room, I realized that I needed finality. So I squeezed until the tape snapped in two. The broken tape seemed like a symbol. I was turning my back on a life of not being serious about my faith.

Then I grabbed a Kleenex and wrapped the tape inside it. I didn’t want my parents to see. I wasn’t hiding the tape because they would be upset that I’d given up on music. It was larger than that. My parents had no problem with my conversion to Islam because our ideas about religion remained fundamentally the same, liberal and tolerant. But now, I was careening down a new road. I didn’t know where it would lead me, but I knew that my ideas about religion were no longer like my parents’.

Early in my time at Al Haramain, I had been told about an essay on jihad in an appendix to the translation of the Qur’an that we distributed. At the time, I believed that I wasn’t ready for it. But eventually, I went through enough changes that I felt ready. I sat at my kitchen table one night and turned to the essay, “The Call to Jihad in the Qur’an.” It outlined the three historical phases of jihad: “[A]t first ‘the fighting’ was forbidden, then it was permitted, and after that it was made obligatory—(1) against them who start ‘the fighting’ against you (Muslims) . . . (2) and against all those who worship others along with Allah.”

I wasn’t ready to read this essay earlier, but now I found myself persuaded. A few minutes later I set up my prayer rug, facing Mecca. I made salat for the fifth time that day, the nighttime prayers. All Sunni Muslims make salat in the same way—speaking the same words and going through the same pattern of standing, bowing, kneeling, and prostrating. But afterwards, Muslims will often pray silently to Allah about their specific needs or desires. This is called du’a (supplications). After salat, for the first time, I prayed for victory for the mujahideen, the holy warriors fighting throughout the globe to topple secular governments and establish Islamic states.

This is what I had so long resisted. But over time my ideas were transformed. If these prayers felt uncomfortable now, that was a problem with my faith.

Months later, as I prepared to leave Ashland for New York City, I recognized that I left Al Haramain a completely different person than I was the day I traipsed through the front door. My views of God, the world, and myself had been transformed. I had no idea whether I preferred the new me or the old one.
Helping Hearts
Witnessing, and working, to relieve the scourge of AIDS in Kenyan orphanages.

By Mary Martin Niepold ('65)

The Kenyan earth is red, very red. There are majestic trees and low shrubs in the west and sometimes remnants of neatly planted hedges that tell you colonial farms were once the lay of the land. But the green here is parched and dusty. Poverty and HIV/AIDS have ravaged the countryside as well as the people. Today, many people here can barely find enough to eat. There aren’t enough adults to run businesses. Medicine is a luxury. School is too frequently an option. Newborns are sometimes thrown away.

But today is also church day in Nakuru, a day to renew hope, and the people are radiant. The children dance and laugh like it is Christmas. This is a typical Sunday morning despite the poverty that upturns the landscape in every direction. Some girls wear mismatched shoes and oversized sweaters with holes. Underneath is a frilly dress. The boys show various shapes of sweaters and sometimes a jacket that doesn’t fit, either. This is one of Kenya’s poorest regions hard hit by HIV/AIDS, and the Rev. Josam Kariuki will be preaching. Some seventy adults and children are wedged on raw wooden benches in a one-room church barely bigger than a classroom in Tribble Hall. The children can’t stop giggling and smiling and staring. Americans have come to visit.

An AIDS quilt made by Numbani children
This was last July, winter in Kenya, and our first Sunday there. The Amani Childrens Foundation group, fifty strong, including five Wake Forest students and Mike Ford ('72), director of student development, had made its way from Winston-Salem. “Amani” means peace in Swahili, and this was the sixth Amani volunteer trip since the local foundation was launched in 2004 with the encouragement of Reynolds Professor of American Studies Maya Angelou and Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson ('43). Its aim: to serve orphanages in Kenya financially and with volunteers, to lend a hand to New Life Homes, a group of Kenyan orphanages for abandoned children, including those orphaned by AIDS. Amani was founded by Chad and Jane Stephens from Winston-Salem.

“What do you have?” Reverend Kariuki asked of his flock. “What do you have that you can share with the world? You can do something. I know you are strong enough to go to an HIV person and help to clean their house.” His congregation nodded while some of us cried, and the children kept staring at us, smiles brilliant and wide. After the services, they rushed to the small dirt yard with one rusty swing set. I can still see Wake Forest sophomore Roman Irvin pushing them higher and higher to the sky.

Our visit was designed to assist in the orphanages and to learn from Kenyan scholars, leaders, and university students about the many dimensions of the orphans crisis. And wherever we went, we saw smiles. We fed AIDS orphans, played with AIDS orphans, chatted with AIDS workers, and marveled at the young children in Nakuru and other orphanages in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Mombasa. From orphanages and crafts cooperatives for women refugees to AIDS conferences with Kenyan university students, it was the same. The Kenyans with the least seemed to have the most to give. For weeks, the grace of these beautiful people blessed each of us. “Even in the midst of meager means and significant hardship, so many of the Kenyan people possessed great pride, joy, and hope,” Ford said, back home.

In fact, the joy of the people is what sustained us as we saw the effects of HIV/AIDS, of a pandemic
The number of children who will have lost one or both parents due to HIV/AIDS is projected to reach twenty-five million in less than four years. It takes New Life Homes roughly $100 per month to care for each orphan. The numbers swirled, and the children just wanted to be held. For three weeks, I asked myself, “Now, what was that problem I thought was so important back home?”

When we visited another orphanage, Nyumbani Home, the numbers had grown to full-sized children, all of whom were HIV-positive. I had seen freshman Adam Parker learning how to hold an infant a few days earlier. “Am I doing it OK? Is this right?” Parker beamed. Now, all forty Amani Scholars, high school and college students, would play games, shoot some baskets, or sit and talk with the orphans. In all there are ninety-four, ages one to twenty-four.

We toured the grounds that included a small farm, school, chapel, and a hospice being built for the orphans who had contracted AIDS before the free anti-retrovirals became available last year in Kenya. As we walked toward the back of the property, we gasped. A small graveyard was suddenly in view, with maybe fifteen tiny graves, each planted with its own flowering cover and small cross. Orphans with HIV don’t die nearly as frequently anymore, but Joseph and all the orphans at Nyumbani see the graves of their friends daily, knowing that they might die as well. On an AIDS quilt the Nyumbani children made last year, different squares offered different pictures and messages: “I am coming to you, Lord,” one said, “prepare the room.”
And so it was in Kenya: Hearts broken, hearts healed, hearts hoping, nonetheless. Jane Stephens, Amani’s director, said that Wake Forest had ignited her passion to do more for Kenya’s orphans crisis. Each of the Stephens had worked in Kenya in the eighties, and in the nineties, they adopted two children from New Life Homes to expand their family back in Winston-Salem.

She recalled giving a lecture on the crisis in Tribble Hall in 2002. “The crisis of orphaned children in Africa is out of control,” she told the students. “I don’t know if anything can be done. It may be past the tipping point.” She said the students were appalled at her perspective. “Surely, America can do something,” they told her. She recalled answering them, “I don’t know. It may be beyond money. You should ask an economics professor.”

At that moment, Zachary T. Smith, Associate Professor of Economics, Sylvain Boko stood up in the back of the room and told her, “I can tell you that America can do whatever America chooses to do on this. It’s not a problem of resources; it’s a problem of will.” Amani, Stephens said, was born. And the Scholars program she and her husband have created is educating a new generation of Americans to experience a crisis in Kenya and return home with a vision to make a difference.

HIV/AIDS has decreased from 13 percent to 6.8 percent among Kenyans in the last several years, but it is still a mainly heterosexual disease, and for every male, six females are infected. The social stigma of the disease continues to permeate the culture and shortchanges many prevention programs like counseling and testing. These facts won’t prevent its spread anytime soon, and last summer’s Amani Scholars learned the urgency of the crisis, first-hand.

Back home in the States, those realities are now fueling projects. For Wake Forest students, Pro Humanitate has reached straight into the heart of Kenya and come back to the Piedmont. Freshmen Sarah Hurt and Adam Parker are working on projects to raise money, and increase AIDS awareness. Lisa Rubinsak (’06), senior Kristian Tobias, and sophomore Roman Irvin were also on the trip. Tobias is organizing an African Fashion Fundraiser to be held on campus in February. Irvin will launch an AIDS awareness project while working on a new Amani CD. Past Amani scholars include Becca Cook (’05), currently studying African medical anthropology as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and Sam Imende (’04), who now works as a researcher for African issues with a voters rights group in Washington, D.C.

Then, back in Kenya, there is Phillip. When I met Phillip last July, he was eight-months-old and so sturdy it took two arms to hold him against my chest. Abandoned by his mother in Nukuru shortly after birth, he weighed barely four pounds. We played together for two days, and then it was time to say goodbye, to put Phillip in his bed. He whimpered and cried while I rubbed his small back. I sang, he whimpered, and finally he closed his eyes. Lord, bless this child.

I walked away from his tiny crib, and like other Amani visitors, I promised I’d find a way to remem-
Greetings from the Alumni Association! There is much good news from Wake Forest: we had a wonderful Homecoming celebration in September and have had great success on both the fields of athletic competition and in the classroom this fall. Wake Forest continues to excel in countless ways, and the Alumni Association wants to keep you connected to Wake Forest.

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Thank you for all you do for Wake Forest, and I wish you a wonderful holiday season. Go Deacs!

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1980s

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Kathleen McKinney (JD ’89) is deputy director in the National Labor Relations Board’s New Orleans, LA, regional office.

1990
Patricia Schnably Shields is executive vice president and general merchandise manager for Charlotte Russe Holding Co. in San Diego, CA. She and her husband, Aidan, live in La Jolla.

Russell Lee Stephenson III is president of Stephenson Millwork Company Inc. in Wilson, NC.

1991
Kelly Moser is an associate in the product liability practice of Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle, WA.

1992
Lewis Amos is a senior consultant in workforce management analytics at Kronos. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Atlanta.

Patrick Day is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, IL. He is responsible for family ministries, developing adult small groups and ministering to students of Lake Forest College. He and his family live in Lake Bluff.

Gregory S. Galaida and his wife, Elizabeth Harris Galaida (’93), are co-executive directors of Advocates for Homeless Families Inc., a nonprofit organization in Frederick, MD. They received the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance “Seal of Approval.”

Galen Johnson received the Faculty Excellence Award for Teacher of the Year at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR. He teaches church history, theology and philosophy.

Samantha Lane has a debut CD Find A Way. Songs from her CD were played on Hound Dog Internet radio’s “Cabaret Show with Joe.”

Jenny Mitchell will be inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame. She is Wake Forest’s all-time leading scorer and rebounder in women’s basketball and holds records for field goals, field-goal percentage and double-doubles.

1993
Charlene Warren-Davis received her doctor of pharmacy from Idaho State University. She is a major in the U.S. Army and a pharmacy logistics consultant at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, stationed at Fort Detrick, MD. She and her husband, Avery, live in Sandy Spring, MD.

Taylor Arnold (JD ’05) is an attorney in Raleigh, NC. He has created the Controlled Mindstorms Web site to showcase products of independent inventors and tell the stories behind them.

Steven Gardner (JD) practices intellectual property law with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of “The Best Lawyers in America” for 2007.

Blair Cox Lambert is a third-grade teacher at Mountain Park Elementary School in Dobson, NC. She received Wake Forest’s Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award at the elementary school level.

Brad Pryce is a loan officer with American Home Mortgage in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Mary Katherine, live in Clemmons, NC, with their two daughters, Ashton and Taryn.

Kristen Duplessie Ring (MAEd ’98) is an English teacher and research coordinator at Forsyth Country Day School in Winston-Salem. She received Wake
Forest’s Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award at the secondary school level.

**1995**

Eric E. Boone is an attorney with Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP in New York. He is vice chair of the NAACP’s International Affairs Committee. He spoke at the NAACP annual convention and attended the signing ceremony of the Voting Rights Act by President George W. Bush.

Jennifer Brown Coulombe is a quality consultant for BB&T. She has earned her six sigma black belt certification. She and her husband, David Coulombe (‘93), live in Winston-Salem.

Rebecca Gentry is vice president of institutional advancement for the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Kathleen “Kat” Jaske is a French and English teacher at Green Valley High School in Henderson, NV. She has published two books of her Honor Bound series, For Honor: An Adventure of What Might Have Been and Gambit: For Love of a Queen. For Honor was featured as the high school 2006 Reading Incentive Program book, and she was named guest author of the year.

**1996**

Andy Bloom (MAEd ’98) will be inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame. He was a four-time All-American and a six-time ACC champion in the shot put and discus. He represented the U.S. in the 2000 Olympic Games.

Connie L. Carson (MBA) is assistant vice president for campus services and planning at Wake Forest. She will supervise guest services, dining services and the Deacon OneCard program.

Jennifer Felts (MSA ’97) is the international finance officer for International Justice Mission, a human rights agency based in Washington, D.C.

Alicia Staub Grenolds is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Children’s Hospital Boston, Pulmonary Division/Cystic Fibrosis Center. She and her husband, Rick, live in Newton, MA.

Mark Iacono practices estate tax and business planning and asset protection with Correira & Associates in Providence, RI.

Omari Scott Simmons is teaching contracts and sales in the Wake Forest School of Law. He is president of the Simmons Memorial Foundation Inc., a nonprofit providing college consulting services to at-risk students.

**1997**

Melissa Combes (MBA) has been named assistant vice president and director of principal gifts in the Wake Forest Advancement Office.

**1998**

Frank Byrns has published his second collection of short fiction, Requiem. It is a collection of 12 short stories, some of which have been published in Strange Horizons, Cyber Age Adventures and Aphelion magazines.

David Greenawalt received his PhD in anthropology from the University of Georgia.

Hunter Kemper won the Life Time Fitness “Battle of the Sexes” Triathlon in Minneapolis, MN. He is a two-time Olympian and is ranked the world’s No. 1 triathlete.

Elizabeth O’Donovan Land is a senior reporter for the Enquirer-Journal newspaper in Monroe, NC, and a writer of children’s books.

Megan Kleinfelder Roach received her JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is in the workers compensation practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, OH.

**1999**

Drew Brown and Bob Benson (’72, JD ’75) have formed Benson & Brown PLLC in Greensboro, NC. They emphasize commercial litigation, personal injury and real estate law.

Jon Palmieri is assistant baseball coach at Wake Forest.

**2000**

Todd M. Ericsson (JD) practices residential real estate with Clawson & Staubes LLC in Charleston, SC.

Scott T. Horn (JD) is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. His concentration is in business, contracts and commercial real estate.

Trent E. Jernigan (JD) is in the real estate development practice group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been selected to serve a three-year term on the Real Property Section Council for the N.C. Bar Association.

Richard Allen McCluney spent a year at St. Louis University. He has returned to Winston-Salem to continue his residency in anesthesia at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.
April Beeman Metwalli (JD) is senior advisor to the Chris Carney for Congress campaign. She and her husband, Adam Metwalli (’96, MD ’00), and their daughter, Ellen, live in Houston, TX.

Sheereen Miller is an account executive in new business development at MTV Networks. She is engaged to be married and lives in New York.

Maggie Moore has been admitted to the N.C. Bar. She is an estate planning consultant for Wachovia Bank N.A. in Greensboro, NC, and is engaged to be married.

Christopher M. Trebilcock (JD) is an associate of Miller Canfield in Detroit, MI. He is on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan.

Ryan Alvin Wilson (MSA ’01) is head of development and outreach for Chaptex, the Next Generation MicroFibre, in Lakeland, FL. He received Platinum Pinnacle Salesman Status and the Bronze Achievement in Science and received a state fellowship to begin her career in research at Chromocell.

Wesley Waters is assistant director of data analysis in the Wake Forest Advancement Technologies Office.

Richard Preston Wendell completed his MD from the Medical University of South Carolina. He is an emergency medicine resident at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia, SC.

Lauren Younger is program manager for Pure Networks Inc. in Seattle, WA.

2002

Megan Lambert Blomqvist is the marketing associate for Palm Beach Media Group, which publishes Palm Beach Illustrated, Tampa Bay Illustrated, Naples Illustrated and other publications. She lives in Jupiter, FL.

Nancy Tyrrell Cullen is a value global product manager for AllianceBernstein. She and her husband, John, live in the Bronx, NY.

Cameron T. Kluth completed a consulting project with the ProWorld Service Corps in Cusco, Peru, and received his MBA from the University of Oxford, UK. He received the JP Morgan prize for new business development and The Indus Entrepreneurs in international business plan competition.

Maryn Whittles Padula is pursuing her PhD in molecular biology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY.

Amy Elmore Strachan (MD) is in her final year of a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship in Honolulu, HI. She won two state titles in six-man outrigger canoe paddling.

Sarah Dixon Wendell is a third-year law student at the University of South Carolina.

2003

Jesse Chace is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

Beth Cauble Gross (MAEd ’04) is a first-grade teacher at Greer Elementary School in Charlottesville, VA.

Brian Gross is a second-year medical student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Molly E. Heald received her law degree from Ohio State University and is an associate with Bricker & Eckler LLP in Columbus, OH.

E. Christanna Wade Kelley is the library media specialist at Appalachia High School in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Laura Mayo (MDiv) is associate minister of Covenant Baptist Church in Houston, TX. Her husband, Nicholas Stepp (MDiv ’04), is pursuing a PhD.

Stephanie Kale Morris (MSA ’04) is an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in McLean, VA.

2004

Charlotte Disher (MDiv) is the youth coordinator at Unity Moravian Church in Lewisville, NC.

Kelly Doton was selected to the 16-member United States World Cup field hockey team to represent the U.S. in the Samsung World Cup in Madrid, Spain.

Jennifer M. Harris completed her master’s of philosophy in international relations at Oxford University, England. She is in her first year at Yale Law School.

Rebecca Kousky has started a nonprofit business, Nest. Her mission is to provide microfinance loans to women in developing countries to begin or maintain art- or craft-based businesses.


2005

Samantha Rieger Chace is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army deployed in Iraq.
Elizabeth Dusch ran the Blue Ridge Relay (209 miles in 29 and one-half hours) from Boone to Asheville, NC. Thirty-five teams of 12 participated.

Matt Gallagher is a first lieutenant and reconnaissance platoon leader with 5-14 U.S. Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, in Schofield Barracks, HI.

J. Lee Hill Jr. (MDiv) is minister to youth and young adults at Riverside Church in New York City.

Niki Lim is public relations coordinator at Sullivan-St. Clair Marketing/Public Relations in Mobile, AL.

Phillip J. Long (JD) is an associate with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.

2006

Tony East (MBA) is director of manufacturing for Amarr Garage Door at the new Carolina Plant in Davie County, NC.

Brett Ross won his fourth professional tennis title in the doubles event at the 2006 Copa Ciro Farrera in Comitan, Mexico.

Marriages

Brian Jefferey Harrell (’95) and Caroline Elizabeth Shaw. 9/9/06 in Wait Chapel. They live in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Eric D. Hughes (’95).

Kyle Snipes (’95) and Melissa Jenkins. 8/5/06 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Christopher Mathews (’95) and David Priest (’95, MD ’99).

Josephine Davidson Baker (’96) and Robert Andrew Morris. 9/30/06. The bride’s parents are Jerry Herbert Baker (’68) and Cassandra Martin Baker (’69). The wedding party included Martin Marshall Baker (’99), Teah Beth Kennard (’00), Lisa Ann Kluepfel (’96) and Jennifer Louise Sne Winthrop (’96).

Ariane Lopez (’96) and Desmond Hunte (’00, MSA ‘01). 6/2/06 in Upper Marlboro, MD. They live in Washington, D.C. The wedding party included Clay Jones (’03), Adrian MacDaniel (’02), Antoine Smith (’00), Nick Spruill (’02, MAEd ’04), David Tann (’02) and Shawn Watson (’00). Attending were Scott Brown (’01), Dianne Cane (’01), Camille Wilkerson French (’93), Nate French (’93), Jerri Fuller (’03), Syreeta Norwood (’02), Bill Pittard (’96), Melanie Angiolillo Pittard (’96), Allana Jeffries Taylor (’97), Wendell Taylor (’95) and Corey Wright (’01).

Roy Steven Calhoun (JD/MBA ’97) and Jennifer Anne Levinson. 4/8/06 in West Monroe, LA. The wedding party included Neil Horn (JD ’97) and Steven Blair Wilson (JD ’97).

Christopher Raymond Yoshida (’97) and Molly Beth Beach. 6/24/06 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Jon Bobalik (’94) and Michael Roth (’94).

Jon Palmieri (’99) and Amanda Saylor (’99). 7/22/06 in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. They live in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Matt Briggs (’00), Ben Danosky (’00), Michael Holmes (’97), Paige Deblitz Hoskins (’99), Tim Johnson (’99), Elizabeth Laney (’99), Lea Billmeyer Malloy (’99), Ricky Mendez (’00), Marc Palmieri (’94), Leah Passmore (’99), Matt Price (’01), Andrew Riepe (’99), Eli Salatch (’99), Scott Siemon (’01), Leah Small (’99) and Christian Turner (’99).

Frederick Bertrand Adams II (JD ’00) and April Yaisa Ruffin. 8/19/06 in Winston-Salem. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Karonnie Truzy (JD ’01).

Allison M. Doyle (’00) and Randy Roditi. 8/19/06 in Rockleigh, NJ. The wedding party included Erin Richard (’00) and Amanda Spain Wells (’00).

Emily Hudson (’00) and Scott Mitchell. 9/23/06 in Pensacola, FL. The wedding party included Allison Bates (’00), Suzanne Davis Campbell (’00) and Rachel Davis Mersey (’00).

Patrick J. O’Keefe (’00) and Katherine Laveck. 6/10/06 in Kohler, WI. They live in Philadelphia, PA.

Alisha Michelle Tomlinson (’00, PA ’04) and Chad Thomas DeTroye. 4/22/06 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Mocksville, NC. Father Jude DeAngelo officiated. The wedding party included Amy Tipton Anders (’00), Kimberly Banks Blaylock (PA ’04), Deanna Carrico (PA ’04), Catherine Coleman (’00), Charlotte Imbler Crotts (’00), Eve Ferruggiario (’00), Deborah Foster (’00), Melissa Boddy Rasheide (’96), Alexis Rejeski (’05) and Julie Templeton Ziegler (’01, MA ’04).

Raymond T. Britt (’01) and Nancy K. Burns (’01, JD ’04). 6/3/06. The wedding party included P. Devan Culbreth (’99, JD ’04) and Cassie Rich (’01, JD ’04). Attending were Anne Arnold (’06), Jennifer Devor (JD ’04), sophomore Jon Fogg and Bess Parrish (JD ’04).

Elizabeth Hoyle (’01) and Chris Bevacqua. 9/16/06 in Savannah, GA. They live in Norwalk, CT. The wedding party included Madeleine Bayard (’01), Laura Bayzle (’01), Katherine Bradley (’01), Allison Darwin (’01) and Lauren Mueller (’01). Attending were Scott Bayzle (JD ’00, JD ’05), Chris Haines (’01) and Jared Klose (’01).

Carolyn Joe (’01) and Troy Ryan Daniel. 6/3/06 in Dallas. They live in Philadelphia, PA.

Drew Shermeta (’01) and Kristen McCauliff (MA ’04). 6/24/06 in Petoskey, MI. They live in Athens, GA. The wedding party included Becca Atchison (’03), Jarrod Atchison (’01, MA ’03), Rob Caliendo (’00), Mike Earls (’01), Thomas Loquvam (’01), Alison Shermeta (’06) and Brad Stewart (’00).
Rebecca Strimer (’01) and Kyle Voorhees (’02). 7/22/06 in Greenville, TN. They live in Boston, MA. The wedding party included Dan Gilman (’00), Carmen Gray Glenn (’01), Brett Shoemaker (’01) and Dan Toomey (’01). Attending were Lee Bell (’03), Rebecca Todd Bell (’01), Anne Hancock (’01), Sarah Shivers Heiden (’01), Amy Kudwa (’01), Kate McGuire (’01) and Christie Ward (’01).

Benjamin Wright (MA ’01) and Meg Carriere (’02). 9/2/06 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Sara Belsches (’02) and Jennifer Zile (’02). Ashley Phillips (’03) attended.

Lee Connelly Briggs (’02) and Melissa Castenshiold Jones (’04). 7/1/06 in Winston-Salem. They live in New York. The groom’s mother and father are Becky Connelly (’72, JD ’77) and Bill Briggs (’73) and his grandfather is Earle Connelly (’48). The wedding party included Mike Albanese (’02), Alison Delaney (’04), Garyen Denning (’02), Cary Donaldson (’03), Meagan Hipps (’04), Cambra Overend (’04), Joey Picard (’04), Brent Thomas (’02), Sarah Wynne (’03) and associate professor Sharon Andrews. The groom’s aunts and uncles attending were David Burgess (’80), Patty Connelly Burgess (’81), Beth Connelly Burkhard (’78, MAEd ’80), Franny Connelly (’74) and William Connelly (’58). Attending were John Barden (’02), Brian Bell (’02), Aaron Bokros (’02), Zach Bradley (’02), Caroline Clear (’04), Bethany Denning (’02), Pete Duquette (’02), George Graves (’05), Tim Grein (’02), Matt Johnson (’02), Tim Kenney (’02), Everett Long (’04), Ashley Messick (’04), Justin Richardson (’01) and Ramy Serageldin (’01).

David Detterline (’02) and Shey Stonemetz (’03). 6/3/06 in Negril, Jamaica. The wedding party included Wil Lavender (’02), Pat Lonning (’02), Karen Potter (’03) and Eric Tarr (’02).

Sarah Katharine Dixon (’02) and Richard Preston Wendell (’01). 7/29/06 in Charleston, SC. They live in Columbia, SC. The wedding party included Lauren Hall Doar (’02), Colin Edwards (’01), Susan Griffin Langford (’02), George Lawson (’01), Katherine Pace (’02), Katherine Kjellstrom Ryan (’02), Catherine Wrenn (’04) and Lindsay Yount (’02).

Amy Elmore (MD ’02) and Gary Strachan. 7/28/06 in Waimanalo, HI. They live in Honolulu, HI.

Greg Groninger (’02) and Emily Mayhew (’02). 6/17/06 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Kevin Church (’02), Marc Mayhew (’95, MD ’01), Roger Mayhew (’68), Dee Dee Porter (’04), Ridgely Samuel (’03) and Robyn Wallace (’99). In attendance were Becca Albertson (’02), Zach Albertson (’02), Ashley Crouse (’03), Becki Foust (’65), Richard Foust (’92, JD ’00), Tom Foust (’65), Dought Hutton (’04), Ken Johnson (’68), Jim Kelly (’70), Kristin Koop (’02), Tyler Koop (’02), Becky Maier (’01), Tim Reeder (’02), David Samuel (’01), Edward Tweedy (’67), Pat Tweedy (’69), Kara Wallace (’01), Amy Webb (’03) and Ty Webb (’02).

Suzanne Lock (’02) and Stephen Ragains. 5/6/06 in Decatur, GA. The wedding party included Lindsey Jones (’02), Molly Mattingly (’02) and Sara Shaw Nicholas (’01). Attending were Lauren Andrews (’02), Katie Burch Benson (’03), Betsy Browder (’04), Liz Bryan (’03), Rachel Duncan (’02), Elizabeth Robinette Green (’02), Jenny Hutchison (’04), Elizabeth Machalek (’02), Jake Morris (’04), Lauren Mueller (’01), Nicole Balliet Shirk (’02), April Yount Williams (’03) and Todd Wrigley (’01).

Kimberly J. Morgan (’02, MSA ’03) and Jonathan Shartar. 8/6/06 in Atlanta. They live in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Cara Castellino (’02, MSA ’03), Laura Shay Hoover (’02), MaryKate Mastrangelo (’02), Kendrick Parrott (’02), Andrew Whitacre (’02) and Lindsay Yount (’02).

Libby Phelps (’02) and Greg Langsdale (’02). 9/3/06 in New Hope, PA. The wedding party included Ellison Craig (’01), Justin Hayes (’00), Susan Den Herder (’02), Evans Hood (’02), Mike Maltarich (’02), Ian Mitch (’02), Rick Price (’02) and Sarah Ramsden (’02).

Nancy Tyrrell (’02) and John Cullen. 6/24/06 in the Bronx, NY. The wedding party included Elizabeth Koyiades Hollan (’02) and Rachel Venuti (’02). Attending were Scott Deaver (’02), Elizabeth Haight (’02), Jonathan Helms (’02), Sarah Wray Helms (’02), Alan Levicki (’02), Joe McCaffrey (’02), Andrew Newton (’02), Julia Kyle Newton (’02), Sarah Boxley Parrott (’02), Andrew Whitacre (’02) and Pendred Wilson (’02).

Maryn Whittles (’02) and Bill Padula (’01). 9/23/06 in New Vernon, NJ. They live in New York City. The wedding party included David Bennett (’03, MBA ’06), Christine Blomquist (’02), Erin Connors (’02), Nick Fustino (’01), Mike Kren (’03), Brent McGillicuddy (’01) and Lindsey Watkins (’02).

Virginia “Ginger” Bailey (JD ’03) and Robert Rolfs. 5/20/06. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Jennifer Dawn Beavers (’03) and Joseph Franklin Bland. 5/20/06 in Wait Chapel. They live in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Daniel Beavers (’01), Tamara Beavers Caslo (’99), Lauren Magnetti (’03), Caleigh McElwee (’02), Elizabeth Setterlin (’03), Kendrick Sudderth (’04) and Marie White (’03).

Jesse G. Chace (’03) and Samantha S. Rieger (’05). 6/26/06 in Reynolda Gardens.

David Joseph Corrado (’03) and Robyn Hazel Teague (’05). 9/3/06 in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Katie Virginia Batten (’05), Kelly Ann Mullen (’06) and Hillary Smith Wade (’05). Attending were Alberto Canas (’03), Betsy Heaton (’04), Brian Heaton (’03), Henry Rose (’03), Spencer Ross (’03), Michael Sprague (’03), Jordana Taylor (’05) and Lauren Wilde (’05).

Philip Raymond Glynn (’03) and Elizabeth Kelley Bland (’04). 8/5/06 in Red Lodge, MT. They live in Kansas City, MO. The bride’s parents are Marianne Roos and David Bland (’76). The wedding party included Jeff Feintech (’03) and Rosita Najmi (’04). Attending were Peter Banks (’03), Doug Bland (’73, MAEd ’76), Lisa Hoppenjans (’03), Margaret McKenzie (’03), Jacob Montgomery (’02), Ryan Newton (’03), Andy Rigsby (’03), Susannah Rosenblatt (’03), John Stoeckle (’03), Tina Wilkins (’04), Sarah Jones Wingfield (’03), Will Wingfield (’03), Aaron Winter (’02) and senior Evan Young.

Stephanie Ann Kale (’03, MSA ’04) and Richard Ethan Morris. 8/5/06 in Winston-Salem. They live in Alexandria, VA. The wedding party included Sara Bazan (’03), Adrienne Powell Loffredo (’03) and Tracie McDonald (’03, MSA ’04).
Ashley Kesling (’03) and Jon Lorusso. 7/15/06 in New York, NY. Attending were Amy Currie (’05), Ryan Doerfler (’04), Matt Griffin (’06), Lisa Mann (’04), James Morrill (’05), Chris Plating (’06), Polliyanna Rhee (’01), Nathan Sisco (’04) and Marc Tandan (’04).

 Brigham Marie O’Donnell (’03) and Christopher Niels Jensen (’03). 9/30/06 in Grapevine, TX. The wedding party included Jennifer Schneider (’03, MSA ’04) and Kirk Stonecipher (MBA ’04).

 Emily Saunders (’03) and Christopher Schneider (’03, MSA ’04). 7/15/06 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Alicia Burns (’03), Stephanie Dishart (’04) and Anthony Donato (’02).

 Derrick Roosevelt Thompson (’03) and Trelya Volonna Rice. 5/27/06 in Winston-Salem, NC. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Derek Gilliam (’03), Jonathan Lee Kelly (’02), Daryl Shaw (’04) and Nicklaus Spruill (’02, MAEd ’04).

 Catherine Anne Vanatta (’03, MSA ’04) and Brian Gregory Shaw (’03, MSA ’04). 9/2/06 in Charlotte, NC. Father Jude DeAngelo officiated. The wedding party included Clay Callison (’02), Andrew Cloud (’03), Adam Foster (’04), Lindsay Gamble (’02), Lilo Yo Graham (’03), Dustin Knutson (’02), Andrea Howard Miller (’02), Abbie Oliver (’02), Katie Taflan (’03), Katie Tymann (’03, MSA ’04), David Woodworth (’03, MSA ’04) and Amy Daniel Zoesch (’03, MSA ’04).

 Elizabeth Christanna Wade (’03) and Jonah Paul Kelley. 12/17/05. They live in Big Stone Gap, VA.

 Erica Anne Baugh (JD ’04) and Douglas Randall Marcoux. 7/8/06 in Port Gamble, WA. They live in Sammamish, WA. Attending were Julie Bassett (JD ’04) and Pat Kelly (JD ’04).

 Lawren Rachel Callaham (MBA ’04) and Jiggar Sharad Desai (MBA ’04). 4/29/06 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Liz Frazier (MBA ’04) and Kirk Stonecipher (MBA ’04).

 Heath Elise Ritchie (’04) and Jeffrey Scott Wilson (’04, MSA ’05). 2/18/06 in Dallas, TX. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included Kimberly Baker (’04), Jack Elsey (’04), Chris Firlit (’04), David Groban (’03), Tommy Haytmann (’04), Elizabeth Hill (’04), Julie Iannazzone (’04), Kate Leonard (’04), Jon Malone (’04), Brad Roberts (’04, MSA ’05), Lauren Sullivan (’04) and junior Kimberly Wilson. Attending were Will Adams (’02), Abhay Anega (’06), Ryan Boughan (’05), David Byars (’04, MSA ’05), Maggie Cobetto (’04), Denise Conner (’05), Nate Gray (’04), Ann Guiley (’04), Phil Hinson (’04), Allison Hite (’04), Vaughn Jennings (’04), Sarah Kimball (’04), John Lacy (’04), Joe Mishurda (’04, MSA ’05), Millie Pelletier (’04), James Pinckney (’04), Mike Posta (’04, MSA ’05), Dasha Rettew (’04), Anne Schaufele (’05), Nick Stone (’05), Shelby Strayer (’04), J.T. Tremaglio (’04) and Emily Walters (’04).

 Lauren Elizabeth Thiebaud (’04) and Ian Christian Schneider. 4/15/06 in Nags Head, NC. They live in Winston-Salem.

 Cole D. Bakely (’05) and Emily W. Ross (’05). 8/26/06 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Crofton, MD.

 Emily Preston Brooks (’05) and Bradley Griffin Garner (’06, MSA ’06). 7/29/06 in Winston-Salem. They live in Greenville, NC. The wedding party included Grant Douglas Achilles (’06), Brian Thomas Bach (’05), Christopher Neal Cagle (’06, MSA ’06), Sarah Brooks Chestnut (’99), Anne Elizabeth Foley (’05), junior Ashley Marie Garner, Cynthia Ellis Hill (’05), Kyle Blake Van Zandt (’05), Kyle Campbell Whitaker (’05) and Mary Edwards Young (’01).

 Brian Lamb (’05) and Emilie Guerrat (’06). 12/16/06 in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Jennifer Barker (’06), Ethan Gelfand (’06), senior Elizabeth Gordon, Mark Haser (’05), Rebecca Hix (’06), Aaron Mass (’05), Michael Poprik IV (’05), Lenora Simpson (’06) and Erin Wright (’06).

 David Risner (’05) and Jessie Dassel. 7/29/06 in Evansville, IN. The wedding party included Jay D’Errico (’05) and Locke Glenn (’05).

 Aaron Jay Berlin (’06) and Krista Dawn Hibbett. 7/1/06 in Raleigh, NC. The live in Mount Pleasant. The wedding party included the groom’s father, Steve Berlin (’81, JD ’84).

 Catherine Cole Mabray (’06) and Raymond Jones Harbert Jr. (’06). 7/1/06 in Lynchburg, VA. They live in New York, NY. The wedding party included Margaret Jane Ashley (’06), Rachel Anne Clagett (’06), David Paul Coe (’05), Lucas Fast Dourado (’06), junior Michal Patton Mabray, Marianna Stuart Shaw (’06) and Edward Robert Waud (’06).

 Deryl A. Davis (’85) and Whitney Warren Davis (MAEd ’97). Washington, DC: a daughter, Caroline Whitfield. 10/7/06. She joins her brother, Nate, and sister, Eliza.

 Harley D. Ruff (’88) and Carol Ruff, Beaufort, SC: a daughter, Mary Virginia. 9/1/06. She joins her brothers, Clayton (7) and Graham (3).

 Walt Stone (’88) and Lisa Stone, Chesterfield, VA: a son, Walter Henry. 9/22/06

 Elizabeth “Bett” Farrell Williams (’88) and Philip E. Williams, Columbia, SC: a son, Wrenshall Stowe. 6/5/06. He joins his sister, Martha Stratton.

 Julia Sizemore Nesbit (’89) and Robert David Nesbit (’91), Williston, VT: a son, Robert Thomas. 6/9/06

 Kristin Decker Ogburn (JD ’93) and Tate Ogburn (JD/MA ’96), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Joanna Porter. 5/25/06. She joins her sister, Virginia Decker (19 mos).

 Kathy Day Stevens (’93) and Eric Stevens, Mason, OH: a daughter, Hannah Carolyn. 12/8/05

 Paul Blackburn (’94) and Kim Blackburn, Columbia, SC: a son, Wesley Paul. 8/15/06

 Karl Eaton Davis (’94) and Amy Beirnes Davis (’95), Sherborn, MA: a son, James “Jamie” Robert. 6/22/06. He joins his sisters, Jillian (4) and Anna (3).
Stephen Briggs remembers well the transformational moment when Debbie Best ('70, MA '72) asked to speak with him following the midterm exam in her Introduction to Psychology course. Then a second-semester freshman, Briggs approached his professor, who is now Dean of the College, with trepidation, believing that the news wasn’t likely to be good.

“To my surprise, she said that I had a strong understanding of the concepts and that psychology might be a good fit for me,” he said. “She asked if I was interested in working in research with a faculty member and connected me with Dr. Robert Beck.”

Although he had been a reasonably good student in high school, Briggs had never before thought of himself as a standout who would be invited to do something special. “That experience—and my ongoing apprenticeship-like relationship with both Dr. Best and Dr. Beck—transformed the way I thought of myself as a student and as a person,” he said. “The pieces began to fall into place. Because of their confidence in me, I came to have more confidence in myself.”
Today, that confidence serves Briggs well as the newly appointed eighth president of Berry College in Rome, Georgia, a private, independent, coeducational college of 2,000 students that is perennially ranked among the top undergraduate comprehensive colleges in the South. He has dedicated his career to working with colleges and universities that have a compelling vision and the heart for providing what he considers a great undergraduate educational experience.

After graduating from Wake Forest, Briggs earned a Ph.D. in personality psychology from The University of Texas at Austin. He accepted a faculty position at The University of Tulsa, where he earned tenure. Circumstances and a penchant for asking probing questions led him to function as associate chair and chair of psychology, associate dean for undergraduate education, and acting dean of arts and sciences over a short period of time.

“I discovered that I was as interested in the way colleges work as in my own research,” he said. “I believe colleges have a moral obligation to provide the educational experience we advertise. I posed the kind of questions that resulted in me being asked to lead various projects. No good question goes unpunished.”

In time, he sought a long-term administrative opportunity at an undergraduate residential college. He served for more than six years as dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at Rollins College and then for six years as provost and vice president for academic affairs at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). “When I went to TCNJ, I had begun to mature as a leader and really get a sense of what I wanted to do and where I wanted to be,” he said. “TCNJ has superb students, excellent faculty, and a distinctive mission to provide a premier undergraduate educational experience as a public institution. I was convinced that it had the opportunity to be a national model.”

He was right. Before he left TCNJ, it had become a case study for other state-supported colleges and one of only seven such schools nationally to be listed among Barron’s most competitive institutions. “TCNJ matured not only as a place with great students, but also as one that offers the kind of educational experience I received from Best and Beck at Wake Forest,” he said. “It is a setting in which a teacher reaches out and says, ‘Why don’t you try that?’ and changes the way a student thinks about himself or herself.”

Berry College attracted his interest because of its unique mission to provide an integrated “education of the head, the heart, and the hands” that balances a quality academic program with belief in a strong work ethic and a search for meaning and purpose in life. “Berry College is rare in academics today as one of the few places that really tries to integrate all three components in an intentional way and puts substantial resources to it,” Briggs said. “I want Berry to become Berry at its best within the context of its own distinct mission.”

Briggs brings a strong focus to the task. He describes it as an inclination to think incisively, intentionally, insistently, and sometimes even ruthlessly about how an institution can best achieve its vision. “I am ambitious for the institution and the people it serves,” he said. Ambition, however, does not drive his life. “My own faith is what drives the way I think about life—my interest in students and faculty as individuals, as well as the importance of my family and our involvement in long-term Christian ministries. I love the game of work and life, but along the way, you have to stop and ask, ‘So what really matters?’”

One thing that really matters to Briggs is his family, which includes his wife, Brenda Morgan Briggs (78), whom he met at Wake Forest, and daughters Morgan, Meredith, and Madeline. Another is his work in undergraduate education, which brings his “transformational moment” as a Wake Forest freshman full circle.

“I understood even while still at Wake Forest that I was getting something special,” Briggs said. “Over time, I also began to understand conceptually what I had received and what I believe in. Now I work to find ways to lead and persuade others about what it means to provide a great educational experience. I want to strengthen the teacher/scholar model and to help students be engaged, accomplished learners. But more than that, I want students to leave college having a sense of direction and a moral compass by which to find a path of meaning and purpose.”

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Stuart Jackson (94) and Andrea Jackson, Dallas, TX: a son, Blake Campe. 7/12/06. He joins his brother, Roe (3 1/2), and sister, Olivia (2).

Robert W. Kelly Jr. (’94) and Rochelle Lyn Kelly, Media, PA: a daughter, Grace Noelle. 6/22/06. She joins her brother, Bud (2).

Sarah Welsh McFadden (’94) and Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Williamson “Wills” Patrick. Sarah Welsh McFadden (’94) and Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Williamson “Wills” Patrick.

Eric Nathaniel. 7/13/06. He joins his sister, Sarah Welsh McFadden (’94) and Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Tommy McFadden, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Williamson “Wills” Patrick.

Kelly Murphy Parker (’94) and Sean Parker, Bartow, FL: a son, Benjamin Riggs. 7/14/06. He joins his brothers, Owens (4) and Judd (2).

Karoline Duessel Carlson (’95) and Timothy Carlson, Houston, TX: a son, Kristopher Walker. 9/12/06. He joins his sister, Kallie.

Brian Adams (’96) and Stephanie Adams, Atlanta: a son, Matthew Connor. 2/25/06

Patrick Fleming (’96) and Mary Strum Fleming (’96), Falls Church, VA: a son, Williamson “Wills” Patrick. 9/27/06

Christine Ulhom Richardson (’96, MSA ’97) and Sean Larson Richardson (’95), Yakima, WA: a son, Andrew McCray. 7/10/06. He joins his brother, Cameron (5), and sister, Abigail (2 1/2).

Jennifer T. Serenyi (’96) and Nicholas J. Serenyi, Darnestown, MD: a daughter, Caroline Pennington. 4/1/06. She joins her sister, Sarah (5), and brother, Cole (3).

I-Min Chao (MBA ’97) and Russell Frey (MBA ’97), Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Lynetta. 6/14/06.

Jason Robert McEnaney (’97, MAEd ’98) and Ellen Tyson McEnaney, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Ellen Britt. 8/15/06

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Kara Csensieh Errington (’98) and Bradley Errington, Pittsburgh, PA: a daughter, Ellison “Ella” Katherine. 8/30/06

Mark Lindley (’98, MSA ’99) and Carrie Johannesmeyer Lindley (’98), Mechanicsville, VA: a daughter, Katherine “Kate” Howe. 3/28/06. She joins her sister, Emma Elisabeth (3).

Elizabeth Simmons Sprenger (’98) and Kyle Sprenger, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Gabriel Reeves. 7/17/06

Troy D. Cahill (JD ’99) and Jeneanne O. Cahill, Alexandria, VA: a son, Samuel Thomas. 9/5/06. He joins his brothers, Jack (3) and Will (1).

Josh Creason (’99) and Courtney Schmidt Creason (’00), Louisville, KY: a daughter, Elise Caroline. 10/3/06

Chris Harris (’99) and Tricia Steffen Harris (’99), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Hannah Claire. 8/15/06. She joins her sister, Leah Katherine (1 1/2).

Tina Lloyd Hlabse (JD ’99) and Andrew Stewart Hlabse (JD ’99), Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Lilah Sinclair. 2/5/06. She joins her sister, Cassidy Marie (4).

Kristen Beck King (’99, MSA ’00) and Chris King, Orlando, FL: a son, Charles “Charlie” Christopher. 9/11/06

Amy Wilder Sweeney (’99) and Sean Sweeney (JD ’99), Gaithersburg, MD: a daughter, Allison Elaine. 4/26/06

Chad Wagner (’99, MD ’04) and Emilie Hayner Wagner (’01), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Claire Martha. 8/7/06

Emily Bryan Aycok (’00) and William Aycok, Wilson, NC: a daughter, Margaret “Maggie” Snow. 1/28/06

Jennifer Bishop Goforth (’00) and John Goforth, Badin, NC: a daughter, Cora Estelle. 8/22/06

Richard Allen McCluney (’00) and Trish McCluney, Winston-Salem: a son, Richard Allen Jr. 8/29/06. His aunt is Kim Henney McCluney (’97).

Rob Cassell (’01) and Kirstin Johnson Cassell (’01), Greensboro, NC: a son, Riley Edward. 9/14/06

Brian Gross (’03) and Beth Cauble Gross (’03, MAEd ’04), Charlottesville, VA: a daughter, Ellis Marie. 7/11/06

Elizabeth Gandy Hall (’03) and John Campbell Hall IV (’01), Greensboro, NC: a son, John “Campbell” V. 8/5/06

Manuel Moctezuma (LL.M ’04) and M. Paulina Castro Espinosa (LL.M ’04), Houston, TX: a son, Santiago.

John C. Collins (MBA ’05) and Amy Collins, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Jenna Kathryn. 8/29/06

Patrick Allen Nielsen (MBA ’06) and Lori Nielsen, Mooresville, NC: a son, Stephen. 8/15/06

Deaths

D.E. “Ed” Buffaloe (’27). Aug. 15, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He was 100-years-old. He was a retired teacher and chemist.


C.M. “Chick” McCracken (’31, JD ’32). Sept. 16, 2006, Asheville, NC. He spent his last year in Spartanburg, SC. He was retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Buncombe County School System.

David Anderson Pickler (’33). Jan. 20, 2006, Walnut Creek, CA. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1940, serving during World War II and retiring as a naval commander.

Clifton B. “Brad” Taylor (’35). Sept. 6, 2006, Hendersonville, NC. He served in the military during the Korean War. He was a dentist for 46 years, retiring in 1986.

Howard J. Ford (’36). July 28, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He was a Baptist minister, serving in many capacities for the Southern and N.C. Baptist Conventions, and a trustee at Meredith College and
Campbell University. In 1966 he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest.


John Edwin Collette ('39). Aug. 8, 2006, Winston-Salem. He served in finance, field artillery and the Air Corps during World War II and was discharged as a major. He spent his career with Security Life and Trust Co. and was a retired president and chief executive officer of Integon Corporation (formerly Security Life and now GMAC). He served on the Board of Trustees of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and for three terms at Wake Forest University. He received Wake Forest's Distinguished Alumni Award and in 1998 was elected a Trustee Emeritus. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Evelyn, a daughter, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

William W. Williams Jr. ('40). Sept. 4, 2006, Stafford, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received the Purple Heart. He was editor of the Pender Chronicle and served as mayor of Burgaw, NC.

Ronald DeWitt Hicks ('41). Sept. 25, 2006, Kingsport, TN. He pastored churches in Kentucky and North Carolina. In 1956 he moved to Kingsport as the first pastor of Colonial Heights Baptist Church. He served 29 years and retired in 1985 as pastor emeritus. Since then he has served as interim pastor at many churches.

Francis Myers "Mutt" Mackie ('41). Aug. 16, 2006, Summerville, SC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and was a retired lieutenant colonel. He was a master navigator with over 16,800 flying hours. He held the positions of wing chief navigator and squadron commander and served as an adviser to the South Vietnamese Air Force.

Thomas Joseph Brooks Jr. (MD '45). July 23, 2006, Jackson, MS. He served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War. He was an epidemiologist and professor of preventive medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical School for more than 30 years, serving as chairman of the department and assistant dean of the school.

Stephen G. Hasty ('46). Aug. 3, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a lab manager with Collins & Aikman.

Johnnie Ivan Andrews Jr. ('47). May 9, 2006, Wake Forest, NC. He owned and operated Johnny's Country Store in Durham, NC.

Frank C. Ausband ('47, JD '48). Sept. 14, 2006, Sea Level, NC. He served during World War II in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He was a retired lawyer and member of the N.C. and Forsyth County Bar Associations. He was the first judge of recorder’s court in Kernersville, NC, serving for six years.

Richard Tate Brinkley ('47). Sept. 11, 2006, Monroe, NC. He was a retired educator.

Carroll Lattimore Spurling (MD '47). June 5, 2006, Pismo Beach, CA. He was a clinical professor of medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He was executive director, regional blood services for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, for the American Red Cross.

Ralph Wingate Bland ('48, MD '52). Sept. 16, 2006, Goldsboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy at the conclusion of World War II. He practiced medicine in Wayne County for more than 33 years. Memorials may be made to the Bowman Gray Scholarship Fund at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Development Office, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Jean Little Lyon ('48). Sept. 28, 2006, Monroe, NC. She was a pre-school teacher.

W. Murray Severance Jr. ('48). Aug. 1, 2006, Franklin, TN. He was a World War II veteran and a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a film producer and writer for Broadman Films of the Baptist Sunday School Board (now Lifeway Christian Services) for 33 years.

Samuel Paul Gilliam ('49). July 17, 2006, Atlanta. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman during World War II. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He was a charter member of the Delta Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Wake Forest.

Wiley C. Johnson Jr. ('49). July 20, 2006, Auburn, AL. He was a professor at Auburn University in the Agronomy and Soils Department, retiring in 1992. He received numerous college and university awards for his dedicated teaching and student advisory programs.

Lawrence Thomas Shadrach ('49). Sept. 18, 2006, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He taught and coached football in Windsor, NC, worked for Schlitz Brewery in Milwaukee and Washington, D.C., and worked for Hanover Distributing Co. in Wilmington.

James L. “Jim” Turner ('49). Sept. 25, 2006, Kernersville, NC. He was a dentist in Kernersville before serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Upon his return he was a dentist in Greensboro, NC, before joining the U.S. Public Health Service.


Robert Allen Drake Sr. ('50). July 13, 2006, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. After retiring from the automotive industry, he was a courier with LabCorp.

Edward J. Friedenberg ('50). July 17, 2006, Indiana Valley, VA. He was a retired writer and former resident of Kernersville, NC.

Victor L. Andrews Sr. ('51). Aug. 18, 2006, Mocksville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a dentist in Mocksville, retiring after 32 years.

Donald Forest Smith ('51). July 24, 2006, Spring Hope, NC.

W. Arnold “Arnie” Covell (MD ’55). Sept. 21, 2006, Pensacola, FL. He served as captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He completed a radiology residency, served on staffs in Gainesville and Panama City, FL, and joined a radiology practice in Pensacola, retiring in 1994. He also served a term as chief of staff at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

Doris Secrest Martino (’55). Sept. 11, 2006, Monroe, NC. She was a retired teacher in the Union County Schools.

Ferdinand Johnson Faison Jr. (BBA ’56). Oct. 7, 2006, Clinton, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was president of Carroll’s Foods, retiring after 24 years.

Ted G. Stone (’56). July 16, 2006, Durham, NC. He was an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He spoke from pulpits of over 3,000 churches and settings in schools, prisons, business conventions and civic meetings. Since 1996 he had walked across the U.S. three times and had begun a fourth cross-country trip. His biography, Somebody Special, is about his drug addiction and the transformation of his life while in prison. He was a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a member of the Board of Visitors at Southeastern Theological Seminary and a member of the N.C. Mental Health Commission. He received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He is survived by his wife, Ann Fuller Stone (’54), three daughters and five grandchildren.

Ralph Frederick Weeks (BBA ’56). Aug. 22, 2006, Smithfield, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He managed Drug Fare in Maryland for seven years and worked for the N.C. Department of Corrections before retiring in 1998.

Edward Winston Miller Jr. (’58). July 23, 2006, Bennettsville, SC. He worked at JP Stevens, BASF Corp. and FabriColor in the textile dye industry. He was co-founder of the all-volunteer Marlboro County Rescue Squad.

Clarence Odell Tyndall (’58). July 31, 2006, Goldsboro, NC. He was a Baptist minister. He worked in vocational rehabilitation in Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, and was facility supervisor at Broughton Hospital in Morganton. The Tyndall Legislative Award, named in his honor, is presented annually to a member of the N.C. General Assembly for their support of rehabilitation. He is survived by his wife, Frances Carter Tyndall (’49), two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren.

Billy Robert Barr (’59). Sept. 4, 2006, Mount Airy, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a teacher and head basketball coach at Walkertown High School and a guidance director and principal in the Hertford County Schools. He practiced law over 20 years in Tampa, FL, with Fowler & White and Barr Murman & Tonelli. He was a partner in Babb & Barr in Winston-Salem and had a private practice in Mount Airy, NC. He is survived by his wife, Jill Laughridge Barr (’58), a daughter and two grandchildren.

Nancy Long Lehto (’60). Aug. 2, 2006, Oak Island, NC. She taught eighth-grade English, was an avid environmentalist and a recipient of the Church Women’s United Good Samaritan Award. She was education chairman, and president and state secretary of the Winston-Salem League of Women Voters. She is survived by her husband, Ernest V. Lehto (’60).

Judith Jeffreys Letsinger (’60). Oct. 1, 2006, Raleigh, NC. She taught math in junior and senior high schools before joining the faculty of the N.C. Advancement School. She worked in the Division of Educational Media of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, chaired the Governmental Relations Committee of the N.C. Library Association and was president of the American Association of School Librarians. She was featured as “Tar Heel of the Week” by the Raleigh News & Observer.

William Wells Francis (MD ’61). Sept. 22, 2006, Pickens, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy and as a medic in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He retired in 1998 after 38 years in the Family Practice Center in Pickens, SC.


Robert Darlan Fox (’63). Sept. 20, 2006, Advance, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was a dentist for 33 years in Winston-Salem.

Judith Shields Briggs (’64). Sept. 27, 2006, Fayetteville, NC. She was a teacher in Cumberland County, Chapel Hill, NC, and Memphis, TN.


Marion P. Hyder (’67). Aug. 22, 2006, Asheville, NC. He was a salesman for Ference Cheese Company in Asheville, NC, and was a Hospice volunteer.


Andrea Marrott Parks (’81). Sept. 1, 2006, Richardson, TX. She was a marketing and public relations executive and active in the local multiple sclerosis society. She was director of the Wake Forest News Service in the late 1980s.

Raymond Alexander McAllister (JD ’84). Sept. 19, 2006, High Point, NC. He worked for Bob Browns B&C Association, Sara Lee Corporation, and was an attorney. While in Miami, FL, he was a human resources management consultant and a business law professor at Albuq University.


Friends, Faculty/Staff

Dahal Bungarder, Oct. 6, 2006, Charlotte, NC. He attended Wake Forest College. He was a golden gloves heavyweight boxer, played football with the Charlotte Clippers and officiated high school and All-Star football. He was an independent insurance agent until his retirement.
Leesa S. Hernandez, Aug. 29, 2006, Lewisville, NC. She was an administrative assistant in the Wake Forest Alumni Activities Office. In addition to other family members, she is survived by her sister, Teresa Hill, of the Wake Forest psychology department.

Margaret Herndon, Aug. 10, 2006, Winston-Salem. She was the widow of C. Nash Herndon, a genetics professor and associate dean for research development at the Wake Forest medical school.

Edith T. Marshall, Sept. 2, 2006, Winston-Salem. She and her husband, Ed, worked over 50 years at Marsaun Inc. They were generous donors and loved to travel with the Deacon Club. She is survived by her daughter, Jane M. Combs (’65) and husband Larry Combs (’65), and six grandchildren, including Bryan Marshall Combs (’89).

J.D. Shields, Sept. 29, 2006, Mocksville, NC. He established a plastering and dry wall contracting business, Shields Inc., in 1948.

Loretta Young Silvia, Sept. 28, 2006, Winston-Salem. She was an associate professor of psychology at the School of Medicine and a recipient of the Wake Forest Lifetime Achievement Award. Memorials can be made to the Psychiatry Education Endowment Fund at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Robert P. Whaling, July 22, 2006, Winston-Salem. He joined Pilot Insurance Agency in 1953 and became the senior managing partner in 1980. The agency was sold to Aon Risk Services in 1986, and he was chairman of the board until retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lu, daughter Cassandra and son-in-law Mark Wierman (MBA ’95), son Robert and daughter-in-law Betsy, son Forrest (MBA ’81) and daughter-in-law Cynthia Thomas Whaling (’82), and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth A. Williams, June 4, 2006, Cary, NC. She was the widow of Larry L. Williams (’43).

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Problem-solver

Jessica Woodard Sepke ('00) takes her technology skills to a higher (education) level.

By Katie Hendrick ('06)

When Jessica Woodard Sepke ('00) entered Wake Forest nearly a decade ago, she never suspected she would become a leader in the field of technology. But that is precisely what she has done, first as a mentor to individual faculty members at Wake Forest, and now as the director of technology at St. Mary's School in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she recently helped implement a program to give each student a laptop computer, similar to the one at Wake Forest.

As a freshman, Sepke was hired in 1997 to be one of the first members of STARS, a program in which students help professors become more familiar with the ThinkPad so they could accelerate technology in the classroom. It was initiated shortly after ThinkPads were widely distributed at the University. Sepke had no extraordinary computer knowledge; instead, she was selected for her ability to self-instruct and problem-solve.

“We saw in her a mature student with a passion for learning new things,” said Nancy Crouch (MAEd ’90), the University's assistant chief information officer. “We look for students who can work independently and are approachable.”

Through STARS, she taught professors a range of skills, from learning various buttons' functions to programming the ThinkPad to type in Japanese. “Ultimately, what I did was work with professors for a semester to teach them particular skills and then they’d be able to maintain them,” she said.

History professor Ed Hendricks is among those who worked with Sepke. “What impressed me most about Jessica was her ability to clarify processes for me,” Hendricks said. “I was still mostly using computers for word processing and e-mail, and she was able to teach me in short order how to put together a PowerPoint presentation.”

Certainly, the program’s benefits for faculty are easily recognizable. However, Sepke, too, gained from the experience. Although she graduated as a biology major, STARS inspired her to take a less predictable career path. “STARS was my first professional exposure to academic technology, and that’s what got me to St. Mary’s,” she said. In addition to overseeing the school's technology program, Sepke teaches AP computer science and Web design.

But her primary motive is to inspire. “One of the things I’ve been working on is building an interest in learning about technology,” she said. To do so, St. Mary's set up a program similar to Wake Forest's Resident Technology Advisors that designates students who are available to teach others. Sepke said that the program has worked well with the students. “Girls are very collaborative and want to support each other,” she said.
State of the University Address
“A Lively Experiment”

Nathan O. Hatch, President • November 1, 2006

Good afternoon colleagues and friends.

I want to begin these reflections on the state of Wake Forest University with several expressions of thanks and appreciation.

To the entire faculty of Wake Forest I want to offer a profound word of gratitude. Thanks are in order for all the work you do at every level of the University: for the searches you conduct, the curriculum that you review, the lecturers and conferences you host, the papers and tests you grade, the office hours you keep, and the administrative assignments you assume. Making an academic community work on behalf of all of its members requires hard work, great cooperation, and much good will. For all of your efforts, I am grateful.

But I also want to take note of what you do beyond the swirl of administrative activity, as important as that is. The heart of our calling involves a precious mystery, often done in private: the life of the mind, what it means to read and ponder, to explore and experiment, to imagine and create. Today, I want to thank you for nurturing the fragile flower of intellectual life.

The academic world, after all, can be intensely lonely. It takes time to relish the wonder of a great novel, an impeccable set of statistics, a moving concerto, an elegant experiment, a brilliant case study, a complex legal brief, a rare disease. Academic success requires burning the midnight oil, the long and lonely vigil to master material set before us. Some of the loneliest hours of my life I spent hammering together a lecture or struggling to meet a writing deadline. When you stand before a new class each term, or stare at the blank page for your next article, or craft your next grant proposal, the pressure is on. The stakes are high and success depends on the quality of your work and your work alone.

On behalf of Wake Forest, let me thank you for carrying forward the torch of intellectual exploration, even when it requires going the second mile. Thank you for nurturing inquiry itself, a passion to understand—the most important torch we can pass to the next generation.

Learning is also a public process, a culture that fosters serious discussion, and debate—the contact of living minds. Studies show that students, and all of us, learn more successfully when we work collaboratively to answer questions or solve problems.

The greatest joy I have known as teacher and scholar is the give and take of colleagues and students: the flash of insight that crosses a student’s face, the clarification of one’s own thinking that follows a good discussion and debate, the joy of making a point passionately and finding others nodding in agreement. Learning is most successful, and most contagious, when it is done together.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to make this a vital learning community, in classroom and laboratory, as advisor and mentor, with colleagues and students. Thank you for keeping learning at the center of our life together.

Today, I want to express a heartfelt word of gratitude to Bill Gordon who has served this University so well over the last five years, as Provost and as Acting President. Bill returned to Wake Forest at a difficult moment in the University’s history. He worked effectively to advance academic life and to stabilize the financial structure of the University. Bill listens carefully, works collaboratively, and puts the good of the whole above personal concerns. I am grateful for all of his assistance to me personally; and for his work in the important accreditation process last year; and the ongoing work of strategic planning. Bill, I trust that the pace of your work this year will not leave you too exhausted before you begin your well-deserved sabbatical next summer.

This week the search committee for a new Provost began its work and I want to thank those who have agreed to serve from the College and Graduate School and from each of the professional schools. Let me say just a word about the search.

We need a strong academic leader who understands, and embodies, the distinctive strengths and aspirations of this campus. We need someone who grasps
the diverse academic cultures that we enjoy, from the arts to the sciences, from the humanities to quantitative social science, from law and business, to divinity and medical science. We need someone who has an eye for talent, an instinct for program-building, a thirst to make this place better, and an articulate voice to advance our common endeavors. We need someone who knows how to work as a colleague as well as a leader.

The search committee is currently organizing a series of faculty forums to solicit your input about the current state of Wake Forest and the kind of person we need in this position. Those meetings will be posted on a special Web site that is being established for the search http://www.wfu.edu/academics/provostsearch/. We will announce the position in the Chronicle of Higher Education both before and after the holidays; and will begin examining the credentials of candidates early in the New Year. We are seeking the very best candidates both within and outside the University.

I also want to express my gratitude to Bob Walsh who is stepping down this year after seventeen years as dean of the law school. Bob, under your watch, the School of Law has recruited superb faculty and students, enhanced the quality of legal education for our students, and sustained strong connections to the bar and the bench. Thank you for your devotion to what is best and most valued in this University.

I am pleased to report that we are making progress in redesigning our institutional budgeting process. I want to acknowledge the significant contributions that Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Nancy Suttenfield is making to this process. Since her arrival in August, Nancy has met extensively with numerous individuals and groups across campus to help her assess Wake Forest’s budgeting practices and to understand how best to design new procedures.

Let me outline the key foundations of this new process:

First, the goal will be to align budget decisions with the strategic plan and the priorities that emerge from it.

Second, faculty salaries will remain a priority. We cannot build a great university without the ability to recruit, retain, and appropriately compensate a stellar faculty. My most important priority in building next year’s budget will be faculty salaries. Let me also say a word about the Presidential Trust for Faculty Excellence, a plan to raise $10 million endowment for faculty and library support. We have raised about $5 million in commitments, and over thirty trustees have contributed.

Third, the budget development process will be a partnership between the Provost and the Senior Vice President, with the Provost establishing the academic goals and priorities and the Senior Vice President identifying financial strategies to support them. As part of this new process, Bill Gordon and Nancy Suttenfield are meeting with each vice president and dean during November to discuss their financial situation and goals. This is a new step in our budgeting process and one that will allow us to have academic and other institutional priorities drive our budgeting process.

Fourth, the Provost will continue to meet with his faculty budget advisory group. In addition, the Provost and the Senior Vice President, in consultation with the University Senate, are forming a new financial advisory committee. This committee will consist of representatives from the Senate, the staff, and student government. They will meet at the outset of the budget process to provide advice to them on priorities, and again near the end of the process, to review and comment on the draft of the budget. These comments, along with others from the deans and vice presidents, will be considered before Bill and Nancy present budget recommendations to me.

Finally, we have decided to postpone the tuition decision until the February Board of Trustees meeting. On the departmental level, this will mean that the work done to submit final budgets will not take place over the December holiday period.

My hope for this new budgeting process is that it will be a more transparent process, driven by our academic priorities and guided by the best practices in higher education.

This is an important moment for Wake Forest. Undertaking a strategic plan is a time for the community as a whole to take stock and to think about directions for the future: where are we and whither are we tending. To use a nautical metaphor from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., “we must sometimes sail with the wind and sometimes against it,” he said. “But we must sail and not drift or lie at anchor.”

I trust you will approach the strategic planning process with hope, cautious optimism to be sure, given the realities and complications of such a process, but hope nonetheless. Let me underscore that this is a process whose end is not predetermined from the beginning. Some of our biggest questions about the future are indeed open-ended ones: Where are our best opportunities for intellectual leadership and innovation? What kind of new and renovated classroom, laboratory, and
office space will be essential in the next decade? What are our flagship programs in the College and the professional schools and how do we best build upon them? We need your best thoughts on these matters and trust the planning process will provide that opportunity.

I have great hope for Wake Forest not because our problems are less than other universities. I have hope because this is an experiment, a lively experiment, that draws upon a rich history of Wake Forest people accomplishing great things together against formidable odds. Fifty years ago, Wake Forest College took the bold and controversial step to move, lock, stock, and barrel to this place. Why? So that it could expand its reach as a university. Our challenges today are not as daunting as that one, but they are substantial. Yet I am confident that, as a community, we have the talent, the commitment, and the support to make the future even brighter for Wake Forest.

I invite you to dream together to shape this lively experiment. At department and program level, what do we want to be and how do we want to get there? How should your department evolve in coming years? Whom should you hire? What moves would allow you to transform good departments into strong departments, and strong departments into distinguished ones? How do we build library resources to undergird our academic efforts? I trust you will approach the strategic planning process as an occasion to dream about the future.

In coming weeks, the University Planning Council will issue an overall strategic framework to the community for response; and then right before the holiday will issue a specific charge for planning to colleges and schools and to other cross-functional planning units. These local plans will come back to the Planning Council next summer and will be integrated into an overall University plan.

Let me add a brief word about strategic planning and the next capital campaign. This plan must lay the foundation for those development efforts and on them it will depend. We must generate ideas of compelling excellence that our benefactors will champion and support.

Wake Forest’s last strategic plan depended largely on a dramatic tuition increase. Now that our tuition has gone roughly to market level, it cannot be the principal source for bold initiatives. Most new faculty lines will need to come from endowed positions. For that reason, we must make new endowed chairs a hallmark of our next capital campaign. We should also consider endowing entry-level faculty positions. Endowed faculty positions have already enriched Wake Forest. In the next ten years, they must become even more important.

In recent weeks, the University Planning Council has been considering a new vision and mission statement for the University. The vision statement names five aspirations for Wake Forest, and in the time that remains today, let me reflect on them.

1. Wake Forest aspires to: Integrate the intimacy of an undergraduate liberal arts college with the academic vitality of a research university.

   What can Wake Forest do better than anyone else? I think it is the combination of academic distinction and personal attention. If we can advance academically, and sustain a vital, face-to-face community, strong in personal relationships and mentoring, we will build something truly notable.

   In negotiating our niche in this broader world of higher education, our plan must, above all, advance the academic quality of the institution. While Wake Forest ranks 30th in the overall ranking of national colleges and universities in the latest U.S. News ranking, we stand 53rd in the “academic reputation” ranking, a precarious position for a university with our aspirations. The heart of the plan must be to strengthen faculty distinction, which will require better support for faculty in salaries, facilities, and research and teaching support, as well as higher standards of accountability. Our standards in recruiting individual faculty must include teaching that is superb and scholarship that has national impact. We must be innovative in recruitment and relentless in our pursuit of the very best candidates.

2. Wake Forest aspires to: Emphasize exceptional teaching, discovery, and student engagement within a dynamic academic community.

   One of the greatest tensions we will have to negotiate is a drive for academic achievement and for genuine community. In a recent article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, “What Has Happened to the Professoriate,” professor Stanley N. Katz frets about the undertow that pulls academics away from common purpose. “We have lost a sense of commonality as professors,” he suggests, “the sense that we are all in this together. We have lost a belief in the relevance of teaching undergraduates for the health of our democracy. We have lost confidence that what we do in teaching and research is inherently good, and not primarily a utilitarian occupation.” I am grateful that, here at Wake Forest, the bonds and commitments that Katz
discusses are stronger and more vibrant than he finds elsewhere. But we are certainly not exempt from the forces he describes. And we will not sustain our distinct Wake Forest birthright without creativity, without fresh approaches to building a common culture of learning. Given the acute pressures to achieve for faculty and students alike, how can we construct an environment that continues to exalt the joy of learning?

3. Wake Forest aspires to: Become a crossroads of discussion on the important national and international issues of our time.

Wake Forest manifests a deep commitment to this area; and honors its history in North Carolina. But we should never be provincial. What can we do on a world-class level that, on a given topic, brings together the very best minds? We need to sponsor events at Wake Forest that thought leaders in a given area do not want to miss. How wonderful in the last year to have witnessed the presence in Wait Chapel of three Supreme Court Justices. I am also delighted that David Coates and Peter Siavelis are working with others to sponsor next fall a major conference on United States immigration policy and practice, a theme of great moment in the academy and in public life. We must also be bold and engaging in encouraging our students to attend these events.

4. Wake Forest aspires to: Attract a diverse community of the brightest educators and students from throughout the country and the world.

At the end of the day the magic of this place is its people and the strength of their engagement and interaction. We need explicit strategies on at least two fronts: to bring greater diversity to this campus, among faculty, staff, and students. And second, to develop recruitment strategies to attract faculty and students better than ourselves. I welcome your best thoughts about how we continue to make this campus more hospitable to persons of color and to women. I am grateful to Nancy Suttenfield for coordinating a fresh look at our time.

5. Wake Forest aspires to: Link intellectual curiosity, moral reflection, and a commitment to service, shaping ethically informed leaders to serve humanity.

I have suggested on several occasions that one of the great opportunities in American higher education is to take seriously the deficit in moral and ethical reflection, engagement, and formation. For a university that attempts to fulfill a motto of Pro Humanitate, this has particular significance. We need to build upon and expand programs in service learning, and international service. We need more avenues, curricular and non-curricular, for students to explore questions of ultimate meaning, what they should believe and how they should live. I like very much the way Ed Wilson put this recently. We need to ensure “that moral formation remains essential to the education we offer, whether it is defined in the language of our founders or by the wisest humanistic insights of our larger society.”

One great challenge will be to coordinate and expand current efforts in service and leadership, some of which are academic, some in student affairs, and some in campus ministry.

These five aspirations are certainly not exhaustive. But I do think they are a suggestive way to capture the distinctive contours of this place.

I have shared a view that Wake Forest today is “a lively experiment.” That term was first used by the settlers of Rhode Island in 1663 when they petitioned the Crown of England for a charter to establish Roger Williams’s experiment in religious freedom. In a world of kings and bishops, Williams and his small band dreamed of polity premised on freedom of conscience. Their success, against all odds, bequeathed to this nation and to the world what Judge John Noonan has called “the luster of our country”: freedom of conscience.

I certainly would not imply that Wake Forest’s lively experiment approaches anything like world-historical significance. The tapestry of our lives is far more mundane. We are called to carry out first-rate research, to exemplify outstanding teaching and mentoring, and to strive for a community of learning that nurtures young people marked by the spirit of Pro Humanitate. Sustaining this calling will not be simple or automatic. Our challenges, fiscal and administrative, are considerable. And, like any human community, we are not exempt from our share of foibles, interpersonal conflicts, and competitive jockeying.

Yet beyond these constraints and frustrations, I trust that all of us can live in hope. Let us lift our sights to imagine the kind of university we want to become. And may the strategic planning process serve to focus and channel this dreaming. Let us join hands as colleagues. Let us discuss and debate specific strategies for our future. Let us build together at Wake Forest a lively experiment which, if successful, will receive ample tribute from our students, our alumni, and a grateful world.
The Way We Were

F, AS SOMEONE WITH A POET’S sensibilities once wrote, music is the wind chime of memory, then for many older alumni, Pilgrim’s Progress, the article in the September issue on Wake Forest’s move to Winston-Salem, was the pealing of the Wait Hall bells on the Old Campus.

We’ve chosen to share a few of the many letters and e-mails we received in the wake of its publication to enrich our collective remembrance of the way we were.

to care about us. I remember once I sent a postcard to my mother and asked her to buy something for me at the place where she worked. I forgot to put a stamp on it, but Mrs. Greeson, who was the wife of the basketball coach, worked in the post office and she put it back in my box. I asked her how she knew it was from me and she said, “I knew where your mother worked.”

One of the students who lived in the town invited me to attend an out-of-town basketball game. I told him I couldn’t go because the dorm was locked at 11:30 p.m. and we couldn’t get back in time. His parents were friends of the Greesons so he went to them and Mrs. Greeson called up Dean Johnson and told her I could spend the night at their house and they would take care of me.

I have to acknowledge that another reason it was so special was I had such a good time. My last year in high school was very sad as my sweetheart joined the Marines on his eighteenth birthday and nine months later was killed by a sniper in the battle of Saipan. So I came to Wake Forest rather sad, but found comfort in its wonderful atmosphere. Of course, I also got my heart broken there a few times, but there were seven men for every woman so it soon mended. One of the things I will always be grateful for was that I learned to relate to men as friends and not just sweethearts. In later years when I became an executive I often had to go to regional meetings where I was sometimes the only woman. I felt very comfortable with the men and learned to relate to them as colleagues and friends.

Your story about Dr. Poteat’s emotional response at the conclusion of his commencement speech touched me. Someone told me that I wouldn’t have a complete education unless I took his course in Latin literature, so I enrolled in his course. He had a commanding presence with his immense body, booming deep voice, and his intellectual prowess. I was somewhat in awe of him. Once a dog wandered into the classroom. The door was at our backs so the students didn’t see the dog. Dr. Poteat’s eyes widened and I thought he was looking straight at me when he shouted in his deep booming voice, “Get out of here!” I almost fainted, but then someone turned and noticed the dog, and we all laughed in great relief.

When my daughter was ready to go to college, we made trips to several schools. I had not thought she would choose Wake Forest as she was interested in theatre and Wake Forest was not especially known for its theatre program at the time. Julian Burroughs was teaching Speech and Theatre at Wake Forest. We knew each other in college so I called him to tell him we were interested in visiting the new campus. He said the admissions office was going to be closed the weekend we wanted to visit, but he would be glad to show us around. Once we were there, her mind was made up: this was the place she wanted to be. She said she made the choice because she wanted to get a good liberal arts education and she would get the rest later. When she got to Wake Forest, Julian invited her to his home for dinner. He had
a daughter about her age. So I thought the tradition of faculty caring for students still prevailed. It was the right choice in so many ways. She graduated with honors and made many contacts that were invaluable to her in her career. The year of my fiftieth reunion was her twenty-fifth reunion so we attended together. So at last I had made the bridge from the Old Campus to the new.

Dorothy Price Evans (’49)  
Portsmouth, Virginia

Thanks for your article, Pilgrim’s Progress, in the current issue of Wake Forest Magazine. As an alumnus and an historian, I found the article to be well written, with an obvious and convincing theme, and surely informative.

One thing you neglected to mention—although to be fair, it was outside the purview of your article—was the resolution I introduced in the student legislature in early October 1957 that called on the college to admit “Negroes,” as we said then. It didn’t pass, of course, but it was the first effort of students to move to what was necessary and done a few years later.

One addition: Chub Sewall, now deceased, many times Republican candidate for governor in North Carolina, and a Baptist, I take it, wrote numerous letters to the press and gave speeches against the move. He often referred to Winston-Salem as Winston-“Sodom.”

Larry Ingle (’58)  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

I arrived at Wake Forest as a freshman in August 1951, and stayed to earn my Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955 and a law degree in 1957. So I was on the Old Campus until May 1956, and spent the first year on the Winston-Salem campus. When my father asked Dr. Tribble to admit me when I was only sixteen, he met with us in his office, which I remember as if it were yesterday. My dad thought him absolutely brilliant, as well as a courageous leader of liberal thought during those difficult years.

Many of the names and events in your story call up memories of my own which may serve to supplement and support your conclusions. The rumblings of the move were already stirring the campus in 1951. I lived in the home of Eugene Olive, off campus. One evening I could hear a disturbance on the campus, which was a few blocks away, and went to see what it was. There was a crowd milling around Dr. Tribble’s house, yelling and muttering about his refusing Coach Peahead Walker a raise, and “causing” him to quit. They began to burn him in effigy. I was appalled and felt like Paul of Tarsus at Stephen’s stoning. When I reported to my father that I had seen this, the very fact that I was there was a cause of shame for him.

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Please accept my thanks for the fine writing and affording us such a pleasant memorable read.

J. Sam Johnson (’55, JD Law ’57)  
Greensboro, North Carolina

He was a marvelous teacher. But the highest grade he gave (and there were several later Phi Beta Kappas in the class) was a C. I was mortified.

When the move was made in May 1956 I was working in the bookstore for Everett Snyder. He hired me to go and put the stock of the store onto the new shelves, where the bookstore still is today. I also worked for the law library, and worked to put the law library onto its shelves in the new law building.

Your article adverts to Tribble’s determination and some of the conflict. It was rumored at the time that Dean Weathers, who was dedicated to having the law school in its own building, had to fight tooth and nail with the administration to keep it all on track. We used to look out the back windows of the library at the unfinished gymnasium and wonder if it would be finished in time for football season.

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Alumni celebrated the 50th anniversary of Wake Forest’s move to Winston-Salem—and a win over Liberty in Groves Stadium (top)—during Homecoming Weekend, September 29 and 30. Alumni and students gathered on Davis Field for a bonfire and pep rally the night before the football game (lower right). Following the 50th anniversary program on Hearn Plaza, alumni who attended Wake Forest on the old and new campuses met in front of Reynolda Hall (right). Paul (’92) and Brook Blackman (’95) Wingate and their daughter, Kate, of Greensboro, North Carolina, enjoy the Festival on the Quad on Saturday (above). Bobby Burchfield (’76) of Washington, D.C., received the Distinguished Alumni Award (below).
University Plaza, affectionately known as the Quad, was officially dedicated as Hearn Plaza in October in honor of President Emeritus Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. President Nathan O. Hatch (right) presented Hearn and his wife, Laura, with a drawing of the arch that marks the entrance to the plaza.