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Only One Demon Deacon
By Jenny Puckett (’71, P ’90)

There may be numerous ways that you can dress up a tiger, or a wild bird, or an amphibian, or an insect, or a farm animal…but there’s only one Demon Deacon.
Ribisl, Powell honored at Opening Convocation; Lubin gives address

TWO LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBERS AND TWO ALUMNI WERE HONORED during Opening Convocation in September.

Paul M. Ribisl, the Charles E. Taylor Professor of Health and Exercise Science, received the Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service. Ribisl, who joined the faculty in 1973, served as chair of the health and exercise science department for sixteen years and is currently serving as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Associate Professor of Classical Languages James T. Powell received the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching. Powell’s students, who nominated him for the award, characterized him as “an intellectual giant who sets exacting standards in the classroom and who has a passion for classical languages.” Powell joined the faculty in 1988.

The Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Wendy Bartlett (’97), a high school teacher in Winston-Salem, and Katherine O’Brien (’01), an elementary school teacher in Austin, Texas. Each received a $20,000 cash award.

Charlotte C. Weber Professor of Art David Lubin

Bartlett has taught math at Parkland High School in Winston-Salem for ten years and led the school’s efforts to develop its International Baccalaureate program. O’Brien, who has taught for seven years, taught first grade in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before moving to Austin, where she teaches a fourth-grade bilingual class.

The Waddill Award was established in 1994 by David Waddill in honor of his father, Marcellus E. Waddill, professor.
Students, faculty organize exhibit featuring handmade Cuban books

Wake Forest students and faculty are organizing an exhibit of handmade books by Cuban artists that will be shown nationwide beginning next summer. The exhibit, “Cuban Artists’ Books and Prints: 1985–2008,” will include more than one hundred books made by Cuban painters, sculptors, photographers, and printmakers.

The exhibit will debut at the Grolier Club of New York next May to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution. It will be shown on campus next August in the Charlotte & Philip Hanes Art Gallery, and then at galleries nationwide. The project was initiated by Associate Professor of Romance Languages Linda Howe and is being funded by the Reed Foundation and other sources.

Students began working on the exhibit last spring. They are coordinating the business aspects of the exhibit with Gordon McCray ('85), executive associate dean of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, and Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Knott. Over the summer, students worked with Paul Bright, assistant director of the Hanes Art Gallery, to photograph the books for a bilingual catalogue.

This semester, students in Howe’s class, “Entrepreneurship in Art Education and Educational Outreach: Cuban Artists’ Books and Prints: 1985–2008,” have been organizing the content of the exhibit and creating educational materials. Students have also worked with Assistant Professor of Art Roy Carter to create a bilingual Web site, and with Max Negin, a lecturer in the communications department, to create a short film about Cuban artists. Other students are working with local teachers to create a classroom curriculum for the exhibit.

— Pam Barrett
Wake Forest News Service
Best named IACCP fellow

Deborah L. Best (’70, MA ’72), William L. Poteat Professor of Psychology, has been named an honorary fellow by the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP).

“For more than three decades, Deborah L. Best has been a highly respected member of the family of cross-cultural psychologists and a significant contributor to the discipline of psychology,” the association’s citation for Best reads. The award is the highest given by the association.

Best has co-authored three books examining cross-cultural differences of sex stereotypes, gender, and self. She is an associate editor of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology and was president of the IACCP from 2000 to 2002. The IACCP has members in more than sixty-five countries who study cross-cultural issues.

Roniger to direct international research group

Luis Roniger, professor of political science and Reynolds Professor of Latin-American Studies, will co-direct an international research group on democracy at Hebrew University of Jerusalem next spring. Roniger, who joined the faculty in 2004, has published extensively in the areas of democracy and human rights.

The research group is made up of Latin-American scholars from the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, Mexico, and Singapore. The group will use the Latin-American political experience as a springboard to research the ways democracy is acquiring new meanings around the world.

Hattery takes a new look at domestic violence

Angela Hattery, Professor of Sociology and Women’s and Gender Studies, has taken a new look at domestic violence in her latest book, Intimate Partner Violence (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008). She includes both battered women and men in the book and examines how intimate partner violence (IPV) is connected with other social problems, such as unemployment, health issues, declining wages, and incarceration.

Rather than focusing on IPV as a women’s problem or as an individual problem, the book examines the ways in which our culture and the social systems at work here create an environment ripe for IPV,” she says. For a Q & A with Angela Hattery, see www.wfu.edu/magazine

Nielsen writes about fathers and daughters

Fathers and daughters often don’t have the close ties mothers and daughters have, but Professor of Education Linda Nielsen argues that it’s never too late to strengthen the father-daughter bond. In her newest book, Between Fathers & Daughters: Enriching and Rebuilding your Adult Relationship (Cumberand House Publishing, 2008), she offers practical advice for strengthening those bonds. The book draws on material she developed during nineteen years of teaching her “Fathers and Daughters” course at Wake Forest.

“Sadly, too many of us continue to downplay the importance of the father-daughter relationship in comparison to the mother-daughter relationship,” she notes. For a Q & A with Linda Nielsen, see www.wfu.edu/magazine
Hatch delivers State of the University address

P resident Nathan O. Hatch described Wake Forest’s strengths as a “collegiate university” during his state of the University address, “Why I Believe in Wake Forest,” in October.

“I am convinced that Wake Forest can claim a very special, even extraordinary place in American higher education,” Hatch said in his speech in Wait Chapel before faculty and staff. “As a collegiate university, we bring a set of strengths that are increasingly rare.”

Hatch talked about Wake Forest as a university that offers personal education, “where individuals are valued and community is nurtured.” He also talked about the need to provide an education that goes beyond academics to ensure that students know who they are and how they can contribute to the world.

Finally, he talked about Wake Forest as a place of opportunity that welcomes “students of every background, from every part of the country. That must remain our animating spirit. Wake Forest is at its best a place of opportunity.”

For the full text of Hatch’s speech, see www.wfu.edu/magazine

WAKE Washington program honored

W ake Forest has been named the “Private University of the Year” by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars for its WAKE Washington program. Wake Forest has offered a study and internship program in Washington, D.C., for the last two years through The Washington Center.

“Wake Forest has been extraordinarily intelligent and effective in developing its program at The Washington Center,” said Joe Johnston, senior vice president of The Washington Center. “WAKE Washington is a program that’s done so many things right that it is a model for others.”

Thirty-four Wake Forest undergraduates have participated in the Washington program since it started. They have held internships in government agencies and departments, nonprofit organizations, and media outlets.

Wake Forest ranks among top schools for black students

W ake Forest was ranked twelfth in the country among top colleges for black students in a survey published this fall by Black Enterprise magazine. Wake Forest was the highest-ranked university in North Carolina. The magazine surveyed more than seven hundred black higher education professionals, and studied the number of black undergraduates and graduation rates for black students to compile its rankings.

Also in the fall, Diverse magazine featured Wake Forest’s efforts to recruit and retain minority students in an article, “Structured For Success.” The magazine noted that Wake Forest has one of the highest graduation rates for black students in the country. The four-, five- and six-year graduation rate for black female students in 2006 was 97 percent; in that same year, the four-year graduation rate for black male students was 71.4 percent, and the five- and six-year graduation rate was 91.7 percent.

Hearn speech book available

A book of the commencement speeches delivered by the late Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., during his twenty-two years as president of Wake Forest, is available for purchase. Hearn finished the book, On this day of endings and beginnings, shortly before his death on August 18.

The book is available for $20 in the College Bookstore on campus and at the Hanes Mall Deacon Shop, or by calling 336.758.5145. It contains the full text of each of his commencement addresses, from 1984 — “The University’s Sesquicentennial Year: My Freshman Year”— through 2005 — “T.K. Says Goodbye”— as well as historical photographs.

Letters

To the editor:

R egarding the article, “Traditions exhibit features gems from the past,” in the September 2008 issue of Wake Forest Magazine: It states, “the late Jack Baldwin (’43), the first student to dress up as a Demon Deacon...” I must take exception to that as not being correct. J. Allie Hayes (’35) was the first one to do so in 1932. (See related story, page 63)

J. Allie actually started the tradition in 1932 when asked to lead the band dressed in top hat and tails, doing so as a symbol of identity for the “Demon Deacons.” He continued to do so for the next two to three years, and probably one of the first “fights” of mascots took place during the 1933 football game with Duke when he and the Duke Blue Devil chased each other all over the field.

I appreciate Mr. Baldwin’s appearance as the Deacon, but I must keep the legacy of J. Allie Hayes intact.

James H. Hayes (’57)

Colonel (retired), U.S. Army
San Antonio, Texas
(The writer is a nephew of J. Allie Hayes)

Ed Morris, director of the Wake Forest Birthplace Society, offered this response.

To the editor:

T he story is a bit complicated. Yes, James Allie Hayes did dress in a top coat and tails and top hat and led the band in 1932. As his nephew points out, he did this routine for a couple of football seasons. However, he did not play the role as mascot, but band leader.

Here at the museum, we point out that Hayes first dressed in a “Deacon” costume and assumed the role as band leader at football games in 1932, but then explain that Jack Baldwin was the first to take to the field in the role as mascot—first as a fraternity prank and from there on officially at the request of the athletic department.

There has continuously been a Deacon mascot since Baldwin. So, we say that Hayes was the first known to dress as a Demon Deacon and Baldwin was the first mascot.
Four former students are back working hard at Wake Forest, but this time in administrative offices instead of classrooms. Lydia Harter, Keon McGuire, Parul Patel, and Tristan Salvanera, all 2008 graduates, are the first participants in the Wake Forest Fellows program, which offers recent graduates the opportunity to work for one year at the University.

Harter, a history major now working in the alumni office, travels around the country meeting alumni. “I ask them about their post-collegiate life and their perspectives on the University. Although everyone has had a different experience, the personal touch they felt while at Wake Forest is a common theme of the discussions.”

The Fellows program was initiated by President Nathan O. Hatch last spring. “Most people in university administration have not been specifically trained for their positions,” said Mary Pugel, senior executive assistant to the president. “More typically, university administrators come to careers in higher education from a winding path. President Hatch’s hope is that the Wake Forest Fellows will gain an appreciation of the complexity of the decisions that university administrators must make in order to balance an institution’s mission, resources, and goals, and that their experience might spark a career interest at some point.”

McGuire, who majored in history, works in the Student Life office supporting minority student organizations and working to better integrate technology into social and academic life. “I think the Wake Forest Fellows program can benefit a student from any academic background. I am developing skills that will make me a strong candidate in many career fields.”

Patel, a business major now working in the Provost’s Office, said she thought she knew how the administration worked after serving in Student Government all four years. “Accomplishing change takes much longer than I expected. The teamwork and communication skills I learned from the Calloway School have definitely helped me. I enjoy representing student interests at meetings, because I am not very far removed from being a student myself.”

Salvanera, a business major now working in the President’s Office, said he sees the Fellows as an intermediary between students and the administration. He’s working to create programs to enhance communication between the two groups.

Along with the opportunity to learn more about the behind-the-scenes work of a university, Fellows meet with community and campus leaders to learn what it takes to be a leader.

“We have learned a tremendous amount about university administration in this inaugural year,” Salvanera says. “At the same time, we’re able to contribute to shaping the Fellows program for the future, which is pretty exciting.”

— Kim McGrath

Petersen named VP for University Advancement

Mark Petersen, formerly associate vice president for development and alumni affairs at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, has joined Wake Forest as vice president for university advancement. He directs the University’s alumni, development, and public affairs offices.

Petersen had been at SMU since 2005 and was instrumental in planning SMU’s current $750 million capital campaign. Previously, he spent twelve years in the development office at the University of Texas at Austin; he was an assistant vice president there during that university’s $1.6 billion capital campaign.

A graduate of Brandeis University, he received a master of arts degree from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

Class of 2008 graduates—and new Wake Forest employees—Lydia Harter (from left), Keon McGuire, Parul Patel, and Tristan Salvanera.
AFTER SPENDING THE LAST TWO YEARS AS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER in Panama, Valerie Brender (’06) is spending this year teaching English in Spain. She was one of twelve Wake Forest students and alumni to receive a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship this year.

Brender is working at a primary school in Madrid, helping students improve their English conversation skills, and studying the effectiveness of government polices that provide for the education of immigrant children.

“Many of the struggles involved with integrating immigrants into the Spanish school system are also being faced in similar ways in American public schools,” said Brender, who plans to conduct similar research in her hometown of Austin, Texas. “I want to investigate the differing Spanish and American approaches to immigration policy in schools.”

Brender, who majored in economics and minored in history, said opportunities inside and outside the classroom sparked her interest in immigration policy and international human rights. She spent one summer in Benin, Africa, studying African development issues on a Ritcher Scholarship grant with Benin native Sylvain Boko, the Zachary T. Smith Associate Professor of Economics. She also spent a semester in Bolivia, and a summer in Washington, D.C., where she worked with an economic justice organization through the Everett Public Service Internship.

She counts Boko, Professor of Sociology Ian Taplin, and Associate Professor of Romance Language Jane Albrecht among her faculty mentors. “I can’t count the number of times I found myself in Dr. Taplin’s office discussing globalization and international labor rights,” she said. “And it was Jane Albrecht’s “Children and Society” freshman service-learning seminar that furthered my interest in immigration policy in the U.S. The opportunities I had pushed me to continue pursuing my interests in international human rights.”

—Kerry M. King (’85)

Twelve receive Fulbright scholars

NINE UNDERGRADUATES AND ONE GRADUATE STUDENT WERE AWARDED Fulbright Scholarships before they graduated last spring. Two recent alumni also received the scholarship. One student declined the award, but the rest are spending this academic year studying, teaching, or conducting research abroad. The Fulbright Program is an international education exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Recipients design their own programs of study, which can include teaching, research, or independent projects.

Valerie Brender (’06), Austin, Texas, is teaching English in Madrid, Spain.

Natalie Bonomo (’05), New York, New York, is studying in Jordan.

Erica Demarest (’08), Dover, New Jersey, is teaching German in Germany.

Francis Jones (’08), Narberth, Pennsylvania, is teaching English in Korea.

Rachael Mongold (’08), Chantilly, Virginia, is teaching English in Korea.

David Nix (’08), Jacksonville, Florida, is studying architecture and culture in Japan.

Caitlin Patrick (’08), Lake Forest, Illinois, is teaching English in Indonesia.

William Rothwell (’08), Charlotte, North Carolina, is conducting research in biochemistry in Australia.

David Schoen (’08), Birmingham, Alabama, is teaching English in Germany.

Kristen Shepherd (’08), West Friendship, Maryland, is teaching English in Spain.

Parissa Jahromi (’06, MA ’08), Baltimore, Maryland, is researching cross-cultural psychology in the Netherlands.

Calling post-graduate scholarship recipients

AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED WAKE FOREST STUDENTS AND ALUMNI HAVE WON prestigous post-graduate scholarships, including thirteen Rhodes Scholarships, thirty-nine Fulbright Scholarships, fourteen Truman Scholarships, eight Goldwater Scholarships, three Marshall Scholarships, and three Beinecke Scholarships.

But the exact number of students to win other competitive awards, including Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, National Science Foundation Scholarships, German Chancellor Scholarships, and other major awards is unknown.

If you earned a national or international transportable post-graduate scholarship during or after college, and especially before 2003, please contact Tom Phillips (phillito@wfu.edu), director of the Wake Forest Scholars program, to confirm that award. This does not include scholarships awarded by and unique to an individual graduate or professional school. Visit www.wfu.edu/magazine to see if you’re already on his list.
It’s a brave new biomedical world, and ethical decision-making is not for the faint-hearted. Science and medicine, long accustomed to cold facts and blacks and whites, now must account for heated opinions and a spectrum of grays at the bench, the bedside, the boardroom, and the legislative chamber.

Stem-cell research. End-of-life decisions. Organ regeneration and harvesting. Infant genetic screening. Health-care rationing. With each new advancement for treating disease or prolonging life, and each new surge in cost or question of access to care, comes a concomitant conundrum. Is it moral? Is it affordable? Is it just?

The perilous terrain has given rise to a new kind of guide—the biomedical ethics professional. Part legal and regulatory expert; part student of cultures and religions; part wise and compassionate counselor, the person trained in bioethics must be one who can sort through the quandaries confronting the discoverers, providers, and recipients of biomedical research and treatment. Soon, hospitals, insurance companies, research institutes, clinics, regulatory agencies, review boards, and the myriad other institutions that comprise the nation’s biomedical research and health care complex will acknowledge that having bioethics specialists on their staffs is not only desirable, but essential.

The need for bioethics education appears urgent. In June, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that a “bioethics crisis looms” unless more people are trained in the field. The chair of bioethics at the National Institutes of Health warned that trained bioethics researchers and bioethicists are in short supply. But despite the need, there are fewer than twenty biomedical ethics degree programs in the entire country.

Wake Forest has joined that select group by inaugurating its own distinctive Master of Arts in Bioethics program. Besides being the only one of its...
kind in North Carolina and surrounding states, the program will concentrate on two areas not typically emphasized in other degree programs, with their focus on traditional philosophical reasoning: bioethics in social context, and bioethics and biotechnology.

The former will provide training to account for the social, cultural, political, economic, and religious factors that shape ethical decisions. The latter will capitalize on Wake Forest’s strength in biotechnology to enable students to inform their studies with biotechnology-related case examples and experience.

The program, which is accepting applications now for courses to begin in fall 2009, can be completed full-time in one year plus a summer or part-time over up to six years. Most of its classes will be conducted in late afternoons or early evenings to enable professionals in law, medicine, nursing, health or research administration, scientific research, the ministry, and other fields who want to expand their skills in ethics to remain in their jobs while pursuing the degree. Initially, there will be space for ten to fifteen students.

Faculty will be drawn from several of Wake Forest’s schools, including law, divinity, medicine, and the undergraduate college, and will feature two new senior-level scholars—a Chair in Biomedical Ethics, endowed by Wallace C. and Mona Wu, in the Department of Internal Medicine; and a distinguished faculty member in bioethics on the Reynolda Campus.

Co-directing the program are Nancy M.P. King, professor of public health ethics at the School of Medicine, and Mark A. Hall, Fred D. and Elizabeth L. Turnage Professor of Law. King, who came to Wake Forest last year after twenty years on the medicine faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is co-editor of Beyond Regulations: Ethics in Human Subjects Research, and The Social Medicine Reader and has cross-appointments at the Institute for Regenerative Medicine and the internal medicine department.

Hall is lead editor of the original legal textbook in the field, Health Care Law and Ethics. He teaches bioethics at the schools of law and medicine and has wide experience in health policy research and analysis. King and Hall also serve as co-leaders of the Program in Bioethics, Health, and Society at the Translational Science Institute of Wake Forest University.

King notes that medical professionals have developed a “healthy skepticism” toward the place of ethics in their practice over their profession’s long history. “Bioethics professionals do not seek to tell people what to do,” she points out, “but rather to promote the kind of thinking that can bring critical reflection to bear on crucial questions” in order to make informed decisions.

“There is a lot of subtlety and complexity in medical situations and settings,” she says. “There are complex family dynamics in the maternity ward or at the death bed; people who are uninsured or underinsured who desperately need life-saving care; hospitals that struggle with meeting their fairness obligations while meeting their bottom lines. Those trained in bioethics can teach people who are in the position to make these critical decisions to be comfortable with uncertainty, to weigh and balance all the factors, and to devise solutions that appear best under all the circumstances and for all concerned.”

King cites the so-called “heel stick” blood test given to newborns to screen for potentially debilitating genetic conditions as just one of many examples. “As genetic research has made it possible to detect disorders for which there are no effective treatments as of yet, many questions arise,” she says. “Should society concentrate on diagnosis or treatment? Are families and children better off or worse off when informed of a newborn’s genetic diagnosis if treatment is not effective, not available, or not affordable? Will people with genetic diagnoses be labeled and disadvantaged in school or the workplace? If genetic testing can extend beyond disease to behavioral predispositions, finding possible links to the psychological preconditions for violence or thrill-seeking tendencies, are we inviting stereotyping and discrimination?

“Questions like these do not argue against genetic screening and testing,” she concludes. “Instead, they remind us to consider the implications of scientific progress in order to help ensure that as a society we can maximize its benefits and minimize the risks of harm.”

Hall notes that ethical considerations are diffusing into everyday medicine, “from the neonatal intensive care nurse to the second-tier IRB [Institutional Review Board] administrator.” Nurses, doctors, and families still wrestle with precisely when to execute “Do Not Resuscitate” orders or to extract organs for transplantation after “cardiac death”—the classic definition—when revival is still technically possible. “Even something as absolute as death,” he notes, “is gray.”

—David Fyten

For more information about the masters in bioethics program or to apply, visit the program’s Web site at www.wfu.edu/bioethics, or contact Bradley R. Thorpe at: Masters in Bioethics Program, Wake Forest University, Piedmont Plaza II, Suite 204, 2000 W. First St., Winston-Salem, NC 27104, 336.716.1499, or at brtharpe@wfubmc.edu
I am currently writing a paper with a former graduate student, Erika Carlson (MA ’08), that reports her master’s thesis. We studied “meta-accuracy” in personality judgment, and we’ll soon submit the paper to a top journal in psychology. A “meta-perception” is your perception of what I think of you. For example, do you think that I see you as friendly, responsible, interesting, smart, and so on? By extension, “meta-accuracy” is the accuracy of your meta-perceptions—whether you have an accurate perception of what I think of you. For example, some people may have a fairly accurate understanding of how they’re seen by their friends and acquaintances, whereas other people seem to be oblivious.
How do you determine how others see you?

Previous research seems to indicate that people are really bad at this. However, for Erika’s thesis we designed a study to reexamine this research, and we adopted a different type of research procedure. Erika and I believe that our study is a reasonable and fair test of people’s ability to judge how others perceive them.

How do you test a person’s ability to determine what others think of them?

We recruited a group of about one hundred student participants from introductory psychology courses, and we asked them to think of up to six people from their real lives—parents, hometown friends, college friends, two acquaintances. Then we had each participant record how they thought they were perceived by each of these six people. We used a personality questionnaire with thirty traits so the participants recorded the way they thought each of the six people they listed would rate them on the same traits. For example, does Mary think her friend from high school perceives her as talkative, shy, emotional, etc. These are the students’ “meta-perceptions.”

Erika then contacted each of the potential informants through e-mail and directed them to a Web site with the same questionnaire that the student participants completed. At this point, Mary’s friend would actually record how she perceives Mary. So, these are the “actual perceptions.” We were then able to statistically compare students’ meta-perceptions (how the students think they’re seen by their six informants) to their informants’ actual perceptions (how the informants actually do see the students). Kari Heuer, an undergraduate student who we were lucky to have working on our team, was very helpful in getting this project completed.

How was this study different from past personality judgment research?

The main difference is that the informants in our study came from different social domains of people’s lives (recall that we obtained ratings from parents, hometown friends, and college friends). Thus, the informants might have seen the students in very different kinds of situations, doing different kinds of things, expressing different facets of their personalities, and therefore, the informants from different social domains might really have meaningfully different impressions of the student participants. Thus, when we analyze the data to see if a participant accurately understands or detects the different ways that he or she is seen by the six informants, there are probably real differences for the student to detect.

Were you able to determine how successful we are at being able to know what people think of us?

In contrast to prevailing conclusion in the field, our evidence shows that people are in fact quite good at figuring out how others see them. It shows that people are good at detecting and understanding the differences in other people’s impressions of them. I think that Erika’s thesis, once it’s published, is really going to change the way that many social and personality psychologists think about this important facet of peoples’ social lives and social skills.

Do undergraduate psychology majors have opportunities to conduct research?

Absolutely. Our curriculum strongly emphasizes research skills, and we encourage students to take advantage of research opportunities. It’s nice when students work with professors who share their interests, but it’s really the experience with the process of doing research that is most important. Students who participate in research not only have highly relevant experience for grad school applications, but they also get to know their professors better.

— Kim McGrath

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Building a better world

Professor of Chemistry Dilip Kondepudi on the importance of thermodynamics to sustainability and renewable energy sources.

The mathematics of voting

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Jason Parsley and his students are exploring the different methods of voting and why the way we vote can determine who wins.

For a weekly Q&A with a Wake Forest faculty member, see www.wfu.edu/wowf
Teacher TV

Associate Professor of Communication Mary Dalton (’83) studies how teachers and the disabled are portrayed on television.

The golden years

Wingate Professor of Sociology Charles Longino follows the migration patterns of retirees, wherever they go.

Addressing an ‘epidemic’

The research of Professor of Health and Exercise Steve Messier is improving the lives of older adults suffering from osteoarthritis.

The changing face of capitalism

Worrell Professor David Coates offers his unique perspective on capitalism, politics, and immigration.

The economic crisis

The Babcock School’s Bruce Resnick and Charu Raheja on the credit crunch driving the $700 billion bailout.

Financial turmoil

Calloway Professor Rob Bliss on what the bailout plan means for Wall Street and Main Street.
Election 2008: Roosevelt, Kennedy and Obama

By Simone Caron

The 2008 election will be remembered as one of the most unforgettable in American history. Republicans nominated their first female candidate on the ticket with Sarah Palin, and Democrats put forth the first African-American candidate in Barack Obama. While many news analysts have compared Obama’s campaign to that of John F. Kennedy’s in 1960, some attention should also be given to the similarities faced by Obama and Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932.

Kennedy and Obama are an obvious choice for a historical analysis. During their campaigns, both men presented themselves as young, vibrant, and energetic, and they ran against seasoned politicians with experience, Richard Nixon and John McCain respectively. Both faced adversities: Kennedy battled anti-Catholicism and Obama fought entrenched racism. Their victories came after eight years of Republican rule, but Dwight D. Eisenhower was an admired executive while George W. Bush will be recorded as one of the most unpopular presidents in American history.

Kennedy and Obama came into power along with Democratic majorities in both the House and Senate. Both men faced complex international situations: Kennedy had to deal with the Cold War and with Vietnam (although covert at the time); Obama finds the U.S. embroiled in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and against terror, in addition to strained relations with Iran and North Korea. Unlike Kennedy who resided over the tail end of an unprecedented postwar economic boom, Obama takes the reigns in the midst of an economic collapse, much as Roosevelt did in 1932.

Roosevelt and Obama share many similarities. The economic meltdown they faced resulted from similar factors. Unregulated banks made risky investments. Wild speculation in the stock market led to its collapse. The construction of new homes slowed to a stand still and housing prices plummeted. The automobile industries encountered overproduction of vehicles Americans could not afford, or in the current case, did not want, to buy. Working-class buying power decreased, while large corporations recorded obscene profits.

Both eras experienced a faulty tax policy that encouraged trickle down economics: the rich benefited from large tax cuts that supposedly would benefit the working class. This policy failed in the 1920s, 1980s, and 2000s; in all three experiments, depression or recession followed.

In the midst of these economic troubles, Roosevelt and Obama appealed to an American public fed up with Republican policies that increased the gap between the rich and the poor. Both candidates promised change but were vague as to what they meant. Roosevelt pledged to bring the country a “new deal,” but did not clearly enunciate what this deal entailed. Obama promised hope for a new future, but similar to Roosevelt was hazy about a clear plan of action.

Americans in both eras ignored the candidates’ ambiguity because the only alternative was the status quo: four more years of Hoover or four more years of Bush in the persona of McCain. Americans turned out in record numbers in 1932 and 2008 and voted for a new direction.

The 1932, 1960, and 2008 elections are memorable. Roosevelt overcame paralysis to bring the country a New Deal, Kennedy surmounted centuries of anti-Catholicism to bring a New Frontier, and Obama conquered a deep-rooted racism to bring a new hope, a hope that could not have been imagined just several decades ago in a segregated world.

Obama’s plan for the future will need to address economic woes faced by Roosevelt, and international tensions faced by Kennedy. The landslide election results demonstrate that the American public has faith that Obama can handle the multifarious tribulations facing the country.

Simone Caron is chair of the history department. Her most recent book is “Who Chooses? American Reproductive History since 1830” (University Press of Florida).
More than 150 years ago, on the fifth of July, Frederick Douglass asked, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” He rhetorically answered not much. The hypocrisy of celebrating Independence Day was not lost on the American slave. Indeed, by 1856 when Douglass posed this question, the British Empire had abolished slavery. Independence from Britain meant that enslaved Americans had had to endure another generation of oppression.

Today, their descendants are pondering the meaning of the election of Barack Obama, an African-American. Obama’s candidacy unleashed an unprecedented turnout of African-American voters, a people who, in the original United States Constitution, were counted as 3/5 of a person for purposes of taxation and representation.

The election of an African-American president had taken on phenomenological, even biblical improbability: After all, “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?” African-American comedians Richard Pryor, Chris Rock, and Dave Chapelle had parodied the possibility.

African-Americans during the Reconstruction eschewed running for executive positions, biding to the exigencies of white supremacy, which might recognize their right to representation, but not to exercise of executive authority. Only P.B.S. Pinchback served as governor of Louisiana during the era, but he was not elected to the position.

A breakthrough of African-Americans in executive office came with the Civil Rights movement and the mayoral elections of Carl Stokes (Cleveland) and Richard Hatcher (Gary, Indiana), Tom Bradley (Los Angeles), Maynard Jackson (Atlanta), and Harold Washington (Chicago). Many of America’s major cities then boasted African-American leadership.

Governor was much more difficult to achieve. Andrew Young, able to serve as mayor of Atlanta, congressman, and ambassador to the UN, was unable to become governor of Georgia. Only Douglass Wilder has served as governor in a southern state since Reconstruction. David A. Paterson (New York) and Deval Patrick (Massachusetts) are presently African-American governors.

But President?

The presidency is the Brahmin cow of American life, the most sacred of all positions. Shirley Chisholm (1972), Jessie Jackson (1984, 1988), Carol Moseley Braun, and Al Sharpton (2004) pioneered the path that Barack Obama has traveled.

Now that the improbable has occurred, what does the Fourth of November mean to African-Americans? Immediately, there is a psychological catharsis, foreshadowed by Jack Johnson, winning the heavyweight championship in 1908 and defending it against the former champion Jim Jeffries, the great white hope, on July 4, 1910.

The psychological release is perhaps even more analogous to the South African vote for Nelson Mandela in 1994. Several African-Americans have likened their vote for Obama to this historic election and their admiration for him to Mandela and Martin Luther King, Jr.

African-Americans went to the polls in record numbers to demonstrate their support for Obama. They see within him the embodiment of hope for a brighter future that has eluded generations of their ancestors who had to endure enslavement, second-class citizenship and institutional racism.

Obama promises a transformative presidency. At the very least, one that would begin to breakdown the great racial divide. His personal story — raised by his white grandparents and mother — offers him a unique perspective to address this most pressing American problem. Without question the embrace of civil rights will be a signature of his presidency.

The spreading of the safety net to include early childhood education and national health care promises greater security to American families.

At the most, Obama will engage our country in full-fledged participatory democracy, perhaps ushering in the Age of Obama.

It’s important to realize that most economists believe the U.S. economy is fundamentally in very good health—even though it’s been running a bit of a temperature lately. The U.S. has about the highest output and income per capita in the world and has grown strongly over the past generation. The vast majority of economists believe it will continue to grow into the foreseeable future, doubling inflation-adjusted incomes every forty years or so. These strengths are tied to continued investments in new plant and equipment, a hard-working and skilled labor force, and the incentives we’ve given businesses to innovate and improve their productivity. Panicky behavior in financial markets and sagging consumer confidence can temporarily stall this economic growth machine—but not for long.

It is unfortunate that this fall’s financial panic hit at the peak of election season, because the uncertainty and rhetoric of the election probably only heightened the panic. My sense is that the problems in the financial sector have already hit bottom.

Playing the blame game

Both parties favor continued economic growth and the policies that encourage innovation and investment have bipartisan support. Crediting or blaming presidents (or Congress) for the expansions or recessions that occur during their terms is a staple of politics, but there’s little economic sense in doing this. Jimmy Carter’s term saw soaring inflation and unemployment, but his policies were probably not to blame. He was dealt a bad hand.

Likewise, it’s virtually impossible to pin the recent slide toward recession on the policies of George W. Bush, as they were driven largely by forces that presidents can’t control. (Most economists agree that the financial panic was caused by too much lending to sub-prime housing borrowers, something Congress strongly encouraged.)

Rising government debt

The new administration and Congress have promised both tax cuts and increases in spending in many areas. This will only increase borrowing by the government. The federal government’s official debt as a percentage of GDP isn’t all that high by historical or international standards, but many of the government’s implicit promises—for programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid—dwarf the official debt. Based on current government policies and promises, the gap between projected future spending and projected future tax revenues is about $70 trillion dollars.

Every election cycle our elected officials of both parties seem to ignore this problem while focusing on shorter-term worries, but the longer they ignore it, the bigger the problem gets. If this gap isn’t eventually closed, the credit rating of the U.S. government will be shot or taxes will have to be increased substantially or spending on popular programs will have to be drastically cut. The new administration plans to expand government promises, so I expect this fiscal gap to continue rising.

Here are three other policy shifts to keep an eye on:

I expect Congress to amend the law so that unemployment insurance benefits will no longer expire after 26 weeks, upping the maximum to 39 weeks or longer. (There’s no such thing as a free lunch: research suggests that this will cause unemployment spells to last longer.)

I expect a shift away from free trade, although the free-trade agreements with our major trading partners look pretty secure. This is something that troubles most economists. Fully 92 percent of economists in a recent survey agreed that barriers to trade usually reduce the general welfare of a society.

I expect a shift in energy policy, especially with regulations to reduce the growth in emissions of greenhouse gases. Economic research suggests that a carbon tax, which would boost the cost of a gallon of gasoline by about 50 cents, may be the most efficient policy, but it’s unclear that this will work politically. The worry is that a less efficient regulatory approach will be used, which could appreciably crimp economic productivity.

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The United States health-care system displays two overwhelming characteristics that need reform by Barack Obama’s historic administration. First, we spend far more as a nation on health care, and get less for it in demonstrable health outcomes, than any other modern nation. Second, it is a shame and a failure on a grand national scale that despite this high spending, 47 million American citizens are uninsured for health care.

Obama ran and was elected primarily on the basis of his promise to remedy the second issue, moving us as a country toward universal health insurance. I will say no more about the first issue because Obama has not proposed any serious plans to deal with this problem. But soon the rising cost of Medicare will force the American people to deal on some level with this issue.

When he first began his campaign, Obama did not anticipate the competing fiscal and political costs of the unpredictable economic crisis that he now faces. What can we expect as he attempts health-care reform in this difficult context? Obama will first reach for low-hanging fruit to make changes that will be fairly easy to accomplish with the cooperation of Congress and the mandate the American people have given him. Such changes are likely to consist of the following.

First, an Obama administration can be expected to sign into law a bill already passed by Congress and vetoed by President Bush: the expansion of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Second, he can be expected to revisit the Medicare prescription drug bill’s prohibition on Medicare negotiating directly with drug companies for lower prescription drug prices. Third, his administration is likely to abandon the efforts made by the Bush administration to subsidize private insurance for Medicare enrollees in the Medicare Advantage program. Many studies have shown that blind allegiance to private markets actually costs the Medicare program more per participant than does the government-provided method of covering elders directly.

This piecemeal approach is less than a full-scale reform plan for the health-care sector, but is more in accordance with the political and fiscal realities that a first-term Obama administration will face. Some current political calculations suggest, however, that Obama may invest more of his mandate on further steps toward health-care reform.

One step viewed as critical by many experts is the need for an individual mandate for health insurance. Obama shied away from an individual mandate in his campaign. Nevertheless, a mandate has the undeniable benefit of strengthening employer-based risk pools with young, healthy adults and thereby lowering premium costs for subscribers. This step begs the question, though, of which level of government (federal or state) would subsidize those workers who might not be able to afford a mandated level of coverage.

Some combination of the above will likely suffice to exhibit a down-payment on President Obama’s previous promises on health-care reform. If so, this could delay more fundamental reform of the health care system to a later time. Whenever such an attempt at more fundamental reform occurs, though, look for Obama to seek to avoid the mistakes made by President Clinton after similar campaign promises to deliver health-care reform were made in 1992.

As opposed to that failed effort, look for an Obama administration to rely on a wide diversity of expert and political opinion as he shapes legislation. Look for him to keep the process by which such legislation is fashioned open and transparent to the American public. Lastly, look for a more pragmatic employment by an Obama administration of attempts to reach out to opposing political interests for the political support that such major reform will necessitate.

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In adopting a comprehensive blueprint what its provost calls a truly ‘collegiate university’.
FOR THE FUTURE, WAKE FOREST PREPARES TO BUILD A TRULY ‘COLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY.’

By David Fyten
If colleges and universities were appraised according to the standards of the architecture and engineering professions, Wake Forest would be cited for its distinctive concept combining classical and contemporary elements; its stable foundation and dynamic superstructure; and a form that follows its function. Of special note would be its synthesis of disparate characteristics—an abiding respect for its religious heritage and cultivation of character traits and values, juxtaposed with a cultivation of the pursuit of truth and personal aspiration; the intimacy and panoramic perspectives of a liberal arts college alongside the vitality and concentration on scholarship and education in the professions of a major research university; of a distinctly North Carolina culture and accent that is comfortable and conversant in the global arena; and of sound financial stewardship coupled with big ideas and bold initiatives.

But even the most functional of edifices need periodic revamping to respond to opportunity and change, which is why Wake Forest’s leaders have adopted a strategic plan for the Reynolda Campus—the first comprehensive blueprint for the future since the Plan for the Class of 2000 twelve years ago—that holds promise of making the sum of its parts greater than it has ever been.

In examining the plan’s provisions, one naturally thinks of terminology that expresses the physical principles underlying the construction process—terms such as “bridging,” “leveraging,” and “balancing”:

+ It proposes to leverage the Reynolda Campus strengths in undergraduate, graduate, and professional education by building bridges—between disciplines, and that connect the College, professional schools, and Graduate School—and fostering the development of interdisciplinary courses, joint degree programs, and collaborative research projects undertaken by faculty from different fields under the auspices of newly created centers and institutes.

+ It strives to achieve better equilibrium in the student body by providing enhanced opportunity for gifted students from modest backgrounds and those who would be the first in their families to attend college, as well as those
with creative talents and diversified scholastic interests. To ensure that it remains competitive for these students, the University will be mounting an intensive effort to build its need-based financial aid endowment significantly.

+ It proposes to strengthen the academic programs of all departments and schools by strategically adding endowed chairs and tenure-track positions; by building and upgrading teaching and research space; and by enhancing the library and providing advanced computing technology.

+ It seeks to extend and strengthen the bridges that already connect faculty and students by establishing nationally recognized academic and co-curricular mentoring programs, and also to leverage its relations with dedicated alumni into the building of mentoring, internship, and employment opportunities.

+ It calls for development of more consistent and targeted efforts at public engagement, proposing steps to encourage faculty and students to bring their skills and knowledge to bear on contemporary problems and to build bridges to external communities and public interest organizations.

The sum effect the plan’s architects envision is what Provost Jill Tiefenthaler calls a “collegiate university”—a diversified community of scholars, mentors, and students who freely traverse the traditional borders dividing departments, disciplines, and postgraduate-undergraduate classifications to work closely and collaboratively for the benefit of the larger community beyond campus. In that respect, the plan might be called “Back to the Future” for its vision of a faculty akin to those of a half century or more ago (when, say, a historian felt more in common with the mathematician or professor of law down the hall than with another historian in his narrow specialty half a world away, which is common in higher education today) and of developing all of a student and not simply a part.

“The most gratifying aspect of the plan is its singular focus on preserving the heart of the Wake Forest experience—personal attention, superb teaching and scholarship, and the spirit of the place as expressed by our institutional motto, Pro Humanitate,” says University President Nathan Hatch. “While the plan’s individual features look ahead, each of them also derives from Wake Forest’s most deeply held principles and traditions. It is counterintuitive but true that we will need bold actions and prudent changes to protect and nurture what is most important here.”
In cultivating the collegiate university, Wake Forest’s leadership has adopted the following four “guiding principles:”

1. The collegiate university builds exceptional student-faculty engagement.
   “Most students fall in love with learning through the personal connection they develop with faculty,” Tiefenthaler observes. “Because of the nature of higher education today, not all prospective professors are as committed to teaching as they are to scholarship. Their interests lie primarily in research. Yet we know that the blend of great teaching, enthusiastic mentoring, and excellent scholarship in a faculty member has the most positive impact on our students.
   “To compete for and retain the talented individuals who can balance and apply these considerable skills,” she adds, “we must establish new chairs and professorships, offer the most competitive compensation packages, enhance library and technology resources, and provide comprehensive professional development opportunities.”

2. The collegiate university sustains a tradition of opening new doors for educational opportunity.
   “Our history is replete with stories of alumni whose lives were transformed because a scholarship enabled them to attend Wake Forest,” the provost says. “In each generation, there will be individuals who emerge as beneficiaries of this important principle. No future leader should ever have to abandon the dream of attending Wake Forest because of inadequate scholarship assistance.
   “Never in our history has our ability to help deserving students been more critical,” she says. “We live in challenging times, when far more educational options exist for these bright young people. Institutions with which we share applicants—our competitors—are taking extraordinary steps to recruit superb students. To ensure that Wake Forest remains a place that encourages gifted young people of average or modest means to fulfill their ambitions, we must build our financial aid endowment and increase the proportion of grants and decrease the proportion of loans in financial aid awards.”
3 The collegiate university reinforces the connections between the liberal arts and the professions.

“Given the scale of our campus community, the talents of our faculty, and the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of learning, Wake Forest is distinctively well positioned to foster productive connections between the arts and sciences and the professional disciplines of law, medicine, business, and divinity,” she notes. “To reinforce these links, we will create interdisciplinary institutes and centers to bring together faculty working in areas that have topical affinity so they can enhance their own scholarship and mentor students to think deeply and broadly about complex issues and engage in research endeavors that seek to answer society’s most urgent and vexing questions.

“To help students integrate their academic and career interests and fulfill our commitment to educating the whole person,” the provost continues, “we will develop a nationally recognized mentoring program that draws on the talents of faculty, staff, and committed alumni. We also will build strong professional networks that enhance the vocational discernment and career development of our students.”

4 The collegiate university educates the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.

“Students’ interest in people and cultures different from their own has risen dramatically over the last decade, paralleling the rapid changes in our world,” Tiefenthaler says. “There are many ways to ensure that our future alumni are prepared to live, work, and lead on a planet that has grown smaller, yet more diverse. Essential to the scholastic pursuit of this value are robust programs of international study that encompass comprehensive preparation, immersion, and reflection. Increased diversity on our campus will enrich our community and offer our students even more opportunity to learn from one another—an opportunity that incoming students now eagerly seek.

“We also will be more consistent and focused in our efforts to foster public engagement, encouraging faculty and students to bring their knowledge and talents to bear on pressing contemporary problems,” she states. “Wake Forest will be a crossroads of public understanding and involvement. Having a long history of training leaders of public service in many walks of life, we must be deliberate in cultivating closer ties to local and regional organizations and in offering students new and more purposeful ways to be of service to others.”
The plan’s endorsement by the Board of Trustees this past spring culminated a two-year process involving the preparation of seventy-eight plans by units across the University in 2006–07 and the incorporation of commentary by the campus community on a draft document distributed in the fall and winter of 2007–08.

One of the plan’s most striking provisions is its creation of a series of centers and institutes to encourage cross-disciplinary research around broad themes, with the ultimate target of creating richer educational benefits from existing academic assets. Michele Gillespie, associate provost for academic initiatives, spent much of 2007–08 organizing gatherings of, and personally meeting with, between 150 and 200 faculty members to identify topics of mutual interest and potential research collaboration. The Office of the Provost, through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, also held a number of interdisciplinary planning workshops among the faculty last winter.

Gillespie and her colleague, Associate Provost for International Affairs J. Kline Harrison, point to Nicaragua as a locus of multi-project and cross-disciplinary initiatives. Holly Brower (’83), associate professor of business and accountancy, and Jane Albrecht, associate professor of Romance languages, took a group of eight students to that Central American country this summer, teaching two courses and overseeing the students in their work with eight nonprofit development organizations. Also in Nicaragua, students at the Babcock Graduate School of Management have trained local entrepreneurs in basic business practices. And there have been preliminary discussions of involving students in the biology department’s environmental sciences program with reforestation projects.

Wake Forest trustee Thomas A. Dingledine (MBA ’78) and his wife, Karyn, are generous institutional benefactors. Their Fund for Responsible Business has supported the students’ effort to help establish sustainable commerce in Nicaragua, and they have pledged $2 million to acquire property that would serve as a center for the University’s initiatives in that impoverished nation. With a $1 million-plus gift, they also have established the Karyn Dingledine Art Scholarship for students with financial need in art, one of the programs on which Wake Forest is concentrating its efforts to attract more students with special creative talents.
“Interacting with other disciplines helps make our own disciplines stronger,” Harrison states. “If business students who aspire to work in the international arena are to contribute, they must understand the histories, cultures, politics, economies, and languages of the countries in which they serve.” Notes Mark Welker, associate provost for research: “It will be the people who know about more than one discipline who will be called upon to solve our biggest societal problems—energy, the environment, health care, education, global relations, monetary stability, economic growth—as we move forward.”

The Office of the Provost this year will commence the process of establishing interdisciplinary research centers by providing one-year planning grants for proposals in Energy and Environment, Molecular Signaling, Global Humanities and Cultural Diversity, Bioethics, Microenterprise, and Functional Health. The proposals were chosen from a dozen submissions in an inaugural call for concepts. Their sponsors will develop and submit five-year operational plans; those considered workable will receive seed funding. Proposals for additional centers will be considered annually.

Over the coming decade, as funding allows, the University will establish four institutes in integrative science, public engagement, the arts and humanities, and entrepreneurship and social enterprise to provide spacial, administrative, external funding acquirement, networking, and programming support for the work of the interdisciplinary research centers.

“Much has been written recently about the abandonment of the principle of educating the whole person by many colleges and universities,” Hatch notes. “Taking courses and acquiring a credential seems to be the goal at a growing number of institutions of higher education. Wake Forest has always valued the process of education as well as the outcome—of integrating all aspects of the collegiate experience. This means making interdisciplinary connections, teaching students how to think about life and career from many perspectives and to examine and test the validity of their beliefs, and making campus life a vital part of the educational process. If this philosophy is indeed diminishing elsewhere, it means that Wake Forest has a tremendous asset that defines our niche in higher education more clearly than ever before.”
Wake Forest Health Sciences and its partner institutions are striving to scale Appalachia’s mountain of health problems by tethering to a bold new initiative to promote collaborative multidisciplinary research and speed biomedical discoveries from bench to bedside.

(Left to right) Gregory Burke, Charles McCall, and Sally Shumaker constitute the TSI’s leadership triad—itself a model of the institute’s collaborative approach.

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and its partner institutions are striving to scale Appalachia’s mountain of health problems by tethering to a bold new initiative to promote collaborative speed biomedical discoveries from bench to bedside.
The word “piedmont” is a contraction of an Italian phrase that translates into English as “at the base of the mountain.” Fitting that Wake Forest University Health Sciences is located in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, for it sits at the base of a mountain of health problems.

Southeast Appalachia, which includes western North Carolina, southwestern Virginia, and eastern Tennessee, is overrepresented in many of the country’s most serious chronic health problems. Research has shown that the people of Appalachia have poorer health overall than the rest of the country and suffer from especially high rates of cancer and heart disease. Premature mortality in the mountains is 28 to 39 percent greater than the national average. Exacerbating Appalachia’s plight is an acute shortage of doctors—a shortfall that will only worsen as the national health care system becomes increasingly overburdened. In response to NIH’s shifting priorities—and building upon its own long history of collaborative and multidisciplinary biomedical research—Wake Forest has formed a Translational Science Institute (TSI) with four primary objectives: to create partnerships with Virginia Tech, East Tennessee State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to accelerate, through a collaborative and multidisciplinary strategy that will span the public health spectrum from lab scientists to community leaders, the discovery, application, and dissemination of biomedical knowledge to improve health. Researchers previously accustomed to working alone or in small, single-discipline groups and pursuing discovery for its own sake now are being encouraged to work in teams—at times with scientists from other disciplines they previously might have considered incidental to their own work—and only on projects holding promise of yielding practical treatment outcomes. And conductors of clinical trials of new pharmaceuticals, who previously might have been content with simply proving their efficacy, now will be called on to help get effective new treatments in the hands of practitioners and their patients more rapidly and pervasively.

The CTSA constitutes nothing less than a sea change in federal biomedical research funding. “The steady growth of [NIH] dollars available for research can be credited with stimulating much of the progress in modern medicine since World War II,” wrote William B. Applegate, dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine, in the Medical Center’s magazine, Visions. “However, through much of the second half of the twentieth century, the majority was directed toward basic science. Now, the balance is tipping toward the clinical application of new knowledge.”

The carrot will be alluring and the stick intimidating. In the future, a major share of NIH grant money, which constitutes the overwhelming majority of dollars available for biomedical research in the U.S., will go to teams that buy into its collaborative, cross-disciplinary, and translational philosophy. Money still will be available for solo bench researchers—just a lot less of it. “At NIH, the writing is on the wall,” says J. Todd Thornburg, TSI executive director and former administrative director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University. “If you are an independent investigator, you had better be very productive because you will be competing for funding with some high-powered groups.” For medical centers like Wake Forest’s, where virtually all of the research and up to four-fifths of the salary portion dedicated to research are funded by external grants, failure to climb aboard could mean fumbling—and for some, perhaps even drowning—in the wake of those that do.

In response to NIH’s shifting priorities—and building upon its own long history of collaborative and multidisciplinary biomedical research—Wake Forest has formed a Translational Science Institute (TSI) with four primary objectives: to create and support multidisciplinary groups of scientists that will concentrate on important translational research; to train and promote the careers of a new generation of biomedical scientists who will collaborate on multidisciplinary research projects aimed at improving human health; to develop new strategies and systems to engage local communities as partners in identifying and prioritizing their health care needs and implementing and evaluating the TSI’s clinical and educational initiatives; and to provide to the national network of CTSA institutions the tools, products, and outcomes of its initiatives and to incorporate the successes of other CTSA institutions into its own programs and activities.

To expand its skills and resources, TSI has forged partnerships with Virginia Tech, East Tennessee State Univer-
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Already, examples abound of collaborative endeavors that confirm the notion that projects can be done by many that can’t be done by one. Neurologists and regenerative medicine scientists teaming to uncover drug treatments for muscular dystrophy that would have been thought brave-new-world-like less than a decade ago; Wake Forest cancer center researchers joining with veterinary medicine scientists at Virginia Tech to develop drugs for treatment of canine brain tumors as a preclinical step toward their possible usage in humans; promising weight-loss interventions for older adults being developed by researchers in exercise physiology, nutrition, geriatric medicine, and other disciplines on both campuses; leading orthopedic surgeon Dr. Larry Webb collaborating with Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials director David Carroll to create microcoatings that will prevent staph bacteria from attaching themselves to screws inserted surgically into fractured bones… these are merely harbingers, officials say, of what is possible.

The TSI holds promise of promulgating intercampus research collaborations to an extent not hitherto seen. Among the Reynolda Campus researchers who are participating in TSI investigations, Michael J. Berry of health and exercise science is principal investigator in a study of the benefits of strength training in patients with chronic pulmonary disease, and his departmental colleague, Jack Rejeski, is co-principal investigator in a pilot-testing program of weight-loss intervention for older adults. A third member of the health and exercise science faculty, Anthony Marsh, is involved in both the muscular dystrophy study and the weight-loss-in-older-adults intervention. Robert Plemmons (’61) of mathematics and computer science has teamed with statisticians, biomedical engineers, and plastic surgeons on the Bowman Gray Campus and at Virginia Tech to develop computer models for accurately determining the severity of burns to expedite treatment. And Fred Salsbury of physics and S. Bruce King of chemistry have joined Medical Center scientists in the design of drugs for targeted therapy of chemoresistant tumors.

Besides basic translational research, clinical trials, and outreach, the institute will concentrate on graduate education; faculty development; the integration of research technologies such as biomolecular imaging, biomedical genomics, proteomics, nanotechnology, bioinformatics, and biomedical engineering; the establishment of a translational research incubator; and forming partnerships with the private sector. The plan combines and expands some existing degree programs into a new degree in clinical and community-focused translational science and creates a graduate-level degree program in molecular and clinical translational medicine. Applegate predicts that medical students of the future can expect an additional six to nine years of training to prepare for linking the laboratory, the clinic, and the community.

The NIH plans to eventually fund sixty translational science centers across the country. To date it has awarded multi-year, multi-million-dollar CTSA grants to thirty-eight biomedical research centers. Wake Forest is guardedly optimistic about its chances for funding in forthcoming rounds, perhaps as early as this coming spring.

In advance of the hoped-for CTSA award, WFU Health Sciences has created, through the
TSI, two funding programs of its own. One, which it calls K-12, enables young faculty scholars to start their research careers while sustaining full schedules of clinical practice, teaching, and other duties. The second is a two-part pilot grant program. One provides grants of up to $50,000 to newly formed multidisciplinary research teams to develop novel cross-disciplinary projects. The other awards grants of up to $125,000 to more established multidisciplinary teams to assemble the final data required to attract larger awards for their projects from external funding sources.

Among the fifteen research projects the programs have funded to date is an effort to bolster Health Sciences’ informatics systems. The term “informatics” encompasses the resources, technologies, and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of information. As biomedical and technological discoveries have advanced exponentially in recent years, so has the volume of data exploded. This ocean of information floods a vast field of domains, making their retrieval, integration, and application challenging, to say the least. To accelerate the transfer of medical discoveries from the bench to the community — especially in the translational model, which emphasizes novel applications that bridge numerous sectors of science — new informatics systems will be needed to provide high quality, integrated data to researchers and clinicians. Under a grant from the TSI, a group that includes researchers Yaorong Ge and Jeff Carr (MS ’98) is developing a data service infrastructure to enable and accelerate translational research at Wake Forest and beyond. Informatics will be an ongoing TSI priority, with efforts under way to recruit specialists in the field to the staff.

The NIH established the CSTA mechanism in 2005 through the leadership of its director, Elias Zerhouni, in response to the burgeoning disenchantment in Congress over the perceived slow pace of so-called bench-to-bedside transfer. “The Congress and the American public collectively have invested heavily in health-related research over the past thirty years,” notes Thornburg. “While there have been successes, the prevailing opinion is that we have fallen short overall in translating what we have discovered into practical [public] benefits. Dr. Zerhouni founded the CTSA in acknowledgement of the fact that solving some of the problems we are finding so difficult will require the involvement of more than one person or discipline and as a way of expanding collaborative networks so that some of the inhibiting boundaries in the health sciences can be dismantled.”

A triad of influential and respected scientist-administrators with impressive track records in their fields constitutes the leadership of Wake Forest’s TSI:

Director Charles McCall (’57, MD ’61) is a molecular medicine specialist and a basic science researcher whose distinguished forty-year career at Wake Forest has encompassed pioneering investigations into the causes and treatment of inflammation. The founder of the Department of Internal Medicine’s Section on Molecular Medicine, he serves as a deputy associate dean for research and director of the NIH General Clinical Research Center, which conducts studies involving 7,000 participants annually and has come under the auspices of the TSI. McCall maintains an active research laboratory staffed with young faculty and post-doctoral student associates and dedicates a substantial portion of his time to mentoring younger faculty members.

Associate Director Sally Shumaker is the senior associate dean for research at WFUHS and a social psychologist whose research interests include women’s health, psychosocial factors in chronic disease, cognitive decline and dementia in the aged, health-related quality-of-life issues, hormonal therapy, and other topics. Besides her administrative and scientific duties at WFUHS, Shumaker directs the University’s intercampus research program and conducts trainings nationwide in conflict management, mediation, and communication.

Associate Director Gregory L. Burke, director of the Division of Public Health Sciences at WFUHS, has devoted his research career to the causes, treatment, and prevention of chronic diseases in populations. Under his leadership, the Division of Public Health Sciences has more than tripled its external research funding and has been ranked either first or second among comparable units nationally in NIH research funding for the past five years.

One aspect of the initiative that enthuses McCall the most is its emphasis on community engagement.
“Academic people traditionally have climbed down the steps from their tower to the community,” he says. “One of the beauties of this concept is that it is bi-directional; people helping generate ideas that apply to them. They become partners by telling us what they need and want instead of us telling them what would be good for them.”

The same goes, he says, for relations with practicing physicians. “There is a barrier between the practicing physician and the academic [medical] center,” he notes. “Each has differing values and perceptions of its own worth, and tensions can arise from lack of trust. But our objective is the same: to make people healthier.

It will be essential to dissolve these barriers to accomplish that objective as we go forward.” To measure trust levels among participants, cultural anthropologist Shellie Ellis (MA ’97), who heads TSI’s evaluation and strategic planning unit, and Mark Hall, the Fred D. and Elizabeth L. Turnage Professor of Law at Wake Forest who is a respected expert in health policy research and analysis, will design and administer surveys to enable the Center for Creative Leadership to identify and work with units experiencing tension.

In cultivating a culture of collaboration, Wake Forest might have something of an edge over other competitors for CTSA grants whose operations conform more closely to the conventional model for university-based medical centers. (“Silos” is a standard euphemism in academic medicine for departments and disciplines, with their hierarchical, separative, and self-contained tendencies.) Traditionally, the University has nurtured a culture of cross-disciplinary and interdepartmental collaboration on both its campuses. At the Medical Center, leaders like James Toole of neurology, Curt Furberg of public health sciences, and Douglas Maynard (’55, MD ’59) of radiology have been advocating it for decades. “We have silos,” a TSI official acknowledges, “but ours are much more permeable than those at most other institutions.”

McCall and Shumaker agree that open channels of communication in many directions — between scientists in disparate fields; physicians in the laboratory and those treating patients; researchers and the communities they are called on to serve — will be critical to the success of the TSI. As an example, they cite a collaborative project of Virginia Tech and Wake Forest in which the former is using its supercomputer — purported to be among the ten most powerful in the world — to process astronomical amounts of genetic data being collected by the latter. “Some of the most mundane concepts that are thoroughly familiar to one group [of scientists] can be totally foreign to another,” McCall observes.

“In interactions between the Virginia Tech computer scientists and the Wake Forest geneticists, one would have no idea what the other was talking about. They would get hung up on the simplest of terms, like ‘sample.’”

Shumaker, whose office door is festooned with inspirational messages such as “Tolerance” and “Create Peace,” took the lead in scheduling meetings with virtually every department in the Medical Center to explain and promote the TSI. “At first some didn’t get it and others were threatened by it,” she reports. “But we’re at a point now where more people are feeling less threatened and more engaged by it. Some of our scientists who had never before collaborated on a project discovered, in learning about the K–12 and pilot grant programs, colleagues in other fields who have skills they lack and might be valuable in their own work.

“We are a relatively small medical center, and we have had to maximize our resources as a result,” Shumaker adds. “One advantage of being small is that it is easier to communicate.”

The TSI faces hard questions, short-term. The CTSA is “Dr. Zerhouni’s baby,” as Shumaker puts it, and his resignation this fall begs the question of whether his successor will champion the translational concept with equal fervor. And what effect will this fall’s turmoil in the financial markets and economy have on government funding? Will federal money be available for more institutes like Wake Forest’s?

In the long run, however, translational science as the best approach to solving our most obstinate health problems seems not a question, but an answer. “Our challenge,” Thornburg states, “is to break down the competitive, independent culture of biomedical research by demonstrating the value of team science — the increases in intellectual stimulation, productivity, satisfaction, and results that are possible by working in groups. They can solve problems they couldn’t solve before, and that can be exciting.”
The Head has a Heart

The dean of Wake Forest’s newly integrated schools of business brings redoubtable credentials and compassion to his self-stated pursuit of helping students find their “calling” in life.

by David Fyten
These days, Steve Reinemund cuts quite a figure. Tall and lean, with chiseled features and piercing eyes befitting a Marine officer or the chairman and chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 corporation (both of which he has been) and dressed in silk tie, tailored slacks, and monogrammed Oxford, the dean of the newly integrated schools of business at Wake Forest University strides with a kind of conscious cadence around his carefully appointed office, gracious and gregarious yet very much in command of the environment and the situation.

But there was a time when this imposing leader was just a boy without a sport coat, apprehensively awaiting his appearance before an assembly of classmates. What happened then, as much as any single event in his life, helped shape his core beliefs about people, purpose, and personal responsibility, and predicts the kind of dean he will be and the kind of place the business schools will become under his stewardship.

On July 1, Reinemund, a former PepsiCo chairman and CEO who was widely praised as one of the nation’s most innovative and respected business leaders, assumed the deanship of the University’s two business schools—the Babcock Graduate School of Management and the undergraduate Calloway School of Business and Accountancy—with the mission of facilitating their integration. Historically, the schools have been administratively separate, with their own deans.
The goal of their consolidation is to leverage their distinctive strengths, promote collaboration in teaching and scholarship, fashion new opportunities for students to achieve their full personal as well as professional potential, and weave the business education component more integrally and seamlessly into the greater cultural fabric of the University.

He certainly brings an impressive cache of experience and talent to the task at hand. Over the course of his twenty-three year career at PepsiCo, he served as CEO of its Pizza Hut division (now part of another company), as head of Frito-Lay’s North American snack division and as CEO of its worldwide operations, and as corporate president and chief operating officer from 1999 to 2001, when he was named chairman and CEO. During his five-year tenure in the top post from 2001 to 2006, PepsiCo’s revenues increased by more than $9 billion, net income increased by 70 percent, earnings per share increased by 80 percent, its annual dividend doubled, and the company’s market capitalization surpassed $100 billion. Twice, Barron’s named him to its “World’s Most Respected CEOs” list and Business Week twice included him in its annual listing of the nation’s “Top Twenty-Five Managers.” He stepped down as CEO in fall 2006, remaining as chairman until his retirement in spring 2007.

Provost Jill M. Tiefenthaler, who chaired the committee that recommended his appointment unanimously, describes Reinemund as a “difference maker” who, in accepting the position, perceived fulfillment in making a difference in the lives of students, helping build “an even better Wake Forest,” and helping shape business education nationally.

“Steve is many things: an outstanding manager; a strategist; a visionary,” she noted. “But what impresses me the most about him is that he is a learner. He knows a lot, and we have a lot to learn from him. Yet he also knows what he doesn’t know, and he wants to learn it. Learning means listening, and he is an excellent listener.”

The accolades with which Reinemund was showered at PepsiCo were not only for his business acumen. Business Week wrote that “his greatest achievement is in developing people,” noting that he personally mentored and trained staff and required that everyone in the company’s senior ranks do likewise. He was especially recognized for his campaign to bring diversity to PepsiCo, garnering “The Man Who Did the Most for Women” Award from the National Council for Research on Women; the National Equal Justice Award from the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; and the President’s Award from the National Council of La Raza. Upon his retirement, PepsiCo established the Reinemund Diversity and Inclusion Legacy Award to recognize persons within the corporation who make “consistent and significant contributions toward fostering diversity and inclusion at PepsiCo and in the community.”

“Steve is a person who has been guided by a set of values and commitments that are remarkably similar for both his professional life and his personal life,” says President Nathan O. Hatch, who has known Reinemund well since their tenure together on the national board of the Salvation Army in the nineties. “He is a mentor who takes that role seriously. On a recent Saturday morning, for example, he spent a good deal of time with a young Wake Forest graduate, one-on-one, trying to assist that student to find his way in the business world.

“Steve deeply believes that a diverse workplace and educational environment benefits everyone,” Hatch continues, “making sure that everyone receives the same opportunity to succeed and prosper, whether that be in the workplace, in the classroom, or the community. Like mentoring, the building of a place that embraces and provides avenues for opportunity speaks to Wake Forest’s most cherished and traditional values.

“Steve also is a great listener and a constant learner,” Hatch observes. “He will transform [business] education at Wake Forest, to be sure, but not by imposing some predetermined model. A new one will grow organically from the faculty and be rooted in the needs and aspirations of students. His collaborative spirit is what distinguishes Steve’s leadership and will ensure that his legacy will be significant and enduring.”

In his few months at Wake Forest, Reinemund already has demonstrated not only a rare talent for guiding complex and delicate organizational changes but also that penchant for inclusion, openness, and collaboration.
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Character traits and values like Reinemund’s aren’t simply donned like cloaks in adulthood. They are the flesh of one’s very being, incubated as a child. After his father died when he was six, his mother moved from California to Florida, where she raised three children. “She was a remarkable person who possessed an enormous amount of wisdom and a true moral compass that she passed on to her children,” he said. “In different circumstances, she might have been the CEO of a company or a governor. But financially, we didn’t have much.”

Fortunately, throughout his youth, teachers, guidance counselors, and others came into his life at precisely the right times to pick him up and point him in the right direction. One especially impactful intervention occurred in seventh grade, when he ran for student council. “As I was about to go on stage to give a talk to the assembled student body, a guidance counselor noticed that I wasn’t wearing a sport coat,” he said. “All the other [candidates] had sport coats, so to level the playing field for me, he took off his own sport coat and put it on me before I made my entrance. Had it not been for him and more than a handful of others who paved the way for me, I would not have had the opportunities I’ve had. And throughout my career, I have strived to do for others what was done for me—to level the playing field for them.”

A top student, Reinemund selected the U.S. Naval Academy over scholarship offers from a number of other prestigious schools. Commissioned a lieutenant in the Marines after graduation, he was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he met Gail, his wife of thirty-four years. They have four children.

Reinemund considered the Marines as a career, but ultimately chose business as the arena in which to manifest his foundational belief, instilled by his mother, that one’s calling in life is beyond oneself. As he ascended the corporate ladder at PepsiCo, he benefitted from the tutelage of the late D. Wayne Calloway (’59, LL.D ’88), chairman and CEO of the corporation. His first connection with Wake Forest, in fact, was through Calloway, a trustee and valued presidential advisor at his alma mater for whom the undergraduates were named.

Reinemund was in his late fifties and at the peak of his professional position and creative powers when he told the PepsiCo board of his decision to retire. “Our two youngest children were about to enter high school, and Gail and I decided that something needed to change,” he said. “We lived in Dallas, and the corporate offices were in New York. That, coupled with the international nature of the business, meant that I was on the road constantly. The board and I took about a year and a half or two years to devise a transition plan, but when I finally left, I didn’t have a specific [personal] plan in mind. I knew I wouldn’t just stay at home, but I didn’t play golf.

“Nathan and I had kept in contact over the years, and he invited me to come to Wake Forest to speak to the trustees a couple of times,” he went on. “When this opportunity presented itself, a college campus seemed like a good place to give back to others all that I have been given. We brought the whole family to Winston-Salem for a weekend and put it to a vote. I could attend the meeting, but I didn’t have a say in the matter. It was unanimous.”

If there is one word that Reinemund is particularly fond of—one that seems to encapsulate his vision for business education at Wake Forest—it is “calling.”

“I start with the assumption that every student deserves a job if he or she wants it,” he stated. “But beyond a job, the real goal is that the students find their calling—that they find their place in society in which they can make the kinds of contributions that will satisfy, enrich, and fulfill their own lives, their families’ lives, and their communities. The bottom line is to help our students unlock that which is within them and to understand who they are, what they value, what they do well, and where they want to contribute.

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At the end, when they leave Wake Forest, we want every one of our students to have a compass with which to chart his or her path,” Reinemund said. “We want them to enter the world as broad thinkers; as lifelong learners who value history, are conversant with global cultures, and understand the roles the arts, humanities, and social sciences play in organizations, and who can apply them in creative ways.

“The challenge before us,” he concluded, “is to take the programs we offer and make them distinctive in a way that is very much ‘Wake Forest.’ It’s all here—the liberal arts; the focus on international study and travel; the spirit of service to humanity; the institutional commitment to building a diverse community of scholars, teachers, and students—to create something truly special.”
‘Il Professore’

By Tim Warren

Once a leader, always a leader, Randolph Childress (’95) enjoys basketball—and life—in Italy.
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VARESE, Italy—You can hit the search button on YouTube for Randolph Childress (’95), and clips of his memorable play in the 1995 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament pop up immediately—his killer crossover move that froze North Carolina’s Jeff McInnis, for instance, and of course the jumper over three UNC defenders with four seconds left in overtime that gave Wake Forest the title.

But there are many more clips, posted by fans in Italy, who have grown to appreciate the heady point guard they have nicknamed “Il Professore.” There’s one of him hitting an improbable 30-footer, and another of him leading his team in Caserta to the league title in the 2007–08 season. Randolph Childress may have just turned 36, but school is still in session when he takes the court in Italy.

The education works both ways, though. His current team, in the northern Italian city of Varese, is his fifth since he came to the country in 2001, and he sees his time in the country not just in basketball terms. Though some might consider his coming to Europe as a comedown, an acknowledgement that two modest seasons in the NBA were disappointing for a first-round draft pick, he doesn’t see it that way. To him, his European experience (including a year playing in France) has been postgraduate work in language, culture and personal growth, and every day he’s still learning.

“If you’re not well-rounded and don’t have an open mind, you’re not going to make it here,” he said after practice one evening in late fall. “And you have to be humble a little. It’s not as easy as a lot of people think. Many American players can’t adjust to the European style of play, and there are all kinds of cultural adjustments.

“To be honest, the first three years in Italy were hell. But I can tell you now that I’ve really enjoyed the experience—the knowledge that I’ve gained over here, and everything. At 36, I know that I’m on the clock, and this could well be my last year. Because at some point I want to coach collegiately, and I look forward to teaching this game through all that I’ve learned all over the world.”

Il Professore certainly gave a few lessons at Varese’s first home game, on October 12. Childress has understandably lost a little quickness, but he is still the consummate leader. His stats didn’t exactly leap out at you—10 points and six assists—but three teammates also scored in double figures and Varese defeated a good Livorno team, 77–72. Throughout the often-contentious game, he remained cool, settling down teammates (he is fluent in Italian) and showing emotion only at the end when the victory seemed secure. It was typical Childress: just a little fist-pump.

Teammate Giacomo Galanda, who is also a center on the Italian national team, raved afterward about Childress’s performance and his steady influence on a fragile squad coming off a terrible season.

“Randy just really knows how to play the game,” said Galanda, the beneficiary of several pinpoint passes from Childress.

“He is from a different generation of American players, in which you learned to play basketball instead of just going one-on-one. He can teach you just by watching him. He uses his experience so well.”

Dave Odom, who recruited Childress to come to Wake Forest and coached him all of his four years at the school, gave an appreciative chuckle when told of Galanda’s comments.

“I was probably as close to Randy as anybody I’ve ever coached,” said Odom, who along with Childress and Tim Duncan (’97) was inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in September (See story, page 34). “And I guess part of that was we were so similar in our approach. He really was an extension of what I, as the coach, wanted. I told him early on, ‘I want to put the ball in your hands at the end of the game—not just to shoot, but to make sure we get the best shot.’ And I can’t tell you how many times that happened with him running the show.”

As appreciative as Odom is about Childress’s play for the Deacons, which included an 18.4 career scoring average and his being named ACC Player of the Year and All-America, he is as impressed with his development afterward.

“As a coach, you want to see your players mature, to become contributing citizens and good fathers and husbands,” Odom said. “It’s not just about wins and losses. When you see how someone like Randy or Tim Duncan turns out, it solidifies you as a coach.”

Childress says being at Wake Forest helped him first endure, then embrace his time in Europe, though it’s not something viewable on YouTube.

“I remember that after practice, Coach would make us go on a three-mile run, and maybe about 2.5 miles into it there was this hill you had to go up,” he said, smiling at the thought.

“At that point, you just wanted to walk it. But Coach used to always say, ‘Attack this hill. You have to attack this hill.’

“It’s like a philosophy I’ve learned to use about life. I consider adversity like that hill. I have to attack it, I have to keep going. The experiences I had at Wake Forest definitely shaped me as a man probably more than as a player.”

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Fame in the Hall

By Leo Derrick (‘50)

Five former student-athletes and one record-setting coach were enshrined in the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in September. Tim Duncan (‘97) and Randolph Childress (‘95), Olympic triathlete Hunter Kemper (‘98), PGA golfer Len Mattiace (‘90), National Football League impresario Ernie Accorsi (‘63), and former Deacon basketball coach Dave Odom constituted the largest single class of Hall of Fame inductees in its 38-year history.

Ernie Accorsi (‘63)

Not a student-athlete but one whose college and professional life has been centered around athletics, Accorsi was sports editor of the Old Gold and Black and sports director of WFDD before joining the sports departments at papers in Charlotte, Baltimore and Philadelphia. This began a circuitous route that eventually led to the position of senior vice president and general manager of the New York Giants of the National Football League. He was largely responsible for putting together the roster that won the Super Bowl in February.

He joined the NFL in 1970 as public relations director for the Baltimore Colts, following stints in the information departments of St. Joseph’s University and Penn State.

He held a post in the office of NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle before returning to the Colts in 1977 and was named general manager in 1982 where he selected John Elway with the first pick in the draft. He later became executive vice president/football operations for the Cleveland Browns where he drafted Bernie Kosar, who led the team to four Central Division titles and five playoff appearances.

He joined the Giants in 1994 as assistant general manager to George Young, eventually succeeding Young in the top spot in 1998. Possibly the most critical transaction of his career with the Giants was his landmark negotiation that brought Eli Manning to the team in a trade with the San Diego Chargers involving Philip Rivers. Manning was the year’s No. 1 overall selection.

Accorsi was named the NFL Executive of the Year by USA Today, the New York Post, the Dallas Morning News and the San Francisco Chronicle. He retired in 2007 after 36 years in the NFL and resides in New York City.

Len Mattiace (‘90)

Mattiace starred on the Deacon golf team from 1986-89 and was a first team All-Conference and third team All-American performer in 1989. He was a member of the school’s NCAA Championship team in 1986 and the 1989 All-ACC Championship team. He was selected for the ACC’s 50th Anniversary Team in 2003 and was a Walker Cup team member in 1987. He turned professional in 1990 and won his first two PGA tournaments in 2002, beating the field in the Nissan Open and later claiming top money at the St. Jude Classic. He recorded six top-25 finishes in 2001 and shot a sterling 65 in the 2003 Masters to earn a playoff spot before falling to Mike Weir.

A community benefactor, Mattiace has a foundation called “Len’s Friends” that provides financial aid to an assortment of charities in Jacksonville, Fla., through a series of golf events.

Randolph Childress (‘95)

This record-setting guard is best remembered for leading Wake Forest to the 1995 ACC Basketball Tournament championship when he was named the event’s Most Valuable Player by scoring a tournament-record 107 points in three games. He poured in 40 points against Duke, 30 in the Virginia contest and 37 in the final against North Carolina. His jump shot with just four seconds remaining gave the Deacons an 82-80 win in overtime to beat the Tar Heels in the championship game.

He finished his collegiate career with 2,208 points, good for second place in the school’s history. His 329 three-point field goals made him Wake Forest’s all-time leader and second in ACC history. His collegiate scoring total made him only one of twelve players in the ACC to score 2,200 or more points in a career.

His senior season merited first team All-American selection and was one of five finalists for the Wooden Award. All-ACC first team twice, he was drafted in the first round by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA draft and played there and for Portland until 1998 when he joined the European circuit where he plays currently for an Italian team (See related story on page 32).

Tim Duncan (‘97)

Quite possibly Wake Forest’s most sought-after basketball player by the professionals, Duncan led the team to four straight 20-win seasons from 1994–97 for coach Dave Odom and played in more games than any other player in Wake Forest history. He was All-ACC three times and was chosen Player of the Year twice.

A tremendous shot blocker, his 481 career rejections is second in NCAA history, and he had at least one block in 127 of the 128 games he played. His
87 career double-doubles, also a school record and is just the tenth player in NCAA history to record 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds.

He was the No. 1 overall selection in the 1997 NBA draft and went to the San Antonio Spurs where he was Rookie of the Year in 1998. He led the Spurs to four NBA championships and was twice named NBA Most Valuable Player. He was chosen as MVP in the NBA finals three times.

Duncan is a ten-time NBA All-Star and a member of the NBA All-Defensive Team eleven times. On the international scene, Duncan was MVP of the World Championships three times and represented the USA in the 2004 Olympic Games.

Hunter Kemper ('98)  

As an eight-time letter-winner on the Wake Forest cross country and track and field teams, Kemper finished seventh in the triathlon at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Not surprising since he has been prominent at the national and international levels of triathlon competition for the last decade. He was the U.S. Pro National Champion in 1998, 1999, 2001, and 2003 and USOC Triathlete of the Year five times 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

He won a silver medal in the 2000 Pan Am Games and was the top U.S. male finisher in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. He finished the 2005 season as the No. 1 ranked triathlete in the world and became the first U.S. male athlete to finish first in both the World and the International Triathlon Union World Cup rankings. In 2007, Kemper won the Great Colorado Triathlon and Treasure Island Triathlon in San Francisco. His likeness was the first triathlete to be featured on a Wheaties box and he was named the USOC Sportsman of the Year in 2005.

As proficient in the classroom as on the track, Hunter was a four-time member of the ACC All-Academic Team and earned All-ACC honors after finishing second in the 10,000 meters in 1997.

Dave Odom  

As the Demon Deacon Hardwood mentor for what was the school’s best 12-year record, Odom left the university with a legacy that any coach would find difficult to duplicate. From 1989 through 2001, his teams compiled a record of 240–132 before he took the head coach slot at the University of South Carolina.

After a first season’s record of 12–16, Odom led the Deacs to 11 straight post-season tournaments including seven consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 1991–97. He was named National Coach of the Year in 1995 and earned three ACC Coach of the Year awards. Odom tutored Wake Forest to ACC Tournament Championships in 1995 and 1996 and the team was ranked in the top ten national polls each year from 1995 to 1997, including a spot in the Elite 8 in ’96. He holds the Wake Forest record with 101 ACC victories.

Recruitment of athletes was a hallmark of the Odom years; he scouted and enlisted the talents of Tim Duncan, Randolph Childress and Rodney Rogers, All-Americans. An untold number of his former players are in the professional ranks in the U.S. and abroad.

Odom, who recently joined Guilford College as a special adviser to President Kent Chabotar, began his coaching career with East Carolina after graduating from Guilford in 1969. His South Carolina tenure netted a record of 128–104, an enviable score at a school whose main emphasis was on football. While with the Gamecocks, Odom won two NIT Championships and was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2004.

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Dear Wake Foresters:

It was wonderful to see so many alumni back on campus for Homecoming. Many thanks to all of our reunion committees for all the hard work and planning that led to such a successful and exciting Homecoming weekend.

The Alumni Council also met during Homecoming weekend. One of our goals this year is to stress to all alumni the importance of volunteering on behalf of Wake Forest. Getting involved with your alma mater can take a number of different forms: you can become a more active member of your Wake Forest Club in your hometown; you can provide career assistance by recruiting on campus, hiring Wake Forest graduates whenever possible, or helping mentor students in their career exploration and networking; and while we won’t know the date for Homecoming 2009 until early spring, the alumni relations office is looking for volunteers for those in reunion classes next year (classes ending in 4s and 9s). If you’d like to volunteer for any of the above, please contact the alumni relations office at alumni@wfu.edu.

There are additional ways you can help Wake Forest. Each year the Wake Forest University Alumni Association presents awards to alumni whose achievements and recognition have reflected honor on their alma mater. The Distinguished Alumni Awards cite the exemplary service and leadership of Wake Foresters, reflecting the University motto “Pro Humanitate.” We would love to have your input in identifying alumni for this award. The Alumni Council would also benefit from your help in identifying strong potential Alumni Council members. If you wish to nominate someone for either the Distinguished Alumni Award or as a possible Alumni Council member, please contact Kristin Burch (‘96), director of alumni relations, at burchkt@wfu.edu. Last, but certainly not least, we also need your support for The Wake Forest Fund. By making a gift, you are showing your support for the University and for our educational mission. There is strength in numbers – both from an economic standpoint, because your gifts directly impact students – and in a strong showing to U.S. News and World Report that we have one of the most dedicated and supportive alumni bodies in the nation. Please join me in giving to The Wake Forest Fund – when you give back, Wake Forest moves forward.

Thank you for all you do for our alma mater, and I wish you and your families all the best for the holiday season.

Kim Shirley (‘85)
Alumni Association President
1930s

David M. Britt (JD ’37) was honored by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation with the establishment of a scholarship. The scholarship will help students in the Wake Forest University School of Law repay student loans.

1940s

William C. Byrd Jr. (’47, MD ’50) was a physician in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and an internal medicine physician in Kerrville, TX, for 29 years. He retired in 1986 and lives in Kerrville. His hobbies are photography, birdwatching and hiking.

Bob Brooks (’48) was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. He was head men’s basketball coach, assistant football coach and, later, head football coach at Elizabeth City High School. He was golf coach at Elizabeth City and Northeastern high schools and then director of physical education and athletics at Elizabeth City/Pasquotank schools.

1950s

Arnold Palmer (’51) received the Lone Sailor Award for his service to country and community at the U.S. Navy Memorial “Lone Sailor” Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C. He is a Coast Guard veteran.

W. Earl Britt (’56, JD ’58, P ’82) was honored by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation with the establishment of a scholarship. The scholarship will help students in the Wake Forest University School of Law repay student loans.

Donald R. Canady (’56, JD ’60) retired in 1993 after practicing law for 33 years with Canady Person Britt & Gurnee in Fayetteville, NC. He and his wife, Marian, live in Myrtle Beach, SC.

1960s

John Samuel Braswell III (’60) has retired as a senior certified medical representative after 32 years of pharmaceutical service to physicians in the Triad area of North Carolina. He and his wife, Gretchen, live in High Point, NC.

Sidney S. Eagles Jr. (’61, JD ’64, P ’91, P ’95) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He received the 2008 Joseph Branch Professionalism Award, the highest honor from the Wake County Bar Association. He has been named one of Woodward & White’s 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

Herb Egbert (’61) retired as a civilian from the Department of the Army in 2002. He and his wife live in Arizona. He believes that regardless of where you are you should acknowledge everyone you pass and is remembering his first roommate, Dave Forsythe (’64).

George W. Gardner (’61) is president of the Wilmington, NC, prostate cancer support group. He participated in the Washington ZERO congressional fly-in urging support for bills funding awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer.

Larry Sitton (’61, JD ’64, P ’90) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White’s 2009 Best Lawyers in America.


Thomas D. Franklin Jr. (’63, MS ’67) is semi-retired after 34 years in nonprofit medical research. He is executive vice president of research and regulatory affairs for Organ Transport Systems. He and his wife, Annie Faye, live in Plano, TX. They have two sons and six grandsons.

Henry J. Weaver (’63) served in Vietnam and Desert Storm and is retired after 27 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He is working on two projects for the “New Kannapolis” N.C. Biotech Research Center that look back at the textile heritage and look forward to high school athletes of Cabarrus County.

J. Donald Cowan Jr. (’65, JD ’68, P ’94) has joined Ellis & Winters LLP in Cary, NC. He continues to maintain offices in Greensboro and Raleigh, NC.

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Michael Shepherd Greene (’66) reports that his wife, Ann, passed away on Aug. 22, 2008, in Vero Beach, FL.

Beverly T. Beal (’68, JD ’74, P ’93) is a senior resident superior court judge in Lenoir, NC, and president-elect of the N.C. Conference of Superior Court Judges. He was elected vice president of the N.C. Bar Association.

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Lana J. Furr ('71) and her husband, Richard, published an article, “Signs of an Underperforming Board,” in Corporate Board Magazine (September/October 2008).

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D. Clark Smith ('72, JD '75) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

Bob Graves ('73, P '97), Dennis Wilson ('73) and Anne Hope ('75, MA '78) performed for the reunion party of the Class of 1973 during Homecoming.

Mel Wright (JD '73) is the executive director of the N.C. Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. He has been selected as chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism.

David Allen ('74) has retired from the U.S. Army after three decades and four deployments, including Afghanistan and Iraq. He and his wife, Joan Nelson Allen ('70), have one daughter, Melissa.

R. Michael Wells Sr. (JD '74, P '04) is with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been elected to a three-year term on the N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors.

Jim B. Apple ('75, P '05) is chairman and chief executive officer of First Citizens Bank of South Carolina. He was elected the 2008/09 chairman of the board for the Central South Carolina Alliance.

Bruce Gardner ('75) has been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” in state and federal criminal defense by Business Alabama magazine.

William E. Wheeler (JD '75) is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He received his MALS from UNC-Greensboro and has been named one of Business North Carolina’s “Legal Elite.”

John W. “Jack” Clark (JD '76) is the Air National Guard assistant to the judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force. He is a major general stationed at the Pentagon.

Melvin J. Scales ('76) is vice president and director of global home-based transition services for Right Management, an outplacement and career transition organization headquartered in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Yvette, live in Winston-Salem, NC, with their daughter, Kelli.

Lucien “Skip” Capone III (JD '77) is general counsel for UNC-Greensboro. He was selected as one of 11 outstanding citizen lawyers by the N.C. Bar Association.

Richard Penny ('77) is vice chancellor for advancement and external relations at the University of Washington, Bothell. He teaches doctoral students in Walden University’s Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership.

Fritz Richter III ('77, JD '80) is a partner with Bass Berry & Sims in Nashville, TN. He was honored as one of the "Nation’s Top Benefits Attorneys" and inducted as a fellow by the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.

Jane Cage ('78) is COO of Heartland Technology Solutions in Joplin, MO. She was named one of "The 50 Most Powerful Women in the IT Channel" by VARBusiness magazine. (www.cn.com/it-channel/209903827?pgno=2)

Robert Hadley Brown ('79) retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2005. He is the senior aerospace science instructor for the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Tuscola High School in Waynesville, NC. In 2007 he married Martha Weathers Brown. They have three children: Anna (17), Liam (8) and McLain (6).

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Ed Grant (MAEd '80) was an assistant professor of military science in the U.S. Army ROTC program at Wake Forest from 1977-80. He retired from the Army in 1994 and from the American Red Cross in 2008. He and his wife live in Charlotte, NC.

Terry Wayne Nall ('80) is president of Deutsche Bank Insurance Agency in Atlanta. He joined Deutsche Bank and its private wealth management division in 2003. He and his wife, Donna, have two children, Adam (15) and Anna Grace (11).

Stephen M. Russell Sr. (JD '80) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been elected president of the 21st Judicial District of the N.C. Bar Association and has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Alan G. Bourque ('81) completed his tour in Baghdad as chief of anti-terrorism/force protection for the Multi-National Corps Iraq. He is director of leadership and command instruction at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Mark A. Crabtree ('81, P '11) received the Alumni Star Award from Virginia Commonwealth University during VCU’s commencement ceremony. He received his doctor of dental surgery there in 1985.

Leah Durner ('81) has been named a partner of KPMG in Washington, D.C.

John Dearman Martin ('81) is managing partner of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Wilmington, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in personal injury and medical malpractice defense.

Cliff F. Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86) created a scholarship through the N.C. Bar Association honoring his father, Earl Britt ('56, JD '58), and his uncle, David Britt (JD '37). This scholarship will assist
Legal Aid of North Carolina helping students at Wake Forest University’s School of Law repay student loans.

D. Anderson Carmen (JD ’82, P’09) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

James Fredericks (’83) published his first novel, Brother (Bascom Hill, October 2008), a legal thriller set in North Carolina. He and his wife and four children live in Fort Worth, TX. (www.jamesfredericks.com)

Bill Wilcox (JD ’83) is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the “Top Impact Law Leaders” in the Triad region of North Carolina by Business Leader Magazine.

Karis Ann Cox (’84) is assistant vice president of T. Rowe Price Associates and T. Rowe Price Investment Services. She lives in Baltimore.

Mark Hicks (’84) was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army and selected for the Army War College and Brigade Command. He and his wife, Susan Gough Hicks (’88), live in Colorado.

G. Edward Story (’84, P’12) has been named senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of RTI International in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Thomas C. Grelia (JD ’85) is chair of the management committee of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He has been elected to a three-year term on the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates.

Ben McDonald (’85) was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He received his master’s of strategic studies from the Army War College.

Thomas Carl Aquilina (’86, MD ’90) is senior medical director for MedImmune in Gaithersburg, MD. He and his wife, Carey Ace Aquilina (JD ’92), have four children: Sydney (9), Thomas (7), Louis (5) and Shelby (2).

Ed Bonahue (’87) is associate vice president for academic affairs at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL. He and his wife, Tina Smith-Bonahue (’87), have three children.

Mike Darrow (MBA ’87) is chief program officer for TAP-IN, a program of the American Health Initiative connecting seasoned healthcare professionals with volunteer opportunities in free clinics.

Frank N. Johnson (’87) was honored by Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends as the first recipient of The Frank Johnson Service Award. He lives in Winston-Salem, NC.

Jill Lane (’87) has been appointed dean of the High School Academic Program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. She has been interim dean since 2006.

John “Jay” Waters (’87) is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army working at Senior Leader Development. He and his family relocated to Washington, D.C., after five years in Italy. His Army unit participated in the 64th anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy with battlefield visits, ceremonies and multinational re-enactments of the airborne assault. He says it was the most awesome event in his 21 years of military service.

W. Alexander Audilet (JD ’88) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White’s 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

Susan Bramlett Epps (’88) is the faculty athletic representative at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.

Amy Scherr Reichardt (’88) attended the final night of the Democratic National Convention at Mile High Stadium. She lives in Denver.

Amy K. Smith (JD ’88) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Virginia DuPre (’89) is an art therapist with a private practice in Decatur, GA. She would love to hear from fellow hallmates.

H. Michael Lesmeister (’89) is a national sales manager with AmREIT, the investment division of Real Estate Investment Trust based in Houston. He received his MS from Oklahoma State University and was admitted to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He and his wife, Molly, have one daughter, Jacqueline (3).

Christin Jarvis Reischel (JD ’91) is general counsel, vice president and assistant secretary of Cato Corp., headquartered in Charlotte, NC. She suspects Professor Alan Palmiter is surprised her concentration is in corporate law, but wants to thank him for encouraging her even when she messed up a simple corporate structure question.

Leigh Waller Taylor (’89) is a vice president for CoBank in Castle Rock, CO.

Charlot F. Wood (JD ’89) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Lisa Joines (MD ’96) is a pediatrician at ABC Pediatric Clinic LLC in Cullman, AL.

Ricky Proehl and his wife, Kelly Proehl, opened Proehlific Park Youth Sports Complex in Greensboro, NC, where kids can learn the power of play and the skills to succeed. After a 17-year career in the NFL, he fulfilled a dream. Kelly also owns a Juice Plus+, a whole food nutrition business. (www.proehlificpark.com)

1991

Kevin O’Neal Cokley is associate professor of counseling psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. He has been elected editor-in-chief of the Journal of Black Psychology.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Fernandez (PhD ’93), is a senior editor for Chemical and Engineering News in Washington, D.C.

David G. Tatem is senior counsel with Jackson Walker LLP in Houston.

1992

Carey Ace Aquilina (JD) is in-house counsel for Tuscarora Title Corp. in Leesburg, VA. She and her husband, Thomas Carl Aquilina (’86, MD ’90), have four children: Sydney (9), Thomas (7), Louis (5) and Shelby (2).

April Sauer (MBA) and a partner opened the Center for Modern Vein and Skin Care, a medi-spa, in Chicago.

1993

David Blackshear is IT director for the Cummins’ Rocky Mount Engine Plant. His wife, Jacque Piasecki, is a part-time teller for RBC. They have one daughter, Sadie (8), and live in Nashville, NC.

Ryan Greene completed his residency in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery, at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has accepted a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Miami.

Paxton Helms is a partner in a small commercial real estate development firm on Capitol Hill in Washington. He and his wife, Mary, have one daughter, Annabel (1).

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1994

David T. Gortner (MA) is director of doctor of ministry programs and professor of evangelism and congregational leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. He is an Episcopal priest and a developmental psychologist. He published his first book, Transforming Evangelism (Church Publishing). He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Cassie (5) and Miriam (3).

Glynn Servy is pursuing a PhD in Hispanic linguistics with a minor in French literature at the University of Georgia. He teaches beginning Italian to undergraduates.

1995

Jocelyn Gilmour Brummett owns Jocelyn G. Brummett, CPA, PC in Holly Springs, NC. She and her husband, Joe, have two sons, Logan (5) and Leith (2).

Molly Hughes was art director on the Harry Potter film, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” in London.

Christine E. Keeley is an independent accounting consulting contractor with Monaghan Group in Winston-Salem, NC.

Kevin M. Middleton is an assistant professor in the department of biology at California State University San Bernardino.

Marc Xavier Sneed (JD ’98) is an assistant attorney general in the tort claims section of the N.C. Department of Justice in Raleigh, NC.

1996

Margaret Feinberg published a book, The Sacred Echo (Zondervan). She has been named one of Charisma magazine’s “30 Emerging Voices” who will lead the church in the next decade. She is a national speaker at retreats, conferences and events. She has written more than two dozen books and Bible studies and lives in Morrison, CO, with her husband, Leif. (www.margaretfeinberg.com)

Christopher Leonard (JD ’99) is chief operating officer for My Rewards, created after Image Products of Wilmington, NC, acquired Furnace Giltner & Associates of Austin, TX. He and his wife Laura, daughter Emma, and son Jack, live in Wilmington, NC.

E. Mark Young is an associate in the litigation practice group of Benesch in Cleveland.

1997

Wendy Bartlett has taught math at Parkland High School in Winston-Salem, NC, for 10 years. She received the Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award for alumni at Wake Forest’s Opening Convocation.

Sean A.B. Cole (JD) has joined the major injury group of the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in Durham, NC.

Josh Itzoe is a principal of Greenspring Wealth Management in Towson, MD. He published a book, Fixing the 401(k): What Fiduciaries Must Know (And Do) To Help Employees Retire Successfully. He and his wife, Jessica, have two children, Caleb and Lydia.

Roberta B. King (JD ’02) is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC. She received the Charles F. Blanchard Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association. She has been chosen to serve as a representative to the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for 2008-10.

1998

Zachary Bancroft (JD) is with Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL. He was admitted to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida and the Northern District Court.

Rachel Childs Durant (MAEd ’99) teaches English at North Henderson High School in Hendersonville, NC. She has been named the 2008-09 Henderson County Teacher of the Year. She and her husband, Hale, are expecting their first child.

Dennis Robert Glendenning (MBA) has published a second book, IIS 7 Professional (Wrox Publishing, 2008), which he dedicated to his twins, Jessica Claire and Nicolas Jones. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Cleveland.

Eboni S. Nelson is an assistant professor of law at the University of South Carolina School of Law. She received the John Templeton Foundation Academic Scholarship Award from the Pacific Legal Foundation. Her article, “Examining the Costs of Diversity,” focuses on equal education opportunities for minority students in elementary and secondary schools.

Sarah Tollison is with the Defazio Law Office in Jackson, WY.

Laura Wood (MBA) is director of provider marketing and member relations with Network Health, a nonprofit managed care organization in Medford, MA.

1999

K. Leigh Hamm Forell received her PhD in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in language and literacy studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

Tywanda “Ty” Lord (JD) is a partner practicing in the intellectual property department with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta.

Erica Rohifing Lyall is associate director of planned giving in the advancement office at Wake Forest.

William S. Myers (MD) owns an urgent care practice, River Oaks Clinic, in Decatur, AL.

Jeremy Noel has been named manager of interactive media at The SportsOneSource Group in Charlotte, NC.

Richard Osborne is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is the city planner in Cartersville, GA. He and his wife, Carolee, have a daughter, Emma (3).

Joshua Otten and a friend have opened J. Willott Gallery in Palm Desert, CA. (www.jwillott.com)

Mimi E. Soule is an associate in the labor and employment practice group of SZD Wicker, the North Carolina office of Schottenstein Zox & Dunn, in Raleigh, NC.

2000

Faisal Allazzam (LLM) manages the Allazzam Law Office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
Michael T. Butcher (MS) received his PhD from Clemson University. He is an assistant professor of biological sciences at Youngstown State University in Ohio, where he conducts research in comparative biomechanics.

Brian Joseph Chapuran (JD) has returned to active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. He is pursuing an LLM in military law at the U.S. Army JAG Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA.

Adrian Lee Greene (MA ’08) is pursuing a PhD at UNC-Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Melissa Painter, live in High Point, NC.

Conor McGowan completed his PhD in fisheries and wildlife science at the University of Missouri. He is a research associate for Jim Nichols (’71) at the U.S. Geological Survey Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He and his wife, Cate Calhoun McGowan, and their daughter, Eva (2), live in Maryland.

2001
Klemens Keferboeck (LLM) is associate general counsel of Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik, a brand-independent engineering and manufacturing partner to automakers, in Austria.

Katherine O’Brien is pursuing a master’s in curriculum and instruction at the University of Texas at Austin and is teaching fourth-grade bilingual classes at Becker Elementary School. She received the Marcellus E. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award for alumni at Wake Forest’s Opening Convocation.

Pollyanna Rhee was named an NY1 “New Yorker of the Week” for her work as a project coordinator with Architecture for Humanity New York overseeing the design and construction of a medical clinic in a Manhattan Homeless Shelter.

Alston Robertson has joined the real estate firm of NORCOM Properties in Charlotte, NC. The company’s president is Thomas E. Norman (’66).

Hyos Ahn “John” Sung (LLM) is a representative director of IntelligenceLink Corp., an international consulting firm in Seoul, South Korea.

Carrie Garretson Vey is completing her final year of family medicine residency at Halifax Health in Daytona Beach, FL. She was selected chief resident and received the American Academy of Family Physician Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education.

Xinyi “Sunny” Wu (LLM, MSA ’04) is the legal and commercial manager of MAN Turbo Trading Co. Ltd., an equipment manufacturer of turbo machinery in Shanghai, China.

2002
Rehana Abbas received her MBA from the Yale University School of Management. She is manager for annual giving at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Doug Beelendorf (MBA) has been named a partner at McGladrey & Pullen LLP in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Kim, have two sons, Davis and Noah.

Amy Chastain-Moore (PhD) is a postdoctoral fellow in cancer research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. She has been named manager of research programs at the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Dominic Pasquale Del Re received a PhD in biomedical sciences from the University of California, San Diego.

Wei “Joy” Huang (LLM) is legal counsel with Otis Elevator Limited in China.

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Emerson C. Moser (JD) is assistant general counsel of General Cable Corp., an international manufacturing company, in Highland Heights, KY.

Yoriko Sakai (LLM) completed another LLM in intellectual property from the Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law in New York.

Ty Webb received his MBA from the Duke University Fuqua School of Business. He and his wife, Amy Rueth Webb (’03), and son, Asher, live in Franklin, TN.

Kirk Wedekind received his master’s in magazine journalism from the University of Oregon and is a Web writer for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science at the University of Florida. He had a photography show sponsored by the Cummer Museum of Art in Jacksonville and occasionally contributes to the North Florida News Daily.

2003
Ralph Daigneault (JD) is general counsel and deputy chief of staff for Lockard & White, a telecommunications firm. His wife, Melissa Daigneault (JD), is an assistant professor in the construction science department at Texas A&M University. They have two children, Connor (2) and Carolina Grace (3 mos), and live in College Station, TX.

Scott Eldridge (JD) is with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC in Lansing, MI. He has been named one of Michigan Super Lawyer’s Rising Stars for 2008.

Benjamin D. Hill (MA) has a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, RI.

Katherine Houle works in development and asset management of multifamily housing programs with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Portland, OR.

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Tomoko Nakajima (LLM) is an attorney with Rader Fishman & Grauer PLLC in Washington, D.C. She works in trademarks, patents, copyrights, litigation and dispute resolution and trade secrets.

Ryan Newton completed his master’s in psychology from Southern Connecticut State University. After a month of training in Changsha, he is teaching English for a year at a secondary school in Hunan Province, China, as a WorldTeach volunteer.

Eve Tannery is morning anchor at WFMZ-TV in Allentown, PA.

Tracy Herrmann Teel is an associate with Mercer Investment Consulting in Atlanta and a chartered financial analyst. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Marietta, GA.

2004
Jonathan W. Holley received his MS in biology from the College of William and Mary. He is a consultant for Williamburg Environmental Group in Williamsburg, VA.

Ammar Jastaniah (LLM) is with AAI Law Firm in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He established the Executives for Training Firm, a consulting firm for training programs in the Middle East in law, finance, economics, accounting, insurance and management skills development.

Gus Kryder is pursuing an MBA at Thunderbird School of Global Management. He and his wife, Kimberly Storer Kryder (’02), live in Glendale, AZ.

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Deacon Agent Man

Lance Young (’98) is an up-and-comer in the sports agent business.

By Scott Holter

Anyone who had the opportunity to watch Lance Young play for his high school basketball team in the early nineties most likely would have bet his/her life savings that the Greensboro, N.C., native had no chance to make a living from professional basketball.

“I was 6-foot-1, with a 20-inch vertical jump,” he remembers.

Still, those people would have lost.

At 34, Young (’98) is living what is close to a National Basketball Association life. He’s a regular at NBA All-Star games and attends playoff series. He dropped by the Summer Olympics in Beijing. He hobnobs with well-known professional players, monitors game action collegiately and travels the world watching current and potential clients.

Meet Lance Young, professional basketball agent, whose clients include former Wake Forest and current New Orleans Hornets’ point-guard Chris Paul (’07).

“The best part of my job is obvious,” says Young, who represents about 15 players for the internationally renowned Octagon agency. “I get to watch basketball games and get paid for it.”

Young had no hint that such a profession could fall into his lap. A walk-on golfer at Wake Forest, he was a roommate of Ray Floyd Jr., son of the former U.S. Open and Masters winner, a relationship that allowed Young to run in elite circles—even after graduation when he worked in golf industry sales.

“I knew I didn’t want to do that the rest of my life,” Young says, “and once when I played golf with (former NFL wide receiver and current broadcaster) Ahmad Rashad and (Boston Celtics’ head coach) Doc Rivers, they suggested I get into the agent business.”

Turns out, an ex-teammate at Wake Forest had already caught on with Octagon. When Young learned the agency was looking for a blossoming agent, he nailed the opportunity, moving to Washington, D.C., and learned the ropes from the company’s founder, Jeff Austin.

That was 2002 and Young hit the ground running, preparing letters and recruiting books, making phone calls and helping Austin to close deals. Two things were in his favor: the name Octagon allowed Young to get his foot in many a door, and his age, 27, gave prospective clients a reason to take him seriously.

“This is one of the most competitive fields that I can imagine,” Young says. “There are 500 registered agents vying for about 45 to 60 players that will be selected in the next NBA draft. But we do it the old school way. We don’t break rules. We don’t pay anybody. We work through coaches and parents.”

That was Young’s playbook for building a relationship with Chris Paul during Paul’s All-American sophomore season in Winston-Salem. Traveling to various Atlantic Coast Conference venues that winter, Young met Paul’s father at a game in Virginia. It wasn’t until February, a month before the end of the college season, that he would first make contact with the player.

“Luckily Chris decided to jump from college to the NBA,” says Young of what has become his most recognizable and successful client to date. “He has great parents and comes from a very close-knit family. It’s been a wonderful relationship.”

Young attended the 20th wedding anniversary of Paul’s parents. He helped Paul execute Chris Paul Winston-Salem weekend, which includes a basketball clinic for kids. He followed the guard and his New Orleans team throughout their successful playoff run last spring (which included a seven-game series against San Antonio and former Wake Forest star Tim Duncan (’97), a one-time freshmen dormitory mate of Young). And, best of all, he helped the 23-year-old Paul earn a contract extension with the Hornets last summer that is estimated at $68 million over three years.

Paul’s teammate David West is also represented by Young, as is Memphis Grizzlies’ forward Rudy Gay, an All-American with the University of Connecticut in 2005. But Young’s list of clients does not stop at the NBA’s doorstep. There are a dozen former collegiate players sprinkled throughout Europe, including two...
Scott Holter is a freelance writer based in Seattle.

former Wake Forest standouts: center Kyle Visser (‘07), currently in Germany, and guard Justin Gray (‘06), who’s playing in the Czech Republic.

Catering to a client’s needs and showing support for his career are part of Young’s job description, and part of the reason he spends two and a half to three weeks each month on the road during the November to May basketball season. He could be in North Carolina’s basketball triangle one week and in Turkey, Italy or Belgium the next.

“It can seem glamorous, but it’s really a 24/7 job,” Young says. “I have to be ready to take a phone call at midnight, to react and help a client. Even when I’m on vacation, which is rare, I’ve got the laptop going. There are times my girlfriend wants to take my Blackberry and throw it in the water.”

Young says the worst part of the job is losing a player to another agent after getting to know him and his family. And because agents basically work on day-to-day contracts with their clients, another agent can swoop down and steal away any current client, as happened with another former Wake Forest player, Josh Howard (‘03), whom Young represented when Howard first made the jump to the NBA.

The fondness for Wake Forest goes back long before Young’s 1995-98 student years. With his parents, Kyle (‘65, MA ‘69) and Caroline (‘69) Young, he became a Deacon rooter at an early age, through the Carl Tacy years and into Dave Odom’s tenure.

In 2007, he became part of an unexpected reunion brought on by the sudden death of then-basketball coach Skip Prosser. “That was tough on all of us in the Wake Forest family,” Young says. “Chris played for him, and Skip coached at Xavier when David West was there. The program has gone through a lot, and Ron Wellman continues to do an amazing job.”

Living in the nation’s capital and having ties to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Young’s career should remain closely tied to the Wake Forest program. But even with just a decade in the business, he can already see a light at the end of a long tunnel.

“I have a goal to retire when I turn 50, which will be about 25 years in the profession,” he says. “On the way there, I’d like to still be an agent, but maybe not travel so much, have some time to have my own family, and bring young guys in like I was so I can pass the torch.”

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R. Michael Wells Jr. (JD) is an associate with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been selected to serve on the N.C. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Law and Aging Committee, and the Membership and Networking Committee.

2005

Samuel Chacon (LLM) is pursuing an MBA at his alma mater, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México in Mexico City.

Edward James “Trip” Coyne III (JD) completed his second term clerking for the N.C. Business Court. He is a litigation associate with Williams Mullen in Wilmington, NC.

Jamie Dean is pursuing his JD/MBA at Wake Forest. He was a member of the U.S. crew team that won the silver medal in rowing at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Robert Finley worked as a fisherman on Little Corn Island, an area of about 200 people on the Caribbean side of Nicaragua. He is part owner of Anastasia’s on the Sea, a hotel on Great Corn Island. (www.cornislandparadise.com)

Kimberly A. Heffernan is senior manager, associate relations, at the Health Industry Distributors Association, an international medical products association in Washington, D.C.

Kristin Hibner is pursuing a degree in marketing at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business.

Hiroshi Kishimoto (LLM) is manager of the legal department at Sumitomo Chemical Co. in Tokyo.

Christopher J. Magiera advanced to the finals of Operalia, Plácido Domingo’s World Opera Competition.

Saud Rahman (MD) has been appointed the 2008-09 chief resident in the department of pathology at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia Campus in Richmond, VA.

Chris Shepherd is a first-year medical student at the Georgetown School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

S’Thembiso “Tim” Tembe (LLM) is a law researcher at the Cape High Court in Cape Town, South Africa.

2006

Marla DuMont is a Humanitas Prize Student Drama Fellowship finalist for the David & Lynn Angell Fellowship in Comedy Writing for heroes in “The Cure.”

Ayca Konuralp (LLM) is an attorney with Degirmenci Hukuk Bürosu in Turkey.

Mariya Orlyk (LLM) has been admitted to the Ukrainian School of Political Studies, administered by the Council of Europe and intended to form a new political elite in the Ukraine.

Kharisma Perwiro (LLM) is an associate with Soewito Sudardiman Eddymurthy Kardono, Indonesian legal consultants in Jakarta. He practices general corporate and investment law.

Samir Anupam Shah (PhD) is a pharmaceutical scientist for Schering-Plough and volunteers for the Springfield, NJ, First Aid Squad.

Marcus R. Teague (MBA) has been named regional engineering director within generation engineering at Duke Energy. He lives in Terrell, NC.

2007

Ameed Anani (LLM) is a founder and senior partner of Ittqan Consulting Services, deputy director of the legal department of Cairo Amman Bank and a part-time lecturer in the law department of Birzeit University in Palestine.

Mohamad Basam (LLM) is a law professor at the Institute of Public Administration in Saudi Arabia.
Marriages

Mary Beth Magee ('89) and Adam Smiley. 4/12/08 in Atlanta.

Amity Lynne Borch ('92) and Brent Charles Dey. 5/3/08 in Atlanta, where they live.

Whitney Fishburn ('95) and Robert Martin. 6/7/08 in Charlotte, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Tami Heidinger Boineau ('94), Kelly Fishburn Wendel ('02) and Kathy Hines Williams ('95).

Kevin M. Middleton ('95) and Elizabeth King. 8/23/08 in Amelia Island, FL. They live in Riverside, CA.

Liz McMahon ('96) and Jason Nabi. 5/10/08 in Charlotteville, VA. The wedding party included Lisa Letke ('97).

Jennifer L. Woods ('96) and Alan F. Zidek. 8/31/08 in Little Rock, AR.

Kimberly M. McClintic ('97) and Jeffrey Sowa. 7/5/08 in Golden, CO. They live in Denver. The wedding party included Stephanie Lynn Bolton ('03) and Kyle Bradford Jones ('03).

Alexander Bradley Cregan ('01) and Emily Elizabeth Blank ('01). 9/6/08 in Marblehead, MA. They live in Annandale, VA. The wedding party included Jack Farver ('01), Will Godfrey ('01), Sean Jenkins ('01), Anna Schultz Kelly ('01) and John Rock ('01).

George E. Faithful Ill ('01) and Enelia Valbuena. 7/19/08 in St. Louis. The wedding party included Woody Giles ('03), George Kayiales ('02) and Aaron Miller ('02).

Kari Lynn Meyer ('01) and Brett Andrew Cook. 3/8/08 in Palos Verde, CA. They live in Pasedena, CA.

Elizabeth Ann Robie ('01) and James Evans Perdue. 5/24/08 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Advance, NC. The wedding party included Heidi Pulp ('01).

Kelly Abbott ('02) and Ben Liebermann. 9/6/08 in Cary, NC. They live in Garner, NC.

Earl Bryson Powell ('02) and Lauren Marie Kiola ('04). 8/23/08 in New Canaan, CT. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Meghan Elizabeth Chandler ('04), Allen Forrester Hobbs ('02), Lawson White Jenkins ('04), Sean Kirk Jenkins ('01), Kelsie Jean Johnson ('04), Molly Mercedes McNerney ('04), David Chase McKenzie ('02), Mary Ellen Moffett ('04), John Bowen Walker ('02) and Katherine Baxter Young ('04).

Kimberly Michelle Radford ('02) and Jamal Henderson. 8/9/08 in Atlanta. They live in New York. The wedding party included Yemi Adegbonmire ('00, JD '05), Brad Comer ('02), Katie Kubic Comer ('02), Vanessa Gatewood ('02), Lauren Hamilton ('02), Georgina Iyamu ('02), Camille Lee ('02), Jennifer McBride ('02), Syreeta Norwood ('02), Jamal Seale ('02) and Stephanie Marshall Thompson ('02).

Laura Hart Weems ('02) and Hampton 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 Ricky Perez ('03).

Chris York ('02) and Kristin Diodati ('03). 5/10/08 in New Hope, PA. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Jessica Adams (MBA '08), Matthew Lindberg ('02) and Emily Otto ('03).

Danielle Lynne Binder ('03) and Ronald Kent Passingham. 7/26/08 in Raleigh, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Alison Morrow Abrahamsen ('03), Pamela Leigh Bardong ('04), Kimberly Joy Holmes ('03, MD '08), Jennifer Lee Needham ('03) and Lauren Louise Saccatore ('03).
Mark G. Maffett ('03, MSA '04) and Jacqueline E. Young ('05). 7/19/08 in St. Louis. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Christine Simpson Baxter ('05), Chris Casciano ('05), Adam Delahanty ('03), Meredith Jones (JD '09), Adam Rutledge ('03), Alan Susi ('04) and Tiffany Thompson ('05, MSA '06).

Katherine Kennedy Niemiec ('03) and Kevin Richard Van Lenten. 8/8/08 in Whitehouse Station, NJ. They live in Nutley, NJ. The wedding party included Kristen O’Kane ('03) and Courtney Scanlin ('03).

Joseph W. Bennett ('04) and Nathalie R. Davis ('05). 10/27/07 in Asheville, NC. They live in Charleston, SC. The wedding party included Greg Aikens ('06), Ryan Estes ('02), Laura Smith Gilliss ('04), Marcum Gilliss ('04, MD '08), Adrianna Henson ('05), Ali Hoffman ('07), Meredith Laughridge ('04), Carolyn Gebo Majak ('04), Kris Majak ('04), Dusty McLeod ('04), Claire Sellner ('06) and Anna Zink St. Amand ('07).

Elizabeth Celeste ('04) and John Woodruff. 6/26/08 in Logan, OH. The wedding party included Katherine Lee ('04) and Leah Romond ('03).

Matthew Todd Cline ('04) and Meghan Elizabeth Claffey ('04). 8/11/07 in Winston-Salem, NC. The wedding party included Pam Bardong ('04), Jason Boehmig ('04), Jessica Keim ('04), Sarah Kimball ('04), Britta Kokac ('04), Anna Lock ('04), Emily Anderson Payne ('04), Jennifer Pinkard ('04) and Shelby Strayer Roberts ('04).

Christina Ellen ('04) and Andrew Del Gaizo. 10/4/08 in Charleston, SC. They live in Atlanta.

Kendra Kathleen Martin ('04, MD '08) and David Worth Barry (MD '08). 5/25/08 in Winston-Salem, NC. They live in Nashau, TN. The wedding party included Ashley Elizabeth Ford (MD '08), Katherine Maeve Goff ('04), Emily Walters Langley ('04, MD '08), John Mercer Langley ('02), Cathleen Michelle Murnane ('04), Anna Groos Saunders ('04) and Matthew Stedman White (MD '08).

Stephen Gerald Songy ('04) and Kimberly Marie Baker ('04). 8/2/08 in Atlanta. They live in Nashville, TN. The wedding party included Michael Blake Drexler ('04), Claire Crotzer Enick ('04), Scott Graham Francis ('04, MSA '05, MBA '06), Elizabeth Welsh Hill ('04), Margaret Cobetto Lacy ('04), Christopher Newton Mason ('04), Morgan Hunter Rogers ('04) and Taylor Harrison Stair ('04).

Randy Gray ('05) and Roxanne Dutia. 7/25/08 in Florence, Park, NJ. They live in New York. The wedding party included Courtney Hill ('06) and Christopher Malach ('06).

Kevin Earl Henderson (MBA '05) and Rashanna Monique Kirkland. 8/30/08 in Charlotte, NC, where they live.

Michael Robert Horvath II ('05, MS '07) and Sarah Elizabeth Guthrie ('05). 5/10/08 in Ferguson, NC. The wedding party included Hannah Lee Guthrie ('07) and Andrea Leutz Roberts ('05).

Jennifer Marie Peden ('05) and David Alan Wadley ('06). 6/21/08 in Ashevile, NC. The wedding party included Amanda Archer ('05), Mallory Barber ('05), Meghan Costello ('05, MSA '06), Liz Heritage ('05, MD '09), Ted Janis ('05), Greg Taylor ('06) and Nate Witmer ('06).

Charlotte B. White ('05) and Andrew W. Preston ('06, MSA '06). 9/27/08 in Washington, D.C., where they live. Father Jude DeAngelo officiated. The wedding party included Jill Bader ('05), Kevin Eversorn ('05), Julia Koplewski ('05) and James Query ('05).

Sarah Anderson ('06) and Chris Caldwell ('06). 6/21/08 in Oxford, NC. They live in Arlington, VA.

Chas Andreae ('06) and Kelly Mullen ('06). 7/5/08 in Alexandria, VA. The wedding party included Taylor Andreae ('09), Robyn Corrado ('05), Dave Desiderio ('06), Jason McCarthy ('06), Katy Talley ('06), Michelle Van Duyne ('07) and Christopher Vellano ('06).

Justin Franklin Brown ('06) and Katherine Victoria Cardwell ('06). 1/19/08 in Charleston, SC. The wedding party included Katie Chinlund ('06), Ben Gibson ('06) and Brett Turner ('06).

Richard Gaut ('06, MAEd '08) and Megan McCormick ('06, MD '11). 7/5/08 in Wait Chapel. They live in Winston-Salem, NC. The groom’s mother is Donna Booth Gaut ('78), Rob James ('06) and Rebecca Hartzog, associate chaplain at Wake Forest, officiated. The wedding party included Greg Aikens ('06), Nick Catanese ('08), Cat Keen Hock ('05), Chad Lorentzen (MAEd '08), Will Schwartz ('08) and Matt Ulan ('06, MSA '07).

Christopher Michael Lough ('06) and Laura Elizabeth Bullins ('07). 7/19/08 in Ronda, NC. The bride is the daughter of Jan and Spencer Bullins ('73).

Samir Anupam Shah (PhD '06) and Jennifer Melissa Holt. 7/26/08 in Greensboro, NC. They live in Springfield, NJ.

Wes Bodenhamer ('07) and Carley Hartz ('07). 5/24/08 in Clemmons, NC. They live in Irmo, SC. The wedding party included Ralph Davidson-Palmer ('06), Eric Johnson ('07), Lindsay Kalota ('07, MSA '08) and Jason Wilford ('07).

Jackie Malecki ('07) and Colin McConville. 6/7/08 in New Jersey. The wedding party included Emily Keeley ('06) and Jessica Wiseman ('07).

Stuart J. Moore (MDiv '07) and Amy M. West (MDiv '08). 6/21/08 in Haynes, VA. They live in San Leandro, CA. Will Eads (MDiv '08) officiated. The wedding party included Azure Covington (MDiv '07). The musicians were Charles Smith (MDiv '10) and Becky Hartzog, associate chaplain at Wake Forest.

Erica Lauren Lunsford ('08) and Joshua Goodnight. 6/7/08 in Statesville, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Sharon Babcock ('08) and Amanda Tavass ('09).

Births/Adoptions

Laura Woodford Miller ('86) and Ken Miller, Glen Burnie, MD: a daughter, Rebecca Marie. 10/18/07. She joins her brothers, Alex (6) and Matthew (3).

Leigh Waller Taylor ('89) and Ric Taylor, Castle Rock, CO: a daughter, Zoe Louise. 7/5/08. She joins her brother, Zachary Evans (4).

Kimberly Powell Crapse ('90) and Bruce R. Crapse, Aiken, SC: a son, Ryan Powell. 3/15/08

Lisa Joines ('90, MD '96) and William S. Myers (MD '99), Cullman, AL: adopted a son, Samuel Monroe. 4/9/08

James W. Mangels ('90) and Andrea L. Mangels, Cockeyesville, MD: adopted a daughter, Rosa Lynn. 8/18/08

David Young ('90) and Kelly Myler Young, Chapel Hill, NC: a son, James Rye. 1/14/08. He joins his sister, Myla (2).

James “Jimmy” W. Carter Jr. ('91) and Allison Carter, Atlanta: a daughter, Blair Banks. 6/26/08

Gina Hodge Collins ('91, PA '93) and Edward M. Collins III (MBA '00), Greensboro, NC: a son, Brady Flynn. 7/26/08. He joins his sister, Hannah (3).

Brittain Callahan Ellison ('91) and Chuck Ellison, Charlotte, NC: a son, Thomas Branch. 7/10/08 He joins his sister, Anna (3).

Lynnette McCall Beadle ('92) and Bob Beadle, Wake Forest, VA: a daughter, Anna Cecilia. 11/9/07. She joins her sister, Sophie (2).

Amy Elizabeth Chance Buckingham ('92) and Blake Adam Buckingham ('93), Brookville, MD: a son, Cooper Blake. 2/6/08. He joins his brothers: Drew, Trevor and Carter.

Jennifer Wheless Campbell ('93) and David Campbell, Richmond, VA: a son, Pearce Moncure. 8/31/08
John Edward Cogan ('93) and Kennedy H. Cogan, New York: a daughter, Lucinda Kathleen. 5/28/08. She joins her sister, Elizabeth Anne (4).

J. Greg Hatcher (JD '93) and J. Kate Harris Hatcher (JD '95), Charlotte, NC: a son, James Harris. 8/15/08. He joins his sister, Davenport (3).

David Winters ('93) and Audrey Williams, Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Lily Okoshi. 6/24/08

Angela Wrenn Cameron ('94) and Chris Cameron, Holly Springs, NC: a daughter, Carrie Elizabeth. 7/31/08. She joins her sister, Catherine (3).

Amy Montaglioni James ('94) and Trey James, Alpharetta, GA: a daughter, Ashlyn Rae. 8/25/08. She joins her brother, Marshall (16 mos).

Cherie Van Der Sluys Nagel ('94) and Scott Nagel, Trumbull, CT: a daughter, Jessica Sarah. 7/9/08. She joins her brother, Nathan (4), and sister, Abigail (2).

Frederick F. Saunders III ('94) and Suzette Saunders, San Francisco: a daughter, Mary Louise. 2/8/08

Christine E. Keeley ('95) and Deepak Vijayathilakan, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Prakash. 6/30/08. He joins his brother, Jeyaraj (4).

Marc Xavier Sneed ('95, JD '98) and Tiffanie Sneed, Raleigh, NC: a son, Xavier Charles. 9/24/08

Kristin Allred Spellacy ('95) and James Spellacy, Norwalk, CT: a daughter, Emma Aldin. 8/28/08

Brian Adams ('96) and Stephanie Adams, Atlanta: a daughter, Ashley Nicole. 5/8/08. She joins her brother, Matthew Connor (2).

Garrett M. Baker ('96) and Melissa Baker, New York: a son, Bryson Garrett. 7/16/08

Rebecca Bayne Blazejewski ('96, MSA '97) and Tom Blazejewski, Wallingford, CT: a daughter, Sara Bayne. 6/18/08. She joins her sister, Allison (3).

Kathleen Vance Chrzanowski ('96) and David Chrzanowski, Manchester, MA: a son, Luke David. 6/13/08. He joins his sisters, Mary Annabel (4) and Caroline (2).

Leon H. Corbett III ('96, MBA '05) and Laura Lee Corbett, Tallahassee, FL: a son, Arran Henry. 7/30/08

Amy McMahan Crawford ('96, JD '99) and David Crawford, Huntersville, NC: a daughter, Ella Katherine. 8/15/08. She joins her brothers: Jacob (7), Cole (5) and Owen (2).

Josephine Baker Morris ('96) and Robert Morris, Washington, D.C.: a son, Clayborne Joseph. 9/2/08

Elizabeth Ann Kanavich Pratt ('96) and Michael Ryan Pratt, San Clemente, CA: a son, Owen Joseph. 8/10/08. He joins his brother, Alexander (2), and sister, Grace (2).

Thomas Duke Ricks ('96, JD '02) and Andrea Bailey Ricks (JD '02), Charlotte, NC: a son, Shepherd Duke. 4/3/08. He joins his brother, Charles (3).

Anthony Joseph Rollins ('96) and Allison Christofoli Rollins ('96), Atlanta: a daughter, Julia Rose. 8/13/08. She joins her sister, Clare Abigail (3).

Stephen L. Barnes ('97) and Elizabeth Ann McGil Barnes ('99), Syracuse, NY: a son, Harrison James. He joins his sister, Caroline Margaret (2 ½).

Sean A.B. Cole (JD '97) and Sharon Cole, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Holiday Burke. 3/23/08

John Frederick Hiltz III ('97) and Virginia Gray Tate Hiltz ('98), Chicago: a son, John Frederick IV. 9/22/08

Dan Murawski ('97) and Kimberley Sklenicka Murawski ('97), Bradenton, FL: a son, Camden Russell. 7/23/08. He joins his brother, Braeden Daniel.

George Scott ('97) and Elizabeth Allen Scott ('97), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Sallie Quinn. 8/29/08. She joins her sister, Sadie (3).

Brian Charles Smithwick ('97) and Stephanie Fox Smithwick ('99), Wake Forest, NC: a daughter, Emerson Claire. 7/20/08

Kimberly McClintic Sowa ('97) and Jeffrey Sowa, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Luke Jeffrey. 5/28/08

John Powell Stillerman ('97) and Kathryn Wilson Stillerman, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, John Wilson. 6/30/08

Ted Tseng ('97) and Heather Tseng, Denver: a daughter, Violet Mei. 7/24/08

Laura Tucker Cecil ('98) and Ben Cecil, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Cameron Christine. 9/1/07. She joins her brother, Tucker (3).

Lisa Andries D’Souza ('98, MAEd '99) and Timothy D’Souza, Boston: a son, Ryan Edward. 8/17/08

Michelle France Eckman ('98) and John Eckman, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Claire Virginia. 6/28/08. She joins her brother, Charlie (2).

Dennis Robert Glendenning (MBA '98) and Melissa Glendenning, Cleveland: twins, Jessica Claire and Nicolas Jones. 10/8/07

Ashley Polson Holt ('98) and Andrew Holt, Southlake, TX: twin daughters, Margaret Ruth and June Frances. 8/14/08. They join their brother, Dalton (4). They are the granddaughters of Elaine Towe Holt (61) and the late Raleigh Alton Holt Jr. (58) and nieces of Julie Polson Frey ('95).

Heather Sawyer Lewis ('98, MSA '99, JD '04) and Mandrake Kareem Lewis, Kannapolis, NC: a son, Mandrake Kareem Jr. 5/8/08

Stacy White Nichols ('98) and Robert Nichols, Bakersfield, CA: a daughter, Taylor Faith. 8/22/08. She joins her brother, Ryan Weston (2).

James O’Neill (’98, MD ’02) and Spence Brooks O’Neill (MA ’05), Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Frank Brooks. 9/25/08

Kate Travers Parker ('98) and Mike Parker, Roswell, GA: a daughter, Alice Elizabeth. 7/23/08. She joins her sister, Ella (3).

Marissa Stocklin Parrish ('98) and Jon Parrish ('94), New York: a daughter, Sydney Calhoun. 4/2/08

Mia Hough Price ('98) and Sam Price, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Lillian Vail. 7/18/08

Lauren Paige Richardson ('98), Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Isabelle Grace. 5/27/08, adopted 9/8/08

Kyle Carter Bachmeier ('99) and Shauna Carter Bachmeier ('99), Marietta, GA: a son, Miles Owen. 7/28/08. He joins his sister, Nia Lois (2).

Kenneth “Sonny” Gasaway ('99) and Whiteley Maner Gasaway ('00), Burlington, NC: a daughter, Kensi Anne. 8/23/08

Katherine Arnold Gatza ('99) and Mark Gatza, Atlanta: a daughter, Elizabeth Mack. 6/23/08

Margaret Gantt Gerardi ('99) and Paul Gerardi, Basalt, CO: a son, Wade Witherspoon. 1/14/08. He joins his brother, William Montgomery (2).

Hilton (Hutch) Hutchens Jr. ('99) and Harper Hutchens, Fayetteville, NC: a daughter, Foster Calloway. 9/5/08

Nicholas John ('99) and Jennifer Wynne John ('01), Columbia, MD: a daughter, Kayla Lillian. 2/15/08

David Early Chanon ('00) and Amanda Silva Chanon ('00), Fort Lauderdale, FL: a daugh-ter, Ella Lynn. 5/8/08
Amy Jenkins Farrar ('00) and Jeff Farrar, Nashville, TN: a son, James William Jefferson Jr. 4/30/08

Richard Ellis Graves ('00) and Monica Alosilla Graves ('01), Arlington, VA: a daughter, Emily Alicia. 6/4/08

Jill Webster Lassiter ('00) and Justin Lassiter, Churchville, NY: a daughter, Hannah Katerina. 11/18/05, adopted 9/12/08. She joins her brothers, Jax (5) and Ethan (1).

Courtney Stahl Stachowski ('00) and Eric Stachowski, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Mattingly Grace. 5/7/08

Marcia Eddy Baker ('01) and Scott Richard Baker, Greensville, SC: a son, Charles McLaurin. 7/1/08

Elizabeth Woodall Biber ('01) and Jay Biber, Charleston, SC: a daughter, Ella Warthen. 9/1/08

Robert E. Cassell ('01) and Elizabeth Woodall Biber ('01), Kernersville, NC: a son, Deryl. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise. 3/27/08. He joins his brother, Riley (2).

Jessica Scolnick Fitzgerald ('01) and Cary Fitzgerald, New York: twin daughters, Avery Kathryn and Riley Elizabeth. 5/29/08

Jayne Walker Grubbs ('01) and Jason Tyler Grubbs (JD '02), Kernersville, NC: a son, Harrison Henry. 9/4/08

Josey Harris Kasper ('01) and Todd Kasper, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Mary Louise Riddick. 8/22/08

Amada Adams Melby ('01) and Dirk Melby, Denver: a daughter, Caitlyn Noble. 5/10/08

Chris Richardson (JD '01) and Lee Ann Richardson, Crofton, MD: a daughter, Celia Ann. 5/29/08. She joins her brother, Galen Lee (2).

Emily Gail Wilson Sumner ('01) and Russell Sumner, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Kenton Aaron. 6/16/08

Jason Davenport ('02, MDiv '06) and Angela Davenport, Sanford, NC: a son, Nathaniel William. 7/24/08

Catherine Barr McLester ('02, MSA '02) and Jonathan McLester, Charlotte, NC: a son, Henry Cardine. 1/14/08

John "Jacob" Reeves ('02) and Shelley Hunter Reeves ('02), Oklahoma City, OK: a daughter, Leah Nicole. 4/9/08

Ty Webb ('02) and Amy Rueth Webb ('03), Franklin, TN: a son, Asher Luke. 6/5/08

Renae P. Atkinson (MBA '03) and Mark Atkinson, Huntersville, NC: a son, Ryker Chase. 4/21/08. He joins his brother, Blaise (4).

Philip Glynn ('03) and Elizabeth Bland Glynn ('04), Kansas City, MO: a daughter, Maeve Catherine. 9/2/08

Brian Christopher Gross ('03) and Elizabeth Cauble Gross ('03, MAEd '04), Charlotte, NC: a son, Miller Thomas. 3/27/08. He joins his sister, Ellis Marie (3).

Brooke Bodenhorst VanderSpuy ('03) and Quintus VanderSpuy, Huntersville, NC: a son, Miles Quintus. 7/5/08

Jennifer Coleman Willis ('03) and Tyler Willis, Roanoke, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth Jane Monroe. 4/18/08. She joins her sister, Mary Virginia (3).

Ammar Jastaniah (LLM '04) and Amal Alahmadi, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: a son, Yassir. 2/8/07

Alison P. Koonts (PA '06) and Justin Koonts, Lexington, NC: a daughter, Macy Briggs. 3/12/08

Deaths

Carson McLendon Johnston ('33), July 14, 2008, Jacksonville, FL. He was a special attorney and law agent for the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railway. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enjoyed serving as a Scoutmaster and a hospital and prison volunteer.

Samuel Augustus Howard (JD '35), Aug. 4, 2008, Jackson- ville, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and practiced law in Clinton, NC. He served as a solicitor and judge with the Sampson County Recorder's Court and as an assistant U.S. attorney and clerk for the Eastern district of North Carolina. His book, JurisIMPrudence, has law humor and anecdotes. He was predeceased by his wife of almost 70 years, Helen, and a son, Deryl. He is survived by a son, Samuel (JD '76), and two grandsons.

William Joseph Nolan Jr. ('36), Aug. 31, 2008, Rock Hill, SC. He pastored churches in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina. He retired in 1975 from First Baptist Church in Spindale, NC. He obtained his real estate and contractor’s licenses and formed a partnership with his son. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; three sons, William Joseph III ('70), James and Kelly; two daughters, Shawn and Vicki; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Spurgeon Edward Eakes ('38), Aug. 13, 2008, Raleigh, NC.

Forrest Allen Glass ('38), Sept. 3, 2008, Hopewell, VA. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and received his master's from the College of William and Mary. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and taught and coached in the Hopewell City school system. The baseball field at Hopewell High School was named in his honor.

Hugh Tyson Westray Sr. ('39), Jan. 1, 2008, Chapel Hill, NC. He served in the U.S. Army 227th anti-aircraft artillery search light battalion during World War II. He worked in the retail furniture and appliance business and was owner of Hugh's Food and Party Store from 1971 until his retirement in 1984.

Harry Virdin Cress ('40), July 28, 2008, Capitola, CA. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. His plane was shot down over Vienna, and he was a POW in Stalag 17 until April 1945. He worked in advertising in Ventnor, NJ, before moving to Santa Cruz, CA, to live with his daughter.

Sanford Oscar Hinkle Jr. ('40), Sept. 16, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked in the family business, Hinkle’s Book Store, and was chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Piedmont Federal. He was a volunteer and fundraiser for Meals on Wheels, Baptist Children’s Home and Hinkle House, a home for developmentally disabled adults. His wife, Mildred, died the same day.

William Francis Pritchard ('40), July 19, 2008, Greenville, NC. He attained the rank of lieutenant commander during World War II. He received his MAEd from East Carolina University and PhD in education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was a principal at Maycock, Windsor and Conway high schools, and a professor of education at East Carolina University. He retired as professor emeritus in 1984.

Virgil B. Lindsey ('41), July 13, 2008, Prescott, AZ. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II, earning the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. He completed 31 years of active duty as commander of engineering and communication squadrons, retiring in 1972.

Floyd Monroe Woody ('41), July 15, 2008, Canton, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1957 he coached the Lee Edwards High School basketball team of Asheville, NC, to a state championship. From 1959 until his retirement in 1982, he worked for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in health and physical education in Raleigh. He is survived by his wife, Elna, two sons, and three grandchildren, including Mary Elizabeth Woody ('06).
Rowland Shaw Pruette ('43), Sept. 7, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from the Duke University Divinity School and held pastorates at the Booneville, Cullowhee and Murfreesboro Baptist churches. He was a professor of religion at Chowan College for 19 years. After retiring, he had interim pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; two children, David and Mary Beth; four grandchildren, including Robert Spencer Parker Jr. ('00); a great-grandchild; two sisters; and a brother, Frank Hancock Pruette Sr. ('47).

Lois Bradley Puryear ('43), Oct. 10, 2008, Greensboro, NC. She was in the first class of women at Wake Forest. She received her MAEd from UNC-Chapel Hill and taught at St. Andrews High School in Charleston, SC. She taught history for 26 years at Page High School in Greensboro, NC.

Ethel Kornegay Trotter ('43), Aug. 2, 2008, Mount Olive, NC. She was head of the engineering and drafting department for the City of Kinston, NC, where she received the 1995 Employee of the Year Award. She studied at the Baltimore School of Engineering and Drafting where she was part of the B-52 bomber designing team. She was a civilian draftsman for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. She is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren and three sisters, including Virginia Kornegay Abernethy ('47).

Paul D. Richards (MD '44), April 3, 2008, Knoxville, TN. He was a pediatrician instrumental in the founding of East Tennesse Children’s Hospital. He was recognized as a Pioneer Teaching Physician and served for 31 years as a physician for the Tennessee School for the Deaf. The infirmary building at the school for the deaf was named in his honor. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mattie Elizabeth Lassiter ('46), Sept. 15, 2008, Raleigh, NC. She taught school in Pineland, NC, was a social worker in Raleigh, NC, and taught in the Raleigh City school system. She was an associate supervisor with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in the library services section of the educational media division until her retirement. She served as secretary and Christian education director at Inwood Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Garry Robert Feniello ('47), Oct. 10, 2008, Connellyville, PA. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. He played football for the Pittsburgh Steelers and was part of the 1947 NFL playoff team. He played with the Cleveland Browns from 1949-50. He was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 32 years.

Frances Harrell Martin ('47), April 22, 2008, Spartanburg, SC. She was the widow of Sanford Wingate Martin ('47, MA '48). They met on the Old Campus after World War II. She was the daughter-in-law of John Sanford Martin (1909).

Frank Hancock Pruette ('47), Oct. 6, 2008, Sanford, NC. He was a retired district manager with Progress Energy.


William Patrick Jackson ('49), Oct. 12, 2008, Marion, VA. He served in the 69th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. He received several medals including the Combat Infantryman’s Badge and the Bronze Star. After a brief stint in the FBI, he was an industrial engineer with Brunswick Corp. in Marietta, OH, and an industrial consultant with Emerson Electric Co. in Wytheville, VA.

Margaret Anne Britt Miller ('49, JD '53), Aug. 13, 2008, Denver and Rose Medical Center in Denver. She was a partner at the firm of Annette (76, JD '78) and her wife, Harriet T. Holland ('78, PA '80) and her husband, Ned ('77, MD '81). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, including Rebecca T. Walker ('00) and her husband, William ('01), Jennifer T. Bouvier ('02) and Patricia A. Tate ('05, JD '08).

E. Allan Jarratt ('51), July 12, 2008, Harleysville, PA. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he received his master’s in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill. He worked with Family Court, Immanuel Baptist Church and the Baptist Children’s Homes of N.C. before moving to Parkesburg, PA, in 1974. He worked for the Virginia Medical Center in Coatesville, PA, until his retirement in 1989. After retiring, he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Brandywine Hospital, the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, the SIM Retirement Village in Sebring, FL, and JAARS, a service branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators. He was predeceased by his parents, Myrtle and John Franklin Jarratt ('28), and a sister. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, four sons, nine grandchildren, and a sister, Anita Bare ('59) and her husband, Hubert ('60).
Charles Lenfred Kersh (‘51), July 15, 2008, Harrisonburg, VA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked at Rockingham National Bank and retired from Dominion Bank.

Richard Franklin McClney (‘51), July 29, 2008, Foxfire Village, NC.

Donald Shufford Tysinger Jr. (‘51, MD ‘51), Oct. 7, 2008, Dothan, AL. He interned at the University of Chicago Clinics and was a senior assistant resident at Thayer V.A. Hospital. He had an internal medicine practice, limited primarily to cardiopulmonary disease, in Dothan since 1955.

Emmett R. White (‘51, MD ‘54), Oct. 1, 2008, Rutherford College, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He served Valdese General Hospital more than 30 years, founding the radiology department and a radiation oncology department. He was on staff at Broughton Hospital, Grace Hospital and Sloop Memorial Hospital and co-founder of the Catawba Valley Radiological Society. He served as an associate professor of clinical radiology at Bowman Gray in the 1970s and was a fellow in the American College of Radiology. He authored three volumes of a historical biographical series, Revolutionary War Soldiers of Western North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha; three brothers, Linney Ray (‘48), Jack and Edward Lee (‘42); and a sister, Anna Lee Joyce. He is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons, Emmett Jr. (‘79) and John; two daughters, Beverly and Millie; two brothers, William Robert (‘57, JD ‘64) and Glen Love (‘60); and five grandchildren.

Joseph Milton Baker (‘52), July 20, 2008, Mooresville, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War and owned an insurance brokerage business. He is survived by his wife, Martha, two daughters, three grandchildren, and a brother, Charles Cecil Baker (‘51).

James Martin Clifton (‘52), Jan. 17, 2008, West Roxbury, MA, and Whiteville, NC. He was a history professor at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville until his retirement, and an author of historical books and articles.

Norman Earl Davis Jr. (‘52), Sept. 12, 2008, Raleigh, NC. He was employed by Watson Seafood and Poultry Co. and retired as a state auditor for the N.C. Department of State Audits. He received the N.C. Order of the Longleaf Pine.

Frank Norris Bowers (‘53), Sept. 13, 2008, Eden, NC. He retired as a minister in 1993, having served churches in Akron, OH, and Kenly, Wise, Goldsboro and Parkton, NC. He made several trips to the Ukraine as part of the Ukraine Challenge. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harry, Fred and Spotswood (‘47). He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, Harry Thomas Bowers (‘76); a daughter, Jeannie Bowers Phillips (PA ‘86); two grandchildren; and a brother and sister.

Stiles Huot Ellyson (‘53), Sept. 21, 2008, Buies Creek, NC. He served as pastor at 12 Baptist churches in North Carolina and Virginia. After retirement he volunteered as chaplain at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital.

Helen Green Kizer (‘53), Oct. 2, 2008, Shreveport, LA. She was a native of Rocky Mount, NC, and lived in Brevard, NC; Atlanta; Nashville, TN; and for the past 42 years in Shreveport. She received her nursing degree from Northwestern State University and was a retired Caddo Parish Public Health Nurse. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Hoke Kizer Jr. (‘50). She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Saintssing Thaxton (‘53), Oct. 6, 2008, Goldsboro, NC. She traveled with her husband during his U.S. Air Force career until his retirement in 1971 when they returned to North Carolina. She taught English and Sunday school.

Thurman Wheeler Allred (‘54), Oct. 3, 2008, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a trucking manager with Burlington Mills in Burlington, NC. After graduating from Southeastern Seminary, he served as pastor of Antioch Baptist in Blacksburg, SC; Cypress Chapel Baptist in Spring Hope, NC; First Baptist in New London, NC; and Rocky Hock Baptist in Edenton, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and son, James. He is survived by two daughters, Barbara and Lynn; a son, David (‘63); nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Junius “Jay” Linwood Jones Jr. (‘54), Aug. 25, 2008, Williamsburg, VA. He received a bachelor’s from the University of Nebraska (Omaha) and a master’s in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. He was a career U.S. Army officer, serving first as an aviator and later as a logistics director and instructor. He received awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Army Commendation. He was predeceased by his parents, Myra and Junius Jones Sr. (‘21). He is survived by his wife, Alice; two daughters; a son; seven grandchildren; and a sister, DeLena Browder (‘50).

Rozier Lee Stocks Jr. (‘54), Sept. 14, 2008, High Point, NC. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Fayetteville, NC, served for 10 years as a missionary in Zambia, Africa, and served for 20 years as a chaplain at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, VA. After retirement he was an interim pastor in North Carolina, Virginia and Hawaii.

George Victor Kokiko (MD ‘56), Sept. 23, 2008, Goldsboro, NC. He was predeceased by his wife, Bette Ann Wall Kokiko (‘51). He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and completed his pathology residency in 1961. He joined the Wayne County Medical Staff in 1962 and practiced in Goldsboro for 36 years.

Henry Jenkins Stokes (‘56), Sept. 13, 2008, Louisville, KY, and Greensboro, NC. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and a former POW.

Don Tunis VanDam (MD ‘56), Sept. 4, 2008, Chatham, NJ. He was an Army veteran, serving in the medical corp. He completed his internship at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Detroit and began a medical practice in Wayne, NJ. From 1969 until 1982 he was medical director at Kate Macy Ladd in Far Hills, NJ. In later years he was a nursing home administrator consultant for various facilities.

George Rodney Beals (‘57), Oct. 14, 2008, Greensboro, NC. He graduated from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was pastor of Weeksville Baptist, Wendell Baptist and the church at Kennedy Baptist Children’s Home. He worked at Campbell University and retired as vice president from Averett University in Danville, VA, in 1998. He was predeceased by his wife, Martha Clifford Beals (‘57), and daughter, Susan Young. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; two daughters, Laura Beals Davidson (‘80) and her husband, Allen, and Betsy Lowder and her husband, Robert; a son-in-law, Randy Young; two grandchildren, Amy and Eric; and a sister, Barbara Beals Boggs (‘55).

Bobby Frank Jones (‘57, JD ‘60), Aug. 4, 2008, Wilson, NC. He was with the Beacon Center in Rocky Mount and a community volunteer.

Rachel Farrer Meschan (MD ‘57), July 21, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. A native of Sydney, Australia, she received her MB and BS degrees from the University of Melbourne and moved to the U.S. in 1946 after getting married. After graduating from the then-Bowman Gray School of Medicine, she served as an assistant clinical professor in the department of obstetrics-gynecology. With her late husband, Isadore Meschan, she co-authored multiple medical textbooks. She is survived by a son and three daughters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may
be made to the Isadore and Rachel Meschan Award Fund at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Bobbie E. Phillips (’58), April 10, 2008, Spring Hope, NC.

Ronald Wilson Williams (’58), Oct. 1, 2008, Statesville, NC. He taught at Scotts High School and was a principal at Scotts, Ebenezer, Monticello and Way- side elementary schools.

Claven C. “Jack” Williams (’58), Sept. 25, 2008, Faison, NC.

Pressley Bell Brawley Jr. (JD ’59), July 16, 2008, Mooresville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He joined the practice of Zebu- lon Turlington in Mooresville. He was a volunteer fireman and a member of the rescue squad. He is survived by three children, including Mary Ann Brawley Poteat (’82), and seven grandchildren.

Reginald Barnett Medlock (’60), Aug. 8, 2008, Baltimore. He taught school briefly and had a career in nursing. He received awards and citations as a caregiver at several nursing facilities in the greater Baltimore area. He was predeceased by his parents, Blanche and Albert Medlock (’43), and is survived by a brother.

Dennis Medlock (’60), a sister-in-law, a niece and a nephew.

Marvin Edgar Max (MD ’61), Aug. 22, 2008, Middletown, OH. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, followed by five years in the jet engine division of General Electric. He established a medical practice in Middletown, OH, retiring in 1990 after 28 years as a family practitioner. He was on staff at Middletown Regional Hospital.

Caroline Henderson Swanton (MD ’61), Aug. 14, 2008, Asheville, NC. She was a physician for over 30 years, most of that as medical director of the Western Carolina Center for the State of North Carolina, now known as the J. Iverson Riddle Development Center and Black Mountain Center. She specialized in the treatment of mentally handicapped children, children with epileptic disease and adults with Alzheimer’s disease.

James Calvin Johnson Jr. (JD ’62), Sept. 21, 2008, Concord, NC. He was a Cabarrus County attorney and the District 36 Democratic nominee for the N.C. Senate. He served as a member of the N.C. Senate and the N.C. House of Repre- sentatives and was in the active reserves of the U.S. National Guard. He owned Fort Johnson Military Museum in Concord.

Jean Moore Poteat (’62), Aug. 18, 2008, Siler City, NC. She received her MAEd from UNC-Greensboro and taught at Grimsley High School in Greensboro, NC, for 30 years. She taught math at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City for 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Harold; a daughter, Mary Adair Poteat (’87); a son, Dave; and three grandchildren.

Doris Talbert Blackwell (’63), Aug. 17, 2008, Pine Knoll Shores, NC. She taught art and English at Ledford Senior High School in Thomasville, NC, and was a real estate broker in Carteret County.

Richard Wayne Stancil (’63), July 22, 2008, Nevada City, CA.

Michael Lenderman Redwine (’63), Aug. 17, 2008, Pine Knoll Shores, NC. She taught art and English at Ledford Senior High School in Thomasville, NC, and was a real estate broker in Carteret County.

Randolph Howard Rucker (’64), Oct. 1, 2008, Orlando, FL. He was an entrepreneur, and a scout and director of student activities at County College of Morris in Randolph, NJ.

Herbert Bruce Hulse Jr. (’67), Oct. 1, 2008, Goldsboro, NC. He was an attorney with Hulse & Hulse.

Mary Maxine Miles Bayly (MA ’68), Aug. 16, 2008, Gloucester Point, VA. She had the privilege of discovering five new species of aquatic life on her travels to the Galapagos Islands and other offshore scientific expeditions. She taught biology and chemistry in the Gloucester and York County school systems.

Barbara Soper Troll (’68), July 31, 2008, Silver Spring, MD. She is survived by a son, a granddaughter and a sister, Dorothy Soper Francis (’71).

Jasper White Horne (’69), Aug. 27, 2008, Kernersville, NC.

Sue Pyatt Peeler (MA ’69), Aug. 6, 2008, Salisbury, NC. She was retired from the Rowan Salisbury school system after 30 years of ser- vice. She is survived by her husband, Jack, and two daughters, Suanna (’77) and April.

Harley M. Kastner (’70), Aug. 26, 2008, Akron, OH. He received his JD from the University of Akron School of Law and served as assistant general counsel and later general counsel of the United Rubber Workers International Union. He started a private practice in 1978 and in 2000 established Kastner Westman & Wilkins LLC.

Douglas Floyd Osborne Jr. (’71, JD ’74), Aug. 17, 2008, Eden, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and practiced law in Eden, NC. Memorials may be made to the Rowan County museum, the California Wine Foundation, or to the Wake Forest University School of Law.

John Morris Gulledge (’74), Aug. 10, 2008, Dallas. He lived and worked in the Dallas area as an Internet sales manager in the automotive industry for 30 years. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, and two sisters, including Cherry Gay Gulledge (’77).

Thomas Howell Shelton (’74), July 26, 2008, Callistoga, CA. He was the former president and CEO of Joseph Phelps Vineyards and a leader in the American wine industry. He started his career in the wine industry as a sales representa- tive and in 1978 he became the owner of North Plaza Liquor & Wine Storage in Baltimore. In 1984 he joined Vintage Wine Merchants in San Francisco and four years later became vice president of sales and market- ing for Franciscan Vineyards in Napa Valley. He joined Joseph Phelps Vineyards in 1992 and was named president in 1994 and CEO a year later. With winemaker Craig Williams, he is credited with the significant turnaround of the Joseph Phelps Vineyards brand; their 2002 Insignia was named the Spectator’s Wine of the Year in 2005. He was a past president of the Napa Valley Vintners board and served on the boards of numerous industry groups, including the California Wine Institute. He is survived by his wife, Laurie, and five children: Bryan, Jonathon, Jessica, Trevor and Camille.

Barry Eugene Love (’76), Oct. 2, 2008, Oxford, GA. He was an entrepreneur and practiced law in Atlanta. He started his career in the wine industry in 1981 and was named president in 1994 and CEO a year later. With winemaker Craig Williams, he is credited with the significant turnaround of the Joseph Phelps Vineyards brand; their 2002 Insignia was named the Spectator’s Wine of the Year in 2005. He was a past president of the Napa Valley Vintners board and served on the boards of numerous industry groups, including the California Wine Institute. He is survived by his wife, Laurie, and five children: Bryan, Jonathon, Jessica, Trevor and Camille.

Bruce Becker (MD ’77), July 26, 2008, Bloomsburg, PA. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Navy and a family practitio- ner for 18 years at Bloomsburg Hospital. From 2000 to 2005 he worked in emergency rooms at area hospitals and was most recently a medical officer at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisbug. He received the Fellowship of the American Academy of Family Physicians Award and the American Medical Association’s Physician Recognition Award.

Nathaniel Morton “N.M.” Hilliard Jr. (’79), May 7, 2008, Warrenton, NC. He taught in the Durham County schools.

Steven Lee Daulton (MBA ’82), Sept. 10, 2008, Greenwood, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a former assistant professor of accountancy at the University of Akron School of Business and later owner of North Plaza Liquor & Wine Storage in Baltimore. In 1984 he joined Vintage Wine.
Leora Wartofsky (MD ’91), June 28, 2008, Tenafly, NJ. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Brown University. She was an associate medical director for Hospice Care of Rhode Island in Pawtucket and an associate attending emergency room physician at Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood, NJ.

Andrew Jackson Graham Jr. (PhD ’99), March 29, 2008, Todd, NC. He was a physics lab director at Appalachian State University. Memorials may be made to the Ashe County Cancer Society or to the Jack and Roger Graham Physics and Astronomy Scholarship, Appalachian State University, ASU Box 32004, Boone, NC 28608.

Laura Jo Gendy (JD ’00), Aug. 16, 2008, Raleigh, NC. She was a clerk for N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Horton and for the last six years an assistant attorney general of North Carolina in Raleigh.

Charles Christopher Johnson (’02), Oct. 7, 2008, West Palm Beach, FL. He was with BB&T Corp. in West Palm Beach. He is survived by his parents, Margaret and Julian S. Johnson III (’73); a brother, Jay, and his wife, Jill; and a nephew, J.S. IV.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students
Scott Alan Bailey, Aug. 21, 2008, Tobaccoville, NC. He was a graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College and was pursuing a JD at Wake Forest with the Class of 2010. Memorials may be made to Brenner Children’s Hospital, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Mary Nell Burke, Sept. 1, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She was retired after 30 years of service with the alumni records office of Wake Forest.

Glenn Adkins Jones, Sept. 25, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was the retired president of his family-owned business, Fowler-Jones Construction Co. He was the 1993 Deacon Club Member of the Year.

Gabiden Kourman, Sept. 22, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was a sophomore at Wake Forest. He is survived by his parents, Bakhit (MS ’02, MBA ’07) and Koulnara; a sister, Rima (’07); and a brother, Bakhit Jr. His father is an instructional technology consultant in the Romance languages department.

Kermit G. Phillips II, Aug. 25, 2008, Greensboro, NC. He developed residential and commercial properties in the Southeast and was founder and president of Phillips Management Group in Greensboro, NC. He was co-founder of ADC Development Corp. in Augusta, GA. He was instrumental in the design and building of Phillips Chapel at Canterbury School in Greensboro, which was named in his honor. He supported the Kermit Glenn Phillips II Chair of Cardiology at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Monica; his children, Kert and Keith (’87); a brother, Jim; and a sister, Anne Gilchrist (’87).

Cornelius F. Strittmatter, Sept. 11, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He was a professor of biochemistry at the School of Medicine for 28 years and chairman of the department for 17 years. He studied at Harvard University and Oxford University and was on the faculty at the Harvard Medical School for eight years. He is survived by his wife, Carol, a daughter and granddaughter. Memorials may be made to SciWorks, 400 W. Hanes Mill Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 or to Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University, 100 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Claudine T. Vaughn, Aug. 27, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She was a retired assistant superintendent of custodial services in facilities and campus services at Wake Forest.

Vivian L. Wilson, Sept. 30, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. She taught school in Halifax County and was a librarian at Roanoke Rapids High School. She was the law librarian at the School of Law for 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Paul Wilson (’50), and a son, James Arthur Daniel Wilson.

O B I T U A R Y

Carl Moses, professor emeritus of political science

Retired Professor of Political Science Carl Moses, who expanded the political science curriculum into Latin America during his 27 years on the faculty, died Sept. 22. He was 87.

Moses joined the faculty in 1964 and retired in 1991. “He was very dedicated to his teaching and very interested in his students,” said Professor Emeritus of Political Science Jack Fleer, who joined the faculty the same year. “He took his responsibility as a student adviser quite seriously, both as an academic adviser and as a fraternity (Alpha Sigma Phi) adviser.”

Moses won the University’s Excellence in Advising Award in 1990. He served as politics department chair for several years and took students to Worrell House in London in 1982. He also taught courses on the then-Soviet Union, but he was most well known for his interest in Latin America. He visited Cuba several times and Nicaragua at least once. He taught classes on Latin-American politics, liberation theology and the Cuban revolution. He took students to Mexico and brought speakers from Latin-American countries to campus.

“He made generations of Wake Forest students aware of our neighbors to the south, their history and their promise,” said Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson (’43) at Moses’ retirement dinner in 1991. “He then performed the same service for Eastern Europe, more and more becoming identified on this campus as a professor with a true international outlook.”

Professor and Chair of Political Science Katy Harriger said that Moses was interested in Latin America before he came to Wake Forest, but that his interest in Nicaragua in the 1980s and 1990s was, in part, because of the large Moravian community in Nicaragua. Moses was a long time member of Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. “He was a very kind man and very thoughtful in helping new faculty,” said Harriger, who joined the faculty in 1985. “Students recognized that he cared about them, and they learned a lot from him.”

A native of West Virginia, Moses attended Roanoke College for two years before joining the Army Air Corps and serving as a bombardier-pilot instructor during World War II. After the war ended, he graduated from the College of William and Mary and went on to earn his master’s and Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught for six years at Virginia Tech before joining the Wake Forest faculty.

Moses’ wife, Helen, died in 1998. He is survived by two children, Carl and Sarah, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Home Moravian Church Book of Remembrance, 521 South Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, or to Salemtowne, 1000 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.
Teresa Golding Roberts Scholarship Honors Her Life and Connects Her Loves

Everyone who knew Teresa Golding Roberts (’80) valued her. She was beautiful and funny—a good person and a great mother who loved children in general but her own most of all. She cherished life, and she treasured her experiences at Wake Forest University.

Too often, however, bad things happen to good people. Teresa’s life was cut tragically short in 2003 by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a relentless and progressive neurodegenerative disease for which there is very little treatment and no cure. Many know it as Lou Gehrig’s disease or, simply, ALS. When she died, Teresa—or Resi, as she was known by family and friends—left three children as well as her husband, Jon. She also left a legacy of love that Jon has chosen to memorialize through creation of the Teresa Golding Roberts Scholarship at Wake Forest. The scholarship, to which he has pledged $500,000 and already given an initial gift of $100,000, is for a female student from North Carolina who plans on becoming a teacher.

Resi was born in Charlotte and taught sixth- and seventh-grade English prior to the birth of her own children. The first recipient of her scholarship was selected for fall 2008. “Teaching is such a noble profession,” Jon says. “If you go to Wake Forest, you can be anything you want; to choose to be a teacher is noble. That’s the way Resi was. I know that many people make academic choices based on the financial aid they are able to get. I want to help someone go to Wake Forest and be a teacher. That would have made Resi very happy.”

Jon, who serves as chief information officer for CVS Caremark, also has honored his wife by helping his employer raise millions for ALS research. Through a customer-donation campaign that was initiated following Resi’s death and the death of a CVS regional manager from the same disease the year before, the company has raised more than $15 million. Jon chairs the project and sits alongside two Nobel Laureates on the board that awards 100 percent of the money raised to ALS researchers around the world. Currently research funded by CVS is ongoing in 12 different countries, including the United States.

Jon and Resi’s three children include Jonathan, who attends Harvard University, and Katherine, a freshman in high school with a strong interest in Wake Forest. Middle child, Patrick, currently is a student at Wake Forest and had a lot to do with Jon’s decision to create the scholarship. “Patrick had a very special relationship with his mother,” Jon explains, “so he wanted to go to college where she went—to get a connection with her. He absolutely loves it at Wake Forest, and she would be thrilled. It’s been a very good thing for him; the whole Wake Forest experience has taken him in a positive direction. So, in addition to recognizing Resi, the scholarship recognizes Wake Forest and the impact it has had on her life and Patrick’s life. It will forever connect Patrick to the university and to his mother; it is a connection he’ll value for the rest of his life.”
Scholarship Furthers the Life’s Work of Jean Leuchtenberger

Jean Leuchtenberger spent her life reaching out to others. Her son and daughter-in-law honored her life by doing the same.

When they endowed a scholarship in his mother’s name, Mark Leuchtenberger (’78) and his wife, Tracy Burlock, created a mechanism for furthering the education of others, a cause that had consumed a large part of Jean’s life. “She made a huge difference in so many people’s lives—those of her husband and children, surely, but also the lives of other people’s children,” Mark says. “She was selfless.”

Mark and Tracy opted to establish a tribute to Mark’s mother at Wake Forest because of their strong desire to give back and to recognize her lifetime of learning and educating others. Both Mark and his sister, Carol Leuchtenberger Johnson (’81), graduated from Wake Forest on the Carswell Scholarship; without it, they would have found attending difficult. Now, the University is a family affair: Carol’s son, Greg, currently is a junior.

“Mom knew about the scholarship’s establishment,” Mark says, “and was thrilled that funds would be going to enhance the ability of middle- and lower-income folks to attend Wake Forest. She was especially tickled that ‘Googling’ her name turned up the scholarship as one of the first notations.”

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Jean was the first in her family to attend college. She married Martin Leuchtenberger, an electrical engineer from the Berkshires in Massachusetts whose work took them across the country and to other parts of the world. Jean opted to remain a stay-at-home mother until her children were older. She coordinated the family’s many moves and created a haven of learning that eventually led all four to pursue advanced education: Mark is president and chief executive officer for a late-stage biotech company that develops new antibiotics; Carol has been chief financial officer for several software companies; Mary is a veterinarian; and Jan is a college professor of Japanese literature.

“Education was incredibly important to my mother, but specific degrees weren’t the thing,” Mark explains. “We had the freedom to do what we wanted, to pursue what we were interested in. For mother, learning and growing were the important things.”

Jean was more than 40 years old when she attained her master’s degree and began a 20-year teaching career, first during the family’s seven years in Peru and then as an elementary school teacher in New York, just over the state line from their home in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. In her spare time she taught English as a Second Language (ESL) to immigrants from South and Central America, and she found it so rewarding that she served as a volunteer ESL teacher well into her retirement. She also was active in church work, at one point serving as head of her church’s nursery school and also a volunteer for Project Head Start.

Although life threw Jean several difficult curves, including the need to care simultaneously for her husband and her elderly father shortly after her retirement, she maintained what Mark calls a special art for being happy. Her focus was always on others. Jean died in 2006 after a four-year battle with breast cancer, but her spirit and passion for education have lived on through her own children and countless others whose lives she improved. Now, because of the Jean Leuchtenberger Scholarship at Wake Forest, that number will forever continue to grow.
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You’ve heard it; I’m sure you have: It’s that question that we sometimes get when we travel to a bowl game, as we so often do these days: They say, “Um, excuse me. Your mascot is a Demon Deacon? What is a Demon Deacon?”

I almost feel sorry for these friendly strangers; after all, so many of the high-profile mascots that they know about have to be shared by several schools, conferences, and professional teams. Just think about our own conference. There may be numerous ways that you can dress up a tiger, or a wild bird, or an amphibian, or an insect, or a farm animal….. but there’s only one Demon Deacon.

This beautiful statue that we dedicate today is an image which has made a long and interesting journey, from 1922 in Wake Forest, North Carolina, to 2008 in McCreary Plaza at BB&T Field. It’s great to welcome the former Deacon mascots who are here today. My purpose is to honor all those who have donned the Deacon uniform.

I’d like to quote from the 1974 homecoming program, Wake Forest vs. Virginia, October 26:

“Our school had gained its nickname in 1922 when a gentleman named Hank Garrity, Sr., took over coaching the college’s athletic teams and revived the Deacon athletic program, which had fallen on hard times. As the Deacons started recording wins on a regular basis, the existing nicknames of “Baptists” and “Old Gold and Black” did not seem to capture the new spirit of Wake Forest athletics. When the Deacons pulled off a particularly satisfying win over rival Duke, sports editor Mayon Parker of Ahoskie searched for a new phrase to describe the “devilish” play and fighting spirit that marked the athletic teams. He found that description in “Demon Deacon.”

And so, a decade later, the very first Deacon was Allie Hayes. He was a varsity athlete in 1932, and a pretty good one, too: he played end for the freshman football team and ran in the 100-yard, 200-yard, and high hurdles. His height and athletic abilities got him noticed by the band director, Neville Isbell, who invited Allie to accompany him up Faculty Avenue to one of the minister’s homes. The minister’s wife met them, and brought out a ministerial uniform of the day: a split-tail coat and a crown hat. They fit. He fit. He became Dr. Isbell’s drum major. But his duties were very different from his successors: he marched in parades in a very strict, upright manner.

It was not until 1941 that Wake Forest had a Deacon mascot at its athletic contests. Jack Baldwin (43) was the original student Deacon mascot, the first of a long line of entertainers to lead the school’s teams into action. Jack Baldwin became the Wake Forest mascot on a dare from one of his fraternity brothers. Quoting again from the program: “Here came Baldwin leading the Deacons on the field against North Carolina. He was dressed in top hat, tails, and umbrella, riding the Carolina ram, and while his fraternity brothers roared with laughter at the sight of him, no one realized that the Deacons would never play again without their Demon Deacon. A joke was to become an institution.

Here was a truly unique mascot. One which seemed a step above the Tigers, Gamecocks, Eagles, and Wildcats of the world. “We tried to make him a little more dignified than other mascots,” Baldwin says, “so we dressed up like you would expect an old Baptist Deacon would dress up.”

Over the years the Deacon has performed numerous memorable stunts. Jimmy Devos (’55) shocked a Bowman Gray Stadium football crowd one afternoon by dropping his pants — only to reveal a pair of colorful Bermuda shorts. Ray Whitley (’57) introduced the art of goal-climbing to Wake Forest contests. Bill Shepherd (’60) answered Auburn’s “turkey buzzard,” and Hap Bulger (’65) gained notoriety as the stately “Debonair Deacon.”

The first two women Deacons, Sandra Grant (’73) and Anne Hope (’75, MA ’78) helped blend contemporary attitudes with cherished traditions when they donned the top hat. Every Deacon has flavored the tradition of the mascot, making it his or her own.

One of the most well-known Deacons was Jeff Dobbs (’77), a spirited and acrobatic dancer who was rightfully world-famous in Winston-Salem for his incredible “head roll.” If you remember the head-roll, good…..just don’t try it.

Which brings me to why I love this Deacon statue. It looks like the Deacon that the students and faculty on the Old Campus first visualized when they created our mascot. The earliest Deacons were human forms which displayed uniqueness as well as a touch of dignity;
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Sen. Joe Biden, Democratic candidate for vice president, greets well-wishers at an Oct. 23 rally on Hearn Plaza. Biden was the third high-profile candidate to visit Wake Forest during the 2008 campaign. Republican presidential nominee John McCain and Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton also made stops.