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Deborah L. Best (’70, MA ’72) stepped down this summer to return to teaching full-time in the psychology department. She is also the William L. Poteat Professor of Psychology. Paul M. Ribisl (P ’88, ’91), the Charles E. Taylor Professor of Health and Exercise Science, has been named interim Dean of the College.

Best joined the faculty in 1972 and was named dean in 2004. “As a longtime member of the faculty, Dean Best has cultivated an environment for excellence in teaching and scholarship,” said Provost Jill Tiefenthaler. “Under her leadership, the College has strengthened its emphasis on liberal education, enlarged the academic program, and created new opportunities for students. She has exemplified Wake Forest’s commitment to the teacher-scholar model as she has continued to teach her upper-level psychology course and to conduct research while dean.”

During her long career, Best has won numerous awards for excellence in teaching and research and for community service. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and has published numerous articles and books on gender stereotypes, cross-cultural psychology, and cognitive development in young children. She served as chair of the psychology department from 1994 to 2002.

Ribisl joined the faculty in 1973 and chaired the health and exercise science department from 1991 to 2007. A well-known researcher, he co-founded the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and served as its director from 1975 to 1991.

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**New deans appointed in Babcock, Calloway, and Graduate schools**

Several new deans have been appointed in the business schools and in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Charles L. Iacovou, an associate professor in the Babcock Graduate School of Management, has been named interim senior associate dean of the Babcock School.

Gordon E. McCray (’85), previously executive associate dean of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy and BellSouth Mobility Associate Professor, has been named interim senior associate dean of the Calloway School.

Matthew T. Phillips (’00, JD ’06) has joined the faculty as assistant dean of business. The new appointments are part of a realignment bringing the Babcock and Calloway schools under the leadership of a single dean. Steve Reimund, former chief executive officer and chairman of PepsiCo, became dean of business in July.

In the Graduate School, Professor of Communication Randall G. Rogan has been named associate dean and will focus on professional development for graduate students on the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses.

Dwayne W. Godwin, associate professor of neurobiology and anatomy at the School of Medicine, has been named an assistant dean of the Graduate School. He will also direct the newly established Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.
Students tour Europe in cross-cultural study

Twenty-one undergraduates and three faculty members spent five weeks traveling through Europe this summer for cross-cultural study in computer science, costume history, and art and architectural history. Students visited thirteen cities in eleven countries on the annual Eurotour—Amsterdam, Paris, Interlaken, Florence, Rome, Venice, Budapest, Krakow, Prague, Berlin, Copenhagen, London, and Edinburgh.

The program was started thirty-four years ago by education professor Herman Preseren and continues under Professor of Education Robert Evans. This year’s tour was led by Assistant Professor of Computer Science William Turkett, Chair and Associate Professor of Theatre Mary Wayne-Thomas, and Professor of Art Margaret Supplee Smith.

For more photos of Eurotour 2008, see www.wfu.edu/magazine

Undergraduates savor Washington experience

Fourteen Wake Forest undergraduates spent the summer studying in Washington, D.C., and interning in government offices, media outlets, and nonprofit organizations through the “WAKE Washington” program.

The students held internships with the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, the Attorney General’s office, the Inter-American Economic Council, the U.S. Naval Historical Museum, and the National Foundation for Women Legislators. Junior sociology major Lauren Wright was an intern at CBS News’ “Face the Nation” with host Bob Schieffer.

“The incredible thing about interning for a major media organization like CBS is the amount of access that the students get,” Wright said. “The best part of it is not even walking down the same restricted halls of the Supreme Court, the Capitol, or the White House that history makers walk everyday, but those few extraordinary moments where you walk alongside them and speak with them.

“Over the summer, I’ve had Newt Gingrich and David Brooks ask for my opinion on their statements during interviews with Bob (Schieffer), chased (Senators) Harry Reid and Ted Stevens down the Senate halls with CBS camera crews, sat in front of the nine Supreme Court justices while they overturned the (Washington) DC gun ban, and followed (President) Bush on his habitual walk from the Oval Office, through the Rose Garden, and onto his helicopter with reporters.”

Wake Forest’s Washington program is offered in the spring semester and during the summer. Since the program started two years ago, thirty-two undergraduates have participated. The program is offered through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, a nonprofit educational organization that offers academic coursework and internships tailored to students’ interests.

Lauren Wright with CBS News’ Bob Schieffer
A new book of essays co-edited by Kahle Associate Professor of History Michele Gillespie challenges long-held beliefs that the South has always lagged behind the rest of the country in industrialization. In Technology, Innovation, and Southern Industrialization: From the Antebellum Era to the Computer Age, Gillespie and co-editor Susanna Delfino offer a new interpretation of industrialization in the South.

The book is the second volume in the New Currents in the History of Southern Economy and Society (Columbia: University of Missouri Press); Gillespie and Delfino previously collaborated on the first volume of the series, Global Perspectives on Industrial Transformation in the American South, and another book, Neither Lady nor Slave: Working Women of the South.

Gillespie joined the faculty in 1999 and was named Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives in 2007.

Author studies Thessalonian letters

Linda McKinnish Bridges, an adjunct professor in the School of Divinity, has written a new book, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, part of Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary series. Bridges, currently an associate director of admissions, has taught in the religion department and the divinity school since 2001.

In the book, she takes an interdisciplinary approach to examine the Thessalonians in the context of their community of artisans and craftsmen, bound by their faith. “Seldom does a commentary break new ground, but Linda Bridges has written a cogent interpretation of the Thessalonian letters that draws on recent social science research,” said R. Alan Culpepper, dean of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University.

Book explores life without TV

A new book by Associate Professor of Communication Marina Krcmar provides an in-depth study of families and individuals who don’t watch television. In Living Without the Screen (Lawrence Earlbaum Associates), she explores the reasons behind their decision, the role it plays in their attitudes on everything from consumerism to politics, and how that influences the way they raise their children.

Krcmar, who joined the faculty in 2006, studies children, adolescents, and the media. Her most recent research has examined the effect of violent video games on adolescents and the role that media consumption plays in encouraging adolescents to engage in risky behavior.

Counseling faculty awards

Four members of Wake Forest’s counseling department have received the Counselor Educator Advocacy Award from the American Counseling
Association (ACA). The award, for “involvement in legislative advocacy training and development,” was given to professor and chair Samuel T. Gladding (’67, MAEd ’71); professors Donna Henderson and Laura Veach; and associate professor Debbie Newsome.

Henderson also received the 2008 ACA Professional Development Award. She has written one of the most widely used texts in the field for developmental counseling and has worked as a disaster relief counselor following Hurricane Katrina and the Virginia Tech shootings.

Project helps AIDS orphans, families

Journalism instructor Mary Martin Niepold (’65) led a group of students to Tanzania this summer, where they helped build a house for several grandmothers who are raising their orphaned grandchildren.

Niepold is the founder of The Nyanya Project, a nonprofit agency that she started in 2006 after working at an orphanage in Kenya for children whose parents had died from AIDS. The program helps grandmothers in Kenya and Tanzania who are raising their grandchildren become more self-sufficient through the sale of handmade crafts and agricultural products. Grandmothers are called “nyanya” in Swahili.

“I couldn’t believe that there was nobody helping them,” Niepold said. “I wanted to create a program where they could learn skills to keep their families together.”

Smith awarded distinguished professorship

Earl Smith, professor of Sociology and the Rubin Distinguished Professor of American Ethnic Studies, has been awarded the Arthur A. Sio Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Diversity and Community by Colgate University. He will spend the 2008–2009 academic year teaching at Colgate. This is the first time the professorship has been awarded to a non-Colgate faculty member.

Smith, who joined the faculty in 1996, has published extensively in the area of the sociology of sport and is the author of Race, Sport & the American Dream (2007), as well as co-author of African American Families (2007).

He expects to publish three books in the next year: Sociology of Sport and Social Theory, an edited volume that brings together the leading scholars of sport sociology from around the world; Interracial Relationships Across the Colorline, an exploration of the growing number of interracial relationships in the U.S.; and Interracial Intimacies, a look at public figures who were against integration, but who had intimate interracial relationships.

Scholarship honors former Calloway dean

A scholarship has been established in the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy in honor of former dean Jack E. Wilkerson, Jr. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an undergraduate business major. Members of the Calloway School Board of Visitors helped fund the scholarship.

Wilkerson was named dean in 1996 and stepped down this summer as part of the realignment of the Calloway School and the Babcock Graduate School of Management. Under his leadership, the Calloway School ranked consistently among the top undergraduate business schools in the nation.

He is a visiting scholar this fall at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Palo Alto, California, but he plans to return to teach in the Calloway School next year.
McConnell named Medical Center’s first CEO

Dr. John D. McConnell, executive vice president of health system affairs at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, was named the first chief executive officer of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center on August 13. As CEO, he will oversee the medical center’s clinical, research, and academic operations.

A noted urologist, McConnell, 54, has been on the UT Southwestern faculty since 1984. He was chairman of the urology department and later vice president for clinical programs before being named executive vice president in 2003. In his most recent position, he had overall responsibility for UT Southwestern’s university hospitals and clinics, as well as the faculty physician practice.

The appointment of the medical center’s first CEO comes as the medical center undergoes a restructuring to more closely align the three entities—Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Wake Forest University Physicians, and North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Deacon Boulevard redevelopment planned

Deacon Boulevard, the gateway to BB&T Field and Joel Coliseum, is getting a make-over. The University is planning a multi-phase project to redevelop the area with shops, restaurants, offices, residential space, and entertainment venues.

Nancy Suttenfield, senior vice president and chief financial officer, said the University is investing more than $25 million in the project. Suttenfield said Wake Forest is making the commitment to Deacon Boulevard with the expectation of a significant financial return to serve the University’s educational mission, “just as we expect from all investments.”

The University has acquired fifty acres in the area and will have more than one hundred acres when combined with properties it already owns. One or more developers, as yet unnamed, will construct the new buildings.

Wake Forest already has some academic and administrative facilities—including the Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials—along Deacon Boulevard, in addition to BB&T Field, Joel Coliseum, and the Indoor Tennis Center. Also, the University is acquiring Ernie Shore Field, home of the Winston-Salem Warthogs, located beside BB&T Field, after the downtown baseball stadium opens next year.

The new development is envisioned as a destination point both for students and the community. “We have thousands of visitors to Deacon Boulevard on Wake Forest game days and weekends,” Suttenfield noted, “and large crowds visit the area year-round for events at the Coliseum, the fairgrounds, and other facilities. By investing in the acquisition of the property, the University’s intention has been to shape, influence, and inspire how a developer transforms the area.”

More information about the project will be posted this fall on Window on Wake Forest, www.wfu.edu/wowf.
Kicking off a new era

A new era in Deacon football started this fall with the opening of Deacon Tower at BB&T Field. The tower includes new restrooms and concession stands on the concourse level; an expansive club level with indoor and outdoor seating and private suites; the President’s Box and press box; and radio and television booths. The $47 million building has 123,000 square feet on seven levels; one floor has twice as much square footage as the entire 1968 press box that it replaced. For a photo gallery, see www.wfu.edu/magazine.
Traditions exhibit features gems from the past

Samuel Wait’s traveling chest, the great Dickie Hemric’s basketball uniform, and Arnold Palmer’s ACC Championship golf trophy are just some of the items on display in an exhibit on Wake Forest’s history in the Scales Fine Arts Center.

That history comes alive in several 16mm silent home movies—largely forgotten for many years—of athletic events and campus life, primarily from the 1940s and ‘50s. Narration by retired professors and alumni has been added to the films.

The exhibit was organized by the Traditions Council, a group formed by students in 2006 to promote the University’s heritage and traditions.

Most of the artifacts are from the Wake Forest College Birthplace Museum in the town of Wake Forest and the Wake Forest University Archives and the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library. Among the items are the wooden chest that Wake Forest founder and first president Samuel Wait carried on his wagon in the early 1830s as he traveled North Carolina for support for what would become Wake Forest Institute; a model of the Old Campus as it looked in 1943, donated by George E. Eddins (‘42, P ’71); the tuxedo and top hat worn by the late Jack Baldwin (‘43), the first student to dress up as a Demon Deacon; and photographs of President Truman at the groundbreaking for the new campus in 1951.

But the real gem of the show is the 16mm home movies, shot mostly by the late C.S. Black (‘18, MA ’20), a professor of chemistry from 1925 until 1965. Most of the films show football games and student activities on the Old Campus, but some of the later films show the laying of the Wait Chapel cornerstone in 1952 and other scenes of the new campus under construction.

— Kerry M. King (‘85)

“The Old Alma Mater: A Wake Forest History Exhibit”

On display in the Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery through October 12. Among the items on display:

- Samuel Wait’s traveling chest (1830s)
- Model of the Old Campus
- First edition of The Howler yearbook (1903)
- Photographs of the senior class of 1904 and 1909
- The original Deacon tuxedo costume (1942)
- Arnold Palmer’s ACC Golf Championship trophy (1955)
- Southern Conference championship banner (1953)
- Photos of the new campus groundbreaking (1951)
- Tangerine Bowl football (1979)

Old Campus reunion

Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina, is inviting alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to its Homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 5. The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by “dinner on the grounds.” Current church members would love to hear stories about life on the Old Campus. For more information, call the church office at 919.556.5141 or visit www.wakeforestbaptistchurch.org.
Elizabeth Phillips, teacher and mentor, dies

E lizabeth Phillips, a venerable professor of Romantic poetry and mentor to generations of Wake Forest women, who served for over thirty years on the English faculty and remained a beloved member of the College community after her retirement, died June 24 at her home near campus. She was eighty-nine.

Phillips, a native of Spruce Pine in western North Carolina, earned her bachelor’s degree in English from the Women’s College of the University of North Carolina (now UNC-G) in Greensboro. Her early career was an odyssey—a year back in Spruce Pine teaching high school English, followed by a three-year stint in the public relations office of Women’s College; attendance at the Writer’s Workshop at the University of Iowa, where she earned a master’s degree; a brief turn at Lees-McRae College; then, to Butler University in Indiana; to graduate school at the University of Minnesota; to a teaching post at a small women’s college in Milwaukee; and, finally, to the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her Ph.D. in English before being hired by Wake Forest in 1957.

Along with her poetry books, the peripatetic English scholar brought with her an independent streak and a tough skin. When the man who hired her, Dean of the College William Archie, asked her in her job interview what she could contribute to a “good Baptist college,” she replied, “Criticism.”

Yet she always tempered her feistiness with a certain graciousness and humility. One of the five women on the faculty who were hired—the late Jeanne Owen, who taught business law and would become the first woman to achieve the rank of full professor at Wake Forest—warned her: “If you’re going to be a woman on this faculty, you’ll have to be better than the men.” Replied Phillips, “I’ve met the men in my department, and I doubt I can be better than them.”

Befriended and nurtured by her colleagues—especially by the males in her department whom she had in mind when responding to Owen—Phillips flourished and proceeded to enjoy a long career as a poetry teacher, mentor, and role model to young women.

Phillips was born with a congenital cataract in her left eye and lost sight in it when she was very young after several unsuccessful operations. Reading was a lifelong challenge for her as a result, and might have accounted for why she favored poetry over prose. But she never lost sight of her love of reading, nor of her desire to teach.

She retired in 1989 and received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, in 1992. In 2007, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program started an award in her name that is given at Commencement each year to the student author of the best essay on a topic relevant to gender issues.

— David Fyten
Nineteen ninety-six was perhaps the most difficult year for Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., during his twenty-two years as president of Wake Forest. The deaths of four students as the academic year began were followed by the deaths of several staff members, a dean, a trustee, and a prominent alumnus. The grief was still palpable when he addressed the graduating class of 1997 the following spring.
ON THAT COMMENCEMENT morning eleven years ago, on a Quad that would later be named in his honor, he recalled a life lesson from his own undergraduate years, when one of his professors remarked that Shakespeare's tragedies were regarded as superior to the comedies. “I asked at once, ‘Why is that?’ He turned to me with an expression on his face, which revealed that these were words from his heart and soul: ‘Because Mr. Hearn, life is more tragic than comic.’

“For many years I mistook his message,” Hearn told the graduates. “He did not say that life is tragic rather than comic. He said life is more tragic than otherwise. The world's story is told in both comedy and tragedy, in laughter and tears. Not all our endings are happy, but some are wonderful indeed.”

Hearn's own story had seemed to have a happy ending after he was able to return to work in the spring of 2004 following surgery and treatment for a brain tumor in the fall of 2003. He led Wake Forest for another year before retiring, as he had originally planned to do, in June 2005. His death on August 18, at the age of 71, following a recurrence of his brain tumor, reminded the University community of another life lesson he taught on that Commencement morning: “Life is infinitely precious, and our grasp on it is but frail.”

His August 22 memorial service in Wait Chapel was held only hours after this year's freshman class was welcomed to Wake Forest in the same venue. Those students will find a vastly different Wake Forest from the one that Hearn found when he arrived in 1983: vastly expanded facilities on the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses; nationally known professional schools; better-qualified students and a more accomplished faculty; more research, co-curricular and volunteer service opportunities for students; and an athletic program that competes for national championships. What was a well-regarded, but regional, Baptist liberal arts college emerged into one of the nation's premier independent universities during his tenure.

William C. Friday, the venerable president emeritus of the University of North Carolina system, watched that transformation. “I believe Tom Hearn was one of a very few university presidents who really made a difference in the last decade of the 20th
century. He put Wake Forest in the mainstream of American universities,” he said recently. “He clearly made his mark as one of North Carolina’s superior leaders. And he was a good man.”

In the pantheon of Wake Forest presidents, Hearn was more like a Harold W. Tribble with a single-minded focus—making Wake Forest a national university (Trible’s focus was moving Wake Forest to Winston-Salem)—than his own personal favorite Wake Forest president, William Louis Poteat (1877), a biologist who established Wake Forest’s tradition of academic independence in the 1920s and whom Hearn frequently quoted. Hearn’s twenty-two year tenure matched Poteat’s tenure as the longest serving president in Wake Forest history.

Most alumni and students saw only the public side of Hearn, but those who got to know him knew him as a man who was introspective and humble, a visionary and a gentleman, with strong moral values and a robust sense of humor. He was a philosopher who often quoted the poetry of Robert Frost and Wake Forest’s Archie Ammons (’49).

Once a year, at Commencement, he shared his innermost thoughts in his Commencement addresses. The speeches grew increasingly personal in his later years as president as he spoke movingly of the lives of his mother, father, and a favorite uncle, and of his health scares following heart surgery in 1995 and the brain surgery in 2003. Two months before his death, he completed a book of his Commencement speeches, which he titled *On this day of endings and beginnings.*

“I discovered that the more I was able to convey my heart—as well as my head—the better able I was to connect with my audience,” Hearn wrote in the preface to the book. It was “a good opportunity for me to reflect a more personal glimpse of who I was, what I was most interested in, and what was important to me as a person.”

A native of Alabama, Hearn graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a degree in English and philosophy and earned a divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University. He taught philosophy at William and Mary for ten years before joining the faculty at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 1974 to start the philosophy department. There he quickly rose up the administrative ranks, to dean of the School of Humanities, vice president, and finally senior vice president for non-medical affairs.

He was just 45-years-old when he was named Wake Forest’s twelfth president, to succeed the retiring James Ralph Scales. His selection was a reflection of how Wake Forest was already changing; although he had graduated from a Baptist seminary, he attended a Presbyterian church at the time, making him the first non-Baptist selected as president. He would later say that he saw Wake Forest as an embodiment of his own values and belief in *Pro Humanitate.*

“Tom wrapped himself in Wake Forest,” said Life Trustee Weston P. Hatfield (’41, LL.D. ’96), who was on the trustee committee that selected Hearn as president. “He’d only been on campus once (before he was named president), but from the time he got here Wake Forest was the alpha and omega.”

Just three years into his presidency, Hearn negotiated what was a monumental achievement for that time—securing the University’s governing independence from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Friends told him he should retire then, with his legacy secure. “It was the most difficult decision I faced,” Hearn said in a 2005 interview. “We needed to make this change for the development of the institution. It was a down payment on whether or not we would become a national institution.”

Wake Forest ranked first among regional schools for seven straight years in the late 1980s in U.S. News
Wake Forest has ranked among the top 30 universities in the country every year and was ranked as high as 25th in 1996.

“I don’t think there has been another case of a university that has so quickly burst through the regional ceiling and become a player on a national stage in so short a time,” Hatfield said. “He saw the potential and saw that it could be done. He was a man who set goals, who was a planner, who ignited passion in other people that it could be done.”

The School of Law and the Babcock Graduate School of Management, both struggling in the 1980s, also began earning national recognition. The Calloway School of Business and Accountancy emerged as one of the top undergraduate business schools in the country. Hearn brought the Bowman Gray School of Medicine closer to the University fold, believing that the medical school and the rest of the University would be stronger together rather than separate; the school’s name was changed to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in 1997. The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences added doctoral programs in the biomedical sciences and a master of arts in liberal studies.

When Hearn took office, the University was just completing the Sesquicentennial Campaign, which raised a then-phenomenal $20 million. Most of that was raised locally, and

“We should aim to be a greater Wake Forest; we should not seek to imitate some other academic model…. What we have to offer to higher education is an academic culture uniquely our own.”

Hearn stressed the need to build a national development program. The $150 million Heritage and Promise capital campaign concluded in 1995 with $173 million raised. The Honoring the Promise campaign exceeded its $600 million goal shortly before he left office. The University’s endowment increased from $124 million in 1983 to $812 million in 2004.

In the late 1980s, after R.J. Reynolds donated its former world headquarters building (now the University Corporate Center) to Wake Forest, Hearn initiated the largest building program on the Reynolda Campus since it was constructed. His tenure saw the construction of Olin Physical Laboratory, the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management, the Benson University Center, Kirby Hall, Greene Hall, the Information Systems Building, and Martin and Polo residence halls; additions to the Z. Smith Reynolds Library and Winston Hall; and an addition to Wingate Hall for the Divinity School, which opened in 1999.

New athletic facilities included the Miller Center, Kentner Stadium, Spry Stadium, and Bridger Field House; Hearn also pushed the city of Winston-Salem to construct a new coliseum, which opened in 1989. The medical school campus was transformed with new research, clinical, and patient-care towers. Reynolda House Museum of American Art became affiliated with Wake Forest in 2002.

In the mid-1990s, Wake Forest implemented the “Plan for the Class of 2000” to enhance the undergraduate experience by offering more and smaller classes and first-year seminars, a development that Hearn at the time called the “most important” of his tenure. Wake Forest became one of the first universities to offer laptop computers to every student and became a
leader in information technology. The number of faculty members was increased, and research became more central, even as Hearn affirmed the University's commitment to the teacher-scholar ideal. The number of students studying abroad increased significantly, and the University's third study-abroad house, Flow House in Vienna, opened in 1999.

Wake Forest hosted the first Presidential Debate sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates in 1988 and a second debate in 2000, which brought additional national exposure. As Wake Forest became better known and as its academic reputation grew, applications for undergraduate admissions doubled from 1983 to 2005, and undergraduate enrollment grew from 3,100 to 4,100. The student body, which in 1985 was 96 percent white, 60 percent male, and 44 percent North Carolinians, became more diverse. By 2005, females slightly outnumbered males, minority enrollment had grown to 14 percent, and only 28 percent of undergraduates were from in-state. He started the Presidential Scholarship to attract students with talents in the arts and other areas, and the Gordon Scholarship for minority students.

Off campus, Hearn emerged as a force in Winston-Salem at a time when the city was reeling from the loss of traditional industries and leadership. He served as the first chair of Leadership Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem Business, Inc., an economic development group. Late in his presidency, he supported the expansion of the Piedmont Triad Research Park—with the School of Medicine as a major anchor—in downtown Winston-Salem. He also chaired the board of governors for the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, North Carolina. He was an early advocate of reform and accountability in college athletics and was an original member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics when it was created in 1989.

Amid the tremendous changes that he undertook, Hearn was careful to embrace the University's past—speaking often of the University's “removal” from the Old Campus; its “goodly and godly heritage” and of building a “future from our past.” “We should aim to be a greater Wake Forest; we should not seek to imitate some other academic model,” he said often. “What we have to offer to higher education is an academic culture uniquely our own.” He forced Wake Forest to ponder fundamental questions as the University grew: was Wake Forest a Southern university or a national one? A religious school or a secular school? A new school in a new place (Winston-Salem) or the old school in a new place?

Edwin G. Wilson ('43), who served as provost and later senior vice president for much of Hearn's tenure, said that Hearn's understanding of the traditions of Wake Forest grew each year. “He came at a time when Wake Forest was changing. We had been in Winston-Salem for almost thirty years, and when Tom Hearn came he wanted to take those traditions and build upon them. He wanted Wake Forest to be a better and stronger Wake Forest. And in the years he was president we saw an unfolding of that ambition.”

Hearn had one final lesson for the class of 1997 in his Commencement speech, as he encouraged them to live lives of Pro Humanitate, to honor those who had been lost that year. “We leave here bearing lives, not just our own, whose promises, aspirations, and ambitions must become ours, lives which live on in us and through us. This is what it means to live… Pro Humanitate.”


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Hearn is survived by his wife, Laura; three children: Thomas, Lindsay, and Will; stepchildren Brys, Hampton, and Forrest; and nine grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Brain Tumor Center for Excellence at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Office of Development, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.
If there’s one thing that can be said about Wake Forest, it’s that it’s never been afraid to buck trends and blaze trails. From its defiance of the Baptists over the teaching of evolution in the twenties and the transplantation of its campus in the fifties to its severance of its governance relationship with the Baptist State Convention in the eighties and its decision in the nineties to become the first among its peer institutions to supply every freshman with a laptop computer, the University has been willing to step out front, take calculated risks, and act contrary to convention when the principle or objective in question held great potential.
Wake Forest is putting its propensity for intrepid behavior to the test again—this time, literally. Beginning with the class that will enter in fall 2009, it will become the first among the top thirty national universities in the country as ranked by U.S. News and World Report to make standardized entrance tests optional for undergraduate admission. Prospective enrollees, who in the past were required to include their score on the SAT or ACT as part of their application package, can instead decide if they want to submit it for consideration.

In announcing the policy in June, the University proclaimed its intention to encourage more applications from talented and motivated young people who might have more modest standardized test scores but possess exemplary high school records. Curriculum and grades, along with extracurricular activities, writing ability, and evidence of character and creative talent will remain the primary criteria for admission. The goal is to evaluate students on a personal basis and accept the most promising without compromise regarding ability or tolerance of diminished performance.

For Wake Forest, there are costs involved, and possibly risks. By attracting a larger proportion of students with low-to-moderate-income backgrounds, the policy could require more funds for financial aid and tax its capacity to sustain its policy of admitting students without regard to their ability to pay. Without the wholesale winnowing that standardized test scores afford, the admissions process will rely more on personal interviews and essays, which will be more time-intensive and have staff implications if applications increase. There is a chance that, to some, “test-optional” might equate with “less selective.”

Some might even speculate that by adopting the policy, Wake Forest is hoping it can report a higher overall score average to the guides that rank colleges and thus improve its national standing.

The wealth of statistical documentation that grades and strength of curriculum combined provides the most accurate predictor of college performance weighs heavily against notions of compromised selectivity. And to insure that the data it submits to outside agencies is as complete as possible, the University will ask those students who chose not to submit scores during the admissions process to supply them after they are accepted and before they enroll, and report all the scores.

The administration is viewing test-optional as something of an experiment as well as an adventure. Over the next four or five years, it will be compiling data and analyzing outcomes to correlate the relationship between the test-optional policy and the grades and other academic indicators of students who do and do not submit scores. The University will keep an open mind, but the data already compiled by other test-optional colleges strongly predict a positive outcome.

“The admissions process has to be about building the best and most balanced class we can,” says Wake Forest Provost Jill Tiefenthaler. “Academic merit is clearly the most important factor, but socioeconomic balance, gender balance, special talents, and variety of interests are also important. Students are telling us with increasing frequency that they want their college experience to reflect the world in which they will live and work.

“Reliance on the SAT and other standardized tests for admission is a major barrier to access for many worthy students,” she adds. “By taking this step at Wake Forest, we want to remove that barrier.”

President Nathan O. Hatch sees it as the removal of another barrier—to first-generation college students. “The problem with elite higher education is that it is becoming less economically diverse,” he says. “Given the fact that Wake Forest’s academic reputation has soared over the past thirty years, there
is the threat over time of our becoming elitist, which would repudiate our heritage. We must conscientiously preserve and offer opportunity to talented students of all economic and cultural backgrounds. I see [the test-optional provision] as a portal to opportunity—an alternate track for young people who are talented and would otherwise be denied the opportunity for the best education simply because they don’t do as well on standardized tests.”

Director of Admissions Martha B. Allman (’82, MBA ’92) assures that quality won’t be sacrificed. “We’ll still be looking for the very best students,” she says. “Eliminating the test requirement will demonstrate that we value individual academic achievement and initiative, as well as creative talent and character, above standardized testing.”

The Wake Forest faculty features one of America’s leading authorities on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and its place in the admissions practices of the country’s elite universities—Associate Professor of Sociology Joseph A. Soares. Soares, who came to Wake Forest as a senior appointment five years ago from Yale University, where he had spent nine years on the faculty, chose his prior employer as the case subject of his well-regarded book, The Power of Privilege: Yale and America’s Elite Colleges (Stanford University Press, 2007). A probing examination of the assumption that admission to America’s elite institutions of higher education is based primarily on academic merit, it examines the role of the SAT since its inception in 1926 and documents the voluminous studies and statistics that point to its inadequacy as a predictor of college performance.

The most compelling evidence was compiled by the University of California system. According to Soares, the University of California at Berkeley adopted the SAT in 1968—despite four studies conducted in the fifties and sixties that found that it added nothing to the university’s ability to predict the academic performance of applicants—so that it could compete with the elite private schools of the East and as a strategy to justify the rejection of otherwise qualified applicants flooding in on the crest of the baby boom. But in a study conducted between 2001 and 2005, it not only confirmed that high-school grades were the best predictor of college performance, it found that the correlation grew stronger over the course of an undergraduate’s career—that high-school grade point average was an even better predictor of grades in the senior year of college than in the freshman year. California’s study prompted the University of Texas—generally regarded, along with UC-Berkeley, as one of the nation’s top ten public universities—to admit every student in the top 10 percent of a Texas high school senior class without regard to the SAT.

Faced with mounting criticism of the SAT’s coachability and what many saw as racial and gender bias in its word analogies and mathematical test sections, the College Board, which sponsors the test, revised and lengthened it in 2005, dropping the word analogies section and incorporating essay writing. But the results, released in June, of two studies that correlated students’ scores on the revised SAT with their grades in their first year in college showed essentially no improvement in the predictive ability of the newer version over the old. One of the studies also reaffirmed the findings of prior studies that the single best way to predict a student’s performance in
Q Why is Wake Forest dropping the SAT and ACT?
A. First, it is important to clarify exactly what Wake Forest is doing. Beginning with the entering class of 2009, Wake Forest will not require students to submit the results of SAT or ACT test for admission. This policy change will allow applicants to decide if they want SAT or ACT scores considered in the admissions process. Removing the test requirement will allow us to make the admissions process more individualized, demonstrating emphatically that we value individual academic achievement and initiative as well as talent and character above standardized testing.

Across universities and colleges in the United States, there is mounting evidence that the SAT is less sound as an indicator of college success than we once thought. Some studies show that high test scores—especially on the SAT—do not predict college success. Other studies indicating a possible testing bias against women and groups who are marked by ethnic or socioeconomic diversity, suggest that it is time to reconsider the use of standardized tests in the admissions process. Making standardized tests an optional part of the admissions process will serve to broaden the applicant pool and increase access to Wake Forest for groups of students who are currently underrepresented at selective universities.

Q Although standardized tests will not be required in the admissions process, will all admitted students be asked to submit scores before they enter Wake Forest?
A. Yes. Like other colleges and universities, Wake Forest is asked to provide standardized test score data to outside agencies as well as to maintain them for institutional research purposes. It is not our intention to manipulate our score range by reporting only those scores of students who choose to report them in the selection process. Wake Forest will ask students who chose not to submit scores during the admissions process to provide them after they are accepted and before they enroll. If scores must be submitted, after all, then what has changed?

For the first time since 1959, Wake Forest will not require scores in order to consider whether a student may be admitted. Applicants choose whether they want standardized test scores considered or not.

‘The Ivy League has always known that the SAT is a weak predictor of college grades. What it is very good at predicting are income and socioeconomic status.’

‘The world thinks of the SAT as an intelligence test that accurately predicts college performance,’ he adds. ‘It’s not, and it doesn’t.’

Although some 750 of the roughly 3,000 institutions of higher education in America don’t require a standardized test score for admission, only about 25 could be classified as selective in their admissions practices.
Most of those are on the U.S. News list of the top 100 national liberal arts colleges and include such esteemed institutions as Bates, Bennington, Bowdoin, Mount Holyoke, Middlebury, Holy Cross, and Smith.

Bates, which pioneered the test-optional movement in 1985, has conducted a sequence of studies showing that its applicant pools and student performance outcomes have remained consistently strong over the past twenty-plus years. Mount Holyoke, which discontinued its aptitude test requirement in 2001, is concluding an extensive study funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that confirms its ability to make sound admissions decisions without the use of standardized test results. About 40 percent of the applicants to test-optional Hamilton College choose not to submit SAT scores, and they perform slightly better scholastically on the whole than those who submit theirs. And at Holy Cross, which dropped its SAT requirement in 2008, applications for this year’s class rose 41 percent over the previous year, and grades and overall applicant quality were up as well.

In a recent article published in Inside Higher Ed, Drew University’s president, Robert Weisbuch, said that in his earlier position as director of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, he detected no correlation between creative talent and higher scores on standardized exams. In fact, he noted, the opposite was true—that typically, it was the students with higher exam scores who submitted the more “inert” funding proposals, and those with the more modest test scores who proffered the more inspired and intellectually vibrant proposals.

Accessibility for students from all income levels has always been

Q Whose idea was it to make test scores optional?
A. The admissions office, with the full support of the provost and president, initiated the change. Scholarly research of Joseph Soares, Associate Professor of Sociology, as well as other research conducted at the University of California and elsewhere called into question the validity of the SAT as a predictor of college success. Wake Forest’s board of trustees fully supports this change.

In addition, our own analysis of Wake Forest data indicates that the SAT is not a good predictor of success, measured by first-year GPA. These studies, combined with a growing concern by the admissions staff that the use of standardized test scores was limiting access by students from diverse populations, led to our decision. Removing the test requirement will allow us to make the admissions process more individualized, demonstrating emphatically that we value individual academic achievement and initiative as well as talent and character above standardized testing.

Q Have other colleges and universities done the same thing?
A. Many fine liberal arts colleges, such as Bowdoin, Hamilton, Smith and Bates, have an SAT-optional policy.

Q Why is this policy change being made now?
A. In the world of college admissions, there is increasing concern about how we make decisions and what we base those decisions on. At the same time, studies show that high test scores, especially on the SAT, are not good predictors of college success. So, this change represents a convergence of academic research and admissions policy.

Q What research was this decision based on?
A. In his recent book, The Power of Privilege: Yale and America’s Elite Colleges, Joseph Soares, associate professor of sociology at Wake Forest, argues that current admissions policies are not resulting in equality of opportunity at our nation’s best colleges and universities. He presents compelling evidence that reliance on the SAT and other standardized tests for admission is a major barrier to access for many worthy students.

In fact, our own analysis of Wake Forest data indicates that the SAT is a weak predictor of success, measured as the first-year GPA. Other research on the SAT indicates performance on the SAT is closely linked to family income and parental education level. In 1984, Bates College made the SAT optional, and now about a third of each class enters without submitting an SAT score. In a 20-year study of their policy and its results, Bates found no significant difference in the college grade-point averages of those who chose to submit SAT scores and those who did not. Bates linked their SAT-optional policy to almost doubling their total application pool and, more importantly, found that applications increased from all the subgroups that commonly worry about standardized testing: women, U.S. students of color, international students, low-income students, and rural students.
important to Wake Forest, which accounts for its status as one of twenty-seven colleges and universities in the United States that maintain a need-blind admissions policy and agree on how eligibility for aid based on need should be determined. “We take great pride in it, especially since the other need-blind institutions tend to have greater [financial] resources,” notes William T. Wells (’74), Wake Forest’s director of financial aid. “To be need-blind and test-optional places us in a very strong [competitive] position nationally.

“But there will be challenges,” continues Wells, who, ironically, is chair-elect of the financial aid advisory committee of the College Board. “If we attract, as we hope we do, more students from modest backgrounds, we will need more financial aid resources, because if we heap too many loans on them instead of grants, ‘need blind’ will become an empty promise; a disappointing exercise in futility. But if being need-blind becomes a financial burden [for Wake Forest], will we need to step back from it? And if we pull back from it as we head into test-optional status, will that send the wrong signal [to prospective students]?”

Presently, Wake Forest funds 80 percent of its financial aid from operational revenues; clearly, building its scholarship endowment is at or near the top of its list of fiscal priorities. As part of the capital campaign now in the planning phase, institutional icons Edwin G. Wilson (’43) and Arnold Palmer (’51) will co-chair a drive for endowed scholarships. In the interim, the University will be carefully documenting the financial effect of maintaining concurrent need-blind and test-optional policies. Wells does note

Q If research results, at least in part, inspired this change, then why permit scores to be submitted for admission consideration at all?
A. We have always allowed students to submit supplemental information in the admissions process if they felt that this information would provide a broader representation of their abilities. If students feel that their performance on a particular standardized test should be considered by the admissions committee, they may submit those scores for consideration. However, for those students who do not believe that standardized scores present an accurate representation of their abilities, they may elect not to report them for consideration.

Q If students arrange at the time of testing for scores to be sent to Wake Forest, but don’t want them considered, what do they do?
A. The application will include a place to indicate whether you want your scores considered or not. So, even if Wake Forest was selected as a school to receive scores, an applicant can decide not to have them reviewed.

Q What are Wake Forest’s goals for recruiting a more diverse student body? What is the expected impact of this change in recruiting minority and lower income students?
A. Wake Forest is committed to equity, and we are concerned that by its very nature, one test could eliminate qualified students who could be very successful college students. Because the tests will no longer be a required selection criteria, students who have strong high school academic records, but do not have high test scores will not be discouraged from applying. We look forward to welcoming the best students from all backgrounds.

Q When did Wake Forest begin requiring standardized tests for admission?
A. SAT became a requirement in 1959. We began accepting ACT scores in 2006.

Q U.S. News and World Report considers standardized test scores as part of its system for determining a college or university’s ranking. How will this policy affect Wake Forest’s rankings? Will its ranking improve, suffer or be unaffected?
A. We don’t know. Because we will gather scores from all admitted students, even those who did not want them considered in the admissions process, we do know we will provide data to U.S. News and World Report that reflects the true range of scores represented in the entering class.

Q How does this change in policy distinguish us from other universities?
A. On May 2, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported on two recent studies showing that elite colleges are giving more weight to standardized admissions tests. The percentage of universities who report that they give considerable importance to standardized test scores has risen from 50 percent to about 60 percent. Wake Forest has always been distinguished by a commitment to personal attention in the admissions process and in the classroom. The test-optional policy ensures that this Wake Forest tradition will continue and be strengthened.
that Middlebury’s director of financial aid has told him she is unaware of any particular financial burdens its SAT-optional policy has imposed on that need-blind institution.

Everywhere on campus, there is a palpable feeling of pride and confidence in judging applicants for admission more by what they have achieved over time and less by how they have performed on a standardized examination. “When we select our students, we are selecting the face of Wake Forest, for today and tomorrow,” Soares states. “We are courageously joining the other institutions in this country that have recognized the shortcomings of standardized testing, and I’m personally very proud of that.”

Q What is the current application process?
A. This year, Wake Forest received more than 9,000 applications for a class of 1,200 freshmen. Applicants are required to submit a written application, which includes five short-answer questions; information concerning extra- and co-curricular activities; a listing of significant readings; and a personal essay. The high school transcript, the school profile, two recommendations (one from a teacher in an academic subject and one from the college counselor) and at least one standardized test score from either the SAT I or ACT with Writing are required for admission.

Information gathered from optional personal on-campus interviews conducted by admissions officers may also be used in the selection criteria. During the admissions review process, each application is read and evaluated by at least two admissions officers. Many applications are read more than twice and a significant number are reviewed by the full admissions committee. While the evaluations process is holistic and subjective, the high school curriculum and classroom performance combined with the student’s writing ability and evidence of character and talent are the most important criteria.

Q How will the admissions process change?
A. Students can choose to take standardized test scores out of the admissions decision equation if they do not feel they reflect their abilities and accomplishments. If test scores are not submitted, there will be no negative effect on the admissions decision. An admissions decision will be based on what applicants do submit, not what they do not. The SAT and ACT will be treated much the same way the admissions office currently considers optional SAT II tests. If they are submitted, they are considered. If not, there is no negative impact on the applicant. As part of the shift to a test-optional policy, another change will be made in the admissions process. Personal interviews will be strongly recommended and will receive greater weight in the admissions review process. Interviews will be conducted on campus by admissions officers and by a few well-trained alumni in selected areas. We are also developing a virtual interview process for those who cannot arrange a face-to-face interview.

Q Will there be any exceptions to the “test score optional” policy?
A. International students for whom English is not their first language will be required to submit a TOEFL score. Student athletes, as part of the NCAA clearinghouse procedure, will also be required to submit SAT I or ACT with Writing test scores.
The Right Thing to Do

By Martha Blevins Allman ('82, MBA '92)

We have publicly recognized that years of achievement should not be negated by one Saturday morning.

I have been asked to speak to you today on Wake Forest's decision to make the SAT optional in the admissions process. I've been addressing that topic quite a bit recently and you and many other Wake Foresters have been thinking about it, talking about it, and many of you have been e-mailing me about it. Doubtlessly you have perused the numerous studies, articles, and data that have been provided on the Wake Forest Web site. So this morning I'm not going to show you charts, graphs, or regression analyses. I'm instead going to provide a narrative about the SAT decision, in my own words, which are those
of a twenty-six-year veteran of the admissions office, the coordinator of Wake Forest's merit scholarship program and a proud alumna who profoundly loves Wake Forest.

Not long after President Hatch took office, he and I had breakfast together and he asked me, ‘What would you like to see happen in the admissions office in the future?’ My mind raced as I thought of additional staff and cutting-edge technology, a new admissions building—material things—and then I stopped and thought a moment and I responded, “I believe that the admissions process in this country is broken and it is becoming more broken everyday. I’m concerned about really bright students who are falling through the cracks because they aren’t privileged enough or sophisticated enough to ‘play the game.’

“I’m concerned about the ranking guides, the proliferation of frivolous admissions applications, the money that is being spent to ‘package students’ and the over-emphasis on standardized testing. What I would really like more than anything would be to see Wake Forest at the forefront of a national conversation on college admissions and I would like to see us out in front taking action to right some wrongs. I’d like to see Wake Forest stand up for fairness and individuality. Consequently, I would like to see us attract more diversity, (defined in its broadest sense) and more students who seek diversity.”

He nodded. I took that as a good sign. We discussed the possibility of a national symposium on admissions and then went back to talking about financial aid and my lack of staff and all the day-to-day mundane stresses and immediate needs. But the philosophical discussion had begun. The seed was planted.

Time passed and my colleagues in the admissions office and I continued to read the Chronicle of Higher Education and talk with our peers at other institutions. We read about schools that were going test optional. We attended workshops exploring the state of admissions. I stood in hallways at conferences and talked with other veteran admissions officers who, like myself, were becoming increasingly concerned about current trends in our profession.

I received my MBA in the early ’90s during the heyday of TQM (total quality management) so I’m all about “continuous improvement.” I am continually asking faculty members, “So how’s the admissions office doing? Are we sending you the right kinds of students? “Are there types of students that you would like to see more of in your classroom?” And the responses that I get are remarkably similar—“For the most part, we love our students, they are exceptionally bright and diligent and they are genuinely good people but we really could use a little bit more creativity, more students who are willing to take academic risks, we want more diversity of thought, opinion, and background in our classes.”

In a meeting with the faculty Committee on Admissions last winter I asked faculty members to assist us in creating the essay and short answer questions for our new admissions application. One professor said, “I want you to ask students in the application whether they see Wake Forest as a path or a destination. I see too many who see this place only as a stepping stone to something else that they perceive to be bigger and better, they aren’t taking the time to absorb and to become enriched by this wonderful place that is Wake Forest. We need more for whom this is a special destination.”

Periodically, we conduct surveys from students who were admitted to Wake Forest and did not enroll. A disturbing trend has been emerging of late. Many of these students, whom we wanted but lost, now tell us that they perceive Wake Forest as homogenous and thus less intellectually vibrant than the college they chose. As a matter of fact, in our most recent study, 59 percent of those admitted students who chose not to enroll cited “lack of diversity” as an important factor in their decision-making. This appears particularly true of students to whom we award merit-based scholarships. The world is not standing still. Our peer
institutions are seeking a diverse student body. Faculty understand the importance of diversity in the classroom. Bright students seek it on college campuses and employers know that the understanding of diverse viewpoints is critical to success in the marketplace and the world beyond our campus.

Last year we delved deeply into strategic planning as a college and as an admissions staff and in that process we discussed at length how we might increase diversity (widely defined) on campus. As part of that discussion, Provost Jill Tiefenthaler and I began to discuss the role of the SAT in our decision-making. We examined SAT validity studies (which she knew a lot about) and directed me to some fascinating research including our own Joseph Soares’ work, The Power of Privilege. Our new provost and I found ourselves in absolute agreement.

My staff and I reviewed with great interest the study published by the University of California in which they studied 78,000 students and found very little correlation between SAT scores and college performance. We also reviewed the Bates College data which they produced after 20 years of being “test optional.” Here were numbers that substantiated what we in admissions had suspected for years. Empirical evidence for what we knew in our heart and in our gut. The test that was supposed to “level the playing field” had quite the opposite effect.

We noted not only the apparent lack of predictive power that California found with the SAT and the correlation between socioeconomic status, race and scores but also viewed with interest Bates College’s concrete proof that SAT non-submitters fared just as well in college as those who submitted. GPA remained the best indication of college success and the SAT clearly showed racial and socioeconomic bias. Bates data also revealed that their non-submitters were more likely to major in fields that put premiums on creativity and originality. They found their applications from minority students and students from rural and blue-collar backgrounds increased when submission of the SAT became optional.

And we found a very interesting 2004 University of California study that found an inverse correlation between SAT scores and academic engagement. They found students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and those who were first generation college students spending more time on their studies, completing assigned reading and attending class at a higher level than their more advantaged counterparts. We all know stories of those who attended Wake Forest with us (or maybe even we ourselves) who came from modest backgrounds but had that fire in the belly that would propel them (or us) to excellence in the classroom and beyond. The SAT should not be a barrier to enrolling these students.

It’s really important for you to know that, as we read studies and crunched numbers, we as an admissions staff also thought long and hard about the real flesh and blood students that we were seeing along the way.

I thought about the Wake Forest senior with the 1160 SAT whom we admitted because the admissions officer who interviewed him said he could be President someday. A faculty member recently told me that this particular young man had last semester produced the finest research with her that she had seen in years. I received a phone call from an alumna who told me that her daughter was in the top 3 percent of her class at one of the most competitive high schools in North Carolina. When she graduates this year, she

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will have taken twelve Advanced Placement Courses and has scored either 4s or 5s on all the tests. She is an accomplished athlete and artist … and she was reluctant to apply to Wake Forest because her highest SAT is about 200 points below our average.

I thought about the young man that I interviewed from an excellent private day school—top of the class, strong SAT scores, interested in international studies—who asked me if he should take an SAT prep class to improve his scores before applying Early Decision to Wake Forest. He told me that his best friend had been paying a private SAT tutor $100 an hour since his freshman year to coach him for the test.

Think of the hours and the dollars that students are spending across the country to prepare for this test. Wouldn’t that time really be better spent reading Yeats or the newspaper, exploring mathematics or even gazing at the stars? And what of the students who can’t afford the prep courses or the tutors or can’t afford to take the test multiple times to better their scores? How level is their playing field?

I thought of the first-generation college student entering Wake Forest this fall, the child of immigrant parents who has risen to the top of an intensely demanding International Baccalaureate program even though English is her second language, who charmed and overwhelmed the Wake Forest faculty members who met her during a scholarship competition—despite her SAT score of just over 1200.

Could we use a few more students like these at Wake Forest? Absolutely.

Might a few more of them consider applying to Wake Forest if they knew their test scores would not be considered? Surely.

Would an SAT optional policy cause our admissions standards to decline? No, I expect competition would stiffen and thus we would be enrolling even stronger students.

Would taking a few more students who are first-generation college or from poor families destroy what we hold dear about this place? Did it ruin Wake Forest when we chose to admit women, or students of color? I think not, regardless of what they look like or what their parents do for a living, we would continue to enroll the students who embody the best of what Wake Forest embodies, students who are noble, hard-working, strong of mind and character. Regardless of race or family income students are attracted to Wake Forest for all the same reasons, the same reasons that we were—its academic strength, its sense of community, its vitality and energy. Will any of those Wake Forest qualities change because we have admitted some students who are at the top of their classes but who have not excelled on the SAT? Surely not.

Would white upper-middle-class students with high scores be driven away by more diversity? Quite the contrary, I think.

I should also tell you that while we were talking and thinking and reading validity studies we were also experiencing as a backdrop a 27 percent increase in applications resulting in the largest number of admissions applications in Wake Forest history. I have been asked if we made this decision as a publicity stunt just to increase applications and have honestly replied that after reviewing 9,000 this year we have about as many applications as we can handle. Don’t get me wrong, we always want more excellent applications, but more for the sake of more—certainly not.

Yet even with this increase, we were still able to personalize the process, every application was read by at least two admissions officers, Associate Professor of Sociology and standardized testing expert Joseph A. Soares has documented the SAT’s weakness in predicting college performance.
many by more than three and many by our full committee in those late hours of deliberation in the cold of February and March. As we reviewed applicants in committee, we discussed how important interview information was and how difficult it was to make hair-splitting decisions among so many well qualified students. We also saw how tempting it was to let the SAT be the crutch, the deciding factor in these cases. I will confess to you that at times we let 30 points on the SAT make a decision, and that my friends, is the wrong thing to do.

So, after months of discussion and study and reflection we decided it was time to stand up on the side of fairness. We decided that it was time for Wake Forest to take yet another of its historical “bold moves.” We decided it was time to make standardized tests optional for admission.

We took our big, bold idea to our board of trustees, to the faculty Committee on Admissions, the Committee on Academic Affairs, and the President’s cabinet. Everyone agreed—it was a big, bold move—like moving from Wake Forest, North Carolina, to Winston-Salem, admitting women, desegregating, breaking governance ties with the Baptists, or giving every student a computer…but just like those decisions, making the SAT optional for admission was the right thing to do and it was a very Wake Forest thing to do. It makes a statement that we aren’t content to simply bemoan the state of college admissions, we are going to start doing something about it. We are going to stand up and say that standardized testing is flawed and it should not be a barrier to outstanding students. As a professional admissions officer and as an alumna of Wake Forest, that makes me intensely proud.

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Many of you have expressed the same pride that Wake Forest is once again in the forefront. Editorial writers and educators have hailed our decision and encouraged others to “follow the Deacons.” The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education has lauded our change in policy and community-based organizations that help disadvantaged students have contacted us with praise and excitement. Even Lou Dobbs was on our side. While we could have just quietly de-emphasized the SAT in our admissions process, we chose instead to send a clear message to those high achieving students for whom standardized testing is the only weakness in their admissions application. We have publicly recognized that years of achievement should not be negated by one Saturday morning.

While some have rejoiced in our message, others have been concerned. Despite evidence to the contrary, both anecdotal and empirical, the SAT has come to stand for intelligence and potential. Let me assure you, just like Bates and other institutions which have made the SAT optional, we will monitor our progress closely and make certain that our academic standards are enhanced and our student body is enriched by this decision. We would never allow Wake Forest’s standards to be compromised. I would never allow it.

So how will this work practically in the admissions office? How will things be different? First of all, we say to students, if you have taken an SAT or an SAT II subject test and you are proud of the score, send it to us. As always, we will consider everything a student sends to us as part of the admissions application. For example, in the past, a student who excelled in a particular subject
area often sent us scores from an SAT II subject test in that area. It was a plus for that student’s application but it in no way hurt another student who did not send a similar test. Bowdoin College tells us that 80 percent of their applicants submit SAT scores regardless of their test-optional policy, and we expect our numbers will be similar. Most of our applicants are good students and good test takers; it’s those who are good students but not so good test takers that we hope will now consider Wake Forest.

High school performance, while always a vital part of the admissions decision, will now receive even more attention. We will carefully look at each high school, strength of curriculum, and student performance. We understand that grade inflation exists and that by no means are all high schools created equally. We will evaluate students based on their surroundings and how they have achieved in their individual school environments.

We will look carefully at achievements outside the classroom. We will not seek a laundry list of activities but will look for focus, commitment, and talent. We will seek students who seek the world beyond themselves and value service and compassion.

We will now be strongly recommending a personal interview. We have...reworked our admissions application with...creative and provocative questions...such as “Define cool.” “What one thing have you learned today?” [and] “What outrages you?”

our applications hit 9,000, and they will join eleven other admissions officers (myself included) who will be interviewing in the admissions office. Last month we conducted 280 personal interviews and expect the July and August numbers to be much larger. We are contacting former admissions counselors who are now volunteers in the field and will be brushing up their interviewing skills to assist us across the country.

Our IS innovators are also working on some fascinating virtual interview scenarios for students who because of distance and or financial reasons cannot afford a visit to campus. This project is in embryonic stages but it is really cutting edge. We have also reworked our admissions application with some (we believe) creative and provocative questions that will provide information about a student which will go beyond objective measures. Questions such as “Define cool.” “What one thing have you learned today?” “Describe what’s outside your front door and how you would like to change it,” and my seasoned favorite “What outrages you?”

We want to make an already individualized process even more so, and we want to base our decisions on things that matter. It’s the Wake Forest thing to do. We are glad to be pioneers when the cause is just. My staff and I are energized and confident and we look forward to an exciting year. Next year, same time, same station, I’ll be back to report on how this decision has affected our process and our student body.

As many of you have said in e-mails and calls to me over the past month—it is a wonderful time to be a Demon Deacon!

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Researchers at the Nanotechnology Center are thinking
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about some very small things.

By Ker Than
The Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials, which opened its doors in 2004, is Wake Forest’s entry into the field of nanotechnology, a relatively new but fast-growing and encompassing science devoted to the study and manufacture of structures and materials too miniscule to be seen with the naked eye.

Advances in nanotechnology have the potential to impact virtually every field of science, according to the center’s director, David Carroll. The research at Wake Forest could one day enable doctors to use tiny probes smaller than living cells to image cancers in unprecedented detail, and then eliminate them using nano-medicines that seek out tumors like microscopic hounds, leaving healthy cells untouched.

Exotic nanomaterials being developed at the University could allow engineers to manipulate light to create more energy-efficient lighting, or bend it in ways previously considered impossible so as to construct invisibility cloaks like the one worn by Harry Potter. And nanomanufacturing techniques being perfected at Wake Forest could enable future scientists to shape hearts, livers, and other organs using synthetic protein fibers in much the same way a potter sculpts and molds clay.

Derived from the Greek word for midget, “nano” means a billionth. A nanometer is a billionth of a meter. This is about a hundred-thousandth of the width of a human hair, and smaller than the distance between two peaks in a wavelength of visible light.

At the nanoscale, commonplace materials display new and often startling physical and chemical properties. Solids become liquid; opaque materials become transparent; and electric insulators become willing channels for flowing electrons.

“We’ve always been able to make things relatively small, but what we’ve found is that by controlling the way we do it, properties emerge from these materials that we couldn’t have imagined,” Carroll says.

For example, a nano-material that is currently of intense interest to scientists is carbon nanotubes. These are single-atom-thick tubes that have been curled into cylinders. If you could magnify one until it was visible to the naked eye, it would look like a rolled sheet of chain-linked fence. Carbon nanotubes can be one hundred times stronger than steel but weigh six times less. A single strand as thin as a sewing thread can lift an automobile yet is flexible enough to be woven into fibers.

The amazing thing is that carbon nanotubes are chemically identical to graphite, the material in pencil lead. Both consist of sheets of carbon atoms. But whereas carbon nanotubes consist of a single sheet or at most a few sheets, graphite is made up of innumerable layers of carbon atoms stacked atop one another. The chemical bonds between carbon atoms in a sheet are incredibly strong, but the bonds between layers are not.

Researchers at Wake Forest are working with carbon nanotubes to develop alternative energy technologies and to devise new ways of combating cancer. They are also inventing new nanomaterials and creating new manufacturing techniques that might one day allow scientists to grow artificial hearts or make invisibility cloaks a reality. Some of these technologies will require years to bear fruit, but two developed at Wake Forest have been successfully spun off into startup companies that could soon be making products for the commercial marketplace.
Carroll aims to make Wake Forest a major player in the burgeoning nanotech field, and the University has given him the resources to make his dream a reality.

“When you go to the nanotech center, you see one of the best equipped and finest centers of its kind that I know of,” Carroll says proudly. The “clean room” at the Center’s main building on Deacon Boulevard alone contains more than $10 million worth of microscopy equipment. “It’s a very good facility,” Carroll says. “We’re told that constantly by people that come over.”

And people are always coming over. As part of his effort to make the Center for Nanotechnology a world-class research facility, Carroll has set up a visiting scientist program that invites top people in the field to conduct research at Wake Forest. In the past year alone, the Center has hosted researchers from Canada, Thailand, Germany, and the UK, among other countries.

The goal, Carroll says, is to foster a cross-pollination of ideas and to make Wake Forest “a part of the conversation” in nanotechnology research. “Whatever is going on, you need to be in the middle of it,” Carroll says. “When development happens, you want to be one of the ones that are talking.”

Carroll requires that graduate students pursuing advanced degrees at the center conduct research abroad for six months. Faith Coldren, a graduate student in Carroll’s lab, spent six months visiting a laboratory in...
Madrid, Spain. “My experience abroad was an invaluable component of my graduate education,” Coldren says. “I had the opportunity to interact with researchers and students from many different countries, giving me insight into how other cultures view events around the world.”

Wake Forest scientists are encouraged to interact with scientists from other fields on campus in order to learn from each other and to collaborate when it is mutually beneficial. Carroll does his part by organizing seminars for his colleagues that introduces them to nanotechnology and its potential.

A few years ago, Carroll gave one such seminar to cancer biologists and researchers at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Among the audience members were husband and wife cancer researchers Frank and Suzi Torti. (Frank Torti, formerly director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, took a leave of absence from the medical center last April to become principal deputy commissioner and the first chief scientist of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.)

“That was really eye-opening,” Suzi Torti recalls. “It taught a lot of us things we didn’t know were possible. That was really the catalyst that got us thinking about how we could take advantage of these new materials.”

Soon after that talk, the couple conceived of a novel way of using carbon nanotubes to kill tumors. Their method involves injecting the tiny cylinders into tumor cells and then shining infrared (IR) light upon the affected area. One of the remarkable properties of carbon nanotubes is that they make excellent antennas. Upon exposure to IR light, the nanotubes become hot and destroy the cancer cells but leave healthy surrounding tissue intact.

The Tortis have tested their technique on tissue cultures and in mice, and the results have been very encouraging. “We can get what looks to be excellent tumor regression,” Suzi Torti says. The tumors “shrink to nearly non-detectable levels.”

If the Tortis’ technique can be shown to be safe for humans, it could replace a widely used procedure known as radio frequency ablation, which involves inserting electrodes into tissue near a tumor and then using high energy radio waves to heat and kill cells in the region. This technique involves surgery, however, and it often damages healthy tissue in the process.

In contrast, the nanotubes approach could be much more precise and would be noninvasive, Suzi Torti says. The nanotubes could be injected into a patient’s bloodstream and circulate through the body until it reaches the site of the tumor, where they would “leak out” naturally.

“Tumors recruit blood vessels into them so they can have enough oxygen and nutrients to grow,” Suzi Torti explains. “But this vasculature is imperfect. It’s sort of a deformed leaky blood vessel, so if you introduce things into the bloodstream, they can leak out of vessels in the tumor and accumulate. But they won’t leak out of normal vessels.”

Another researcher inspired by the exciting possibilities offered by nanotechnology is Joel Berry (PhD ’00), a Wake Forest biomedical engineer. In collaboration with scientists at the Center for Nanotechnology, Berry has developed a technique called “electrospinning” to create very thin fibers of the protein collagen, which is a primary component of connective tissue in animals.

Berry aims to weave the fibers into “collagen scaffolds” upon which living cells can attach and grow to become living blood vessels, heart valves, or whole organs. To create a scaffold, the fibers are slowly deposited onto a spinning target structure. “It’s almost like
making cotton candy at the circus,” Berry says. “You form a three-dimen-
sional shape by continually wrapping
the fibers onto a target.”

Berry thinks electro-spinning
could overcome the problem of poor
blood circulation, the main obstacle
faced by scientists attempting to grow
artificial organs. Normal tissues and
organs are crisscrossed by tiny blood
vessels and capillaries that deliver
oxygen and nutrients to cells and
carry away wastes. So far, scientists
have failed to recreate this “micro-
circulation” in the lab, but scaffolds
of electro-spun collagen fibers could
be made porous enough for blood
vessels to grow.

“If you give cells enough porosity
and enough nutrients, they will simply
thrive upon that network,” Berry says.

His team still has a long way to
go before they create a beating heart
in the lab, however. Their immediate
goal is to create a functioning “living
artery” that could be useful for people
in need of arterial replacements. In
coronary bypass surgery, for example,
doctors commonly remove a section
of artery from another part of the
patient’s body, such as the thigh, and
use it to replace a damaged heart
artery. “You can eliminate another
surgery if you don’t have to take it
from someplace else,” Berry says.

When Carroll is not busy directing
the daily activities of the center or
organizing nanotechnology seminars
for his colleagues, he is teaching
physics courses or overseeing the
research of his own lab.

Since joining the Wake Forest
faculty in 2003, Carroll has published
more than 200 articles in scientific
journals. Two of his research topics
have been successfully spun off into
commercial companies called Plexi-
light and FiberCell.

Plexilight uses nanotechnology to
produce visible light directly instead
of as a byproduct of heating a filament
or a gas, which is the method used in
traditional incandescent and florescent
bulbs. The company has already devel-
oped light fixtures that are lighter,
smaller, and more efficient than exist-
ing incandescent or fluorescent fixtures.

The other company, FiberCell,
combines nano-manufacturing tech-
niques with optical fiber technology
to create solar cells that are lighter
and more economical than current
silicon-based solar panels, which are
bulky and expensive. While solar
collectors with the new technology
might look similar to existing panels,
they could be installed in new ways
because their efficiency is not as
dependent on the angle of the sun.
FiberCell solar panels might one day
be incorporated directly into roof
shingles or mixed with paints, making
them unobtrusive and nearly invisible.

If they can be manufactured cheaply,
FiberCell solar panels could help
improve the lives of people in develop-
ing countries. “What people in sub-
Saharan Africa need is access to power
to run the single refrigerator that sits
in their very small clinic at the end of
their village,” Carroll says. “Right now
they’re having to walk forty miles to
get a gallon of gas to keep their gener-
ator running. We can make a solar cell
out of plastic that’s completely mobile
that they can unfurl to keep those clin-
ics going and get off-grid power.”

A desire to harness the power of
nanotechnology to improve the lives
of the less fortunate is a major driving
force behind Carroll’s research and his
goals for the center. “It’s about raising
people’s expectations about themselves
and their planet, and doing the kind of
science that makes a real difference,”
he says.

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New York City.

Graduate student Jerry Kielbasas works in the research lab.
To members of the Wake Forest family:

It is a great honor to be writing you as your Alumni Association president for 2008-2010. As a member of the class of 1985, I have loved Wake Forest University for many years and look forward to this opportunity to serve.

I also want to thank past president Rod Webb ('92) for his leadership and all the ways he supported Wake Foresters this past year. Through Rod’s and previous Alumni Association leadership, we are poised to begin an exciting time for the Wake Forest community.

The Alumni Council, which is the volunteer board that serves the Alumni Association, has just completed its final year of a strategic plan that focuses on providing greater services and programs, such as the creation of a formal Lifelong Learning program for alumni, the piloting of monthly networking lunches in our major Wake Forest Clubs’ cities to improve alumni career assistance, and the moving of the Alumni Office to a more public space (Room 230 Reynolda Hall) so we have a more spacious alumni center for you to visit while on campus. During my tenure as Alumni Association president, the Alumni Council will focus our attention on the second phase of our strategic plan, and in future columns I will share more information about these efforts.

Looking ahead to the fall, I hope you are planning to attend Homecoming, which will be held November 7-8. Classes ending in 3s and 8s have reunion parties planned, and we look forward to seeing a strong showing from our reunion class alumni, particularly our newest Half Century Club members from the Class of 1958! A full schedule of Homecoming events is available at www.wfu.edu/alumni and on page 55 of this magazine.

Please make plans to bring your family to the Festival on the Quad on Saturday morning: this event brings Wake Foresters of all ages to the Hearn Plaza for free food, games for the kids, music by student and faculty groups, and much more. The Festival is a great way to start the morning, followed by our tailgate and football game against Virginia.

Finally, I want to mention the importance of The Wake Forest Fund. The University has completely revamped and rebranded our unrestricted giving program, giving it a new name, a new structure, and an unprecedented level of importance at Wake Forest. It is essential that we all realize how much the University relies on these annual gifts to provide budget dollars to support areas of greatest need—also known as ‘unrestricted support’ because the school can then allocate the gift to where it is needed most. Alumni unrestricted support has been strong over the years, however, it cannot be emphasized enough how vital our giving to the Wake Forest Fund is for our University to be able to realize and reach its goals.

President Hatch has expressed his desire to elevate unrestricted giving to the highest level of importance and recognition at Wake Forest. As such, the University has made a strategic decision to revamp our former gift club program in the following ways: membership in a Wake Forest Fund Giving Society will be based on gifts to The Wake Forest Fund only. This is a common practice among many of our peer institutions and a strong incentive to donors to continue to support The Wake Forest Fund year after year, even if they are also giving to other areas of the University. In addition, as part of the emphasis on the importance of making a gift every single year, we will only be recognizing donors for their commitments within a single fiscal year rather than for multi-year pledges.

Your participation in giving to The Wake Forest Fund—no matter what the amount—directly affects Wake Forest’s national ranking among colleges and universities and enables us to turn the dial up on new initiatives at Wake Forest. Please join me and make a gift today.

Thank you for all you do for our alma mater, and I hope to see you on campus for Homecoming!

Kim Boatwright Shirley ('85)
Alumni Association President
1930s

Robert W. Weaver ('38) is a World War II veteran and a retired, self-employed management consultant in Raeford, NC.

1950s

Charles G. Lee III (JD ’51) is retired from Lee & McClellan in Asheville, NC. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Billy F. Andrews ('53) is professor and chairman emeritus of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He presented two papers, “Revisiting Two Concepts of How to Look at the Newborn in Their 50th Anniversary” and “The 40th Anniversary of The Children’s Bill of Rights,” at the 25th International Congress of Pediatrics in Athens, Greece.

Tolbert S. Wilkinson ('58) is a plastic surgeon at Cosmetic Surgery Center and Spa in San Antonio, TX. He received the Jerome R. Klingbeil Award for Teaching Excellence. Tattoo removal is one of the several courses he teaches.

Phillip A. Griffiths IV ('59) received the 2008 Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics for his work on variations of Hodge structures, the theory of periods of abelian integrals, and his contributions to complex differential geometry.

1960s

Fred Coward ('60) is retired and enjoys gardening and traveling. He and his wife, Denise, sailed around the world twice and are planning a third trip.

Jesse J. Croom ('62) is a retired Baptist minister living in Edenton, NC. He was the commencement speaker at Campbell University in December. He received the inaugural James Archibald Campbell Meritorious Service Award for his service to Campbell University and Christian higher education. He was the Founders’ Day Convocation speaker at Wingate University in April.

Nancy Jane Mitchem Terry ('63) and her husband, Carl, and Dorothy Gilliam Thomas ('62) and her husband, Glenn, visited Mary Etta Mann Brown ('62) and her husband, Chester, in Cairo, Egypt. Mary Etta is the principal of the American International School.

Dave Forsythe ('64) is a professor of political science at the University of Nebraska. He received the 2007 Distinguished Scholar Award from the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association. He was awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Human Rights and International Studies for the fall at the Danish Institute of International Studies in Copenhagen.

Thomas P. McNamara (JD '64) has been reappointed to a third four-year term as federal public defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He continues as a member of the Federal Judiciary's Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules.

1970s


W. Edward Poe Jr. ('71, JD '74) is with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

J. David Waugh ('71) is an executive recruiter with Professional Staffing Group in Jackson, MS. He has a retirement home on Caye Caulker Island, off the coast of Belize.

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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.
• **E-mail**: classnotes@wfu.edu
• **Online**: www.wfu.edu/magazine/classnotes.

Submissions guidelines:

• Include your class year(s) and degree(s) with each submission.
• Include a telephone number and e-mail address so that we may verify the information.
• Because of space considerations we are able to accept individual head shots only. Photos must be at least 2x3 inches at 300 pixels per inch (600x900 pixels).
• Person submitting the item assumes responsibility for its accuracy.
• Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.
• We cannot accept items submitted by a third party.

Deadlines: The deadline for Classnotes submissions is the 15th day of the month two months prior to the issue date. For example, the deadline for the December issue is October 15.
Jack Pinnix (JD ’73) is with Allen & Pinnix in Raleigh, NC, and specializes in immigration and nationality issues. He received the Service Excellence Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association for his “commitment to grassroots Congressional advocacy to AILA.”

Henry C.T. Richmond III (’73) has been named to the management committee of Greenbaum Doll & McDonald PLLC in Lexington, KY.

Gerald James Jackson (MA ’74) has published a poetry collection, "Mass Card."

Robert Joseph Scofield (’74, P ’05) received his MS in therapeutic recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1981 and recently received his EdD in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Miami.

R. Michael Wells Sr. (JD ’74) is a partner with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, NC. He received one of Business Leader magazine’s Impact Pro Bono Awards.

William Joseph Boney Jr. (JD ’76) has a private practice in Wilmington, NC. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Clare Shore (’76) attended the premiere of her “Eser Makot (Ten Plagues)” for SATB chorus, viola and three male dancers at Charleston’s Spoleto Festival. The festival was held at the Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, SC.

Lucien A. “Skip” Capone III (JD ’77) is university counsel at UNCGreensboro. He was selected as an outstanding citizen lawyer by the N.C. Bar Association Citizen Lawyer Task Force for providing exemplary service to his community.

Gerry Tolson Gehl (’77) was commissioned as an associate in ministry in the Lutheran Church. She is church business administrator at Calvary Lutheran Church in Concord, NC.

E. Thornton Edwards Jr. (’78) is chairman of the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission. He and his partner of over 20 years live in Greensboro, NC.

Kay R. Hagan (JD ’78) is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate in North Carolina.

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Cameron Kent (’79) is news anchor with WXII-TV in Winston-Salem, NC. He fulfilled one of his lifelong dreams by running with the bulls at the Festival of San Fermin in Pamplona, Spain.

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1980s

Donna Edwards (’80) has been elected to Congress from the fourth district of Maryland. She is the first African-American woman elected to Congress from that state.

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Kurt Anthony McPherson (’83) is pastor of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Central, SC.


Frederick D. Jones III (’84) graduated from the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., in 1988. He was the keynote speaker this year for the 140th graduating class. He has a private anesthesiology practice in Southaven, MS, where he lives with his wife, Kimberley, and two sons, Frederick IV and Matthew.

Jennifer Mills (’84) enjoys being home with her two children, ages 13 and 11, and her role as a “teacher helper” and “sub” for fifth-grade English classes. She freelances for NBC Sports and is a co-host on “Masters TV” for Augusta National. She is a spokesperson at the Cliffs Communities in the Carolinas and is hosting a new online video series, “Join the Club: Better Golf for Women,” for Turner Sports. (www.pga.com)

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Lisa J. Caldwell (JD ’86) is executive vice president of human resources for Reynolds American and its subsidiary, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Laurie Hockman (’86) is a choreographer in New York. She co-produced a performance, “You Can Still Look Back,” with dance, sculpture, text and original music at the Studio Theatre at Soundance in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY.

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Shawn McCann (‘89) completed his MBA at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. He is senior vice president-corporate and chief tax officer of Univision Communications in New York. He and his wife, Tiffany, and their sons, Dillon, Jack, Charlie and Shawn II, live in Middletown, NJ, and Bermuda Run, NC.

1990

Paige Bentley Greason (MAEd ‘02) completed her PhD in counseling and counselor education in 2007. She is a senior mental health counselor at the N.C. School of the Arts and an adjunct professor in counseling at Wake Forest. She and her husband, Tripp, live in Winston-Salem, NC.

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1991

Steve Curnutte sold Finworth, the mortgage company he founded in 2003, to InsBank where he is president of the mortgage division. He discussed his new book, “Mortgage Cocktail,” on FoxNews and was quoted in The Wall Street Journal. He and his wife, Karen, and three sons live in Nashville, TN.

Kelly Greene continues to cover retirement planning and aging issues as a staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal. She has moved to Brooklyn, NY.

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1992

Bryon Grigsby (MA) is senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

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Shawn Rossi is vice president in the sales effectiveness practice of Sibson Consulting, a division of Segal of New York.

James A. West is a lead pastor of Colonial Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Christy (’94), live in Kansas City, MO, with their three sons: Levi, Jonah and Caleb.

1993

Michael E. Franklin (PA) owns Denali Family Medicine PC in Concord, NC. He and his wife, Bernice, have three children.

Jim Rapp (MBA) is retired. He completed an associate of applied science degree in culinary arts from the International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Charlotte, NC.

Donna Miller Slade Rostant (JD) is a partner with Jones & Rostant PC in Fairfax, VA, and is chair-elect of the Professional Negligence Section of the American Association for Justice. She has been named one of the “Best Lawyers in America” in medical malpractice. She recently completed her first ironman triathlon in Coeur d’Alene, ID.

Andrew W. Snorton III teaches journalism and is an adviser for the after-school intramurals program, the journalism club’s online magazine and the school yearbook at Pinckneyville Middle School in Norcross, GA. He is adviser for the ALPHA Leadership Program for grades 6-12 and is program development manager for the LEAD Foundation. He is a member of the Rho Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Real Men Cook and the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists.

Mary E. McNally Wallace is a relationship manager for DB Advisors, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank, in Mobile, AL.

1994

Deborah D. Alexander (MAEd ’98) has been teaching for 10 years, most recently at Highlands School in Birmingham, AL. She received the 2008 Optimist Club Achievement in Education Award and the 2008 Alabama School of Fine Arts Teacher Literary Award for Creative Nonfiction.

Jennifer Rogers Bainbridge is associate counsel for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Waynesville, NC.

Emily Giffin and her husband, Hartley Blaha, have a daughter, Harriet Elgin (1), and twin sons, Edward (4) and George (4), and live in Atlanta. Giffin published her fourth novel, “Love the One You’re With.” Her first three novels, “Something Borrowed,” “Something Blue” and “Baby Proof” were New York Times bestsellers. (www.emilygiffin.com)

Christopher John Hudson completed his general cardiology fellowship and started his electrophysiology fellowship at the University of Florida. He and his wife, Nell Randall Hudson (’95), and their two children, Randall and Baker, live in Gainesville, FL.
Donald Milligan (MBA) is division controller with Cross Country Healthcare in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Elizabeth Rees received her MDiv from Virginia Theological Seminary and is an ordained Episcopal priest. She is an associate rector at Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA.

Mark Tisdell (MBA) is chief financial officer of Model N in Redwood Shores, CA.

Peter Cooper Milner (MAEd ’97) completed his MDiv in 2003 from the Duke University Divinity School. He is a stay-at-home dad pursuing ordination as a priest within the Anglican Mission in America. He and his wife, Anna, have been married for seven years and have two children, Silas Cooper (1) and Josie Marie (4).

1995

Bill Hinsley is an associate vice president and principal program manager, providing consulting services to long-term and large-scale ecosystem restoration programs, with PBS&J (Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan) in Seattle. He and his wife, Saundra, and daughter, Sienna Rose, moved to Seattle from New Orleans.

Peter Cooper Milner (MAEd ’97) completed his MDiv in 2003 from the Duke University Divinity School. He is a stay-at-home dad pursuing ordination as a priest within the Anglican Mission in America. He and his wife, Anna, have been married for seven years and have two children, Silas Cooper (1) and Josie Marie (4).

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Peter J. Boylan (MBA) is executive vice president at NTN Buzztime, a leader in out-of-home media content distribution, based in Carlsbad, CA.

Kimberly Turner Helms received her PhD in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in higher education from UNC-Greensboro.

Donny C. Lambeth (MBA) is interim president of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He has been named a Health Care Hero by The Business Journal for his leadership in patient satisfaction and safety and innovative community alliances to improve health care delivery.

1997

Drew Henderson Davis (JD ’00) is an attorney with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in Winston-Salem, NC. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Sarah Moore Johnson is an estate planning attorney with Venable LLP in Washington, D.C. She received a 2008 Nolan Fellows Award from the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

Michael Lee (JD) is a managing partner with Smith Moore LLP in Wilmington, NC. He earned the highest rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review, the highly regarded third-party evaluation service for lawyers in terms of ethical standards and legal ability.

1998

James Buescher owns a newspaper, the Intelligencer Journal, in Lancaster, PA. His works have appeared in the Christian Science Sentinel and on Pennsylvania public radio. He received an award for “Best Feature Beat Reporting-2007” from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association.

Douglas Crets returned to the U.S. after living and working in India and Hong Kong for six years. He has been a TV and Dow Jones Financial News Wire reporter and an independent media analyst and managing editor for Media Partners Asia. He completed his master’s in journalism at the University of Hong Kong and did freelance investigative reporting in Burma. He lives in Manhattan, NY, now and works for the Institute for International Research.

1999

Karen A. Coachman received her master’s in Spanish from N.C. State University with a focus on linguistics and second language acquisition. She is a Spanish lecturer in the foreign languages and literature department at N.C. State University.

Allison Evans (MSA ’00) has been named the first Reznick Group Accounting Faculty Fellow at Wake Forest’s Calloway School of Business and Accountancy. She was previously an assistant professor of accounting at UNC-Wilmingtton.

Kelly Andres Reynolds (JD) practices biotechnology patent preparation and prosecution with Intellectual Property/Technology Law in Chapel Hill, NC. She and her husband, Marcus Reynolds (JD ’98), have two daughters, Julianne and Katherine.

Patti West Ramseur (JD) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. She is chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association.

Joe Volpe completed his PhD at Duke University. He is a medical science liaison for Monogram Biosciences.

Kyle Stephen Wittenborn received his MBA from the University of Richmond in 2007. He is district manager for Illinois and part of Wisconsin for Novartis Animal Health in Richmond, VA. He has received the Legends Award four times and the Global High Flyer Award in 2006.
On July 1, Wake Forest launched The Wake Forest Fund, marking a bold move toward increasing unrestricted annual support. Formerly known as the Annual Funds, this fund restructure will more clearly convey the need for and use of unrestricted annual gifts to the University. The Wake Forest Fund and each designation area will provide support for the University’s most critical priorities. Contributions to these unrestricted funds ensure Wake Forest’s tradition of excellence and support its initiatives as the nation’s premier collegiate university.

To reflect the importance of unrestricted annual giving, membership in The Wake Forest Fund Giving Societies requires 100 percent unrestricted giving to The Wake Forest Fund or any of its designations annually.

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The Wake Forest Fund for the College integrates the intimacy of an undergraduate liberal arts college with the academic strength of a research university. Funds will be spent at the discretion of the dean to support programs and initiatives not covered by tuition. It also allows the University to recruit and retain renowned teacher-scholars, support student programs in research, and fund volunteer initiatives to foster both intellectual and character development.

The Wake Forest Fund for the Graduate School seeks to prepare the next generation of academic leaders linking the liberal arts, the sciences and health sciences, offering 27 nationally and internationally recognized masters and doctoral programs, as well as four joint degrees in the biological, biomedical, computational and social sciences, and the humanities. Contributions to this fund will be used at the discretion of the dean of the Graduate School.

The Wake Forest Fund for the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy is an essential resource for strengthening the school and supporting the aspirations of its students and faculty. Gifts are put to work immediately for technology initiatives, student development and services, faculty development and vital curricular internship development. Gifts to this fund will be spent at the discretion of the dean of business to develop consistent and targeted programs that move the school forward.

The Wake Forest Fund for Student Aid honors the promise of making exceptional educational opportunities possible for all students, including those of modest resources, often the first in their families to attend college. Contributions to this fund will support our commitment to meeting demonstrated financial need for all accepted students.

The Wake Forest Fund for the Z. Smith Reynolds Library depends upon the support of donors to strengthen its collections and services, which must be continually renewed to support current and future research needs. These unrestricted funds allow flexibility in selecting materials to enhance the educational and research experiences of our students and faculty.

The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law seeks gifts from alumni and friends to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost to attend. These gifts also help maintain small class sizes and a low faculty-student ratio, which make the Wake Forest experience unique. Gifts provide funds to implement the mission of the law school: to prepare students with a foundation of legal knowledge and skill upon which they can build lives of service within the legal profession and beyond.
The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Divinity supports the work of Wake Forest’s newest professional school, which is on the brink of exciting discoveries in cross disciplinary education, offering a new variety of intellectual challenges to consider, such as the Masters of Divinity/Masters of Arts in Counseling, Master of Divinity and Juris Doctor degrees and a Spirituality and Health Science Certificate. Nearly all divinity students receive some form of financial aid. The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Divinity provides scholarships and tuition concessions to students, which allows them to focus on their academic passions rather than financial obligations.

The Wake Forest Fund for the Babcock Graduate School of Management supports the school’s commitment to developing future global business leaders who will be creative, innovative and successful. The Wake Forest Fund for the Babcock School provides the resources for student scholarships, faculty development, classroom technology upgrades, career services and an overall enhanced educational experience. This unrestricted fund is the primary method by which alumni can create opportunities for the next generations of Babcock students, while at the same time increasing the value of their Babcock School degree.

The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Medicine supports scholarships and financial aid for current medical students. Further, alumni participation in annual giving is a major factor to be considered when seeking support from corporate and foundation sources.

For more information about The Wake Forest Fund or Wake Forest Giving Societies, please contact Blake Absher at 336.758.5824 or absherb@wfu.edu.

2000

Teofilo S. Bacungan (MBA) is a global equity analyst with Employees Retirement System of Texas. He and his wife, Laura Reisman (MBA ’00), live in Austin, TX.

W. Taylor Campbell III (MSA ’01) is with D.L. Davis & Co. in Winston-Salem, NC. He was recognized by the Million Dollar Roundtable, a Premier Association of Financial Professionals, as a 2007 qualifier for “Court of the Table” distinction for his client service, ethics and professionalism.

Michael James Childers (JD/MBA) is assistant professor in the Johnson and Wales University College of Business in Charlotte, NC. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Brian F. Corbett (JD) has been named a partner with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He is a graduate of 2008 Leadership Raleigh.

Joseph Ladapo earned his MD and PhD in health policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He is completing his residency in internal medicine at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He and his wife, Brianna, live in Cambridge, MA.

Jeffrey T. Mohan received his MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. He is with Bain & Co. in Boston.

Ricky Paugh organized, hosted and performed in a stand-up comedy charity event in Bethesda, MD. The sold-out event raised enough money to finance 28 years of scholarships for girls in developing countries through the Room-to-Read charity.

Cheryl B. Smith (MBA) is vice president of The Hatteras Collection, which includes Hatteras Yachts, Cabo Yachts and Albemarle Sportfish Boats.

Luke Steven Theilken completed his residency training in anesthesia and critical care. He is an anesthesiologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and a faculty member at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

Cammie Wilson received her MA in speech-language pathology from UNC-Greensboro. She and her fiancé live in Waynesville, NC.

2001

Elizabeth Brill received her master’s in public service from the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock, AR. While in the program she was an education intern and education coordinator for the Millennium Villages Project in Mayange, Rwanda.

Suzanne Steele Covington (MD ’05) completed her pediatrics residency at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She is practicing general pediatrics with Jeffers Mann & Artman Pediatrics in the Raleigh, NC, area.

Kyle Covington has a faculty position in the doctor of physical therapy division at the Duke University School of Medicine. He and his wife, Suzanne Steele (’01, MD ’05), live in Wake Forest, NC.

Nicholas Ferenc is a senior product manager in the transplant division of Genzyme Corp. in Cambridge, MA.

Holly Langmuir (MD ’08) is a resident in obstetrics/gynecology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.
Olivia Zink Weisman is an associate with Phelps Dunbar LLP in Tampa, FL. She practices commercial litigation and intellectual property law.

2002

Stefne Lenzmeier Broz (MA) and her husband, Mathew, live in Columbus, OH. She was granted tenure in the department of communication at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH.

Noelle M. Shanahan Cutts received her JD (cum laude) from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, OH, in May. Her husband, Kyle Thomas R. Cutts (’02), also received his JD (first in the class and summa cum laude) and Andrew Rogalski (’04) graduated cum laude with his JD. All three were admitted into The Order of the Coif, a national law school honor society for JD graduates in the top 10 percent of the class.

Alicia Diane Lee received the Chapter Advisor of the Year Award from the University of Maryland Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for her volunteer work with the Gamma Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Amanda Hilton Linch completed her DDS at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She practices in Charlotte, NC.

Stefan Palys received his JD from the University of Arizona in 2006 and is in the commercial litigation practice group of Lewis & Roca LLP in Phoenix. He is a board member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Arizona Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Division of the Maricopa County Bar Association. He has been elected to serve a three-year term on the board of the Phoenix Theatre.

Daniel J. Pearce (MD) has been named an assistant professor in the department of dermatology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

2003

Marsha K. Anderson was ordained a Lutheran pastor. She is an assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN.

Daniel Blynn (JD) practices in the litigation and advertising groups with Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in Washington, D.C. He is an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School.

Mark William “Will” Clough Jr. is owner of Cornet Consulting LLC in Atlanta. He is specializing in improving corporate performance management through the use of IBM Cognos products.

William Ford Douglass received his doctor of pharmacology with honors from the University of Georgia. He works for CVS in Atlanta.

Ryan Scott Eanes received his MA in media studies from the New School University in New York City.

Derek J. Gilliam received his MA in political science from the University of Chicago in 2005 and his JD from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2008. He was a member of the Moot Court Board and an editor for the Wisconsin International Law Journal. He interned with the associate justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and in the office of the general counsel at the University of Wisconsin Madison. He is practicing labor and employment law with Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee.

Meredith P. Graves (JD) is with Zuckerman Spaeder in Washington, D.C. She was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

2004

Lauren Kimberly Edwards is associate counsel for the Board of Veterans’ Appeals in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jesse Jarrell and his wife, Anna Hustrulid Jarrell (’05), own Cape Fear River Wood Products LLC in Wilmington, NC. They were featured in the Raleigh News & Observer (www.capefearriverwood.com).

William J. McMahon IV (JD) has joined Constangy Brooks & Smith LLC in Winston-Salem, NC, as an associate attorney practicing employment law.

Bradley Jay Nowak (JD) is with Williams Mullen in Washington, D.C. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar at the recommendation of Wake Forest law school Dean Blake Morant and sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Samantha Rogers is in the physician assistant program at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Lindsay A. Wilson received her MD from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine. She has a residency in internal medicine at UNC Hospitals.

2005

Patrick C. Gallagher (JD) is an associate in the corporate litigation department of Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP in Wilmington, DE. He is not yet admitted to the Delaware Bar.

Adrienne Hillery received her JD from The George Washington University Law School.

Charles H. Kemp has completed his third year at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA. He is president of the Medical Student Government Association.

William J. McMahon IV (JD) has joined Constan- gyy Brooks & Smith LLC in Winston-Salem, NC, as an associate attorney practicing employment law.

Brandon Neal Edwards studied Hebrew scriptures and biblical languages with specific interest in Israelite Wisdom Literature. He received his master’s of theological studies from Harvard University and is pursuing a master’s of theology.

Will Elliott (MDiv) is staff chaplain at Mercy Hospitals in Bakersfield, CA. He and his wife, Mary Beth, have a chocolate lab, Charley.

Helen L. Jugovic (JD) is part of the immigration law division heading up the new Spanish-speaking office of McKinney & Justice PA in Wilmington, NC. She is fluent in Spanish and Serbo-Croatian.
Anne Crute Kernodle received her MS in occupational therapy from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She is completing her clinical fieldwork at Therapeutic Horsemanship in Wentzville, MO, and Paraqued/Enabling Mobility Center in St. Louis.

Brian A. Kirstein lives in Fairview, NC. He received a master’s of fine arts in screenwriting from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL, and an Outstanding Achievement in Motion Pictures Screenwriting Award from the School of Communication.

Andreas Kleutghen is a financial investment officer in South Bend, IN.

Ryan V. McNeill (JD) has joined Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, NC. He is an associate practicing real estate and collections.

Jason Pfister (JD) is a litigation associate with Smith Moore LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Eric “Big-E” Williams has played basketball in Italy for the past two years. His team won the Italian Cup.

2007

Katherine “Katie” Farrar has been awarded a fellowship from the Austrian Fulbright Commission for an English Language Teaching Assistantship in Linz, Austria, for the 2008-09 academic year.

Emily Houlditch (MAEd) is an English teacher at Reagan High School in Winston-Salem, NC. She received the Outstanding First-Year Teacher Award from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Jessica Meister Kleutghen is in her second year at the University of Notre Dame law school in South Bend, IN.

Ashley Kliefoth received her MAEd from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Andrew Kleutghen is a financial investment officer in South Bend, IN.

Bill Brown and Jessica Vogel received a postgraduate fellowship for the Wake Forest Fifth Year Institute to further develop Stuffed Robot LLC, a toy-design and production company.

Ali Carroll received a postgraduate fellowship for the Wake Forest Fifth Year Institute to develop her company, which sells unique jewelry made by women in Kenya.

Shane Mouchet Thompson received a summer internship through the religion department of Wake Forest to work and live on the Apache Indian Reservation in San Carlos, AZ. He is in religious studies in the graduate school at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Marriages

J. David Waugh (’71) and Jane Sanders. 12/07 on Caye Caulker Island. They live in Jackson, MS.

Ellen Whitaker (’75) and John J. Cafarella Sr. 1/4/08

Sarah Elizabeth Wolff (’87) and Joshua Rogers. 6/1/08 in North Wales, PA. They live in New York. The wedding party included Kathryn Fain (’87).

Allison Young (’91) and Douglas Zabransky. 4/12/08 in Chevy Chase, MD.

Jacqueline Coley (’94) and Lonnie Corbett Moore. 3/07. They live in Chula Vista, CA.

Samantha Anne Moore (’95) and Paul Bennett Haire. 4/18/08 in Charleston, SC. The wedding party included Sherry Godfrey (’95).

Jennifer Ross Felts (’96, MSA ’97) and Samuel Chung-Sung Lam. 5/3/08 in Washington, D.C.

Scott E. Linch (’96, MSA ’97) and Amanda L. Hilton (’02). 3/29/08 in Charleston, SC. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Thomas Carroll (’96), Scott Commins (’96), Ward Griffin (’96), Randall Kirsch (’96) and Andrea Howard Miller (’02).

Claire Webb Maddrey (’97, MAEd ’99) and Timothy Joseph Driscoll Jr. 6/14/08 in Greensboro, NC. They live in St. Louis. The wedding party included Joseph Gordon Maddrey (’64, JD ’67), Rachael Erin Mangum (’97) and Susannah Franklin Winstead (’96).

Faye LaWana Ann Rodman (’98) and Christopher Antonius Barbour. 6/21/08 in Greensboro, NC. They live in Austell, GA. The bride’s father is Reginald Rodman Sr. (’79). The wedding party included Stacey Gibbs (’98) and Malika Roman Isler (’99). Meredith Summers (’99) was a soloist.

Matthew T. Harrington (’99) and Courtney Humphries (’03). 6/7/08 in Winston-Salem, NC. They live in St. Louis. The wedding party included Stephen Burns (’02), Scott Nye (’98, MBA ’05), Carl Osberg (’01), Justin Richardson (’01) and Shawn Sleep (’97, MSA ’98).

Ann Marie DePriest (JD ’00) and Richard C. Byrd Jr. 4/24/08 in Las Vegas.

Mora Bow Hanlon (’00) and Robert Parker Hostetter. 5/17/08 in Atlanta where they live. The wedding party included Britt Cagle Grant (’00), Meredith Reinecke Hill (’00), Elizabeth Katherine Jones (’00), Beth Beagles Pierson (’00) and Elizabeth Wix Woodruff (’00).

Frank Johnson (’00) and Laura O’Kelley. 5/17/08

Jeff Mohan (’00) and Sara Schwartz. 6/14/08 in Lincoln, MA. They live in Boston.

Maggie Moore (’00) and Anjan Basu. 5/17/08 in Greensboro, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Crystal Carroll (’00), Tonya Coles (’01), Pamela Dawkins (’00) and Jovita Jolla Newman (’00).

Jeffrey Todd Prudhomme (’00) and Jillian Leigh Jones. 4/5/08 in Dallas, where they live. The wedding party included Christopher Douglas Cody (’00) and Jon Martin Gambill (’00).

Caroline Rowell (’00) and Will Sasser. 4/19/08 in Greenville, SC. They live in Birmingham, AL. The wedding party included Julie Wareing Aldrich (’00), Cate Candler (’00), Liz Wingfield Jackson (’00), Brandon Kellett (’00) and Jonathan Rowell (’97).

Erin A. Boggs (’01) and James R. Willis. 4/12/08 in Phoenix. They live in Scottsdale, AZ. The wedding party included Sarah Greensfelder Goff (’01) and Tarah L. Shelton (’05).

Katherine Shore Duke (’01) and William Jesse Teague Jr. (’01). 6/21/08 in Raleigh, NC. The bride’s father is Wilton Russell Duke Jr. (’70, JD ’74). Her grandfather was Egbert L. Davis Jr. (’33) and her great-grandfather was Egbert L. Davis Sr. (JD 1904). The groom’s father is William Jesse Teague (’73). The wedding party included Lawrence Duke (’04), Elizabeth Shields Fagg (’01), Rob Ferguson (’01), Will Godfrey (’01), Luke Iglehart (’01), Fairley Washington Mahlum (’01), Margaret Morrison (’01), John Rock Jr. (’01), Mary Wallace Teague (’05), Mary Craig Wilson Tennille (’01) and Walt Torbert (’01).
Allyson Michelle Everhart ('01) and Timothy Greeson. 4/19/08 in Wilmington, NC. The wedding party included Margaret M. Kingston ('01).

Sarah Elizabeth Hagenian ('01) and Robert Wayne Reese. 4/26/08 in Richmond, VA, where they live. The wedding party included Laura Hurd Bilton ('01), Michelle Brack ('01) and Lindsey Metcalf Lee ('01).

Sean Kirk Jenkins ('01) and Lawson LaBahr White ('04). 5/3/08 in Charleston, SC. They live in Charlestonville, SC. The wedding party included Lindsay Carrington ('01), Alex Cregan ('01), Catie Griffin ('04), Lauren Kniola ('04), Mary Moffett ('04), Bryson Powell ('02), John Rock ('01), Ben Stafford ('01), Mark Wilson ('01) and Katie Young ('04).

Daniel Maurice Nantz ('01) and Amy Nicole Floyd. 2/28/08 in Nassau, The Bahamas.

Olivia Zink ('01) and Daniel Weisman. 4/12/08 in Orlando, FL. They live in Tampa, FL. The wedding party included Tara Decko ('01), Melissa McCormack ('01) and Kristin Satuka Ondrak ('01).

Elizabeth A. Andrew ('02) and Thomas J. Kobylarz. 5/10/08 in Wilmington, NC. They live in Hoboken, NJ. The wedding party included Sara Busch ('02), Elizabeth Haight ('02), Ryan Morinelli ('02) and Lydia James Ritz ('02, MSA '03).

Sarah Raleigh Irvin ('02) and William Arthur Fixel. 2/2/08 in Atlanta, where they live. The wedding party included Katharine Young Martin ('02, MA '03), William Keither Merritt ('98), Katherine Lia Pace ('02), Katherine Kjellstrom Ryan ('02) and Margaret Mayo Williams ('02).

Michael Perry ('02) and Ashley D’Uva. 6/7/08 in Los Gatos, CA. The wedding party included Brian Murphy ('02).

Mikki Jo Rozdolski ('02) and Jamie MacDonald. 7/4/08 in West Park, NY. They live in Naples, FL.

Justan Alan Treadway ('02) and Noreen Courtney Walsh ('03). 6/2/07 in Spring Lake, NJ. They live in New York. The wedding party included Michael Bounds ('02), Kathryn Gill ('04), John Manning ('02), Jennifer Ryf ('03) and Bradford Sherry ('02).

Laura Weems ('02) and Drew Dayton ('03). 6/21/08 in St. Mary’s City, MD. The wedding party included Georgina Iyamu ('02), Erin Abercrombie Jones ('02), Jax Landfried ('02) and Rick Perez ('03).

Lindsay Taylor Coleman ('03) and Jason Purse. 4/26/08 in Manteo, NC. They live in Williamsburg, VA.

Catherine Elizabeth Funsch ('03) and Robert Newlin Wood III. 5/24/08 in Emmitsburg, MD.

Erin Lorraine Lunn ('03) and William Andrew Malone. 5/3/08 in Black Mountain, NC. They live in Lakeland, FL. The wedding party included Tracie McDonald Majors ('03, MSA '04) and Tracy Herrmann Teel ('03).

Kelly Ross ('03) and Spencer Bolin ('04). 4/19/08 in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Alex Snyder Garcia ('03), Jamie Ross Hayes ('00), Han O ('04) and Kristen O’Kane ('03).

Earl W. Seltzer ('04) and Jessica M. Stewart ('05). 6/7/08 in Charleston, SC. They live in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Bill Dillon ('04, MSA '05), Melanie Jefries ('05) and John Reynolds ('04).

Nick Ewen ('05) and Lillian Boudrias ('05). 5/31/08 in Fort Pierce, FL. They live in Gainesville, FL. The wedding party included Meredith Armstrong ('05), Scotty Candler ('05), Alex Ewen ('08), Jennifer Gow ('05), George Graves ('05) and Katie Reedy ('05).

Ryan Fothergill (JD '05) and Karen Gjerdrum (JD '05). 6/21/08 in Los Olivos, CA. They live in Santa Maria, CA.

Brian Schier ('05) and Caitlin Judd ('06). 6/28/08 in Greenville, SC.

Corey Morgan Scofield ('05) and Peter Gregory Bolac ('06). 6/14/08 in Kingsport, TN. They live in Memphis, TN. The wedding party included Sean Carroll ('06), Hanna Comer ('05), Megan Constance ('05), Parker Curtis ('06), Matthew Holtgrewe ('06), Thomas Kallberg ('06), Kristine Kao ('05) and Jane Langer ('05).

Jordana Taylor ('05) and Chris Hazel. 1/08 in Los Angeles, where they live. The wedding party included Mary Patterson Broome ('05) and Kristin Halfpenny ('04).

Andrew Kleutch (06) and Jessica Meister ('07). 6/21/08 in Asheville, NC. They live in South Bend, IN. The wedding party included Catherine Machalaba ('08) and Stephen Stancil ('06).

Stephanie H. Strader ('06) and Danny Carson. 6/21/08 in Knoxville, TN. The wedding party included Kate Henrique ('06), Meg Turlington Holshouser ('05) and Jessica Shelton ('05).

Victoria “Tory” Thatcher Wilkinson ('06) and Evan Samuel Shelby. 3/5/08 in Nashville, TN. They live in Memphis, TN. The wedding party included Stephanie Estelle Bennett ('06), Shannon Marie Flynn ('05), Rachel Ann Sharrow ('06) and Carolyn “Kit” Thomson ('03).

Eric “Big-E” Williams ('06) and Sertethea Christian Smith. 6/28/08 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Christopher Thomas Hood ('07) and Audrey Lynn Alexander. 5/24/08 in Lexington, NC. The bride’s father is Charles Jackson Alexander II ('69, JD '72). The groom’s father is Timothy Stuart Hood ('79), and his uncle is Renwick Carlisle Hood ('76).

Natalie Becton Russell (JD '08) and Aaron David Dunham. 5/24/08 in Chapel Hill, NC. They live in Mount Pleasant, SC.

**Births/Adoptions**

Robert Vick ('81) and Jennifer Vick, Kernersville, NC: a daughter, Camille Grace. 4/18/08. She joins her brother, Noah (4).

Martha Denise Greene Eads ('87, MA '93) and Christopher Eads, Harrisonburg, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret. 3/29/08

Amy Elizabeth Carter-Stewart ('88) and Charles D. Stewart, Warrenton, VA: a daughter, Madeline Joyce. 5/10/08. She joins her brothers, Carter (12) and Harrison (6).

Andrew R. Hart ('88) and Laura Hart, Lancaster, SC: a daughter, Abigail Rose. 4/15/08

Margaret Maske Clayton ('89) and Edward Lewis Clayton III ('90, MBA '00), Charlotte, NC: a son, Samuel Carter. 5/3/08, adopted 5/15/08. He joins his sister, Emery (2).

Elizabeth Morton Johnson ('89) and Cal Johnson, Columbia, SC: a son, Luke McDaniel. 5/6/08. He joins his brother, Ethan (5).
Elizabeth Winslow Miller ('89) and Christopher Miller, Ithaca, NY: a daughter, Kelly Louise. 1/12/07. She joins her sisters, Kathryn (10), Ellen (9) and Leigh (7).

William “Will” Blair ('90) and Christina Blair, Darien, CT: a son, Christopher William. 2/13/08. He joins his brother, Walker James (3).

Cabell Lowe Edmundson ('90) and J. Joyner Edmundson (MBA ‘98), Winston-Salem, NC: a son, James Joyner III. 11/12/07. He joins his sister, Mary Lowe (3).

Kathryn Bilbro Williams ('90) and T. Murray Williams Jr., Raleigh, NC: adopted daughter, Caroline. 2/13/08

Walter Percy Collins III ('91) and Ashley Collins, Camden, SC: adopted a daughter from China, Abigail Kathren Xia (2). 5/5/08. She joins her brother, James Alan (4).

David Hood ('91) and Melanie Starnes Hood ('91), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Caroline Scott. 10/13/07. She joins her brothers, John (8) and David (6).

Beth Starling McCormick ('91) and Mike McCormick, Pittsburgh: a son, Preston Cole. 2/10/07. He joins his brother, Aidan (3).

Reed L. Russell ('91) and Jenny Ellen Russell, Bethesda, MD: a daughter, Ellen Hee Min. 7/29/07, adopted from South Korea 3/13/08. She joins her brothers, Lock (6) and Gus (4).

Sarah Allen Bradford ('92) and Chris Bradford, Winter Park, CO: twin boys, Nicholas Van Allen and Willem Christopher. 10/25/07

Jennifer Eanes Foster ('92) and Greg Foster, Atlanta: a daughter, Anna Frances. 10/25/07. She joins her brother, Jack (4), and sister, Ellie (1 1/2).

Cara Fanelli Cline-Thomas (MBA ‘93) and BB Cline-Thomas, Wayne, PA: a son, Michael Mauro. 6/5/08. He joins his brother, Daniel (18 mos.).

Traci Suzette Cook East ('93) and A. Anthony East (MBA ‘06), East Bend, NC: a daughter, Madelyn Adair. 7/4/08. She joins her sisters, Kayden McKenzie (5) and Rachel Emory (3).

Robyn Smith Jacobs ('93) and Joe Jacobs, Marietta, GA: a daughter, Eilliania Marie. 6/22/07. She joins her brother, Trent (6).

Mary E. McNally Wallace ('93) and Peter Wallace, Mobile, AL: a daughter, Katherine Breese. 6/6/08

Elizabeth Ann Neighbors Way ('93) and Michael Way, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Matthew Brady. 5/8/08. He joins his sisters, Katherine (4) and Rachel (2). His grandfather is Brady C. Way (MS ’72, MD ’76).

Jennifer Rogers Bainbridge ('94) and Grayson Bainbridge, Waynesville, NC: a son, Henry Ethan. 4/1/08

Stephen Clarke Dettor ('94) and Gina Dettor, Fort Lauderdale, Fl: a son, Nash Cushing. 2/13/08. He joins his brother, Parker (2).

Danielle Blood Flynn ('94) and Michael Flynn ('95), New York: a son, Brendan Blood. 3/25/08

Christopher John Hudson ('94) and Nell Randall Hudson ('95), Gainesville, Fl: a daughter, Baker Elizabeth. 3/16/08. She joins her brother, Randall (6). Her grandparents are Jay (69) and Elizabeth Smith (69) Randall. Her godmother and aunt is Anne Jordan Randall ('98). Richard ('94) and Katherine Poller ('95) Miraglia are also godparents.

Kimberly Thomas Jette ('94) and John Jette, Cumming, GA: a daughter, Audrey Claire. 7/13/07

Jacqueline Coley Moore ('94) and Lonnie Corbett Moore, Chula Vista, CA: a son, Declan Alexander. 4/9/08

Bill Hinsley ('95) and Sandra Hinsley, Seattle: a daughter, Sienna Rose. 10/07

Camille Corio Jasper ('95) and Greg Jasper, Montgomery Village, MD: twins, Kathleen Grace and James Anthony. 3/8/08. They join their sister, Mary (17 mos.).

Ashley Armstrong Koontz ('95) and Eric Koontz, Atlanta: a daughter, Bradley Mildred. 8/29/07. She joins her sister, Maggie (3).

Darrin Howe Skinner ('95) and Heather Skinner, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Alexandra Jane. 3/24/08. She joins her sister, Sasha (3), and brother, Zach (2).

Christina Lynn Benson Smith ('95) and Hunter Smith, Smyrna, GA: a daughter, Julia Helen. 3/30/08

Jeanette Snyder Walser ('95) and Jae Walser, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, William Emery. 1/24/08

Harold “Toby” Wells Jr. (MBA ’95) and Frances Wells, Pinehurst, NC: a daughter, Elizabeth Grace. 6/13/08. She joins her sister, Louise (17 mos.).

Nolan Wiggins Jr. ('95) and Ashley Wiggins, Abbeville, SC: a daughter, Katherine Leitner. 6/16/08. She joins her sister, Lucy (2).

Alan F. Zoccolillo Jr. ('95) and Patricia Fehr Zoccolillo ('96), New Canaan, CT: a son, Andrew Eugene. 8/21/07. He joins his sister, Anna (5), and brother, Patrick (3).

Gregory Cran ('96) and Kara Campisi Cran ('96), Lake Bluff, IL: a son, Dylan Matthew. 4/30/08. He joins his brother, Aidan (5), and sister, Lily (3).

Kelly Lynne Barham ('97, MD '03) and Kelly W. Baird (MD '05), Lewissville, NC: a son, Carson Jennings. 5/21/08. He joins his brother, Sidney (2).

Chuck McFadden ('97) and Katie Meyer McFadden ('98), Greenville, SC: a son, Owen Parks. 6/3/08. He joins his brother, Charlie (2).

Mary McElwee Mendenhall ('97) and Brian Mendenhall, Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Caroline Hardy. 7/1/08. She joins her sister, Mary Douglas.

Bill Williams ('97) and Kari Williams, Asheville, NC: a son, Harrison Finlay. 2/28/08. He joins his sister, Sarah Anne (2 1/2).

William Ashworth ('98) and Tina Carlucci Ashworth ('99), Washington, D.C.: a daughter, Carmen Rose. 6/14/08

Jaime Guirdy Auvil ('98) and Ryan Auvil, Elkridge, MD: a daughter, Maryn Eve. 12/23/07

Margaret Taylor Blair ('98) and Jason Milner Blair, Norfolk, VA: a son, Joseph Raleigh. 4/9/08

Jenny Eschen Carter ('98) and Jason Howell Carter, Atlanta: a daughter, Avery Gwendolyn. 5/1/08. She joins her brother, Harrison (2).

Geoffrey Todd Lynch ('98) and Jaime S. Lynch, Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Eva Bell. 2/22/08. She joins her brother, Davis Walter (2).

Sara Hicks Malone ('98) and Charlie Malone ('99), Nashville, TN: a son, Ingram Blair. 11/29/07
Cassie Howell Martucci ('98) and Nick Martucci, Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Giada Olivia. 1/23/08. She joins her brother, Giovanni Elijah (3).

Kedi Finkbeiner Milajecki ('98) and Thomas Milajecki, Baltimore: a son, Thomas Wojciech Jr. 2/26/08

Marcus Reynolds (JD '98) and Kelly Andres Reynolds (JD '99), Chapel Hill, NC: a daughter, Catherine. 3/4/08. Valley, MD: a daughter, Olivia ('99)

Cecilia Pressley Donohue ('98) and Steve Vosmik, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Alice Louise. 2/4/08. She joins her sister, Adrienne (17 mos.).

Elizabeth Burke Vosmik ('98) and Steve Vosmik, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Claire Virginia. 4/7/08. She joins her sister, Adrienne (17 mos.).

Jennifer Kay Self ('98) and Eric Self, Alpharetta, GA: a daughter, Abigail Murphy. 2/15/08

Brandon Marshall Denihan ('00) and Ansley Smith Denihan ('00), Atlanta: a son, Stratford Callaway. 5/8/08. He joins his sister, Delaney Rox (1).

Daniel Diffley (JD '00) and Catherine Alexander Diffley (JD '00), Atlanta: twin sons, Alexander Conroy and Rutherford Buchanan. 4/28/08. They join their sister, Eloise (3).

Matthew Francis ('00) and Nikki Steele Francis ('01), Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Palmer Grace. 5/23/08

David Kilgore Lutes ('00, JD '03) and Carolyn Herrington Lutes ('01), Austin, TX: a daughter, Ruby Louise. 12/16/07

Kelly Perry ('00) and Matthew Leerberg, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Mirella Jane. 3/28/08. She joins her brother, Gabriel (18 mos.).

Benjamin Clinton Trayes ('00) and Kathryn Pool Trayes ('01), Philadelphia: a daughter, Charlotte Kathryn. 5/9/08

Sarah Speeg Rasco ('99) and Drew Warren Rasco, Dallas: a daughter, Audrey Ames. 4/26/08

Carrie Richardson Winterhoff ('00) and Mark R. Winterhoff ('02), Greenville, SC: a son, Luke David. 4/20/08

Daniel G. Vivarelli Jr. ('99) and Mary-Frances Vivarelli, Arlington, VA: a daughter, Isabelle Suzanne. 4/20/08

Christian Zych ('99) and Brandon Zych, Cary, NC: a son, Ryder James. He joins his sister, Campbell Grace (3).

Emily Bryan Aycock ('00) and Will Aycock, Wilson, NC: a son, William Brantley. 3/25/08. He joins his sister, Maggie (2).

Jack Bishop ('00) and Kristin Bishop, Blue Point, NY: a daughter, Abigail Murphy. 12/26/07

Brooks Flynn ('01) and Alexandra Williams Flynn ('01), Atlanta: a son, Charles Alexander. 6/11/08

Sarah Shivers Heiden ('01) and Erik Heiden, Sun Valley, ID: a daughter, Iris Mae. 5/19/08

David Steven Ryan ('01) and Katherine Kjellstrom Ryan ('02), Gainesville, FL: a son, John Steven. 2/11/08

Allison Dale Taylor ('01) and Ryan Taylor, Atlanta: a daughter, Catherine Clay. 5/4/08

Leigh Anne Shepherd Wray ('01) and Walter Harrill "Hal" Wray III (MD '07), Durham, NC: a son, Elliot Lewis. 6/21/08. He joins his sister, Lillie (2). Elliot was delivered by L. Carter Gray ('95, MD '99).

Zachary David Albertson ('02) and Rebecca Van Zandt Albertson ('02), Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Samuel Bereket. 9/6/07 in Ethiopia, adopted 4/14/08. He joins his sister, Leah (4), and brother, Peter (2).

Melissa Doran Bailey ('02, MSA '02) and Ryan Bailey, Snoqualmie, WA: a daughter, Taylor Paige. 6/10/08

Benjamin Clinton Trayes ('00) and Kathryn Pool Trayes ('01), Philadelphia: a daughter, Charlotte Kathryn. 5/9/08

Nicole True Cedarleaf (JD '02) and Karl Cedarleaf, Webster, NY: a daughter, Ava Grace. 4/28/08. She joins her brother, Gunnar Michael (2).

Carrie Richardson Winterhoff ('00) and Mark R. Winterhoff ('02), Greenville, SC: a son, Luke David. 4/20/08

Elizabeth Parker Horton (MDiv '02) and Daniel Horton, Lexington, NC: a son, Patrick Earl. 5/28/08. He joins his sister, Megan (9).

Andrew Lloyd Mc Lester (JD '02) and Carol Ann Wooddy Mc Lester, Charleston, SC: a daughter, Katelyn Marilyn. 5/19/08. She joins her brother, Hudson (2).

Ryan Beaver ('03, JD '06) and Emily Conrad Beaver ('03), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Charlotte Patricia. 5/3/08

Ricky Perez ('03) and Courtney Barksdale Perez ('04), Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Sydney Raines. 5/5/08

Jeremy C. Roy (MBA '03) and Karen Roy, Lexington, KY: twins, Steven Dominic and Camille Susannah. 5/28/08. They join their brother, Evan (2).

Gregory Reich Russ (MBA '03) and Shannon Russ, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Marshall Reich. 4/25/08. He joins his brother, Hayden, and sister, Ashley.

Sara Johnson Pitts ('04) and Jackson Pitts, Coral Gables, FL: a son, Connor Jackson. 9/15/07

Bryan Scott (JD '04) and Francie Scott (JD '04), Richmond, VA: a son, John Gregory. 5/8/08
George B. Weaver ('33), May 24, 2008, Albermarle, NC. After three years as a teacher and principal in the public schools and five years in retail merchandising, he began a new career as editor of the Public Ledger in Oxford, the Bertie Ledger-Advance in Windsor and the Wallace Enterprise in Wallace. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was news editor and editorial writer for the Stanly News and Press in Albermarle for nearly 40 years. He is survived by a son, two granddaughters and a brother, Robert W. Weaver ('38).

Wilson Kell Gay ('38), June 25, 2008, Seaboard, NC. He worked for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. in Greensboro, NC, before serving in the U.S. Navy as a meteorologist during World War II. He later became the owner of Gay Implement Co. and was a volunteer firefighter for the Seaboard Fire Department. Among his survivors is a granddaughter, Virginia Duncan Gay ('09).

Jesse Helms ('40), July 4, 2008, Raleigh, NC. The conservative icon and five-term North Carolina senator attended Wake Forest for one year before transferring to Wingate University. Helms was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972—the first Republican to represent the state since Reconstruction—and went on to win re-election in 1978, 1984, 1990 and 1996 to become the longest-serving senator in North Carolina history when he retired in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three children, Jane Knox, Nancy Grigg and Charles Helms; seven grandchildren, including Charles Robert Knox Jr. ('93); and two great-grandchildren.

Paul Shorey Paschal ('40), May 21, 2008, Apex and Wake Forest, NC. He was the son of Old Campus icon George Washington Paschal, professor of Greek, registrar and author of the encyclopedic “History of Wake Forest College,” volumes 1, 2 and 3. He was a captain in the Army Transportation Corps during World War II and served on the Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary ferrying troops and dignitaries between New York and Great Britain. He co-founded the Herald Pharmaceutical Co. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Laura Paschal; brothers, George Jr. ('27, '28, MD '29, P '73), Robert ('28, JD '31), Richard ('30), and Joel ('35, JD '38); and sisters, Laura ('31, MA '32), Catherine ('31, JD '42), Ruth Lupton ('34) and Mary ('43). He is survived by a brother, Harry Edward ('42, JD '48), several sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Percy Creighton Rodwell Jr. ('40), April 18, 2008, Chapel Hill, NC. He completed his MD in dentistry from Emory University and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He practiced dentistry in Orangeburg, SC, until retiring in 1985 and moving to Edisto Island, SC. In 1998 he moved to Chapel Hill to be closer to family.

Thomas Jennings Sharpe ('40), May 22, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. Before and after World War II, he was with Catawba County Health Department and then chief sanitarian for Washington County in Hagerstown, MD. He was with the U.S. Public Health Service during the war and later returned to active duty, stationed with the Atomic Energy Commission in Nevada. He retired as captain, assigned to the EPA Office in Durham, NC. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Loyce; a daughter, Loyceine Sharpe Grier ('62); a son, Rondal, five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

John Elliott Galloway ('42), July 5, 2008, Atlanta. He was the founder of the prestigious Galloway School in Atlanta. He received Wake Forest’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1992 and served for many years as chairman of the Half Century Club. A native of Wilson, NC, he grew up in Moultrie, GA, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. In 1958, he began teaching at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta and later became principal. He was later named Headmaster of Holy Innocent’s School. In 1969, he founded The Galloway School; he retired as headmaster in 1990. He was an avid runner and a top finisher in his age group in Atlanta Track Club races for over 20 years. When he was 75, he ran in the Atlanta and Boston marathons and in the marathon in Athens, Greece. He died hours after running in his 36th Atlanta marathon. He was predeceased by his wife, Kitty. He is survived by four children, Jeff, Charlie, Kay and Fran, and eight grandchildren, including Westin C. Galloway ('06). Memorials may be made to the Elliott Galloway Scholarship Fund at The Galloway School.

Malcolm Forrest “Pete” Walker ('42), July 3, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Corps and was a POW during World War II. He received the Bronze Star and Silver Star. He was a retired planning engineer with AT&T.
William Barnes Fowler ('44), May 20, 2008, Newport, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served three terms on the N.C. State Environmental Commission. He worked in the tobacco market, and owned Fowler Ford in Clayton, NC, and Fowler Barham Ford in Warrenton, NC. He started Coast Realty & Construction in Emerald Isle, NC, where he remained until retirement.

Charlotte Easley Reeder Shaw ('44), June 16, 2008, Raleigh, NC. She was the widow of former journalism professor Bynum G. Shaw ('48) and the daughter of the late J. Allen Easley, a legendary professor of religion whose long tenure spanned both campuses. After graduating from Wake Forest, she lived for many years in Baltimore, MD, with her first husband, David A. Reeder. After his death, she married Shaw in 1986 and moved back to Winston-Salem. She also was preceded in death by a brother, John Allen Easley Jr. ('43), and a sister, Nancy Easley Uhl ('46). She is survived by her three children, John David ('75) and wife Janet McDaniel ('76), Neil Foltz ('92) and husband Joe, and Betsy; four grandchildren, including Jill Reeder (JD '08); two step daughters and four step grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Millbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC; Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC; or the Allen Easley Fund at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Ruth Hocutt Walker ('44), April 22, 2008, Kinston, NC. She was in the first graduating class of women at Wake Forest. She taught English at La Grange High School and French at Grainger High School. She was predeceased by her husband, William Edward Walker Jr. ('48). She is survived by a son, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William Kenneth Craig (MD '46), June 24, 2008, Enfield, NC. He practiced medicine in Enfield for over 50 years.

Nicholas William Sacrinty ('46, MD '52), April 16, 2008, Eden, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and played football at Wake Forest. He is a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame. He played in the first Gator Bowl and threw the first touchdown pass. He played one season for the Chicago Bears and then entered the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He was a physician for more than 40 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane Frazier Sacrinty ('46), and a brother, Otis Mac Sacrinty ('47).

David Edwin Byrum ('47, JD '51), April 26, 2008, Concord, NC. He practiced in Mecklenburg County for many years. He was the son of Isaac and John Thomas Byrum ('40). He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez; a son, Steven; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Porter B. Byrum (JD '42).

Gerald Carter Wallace ('47), May 23, 2008, Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees and a business man and hotel developer in the Southeast. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a cotton merchant for almost 50 years with offices in several states. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion, two sisters, and a brother, Robert Brown Wallace Sr. ('50). He is survived by four children: Elizabeth, Doug, Gerald, Robert ('76) and Thomas; and 12 grandchildren, including Carter W. McIntyre ('01). Memorials may be made to the Ocean View Baptist Church, 7300 N. Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 and the Gerald C. Wallace Jr. Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Thomas Meredith Bolton ('48), April 27, 2008, Fayetteville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Europe during World War II and was an administrative supervisor with the N.C. State Department of Revenue. He served on the Crown Coliseum Commission, the Metropolitan Housing Authority and the board of directors of Heritage Place.

William McKay Fleming ('48), July 11, 2008, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. He was the founder and president of The Card Shop, which he established in 1952 in Raleigh.

Grover Cleveland McDaniel Jr. (MD '48), April 16, 2008, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was chief resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville. He was an obstetrician and gynecologist, practicing mostly in Florida for over 40 years.

Rosa Garrison Richardson ('48), May 16, 2008, Harrisburg, PA. She lived most of her life in Winston-Salem, NC.

William F. Wilhelmy ('49), June 4, 2008, Kenansville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received the Bronze Star, Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was a charter member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. He had a private practice for 52 years, served as Kenansville town attorney for 33 years and was president of the Duplin County Bar Association for 26 years. He was a founding member of the Kenansville Lions Club, a lifelong member of the Rotary Club, on the board of trustees at the James Sprunt Community College and was a recipient of the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anne; two sons; a daughter; and six grandchildren, including William Tyler Craft ('09).

Henry Ross Randall ('50), May 23, 2008, Hendersonville, NC. He was one of the founders of WFDD. In 1946, he and fellow sophomore Alva Parris ('49, MD '53) modified a wireless phonograph, added a microphone and strung a wire between two trees outside Mrs. Barbee's rooming house near the Old Campus, and began broadcasting to nearby homes. In 1948, they secured a license for a 50-watt station and WAKE radio began broadcasting to the campus from the press box at old Groves Stadium (the station's call letters were soon changed to WFDD after they learned that WAKE was already taken). After graduating from Wake Forest, he attended the
Baptist Seminary in New Orleans and was a Baptist minister for several years. He later became a successful entrepreneur in lithographic work for the banking and financial industries and established his own company in Columbia, SC. He was an active ham radio operator for more than 50 years. He is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

Lester Frank Rountree (’50), April 25, 2008, Hobbsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a retired farmer. He was former owner of Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home in Gatesville before it was sold to Twiford Funeral Homes, where he was a funeral director until his death. He served for 27 years on the Gates County Board of Commissioners and received the Outstanding Service Award from the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

George Morgan Womble Jr. (JD ’50), July 12, 2008, Raleigh, NC. He was a life member of the Wake Forest Law board of visitors. In the middle of his college years, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After a short period of private legal practice in Elizabeth City, NC, he was named associate general counsel of Durham Life Insurance Co. in Raleigh. He remained there for 41 years serving as vice president and general counsel, executive vice president, president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors, retiring in 1991. He received the A.E. Finley Distinguished Service Award from the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis; two sons, George and Robert (’76); a daughter, Elizabeth; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Ray Flinchum (’51), June 22, 2008, Greenwood, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War as a registered laboratory technician. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Pharmacy School and the Duke University Hospital Management Improvement Program. He joined the staff of Self Memorial Hospital in 1955 as a pharmacist and later became an assistant administrator. He retired in 1986 as vice president and operating officer. He received the Bowl of Hygeia Award from the S.C. Pharmaceutical Association and the Certificate of Merit from the S.C. Hospital Association.

Allan Martin Goldston (’51), April 28, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a general contractor in North Carolina, New York and Maryland. He was active with an online support group for individuals with emphysema and COPD, as well as the pulmonary rehabilitation program at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Ashley Carlyle Morris (’51), May 7, 2008, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a representative with New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. before becoming an independent real estate broker and a member of the Raleigh Board of Realtors.

John Harold Talton (’51), May 23, 2008, Smithfield, NC. His career began at First Citizens Bank in Newton Grove, NC. He served in the U.S. Army until 1956 and returned to First Citizens. He became vice president, city executive in New Bern from 1969 until 1972. He was appointed senior regional vice president for Eastern North Carolina and retired in 1994 after 43 years of service. He remained a consultant and member of the board of advisers. He was recognized as the 1972 New Bern Civitan Citizen of the Year, received the 1983 Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit from the Historical Preservation Society of North Carolina, the 1988 N.C. Main Street Award for Citizen of the Year, the 1990 Eastern Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen of the Year, and in 2004, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Smith Talton (’51); a daughter, Becky; two sons, John and David (’90); and five grandchildren.

Robert N. Solomon (’52), June 24, 2008, Sarasota, FL. He graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary. He retired in 2005 after 25 years of service as pastor of Bee Ridge Baptist Church in Sarasota. He also served as pastor of churches in Lexington and Paducah, KY, and Jacksonville and Ocala, FL.

John Henry Edmonds Jr. (’53, MD ’56), June 27, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander and was a physician and teacher at the Medical College of Georgia. He joined the department of cardiology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in 1970. He received the Clinical Faculty Teaching Citation in 1976 and retired as professor emeritus in 1992. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Olga; his daughters, Carolyn (’81) and Mary; and his son, John III (’92).


Elias McCown Matthews Jr. (’54), April 21, 2008, Honolulu, HI.

William Osgood “Spike” Williams Jr. (MD ’54), June 26, 2008, Macon, GA. He retired from a private medical practice in Macon after 35 years, and from Macon Occupational Medicine after 15 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Carl Elzie Poston (’55), June 13, 2008, Shelby, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and on the USS Yorktown during World War II. He was a night-fighter pilot and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He earned degrees from Gardner-Webb Junior College, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the School of Pastoral Care at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He had internships with the N.C. Baptist Hospital and Appalachian State University. He was a Baptist minister, serving churches in North Carolina and Florida, a development officer for Coastal Carolina Community College, a chaplain for a Florida hospice and chaplain of Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Juanita; two daughters, Rheba (’65) and Barbara; a son, David; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert David Caldwell (’56), May 19, 2008, Reston, VA. He received his MDiv from Yale University and was an associate minister at University Baptist Church in Baltimore and a senior minister at East Washington Heights Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He was co-founder of the Gestalt Institute of Washington and founder and president of the Quest Center for Human Growth in Bethesda, MD. He frequently wrote for Pathways magazine and worked as a psychotherapist at the Counseling and Guidance Center in Bethesda, MD. He was predeceased by a son, Stephen B. Caldwell (’89). He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Erma, a son and two grandsons.
John Howard Abernathy ('57), June 28, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Security Agency and worked for Integon Corp.

Rachel Louise Clark Curry ('57), April 20, 2008, Merritt Island, FL. Her final year of study at Wake Forest included the Bowman Gray School of Medicine as a student in medical lab technologies. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Bradley Curry Jr. ('54), three children and five grandchildren.

Patrick Massey Sharpe ('57, JD '59), April 20, 2008, Mount Airy, NC. He was a member of the first graduating class after Wake Forest moved to Winston-Salem. He was an assistant to the N.C. Commissioner of Revenue, a trust officer for First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Raleigh and Fayetteville, and a member of the law firm Woltz and Faw in Mount Airy. He established his own practice in 1982 and maintained it until April 2006. He received the Outstanding Service for Seniors Award from the Surry County Coalition on Aging. He is survived by his wife, Julia Teache Sharpe ('57), two daughters and a granddaughter.

Donald Gray Hayes ('58), May 11, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He spent much of his career as a professor and dean at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC, and most recently at Salem College in Winston-Salem. He was co-founder of the Governor’s School of North Carolina. While at Lenoir-Rhyne, he was named N.C. Educator of the Year, a Distinguished Professor, and the Michael Peeler Endowed Chair Professor. He received the Hancock-Settlemyre Award and served on the board of visitors at Lees-McRae College, where he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Herbert Lesene Ridgeway III (BBA '58), June 13, 2008, Atlantic Beach, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and received an associate degree in optics opticianry at Erie County Community College before joining Ridgeway’s Opticians. He became president of Ridgeway’s Opticians, served on the N.C. State Board of Opticians, was president of the N.C. Optician’s Association and president of the Southeastern Association of America. He was also a real estate broker, serving on various committees of the N.C. Board of Realtors.

Ernest Gordon Sanders ('59), June 17, 2008, Winston, NC. He served in the U.S. Army before moving to Charlotte, NC, where he was a CPA. He later worked in the lumber business. He moved to Winston in 1991.

Lonnie Sasser Smith ('59), April 22, 2008, Murfreesboro, NC. He was retired from the U.S. Army after serving in Korea and Vietnam. After retirement, he taught math and coached tennis and cross country at Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, VA.

Edwin Madison Taylor Jr. ('59), June 9, 2008, Danbury, VA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired in 1987 from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 30 years of service. He served on the board of directors, retiring in 1997, of United Savings and Loan, which later became BB&T.

Charles Maynard “Chic” Forbes ('60), July 3, 2008, Townsend, TN.

Richard F. Curlee ('61), Jan. 29, 2008, Tucson, AZ. He completed his MA and PhD at the University of Southern California and spent four years at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. He joined the faculty at the University of Arizona in 1974. He was known for his contributions in the field of stuttering and received the Malcolm Fraser Award from the Stuttering Foundation of America.

William Allen Stout (MD '61), Feb. 12, 2008, Loris, SC. He served in the U.S. Army and was a physician at Carolina Primary Care in Tabor City, NC.

Northrup Lenair Hood ('62), July 9, 2008, King, NC.

Steven Terry Irvin ('62), May 1, 2008, Prospect, KY, and Destin, FL. He was a retired executive of PHC Bank and a board member of the Louisville Zoo and the Fund for the Arts. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Margaret Perry Irvin ('63); two daughters; a son; and five grandchildren.

Thomazine Herring Hayes ('63), June 17, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She was a volunteer at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and a docent at the Reynolda House Museum of American Art and SECCA. She and Hellen Prichard ('61) received the Order of the Longleaf Pine for the expansion of Meals on Wheels.

Francis Lee Hudnor III ('63), May 27, 2008, Mocksville, NC. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy School of Preflight and received naval aviator designation. His career included deployments to the Mediterranean, serving as an instructor pilot, sea duty aboard the USS Bennington and USS Midway, serving during the Vietnam War and creating an enlisted retention program. He graduated from the Command and Staff College in 1975 and served as operations officer, executive officer, force operations officer and director of special surveillance operations. He assumed command of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily, was a commanding officer of the ASW Training Group Atlantic, and commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal before retiring to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Martha; three children; five grandchildren; and a brother, George Hudnor ('62).

Jimmy Lee Lowery ('63), May 2, 2008, Gastonia, NC.

Charles Bennett Williamson ('63), June 26, 2008, Pensacola, FL. He played football while at Wake Forest and completed his MAEd and PhD in education, with a specialty in exercise physiology, from the University of North Carolina. He taught and coached at New Bern High School and was a football coach at Elon University and Newark State University. He joined the staff of the University of West Florida in 1971 and retired as chair of the health, leisure and sports department, after 34 years of service.

Henry Merritt Esuce Jr. (MD '64), July 10, 2008, Atlanta, GA. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, ultimately overseeing a MASH Unit. He was an anesthesiologist in the Army, at High Point (NC) Memorial, at Metropoli tan Hospital and at the Center for Plastic Surgery in Atlanta.

Robert Wayne Denning ('65), April 24, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was employed by several companies including Wachovia and Bepco.

Phyliss Warrick Armstrong ('67), April 10, 2008, Athens, GA. She was a laboratory manager with Piedmont Health Care in Statesville, NC.
James Harry Arrowood ('68), June 29, 2008, Stevens Point, WI. He completed a master’s at Radford University, was a high school band director in Culpeper, VA, and had conducting positions at Ball State University, Capital University and UNC-Chapel Hill. He did graduate and postgraduate work at the University of Virginia and the University of Michigan. He was professor emeritus of music and former director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Knowles ('70), and two children.

Frank Cole Nicholson Jr. ('68), April 27, 2008, Clemmons, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a senior internal auditor for Krispy Kreme and had worked for Piedmont Airlines/U.S. Airways. He was a committee member of the Piedmont Aviation Credit Union and a zoning board member for the City of Clemmons.


Marcus Austin Whicker ('74), April 8, 2008, Thomasville, NC. He was a sports car enthusiast and a former member of the Triad Sports Car Club. He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Austin Whicker ('49). He is survived by his mother; a brother; a niece, Jessica L. Whicker ('08); and two nephews. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University School of Medicine. William Ward Gardner (JD '79), May 22, 2008, Dunwoody, GA. He practiced law in the Atlanta area for almost 30 years.

Ronnie Carl Peppers ('90), April 12, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a production supervisor at Schlitz Container Plant and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He also worked for the Department of Social Services and retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2004.

Elina Boldina (LLM '01), June 1, 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Friends, Faculty, Staff

Joyce Vaughn Battle, Aug. 6, 2008. She was the wife of men’s associate head basketball coach Jeff Battle. A native of Fayetteville, NC, she was an all-conference point guard at Fayetteville State University. She set the Fayetteville State school record for assists during the 1983-84 season. After graduating, she played for the Virginia Express of the National Women’s Basketball Association and was an assistant women’s basketball and assistant volleyball coach at Delaware State. After moving to Winston-Salem in 2002, she was a teacher and coach at the Downtown Middle School. She is also survived by the couple’s son, Jordan.

Sheri Davis Bailey ('79), July 2, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She completed her education at the National Paralegal Institute in Atlanta and was a legal assistant. She also worked for FirmLogic. She is survived by her husband, David, and two sons, Wes III and George. Memorials may be made to the Department of Oncology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

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Margaret Arnold Griffith, May 20, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She established the Griffith Baptist Student Union Fund in 2001 to assist undergraduates who are active in BSU at Wake Forest. A native of Alabama, she met her future husband, Kelley, through the Baptist Student Union while she was in graduate school at George Washington University in the 1930s. She was a teacher, musician, freelance writer and painter. She is survived by three children and their spouses, Kelley ('62) and Saralyn Blanton ('61) Griffith, Ross ('65) and Betty Turnage ('66) Griffith, and Lynne and Richard Marks; six grandchildren, Suzanna ('91), Margaret, Christopher, Brian, Gareth ('88) and Bronwen; and six great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Salem-towne; Hospice and Palliative CareCenter of Winston-Salem; or the Baptist Student Union Scholarship at Wake Forest.

Benjamin Douglas Morton Jr., May 7, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He worked for 25 years as a medical photographer at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Baptist Hospital. In his later years he worked in the athletic department at Wake Forest as an equipment room attendant.

Paul Simos, June 15, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was the owner of Simos Barbecue in Winston-Salem, the unpretentious but popular hangout for everyone from business executives to factory workers and—even especially in the 1960s and 1970s—Wake Forest students. The restaurant’s neon sign of a cook chasing a pig was one of the city’s most identifiable icons. Simos took over the Indiana Avenue landmark when his father died in 1959 and ran it until it closed in December 2003.

Nat Erskine Smith, June 5, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was a professor at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine from 1976 until 1989. As an associate dean of the medical school, he helped establish the Department of Medical Education, a program for independent studies and the parallel curriculum for medical students. After leaving Bowman Gray, he was a physician with the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem until retiring in 2003. A native of Bartow, FL, he graduated from the Medical College of Georgia, and, after serving in the Army in Panama and Korea from 1949 until 1951, he completed his residency in internal medicine at The George Washington University Medical School. Prior to joining the Bowman Gray faculty, he spent 17 years at the University of Illinois Medical School before leaving to help found the medical school at Mercer University. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Desaulniers; six children, Ross ('82), Jennie McLaurin (MD '85), Nat Jr. ('82), Catherine Lassiter (MAEd ’90), Sarah McHugh (MBA ’86) and Andrew; and 15 grandchildren.

James Robert Steele, May 18, 2008, Corpus Christi, TX. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then the reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a CPA and lawyer for Phillips 66 Petroleum Co. and retired after 30 years. He was predeceased by his son, Thomas M. Steele, Wake Forest law professor. He is survived by his wife, Erma; a daughter, Martha, and her husband, Henry; a daughter-in-law, LeAnn Steele, Wake Forest School of Law registrar; and six grandsons.
Homecoming 2008

Proud to be a Deacon
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7 p.m. – 10 p.m., WFDD 60th Anniversary Dinner
Magnolia Room
All alumni associated with WFDD or WAKE Radio are invited to attend this reunion dinner.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Undergraduate Admissions Open House
William G. Starling Hall
Prospective students and families are invited to meet with faculty, hear from current students and take a campus tour. For more details and registration, please visit www.wfu.edu/admissions.

Noon – 6 p.m., Check-In and Welcome Desk
Reynolda Hall Main Lobby (Quad level)
Tickets purchased through registration will be available for pick up.

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., Back to the Classroom: “National Post Election Wrap-Up”
DeTamble Lecture Hall, Tribble Hall
Go back to class with political science professors Katy Harriger, John Dinan and Kathy Smith. Register early; space is limited.

4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Political Science Departmental Reception
Outside DeTamble Lecture Hall, immediately following the Back to the Classroom event.

4 p.m., Alumni in Admissions (AIA) Training
William G. Starling Hall
For AIA volunteers and those interested in volunteering. To register, contact Dawn Calhoun (’99, MA ’07), associate director of admissions, at calhoude@wfu.edu.

7 p.m., Homecoming Bonfire
Davis Field
Join Coach Grobe and the football team for an evening featuring the Homecoming Court and music from Snackbar Jones.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9 a.m. – Noon, Check-In and Welcome Desk
Thomas K. Hearn Plaza (Main Quad)

9 a.m., Alumni and Faculty Coffee
Campus Grounds
Come for coffee and see your favorite professors! View a list of attending faculty at www.wfu.edu/homecoming.

9:30 a.m., Service of Remembrance
Wait Chapel
Gather for a memorial service honoring alumni who passed away between September 2007 and October 2008.

9:30 a.m., Brunch for Reunion Campaign Leadership Giving
Magnolia Patio
An invitation-only event recognizing reunion class members who made a minimum gift of $1,000 ($500 for 2003 and 1998) to the Reunion Campaign for The College Fund.

9:30 a.m. – Noon, Festival on the Quad featuring WFDD
Thomas K. Hearn Plaza (Main Quad)
The Quad will be filled with food, games for the kids, music and much more!

9:30 a.m.- Book Signing with Colin Creel (’96)
Thomas K. Hearn Plaza (Main Quad)

10 a.m. – Noon, The WFU Homecoming Bluegrass Band
Reynolda Hall, Main Floor Lobby
Enjoy great live entertainment and bring your banjo — listeners and participants welcome!

2 hours prior to kick-off, Deacon Walk
BB&T Field (in front of Bridger Field House)
Come cheer the Deacons as they prepare to take on the Virginia Cavaliers!

2 hours before kickoff, Pre-game Alumni Tailgate
Tents in the Red Lot at BB&T Field
Enjoy a catered BBQ buffet and dance to the sounds of the Fantastic Shakers during this exciting pre-game tradition! Tailgate tickets are available for $15 or as part of the Tailgate/ticket package.

TBD, Wake Forest vs. University of Virginia
For tickets for the game only, call 1-888-758-DEAC.

SPECIAL OFFER: Tailgate-ticket packages are available through the Alumni Relations office:

Option 1: North End Zone Package, featuring field-level, theater-style chair back seats. ($50) Limited availability.

Option 2: Stadium Tailgate-Ticket Package, featuring general stadium seating ($45)

Package/tailgate tickets will be available for pick up at Homecoming Check-In. No tickets will be mailed. Please order group tickets under one name to sit together (maximum of 10 tickets per order). Children more than 2 years of age must have a football ticket to enter the stadium; there are no youth prices available.
EVENTS FOR REUNION CLASSES
All events listed are for Friday, November 7

Childcare for Reunion attendees will be provided by Childcare Preferred Services Inc. on Friday from 5 p.m. until midnight in Benson 401. A flat rate of $55 is payable at the door. Please indicate your interest when you register for Homecoming. Provider details at www.preferredchildcare.com.

Class of 1958 and Half-Century Club
10 a.m., Half-Century Club Registration and Gathering
Main Lounge, Reynolda Hall
11:30 a.m., Half-Century Club Picture
Main Lounge, Reynolda Hall
$10 per picture
11:45 a.m., Half-Century Club Luncheon
Magnolia Room, Reynolda Hall
$15 per person; No charge for members of the Class of 1958 or emeriti faculty

Class of 1958, 50th Reunion
6:30 p.m., Class Dinner at Old Town Club, 2875 Old Town Club Road; $40 per person

Class of 1963, 45th Reunion
7 p.m., Class Party at the home of Al and Tricia DeForest, 2826 Fairmont Road

Class of 1968, 40th Reunion
7 p.m., Class Party at the Clubhouse in Greenbrier Farm, 4225 Greenbrier Farm Road

Class of 1973, 35th Reunion
7:30 p.m., Class Party at the home of Vern and Jennifer Foster, 3940 Beechridge Road

Class of 1978, 30th Reunion
7:30 p.m., Class Party at the home of Margaret and Ray Collins, 5212 Cedarwood Creek Drive

Class of 1983, 25th Reunion
8 p.m., Class Party at the home of Jerry and Leslie (’84) Greene, 2800 Old Town Club Road; $15 per person

Class of 1988, 20th Reunion
8 p.m., Class Party at the home of Lisa and Greg (’86) Carter, 760 Roslyn Road

Class of 1993, 15th Reunion
9 p.m., Class Party at Diamondback Grill, 751 N. Avalon Road

Class of 1998, 10th Reunion
8 p.m., Class Party at Reynolda Village, Courtyard between Mc Calls and M Christophers; $10 per person

Class of 2003, 5th Reunion
7835 North Point Boulevard
(336) 759-0777
$99 studio/$149 2 bedroom through Oct. 16

Class of 1998
125 S. Main Street
(336) 714-2800
$89 through Oct. 6

Class of 2003
420 High Street
(336) 777-3000
$92 through Oct. 6

REUNION HOTELS
Ask for your Class block

Half-Century Club
Classes of 1958 and 1963
Sundance Plaza Hotel/Suites
3050 University Parkway
(336) 723-2911
$94.99 through Oct. 7

Class of 1968
Courtyard by Marriott
3111 University Parkway
(336) 727-1277
$102 through Oct. 23

Classes of 1983 and 1988
Holiday Inn Express (formerly Comfort Inn)
110 Miller Street
(336) 721-0220
$89.99 through Oct. 30

Class of 1993
Residence Inn
7835 North Point Boulevard
(336) 759-0777
$99 studio/$149 2 bedroom through Oct. 16

Class of 1998
Wingate Inn
125 S. Main Street
(336) 714-2800
$89 through Oct. 6

Class of 2003
Hawthorne Inn
420 High Street
(336) 777-3000
$92 through Oct. 6

GENERAL ALUMNI HOTELS
Ask for the Wake Forest block

Twin City Quarter
425 North Cherry Street
(336) 725-3500 (Marriott)
(336) 724-2300 (Embassy)
$159 Embassy Suites through Oct. 9

Courtyard by Marriott
Hanes Mall
1600 Westbrook Plaza Drive
(336) 760-5777
$149 through Oct. 16

Fairfield Inn & Suites
1680 Westbrook Plaza Drive
(336) 714-3000
$139 through Oct. 7
Please return this form by October 15, 2008, to the address below, or fax to 336.758.3910 or register online at www.wfu.edu/homecoming.

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2008
Office of Alumni Relations
P.O. Box 7227
Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227

Name ___________________________ (maiden) ___________________________ Class Year __________
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A new era in Deacon football kicks off with the opening of Deacon Tower at BB&T Field.