GREAT GAME, COACH

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Coach, Teacher, Friend

By Dan Collins

The untimely loss of men’s basketball Head Coach Skip Prosser leaves the Wake Forest Nation crying tie-dyed tears.

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Profile
Immigration has become one of the most hotly debated issues in the United States today. On October 3-5, the University’s “Voices of Our Time” series will present a three-day conference, “Immigration: Recasting the Debate,” to explore the challenges and solutions surrounding U.S. immigration. The event will feature keynote addresses by major public figures and forums with leading immigration policy experts and scholars. David Coates, Worrell Professor of Anglo-American Studies, and Peter Siavelis, associate professor of political science, share some insight into why they organized the conference and what it means for Wake Forest and beyond.
Where did the idea for this conference come from?

Siavelis: The idea for this conference grew from an informal discussion David and I had concerning the very ugly tone the debate on immigration had taken in the United States.

Rather than focusing on solutions that would balance national security with humane treatment for immigrants, many public officials began to talk, in often racially charged terms, about unrealistic solutions like mass deportations and the building of walls.

Our goal for this conference is to recast the debate toward realistic solutions that balance U.S. national interests with the fundamental rights shared by all human beings by virtue of their humanity. This is even more vital in light of the recent failure of President Bush’s immigration initiative, and the fact that this failure leaves 12 million people living in the shadows.

Coates: All I would add is this. Peter and I have long thought that one responsibility of the academic community is to bring its expertise to bear on issues of public importance—that academics should play the role of public intellectuals when their expertise is relevant—and should not leave that crucial task simply to professional journalists, however good those journalists may be.

Immigration is so important an issue, and the scholarship on it is so considerable and so fine, that we couldn’t stand by, silent, leaving the framing and discussion of the issues to people whose prejudices were often stronger than their knowledge-base.

Can you talk about the agenda for the conference? Who will the panelists be, what will the topics of discussion be?

Siavelis: Our goal in putting together the agenda was to gather the best minds working on and thinking about immigration and immigration policy. We want to help recast the national debate on immigration, while also providing our local community a window on the wider debates on policy, and the reality of immigration on the ground in North Carolina.

To that end we intend to bring together academics, policy makers and politicians to debate policy solutions that address the concerns elicited by immigration in Winston-Salem, in North Carolina, and in the country as a whole. We will be debating solutions with policy makers on that national level, like Senator Chuck Hagel, while simultaneously exploring the effects of immigration with local activists and those facing the challenges produced by an influx of immigrants locally.

Coates: We were also keen to design a conference that recognizes migration as a process with two ends. People leave one place, and come to another. The leaving is difficult. The journey is hard. It’s one that people make only because conditions at home are bad; and bad conditions in one place are often the product of good conditions elsewhere. We wanted a conference that explored the relationship between both ends of the migration process, and one that was sensitive to the hardships involved – for those who migrate, those they leave behind, and those they join.

Immigration is a hot topic right now; what do you see as the value of this event to Wake Forest?

Siavelis: This event will help to consolidate Wake Forest’s role as a national center for intellectual debate on the most pressing issues facing the country. Already having hosted two presidential debates, the University is well poised to play that role again. This event will be of that caliber, given the prominence of the academics and policy makers we have invited and the type of national press coverage we anticipate the event will draw.

In each of the thematic areas of the conference, we have commitments to attend from the top minds and decision makers in those areas. The conference will also provide a forum for debate among local citizens—an important role a university should play in any community.
**Coates:** The long-term local benefits may be considerable. We certainly hope so. We hope the conference will begin to build bridges with the emerging Latino communities in North Carolina. We hope it will help to spread understanding between communities long-established in North Carolina and those now being created; and we hope too that, by drawing key policy-makers down to the Carolinas from Washington and the West Coast, the conference will increase the visibility of Wake Forest as a powerful academic center, one whose stock is steadily on the rise.

*The goal of this conference is to facilitate open discussion on the topic—not take sides. Could you elaborate?*

**Siavelis:** One of our major goals in designing the conference was to facilitate open discussion from a variety of perspectives. However, we are not talking about the partisan sniping that increasingly is passing for political dialogue in our country.

Rather, the conference will provide a space for open discussion of real solutions from all ideological perspectives.

Indeed, we have invited speakers with the intent of being sure all reasonable voices are heard, and have participants from major think tanks across the political spectrum.

**Coates:** I entirely concur. In a period in U.S. politics when activists within the main parties have a disproportionate influence on policy—particularly, in this case, activists within the base of the Republican Party—we wanted to create a space in which a more consensual and reasonable dialogue could flourish, one more reflective of the views of ordinary Americans.

Immigration, particularly illegal immigration on the scale now before us, rightly presents us all with a genuine conundrum. How to protect the integrity of our laws? How to stop line jumping? How to enable people already here to find a way to legality and safety? How to protect wages and working conditions for indigenous and illegal workers alike…and how to do all those things at one and the same time?

We are convinced that problems of that complexity cannot be solved by policy designed by quick sound bites. If solutions are possible at all, it seems obvious to us that they will require careful thought, the balancing of costs and benefits, an openness to alternatives, a genuine spirit of compromise, and the mobilization of our best and most humane values. This conference has been designed to strengthen all those capacities in everyone who participates in it.

*Could you talk about the value of this event to students and the role students might play in it?*

**Siavelis:** Students increasingly tell us that they want to hear intellectual debates. They just don’t want to go and hear a speaker on a particular topic from a particular perspective, but instead, want to hear the pros and cons of different perspectives.

Immigration will be a central, if not the central, issue in the upcoming presidential campaign. As voters, students will want to make informed decisions among the candidates, and this conference, we hope, will help shape the way they think about immigration as a national issue. We also have included students in the planning process and will rely on extensive student involvement to put the whole show on.

**Coates:** If *Pro Humanitate* is to be more than an empty phrase, Wake Forest students have to engage with the complexity of the human condition and seek ways to improve it. The immigration situation in the United States calls out for such an intervention.

This conference should alert all of us to the need for action. It should also remind us that migration is a global phenomenon, so enabling us all to bring a sense of proportion to a public debate that so often lacks it.
Moore appointed new Graduate School dean

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has a new dean. Lorna Grindlay Moore, former professor of anthropology and professor of health and behavioral sciences at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, was named dean in June.

Moore, who will oversee graduate programs on the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses, was also appointed professor of anthropology on the Reynolda Campus and professor of public health sciences at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. She succeeds Gordon Melson, who retired last summer after serving as dean for fifteen years.

“I think Wake Forest is poised to combine teaching and scholarship in new and even more productive ways,” said Moore, “and to become a national and international leader known for creating new synergy between the health, natural/physical and social sciences, the humanities, and the arts. Graduate education can be a key catalyst for enabling the University to move to the next level.”

Moore graduated from Smith College and earned her master’s degree and doctoral degree (in anthropology and human genetics) from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She joined the faculty at the University of Colorado at Denver in 1976 and has taught courses in women’s biological anthropology, human ecology, and other areas. She has extensively researched the effects of high altitude on a number of health issues, including low-birth weight, high-altitude pregnancy, and chronic mountain sickness.

Three faculty named associate provosts

Three members of the faculty have been appointed associate provosts by Provost Jill Tiefenthaler.

Rick Matthews, professor and past chair of the physics department, has succeeded Sam Gladding (’67, MAEd ’71) as an associate provost. Matthews, who joined the faculty in 1979, will focus on faculty issues and strategic planning. Gladding, who joined the faculty in 1990 and the Provost’s Office in 1998, stepped down over the summer to serve full time as chair and professor of counseling.

Michele Gillespie, Kahle Family Associate Professor of History, was named associate provost for academic initiatives. Gillespie, who joined the faculty in 1999, is a Southern historian who has written extensively on women and tradesmen in the nineteenth-century South and is currently writing a book on Katharine Smith Reynolds, wife of R. J. Reynolds.

J. Kline Harrison, Kemper Professor of Business in the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, was named associate provost for international affairs. Harrison, who joined the faculty in 1990, was previously an associate dean in the Calloway School. He created and has led the annual summer International Business Study Tour through Europe for business students since 1995.

Mark Welker, William L. Poteat Professor of Chemistry, will continue as associate provost for research. Matthews, Gillespie, and Harrison will retain their faculty titles while serving three-year terms in the Provost’s Office. Tiefenthaler became provost on August 1, succeeding William C. Gordon (’68, MA ’70).
Wake Forest didn’t have to look far to find a new men’s basketball coach, selecting Associate Head Coach Dino Gaudio to succeed his longtime friend Skip Prosser two weeks after Prosser’s death.

“This is a very bittersweet moment for me,” said Gaudio, 50, at a news conference on August 8. “I love Skip Prosser and to become the head coach under these circumstances is not what I had envisioned. But I am also thrilled that I have been entrusted with the future of Deacon basketball. I told my guys that from this tragedy is going to come one of the greatest success stories in college basketball.”

Gaudio first joined Prosser as an assistant coach at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1981, and coached alongside him for seventeen of the next twenty-six years. When Prosser left CCHS in 1985 to become an assistant coach at Xavier, Gaudio succeeded him as head coach. He rejoined Prosser two years later as a fellow assistant at Xavier.

Prosser left Xavier in 1993 to become head coach at Loyola (Maryland), but returned to Xavier in 1994 as head coach. Gaudio moved on to become head coach at Army in 1993 and then at Loyola (Maryland) in 1997. He rejoined Prosser in 2000 when he returned to Xavier as an assistant coach, and then followed Prosser to Wake Forest in 2001.

An Ohio native and a 1981 graduate of Ohio University, Gaudio and his wife, Maureen, have two daughters, Kaylan (’06), 23, and Alyssa, 16.

Freshman enrollment

About 1,130 freshmen from forty-five states enrolled last month in the Class of 2011. The class was selected from among 7,176 applications, down about 2 percent from the previous year. Minorities make up about 16 percent of the class, and alumni children about 8 percent. North Carolinians make up a fifth of the class, followed by students from Florida (8 percent), Virginia (7 percent), New Jersey (6 percent), and Pennsylvania (5 percent).

Mathematics professor begins new journal

Associate Professor of Mathematics Kenneth Berenhaut has begun a new mathematics journal to showcase the research of college students and their professors. Involve (www.involvemath.org) seeks to fill the gap between mainstream research journals for faculty and those for undergraduate researchers. An editorial board made up of researchers from universities across the world will select manuscripts for publication; select manuscripts for publication; all submissions must include a minimum of one-third student authorship. Involve is being published by Mathematical Sciences Publishers, University of California, Berkeley.
Weigl receives education award

Professor of Biology Peter D. Weigl has been honored for his contributions to the study of mammals. Weigl received the Joseph Grinnell Award for Excellence in Education from the American Society of Mammalogists. Weigl, who joined the faculty in 1968, is one of the longest-serving current faculty members. In the past few years, he has researched endangered species of mammals and the effects of large mammals on rare habitats in both Europe and the United States.

Young Investigator grant

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Greg Warrington has received a Young Investigators Grant from the National Security Administration. Warrington will use the two-year, $30,000 grant to fund research on algebraic combinatorics, which involves evaluating and predicting relationships between different sets of mathematical objects. Warrington, who joined the faculty in 2003, graduated from Princeton in 1995 and received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 2001.

W-S Foundation honors Jones

Candide Jones (’72, MA ’78), assistant director of Wake Forest University Press, has received the Winston-Salem Foundation Award, the highest honor given by the foundation. Jones, who has been active with the YWCA, Crisis Control Ministry, and the Forsyth Humane Society, was recognized for “bringing people together around important causes.” The award carried with it a $10,000 grant, which Jones directed to the Humane Society.

Sophomore named Kemper Scholar

Sophomore Emily Mihalik of Alexandria, Virginia, has been named a Kemper Scholar, one of the nation’s premier scholarship programs to prepare liberal arts students for leadership and service in business fields. The program, funded by the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago, provides students with scholarship funds, internship placements in nonprofit organizations in Chicago, and summer research support.

Medical Center leaders Dean, Preslar step down

The veteran leaders of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and North Carolina Baptist Hospital retired over the summer as part of the reorganization of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Richard Dean, 65, retired as president and chief executive officer of Health Sciences. A vascular surgeon, Dean came to the medical center in 1987 and had served as CEO since 2001.

William B. Applegate, dean of the School of Medicine, will serve as interim president of Health Sciences.

Len B. Preslar Jr., 60, (MBA ’69), president and chief executive officer of Baptist Hospital, also retired after thirty-eight years at Baptist, including nineteen as CEO. Donny C. Lambeth, the hospital’s chief operating officer, was appointed interim president.

Last spring, Health Sciences and Baptist Hospital announced a reorganization to a more integrated operating structure, with one CEO overseeing the Medical Center. Health Sciences, Baptist Hospital, and Wake Forest University Physicians will each be overseen by separate presidents, who will report to the CEO.
"Face to Face, The Art of Exchange" in Mainland Papua New Guinea, a new, permanent exhibit opening September 14 at the Museum of Anthropology, features a selection of the museum’s recent acquisitions from this unique country in Oceania. Masks, ornaments, tools, and clothing that were, and in many cases still are, part of daily life and social customs, bring insight into the people and cultures of Papua New Guinea.

The exhibition title reflects the importance of trade networks, or reciprocity, in this country where political and marital alliances involve the exchange of significant goods. New Guinea artists incorporate faces or images of spirits and ancestors into their artistic designs. “Eyes, nose, and mouth are usually on a piece somewhere; they may be abstract or they may be clearly noticeable. ‘Face to Face’ not only alludes to the faces on the artifacts but also to the personal relationships that are an important part of these cultures,” said Stephen L. Whittington, museum director since 2002.

Mainland Papua New Guinea, the second largest island in the world, is home to over a thousand separate communities—most with small populations divided by over 800 languages, social customs, and traditions. The Highlands, in the middle of the island, are where the majority of New Guinea’s mainland people live. The geography is dense with forests and difficult to travel, and, until recently, some of the communities in the Highlands remained unaware of the existence of other communities only a short distance away.

“Papua New Guinea is home to many fascinating, rich, and diverse cultures. Our classes in cultural anthropology often feature specific ethnographic examples from New Guinea because of the important cultural phenomena illustrated by one or more of New Guinea’s many groups,” said Margaret Bender, chair of the anthropology department. “Some cultures provide examples of a type of political and economic leader known as the ‘Big Man’—an individual whose leadership of multiple villages..."
comes from his own charisma, industriousness, and generosity.”

“Pig feasts, or Te ceremonies, are huge giveaways where one man gives all his accumulated pigs to a trading partner during a feast. The partner is expected to soon reciprocate by giving even more pigs back to the first partner,” said Museum Curator Beverley Hancock. “In this way, a man can become recognized by the highly sought title.”

Most of the items in the new collection were donated by people who lived and worked in Papua New Guinea in the 1960s and ’70s. The kundu drum, a wooden hand drum used at festivals and ritual exchange ceremonies, is one of the many artifacts Joan Kapfer donated in memory of her husband. Kapfer collected items when she and her husband, William, worked as technical aides for the Lutheran Mission station in the 1960s. “Joan realized that change was taking place. She made a point of buying the older pieces of clothing, ornaments, and many items acquired through trade and worn at Te ceremonies,” Hancock said.

Exposure to the modern world means man-made paints and materials are beginning to replace the earthy pigments and natural materials used in traditional artistry. “It is rare to come across older objects,” Whittington says. “The natural materials used, such as woven palm and carved wood, do not last in the humidity of the island where they are subject to insects and animals.” Valuable donations have come from several collectors, but the largest number of items have been donated by a group of anonymous collectors and educators. The group, known only as MAW, is represented by a retired science and art teacher from California, who offered to send the extensive collection to Wake Forest in return for a small favor Whittington offered when he was director of the Hudson Museum at the University of Maine from 1991 to 2002.

“Years ago, a middle-school teacher phoned to ask for some images to use in his class,” says Whittington. “I sent him some slides and forgot about it. Last fall, he called and reintroduced himself and explained our connection. He told me he wanted to donate objects from New Guinea to the Museum of Anthropology because of the favor I had done for him ten years earlier.”

Objects received from MAW were individually labeled—a white tag on the end of a string meticulously noting the village where it was purchased and the year in which the purchase was made. In many cases, the name of the artisan and the amount paid for the item are also recorded. “MAW collectors clearly intended to acquire items to be used for historical purposes, says Whittington.” As soon as I opened the first box, I knew we were receiving objects gathered by careful and astute collectors.”

—Kim McGrath

Artifact Donors

- Gordon Hanes, local collector and philanthropist
- Joan Kapfer in memory of her husband, William; Lutheran Mission Station technical aides in the Enga Province
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dixon Underwood; he was posted at the American Embassy in Port Moresby in 1978
- Russell Olson, member of the foreign service in Papua New Guinea in the 1970s
- MAW, a group of anonymous travelers/collectors/educators
- David and Karina Rillings, collectors of tribal arts
- Adele LaBrecque, former Wake Forest staff member who travels extensively

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Reynolda House celebrates 40th anniversary

To celebrate its fortieth anniversary as a museum dedicated to American art, Reynolda House is presenting “Forty Artful Years,” a special exhibition of some of the first paintings acquired under the guidance of founding director Barbara B. Millhouse.

The works in this small, focused show were either purchased by or given as gifts to the museum between 1967, when the house first opened as a museum, and 1974. The collection includes paintings that, taken together, are representative of the vigor and diversity of the Museum’s early program for collecting American art. The exhibition will remain on view through March 9, 2008. The show includes examples of the three dominant categories of nineteenth-century American art: genre painting, portraiture, and landscape. Genre paintings were scenes of everyday life that often included moral lessons. Portraits allowed citizens of the young country to present themselves as culturally and economically important.

Landscape paintings gave Americans the opportunity to formulate ideas about their unique land—its vibrant fall foliage and natural wonders, for example. Jasper Cropsey (1823-1900), born in New York, enjoyed fame in both England and the United States for his depictions of American scenery, particularly his richly colored views of autumn in the northeast. Cropsey’s The Mounts of Adam and Eve, painted in 1872, is on view in the exhibition. The painting was a gift from Millhouse, who, in addition to being the founding director, is the granddaughter of R.J. and Katharine Reynolds, who built Reynolda House in 1917.

Mounts of Adam and Eve, 1872 by Jasper Cropsey (1823-1900). Oil on canvas. 12 1/8 x 20 1/8”. Gift of Barbara B. Millhouse, 1970.2.1.
Coinciding with the Fortieth anniversary celebration is the opening of “Wings of Adventure: Smith Reynolds and the Flight of 898 Whiskey,” an exhibition focusing on Smith Reynolds’s 6,000-mile solo flight from London to Hong Kong in 1931 and ’32. Reynolds was the youngest son of R.J. and Katharine Reynolds.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is a reconstructed 1930 Savoia Marchetti S-56 displayed in the Babcock gallery. The Savoia Marchetti, an Italian seaplane of wood construction, is 25 feet in length and boasts a 34-foot wingspan. Only thirty-six of the planes were built, and the Museum’s acquisition is one of only two surviving examples. Aviation expert Gary Underland restored the long neglected Savoia Marchetti. The original plane Reynolds used for his journey was destroyed in a fire in 1939.

“The Museum decided to retell the story of Smith’s flight because the plane brings the trip to life in a very visual way,” said Assistant Curator Allison Slaby. “And the plane is a work of art in itself.” Accompanying the plane are paintings, films, archival materials, and decorative objects that reflect the explosion of interest in flying in the 1920s and ’30s.

To commemorate the exhibition, the Log of Aeroplane NR-898W: Experiences, Comments, Impressions of a Flight from England to China 1931-32 by Z. Smith Reynolds is being reissued. The original work was privately printed in 1932 by Reynolds’s sister, Nancy Reynolds Bagley, in a limited edition for family and friends.

Smith and his siblings were part of the “golden age of aviation,” which began with Charles Lindbergh’s transatlantic flight in 1927. For the next twenty years, the country saw major advances in aeronautics including record-breaking flights and the first commercially viable airliners.

This exhibition running through December 30, attempts to tell that story through the eyes of one young adventurer.

Excerpts from Log of Aeroplane NR-898W by Z. Smith Reynolds

Bonneval, France, December 21, 1931
I climbed out of the plane and my right foot was frozen solid…so I ran up and down for half an hour but to no avail. About 20 peasants had gathered and they must have thought I was some insane American who had just flown the Atlantic.

Tunis, French North Africa, January 23, 1932
I got quite a thrill when I first sighted the continent of Africa. I felt that the first milestone had been passed.

Agra to Allahabad, India, March 19, 1932
I went out to see the Taj Mahal by moonlight after dinner, and to keep myself from raving on and on, I simply say that it is the most beautiful creation of God or man that I have ever seen.

Nakon Panom to Nape, Indo-China, March 30, 1932
That night I could not sleep. I was so near to my destination. All at once thoughts came to me that had been squelched for months. Though so near, I still had to be careful. One false step and it might take a long time to arrive in Hong Kong, one way or another.
Ski Professor Lived What He Believed

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SKIP PROSSER LIVED WHAT HE BELIEVED

By Dan Collins
Skip Prosser came to coach basketball at Wake Forest because it was in a conference, and an area of the country, with a deep passion for the game.

“As a coach, you want to be someplace where they care,” Prosser said in 2001.

In his six years at Wake Forest, people from the school and the area also came to care about Prosser.

That was painfully obvious yesterday when Prosser collapsed and died of what Dr. William Applegate, the dean of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, said was probably a massive heart attack. Prosser was 56.

News of his death rocked the community, the ACC, and all of college basketball.

Prosser completed his regular jog yesterday at Kentner Stadium and then returned to his office next door in the Manchester Athletic Center about 12:40 p.m. Mike Muse, the Deacons’ director of basketball operations, found Prosser unconscious in his office about 12:45 and tried to revive him with CPR.

The attempts of Muse and Dr. Cecil Price from the Student Health Service—which included the use of a defibrillator—were unsuccessful. Prosser was taken to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, arriving about 1:30. He was pronounced dead at 1:41.

Prosser’s record at Wake Forest was 126-68. The Deacons finished first in the ACC regular season in 2003 and played in the NCAA Tournament in four of his six seasons. Although the Deacons were coming off their first losing season since 1990, Prosser had just landed commitments from three highly rated high-school seniors.

“I met with the team earlier, and I told them how blessed we are to have known him,” Athletics Director Ron Wellman said. “I told our players I don’t know if I’ve known a stronger man, a man who believed in what he believed and lived what he believed. There were so many times after a devastating loss I’d talk to him, and every time I left that conversation thinking ‘We are going to be OK.’”

Prosser loved coaching college basketball. He loved the game, the interaction with players, coaches, media, and fans. He even loved the recruiting. His favorite hours were spent in a gym, coaching his team. “Beats being at the mall,” Prosser would quip. But coaching wasn’t Prosser’s first love.

George Edward Prosser III grew up in Pittsburgh, the son of a signalman for the Pennsylvania Railroad. His father was made of stern stuff, and he expected his son to be as well. Once, playing in a Little League game for his father, the coach, Prosser hurt his arm and left the field crying. His father asked: “What’s the matter? You have another one, don’t you?” Prosser completed the game, after which he was taken to the hospital and treated for a broken arm.
REMEMBERING SKIP

In the days following Skip Prosser’s death, everyone seemed to have a favorite story to share. For more tributes, see www.wfu.edu/magazine

Everyone in heaven must be wearing tie-dye shirts these days.—MAS

From his first day on campus, Skip preached that this team belonged to the students, and he left us all with memories that we will never forget.—Mathew Reynders ('03)

My first memory of Skip Prosser is how he would come to campus at 2, 3, even 4 a.m. to pass out Krispy Kreme donuts to the students camping out for basketball tickets.—Sally Johnson Pitts ('04)

He mobilized the Deacon Nation, had elderly ladies wearing tie-dyes, and sparked a fire that was missing in our family.—Claire Boyette ('03)

He helped to not only WAKE the Neighbors but to WAKE the Nation.—Cindy M.

What I always admired about Skip was how visible he was on campus. I saw him in the Miller Center, jogging in Kentner, eating in the Pit, and attending Mass with Father Jude. He was a part of the campus community.—John Sanders ('07)

It speaks volumes of Coach that he is being remembered more for his character than wins and losses. His passing puts life and sports in perspective.—JMC

I heard Coach Prosser tell a crowd at a Caldwell County Hospice fundraiser that in life, like basketball, you either did something, or you did not. He was a doer.—Blake Trimble (JD '73)

A smile, a wave, and ‘Bandidos!’ was always Skip’s reaction to the band members in the back hallways of the Joel.—John Champlin ('06)

After a rather impressive win over some menacing rival, we headed for the Quad to join in the toilet-papering revelry. Later we heard shouts that ‘Skip was coming!’ A hush fell over us as Skip proclaimed, ‘This is what college basketball is all about!’ The crowd went wild, and we realized we had ourselves quite a coach.—Daniel McGinley ('04)

Even with all the success that Skip Prosser had as a college basketball coach, he’ll always be remembered most for being a ‘good man.’ After all is said and done, being a ‘good man’ is all that really matters in life.—Patrick
Prosser attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and majored in nautical science. He joked that he majored in driving ships. His early days at the academy, in Kings Point, New York, were trying, so much so that Prosser called home to say that he was returning to Pittsburgh. His father told him that was all right, but he didn’t know where his son would sleep because he was getting ready to go to Prosser’s room and knock the bed apart. Prosser stayed and graduated in 1972. He received a master’s degree in secondary education from West Virginia University in 1980.

Prosser played basketball at the Merchant Marine Academy but spent most of his time on the bench. “Even when I could play, I couldn’t play,” Prosser recalled.

He became a coach because that was a stipulation attached to his first job as a teacher at Linsly Institute in Wheeling, West Virginia.

He considered himself as much a teacher as a coach, if not more. “I love teaching,” Prosser said. “I love lectures and all that. My opinion is, there’s a lot of lessons you can learn in the gym that you can’t learn in the classroom—just like there’s a lot of lessons you can learn in the classroom that you can’t learn in the gym. But I know that some of the best lessons I ever taught were taught to me by my coaches. And I remember some of my coaches more than I remember some of my teachers.”

Dick Vitale, the television commentator, who knew Prosser well, wrote yesterday that Prosser was proud of the fact that he came from nowhere in the coaching profession, without the pedigree of most major-college coaches. Prosser, in fact, was 34 when he broke into the college ranks. He had been coaching high-school basketball in West Virginia and coaching it well enough to win the 1982 Class AA championship at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling.

He began networking with college coaches at camps and learned that Pete Gillen, the head coach at Xavier, needed an assistant. Prosser said he remembers standing in a phone booth by a busy interstate, while on a scouting trip for the Central Catholic football coach, when Gillen offered him the job. According to Prosser, at least three other candidates had turned down Gillen. “I might have been his 33rd choice,” he said. He remained loyal friends with Gillen, whom he insisted on calling “Coach,” even when the two competed against each other in the ACC when Gillen was at Virginia.

Prosser’s first head-coaching job was at Loyola of Maryland, and he made enough of a splash to coach the Greyhounds to their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The next season, Gillen left Xavier for Providence, and Prosser replaced him. Prosser succeeded at Xavier, with his teams winning 148 games and losing 65 over seven seasons. The Musketeers played in the NCAA Tournament four times and in the NIT twice.

Because Prosser had turned down several high-profile coaching jobs to remain at Xavier, there was a question of whether he would accept the position at Wake Forest. Wellman wondered as well before he hired Prosser to succeed Dave Odom in April 2001. “I called the people in the country who I felt knew the best basketball coaches,” Wellman said in 2001. “And when I asked them about a short list of names that I had, when I got to Skip Prosser the response was always the same. And that is, ‘If you can hire him, you’d better get him. He is a great basketball coach, and beyond that he is a great person.’”
REMEMBERING SKIP

Skip was arguably the most genuine person in college basketball. He was the rarest of today’s coaches: honorable, selfless, and possessing of no ego. A great coach but a better person.—Clay Dade ('86)

Coach Prosser was the best possible representative for Wake Forest and its basketball program because he was a wonderful example of all the fine qualities of character, academic excellence, and sportsmanship that he taught his student-athletes.
—Durante ('68) and Kathy Griffin

Anyone who knew him lost a friend. He couldn’t know anyone without becoming their friend. A man of class, integrity, principle, faith, and true devotion to his God and his wife and children.—Pat Cusick

It is amazing how many of us who never actually knew Skip feel as if we have lost a friend after brief encounters with him.—Tom ('62) and Joanne Gaskins

The last time I spoke with Skip, we did not even mention basketball. We talked about our shared love for the timeless western ‘Shane.’ Skip knew every little detail of the story and how it all related to life and how people should live their life. I now feel like Joey, alone on the plains of Montana screaming for Skip to ‘come back,’ but just as Shane, Skip has bigger and better things ahead in Heaven.—Jim Conrad

To see the Quad decorated as heavily as if the Deacs had won a National Championship is to know how much the Wake family loved this outstanding man.
—Fern Ragan, Wake Forest Parent

The fact that I, like many others, mourn so much for the death of a man that I never once met is a testament to how incredible of a human being Skip Prosser was.
—WFU ’09

You often said, ‘It is a great day to be a Deacon.’ While yesterday and the days to come may be sad days in Deaconland, we appreciate all the memories we have. Wake Forest and Wake Nation will again see the sun rise on days when it is great to be a Deacon.
—Burns Family

The world has lost a great man. There will never be another Skip Prosser. Godspeed, o captain. Farewell, Skipper.—WFU Alum, ’03
When asked then about his new challenge, Prosser responded in typical fashion.

"I may not know a lot about the ACC right now, but thanks to Ron (Wellman), I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night," Prosser said. "I mean I know how difficult it is. In all honesty, that's certainly one of the challenges that excited me, and we're looking forward to it."

Most modern college-basketball coaches hold the media at arm's distance. Prosser embraced them, and because of that and his quick mind, he was a post-game favorite. Michael Perry covered the Xavier beat for the Cincinnati Enquirer during Prosser's years as the Musketeers' head coach.

"If all the coaches I dealt with were like Skip, then I'd be happy," Perry said. "He was cooperative, accessible, and he respected the job I had to do."

If anything, Prosser became even more accessible during his time at Wake Forest, regularly opening his practices to the media and actually ribbing reporters whom he hadn't seen drop by for a day or two.

One reason that the media gravitated toward Prosser was that he was not just an interesting basketball coach but a very interesting man who coached basketball. He was well-read, listing his favorite authors as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Tom Clancy, Nelson DeMille, and Pat Conroy.

Contrary to what most people believed, Prosser, despite his red hair, ruddy complexion, and love of almost all things Irish, was not of Irish descent. He did make several summer trips to Ireland. "That's all a myth," Prosser said. "I think it's just because I've got red hair. I like their music and I like going over there. But that's not true. I'm English, Scottish, and Welsh."

Prosser had two sons from his first marriage, Scott, 28, and Mark, 27. Mark Prosser played basketball at Marist and has been an assistant coach at Bucknell the last three seasons.

Prosser's one fault, if it could be called that, was his intense aversity to losing. He said he recognized the character flaw, and at one period of his life attempted to accept losing more graciously. He admitted that the attempt failed. But he did retain a healthy perspective, particularly for a man engaged in a high-profile occupation. His wife, Nancy, was a trauma nurse while they lived in Cincinnati.

"She deals with life and death every day," Prosser said. "She literally has saved people's lives that I know. We would go out to dinner, and people in Cincinnati would walk up to me—and she may have actually saved somebody's life that day—and they would want to know how recruiting's going. What she (did) is infinitely more important than what I do."

Players remember him as the ultimate player's coach. "He's more than just a coach to us," said Steve Lepore, a former player at Wake Forest. "He told us that he'll always have our backs, no matter how long we've been gone or graduated. He said he's going to be a good friend of ours, and he's going to back us up."

"Anyone who knew him lost a friend."
In their dark hours, Skip Prosser’s friends long for someone to lighten the load. Someone like Skip Prosser.

He can’t perform his customary role in his usual way. He can’t glance down at his hands and raise those soft red eyebrows over those bright blue eyes and deliver a droll line with a comedian’s deft timing. But Prosser left behind enough material to handle the job, enough recorded quotations and unforgettable rejoinders to fill a memory bank, or tickle a sad heart.

Prosser often made others laugh by turning the joke on himself. He earned a basketball scholarship from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, but in 2004 he reminded folks that he hadn’t earned much playing time. “They gave me a distinguished alumnus award two years ago,” he said. “They gave me my game-by-game scoring totals. I found out I only missed 1,000 points by 848.”

Prosser’s wry wit came to him naturally. Basketball setbacks aside, he was generally good-humored and unusually smart. His choreographed references to playwright Billy Shakespeare or basketball inventor Jimmy Naismith triggered a giggle here and there, but his spontaneous stuff was funnier.

During shooting practice several hours before a game at Duke, for instance, Prosser detected tension in his players, who were banging shots off the rim. He left the court and stood in the first row of the bleachers. He imitated the Cameron Crazies, sticking his arms straight out and making his hands tremble as he put the curse on the Deacons. They broke up.
“Meet me on the Quad at midnight.”

“It’s as simple as ABC. Academics, Basketball, Character.”

“Never delay gratitude....”

“On the team’s defense: “Well we weren’t exactly the Russians at Stalingrad...”

When asked about UNC’s talent level: “They’re like Noah’s Ark; they have two of everything.”

“During a rebounding drill, an SI reporter asked Skip if he was worried about the way the Deacs were hitting and elbowing each other in the face. He replied, “None of them were that good-looking to start.”

“It’s not about me; it’s about the kids.”
On Thursday, the day he died, Prosser sent a text message to Dean Buchan, the former sports-information director (and unwavering bachelor) who had taken a similar job at Georgia Tech. Buchan had left for Atlanta just two days earlier. Prosser’s opening volley: “You married yet?”

He loved literature, classic and contemporary, and sprinkled references around like salt. He adapted to new technology as needed, although he never became obsessed with high-tech stock cars going 190 mph (“I just don’t get it”) or the trend toward instant Internet analysis. During good seasons and especially during rough ones, Prosser assumed that some fan was running him down on what he called “the misinformation highway.”

He happily provided reporters and basketball fans detailed information about his players.

Eric Williams, the popular center from the University’s former hometown of Wake Forest, arrived on the present campus considerably larger than his “Big E” nickname might suggest. Williams eventually, and willingly, trimmed down to 280 pounds. “But,” Prosser said, “it took us two months to convince him gravy is not a beverage.”

In November 2005, the Deacons beat Wisconsin 91-88, with Justin Gray scoring 37 points after a bumpy early adjustment to point guard. Prosser immediately announced that Gray had been maligned. “Of his own accord,” Prosser said. “I mean, he had a stretch there where he had 27 turnovers in three games. I’m not saying unjustly maligned. I’m saying with good reason. No. 1, he has a very good IQ for the game. Sometimes he’s too courageous. Sometimes his forays toward the basket are ill- advised. But, again, I’d rather have a guy that has that kind of heart and try to throttle him back than Casper Milquetoast, who you try to inject some adrenaline into his heart. No Walter Mitty in that guy.”

Prosser coached two Lithuanians, veteran star Darius Songaila and Vytas Danelius, who was tentative as a freshman, even during practice. Prosser issued direct instructions: “If you go up and hit Darius, he’s not going to break. More importantly, nor are you.”

Then there was Antwan Scott, a cheerful chap who electrified the fans with windmill dunks and mortified coaches with fundamental shortcomings. When Scott played 34 minutes against N.C. State without caressing a single rebound, Prosser remarked: “I’m hoping it’s a statistical anomaly that will never be repeated.”

During a 41-point rout of Clemson during that same 2001-02 season, Scott drifted outside for a crowd-pleasing three-pointer. Prosser didn’t seem especially pleased. “We’ll discuss it,” Prosser said. “I’ll probably discuss it more than he will. He will probably just listen.”

The players listened for every rhetorical twist and original phrase. Harvey Hale, a guard from New Mexico, adored a Prosser simile: “It’s like a cold night in Rural Hall.”

Michael Drum, who is from Rural Hall, loved Prosser’s childhood story about how he returned home from a maddening Little League loss and threw his glove into a chair, evoking his mother’s consolation. Prosser’s moral: “My mom told me that I couldn’t win every game. My dad said that it doesn’t say that in the rulebook.”

No one ever had to worry about Prosser not being glib. In December 2003, the Deacons rode the bus to Chapel Hill and beat North Carolina 119-114 in three OTs, an absolute ACC classic. Buchan, the sports-information director, escorted Prosser to the postgame news conference.

“It was the first conference game the year after the ACC had celebrated its 50th anniversary,” Buchan said. “I hardly ever gave Skip advice about what to say, but I told him he might want to mention something like: ‘If the next 50 years are going to be like that one, they’re going to be something.’ He looked at me and said: ‘Like I’m going to listen to you.’ Then he walked into that press conference and started out by saying exactly what I had told him.”

With a straight face, undoubtedly.
“It can’t be like, ‘Let’s go up to Winston-Salem and play Wake and make sure we get some good ribs on the way back.’ Teams have got to dread to play you in your gym.”

“If I have a gift, it’s the ability to push people to be their best.”

“We are prone at times to try to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory with some ill-timed decisions.”

To Justin Gray:
“You’ve got a face for radio.”

“Basketball is kind of like Halloween, just because you’re wearing a uniform doesn’t mean you’re going to get any candy.”

“The greatest sin in life is wasted talent.”

“There’s a misconception that you get five fouls. You really don’t. Because on the fifth one, they fire you.”

When asked whom he thought should be Player of the Year: “The POY should always be the best player on the best team, unless he’s a jerk.”
The Tie-Dye Nation bid an emotional farewell to Skip Prosser on July 31, five days after the death of the popular coach unleashed an unprecedented outpouring of affection and grieving. It had been, noted President Nathan O. Hatch at Prosser’s funeral mass, “an avalanche of emotion.”

“Why do so many of us in the Wake Forest family and far beyond love this man?” Hatch asked. “Why do we feel we owe him such a debt of thanks? Why is it that his life touches us so deeply?”

After students and alumni, Deacon fans and fans of other schools had spent the past five days attempting to put their feelings into words to answer those questions, it was finally left to those closest to Prosser to give their own answers and to try to make sense of the death of someone taken long before his time.

By Kerry M. King ('85)
It’s okay, said Catholic Campus Minister Father Jude DeAngelo in his beautiful homily, to say, “it was not Skip’s time. The human heart cries out to say it is not fair to lose someone whom we love and respect.” (For the full homily, see www.wfu.edu/magazine)

Director of Athletics Ron Wellman, who superbly led the University community through the shock of Prosser’s death, said Prosser’s life wasn’t about championships but about relationships and friendships. “Skip tried to know everyone. Once you met him, you considered him a friend and he considered you a friend. On campus, he seemed to be everywhere. When he said ‘Hi,’ that made your day.”

About a thousand people, including current and former players and head basketball coaches from every ACC school and many other schools around the country, packed Holy Family Catholic Church in Clemmons, North Carolina, for the funeral mass. Another thousand gathered in Wait Chapel to watch the service on a giant television screen. Outside the chapel, toilet paper hung from the trees on Hearn Plaza, the second time since Prosser’s death that students and alumni had rolled the Quad, a tradition normally reserved for great victories, but this time carried out as a tribute to the departed coach.

His influence went far beyond the 126 wins at Wake Forest, the electric atmosphere inside Joel Coliseum, the tie-dyes, and the Harley. His impact on so many lives far surpassed his job title and the all-too-brief six years he spent on campus. It was the simple hello, an infectious smile, a friendly wave, the time spent with the least among us, that endeared him to so many, and that led so many to grieve as if they’d lost a family member. It was the genuineness and decency that led even those who had never met him to mourn him.

“I never knew a better man,” said Associate Head Coach Dino Gaudio, who began his long association with Prosser in 1981 as his assistant at Catholic Central High School in Wheeling, West Virginia, and later followed him to Xavier and Wake Forest, where he was named Prosser’s successor on August 8 (see story, page 6). “His integrity was unwavering. Those of us that were blessed to be under his charge will carry that with us for the rest of our lives. How he lived his life is how we should live our lives.”

Gaudio and others spoke movingly of Prosser’s love for his wife, Nancy, and sons Scott, 28, and Mark, 27, an assistant basketball coach at Bucknell University. Gaudio called Scott the “general manager” of the Wake Forest basketball team, offering advice at practices and games; when the lights at Joel Coliseum dimmed for the player introductions, Prosser always sought out Scott, always seated near the bench, for a hug.

Gaudio also paid tribute to Prosser’s mother, Laura Jo Prosser. “Grandma Jo, the last few days have told you everything you need to know about your son; you could write a book on how to raise a son,” he said. Wellman later paid his own tribute to her: “You raised a happy son. He was a happy man.”

All-American guard Chris Paul, now with the New Orleans Hornets, struggled to speak through tears. “He changed my life forever and gave me a chance, along with a lot of other guys in this room.” Recalling one of Prosser’s favorite expressions that “if you can’t be on time, be early,” Paul said, “It wasn’t time for coach to leave, but God called him early. That team in heaven must have been pretty terrible. God needed a coach to push the ball and play an up-tempo game.”

Ed DeChellis, head coach at Penn State University, was friends with Prosser for eighteen years, dating back to when both were young, inexperienced assistant college coaches. He called Prosser every few days for advice, he said, prompting his young daughter to ask him to whom he was going to talk now. “The man I count on for direction is gone. My compass in life has gone to another place.”

In his remarks (see full text at www.wfu.edu/magazine), Hatch attempted to answer the questions he posed earlier. “Skip lived life to the fullest,” he said. “He took everyone seriously. He loved to engage people and he did so without calculation or pretense. His life reflected the values he professed. His life was a breath of fresh air.”

But the most emotional tribute was given by longtime friend Gaudio. “God needed a basketball coach, and He got a great one. He took the best coach he could find. I just hope I get to coach with you one more time. I love you, buddy.”
Technology transfer—moving the inventions and discoveries of University researchers into the marketplace—is transferring important money into Wake Forest coffers, with promise of even more in the future.

In 1995, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved for sale a wound treatment device invented by two doctors at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. And Wake Forest and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, were changed forever.

The device is known as the vacuum-assisted closure, or V.A.C.®, machine. By applying negative pressure to a wound, the machine allows physicians to remove fluids and infectious materials gently and easily, promoting healing and reducing the chances of infection. In slightly over a decade, the vacuum-assisted-closure process has become the therapy of choice for the more severe varieties of wounds, burns, and ulcers, and the V.A.C. a popular commodity, generating substantial royalty and licensing revenue for Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS).

In what may come as surprising news to some, Wake Forest ranks fourth in the nation in the most recent survey of intellectual-property income earned by institutions of higher education. That income not only is important to the University’s bottom line, constituting more than 15 percent of total WFUHS revenue, it also has enabled Wake Forest to develop a biotechnology research park in downtown Winston-Salem and attract to it scientists in the vanguard like Dr. Anthony Atala and his Institute for Regenerative Medicine who hold promise of generating still greater licensing and royalty revenue in the future. And what is good for Wake Forest is good for the community, as the creation of companies locally to develop and market inventions and discoveries by the University’s scientists will assist Winston-Salem in transforming its economy into one for the twenty-first century.

In terms of the money it generates, Reynolda Campus technology transfer is modest by comparison, but its value is substantial in other ways. Discoveries and inventions like the innovative security and intrusion detection systems developed by a computer science faculty member and spun off as the focus of a fledgling company the University is supporting, can advance a researcher’s work by attracting startup grant funding. And Reynolda’s technology-transfer paucity may one day be history if the flurry of disclosures, patent
applications, and collaborations with WFUHS scientists by physicist David Carroll and his Center for Nanotechnology fulfill their potential. This summer, two startups were launched to manufacture and market nanotechnological solar cells and lighting systems developed by Carroll. He also is partnering with researchers at the Comprehensive Cancer Center to investigate promising drug delivery and treatment advancements using infinitesimal carbon nanotubes.

The survey, conducted for fiscal year 2005 by the Association of University Technology Managers and released in February, shows Wake Forest ranking fourth in the nation with licensing revenues of about $50 million. It attained its lofty status despite having by far the lowest number of total active licenses (sixty), new licenses (ten), patents issued (eight), startup companies launched (one), and total research spending ($153.5 million) among the top ten-ranked institutions.

For that, it can thank the V.A.C. Without revealing precise figures, officials acknowledge that the device accounts for a sizable majority of Wake Forest’s total annual intellectual-property receipts. But the pool is widening. Statistics compiled by Wake Forest’s Office of Technology Asset Management for fiscal year 2006 show total intellectual-property revenues rising to a record $60.588 million, a 21-percent increase from 2004-05. Among new inventions that are beginning to generate revenue is a device used with MRI scanners that helps doctors monitor a beating heart in real time. It is sold by Prova Images Inc., a startup company of WFUHS. Also, invention disclosures—initial reports by researchers of potentially patentable inventions and discoveries—were up 65 percent, and five
new licenses or options were executed in 2005-06.

Under current policy, 35 percent of the gross proceeds from an invention by a Wake Forest researcher goes to the inventor, 10 percent up to $1 million goes to the inventor’s department, and the remaining 55 percent goes to a fund for University research. After a department receives its maximum allotment, 65 percent goes to the University.

Doug Edgeton, executive vice president and chief operating officer of WFUHS, says technology-transfer revenue has become indispensable in several respects. “Traditionally, the cost of medical education was supported by excess revenues generated in our clinical business,” he says. “But with changes in Medicare and other insurance formulas, clinical margins are down, exerting greater pressure on tuition. If we’re looking for ways to hold medical education costs down, and if our scientists have something to offer the world, we can alleviate the tuition cycle by helping them convert their inventions and discoveries into profitable ventures.”

In allocating intellectual-property proceeds under the policy, Edgeton applies a broad definition of research. “Let’s say you have, or are recruiting, doctors who are world-class researchers and teachers,” he says. “If you can use licensing and royalty revenue to offset a portion of their salaries and support structures, that, in effect, supports their research, and you’ll be better positioned, competitively, to recruit or retain them. Technology transfer money is what allowed us to put together a package that would bring Dr. Atala’s team to Wake Forest.”

Michael Batalia, director of the Office of Technology Assets Management, says the technology transfer landscape has been transformed dramatically in recent years. “For a quarter of a century, the process was that a scientist would make a discovery, the University would obtain a patent, and then it would go out and find an IBM or a Pfizer to license it,” he explains. “Today, the field has gotten a lot more crowded. Industries are looking for opportunities that fit in precisely with what they do, and investors are a lot more sophisticated; they want some assurance that this invention or discovery has, in fact, legitimate commercial viability. So its projected applications must be more specific and data must be compiled to prove that you can do what you say you can do. Simply having a patent is not good enough any more.”

Batalia and his staff first identify those inventions and discoveries they feel are commercially relevant from among the sixty or seventy disclosures filed with the office each year. “There’s a lot of good basic research being done that is not necessarily commercially relevant,” he notes. “A lot of researchers are unfamiliar with the patent landscape and are astounded to discover that the technology they’ve developed already is patented.” Next, Batalia’s team will seek validation of its projections from contacts in industry and other third-party sources—an indispensable step to insure thoroughness and objectivity, he says.

The next step—one that Edgeton and Batalia say really sets Wake Forest apart from other university technology management operations—entails creating a prototype or model of the discovery’s commercial application, complete with preliminary designs and market analysis. “If you’re a company looking at new technology, you’ll want some of this work done for you,”
Batalia says. “We’ve discovered that creating prototypes and showcasing projected results makes it a much more attractive package for investors and potential licensees.”

As an example, Batalia cites a patent held by Joel Berry, a faculty member of the joint Wake Forest-Virginia Tech biomedical engineering program. Berry has invented a stent with so-called compliance-matching ends that minimize restenosis, the formation of scar tissue over a stent that can limit the flow of blood through the artery. For several years, drug-eluting stents gained favor in the industry, limiting the commercial viability of Berry’s stent. But when problems developed with the drug-coated stent technology, Berry’s invention became practical again—and Batalia’s staff was ready with a research study to highlight the capabilities of the compliance matching technology.

Batalia says his office is doing ten to fifteen license and option deals a year now, which can take the form of licensing, acquiring stock in independently owned startup companies formed around a Wake Forest-owned technology, or forming startups owned by the University itself. “What approach we take depends on each individual situation,” he notes. “In starting a company, we ask, is the researcher sufficiently interested and motivated to devote the time, energy, and travel that a company would require? In situations where that is not the case, licensing or investing in an independent startup probably is the best option.”

Batalia points to Atala as combining the finest qualities of brilliant researcher and talented entrepreneur. “He has a great understanding of the relationship between basic research and translational research,” he says of Atala. “His work is multi-disciplinary and commercially relevant to a high degree and we have several deals already in place.” Having bioengineered replacement organs and tissues throughout the body that have undergone or are close to human trials, and having successfully conducted groundbreaking research in extracting stem cells from human skin, Atala and his team are poised to reap huge returns for themselves and their work, their investors, and the University.

Technology transfer activity on the Reynolda Campus was vitalized with the arrival of David Carroll and his Center for Nanotechnology from Clemson in 2003. Nine of the twelve invention disclosures by Reynolda faculty members in fiscal year 2006, and four of the nine this past fiscal year, were by Carroll.

Carroll and his colleagues engineer materials at molecular and atomic levels, where the classic laws of physics begin to break down and substances undergo radical changes in hardness, strength, conductivity, and other properties. For practical reasons, he concentrates the center’s work on materials engineering with industrial applications based on the use of carbon nanotubes—graphite rolled up into a drinking-straw shape 1.4 nanometers across (a nanometer is 10^-9 meter). Carbon nanotubes are a hundred times stronger than steel, with hardness far beyond diamond and electrical conductivity that is off the chart.

Carroll has taken a realistic approach to the center’s work, leaving the purely theoretical nanotechnology research to
elite institutions like Cornell or MIT and focusing instead on materials tailoring—biomedical applications, paints, thin film and coating technologies, etc.—that have short-term payoff and are likely to attract funding and be of greater economic benefit to the community. This summer, Wake Forest announced formation of two companies based on Carroll patents that will be located in the downtown research park. FiberCell Inc. will develop and sell novel plastic solar cells for a variety of applications, and Plexilight Inc. will produce and market low-cost, high-efficiency lighting for residential and commercial use.

Carroll’s research is not restricted to industrial applications, however. He is exploring, with scientists like Dr. Waldemar Debinsky, director of the Brain Tumor Center for Excellence at the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University, the possible use of carbon nanotubes in cancer treatments. With its exponentially greater capacity for conductivity, a nanotube lodged in a cancer cell could eradicate it with radiation more effectively and harmlessly to neighboring cells, and at lower levels, than would a generalized dosage. Or a nanotube tailored to fit the receptor of a cancer cell could deliver to it a fatal compound without harming adjacent normal cells.

According to Mark Welker, associate provost for research, most members of the Reynolda faculty who make discoveries with commercial potential likely would prefer to license them rather than form a company around them. Last year, S. Bruce King, an associate professor of chemistry, secured a provisional patent good for a year to gauge market interest in his innovative compounds. Still, there are companies being formed besides the nanotech startups that are based on Reynolda discoveries and inventions.
GreatWall Systems Inc. was founded in Winston-Salem in 2006 based on patent-pending research by Errin W. Fulp, associate professor of computer science, in advanced-function parallel firewall and intrusion detection and prevention. Robert E. Anderson (MBA ’94) and David Ahn (’95), who were instrumental in the formation of PointDX, a virtual endoscopy diagnostic company spun out of WFUHS in 2000, are serving as its president and CEO and chief technology officer, respectively.

Anderson, who acknowledges the Office of Technology Assets Management for providing important market research and seed funding to the company, says GreatWall is focused on an emerging niche in the intensely competitive server security business. “Although we think our product can enter the one-to-ten-gigabit-per-second [data transfer capacity] market at a better price point, the major players pretty well have that covered,” says Anderson, noting that GreatWall’s three related products should be released by the third quarter of 2008. “What we are concentrating on is the ten-to-forty-gigabit market, which will be expanding rapidly with the growing demands of video streaming, the capacity and security requirements of banking with its mergers and hospitals with their rules governing confidentiality, and so forth. It will be exceedingly important to be first [on the market] with a product that meets the need now and can scale up from there.”

Aqualutions Inc. is a fledgling startup that emerged from research on the diagnosis and treatment of fish diseases conducted by biology professor Ray Kuhn and his students in a course a few years back. According to CEO Sarah M. Yocum (‘05), the company’s plan for developing marketable products for disease detection in commercial fish-farm populations is in the research and development phase, with promising connections established with large fish farms in Mississippi and North Carolina.

Student entrepreneurs at Wake Forest benefit from a fund established in 2000 through a million-dollar gift to the University by John T. Chambers, president and CEO of Cisco Systems Inc. Five or six grants of up to $10,000 are awarded annually to students seeking to start their own companies. Welker views the fund as part of a different, though no less important than monetary, outcome of technology transfer on campus.

“The mentality I’ve adopted is to plant an acorn where you want an oak tree,” says Welker, a chemist who has himself developed monomers with licensing potential. “The question I ask in deciding whether to invest in a company is, will it help our researchers? Errin Fulp’s research benefits from the presence of GreatWall Systems here in Winston-Salem and the grants it has received. If the answer is yes, we should do some of that.”

Still, from a University-wide perspective, the bottom line is the bottom line. After the V.A.C. patent matures, Edgeton hopes to stabilize the revenue flow from technology transfer at between 10 and 15 percent of total revenues. “It’s always going to be money at risk,” he cautions. “You never know when it will be eroded by competition, litigation, or any number of other factors. But we’re committed to maximizing its potential. Fortunately, we have the people and the model in place."
Under normal circumstances, having your chest hair plucked curiously by a complete stranger would be odd. Walking into the library and having hundreds of spellbound eyes fixed on every one of your goofy Caucasian movements might be a tad out of the ordinary. And typically, crossing the road without really looking both ways—to permit the waves of motorbikes to flow expeditiously around you—could seem slightly different than normal. In Vietnam, though, these things happen. Rather, I should say, these things happened to me this summer.
Taking a break at the floating market, Can Tho City

School children wrestling for the camera’s attention, Tan Trung primary school, Mo Cay

Stuffed animal depot, Ho Chi Minh City

Getting to know a local family, Hoa An

Dave
Post office box, Ho Chi Minh City

Homes on the riverbank, Ben Tre

Life on the river's edge, Can Tho

A sweetheart blows us kisses as we sputter by along the Mekong River, Can Tho

Homes on the riverbank, Ben Tre

Afternoon prayer service at a Buddhist Pagoda, Can Tho
It would be a complete injustice to say that my experience in Vietnam was anything less than life-altering. Before departing for Asia, I had at least half-expected that there would be things that were going to just blow me away. Being fortunate enough to have studied a semester in Japan last year, I knew not to rule anything out on that side of the world. But nothing prepared me for what Vietnam offered.

Perhaps the most jarring thing upon our arrival to Ho Chi Minh City (also called Saigon, depending on your political persuasion) was the unrelentingly persistent heat. After a brief stay in Saigon, we jumped on a bus and headed south to the Mekong Delta region to find our new home in Can Tho City. We fell in love with this place instantly—a love that was only bolstered by its people and the rich relationships we built there for three weeks.

You see, we didn’t just study in Can Tho; we didn’t just build a couple of houses or work on a bridge; we—every one of us—became a family. The fascinating thing was that membership in our family was far from being exclusive to the students in the program, but rather the professors who came with us too. And with them, the wonderful Vietnamese students whom we met at Can Tho University. By the end of just those few short weeks we had thoroughly transcended whatever language barrier there might have been at the start. It was a real journey through the blood, the sweat, and the tears that we found along the way during our adventures in Can Tho and beyond.

In Vietnam, we all found that kind of friendship that challenges and overcomes the borders and the oceans of language and geography. I look forward to continuing the journeys we started this summer and again finding those special moments of genuine appreciation for the people I have come to love, both nearby and afar. Above all else, though, I know and will always remember Vietnam as a unique and special place. Not a single doubt about that.

David Nix (’08), from Jacksonville, Florida, and other students from ACC schools spent several weeks in Vietnam through the Wake Forest/Virginia Tech Summer Program.
People, planet, profit

Combining positive energy and social responsibility, Tom Dingledine (MBA ’78) leads the business of change.

Tom Dingledine (MBA ’78) will change the world. Count on it. A positive individual with nary a “not” in his vocabulary, he is a self-described “creator of opportunities” with an innate sense of fairness. With characteristic determination, he has set his sights on facilitating broad change in society through the force he knows best—business.

“If we’re going to change society, we have to transform the way business people think,” he says, “which means changing the way they are educated.”

Dingledine has embraced the Wake Forest motto, Pro Humanitate, and forged opportunities for students in the Babcock Graduate School of Management to emerge as ethical and socially responsible leaders who will use their knowledge in service to others.

“Business must become more about people than about profit,” Dingledine says, adding that business leaders also must understand how flat the world has become and the interconnectedness of all people.

Step one was the 2005 endowment of the $1 million Thomas A. Dingledine Fund for Responsible Business to help faculty create class content, support research, and create experiential learning opportunities.

The fund already has supported Project Nicaragua, a Babcock student effort aimed at establishing sustainable commerce in one of the poorest nations in the world. Babcock students and faculty traveled to the Central American nation to help develop a business model for the sale of handcrafted metal products made by vocational school students. Sales revenue will provide wages for individuals with few economic opportunities and will underpin the vocational school’s mission to educate the local work force. The students also have conducted a highly successful seminar for Nicaraguan business owners.

“We have only scratched the surface of what Wake Forest will be able to do,” Dingledine said after returning from Nicaragua in June (see a video about...
Support for the program is mushrooming, and preparations are under way to establish it as a permanent endeavor to share the expertise of Babcock students with business owners in developing nations. "There are many opportunities for all segments of the Wake Forest community," Dingledine says, "that will both enhance the Wake Forest education and provide valuable assistance to help others improve their lives."

Dingledine's second step, only a few months after establishment of the fund, was to endow the $1.3 million Dingledine Scholarship for Positive Social Impact, a two-year full-tuition award for incoming MBA students who have worked for a not-for-profit organization or agency or have demonstrated a commitment to the community through volunteer work or social outreach.

Working for change through his graduate-school alma mater was natural for Dingledine. The Babcock School already has earned national and international attention for its work in ethics and corporate responsibility and accountability, as well as for preparing its graduates for social and environmental stewardship. It also ranks as one of the greatest experiences in Dingledine's life.

"Babcock taught me how to think and how to apply business fundamentals creatively rather than being stymied by current business practices." He is pursuing a totally green, environmentally sensitive development on 1,000 acres on the Chesapeake Bay, and he has worked with The Nature Conservancy to assure that massive development will never take place on a 700-acre parcel he owns overlooking Monticello. "When you are able to buy such property," he says, "it comes with responsibility."

Wake Forest will benefit from the Chesapeake Bay project, which Dingledine describes as having a triple bottom line: people, planet, and profit. Four Babcock students working on a management consulting practicum were charged with determining environmentally sensitive options for the land and estimating values upon build-out. He has pledged 10 percent of the profits to Wake Forest and 10 percent to conservation groups.

While a student at Babcock, Dingledine wrote a life plan that called for him to retire at age forty-five, acquire an additional degree, and teach. When nearing that ripe young age, he says he began to have recurring nightmares about being back in the classroom. "The plan had been so firmly planted twenty-three years ago that I always assumed I would follow it," he said. "I was happy and relieved when I realized I didn't have to—and the nightmares went away."

While the thought of going back to the classroom disrupted his dreams, his partnership with the Babcock School—including service as chair of its advisory board—has furthered them mightily.

"The advisory board is the most rewarding thing I do because it lets me get involved with students and is mentally challenging," he said. "There aren't enough business leaders interested in making the changes that we need to make in this world. I enjoy and am committed to creating opportunities to facilitate that change."

Karilon L. Rogers is a writer and communications consultant based in Clemmons, North Carolina.
There are a number of exciting events coming up this fall on campus and I hope you will join me for them. Homecoming will be held September 14-15 and we will welcome reunion classes (those ending in 2s and 7s) for special events. Homecoming will be a time to reconnect with friends and classmates while enjoying our football game against Army. There are a number of family-friendly events like the Festival on the Quad that you’ll want to bring your kids or grandkids to so they can experience all the best of Wake Forest. Register today at www.wfu.edu/homecoming.

One of President Hatch’s aspirations is to make Wake Forest a crossroads for important national and international discussions of our time. The Voices of Our Time speaker series will feature a major immigration conference on October 3-5, “Immigration: Recasting the Debate.” The conference will feature some of the leading voices who are debating the social, political, and economic impacts of immigration. For more information, see the Wake Forest Web site at www.wfu.edu and look for more details in the “What’s New @ WFU” e-newsletter.

The Alumni Council has just completed the second year of its strategic plan and we are on target to reach our three-year goals, which include increasing alumni participation in Wake Forest clubs and enhancing career services and alumni programming, such as Lifelong Learning.

I am pleased to announce that we reached our College Fund goal this year thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends. Dr. Hatch challenged us to increase giving by 10 percent over last year, which we achieved by raising $3.87 million. This was a record-breaking year for alumni participation and your gifts, calls, and introductions to other alumni made a real difference. I look forward to another historic year in 2007-2008! Thank you for all your support of our alma mater.

There are so many ways alumni can be involved in the life of Wake Forest, and I hope you will join me this year in making a special effort to support the University in as many ways as you can. Whether it’s attending a Wake Forest club event, wearing Wake Forest apparel, introducing talented students to the University, making a gift to the College Fund, or keeping your contact information up-to-date and using e-mail forwarding for life, you can make a positive and meaningful impact on Wake Forest. You can be kept abreast of the latest Wake Forest news by visiting www.wfu.edu/wowf and by registering to receive “What’s New @ WFU” and Window on Wake Forest. Visit the alumni Web site to see “25 Ways You Can Help Wake Forest” today: www.wfu.edu/alumni/news/25ways.html

Thank you for being “constant and true” alumni of Wake Forest. I look forward to serving you as we continue our tradition of excellence in the spirit of Pro Humanitate.

Go Deacs!

Rod Webb (’92)
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association
Submitting a Classnote?

Wake Forest Magazine welcomes Classnotes submissions from alumni. There are three ways to submit information:

Standard mail: CLASSNOTES editor, Wake Forest Magazine, P.O. Box 7205, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7205
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Online: www.wfu.edu/magazine/classnotes

Submissions guidelines:
• Please include your class year(s) and degree(s) with each submission.
• Please include a telephone number and e-mail address so that we may verify the information.
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• Please include your class year(s) and degree(s) with each submission.
• Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.
• We’re sorry, but we cannot accept items submitted by a third party.

Deadlines:
The deadline for Classnote submissions is the 15th day of the month two months prior to the issue date. The deadline for the December issue is October 15.

1940s
Herb Appenzeller (‘48, MA ’51) received his second Presidential Award from the Sport and Recreation Law Association. He has three books being published by Carolina Academic Press: Cheerleading and the Law: Risk Management Strategies; the third edition of Successful Sport Management; and Love in the Locker Room: Ethical Behavior in Sport.

Elizabeth Hutchins Grigg (‘50) is a retired teacher in the Gaston County Schools. She entered two of her poems in the Cabarrus County Senior Games and won a first and a second place in the Silver Arts Division.

N.W. “Red” Pope (‘53) published TravelSpeak, (FivePoints Publishing), a humorous commentary on what travel writers say about places to see, stay and eat. He and his wife, Linda, live in Scottsdale, AZ.

Brightie White (‘53) wrote a book, A Funny Thing Happened, about his humorous experiences in the ministry. It was edited by his wife, Frances Westbrook White (‘52). They are retired and live in Hillsborough and Wilmington, NC.

Bob Johnson (‘54) and 25 classmates and spouses had a reunion in March at the Shell Island Resort in Wrightsville Beach, NC. They hope others will join them at the same location March 7-9, 2008.

Al Birmingham (‘55) received the Anser Award from the Southwest Section of the Professional Golfer Association of America. The award recognizes his influence on the history of Arizona golf. He and his wife, Marion, have five children and live in Scottsdale, AZ.

I. Beverly Lake (‘55, JD ’60) is a retired chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court. He received the N.C. Citizens for Business & Industry’s 2007 Citation for Distinguished Public Service and the National Eagle Scout Association’s Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

Major Best Harding (‘57, JD ’59) was inducted into the Garinger High School Hall of Fame in Charlotte.

1950s

1960s
Ashley L. Hogwood Jr. (‘61, JD ’63) is retired of counsel with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte. He was included in the Chambers USA 2007: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Dallas T. Stallings Jr. (’62) retired as senior minister of Haymarket (VA) Baptist Church.

Colin Bessonette (’63) retired after 40-plus years as a writer and editor at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He and his wife, Elizabeth, travel often to Europe, Miami and New York to see their children, and to Winston-Salem to watch the Deacs.

Joy Wackerbarth Bashore (’64) retired from Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. She was chair and an associate professor of English.

James W. Lewis (’64) is serving a second five-year term as a trustee of the Washington Public Library and its 27 branches. He is also director of the D.C. Public Library Foundation.

Larry R. Ammons (’65) is chairman of the Haywood County Commissioners. He and his wife, Cristina, live in Waynesville, NC.

Henri R. Mazzoli (JD ’65) retired from real estate law in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Kathy, split their time between Greensboro and Panama City, Panama.

Joseph M. Polshaw (’65) is retired after 38 years with Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corp. He and his wife, Charlene, have three children and five grandchildren living in Columbus, OH.

William Kearns Davis (JD ’66) is with Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. He is a founding member of the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys and received its 2007 J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence.

Nancy Ann Norbeck Jones (’66) has been elected to a three-year term as the high school representative to the National Council for Social Studies. She was select to attend the National Endowment for the Humanities Landmark of American History & Culture Summer Workshops Underground Railroad. She teaches social studies, is the department chair and is advisor to the Key Club and the Mock Trial Team at Seneca (SC) High School.

Ann Hunt Leonard (’66) is a proud grandparent of Sam Clifton (2). She and her husband, Frederick, live in Baltimore.
Roger Stevenson (MD ’66) is director of the Greenwood (SC) Genetic Center and an artist. His local newspaper published an article, “What Makes This Artist Different?” with “An Unusual Eye for Painting,” about his works of art and the fact that he is colorblind.

Sallie Surface (’66) is executive director of the Choanoke Area Development Association in Rich Square, NC. She received the 2006 Outstanding Rural Leadership Award from the Rural Center and the Rural Economic Development Association.

William R. Crothers (’67) sold his business, Enviro Consulting Inc., and moved to Jefferson, NC, to pursue his hobbies and enjoy life.

Graham Denton (’67) has been elected chairman of the board of directors of Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

Richard D. Herbert (’68) retired as director of student activities from The Bolles School in Jacksonville, FL. He and his wife, Dot, are opening Peterbrooke Chocolatier Shop in Tallahassee.

Robert D. Knapp (’68) and his wife retired to Boca Grande, FL. He started a company, Supernova Consulting, for the financial services industry, and is publishing a book, Crossing the Invisible Bridge.

Arthur “Buster” Browning (’69) is a physician in Jacksonville, FL. He has been named “Volunteer of the Year” by the National Association of Athletic Development Directors for his fundraising work with the athletic department at the University of North Florida. The school’s new athletic training complex was named in his honor in 2005.

William H. Lambe Jr. (’69, JD ’73) is a partner of Walker Lambe Rhudy & Costley PLLC in Durham, NC. He has been elected to the board of directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Len B. Preslar Jr. (’69) retired as president and CEO of North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

1970s

James Hobbs (’70) received the Outstanding Community Service Award from Community Health Charities of America.


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Last year Congress passed legislation which allows charitable contributions from an Individual Retirement Account to qualified charities. From now until the end of 2007, you have an unprecedented opportunity to help Wake Forest University with charitable IRA transfer(s). Here’s how:

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The provision does include some limitations. If you are interested in discussing your options under this unique provision, please call Chip Patterson (’72, MALS ’02), Director of Planned Giving, at 336.758.5288 or 800.752.8568 or at patterah@wfu.edu. As always, we recommend you seek the advice of your tax and/or legal advisors before deciding on a course of action.
Eunice Doman Myers (’71) is associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Wichita State University. She will continue as director of the summer program in Puebla, Mexico.

Brian S. Mand (’72) is athletic director at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC.

Davis E. Williams III (’72) and his wife, Mardi, retired. They sold The D.E. Williams Co. and Lions Ltd. Fine Jewelry in Wayne Co.

Catharine Biggs Arrowood (’73, JD ’76) is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been elected to the board of governors for the N.C. Bar Association and included in the Chambers USA 2007: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

W. Cort Frohlich (’73) is president of Wilkins Frohlich PA in Port Charlotte, FL. He has been recognized as a “Florida Super Lawyer” in personal injury and wrongful death. He and his wife, Tammy, have three children, Will, Christopher and Kaitlin.

Michael Creed Maxey (’74, MAEd ’76) has been named the 11th president of Roanoke College in Salem, VA. He has worked there since 1985 as director of planned giving, director of capital resources, vice president for resource development and admissions services, and most recently as vice president for college relations and dean of admissions and financial aid. Previously, he worked in academic affairs at the University of New Hampshire and in student affairs at Averett College and Wake Forest.

Thad Moore (’74) is with the Self-Help Credit Union in Durham, NC. He received the Annie Vamper Lifetime Service Award from the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions.

Ron Riggs (MA ’74) is a human resources specialist with the Brunswick County government, directing the wellness program and providing training. He is also a part-time sociology instructor at Brunswick Community College in Supply, NC.

Cindy Ward Brasher (’75, PA ’76) and Kathleen Brewin Lewis (’75) hatched a plan at their 25th class reunion to introduce their parents, who ended up getting married this year. Now Cindy, Kathleen and Donna Ward Toulme (’79) are step-sisters.

Mutter Evans (’75) told her story about being the youngest and the second black woman to own broadcast property in America (WAAA-AM) on “Voices and Viewpoints” on 88.5 WFDD-FM. She was one of the women featured in JEWELS: 50 Phenomenal Black Women Over 50.

Anna Jordan Garrison (’75) taught 31 years in N.C. public schools. She retired and became the director of her church’s daycare, First Baptist Christian Academy in Raeford, NC.

John Lesesne (’75) is treasurer and chief financial officer of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Jimmy Laird Myers (’75) has been re-elected to a fourth term on the N.C. 22nd Judicial District Court Bench. He is the regimental chaplain of the 14th marine regiment of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Robert “Jeff” Sivan (’75) was among the first group of students to spend a semester in Venice in 1973. He and his wife, Eva, have two sons, Blake (12) and Spencer (9), and live in Houston. They celebrated their 20th anniversary by taking a trip that included Venice and the Wake Forest house, where they were warmly greeted by students.

Ellen H. Whitaker (’75) is a statistician and liaison for the survey of income and program participation and education surveys at the U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters in Suitland, MD.

Reginald F. Combs (’76, JD ’78) is head of the litigation practice group of Blanco Tackabery Combs & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem. He has been appointed by the N.C. Bar Association to the Chief Justice’s N.C. Equal Access to Justice Commission.

Mark Northam (’76) is director of the School of Energy Resources at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He and his wife, Signy, and son, Max, moved from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

John Parker (JD ’76) leads the custody advocacy program at the Council for Children’s Rights in Charlotte.

J. Anthony “Andy” Penry (’76, JD ’79) has been named one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite” in construction law and one of the “Best Lawyers in America.”

Manes M. Merritt (JD ’77) is a partner and chairman of the employee benefits practice group of Olshan Grundman Frome Rosenzweig & Wolosky LLP in New York.

Charl L. Butler (’78) is chief financial officer of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank in Columbia, SC. He and his wife, Melissa, and two children, Claire (18) and Emma (15), live in Irmo, SC.

Terry L. Gardner (’78, JD ’81) is with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. She received the N.C. Association of CPA’s Outstanding Chapter Speaker Award.
Susie Gibbons ('78, JD '81) is a partner with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was recognized as an Honorary Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Donald L. McAvoy ('78) is a CPA and has been appointed controller of The Villages Division of Crossman & Co. in Orlando, FL.

John J. Stenger (JD '78) is a partner in the capital finance and real estate practice area of Hunton & Williams LLP in Dallas.

1980s

Thomas N. Griffin III ('80) is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte. He was included in the Chambers USA 2007: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Stephen M. Russell (JD ’80) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been elected vice president of the board of directors of Exchange/SCAN, a child abuse prevention agency.

Thomas Wellington Albritton Jr. ('81, MA '82) is chair of the English department at High Point University (NC). He and his wife, Teri, and their four children live in Pfafftown.

Mark A. Crabtree ('81) is serving a four-year term on the American Dental Association Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations.

Jeffrey Neal Isaac ('81) is campus president of Keiser University, Pembroke Pines Campus, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He is completing his PhD dissertation in leadership in higher education.

Clifford Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86) is with Comerford & Britt LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been selected to serve on the board of governors and the executive committee of the N.C. Bar Association.

Van Crotts (MBA '82) is president of Crotts & Saunders Engineering Inc. in Winston-Salem. He has been named secretary of the American Machine Tool Distributors’ Association.

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Darren K. Hensley ('82) received his MDiv from the Emory University Candler School of Theology.

Randall T. Husbands ('82) teaches defensive driving, in English and Spanish, for the Delaware Safety Council.

William W. Johnston ('82) was the H.W. Stodghill Jr. and Adele H. Stodghill Professor of Mathematics and associate dean at Centre College in Danville, KY. He has been named provost of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA.

Jeff Schutt ('82) is senior vice president of quality and productivity in global treasury services for Bank of America in Charlotte. His wife, Kim Miller Schutt ('84), teaches Spanish in the Iredell-Statesville schools. They live in Mooresville, NC, with their son, Steven (16).

Harriet Elizabeth Jennings Shirley ('82) is a YMCA-USA certified trainer and an ACSM certified personal trainer. She is a senior wellness specialist at the Donelson-Hermitage Family YMCA in Nashville, TN. She and her husband, Todd, and their four children live in Old Hickory, TN.

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WIN, or the Wake Forest Information Network, is a free set of online tools and services designed to allow registered alumni, parents and friends to stay in touch with each other and maintain a closer relationship with Wake Forest.

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Christopher D. Dirr ('83) completed his tour as an Army civilian serving in Afghanistan. He wrote an article published in U.S. Government periodicals.

Neal R. Jones ('83) is minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbia, SC.

Robin D. Campbell (PhD '84) is president and chief executive officer of Naryx Pharma Inc. in Carpinteria, CA. He and his wife, Debra, live in Newbury Park, CA.

Juliana Rinheart Cobb (JD '84) is senior vice president, chief administrative officer and corporate counsel for ASCG Inc. in Anchorage, AK. She and her husband, Richard, have two children, Amanda and Adam.

J. Clarke Thomason ('84) and A. Hollin Diggins ('84) have a son, Wells, attending The Landon School in Bethesda, MD.

Charles Gregory Westbrook ('84) is senior compliance officer for the Bank of Colorado. He and his wife, Anne, live with their six daughters in Fort Collins, CO.

P. Kevin Carwile (JD '85) is chief of a newly created anti-gang unit at the U.S. Dept. of Justice Headquarters. He leads a group of federal prosecutors that investigate and prosecute national and international gangs in the U.S.

Vada Lou Earle ('85) has been named director of donor events in the Office of Parent Relations and Donor Events at Wake Forest.

Melissa Busby Fernlund ('85) runs Melissa Busby Fernlund Marketing & Media Relations Consulting LLC in McLean, VA. She and her husband, Greg ('85), have two children, Charlotte (12) and Kal (10).

Thomas C. Grella (JD '85) is chair of the management committee of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC, and chair of the practice management section of the American Bar Association. He has been named a fellow of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism.

Jeb Stuart Rosebrook ('85) is assistant headmaster for institutional advancement of The Orme School and Camp of Arizona. He was featured as commentator and historian on Paramount’s anniversary DVD re-release of John Wayne’s “True Grit.” He and his family live in Tempe.

Emory Bass ('86) is with Wachovia Bank in the Lake Norman, NC, area.

Bobby D. Church ('86) is vice president and reverse mortgage consultant at Granite Mortgage Inc. in Winston-Salem.

Ginger Gelston Powell ('86) is in her 14th year teaching physical education and coaching varsity volleyball at The McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD. She and her husband, Eric, live in Baltimore.

Susanne “Gine” Sack Todd ('86, JD ’89) focuses on commercial real estate and related litigation with Johnston Allison & Hord. She and her husband, Mike, and their children, Raleigh, Emily Rose, Meredith and Ben, live in Charlotte.

Craig Current ('87) is president of Legacy Golf Management in Atlanta. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Caroline (6) and Andrew (4).

Brantley Tilman “Til” Jolly Jr. (MD ’87) is associate chief medical officer for medical readiness in the office of health affairs at the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security in Washington.

Richard G. Lafferty (JD '87) is of counsel with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Charlotte.

Robert Earl Lamb ('87) completed his doctor of musical arts at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. He is professor of music, director of choral activities and chair of fine and performing arts at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, FL. He led the Brevard Community Chorus on a tour of Scandinavia this summer.

Todd Westler ('87) is president of Tower Industries, a cast polymer manufacturing company he founded in 1995. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Ally (5) and David (2). They live in Canton, OH.

Alison Newman Davis ('88) is assistant township attorney for Toms River Township, NJ.

Frank S. Ioppolo Jr. ('88) is a shareholder with Greenberg Traurig in Orlando, FL. He was named a “Florida Super Lawyer” and a “Legal Eagle” by Florida Trend magazine.

Scott R. Muri ('88) is area superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (NC) school system.

Stephen T. Russell ('88) is a professor, the Fitch Nesbitt Endowed Chair in Family and Consumer Sciences, and the director of the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth and Families at the University of Arizona. He and his partner live in Tucson and northern California.


Janice C. Telfer ('88) is an assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She received two grants for work on gene regulation in bone marrow stem cells and more mature cells of the immune system.

R. Bruce Thompson II (88, JD ’94) is a partner in Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been elected to serve on the administrative law section council of the N.C. Bar Association.

Mary Paige Forrester ('89) is program manager for the Transportation Security Administration Contact Center in Arlington, VA.

Lorna Campbell Martin ('89) teaches IB English and journalism at Pinecrest High School. She has been named Teacher of the Year. She and her husband, Mike, and daughter, Amelia Grace, live in Southern Pines, NC.

Jennifer Rieerson ('89) is an assistant public defender in Greensboro, NC.
1990

Christina Carter is a film costume designer in Wilmington, NC. She has completed the movie, The Marc Pease Experience, with Ben Stiller and is working on Nights in Rodanthe, starring Richard Gere.

Elizabeth Betts Hickman is a third-year law student in Nashville planning to go into estate and trust work with Cumberland Trust & Investment Co. She co-wrote a design book, Urban Country Style (Gibbs Smith), and received a positive review in the Washington Post.


John Jordan is chief financial officer of Bojangles’ Restaurants Inc. He has been named one of the “40 under 40” by the Charlotte Business Journal. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Elisabeth (4) and Wilson (1), and they live in Charlotte.

Dana Conner Richardson is director of ReStore operations with Habitat for Humanity of Cabarrus County. She lives in Concord, NC.

1991

Laura Byrd Burt (JD) is with Gilpin & Hatcher PC in Charlotte. She was recognized as one of Business North Carolina’s "Legal Elite" in family law.

Steven D. Curnutte is founder of Finworth Partners LLC and co-founder of HotFaucet LLC which identifies, refines and launches new entrepreneurial companies in the Nashville, TN, area. An article about him, “Entrepreneur Has a Knack for Starting Companies,” ran in The City Paper, Nashville’s daily newspaper.

Kelly Greene is a staff reporter at The Wall Street Journal. She and her husband, Rick Brooks, and son, Joseph, live in Atlanta. She is co-author of The Wall Street Journal Complete Retirement Guidebook: How to Plan It, Live It and Enjoy It. The book was published in June and has been named a New York Times Bestseller.

Celeste M. Harris is with Maynard & Harris PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been elected to the board of directors of Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Shelley McVey Boehling is a homeschooled teacher and local coordinator of a chapter of Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) International. She and her husband, Eric, and their three children live in Wilmington, NC.

Meredith Leathers Carbrey is a financial planning specialist with Bedel Financial Consulting Inc. in Indianapolis. She and her husband, Todd, have a daughter, Hollis (2).

Eric Ashley Hairston received his JD from the University of North Carolina School of Law and is an assistant professor of English at Elon University. He began a two-year project in law and humanities focused on undergraduates. He and his wife, Cherry Chevy Hairston (’93), and son, Graham, live in Durham, NC.

Frederick Joseph Hegner is assistant vice president of insurance cost containment with American International Group in Bangkok, Thailand.

Craig M. Huggins and his wife, Banner, have been married 14 years. They have a son, Cole (3), and are expecting a child in January.


Christopher Charles King is an equity analyst at Stifel Nicolaus in Baltimore. He was ranked as the #7 earnings estimator by Forbes magazine and StarMine and was a recipient of a Wall Street Journal All-Star Analyst Award as the #4 ranked stock-picker among wireless telecommunications analysts. He and his wife, Christine, and two children, Camden (4) and Caroline (1), live in Ellicott City, MD.

Diana Palecek (JD) has joined the real estate practice group of Smith Moore LLP in Charlotte.

Thomas R. Rubino is pursing a master’s at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Kimberly C. Stevens (JD) is an assistant capital defender with the N.C. Capital Defender. She is also an adjunct professor of law at Wake Forest, teaching trial advocacy and coaching the school’s trial team.

Peter Woodrow is with Steward Environmental Solutions in Chattanooga, TN, focusing on preventing heavy metals from entering the environment.

1992

Paul Lancaster Adams (JD) was featured in The Legal Intelligencer on diversity hiring and retention and the Pennsylvania Law Weekly as a minority “on the verge.” He is a partner in the labor and employment, commercial and corporate litigation practice groups of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads in Philadelphia.

Thomas M. Ashton (MBA) is national account manager for Lehigh Direct in the Chicago area. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Macy Jean, Anna and Thomas Jr.

J. Gregory “Greg” Hatcher (JD) is a founder and managing partner of Gilpin & Hatcher PC in Charlotte. He was recognized as one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite” in family law.

Jo Huddleston is office manager for TTI Global Resources Inc. in Greensboro, NC.
Y. Canaan Huie is house finance counsel with the N.C. General Assembly. He is vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina.

Kelli K. Sapp (MS) is associate professor and chair of the biology department at High Point University (NC). She received the Meredith Clark Slane Distinguished Teacher Service Award.

1994

Jodi Marcussen Coulter works part-time in the finance group of BAE Systems, a defense and aerospace contractor, in Nashua, NH. She and her husband, Stewart, and their two children, Toren (4) and Tally (2), live in Bedford, NH.

Brent Driggers is associate professor of New Testament at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC.

Charles Gold (MBA) and his wife, Amy Eizenman Gold (JD), were honored by Fairfax County for their work with the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children. They and their three children, Jake (9), Noa (6) and Eli (2), serve as an emergency foster family for children in crisis.

Bonita J. Hairston (JD ‘97) is chief of staff in the president’s office at the University of North Texas. She has been appointed to the board of trustees at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, TX.

William Ernest Hobbs completed his MBA with a concentration in computer information systems at the University of North Alabama in Florence. He works in medical sales and is an instrument specialist for Roche Diagnostics of Indianapolis. He and his wife, Jenny Rebecca Braden Hobbs (’97), have three children, Melanie (7), Michael (4) and Meredith (2), and they live in Madison, AL.

Donny C. Lambeth (MBA ’94) has been named interim president of North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Rodney L. Perdue is in product development at GMAC Insurance in Winston-Salem. His wife, Angela Anne Collins Perdue (’94), is a stay-at-home mom.

Ashley Simmons Thurmond is director of communications and marketing for Levine Museum of the New South. She and her husband, Rick, live in Charlotte.

1995

Timothy L. Orr (JD) is a partner in the boutique litigation firm of O’Hagan Spencer in Richmond, VA.

Jeremy R. Schwer is a partner with Hunton & Williams LLP in Washington practicing energy mergers and acquisitions.

Kyle Snipes is assistant women’s basketball coach at Georgia State University.

Scott Street (MBA) is director of athletics at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. He was inducted into the Marshall University Sports Medicine Hall of Fame on the Huntington, WV, campus. He published a book, Life Skills for the Student-Athlete (McGraw-Hill).

1996

Jonathan Odom (JD) is in the U.S. Navy and is chief of operational law for Multi-National Force West/II Marine Expeditionary Forces, and has been deployed to Camp Fallujah, Iraq.

Carl Peluso is a pediatrician in Wauwatosa, WI.

The Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award

Nominations due by October 15, 2007

The Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award is presented annually to two Wake Forest alumni who are exemplary classroom teachers with at least three years’ teaching experience in public or private schools. Each winner, one on the primary level (K–6) and one on the secondary level (7–12), receives a $20,000 cash award, one of the largest monetary awards of any teacher-recognition honor in the country.

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Welcome Class of 2011

Welcome home

Munn (’97, JD ’01) has joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte. He focuses on retirement plans, executive compensation arrangements and stock-based compensation.

Burns Malone Wetmore (JD ’99) is a managing prosecutor for Charleston County in Charleston, SC.

Sarah Elizabeth Little Wetmore (JD ’99) practices defense litigation with Carlock Copeland Semler & Stair LLC in Charleston, SC.

Laura Zuckerman is senior corporate counsel for T-Mobile USA in Washington.

Sarah Moore Johnson is an estate planning attorney with Venable LLP in Washington. She is vice chair of the D.C. Bar Estate Planning Committee.

Geoffrey J. Michael is clerking for Justice Samuel Alito on the U.S. Supreme Court. He and his wife, Heidi, live in Alexandria, VA.

Chris Moody is executive director of housing and dining programs at American University in Washington. He won the staff award for customer focus in 2006.

Emily Meyers Munn (JD ’01) practices employment defense with Raymond L. Hogge Jr. PLC. She and her husband, Dan Munn (’94, MS ’96, MD ’00), and their three children live in Norfolk, VA.

Brad (’78, MD ’82) and Saralyn (’78) Bute, Long Island, NY
Duncan and Amy Butler (P ’99, ’11), Austin, TX
Dave and Glen Cordo (P ’09), Boston, MA
Harry and Nan Curtis (P ’09), Summit, NJ
Jack (’78, JD ’81) and Mary Jo Elliott (P ’10), Pittsburgh, PA
Neill and Anne Preston Farmer (P ’09) & Jay and Martha Moore (P ’09), Richmond, VA
Coleman and Marcie Monroy-Goldsmith (’80), Cincinnati, OH
Anne Griffiths (P ’07), Cleveland, OH
Steve (’83) and Paige Hyatt, FL, Lauderdale, FL
Joe (’69) and Nancy Inman (P ’09), Atlanta, GA
Greg (’78, JD ’81) and India (’77) Keith (P ’07, ’08, ’11), Charlotte, NC
William and Allyson Kiefeth (P ’07, ’09), Philadelphia, PA
Mitch and Sande Kornblit (P ’08), New York, NY
Alan and Carol Lacy (P ’09), Chicago, IL
Digit (’69) and Beth (’71, MA ’75) Laughbridge (P ’09), Greenville, SC
Mark and Ginny (’83) Lawson (P ’10), St. Louis, MO
Bob and Debi Lee (P ’06, ’10), Darien, CT
Jim and Patti Lenker (P ’04), Central PA
Brad (’02, MSA ’02) and Emily (’01) Lewis, Denver, CO
David (’77, MD ’80) and Patrice Newman (P ’07, ’11), Greensboro, NC
Rusty and Kathy Newton (P ’09, ’11), Jacksonville, FL

We welcome the Class of 2011 and extend our sincere thanks to those who hosted welcome receptions throughout the country:
**Brian Smithwick** is vice president of information systems at DunnWell LLC in Garner, NC. He and his wife, **Stephanie Fox Smithwick** ('99), live in Wake Forest, NC.

### 1998

#### Jennifer Jarrett Dilts
is a pediatrician in Indianapolis.

#### Jennifer Laudadio
is assistant professor in the pathology department at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. She practices surgical pathology and molecular pathology.

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#### Jaime Dorsett Mercle
is a school administrator in the Wake County (NC) public school system.

#### Elizabeth O’Donovan
taught a seminar, “Motivational Speaking Techniques for Parents of Small Children,” at CARC’s conference in Washington. Alumni attending and celebrating a mini-reunion were

- **Dan Caggiano**, Maria Alavanja Caggiano, Rachel Childs Durant, Dave Nichols and Julie Davis Nichols.

#### Faye L. Rodman
is counsel in the employment law group of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. in Atlanta.

### 1999

#### Andrea Daquino
is manager of the international department at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

#### Jeff Dillon (MBA ’04)
is a product manager for GMAC Insurance in Winston-Salem.

#### Marcus R. Ingram (MDiv ’06)
was assistant university chaplain at Wake Forest. He is now pursuing a PhD in higher education administration at the University of Virginia with an internship in the Miller Center of Public Affairs. He was ordained an elder in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ.

#### Sarah Speeg Rasco
is completing a year as chief resident at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta through her psychiatry residency with Emory University. She has a fellowship in forensic psychiatry with the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas.

#### Kristine Rork
completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and received her PhD in clinical psychology, child specialization, from West Virginia University. She received a post doctoral fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson working with children with severe behavior problems and/or victims of child abuse.

#### Andrew I. Shaw
is a corporate associate with McDermott Will Emery LLP in Boston.

#### Brian Singleton
received his master’s in horticulture from N.C. State University. He started his own nursery and landscape company in 2005 in Richmond, VA.

### 2000

#### Crystal Simms Carroll
is the compensation manager at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

#### Christian Conti
was featured on ABC World News for his work with Kiva, a microfinance organization bringing entrepreneurial loans to the developing world.

#### Megan A. Lammon (JD)
has been elected to membership of Cozen O’Connor in Charlotte. She is in the firm’s subrogation and recovery department.

#### Brett A. Loftis (JD)
is executive director at the Council for Children’s Rights in Charlotte.

#### Allison Doyle Roditi
is administrative manager of neurology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. She is responsible for the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, Stroke and Neurology. Her department is part of the Harvey Cushing Institutes of Neuroscience.

#### David Nathan-Allen Sims
graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He passed the California State Bar and completed a fellowship at the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office. He is practicing class actions and anti-trust litigation at Saveti & Saveti Inc. in San Francisco.

### 2001

#### Steven Antini (JD)
is legal counsel for Glenport Inc. in Raleigh, NC.

#### Damien Banks
completed his judicial clerkship in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. He is an associate with Gleason Flynn Emig & Fogleman in Rockville, MD, practicing commercial and medical negligence.

#### Ria Battaglino
received her MD from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and has begun her residency in psychiatry at the University of California-Irvine. She intends to specialize in child psychiatry and mind/body medicine. She and her husband, Lawrence Loughlin, and daughter, Ariana (2), live in Huntington Beach, CA.

#### Amy Elizabeth Beresky
is pursuing a MS in statistics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

#### Jim Danitschek (MD)
was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease and congestive heart failure while interning at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He underwent deep brain stimulation surgery and is now living with his parents in Waynesville, NC.

#### Nicholas Ferene
is a global product manager for the oncology division of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Haverford, PA.

#### M. Reagan Humber
taught Italian at Duke University. He is pursuing a PhD in Italian Studies with an emphasis in cinema at UC Berkeley. He lives in Oakland, CA.

#### Karen Roberts McNamara
received her master’s in communication, culture and technology from Georgetown University.

#### Cynthia Gail Enloe Neff (MA)
taught math at West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, NC, for five years. Now she is a stay-at-home mom.

#### Hollis M. Nichols (JD)
is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. She is stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, as an assistant professor of law in the department of leadership, ethics and law.
Lamont R. Richardson (JD) is a shareholder with Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless in Salt Lake City. He was named to the “Up and Coming” list for real estate in the Chambers USA Guide to America’s Leading Business Lawyers.

Christian N. Siewers Jr. is assistant prosecutor for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Tribe. He received the Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Western N.C. Crime Victim’s Coalition.

Maureen Curtin Sullivan is a public finance lawyer with Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston.

2002

Lee Briggs and Brent Thomas are bicycling 3,500 miles (65-75 days) across the country to promote awareness for cancer research and to raise $20,000 for the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Their blog is at http://elifelist.weebly.com.

Kyle Thomas R. Cutts is in law school at Case Western Reserve in Ohio. He had an article, “A Modicum of Recovery: Deterring Child Sex Tourists Through the Alien Tort Claims Act,” accepted for publication in the Case Western Law Review. He received the Note of the Year Award from the law review staff.

Noelle M. Shanahan Cutts is in law school at Case Western Reserve in Ohio. She had an article, “Enemies Through the Gates: Russian Violations of International Law in the Georgia/Abkhazia Conflict,” accepted for publication in the Case Western Law Review.

Gary Dyksterhouse and his wife, Kathryn Sturdivant Dyksterhouse (’08), are farming corn, cotton and soybeans in Mississippi.

Jason A. Genin received his MD from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is interning in ophthalmology at West Virginia University in Morgantown. He and his wife, Cindy, have a daughter, Katiya.

Kyle Glandon received his master’s in architecture from The Design, Architecture, Art and Planning School at the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Lacey Shirk Glandon (’02), live in Cincinnati.

Melissa Whitenack Gunter received her MD with a distinction in humanities from the University of Rochester, NY. Her residency is in obstetrics and gynecology.

Kate Beyer Haas is an administrative assistant in the Wake Forest development office.

Jennifer Huss completed her MBA at The University of Virginia’s Darden School. She is a merger and acquisition associate with Rothschild Inc. in New York City.

Katherine E. Knipp received her MBA from Duke University and is working at The JPMorgan Private Bank in New York.

Justin Thomas Kudela is an attorney with the Ohio Supreme Court in Columbus.

Joshua B. Lyle brokers commercial real estate in Miami as an investment advisor with a boutique brokerage house, Rowley Group.

Devin Patrick McCullough graduated with honors from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. His residency is in anesthesiology at The Cleveland Clinc. He and his wife, Claire Boyette McCullough (’03), live in Cleveland.

Elisabeth Pfohl Sasser (MBA) works at her family’s business, Carolina Sunrock, in Raleigh, NC.

2003

Kim Kukulski Doyle (JD) is an associate with Jackson Lewis LLP in Cary, NC, focusing on employment law. She is also a member of the Alaska Bar Association.

Natalee Sheppe French received her MD from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston where she is pursuing a residency in pediatrics.

Jon Harkey is pursuing an MBA at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Brett J. Levitt received his MBA from Syracuse University’s Whitman School of Management. He is engaged to Caroline Rosiek (’03).

Julie Williamson Morelli is a senior claim representative at GMAC Insurance in Winston-Salem.

Caroline L. Rosiek received her JD from Syracuse University College of Law.

Fall Weekends 2007 (and Thursday nights, too!)

Saturday, September 8  Wake Forest vs. Nebraska football game
President’s Weekend

Saturday, September 15  Wake Forest vs. Army football game
Homecoming

Saturday, September 22  Wake Forest vs. Maryland football game

Thursday, October 11  Wake Forest vs. Florida State football game

Saturday, October 27  Wake Forest vs. UNC football game
Family Weekend

Saturday, November 17  Wake Forest vs. NC State football game

Details about Homecoming and President’s Weekend are available on the Alumni Web site (www.wfu.edu/alumni). Details about Family Weekend are available on the Student Union Web site (http://su.wfu.edu).
2004

Leigh Coughenour Bagley (JD) has joined Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She is an associate attorney practicing commercial real estate law.

Lauren Kimberly Edwards received her JD from the David A. Clarke School of Law in Washington.

Mary Horan (MALS) is marketing director of First Community Bank based in Winston-Salem.

Tim Mearns is a bilingual child advocate at the Council for Children’s Rights in Charlotte.

Audrey Page (JD) is an attorney with the Center for Children’s Defense representing children in the juvenile justice system at the Council for Children’s Rights in Charlotte.

George Boone Smith IV received his JD from Mercer University School of Law. He is pursuing an LLM in taxation at Georgetown University.

Brad White (MSA ’05) is a recruiting assistant on the Wake Forest football staff.

2005

Catherine Alley was a development associate at the Council for Children’s Rights in Charlotte. She is pursuing a JD at the Northwestern Law School in Chicago.

Erin Ferrell was named the 2005/06 New Teacher of the Year for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. She teaches at Providence Day School in Charlotte.

Jessica Brooke Hancock is completing a 27-month commitment with the Peace Corps in Ghana. She plans to continue her post-graduate studies in public health.

J. Lee Hill Jr. (MDiv) is pursuing a PhD in religious education at Fordham University in New York.

Rena Catherine Keen received her master’s in music, with a concentration on clarinet performance, from the UNC-Greensboro School of Music.

Nicki Noble designs customized international tour itineraries for students and teachers at EF Educational Tours in Cambridge, MA.

Sarah Pickens is a banking officer with BB&T in Johns Island, SC.

Ben Prosser received his master’s in medical physiology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He is researching skeletal muscle physiology with a focus on muscular injury and is pursuing a PhD in molecular medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

2006

Michael Parkhurst played soccer with the U.S.A. National Team in the Gold Cup.

Kristen Preece was a second lieutenant assigned to the 173rd airborne brigade as a quartermaster platoon leader. She is deployed to Afghanistan.

Sarah J. Rhodes served as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya. She is in the physician assistant program at Emory University in Atlanta.

2007

Mandy Goins earned third team All-American accolades from Golfweek magazine.

Michelle Sikes was named the 2007 Division I Outdoor Track & Field Scholar Athlete of the Year. She has been named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team.

Kyle Visser was named to the ACC’s All-American Men’s Basketball Team for the fourth time.

Marriages

Timothy Lee Barnes (’73) and Peggy Bullard Horsley. 6/10/07 in Pittsboro, NC. Attending were Tom Alexander (’73), Christopher Barnes (’03), Melanie Bonnem Barnes (’04, MSA ’05), Pat Barnes (’70), Bob Benson (’72, JD ’75), Buck Blair (’73), Wayne Gentry (’72), Joe Goodman (’73), Cary McCormack (’72), Tippy Richmond (’73), John Rosser (’72), Gabrielle Ponzi Rowe (’96), Kavin Rowe (’96), Steve Sarver (’73), John Stone (’72, JD ’77), Gary Strickland (’73), Bill Teague (’73), Tom Vann (’74), David Weir (’73, MD ’77), Davis Williams (’72) and Ed Williams (’74).

Jeanne P. Whitman (’79, MBA ’87) and Rhodes Bobbitt. 6/14/07 in Dallas.

Troy R. Jackson Jr. (’82) and Kristie Robertson. 4/27/07 in Whitehouse, Jamaica.

Jennifer Rierson (’89) and Evan A. Smith. 11/4/06 in Oak Island, NC. They live in Greensboro, NC.

Emily Ann Nane (’90) and Jon Jividen. 9/9/06. They live in Raleigh, NC.

Jo Ellen Huddleston (’93) and Randall Hunter Bowman. 5/25/07 in Greensboro, NC. They live in Whitsett, NC.

Laura Levie (’93) and Cary Estes. 3/3/07 in Birmingham, AL. Attending were Greg Brondos (’90, MAEd ’93), Kristin DeHaven (’93), Chris Meta (’92, MA ’94), Rachel Godsoe Meta (’93), Tina Hartsell Upshaw (’89) and Kim Walsh (’93).

Danielle Blood (’94) and Michael Flynn (’95). 4/14/07 in New York City. The wedding party included Laura Blood (’92).

Katherine J. Berlinger (’96) and J. Geoffrey Hollywood. 4/21/07 in Hudson, MA. The wedding party included Lisha Maxwell Stokes (’98). Attending were Amy Laczynski (’98), Geoffrey Lamont (’00) and Scott Lamont (’98).

Robert Stenhouse (’96, MSA ’97) and Julie Cronin. 5/5/07 in Napa, CA. They live in New York, NY.
Jenny Lee Manley ('97) and Matthew Claggett Brokaw. 10/28/06 in Sonoma County, CA. They live in San Francisco. The wedding party included Rebecca Lee Bogle ('98), Tiffany Schaefer Bok ('97), Merrie Hatch Bouton ('97, MSA '98), Hillary Jones Cooper ('97), Kelly Danielak Lerner ('97) and Linnea Faye Olson-Schwartz ('97).

Sarah “Sally” Endemann ('98) and Oliver Seymour. 3/31/07 in St. Petersburg, FL. They live in Tampa.

Beth Alison Lunsford ('98) and Shawn Cox. 4/14/07 in Fuquay-Varina, NC. Attending were Heather ('98) and JC ('99) Astudillo, Beth ('98) and Dylan ('99) Baker, Becky ('98) and Jason ('98, JD '01) Benton, Kelly Corcoran Gordon ('98) and Staci Schwartz ('98).

Jamison Weinbaum ('98) and Cortney Konner. 4/21/07. Attending were Alex Brown ('98), Zach Everson ('98), Geoffrey Michael ('97), Jessica Nelson ('98) and Bill Shoemaker ('98, MSA '99).

Gavin Michael Bowie ('99) and Jennifer Barnes. 5/5/07 in San Diego. The wedding party included Jason Benton ('98), Peter Bowie ('64), Charles Harlan ('98) and Keith Thompson ('98).

Andrea Daequino ('99) and Ana G. Alzaga Fernandez. 4/4/07 in Houston.

Kristin L. Hill ('99) and Andrew M. Messick. 6/9/07. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Laura Vieta Richardson ('99, MA '01).

Emily Adele Hoagland ('99) and Paul Joseph McNamara (JD '03). 5/19/07 on Grand Cayman Island. They live in Wilmington, NC.

Jason Morris Marley ('99, MBA '06) and Elizabeth Chandler Blanco. 5/5/07 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Clint Bundy (MBA '06), Brent Cordeiro (MBA '06), Haynes Gentry ('99) and Lee Raymer ('99).

Kelly Elizabeth Sharpe ('99) and Jeffrey Allen Reilly. 4/28/07 in Chapel Hill, NC. They live in Durham, NC. Attending were Michelle Howard Bae ('00), Lauren Ale Hull ('99) and Katharine Hall Kirkpatrick ('99).

Michael William Simons ('99, MBA '04) and Reid Hartzoge. 5/19/07 at Figure Eight Island, NC. They live in Charlotte. The groom’s uncle, J. William Straughan ('64, JD '72), presided. The wedding party included Jones Byrd ('99, JD '02), Luke K. Cline ('99), Ashley Vermillion Harris ('99), Clyde I. Harris ('98) and Brian M. Lewis ('99, MSA '00).

Shannon Theresa Trant ('99) and Andrew Foster Johnson. 5/26/07 in Frederick, MD.

Mary Margaret Harris ('00) and William Garland Parham III. 8/6/06 in Topsail Beach, NC. They live in Raleigh.

Annie Elizabeth Shropshire ('00) and Joshua Lynn Shoemaker ('01). 6/2/07 in Asheville, NC. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Jim Fitzpatrick ('00) and Karl Schilling ('00). Attending were Lauren Hook ('00, MSA '01), Laurie Benson Kovarik ('00), Stefanie Mathews Rosecrans ('99), David Smith ('98, JD '01) and Julianne Lignelli Smith ('00).

Crystal Delcie Simms ('00) and Christopher Carroll. 3/24/07 in Atlanta. The wedding party included Kevin Gamble ('03) and Jolla Newman ('00). Attending were Tonya Coles ('01), Pamela Dawkins ('00, Georina Iyamu ('02), Warmer May ('00), Maggie Moore ('00), Lee Anne Quasbie ('00), Maryam Rahman-Esene ('00), Latanya Scott ('01) and Meredith Wells ('99).

Jordan Asayke-Willensky ('00) and C. Apala Barclay. 7/2/06 in Eugene, OR. They live in Portland, OR. The wedding party included Laura Jeanne Teeter Diddle ('00) and Nicole Kazee ('00).

Courtney Noelle Stahl ('01) and Eric Hugo Stachowski. 5/26/07 in St. Simon’s Island, GA. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Lee Pangie Rice ('99). Attending were Jaron Barbee ('01) and Amanda Hunt ('97) and Will Hunt ('99).

Maureen Elizabeth Curtin ('01) and Brendan Sullivan. 3/24/07 in Boston. The wedding party included Emily Dransfield Rietz ('01).

Hollis M. Nickens (JD '01) and Kent Simdynes. 5/12/07 in Annapolis, MD.

Mary Katharine Beyer ('02) and Tyrone Reid Haas. 10/28/06 in Morganton, NC. They live in Winston-Salem. Thomas A. Bland Jr. ('78) officiated. The bride’s parents are Richard W. Beyer ('74, JD '76) and Mary Simpson Beyer ('75), her uncle is Frederick C. Beyer II ('73, MD '76), and her grandfather is Dan R. Simpson ('49, JD '51). The wedding party included Lindsay Anne Dedo ('02), Jayne Shomaker Gallop ('03) and Adrienne Lynn Loffredo ('03).

John Mercer Langley ('02) and Emily Peay Walters ('04). 5/12/07 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Bucky Dohn ('97), Claire Crotzer Enick ('94), Rob Eshleman ('02), Bryan Griffith ('02), Rod Heintz ('02), Allison Hite ('04), Allen Hobs ('02), Julie Iannazzone ('94), Sarah Kimball ('04), Tripp Lumpkin ('02), Millie Pelletier ('04), Matt Porterfield ('02), Trey Walters ('00) and Sarah Langley Wilde ('99, MSA '00).

Nisrine Libbus ('02) and Caleb Evans. 7/30/06 in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Jessica Ange ('03).

Elizabeth Anne Machalek ('02) and Christian Merida. 4/28/07 in Springfield, VA. They live in Oakton, VA. The wedding party included Jennifer Boone ('97, MAEd '02), Lauren Jensen ('02), Claiborne Linvill ('02) and Anita Woolley ('02). Attending were Rachel Duncan ('02), Molly Mattingly ('02), Sara Nicholas ('01), Courtney Pieczynski ('02), Suzanne Ragains ('02) and Hunter Willard ('02).

Devon Patrick McCullough ('02) and Claire Lillian Boyette ('03). 8/5/06 in Shelby, NC. The bride’s father is Douglas Ray Boyette (MD '75). The wedding party included Bradford Lenz Halle ('02, MSA '03), Andrew Garner Smith ('02, MSA '04) and Clinton Scott Warren ('02).

Chidi C. Nweke (MBA '02) and Alisa W. Hawthorne. 4/28/07 in Atlanta. They live in Austin, TX. The wedding party included T. Shane Mayes ('02). Kenneth O.C. Imo (JD '02) attended.

Elisabeth Anne Pfohl (MBA '02) and Kevin Sasser. 5/19/07 in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Christine Gafuiria (MBA '02) and associate professor Aneil Mishra’s children, Maggie and Jack. Attending were Greta Brunet (MD '95, MBA '02) and Brian Collins (MBA '02).
Melissa Anne Whitenack ('02) and Christopher Todd Gunter. 4/21/07 in Pittsford, NY. They live in Rochester, NY.

Jessica Ijams Wolfing ('02) and Benjamin David Morgan ('02). 8/12/06 in Linthicum, MD. They live in Blackwood, NJ. The wedding party included Laura Hurd Bilton ('01), Erik Bissonnette ('01), Maritza Hobson ('03), David Kaminski ('00) and Alicia Lee ('02).

Rebecca “Becky” Ambro ('03) and Timothy Campbell. 7/7/07 in Stow, MA. They live in Bradford, MA. The wedding party included Kristen Bennett ('04).

Jahda Hope Batton ('03) and Jonathan Christian Hill ('04). 6/8/07 in Baltimore. They live in Wheaton, MD. The wedding party included Jessica Kunze ('03). Attending were David Barrett ('04), Linda Baugher ('03, MSA '04, JD '07), Deborah Berry ('94), Tom Berry ('93), John Kramer ('03, MSA '04), Layla Racy ('03) and Nathan Sisco ('04).

Jennifer Carlyle (MAEd '03) and Harry Lee Davis III (MDiv '05). 5/19/07 in Black Mountain, NC. They live in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Chrissy Davis ('03).

Stacy Kay Gomes ('03, JD '06) and Ryan Christopher Hurley (JD '06). 6/17/07 in Providence, RI. The wedding party included Mathew Flatow (JD '06) and Jennifer Thomas (JD '06).

Jonathan “Jon” Harkey ('03) and Jill DeNigro. 4/28/07 in Atlanta. They live in Chapel Hill, NC.

Amanda Elizabeth Pedersen ('03) and Jesse Sugarman. 6/16/07 in Chicago. The wedding party included Anna Clark ('03), Michelle Henley ('03) and Lydia Shannon McNett ('03). Attending were Eric Keller ('03) and Randle McClure ('95).

Ricky Perez ('03) and Courtney Barksdale ('04). 5/26/07 in Wait Chapel. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Kellen Brantley ('04), Nick Burney ('04), Tiffany Callaway ('05), Obi Chukwumah ('03), Chemere Davis ('04), Drew Dayton ('03), Broderick Hicks ('02), Chad Rebar ('03), Candra Rowell ('04) and Tarence Williams ('03).
Elizabeth Anne Richardson ('03) and Kevin Grozis. 7/7/07 in Bluemont, VA. They live in Sterling, VA. Attending were Jenny Cross ('03), Dustin Knutson ('02), Keri Senges Knutson ('03) and Jenny Trucano ('03).

Meredith Travis ('03) and Robert Orlowski ('04). 6/25/07 in Centerport, NY. The wedding party included Brendan Quinn ('04) and Cynthia Mills Scully ('03).

Ashley Elizabeth True ('03) and Aaron Charles Long. 6/3/07 in Jacksonville, FL. They live in New York. The wedding party included Lindsey Stergiou Guenther ('03), Anna Elizabeth Holt ('03), Melissa Erin Jones ('03) and Anna Elizabeth Warburton ('03).

Margaret Ann Cobetto ('04) and John Mark Lacy ('04). 5/20/07 in Charleston, SC. The wedding party included Kimberly Baker ('04), Claire Enick ('04), Elizabeth Hill ('04), Vaughn Jennings ('04), Ashlee Miller ('04), Taylor Stair ('04) and John-Thomas Tremaglio ('04).

Courtney Dolkart ('04) and Brandon Hall. 7/5/07 in South Carolina. The wedding party included Sara Clement ('04), Heidi Smithson Compton ('04), Christina Corcoran ('04), Kellie Dupree ('04) and John-Thomas Tremaglio ('04).

Elizabeth Catherine Hellman ('04) and Jeffrey Robert Greenwald. 1/27/07. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Meredith Brant ('05), Mary Beth DeVilbiss ('04), Molly Rutledge ('04) and Kendrick Sudderth ('04).

Gregory David Schutt ('04) and Emily Seawell Bolton. 6/30/07 in Winston-Salem. They live in Baltimore. The bride’s parents are Jon Scott Bolton ('03) and Mary Seawell Bolton ('74). The wedding party included Karver Scott Bolton (MA '07), Morgan Taylor Fordham ('04, MD '08), John William Lettieri ('04), Robert Henry Mills ('04) and sophomore Mary Jarvis (Molly) Bolton.

Denise B. Conner ('05) and David J. Miller ('05). 5/19/07 in Natchez, MS. The wedding party included Brendan Dove ('05), Ashleigh Harb ('05), Sally Inman ('05), Eric Iversen ('05), Anna Lea ('05), Sean Lucas ('05), Lyndsey Miller ('05), Carrie Milliken ('05), Tyler Orlowski ('05), Martha Saulsbury ('05), Allie Scanlan ('05), Anne Schaufele ('05) and Whitney Smith ('05).

Gregory Kyle Evans ('05) and Cassie Lea Cox ('07). 6/2/07 in Lexington, NC. The bride’s parents are Candace and Kevin P. Cox (MA ’81). The wedding party included Justin Beal ('05), medical student John Brewington ('05), Kristin Cook ('07), Blake Esterday ('05), Amanda Hubich ('05), Erika Libero ('06), Reid Nance ('05), Ashlin Owen ('06) and Scott St. Amand ('07).

David Locke Glenn III ('05) and Anne Gardner Arnold ('06). 6/23/07 in Fredericksburg, VA. They live in Chapel Hill, NC. The wedding party included Andrew Cash ('05), David Risner ('05), Philip Rogers ('05), Brandon Smith ('05) and sophomore Helen Glenn.

Lauren Grace Lockard ('05) and Sean William Collins ('05). 5/5/07 on Bald Head Island, NC. They live in College Station, TX.

Bradford Joseph Smith ('05) and Jane McElwee ('05). 6/9/07 in St. Louis. The wedding party included David Arthur Alderson ('05), Adam Ryan Brookner ('04), Leicia Dallemolle ('04, MALS '06), Elizabeth Willingham Ferrell ('06), Ann Christine Fitch ('06), Lauren Grace Lockard ('05), Christopher John Michel ('06) and Jonathan Harris Portnoy ('05, MBA '07).

Sarah Charlotte Hoey ('06) and Jonathan “JC” Crawford ('06). 7/15/06. They live in Addison, TX. The wedding party included Alex Bryant ('06), David Coons ('06), Morgan Farrar ('06), Genna Gaddy ('06, Ben Hearnsberger ('06), Jennifer Justice ('06), Katie Livanos ('06), Will McEwen ('06), Chris Nilan ('06) and Julie Parker ('06).

Ryan S. Plackemeier ('06) and Kristen Teague. 5/19/07 in Charlotte. They live in Seattle.

Adam Michael Blincoe ('07) and Sara Cailltin Bergen ('07). 7/21/07 in Downingtown, PA. They live in Lexington, KY. The wedding party included Lauren Matise ('07) and seniors Joe-Heinz Jones and Joshua Riddell.

Births/Adoptions

J. Anthony “Andy” Penry ('76, JD '79) and Karen Moriarty, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Ellen Nancy. 6/24/07. She joins her sisters, Carolyn (22), Kathryn (17) and Sarah (1), and her brother, John (4).

Kevin M. Amigh ('80) and Elizabeth Hunt Amigh ('90), Clayton, NC: a son, John Ross. 8/9/05. He joins his brother, Jackson Zeak (7), and sister, Grace Leonard (5).

Andy Alcock ('83) and Sarah Alcock, Louisville, KY: a son, Gordon James. 5/22/07

Henry M. Cooper ('85) and Donna Cooper, Charlotte: a son, Henry Pierce. 4/26/07. He joins his sister, Alexa (3).

John G. Snover ('86) and Christina M. Snover, Greenville, SC: a son, Samuel Griffin. 7/6/06. He joins his sisters, Ali, Jessi and Katy-Rose.

Tricia Lynne Daisley ('87) and Steve Smith, Chapel Hill, NC: a son, Sam. 12/8/06. He joins his brother, Ben (3).

Wendy Warren Loehr ('87) and Alan H. Loehr Jr., Culver, IN: adopted daughter, Eliza Warren. 6/06

Alison Newman Davis ('88) and Daryl Davis, Toms River, NJ: a son, Glen Michael. 1/4/06, adopted from Russia 4/3/07.

Sherrod Judson “Jud” Waites II ('88) and Birgit Waites, Marietta, GA: a daughter, Chelsie Raquel. 5/22/07

Bradley David Kendall ('89) and Brooke Kendall, Atlanta: a son, Luke David. 4/18/07

Merrill G. Jones II ('90, JD '97) and Anne P. Jones, Winterville, NC: twins, Thomas Merrill and Ellen Jane. 9/2/06

James Bland ('91) and Laura Kennedy Bland ('93, MBA '01), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Olivia Thornton. 2/16/07. She joins her brother, Jay (2).

Amy Graham Burzinski ('91) and Mark Burzinski, Oak Creek, WI: a son, Gus Edward. 11/20/06. He joins his brothers, Max (10) and Sam (4), and sister, Emily (7).
John Earnhardt ('91) and Lisa Earnhardt, Menlo Park, CA: a son, Jack LaRue. 2/5/07

Kathryn Skye Ferraro Erskine ('91) and Matthew Erskine, Richmond, VA: a son, Matthew Carlos Quixtan. 1/17/06 in Guatemala, adopted 5/15/07. He joins his sisters, Avery (7) and Anna (4).

Sean B. O'Brien ('91) and Kelli O'Brien, Boston: a son, Declan Cameron. 6/17/07. He joins his brother, Seamus, and sister, Maggie.

Matthew Todd Brawner ('92) and Stacey Brawner, Atlanta: a son, Jack Henry. 11/27/06

Hilary Leathers Canipe ('92, MD '96) and Lee Canipe (MAEd '95). Murfreesboro, NC: a son, Peter Leather. 4/11/07. He joins his sister, Helen (4), and brother, Watt (2).

James Coley ('92) and Katherine Coley, Brooklyn, NY: a son, John "Jack" Nelson. 5/22/07. He joins his sister, Alexandra Paige.

Kelly Kilroy Foley ('92) and Scott W. Foley, Baltimore: twins, William Storms and Julia Niland. 5/2/07

Rochelle Lantz Glover ('92) and Mark A. Glover, Charleston, WV: a daughter, Sara Keith. 1/8/07. She joins her sister, Maggie (3).

Kathleen Wynne Grupp ('92) and John Grupp, Charlotte: a daughter, Elizabeth Wynne. 5/31/07. She joins her sisters, Anna (4) and Maggie (1).

Steven Hale Levin (JD '92) and Jill Levin, Baltimore: a daughter, Julia Shelly. 4/11/07

Patrick Pieklesimer ('92) and Amy Pieklesimer, Greenville, SC: a daughter, Lilly Claire. 5/14/07. She joins her sister, Lainie (2).

Kathleen Unruh Roy ('92) and Barbeau Roy, Larkspur, CA: a daughter, Lilah Grace. 5/29/07. She joins her brother, Lucas (5), and sister, Meghan (3).

Karen Scharett Secor ('92) and Michael Secor, Peachtree City, GA: a son, Zachary Harrison. 9/21/06. He joins his brothers, Jonathan and Adam.

Katherine Brown Seppi ('92) and Antony Seppi ('93). West Chester, OH: a daughter, Mira Rose. 6/25/06. She joins her sister, Sofia (8), and brother, Ethan (5).

Jennifer League Sobon ('92) and John Sobon, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Lindsey Mae. 3/20/07. She joins her sisters, Katie (10) and Holly (8), and brother, Matthew (5).

Kary Ewald Gray ('93) and Thomas Gray, Greensboro, NC: a son, Timothy Paul. 11/6/06

Renee Robertson Corley ('94, MAEd '97) and Chip Corley, Atlanta: twin sons, Campbell Attaway and George Henry. 2/8/07. They join their brother, Finley (3).

Russ Andrew Daniel ('94) and Jennifer Daniel, Charlotte: a son, Spencer Howell. 8/11/06. He joins his brothers, Ian (4) and Connor (4).

Parker McLean Hendrix ('94) and Jeff Hendrix ('94). West Chester, PA: a daughter, Katherine "Kate" Harrington. 6/1/07. She joins her brother, David (2).

Amy Montaglioni James ('94) and Trey James, Alpharetta, GA: a son, William Marshall IV. 5/17/07

Tamara Nicholson Kaliszewski ('94) and Drew Kaliszewski, Durham, CT: a daughter, Paige Kathryn. 2/8/07. She joins her sisters, Julia (5) and Mary (3).

Nicole Fumo Marrone ('94) and Christian Marrone, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Emily Rose. 5/11/07. She joins her sister, Charlotte (1/2).

Rodney Lloyd Perdue ('94) and Anne Perdue ('94). Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Katherine Dare. 3/13/07. She joins her sister, Kristina Anne (3).

Katy Ford Sikorski ('94) and Chet Sikorski, Bristol, TN: a daughter, Julia Jane. 6/30/07. She joins her brother, Ford (2).

Jennifer Feore Cowley ('95) and Thomas Cowley, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Caroline Genevieve. 10/2/06

Raymond Reitzel Hutchins III ('95) and Stacy Hutchins, Kernersville, NC: a son, Raymond Reitzel IV. 6/6/07

Heidi Cruz Marlowe-Rogers ('95, MD '99) and Arron Marlowe-Rogers ('95, JD ‘02). Winston-Salem: a daughter, Maria Adele. 12/22/06. She joins her brother, Xavier David (3).

Lori Dawkins Mauro ('95) and Christian F. Mauro ('95). Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Emily Sarah. 10/12/06. She joins her brother, Nick (3). Larrie W. Dawkins ('68, MBA '82) is a proud "Papa."

David M. McConnell II ('95) and Ann McConnell, Charlotte: a daughter, Ann Davis. 5/2/07.

Ryan McNally ('95) and Vanessa McNally, Mableton, GA: a daughter, Marisa Josephine. 5/2/07

Everett B. "Rett" Padgett III ('95) and Ashley Padgett, Belews Creek, NC: a son, Everett Benton IV. 6/12/07. Everett B. Padgett Jr. (66) is his grandfather.

Jeremy R. Schwer ('95) and Christine Schwer, Washington: a daughter, Taylor Marie. 5/9/07

Rebecca Richards Shankar ('95) and Dilip Shankar, Plano, TX: a daughter, Annika Ava. 5/14/07

Karen R. Thompson ('95) and Burt T. Falgui ('96). Richmond, VA: a daughter, Bridget Claire. 2/22/07

Aaron Chance Wilkinson (JD ’95) and Nancy Wilkinson, Oxford, NC: a daughter, Emily Grace. 1/14/07

Nathan Ashley Woolwine ('95) and Amy Woolwine, Concord, NC: a son, Nathan Ashley II. 5/19/07

Douglas J. Bolt ('96) and Katharine Woodson Roy Bolt ('96). Charlotte: a son, John "Jack" Douglas II. 5/12/07. He joins his sister, Margaret, and brother, Thomas.

Everett McMillan Bolton ('96) and Kathleen Naggs Bolton (JD ’99). Wake Forest, NC: a son, Carter McMillan. 1/18/07

Matthew Michael DeFrank ('96) and Lisa DeFrank, Arlington, VA: a son, Caden Michael. 6/12/07. He joins his sister, Madison (2).
Tucker Daniel Grace Sr. (’96, MEd ’97) and Catherine Grace, Calabasas, CA: a son, Lawson Edward. He joins his brothers, Tucker Jr. and Bennett.

Madeline Cashdollar Gregory (’96) and Jeff Gregory, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Elena Jane. 5/12/07. She joins her brother, Michael Guinn (2 1/2).

April Arden Hess (’96, MSA ’97) and Hans Hess, Washington: a son, Hans Owen. 5/21/07. He joins his sister, “Ellie” Elisabeth.

Sarah-Peyton Joyner McCormick (’96) and Stuart McCormick, Winston-Salem: a son, William Wait. 5/9/07

James D. Passaro Jr. (’96, MSA ’97) and Jenna Passaro, Williamstown, NJ: a son, James Douglas III. 12/11/06

Carl Peluso (’96) and Sara Peluso, Wauwatosa, WI: a son, Luca Joseph. 4/16/07

Elizabeth Ann Kanavich Pratt (’96) and Michael Pratt, San Francisco: twins, Alexander Orben and Grace Isabella. 10/13/06

Karen Rosenberger Robins (’96) and Eric Robins, Arlington, VA: a son, Alexander Joseph. 4/9/07. He joins his brother, Jackson (5), and sister, Sarah (3).

Sarah Elizabeth Little Wetmore (’96, JD ’99) and Burns Malone Wetmore (’96, JD ’99), Folly Beach, SC: a daughter, Brooks Burns. 5/27/07

Tasha Cox Wisehart (’96) and Marc Wisehart (’96), Marietta, GA: a son, Carson Edward. 2/14/07

Burch Rountree Barger (’97) and James Barger, Birmingham, AL: a son, James Fredrick III. 5/25/07

Frederick Way Booth III (’97) and Kristin Booth, Hawthorne, NJ: a son, Kellen Farrell. 3/28/07. He joins his brother, Connor (2).

Matthew Coleman (’97) and Monica Coleman, New York: a son, Alexander Matthew. 5/6/07

Thomas Williams Elrod (’97, MBA ’01) and Maureen Sheehy Elrod, Winston-Salem: a son, Thomas Stephen. 5/15/07

Jennifer Singleton Fox (’97) and Brian Fox, Bluffton, SC: a daughter, Anna Elizabeth. 6/2/07

Melissa Minot Hawks (’97) and Carney Hawks, Purchase, NY: a daughter, Katherine Madison. 7/20/06. She joins her sister, Lauren (10 mos).

Andrew Holtgrewe (’97, MSA ’98) and Monica Lehmann Holtgrewe (’98), Apex, NC: a son, Alexander “Alex” Davis. 4/15/07. He joins his sister, Samantha (2).

Sarah Moore Johnson (’97) and Jay Johnson, Washington: a son, Luke Wendall. 4/16/07

David J. Kirby (’97, MD ’02) and Tisha Kirby, Valdosta, GA: a daughter, Rachel Caroline. 4/9/07

Laura Negel May (’97) and Michael D. May Jr., Aiken, SC: a daughter, Emma Catheryn. 4/19/07

Charee Duncan McConchie (’97) and Marty McConchie (’97), Chapel Hill, NC: a daughter, Natalie “Tally” Elizabeth. 3/20/07. She joins her brother, Ben (2).

Sonia Bauer Murphy (’97) and Peter Murphy, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Madeleine Rose. 3/21/07

Holly Scott Nogas (’97) and Ed Nogas, Arlington, VA: twins, Cooper Thomas and Lucy Scott. 4/26/07. They join their brother, Andy (3).

Robert Shelly Null (JD ’97) and Angela Null, Bloomington, IL: a son, Robert Shelly II. 5/18/07

Mary Beth Green Thorne (’97) and Keith Derek Thorne, Brandon, MS: twins, Anna Beth and Joshua. 8/7/06

Tammy Wells-Angerer (’97) and Ronnie Angerer (’98), Durham, NC: a son, Simon Graeme. 4/24/07. He joins his brother, George Brayton (2).

Daniel M. Caggiano (’98) and Maria Alavanja Caggiano (’98), Montgomery Village, MD: a son, Michael Robert. 3/07

Stephen Hunter Cook (’98) and Amy Costantini Cook, Danville, VA: a son, Benjamin Hunter. 4/23/07

Jon Howard Cox (’98) and Meghan Suddes Cox (’99), Winston-Salem: a son, Jon Roscoe. 4/21/07

Jennifer Jarrett Dilts (’98) and Jason Dilts, Indianapolis: a daughter, Caroline Rebecca. 6/12/06

Kathryn Tompkins Edgecombe (’98) and Jason Edgecombe, Atlanta: a son, Miller “Mills” Jonathan. 6/2/07. He joins his brother, Jay (2 1/2).

Christy Cassell Fiftal (’98) and Jason Matthew Fiftal (’98), Atlanta: a son, Harrison Haynes. 5/1/07. He joins his brother, Grayson (2).

Angela Sigmon Fox (MBA ’98) and Brian Fox, Newton, NC: a daughter, Ruby Kathryn. 3/5/07. She joins her brother, Lawson (2).

Greg Habeeb (’98, JD ’01) and Christy Brendle Habeeb (’00), Roanoke, VA: a son, William David. 2/22/07. He joins his brother, Daniel (2).

Carinne Keenan Hardin (’98) and Paul Simpson Hardin, Athens, GA: a son, James “Jack” Keenan. 4/18/07

Farrah Moore Hughes (’98) and Rhett L. Hughes (’99), Florence, SC: a daughter, Rylie Julianne. 4/5/07

Charlie King (’98) and Whitney King, Lincolnton, NC: a daughter, Lander Ansley. 4/12/07. She joins her brother, Reed (2).

James Francis McHale (’98) and Lauren Beth McHale, Wyckoff, NJ: a daughter, Kaely Elizabeth. 3/24/07

Jaime Dorsett Merckle (’98) and Stephen Merckle, Wake Forest, NC: a son, Harris Clawson. 4/17/07

Jennifer Stewart Newton (’98) and Shawn Newton, Charlotte: a daughter, Delaney Shaw. 2/13/07

Bonnie Warren Palsa (’98) and Albert Palsa, Annapolis, MD: a daughter, Payton Caldwell. 3/6/07. She joins her brother, Albie (15 mos).

Amy Bassett Patz (’98) and Ron Patz, Huntersville, NC: a son, Logan Joseph. 4/25/07
Chantal Chapman Poole (’98) and John T. Poole, Mount Pleasant, SC: a son, Huntly Chapman. 12/6/06. He joins his brother, Jack (2 1/2).

Garrett Putman (’98) and Harriet Putman, Jacksonville, FL: a son, Luke Dennis Wesney (‘98) and Kelly Wesney, Wesley Chapel, FL: a daughter, Lyla Morgan. 2/19/07

Ryan Smartt, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Gin Watson Jenkins (’99, MSA ’00) and Howard Jenkins, Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth. 1/16/07

High Point, NC: a daughter, Evelyn Ralph W. Sevelius Jr. (’98) and Harriet Putman, Jacksonville, FL: a daughter, Navi Amira. 5/23/07

Henry. 11/7/06

Putman, Jacksonville, FL: a son, William Garrett Putman (‘98) and Kelly Wesney, Wesley Chapel, FL: a daughter, Navi Amira. 5/23/07

Elizabeth Smartt (’98) and Ryan Smartt, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth. 1/16/07

Wesley Chapel, FL: a son, Luke David. 4/1/07

Elizabeth Thalheimer Smartt (’98) and Ryan Smartt, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Lyla Morgan. 2/19/07

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Dennis Wesney (’98) and Kelly Wesney, High Point, NC: a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth. 1/16/07

Gin Watson Jenkins (’99, MSA ’00) and Howard Jenkins, Alexandria, VA: a son, Luther Howard V. 4/30/07

Benjamin Carroll Pinner (’99) and Melissa Marie Pinner, Anderson, SC: a son, James Carroll. 3/1/07

Jeffrey J. Trapani (’99) and Clover Lewis, Leeds, MA: a daughter, Eleanor Marie. 5/3/07. She joins her brother, Schuyler Jansen (2).

Katherine Thalheimer Adamson (’00) and John G. Adamson, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Sarah Shepard. 5/8/07. She joins her sister, Katie (2).

Tiffany Kay Bennett (JD ’00) and Andrew Bennett, Atlanta: a daughter, Raeley Kate. 4/2/07. She joins her brother, Dalton (4), and sister, Macy (2).

Brent Cann (’00) and Megan Eaton Cann (’00), Atlanta: a daughter, Clara Hilton. 6/25/07

Charlotte Imbler Crotts (’00) and Todd Crotts, Lewisville, NC: a daughter, Elizabeth Paige. 4/6/07. She joins her sister, Caroline (3).

Luke Evans (MBA ’00) and Stephanie Evans, Greensboro, NC: a son, Campbell Reed. 4/13/07. He joins his sister, Mara (2).

James Robert Faucher (’00) and Emily Cartwright Faucher, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Mary Katherine. 3/21/07

Ashley Reed Griggs (’00) and Edward Weede Griggs (’00), Winston-Salem: a son, John Anderson. 2/6/07. He joins his sister, Caroline (4), and brother, Ward (2).

David Kawesi-Mukooza (’00) and Beth Luarelli (’00), Alexandria, VA: a girl, Navi Amira. 5/23/07

Karen Vucie Keys (’00, MSA ’01) and Justin Keys, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Cecilia Ann. 4/22/07

Jill Webster Lassiter (’00) and Justin Lassiter, Churchville, NY: a son, Ethan Robert. 4/29/07. He joins his brother, Jackson (3).

Cullen C. Lee (’00) and Kara Brown Lee, Arlington, VA: a son, Cullen Clark II. 3/31/07

Molly Murphy Pedersen (’00) and Chris Pedersen, Orange Park, FL: a son, Jett Merritt. 5/1/07. He joins his sister, Malia (2 1/2).

David P. White (’00) and Stephanie Reddy White (’00), Chapel Hill, NC: a son, James Cavan. 4/15/07

Damien Banks (’01) and Laelia Banks, Rockville, MD: a daughter, Cecilia. 6/21/07

Mistie Gudger Collins (’01) and Chuck Collins, Whittier, NC: a daughter, Lola Mae. 1/31/07. She joins her brother, Charlie (2).

Brian Deffaa (MBA ’01) and Jenny Deffaa, Ypsilanti, MI: a daughter, Elle Caroline. 4/16/07. She joins her brothers, William (3) and Carter (2).

Melissa Newman Johnson (’01) and Brandon Johnson, Clemmons, NC: a son, Owen Campbell. 6/17/07

Cynthia Gail Enloe Neff (MA ’01) and Douglas Neff, Yadkinville, NC: a son, Caleb Daniel. 2/4/07

Jennifer Storey Plante (’01) and Marcel Plante, Raleigh, NC: a son, Marcel Arrow. 2/14/07. He joins his brother, Pierce Christian.

Sam Turner (’01, MD ’05) and Kristen Stewart Turner (’01), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Hannah Kate. 3/7/07

Terry Bruner (MD/MBA ’03) and Christine Roberts Bruner (MD ’02), Houston: a daughter, Anna Elizabeth. 4/1/07. She joins her sister, Kate (2).

Susan Czaplicki Den Herder (’02) and Nathan Den Herder, McLean, VA: a son, William Parker. 5/8/07

Jared Warren Hays (’02) and Crystal Hays, Garland, TX: a son, Jackson Warren. 2/17/07

Dustin A. Knutson (’02) and Keri Senges Knutson (’03), Edmond, OK: a son, Owen Alexander. 1/17/07

Faith Glavey Pawl (’02) and Timothy Pawl, St. Louis: a son, Henry Douglas. 2/16/07

Jaclyn Elledge Slagle (’02) and Wesley Slagle, San Diego: a son, Tucker Nathaniel. 1/20/07

Bradley J. Tompkins (MS ’03) and Connie Tompkins, New Orleans: a son, Dylan Jerome. 4/22/07

Charles Kirk Willingham (MSA ’03) and Reid Willingham, Decatur, GA: a daughter, Anna Connor. 5/12/07. Her uncle is Ryan Willingham (MSA ’05).

Noel Schoonmaker (MDiv ’04) and Dayna M. Thompson Schoonmaker (MDiv ’05), LaVergne, TN: a daughter, Maggie Elizabeth. 3/5/07

Deaths

Maurie Bertram Cree (’28), June 23, 2007, Deltaville, VA. He was only 15 days shy of his 102nd birthday. After earning his medical degree from Duke University in 1935, he was a surgeon in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in MASH units in Australia, New Guinea and the Netherlands. He was later on the staff of several hospitals before becoming chief of Orthopedic Services at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Kecoughtan, VA. He was on the surgical staff at Margaret Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, NC, from 1952 until retiring in 1985 and moving to Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Jean; children David (’75), Barbara, Cynthia and Richard; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
OBITUARY

Leon Spencer

He received his diploma from William Louis Poteat and had been around for more of Wake Forest’s history than anyone else. Leon Pharr Spencer (’27), Wake Forest’s oldest alumnus, died on June 20. He was 102. He and his late bother, J.P. Spencer (’39), loyally attended alumni events on the Old Campus, and he had told friends he was looking forward to his 80th class reunion this fall.

Spencer grew up in Emporia and Seaboard, VA., and worked as a bank cashier to pay his way through Wake Forest. After graduating, he worked for 60 years as a Master Mason. His wife, Jane, died in 2004. He endowed the Beth and Frank Webster Athletic-Academic Scholarship at Wake Forest. He is survived by his wife, Susan Elizabeth; and sons Frank Taylor Webster Jr. and George Alfred Webster; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is the brother of Sonewall Jackson Webster Jr. (JD ’59).

Felda Hightower (’29, MD ’31), May 30, 2007, Winston-Salem. He was professor emeritus of surgery at the School of Medicine. After receiving his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania, he was in private practice in Wadesboro, NC, for several years before becoming resident physician at N.C. State Prison in Raleigh in 1938. He joined the medical school faculty in 1941 as an instructor in anatomy. During his long career, he received many national and local awards for his contributions to the field of medicine. He and his late wife, Elizabeth Scheetz Hightower, endowed the Dr. Felda and Elizabeth S. Hightower Scholarship Fund at the School of Medicine. He is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Hightower Welch; two sons, Felda Hightower Jr. and Philip Douglas Hightower; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.


John Sigma Chamblee (’36), July 14, 2007, Nashville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Artillery during World War II. He served the Nash County and Rocky Mount City Health Departments for over 35 years.

Hubert W. Couch (’36), June 28, 2007, Lillington, NC. He was a retired realtor from Winston-Salem.

John W. Cherry Jr. (’37), June 15, 2007, Wilson, NC. He served in World War II and had a long career as a service representative for Rochester Midland Chemical Co., retiring at age 85.

Oscar Edward Shouse Jr. (’38), June 17, 2007, Kermersville, NC. He was a pilot in the Coastal Air Patrol and a chaplain’s assistant in the U.S. Army. He was the choir director at Beck’s Baptist Church for 20 years prior to 1962 and served as a letter carrier for 15 years. He retired as a commercial sales manager at Hunter Publishing Co. He was preceded in death by his wife, a grandson and a son.

Timothy Lee Shouse (’70). Surviving are two sons, Robert (’81) and Lynn; a daughter Suzanne; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Frank Taylor Webster (’40), Apr. 30, 2007, Madison, NC. He graduated in 1944 from Emory University Dental School and practiced dentistry in Madison until 1964. He then worked at Madison Throwing Co. until joining Macfield Texturing Co. as a sales executive. He retired from Macfield in 1986. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a dental assistant.

He endowed the Beth and Frank Webster Athletic-Academic Scholarship at Wake Forest. He is survived by his wife, Susan Elizabeth; and sons Frank Taylor Webster Jr. and George Alfred Webster; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is the brother of Sonewall Jackson Webster Jr. (JD ’59).

John Ashby Donald (’41), April 24, 2007, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1953. He worked for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. in Durham, NC, and later in Richmond, VA, retiring after 27 years. He later retired from Virginia Commonwealth University as assistant book store manager. He enjoyed writing sports columns, short stories, plays and several newsletters, one which led to a book, From Bliss to Kilmer, outlining exploits of his battalion during the war.

Paul Williams Sowers (’41), May 14, 2007, Orlando, FL. He was a teacher before serving as a B-17 pilot in World War II. After graduating from the University of Tennessee Dental School, he became a dentist and settled in Orlando.

Please join fellow members of the Wake Forest family for a memorial service to honor alumni and faculty who have passed away between October 2006 and August 2007.

The service will be held during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Wait Chapel.
John A. O’Briant (’42). April 19, 2007, Roxboro, NC. He served as secretary and retired as vice president of Carver Insurance Agency Inc.

Thomas Lenwood Rich Jr. (’42). July 2, 2007, Fairmont, NC. He was a retired Baptist minister, having served in Southeastern North Carolina and South Carolina for over 50 years. He began his ministry as a U.S. Navy chaplain. He is survived by his wife, Edith; three sons, Lenwood (’70), David and Clifton; 14 grandchildren including Thomas C. Rich (’00); and five great-grandchildren.

Samuel Wait Brewer Jr. (’43). May 28, 2007, Wake Forest, NC. He was born in the town of Wake Forest in 1920 and was a direct descendant of Wake Forest founder Samuel Wait. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, he returned to Wake Forest and worked in his family’s downtown business, S.W. Brewer & Son. He was active in civic and community activities and was elected mayor of Wake Forest in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Virginia Fate Knapp; two sons, Samuel Wait “Sammy” Brewer III (’71) and Richard Lewis Brewer; two sisters, Nancy Brewer Kitchin and Sue Brewer Joyner; six grandchildren; and other relatives including nephews G. William Joyner Jr. (’66), W. Walton Kitchin (’68, JD ’77), and Samuel W.B. Kitchin (’74). Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society, PO Box 494, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

Thomas Smith Fleming Sr. (’44). July 4, 2007, Tarboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a dentist in Tarboro since 1949. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Edgecombe Community College and served on the board of Campbell College.

William Joseph May (MD ’44). April 13, 2007, Winston-Salem. He was in the first class to enroll in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine after the medical school moved to Winston-Salem, and he went on to a long career there. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corp in the late 1940s, he was in private practice in obstetrics and gynecology in Winston-Salem for 20 years and on the clinical faculty at Bowman Gray until joining the faculty full-time in 1973. He retired in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Doris Elizabeth Burke May, and five sons.

Memorials may be made to the W. Joseph May M.D. Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Grady Thomas Hicks (’46). May 24, 2007, Aurora, CO, formerly of Mount Airy, NC, and Accokeek, MD. He served in the Pacific during World War II, worked at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, and discovered The Hicks Effect.

James Jacob Howerin (’48). July 12, 2007, Wilmington, NC. He received the Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal and combat infantry badge and served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 16 years. He worked with Allied Chemical in Hopewell, VA, and spent 31 years with E.I. DuPont in Kinston and Wilmington, NC, and Monterey, Mexico.

Shirley M. Johnson (’48). April 28, 2007, Andover, MA. Her work as a rug designer was showcased at Tufts University.

James Kenneth Reynolds (’49). May 27, 2007, Raleigh, NC. He served in World War II and received a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. He retired after 30 years with Barclay American.


Charles Edward Brinkley (’50). June 3, 2007, Sedona, AZ, formerly of Valdese, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at California State University in Los Angeles for 30 years as assistant university librarian, university archivist and library special collections administrator.

Gerald Stroup Grose (’50). May 23, 2007, Pisgah Forest, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the reserves over 33 years. He was retired from Ecusta Corp.


OBITUARY
Jack R. Baldwin Sr.

The first Demon Deacon has died. Jack R. Baldwin Sr. (’43) donned a top hat and tails on a dare from fraternity brothers to portray a stately Baptist Deacon at a football game in the early 1940s, and the Demon Deacon mascot was born. Baldwin, who lived in Greensboro, NC, died on April 26. He was 84.

Wake Forest’s athletic teams were already known as the Demon Deacons when Baldwin and some friends in the Kappa Sigma fraternity came up with the idea of bringing the Deacon to life. “N.C. State had the wolf and Carolina had the ram, but we didn’t have any type of mascot,” Baldwin recalled in a 1995 interview. “I said that what we needed was somebody dressed up like an old Baptist Deacon would dress, in a top hat and tails and carrying an umbrella. We tried to make him a little more dignified than other mascots.”

A fraternity brother secured an old tuxedo, and the following Saturday Baldwin led the band and football team onto the field for the Wake Forest-Duke game. He continued portraying the Deacon for football games his junior and senior years. In recent years, he donated his outfit—that, tie, frock coat and umbrella—to the Wake Forest Birthplace Society Museum. (Other fraternity brothers picked up his role as the Deacon until the athletics department assumed responsibility for filling the Deacon’s shoes. It wasn’t until the 1980s that the costumed Deacon appeared.)

After graduating, he joined his family’s farm-equipment dealership, Baldwin-Garrett Company, in Greensboro. His first wife, Betty B. Osborne, died in 2003. He is survived by his second wife, Bertha Taylor, and sons Jack (’70), Bill and Brian, and three grandsons.

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OBITUARY
Dave “Sarge” Tinga

Dave “Sarge” Tinga, the ex-Army sergeant who ran the athletic-equipment room with military precision and discipline, died on July 8 after an extended battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 74.

For nearly 30 years, Tinga, who retired in 2002, was firmly in charge of athletic equipment from his base in the basement of Reynolds Gymnasium. But he was much more than “equipment manager” to the athletes who had to pass the “Sarge test” before he would even consider giving them a basketball or a pair of shoes. But once they earned his respect, they could count on his unconditional support.

“Sarge transcended time,” former men’s basketball coach Dave Odom told the Winston-Salem Journal. “He was the common denominator over his years at Wake Forest for so many people across the athletic department and the University.”

A native of California, Tinga spent 21 years in the U.S. Army. He served combat tours in Korea and Vietnam and received the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars with Valor and the Purple Heart. He first came to Wake Forest in 1968 as the sergeant major in charge of the ROTC program, then located in Reynolds Gymnasium, and became friends with coaches and athletic administrators.

He returned to combat duty in Vietnam in 1970 and was severely injured a year later when a mine exploded under his truck on a road outside Saigon; his left leg was amputated below the knee, ending his military career. Then-athletic director Gene Hooks (’50) offered him the newly created job of equipment manager in 1973, and Tinga applied his military background to lay down the law in the equipment room.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, two children, Michael and Patricia, five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Robert Sherrill (’50), July 6, 2007, Durham, NC. He was a reporter and editor at newspapers in North Carolina and California before working at Esquire magazine during the magazine’s glory days. A North Carolina native, he served in the Army Air Corp during World War II before attending Wake Forest. He worked at newspapers in Aboskie, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, NC, and in San Diego and Los Angeles. In the 1960s and early 70s, he was an associate editor at Esquire magazine under legendary editor and fellow alumnus Harold Hayes (’48). Later, as a free-lance writer, he contributed human-interest stories to various magazines and newspapers. One of his essays, “The Truth About Growing Old,” published in Esquire in 1992, was a finalist for a National Magazine Award given by the American Society of Magazine Editors. In January 2007 he was featured in a Vanity Fair article about the influence of Esquire in the 1960s.

Robert B. Broughton (JD ’51), June 5, 2007, Raleigh, NC. He was a prominent N.C. attorney and a past member of the School of Law’s Alumni Council and Board of Visitors. The son of N.C. Gov. J. Melville Broughton, he served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from the University of North Carolina before attending law school at Wake Forest. He served briefly as an assistant in the state Attorney General’s office and as an assistant district attorney before establishing his own private practice in 1954 with his brother, J. Melville Broughton Jr. In 1981, he was named general counsel (and later secretary) for the N.C. Farm Bureau. He received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, the highest award given by the Farm Bureau, in 1992. After retiring from the Farm Bureau in 1993, he became “of counsel” to the law firm of Williams Mullen Maupin Taylor in Raleigh. He is survived by his wife, Sumner. Memorials may be made to the Broughton Law Scholarship, Wake Forest School of Law, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Katherine Burns Isbell (’51), May 3, 2007, Raleigh, NC. She was a long-time resident of the town of Wake Forest and the wife of the late Robert Nevill Isbell, professor of chemistry. She received her degree in business administration when she was 45. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Katherine I. Fredman (’49). She is survived by a daughter,

Elizabeth I. Bulla (’51); five grandchildren, including John S. Gates III (MBA ’84), and 10 great-grandchildren.

William Gaston Penny (’52), May 29, 2007, Louisville, KY. He graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and served in the Air Force, providing dental care at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. He opened his own dental practice in Okoloma, practicing for 45 years and establishing a dental clinic at St. John’s Day Care for the Homeless, Wesley Manor and Brooklawn.

Edward J. Tenney II (JD ’53), June 4, 2007, Fort Oglethorpe, TN. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, practiced law in Bellows Falls, VT, and Claremont, NH, and served four terms as a state prosecutor. He was a 50-year member of the N.H. Bar Association and counsel emeritus of Tenney & Tenney. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1960 and served 32 years with the Civil Air Patrol, retiring in 2003.

Jackson F. Ferguson (’54), June 11, 2007, Blacksburg, VA. He was a retired professor with 30 years of service at Virginia Tech.

William Walden Roberts (’54), April 15, 2007, Longs, SC. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany, Korea, Okinawa and Vietnam, receiving medals including the Bronze Star. After retiring from the Army, he served as staff assistant to the late Senator Strom Thurman in Washington, was administrative officer for the Social Security Administration in Raleigh, NC, and was chief of support services at the U.S. Army Research Office in Research Triangle Park, NC. He retired in 1993.

Norris W. Mayberry (’58), June 6, 2007, Pensacola, FL. He spent his career as a disc jockey and radio station manager. After retiring, he worked with volunteers at Baptist Hospital.

Hugh M. Beam Jr. (’59), May 1, 2007, Winston-Salem. He worked for Integon Corp. for 25 years. He was a golfer and a member of the Professional Golf Association. He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh M. Beam (’12).
Billy L. Ferguson (MD ’59), June 7, 2007, Harrisburg, NC. He served as a flight surgeon with the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command for 10 years and served on the faculty of Loma Linda University Medical Center in San Bernardino, CA. He opened Ferguson Pediatrics in Greensboro, NC, where he practiced for nearly 32 years. Memorials may be made to the Cabarrus County Senior Center, Corban Avenue, Concord, NC, or to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine or Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Gray Sydnor Haynes (’59), May 31, 2007, Mocksville, NC. She attended Salem/Forsyth County and entered Wake Forest after the birth of her fourth child. She taught English and social studies in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system and retired after 32 years of service. She is survived by five children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carolyn Webb Covington (’60), July 7, 2007, Little River, SC.

Richard L. Gilbert Sr. (’60), June 23, 2007, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and sold furniture most of his professional life.

Gerald Edwards “Jerry” Mitchell (’60), June 30, 2007, Wake Forest, NC. He played basketball at Wake Forest under legendary coach Bones McKinney and later taught and coached basketball at several high schools before beginning a long career in business. In 1972, he joined the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and founded Business and Estate Analysis, a financial services company located in Raleigh. He was a Certified Life Underwriter and a Chartered Financial Consultant. He served on the Wake Forest Alumni Council and on the board of directors of the Wake Forest Birthplace Society and was president of the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Terri; daughters freshman Cody Mitchell, Meredith Mitchell Barringer and Megan Mitchell; brothers Wiley F. Mitchell Jr. (’53, JD ’54) and wife Marshale (’52), and John F. Mitchell (’72) and wife Stephanie (’72); and sisters Nancy Mitchell Mattox (MA ’77) and Carol Mitchell Pittman (’74). Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest Birthplace Society Museum, PO Box 494, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

Hildreth Floyd Wilkins Jr. (’60), July 4, 2007, Winston-Salem. He was a dentist for 42 years in Lexington and Midway, NC.

Arthur Blenn Taylor Jr. (’61), June 12, 2007, St. Simons Island, GA. He was senior partner of Taylor Bishop & Lee in Brunswick, GA, until his appointment to the Superior Court Bench in 1980 for five, four-year consecutive terms. He received senior judge status of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit in 2001.

Mary Liz Willard Andrejezak (’62), June 23, 2007, Huddleston, VA. She was a staff psychologist in the Montgomery County (MD) school system and a psychologist in the Child Find Program of the Baltimore County public school system. She was also a certified public accountant.

Joyce Wood Byrd (’62), May 22, 2007, Wilson, NC. She taught at Fike High School and had 30 years service as a teacher.

Robert Lonnie Sykes (’62), May 23, 2007, Winston-Salem. He worked for Budd Services over 25 years as a project manager at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Mary Louise Rhodes Rucker (’65), April 4, 2007, Orlando, FL. She is survived by her husband, Randy H. Rucker (’64), and three children.

Robert Miller Grubenmann (’66), May 29, 2007, Laurinburg, NC. He served 30 years with the U.S. Army Reserves. He received the Legion of Merit Award and retired in 1999.

James Myers Rash (’66), June 14, 2007, Yadkinville, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a home builder.

Gerald Lynn Hunter (’67), May 25, 2007, Thomasville, NC. He taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and the Davie County school systems before joining his father and uncle at Hunter Publishing Co., now Jostens Inc. He worked there 48 years.


Martin I. Resnick (MD ’69), June 18, 2007, Cleveland, OH. He was a professor in the Department of Urology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Klein Resnick (MS ’69), two children and three grandchildren.

Richard Glenn Watson (’69), May 31, 2007, Green Creek, NC. He worked with the State of North Carolina and Rutherford County in the Department of Mental Health as a substance abuse counselor.

Phillip G. Bickers (MD ’70), June 11, 2007, Morristown, TN, formerly of Tampa, FL. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a medical missionary in Ethiopia in the mid 1970s. He most recently worked with Physician’s Care of Chattanooga.

George Hamilton Bell Jr. (’73, MA ’75), June 11, 2007, Blacksburg, VA. He was with Au Bon Pain, and was an assistant professor and aquatics director at Virginia Tech, as well as an investment advisor, politician and aviator. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Neiwirth Bell (’74), and his children, Nancy and Jim (’07).

William Jennings “Bill” Scott Jr. (’73), May 11, 2007, Lumberton, NC. He worked at the Archer Aluminum Division of R.J. Reynolds before serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was a CPA and real estate broker.

John Walter Boyer III (’77). April 22, 2007, Greenville, SC. He was with Zerox Corp. and Digital Equipment Corp. In 1992 he joined Raymond James and Associates and was vice president of investments. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Culp Boyer (’78), and two sons, Ryan and Daniel.

Marilyn Glaser Convery (MS ’79), April 25, 2007, Cleveland, OH. She was a biochemist in industry and a researcher at Case Western Reserve University, where she co-authored articles that appeared in major scientific journals. She is survived by her husband, Patrick G. Convery (MD ’79); four children, Kristen, Ellie, Matt and Steve; and a granddaughter, Selina Mamone.

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Anne Smith Tillett, one of the first full-time female faculty members in the college, died June 15. She was 91.

Tillett began teaching in the Romance Languages department in 1956, the same year that her husband, Lowell, an expert in Russian affairs, joined the history faculty. She taught Spanish, German, French, Italian, Latin and Russian, and directed semester-abroad programs in Dijon, France, and Venice, Italy. She was chair of the Romance Languages department for many years before retiring in 1986.

“She was a very good faculty member and a very talented woman,” said Professor Emerita of English Elizabeth Phillips. “She was an extremely engaging person who liked teaching literature and languages.” Because of her versatility, Tillett could teach wherever she was needed and once taught three different languages in the same semester.

She loved to travel to Europe and Russia with her husband, and often took her children along, Phillips said. “She had a wonderful sense of humor and was a very modest person with many friends.”

Tillett received the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching, selected by alumni, three years after she retired. Alumni recalled that “her home was an extension of her classroom as she frequently entertained students by creating for them through meals, music and conversation the atmosphere of the country whose language they were studying.”

A native of Virginia, Tillett graduated from Carson-Newman College and received a master’s degree from Vanderbilt and a doctorate from Northwestern University. She was head of the Modern Romance Languages Department at Carson-Newman before joining the faculty at Wake Forest.

She is survived by three daughters, Janine (’76), Ellen (’76) and Lyn (’78), eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to the Lowell R. and Anne S. Tillett Scholarship Fund (for Eastern European travel and research), Center for International Studies, PO Box 7385, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

John Bundy Yorke (JD ’79). July 17, 2007, Charlotte. He began his law practice with Wardlaw Knox Knox Freeman & Scofield in Charlotte and then served as an officer and general counsel of Worldway Corp. in Cherryville and then Integon Corp. in Winston-Salem. In 1998 he joined Helms Mulliss & Wicker PLLC. He served on the law alumni council at Wake Forest.

James Bailes Allen (’82). May 24, 2007, Charlotte. He worked for several companies over the years and founded his own customer relation business.

James Drew Squires (’94). April 19, 2007, Charlotte. He served as legislative counsel for N.C. Senator Jesse Helms and was clerk for Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. with the N.C. Supreme Court in Raleigh. Most recently, he was with Teague Rotenstreich Stanaland Fox & Holt LLP.

Friends,
Faculty/Staff

J.C. Cannon, May 19, 2007, Pickens, SC. Along with his wife, Laura, who died in 2004, he established the John Douglas Cannon Scholarship in 1989 shortly after the death of their only child, Douglas Cannon (’67). He was a successful builder and developer in Rock Hill, SC, and York County. He is survived by three nephews and seven nieces. Memorials may be made to the John Douglas Cannon Scholarship, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Earl F. Slick, May 13, 2007, Winston-Salem. He was a prominent developer who helped build Winston-Salem’s first shopping center, Thruway Shopping Center, in 1955. A native of Pennsylvania, he grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Yale University. After serving as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he founded Slick Airways, the first nationwide air-freight business. He was in the oil business in Texas before moving to Winston-Salem in 1952. Along with his wife, Jane, he was a major financial supporter of Wake Forest, particularly the Medical School, athletic department, Graylyn Conference Center, Reynolda Gardens and Reynolda House. He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

Harold W. Tribble Jr., July 9, 2007, Lido Beach, NY. He was the son of former Wake Forest President Harold W. Tribble. He was a Baptist minister in North Carolina and Virginia and a Congregational minister in New York. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a son, and two sisters, Betty Tribble Barnett (’55) and Bobbie Tribble Holding.

L. Ray Troxell, May 18, 2007, Winston-Salem. A native of Springfield, IL, he was an architect/general contractor in Washington before moving to Winston-Salem to work with Larson & Larson Architects on the new Wake Forest campus. In 1962, he established his own architectural firm, specializing in health care facilities and retirement centers. After “retiring,” he designed buildings for two area wineries, Shelton Vineyards and RayLen Vineyards. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, daughter Amy, and son Kyle. He was preceded in death by two sons, Marcus (MD ’79) and Bruce.

Lillian G. Turbiville, June 12, 2007, Burlington, NC. She was a generous donor to the Deacon Club who, along with her late husband, Rex, established an athletic scholarship.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Alumni Admissions Forum
- Return to the Classroom with physics professor Dr. Jacque Fetrow
- Alumni in Admissions (AIA) Training
- Alumni, Faculty and Emeriti Faculty Reception
- Homecoming Bonfire

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Service of Remembrance
- Festival on the Quad
- Deacon Walk Pre-Game Parade
- Alumni Tailgate
- Wake Forest vs. Army football game
- Post-Game Party featuring the Fantastic Shakers


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I wasn’t lucky enough to know Coach Skip Prosser personally. He was never my coach. I never sat next to him at dinner or lunch and got to know his thoughts on the team or his philosophy on life. Instead, I was just a regular undergraduate—trying to figure out how to find family far from home, what my place in the world was supposed to be, and how college was going to get me there.

I was never much of a basketball fan either. I learned most of the rules of the game while watching the Deacons from the stands with new friends my freshman year.

But the news of Coach Prosser’s death saddened me and immediately brought to my mind how much he was a perfect example of the soul of Wake Forest. He was the best ambassador. He had a gift for showing the world what it was about our school that made going there so special. His attitude on and off the court unified the students and fans, and his demeanor on TV was something to look up to. He made us, the students, proud—regardless of the final score.

Soon enough I became a fan who would camp out for big games to get good seats. When Coach Prosser would bring the team—and pizza—to the Joel Coliseum parking lot where we waited for ticket pick-up, I would be the first to cheer and smile. Sometimes, I would listen to games on the radio when I drove back home to Tennessee for the holidays. One year I trekked to New Jersey to the Sweet 16 to cheer on our team.

I started to really love the game, love the team, and love my school. Looking back I know Coach Prosser had a lot to do with that for me, and I’m sure for many other students—because he brought a unified purpose and a pride of ownership for a team and school that had integrity and respect.

One time I ran into Coach Prosser in the school cafeteria and just told him, “Great game, coach.” He turned around, smiled, and replied, “Thank you. The fans last night were great. We’re your team—the team for the students. Keep up the good work and be loud—we really like that.”

And that’s what I think most of the alumni I know will remember about Coach Prosser. He helped make us proud of Wake Forest. He made us proud of our school, and made us very proud to be a Demon Deacon.

We’ll miss him.

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