Social Media, Social Good
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Social media networks are essential tools for connecting, communicating, and — as many alumni have found — serving the human cause.

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Buck Cochran (‘82) finds his calling — and his own inner peace — in a community where sustainability is about more than farming.

Rescue in the Gulf
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The Gulf of Mexico oil spill left many feeling adrift about how to respond, but not Brian Yablonski (‘89). He mobilized forces to defend Florida’s coast and marine life.

Scholars Beyond Borders

With a stronger mentoring program, global outreach and interdisciplinary focus, Wake Forest embraces the liberal arts and the professions.
From the President

With this edition, the Wake Forest University Magazine showcases graduates’ global humanitarian work and underscores the University’s desire to help young people integrate their learning into the patterns of their life.

You will see comments from The New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks, who spoke at our Summer Trustee Conference in Asheville about the importance of educating the emotions, not solely the intellect. The whole issue of character formation is an area that universities need to be addressing. It is a difficult subject, but we are attempting to take it on at Wake Forest in the most appropriate way.

The John Templeton Foundation recently awarded a $3.67 million grant for The Character Project, the largest ever received for humanities research at the University. We have outstanding faculty who want to take an in-depth look at character and what motivates people to do well. Christian Miller of the philosophy department leads the project, with two colleagues from the psychology department, William Fleeson and Michael Furr. To have such a grant centered at Wake Forest underscores in a wonderful way this priority for us, and the serious research it supports will give us the grounding for what we do in the future.

Major challenges in our society have to do with character and morality. One can see that in the business world, in politics, and in the nature of the professions. We seem to go through a continual pattern of crises or missteps by people not being willing to do what is right. The key is to try to help students come to define those values while they are here.

Vital to the Wake Forest concept of a teacher-scholar model is faculty and administrators who have an interest in all the things students are experiencing. There is a second dimension: That is to encourage faculty to discuss questions of value and meaning — even morality — in the context of their courses. Wake Forest is a place where we can do that, and we can do that well.

I hope this issue of the magazine gives you insights into how Wake Forest continues to be a transformative force in the lives of its students.

Warm regards,

President Hatch welcomes a new student.

Learning to Look  
By Jennifer Raab

In a first-year first, one famous painting unites one class of new students in a collective academic experience.

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It used to be when people wanted to change the world they petitioned, rallied or marched in the streets. If they wanted friends they joined a book club or a block party. They got their news from papers, their entertainment from television and their career leads at company picnics or PTA meetings.

Then came the Internet and the social media revolution: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, MySpace, Foursquare, Flickr, LinkedIn and blogs upended the way humans interacted. Suddenly they lived in a world where they could be a friend, fan and follower without ever leaving the house. They could be an opinion leader on global hunger or the corner deli’s menu.
The connective and collective power of grassroots social media helped elect an American president, generated millions of dollars in pledges for Haiti earthquake relief and landed 88-year-old comedian Betty White a job as guest host of “Saturday Night Live.” She kicked off the show with a thank-you for the viral Internet campaign on her behalf and joked, “Needless to say we didn’t have Facebook when I was growing up. We had phonebook, but you wouldn’t waste an afternoon with it.”

Social media networks have become essential communication tools for tapping into primal urges to entertain, interact, belong, create, rally online and — as many organizations and businesses are discovering — serve the human cause. According to Internet guru Clay Shirky, the potential civic value of social media’s hitherto untapped energy is nothing less than revolutionary. “Instead of lamenting the silliness of a lot of online social media, we should be thrilled by the spontaneous collective campaigns and social activism also emerging,” he said in an interview with the Guardian online earlier this year.

“The whole, ‘Is the Internet a good thing or a bad thing?’ We’re done with that. It’s just a thing. How to maximize its civic value, its public good — that’s the really big challenge,” he says.

Several Wake Forest alumni are embracing the challenge. They understand social media’s transformative power and are using it for philanthropy, education and activism. One is Jessica Jackson Shortall (‘00), a City of Joy Scholar, Peace Corps veteran in Uzbekistan, Oxford University MBA and celebrated volunteer at Wake Forest who founded Homerun, a student organization that provided meals to the elderly and homebound and expanded into a national...
network called Campus Kitchens. Based in Austin, Texas, she is director of giving for TOMS Shoes and regularly blogs about the company’s One for One movement that donates a pair of shoes to a needy child for each pair a customer buys.

Russell Shilling (’85), an aerospace experimental psychologist and Navy captain assigned to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), develops computer-based programs to help service members and their families build resilience and recover from psychological trauma. He collaborated with Sesame Workshop to develop the “Sesame Street Talk, Listen, Connect” program consisting of bilingual DVD kits, a website and most recently the PBS and Emmy-nominated special “When Families Grieve” hosted by Katie Couric.

Using YouTube as her stage, Chicago actor and comedian Kate Lambert (’03) rallied colleagues to “fight City Hall” and block demolition of an historic theatre near Wrigley Field.

In Atlanta, one of Twitter’s most active cities, Lindsey Hardegree (’06), with a double major in theatre and English, tapped into social media to create a grassroots publicity and educational campaign for the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre.

Jessica Jackson Shortall says TOMS Shoes uses social media not only for business but also for social impact. It has donated more than 600,000 pairs of shoes to children in developing countries since May 2006. TOMS uses blogs, video, Facebook and a live Twitter feed on its website to present an intuitive way for the company to connect and converse with people who support TOMS, buy TOMS, and spread the message for the movement.

“Talking to those people about our giving has to be a part of that conversation because our customers are more than just customers — they are an integral part of the movement, our mission, our impact, our long-term sustainability and what we’re trying to achieve,” says Shortall.

In developing countries, diseases transmitted from the soil to bare feet are a leading cause of illness. What’s unusual, and rewarding, about TOMS is that the “giving” message is not separated from product messages, she says. You might see a tweet about a new line of wedges followed by a tweet about giving partners in the field. “Often, businesses’ charitable activities are put in silos where the social impact activities are seen as byproducts,” says Shortall. “They are not spoken of in the same voice, by the same people to the same people. With TOMS, it’s one and the same.”
Therapeutic social media

In his work for the Department of Defense, Russell Shilling developed a program to help children in military families cope with multiple deployments and physical or psychological injury in parents returning from combat. Properly developed social media can have a positive impact by providing guidance and social support to those in need — especially in rural or underserved areas, Shilling says. Sesame Street Family Connections produced 700,000 DVD kits for parents and children that feature Elmo from the Muppets and his family working through sensitive issues such as separation, injury, loss and grief, at a level comfortable for children.

On the Family Connections website, military families can post messages, share and create artwork, and upload photos and videos. Parents can create a private account for family and close friends to interact in a Sesame Street-themed environment during deployments or other separations. Their Sesame Street friends will also leave children messages on the site.

Shilling recalls that his three mentors at Wake Forest—Professors Lee Potter (English), Bynum Shaw (48) (journalism) and James Dodding (theatre) — taught him to make connections between seemingly unrelated ideas, theories and technologies. “The truly transformative impact of social networks will be realized when they are combined with other interactive media that can help educate, reduce stigma and actually supplement traditional therapy and human interactions.”

Parody as protest

While Shilling’s work with Sesame Street seeks to soothe the emotions, in Chicago Kate Lambert used social media to incite them. A theatre major who essentially lived in Scales Fine Arts Center after winning a role in “HMS Pinafore,” Lambert regarded the proposed demise of a theatre in her city as an outrage. She and a group of fellow actors called The Katydids (all with variations of the name Kate) made a video to protest planned destruction of the historic iO theatre, a place for up-and-coming comics and where Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and Seth Myers got their start. The theatre, located near Chicago’s Wrigley Field, became a tear-down target in what opponents called “The Malling of Wrigleyville.”

With an established Facebook following in place, The Katydids wanted to do their part by representing the theatre community’s opinion of the proposal. Lambert conceived the idea to use their collective comedic skills to make a video satirizing demolition of iO and its impact. “All of the women in the video, including myself, are regular performers at the theatre, so it made sense to fight back the best way we knew how … with
comedy,” says Lambert. Their video, posted on YouTube, was the improv version of a town-hall meeting and caught the attention of the Chicago Sun-Times, which linked to it in an online edition.

Although the Chicago Planning Commission ultimately approved demolition of the IO to make way for commercial development, Lambert says the power of social media shed light on an issue in a way that would have been impossible through any other medium. “Actors and writers who utilize social media like YouTube are participating in their own form of electronic theatre,” she says. “It has become a way to share causes, much like a modern-day town hall meeting.”

Of course, she adds, you have to make sure the cause doesn’t stay online. “It’s easy to click a ‘Like’ button and say you support an issue and leave it at that. In order for something to actually take flight, you have to have people who are not complacent and who are willing to step away from their computers and do something.”

**Cultivating patrons**

If the world of social media spins on axes of audio and video, then performing arts organizations have a huge advantage, says Lindsey Hardegree who developed an awareness campaign for the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, where she is events coordinator and board administrator. She started the theatre’s Facebook page and began sharing production photos, reviews and behind-the-scenes information. In nine months the site had 1,800 followers. A Twitter account, which included a live-tweeting event during a performance of “Lookingglass Alice,” drew a similar response. Other initiatives included engaging local “mommy bloggers” as they neared the opening of a children’s show “Mulan” and an a cappella video competition on YouTube that coincided with the run of the a cappella musical “Avenue X.”

“People want to know who is behind the product or organization they are connecting with, and social media can provide a more casual and real representation of who they are,” says Hardegree. That’s especially true for the nonprofit sector, she says, which needs to cultivate advocates willing to volunteer, donate money and spread the word about the organization’s mission and good work.

“Social media connects us, and in a world where it is so easy to become disjointed, I think connection and relationships grow more valuable every day.”

Whether those connections are built through friending, following, tweeting or texting, social media add a new dimension to the spirit of service embodied at Wake Forest.
Social Media: Friends, fans and followers

Sarah Schneider ('05) is well versed in the way social media encourage users of sites ranging from Twitter and Facebook to YouTube and Yelp to generate content and interact with others. She is a writer, actress and managing editor at CollegeHumor, a company founded by Ricky Van Veen ('03) in 1999. Based in New York and a resident of Brooklyn, she writes scripts, brainstorms ideas for creative content, acts in videos and maintains the website at CollegeHumor.com.

Q. Have social media rendered traditional media irrelevant?
Well, I don’t think the two are exactly comparable. Internet media sites like Hulu and CNN.com are much more of a threat to traditional television and newspapers than social media sites like YouTube or Tumblr, which are in a class all their own.

Traditional media is, by definition, one-sided. Social media are completely different in that anyone can add his or her voice. It’s a totally new form of interaction that can only exist on the Internet. In fact, I think if anything, social media offer a new level of community to the traditional media experience. People can share a good magazine article on their blog, or post the trailer for a new sitcom on Facebook, or arrange a discussion group for the latest Scorsese film on Meetup.com.

Granted, users can then read the article online, watch the sitcom online or discuss the film online, but that’s a whole different problem. I personally don’t see traditional media going anywhere, but that may just be because I don’t want to imagine my life without television. The concern here, though, should be social media’s ability to make real-life social interactions irrelevant.

Q. Ricky Van Veen said in a speech at the Mashable Media Summit in June that social media are social currency, providing high-tech “bragging rights.” What is your interpretation of those comments?
The great draw behind social media is that they offer you a chance to present yourself however you want. It’s like freshman year of college all over again, where you can reinvent yourself to be the coolest, most interesting version of yourself. When Ricky speaks of high-tech bragging, he’s speaking of this process, whether it’s posting pictures on Facebook from your front-row Yankees tickets, checking in on Foursquare at the latest cool bar, or tweeting about someone famous you just met.

Another interesting element of social media is that the higher your online profile, the more social “value” your opinions, comments and content offer. If you have 40,000 Twitter followers, then your recommendation for a movie or restaurant is “worth” more than another fellow Twitter user who has a dozen followers. It’s interesting because it creates this odd valuation of your online persona and drives the desire to accumulate more and more friends, followers and the like. Everyone wants to matter, and within social media, the more people you interact with online, the more you feel like you do. That’s why people spend hours contributing to sites like Yahoo! Answers and Wikipedia and Digg, because their participation truly matters.

Q. We’re seeing that the new generation puts documentation above experience (capturing an event on their phones as opposed to watching it firsthand). What will that kind of scene mean for in-person social interaction?
Social media in general have done a number on in-person social interaction. Why plan to have lunch with someone when you can just IM or Gchat them and ask what’s new? Or, even better, just flip through their Facebook pictures and you don’t have to talk to them at all! But at the same time, our generation is leagues above our parents and grandparents in terms of keeping in touch with old friends and documenting our experiences. I have a very close-knit group of friends from Pi Phi at Wake Forest, and in one way or another, we are constantly in touch with each other.

Millennials are a very nostalgic generation, and the ability to capture every moment is incredibly valuable to us. But do I think this devalues the experiences themselves? Not at all. Just because I’m taking a picture at a party doesn’t mean I’m not still at the party. Now, if I’m leaving the party to write a blog post about my night’s experiences, that’s a problem.

Q. What is the next frontier for social media?
That’s a great question, and one I most definitely am not qualified to answer. But if I had to venture a guess, I would say that I see social media becoming more and more influential on traditional media. By this I mean television shows where character arcs are decided by online polls or networks that allow Facebook fans to choose their next season’s lineup. Several popular YouTube creators have gotten development deals based solely on their number of subscribers. I can only see more of that in the near future.
EDITOR’S NOTE: This article, the third of a four-part series describing key initiatives in Wake Forest’s strategic plan, focuses on reinforcing inherent connections between the liberal arts and the professions. Previous stories have described the University’s commitment to enhancing faculty-student engagement (Spring 2010) and education of the whole person (Summer 2010). The final installment (Spring 2011) outlines Wake Forest’s plan for creating and preserving opportunity, specifically through financial aid.

Scholars beyo
With a stronger mentoring program, new global outreach and a focus on team solutions across disciplines, Wake Forest is embracing liberal arts and the professions.
Wake Forest’s strength derives from its distinctive combination of intimate scale and expansive assets normally associated with much larger institutions. The College, the graduate school, and the four professional schools of law, medicine, business and divinity command top national rankings while remaining faithful to the teacher-scholar model and the University’s larger culture of attention to the individual and service to others.

It only stands to reason, then, that promoting innovative connections across the campuses would promote richer teaching, learning, research and service experiences. And that is precisely what the liberal-arts-and-professions initiative seeks to do — leverage existing assets and judiciously create new ones to yield a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

But its hoped-for outcomes extend beyond simple collaborations between the undergraduate, graduate and professional school faculties. Through new interdisciplinary and international study opportunities, along with richer mentoring aimed at uncovering students’ values, interests and professional ambitions, it seeks to offer undergraduates practical career applications of the cross-cultural, communication, creative, critical thinking and comparative skills they have acquired through their liberal arts studies.

In this section you’ll find progress reports on the initiative’s primary strategic activities: the nurturing of innovative interdisciplinary collaborations; the building of a nationally recognized mentoring and career advising program; and the expanding of international service-learning and study-abroad programs.
MENTORING
Personal responsibility and a partnership

THE SEEDS OF CHARACTER AND PURPOSE IN COLLEGE STUDENTS come to their fullest fruition when they are nurtured, and in that regard, Wake Forest University always has been something of a master gardener. Through its expanded Office of Personal and Career Development (OPCD), Wake Forest is building on that role — starting with the principle that the process is a partnership.

Each of the office’s four divisions — The Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship; the Mentoring Resource Center; the Office of Career Services; and the Professional Development Center for Arts and Sciences — functions from the core belief that to become all they can be, students must take responsibility for their own development. They, and their parents, will be exhorted — from the very outset, at Orientation — to embrace and encourage that responsibility. For every step they take in that direction, the University will take two in return.

“College is an ideal time for a young person to learn important frameworks for identity formation, defining values and passions, developing their views of the world and work, and acquiring the necessary experiences, relationships and skills to create options and succeed in life,” says Andy Chan, vice president for career development and director of the OPCD. “What we are trying to do is encourage students to become more aware and purposeful in experiencing college life fully so they can reflect on their experiences and make clear decisions about who they are, who they want to be, and the work that they will do in the world.”

Wake Forest undergraduates have a track record of offering fresh concepts. To help them develop and experiment with commercializing or patenting their ideas, The Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship will provide educational and financial resources, experiential opportunities and mentors.

Modeled after the successful Ernst & Young Professional Development Center in the Schools of Business, the Arts and Sciences Professional Development Center will offer courses, workshops and individual coaching to develop soft skills valued by employers, such as professional communication, influencing and interpersonal skills, the ability to work with people from different cultures and generations and knowledge of etiquette.

The Mentoring Resource Center will offer training, standards, support, inspiration and recognition for mentors and mentees, as well as recruit mentors from among the ranks of upper-level students, alumni, faculty, staff and professionals. “Our goal is to enable every student who wants a mentor to have one,” says Allison McWilliams (’95), center director, “and then to have the best mentoring experience possible.” McWilliams parlayed her English and Spanish majors and a master’s degree in public relations into a successful 12-year stint in leadership and organizational development at the University of Georgia before arriving back at her alma mater in June to lead the center. She will be developing mentoring relationships for groups as well as individuals — for example, the Strategy and Consulting Club, which seeks to learn from professional consultants. “The objective is to take what has always been part of the Wake Forest experience,” she says, “and make it the core of the Wake Forest culture.”

And the Office of Career Services, through new technology and reorganization, is expanding its traditional role of helping students find summer and post-graduation employment.

INTERDISCIPLINARY/JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS
Strengthening connections across disciplines

IT’S NO SECRET THAT MANY, IF NOT MOST, FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE LYING A BIT FALLOW THESE DAYS. If business graduates are finding the job search challenging, what can liberal arts majors do to boost their own prospects?

For one, they can capitalize on results of surveys that show employers value, and prospective entrepreneurs are served by, clear and cogent communication, critical thinking, cultural sophistication, comparative analysis, foreign language facility, historical perspective, creativity, political acumen and similar skills that are cultivated by the liberal arts and suited to a fluid global economy. For another, they can, as they do at Wake Forest, augment their liberal arts study with interdisciplinary courses and joint-degree programs for professional preparation.

For example, studio art and art history majors can prepare for graduate-level training in arts management or for jobs in the art world — as financial risk managers or directors of galleries, museums and auction houses — by enrolling in a course offered each spring by the business school. Co-taught each spring by Page Laughlin of the art department and Gordon McCray (’85) of the business faculty, the course combines instruction in the various business aspects of art markets with an immersive, week-long trip over spring break to New York, where students meet successful, well-connected art professionals in the city and discover the inner workings of the world’s
leading art marketplace. A sizable number of students who took the course has enrolled in graduate degree programs or landed prized internships or jobs in the field, according to McCray.

The Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science have partnered with the Schools of Business and the Department of Economics to offer to advanced students majors in mathematical business and mathematical economics, respectively. Each is designed as preparation for careers requiring sophisticated, model-based, advanced quantitative approaches to problem solving. The majors are described as extremely useful in today’s complex global environment, in which business administration and public policy-making problems require intricate, mathematical analyses.

In the last couple of years alone, Wake Forest has added six joint-degree programs at the graduate and professional-school levels that meld the liberal arts and professions. Among them are master’s programs in religion and law, documentary filmmaking and bioethics. The latter, whose faculty is drawn from disciplines ranging from medicine, the health sciences and law to philosophy and communication, is the inspiration for a proposed bioethics minor. And the graduate school of business has just completed the first year of its new Master of Arts in Management, a one-year program to prepare undergraduate liberal arts majors for entry-level positions in business.

MANAGUA NEXUS/
INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES
Deepening global ties

Perhaps the most practical expression of Wake Forest as a truly collegiate university — the linking of the undergraduate and the postgraduate and of the liberal arts and the professions — can be found not in Winston-Salem, but 1,780 miles due south in the capital city of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

There, in Managua, Nicaragua, the University plans an impressive array of teaching, research and service programs ranging from entrepreneur mentoring and health training to conservation projects and cross-cultural communication. The College, the graduate school and the professional schools of law, business, medicine and divinity are all concentrating their specialties on projects aimed at bettering the lives of Nicaraguans while providing their faculties and students with exceptional international scholastic experiences and opportunities to practice Pro Humanitate.

Nicaragua Nexus, as the initiative is called, traces its origins to March of 2007, when 18 Babcock Graduate School of Management students spent spring break in Managua training entrepreneurs in basic, sustainable business practices for commerce. The project doubled in size the following year and has been conducted two or three times a year since. It so inspired Thomas A. Dingledine (MBA ’78), now a University trustee, that he and his wife, Karyn, supported the effort through their Fund for Responsible Business and gave $2 million to acquire a large house (pictured below) in Managua that will serve as a training and conference center and headquarters for Wake Forest’s various Nicaraguan projects.

At the encouragement of Provost Jill Tiefenthaler, and under the guidance of Associate Provost for International Affairs J. Kline Harrison, others across the University began to plan and implement Nicaraguan projects in 2007–08. In each of the past three summers, about 12 undergraduates have participated in three-week service-learning programs in Nicaragua that combined service experiences with courses on health, communication, business and cultural topics taught by faculty from various departments. In spring 2009, the Department of Biology offered a course on tropical conservation that culminated in a week of field study in Nicaragua.

And these are only the start. In August 2009, representatives from the College and all of the graduate and professional schools visited the country to cultivate new relationships and potential partnerships with local businesses, service organizations and universities. An immediate outcome was a series of webinars the School of Law conducted on import/export law for the INCAE Business School in Managua. Other services down the road might include continuing education for medical professionals (medical school), seminars for professors on research methodologies (graduate school), and Nicaraguan fulfillment of the Graduate Certificate in Spirituality and Health awarded by the divinity school.

Elsewhere, the University this year started a summer service-learning program in Ghana with a goal of offering its minor-in-African-Studies students what Harrison terms “a pan-West African experience.” Wake Forest is also forging new partnerships with universities in Argentina and Chile.

INSTITUTES AND CENTERS
Clearing the way for collaboration

Beyond the traditional boundaries of schools and departments, scholars at Wake Forest increasingly
want to collaborate on topics of mutual interest or social importance. Thematic, interdisciplinary centers and institutes can serve as their meeting ground.

As part of its strategic plan adopted in 2008, the University established the center-institute process and allocated funds for planning grants. According to Mark Welker, associate provost for research and faculty affairs, both the centers and the institutes will facilitate creative activity on topics that cross disciplines and require team approaches. The primary distinction, he explains, is that centers will be funded for five years and institutes in perpetuity.

Five center proposals have received five-year funding. They are:

The center for Bioethics, Health, and Society — Addresses ethical, social and policy issues of importance for biotechnology, health care, biomedical research and public health. The center encompasses all aspects of bioethics research and scholarship, from theory to policy to practice, and all relevant disciplines including philosophy and religion, life sciences, social sciences, medicine, arts, humanities and the professions.

The translational science center — Promotes physical and cognitive health in the aged. Staffed by researchers from the behavioral, biochemical, psychological and physiological disciplines, the center seeks to develop individually tailored interventions and build new studies from observations of them.

The center for enterprise research and education — Concentrates on interdisciplinary entrepreneurship research, practice and education in developing countries. Staffed by scholars and specialists in cultural anthropology, economics, finance, entrepreneurship, microenterprise and comparative religion, it seeks the integration of traditional values and cultural and ecological sustainability with contemporary market opportunities and resources, beginning with a pilot project in Nicaragua and expanding to African nations.

The center for Molecular Communication — Enlists researchers from biology, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, physics, biochemistry, health and exercise science, and a variety of departments in the School of Medicine to investigate the molecular mechanisms for communication between and within human cells, a topic with far-reaching implications for human health and the environment.

The center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability — Concentrates its efforts in three areas: renewable energy; biodiversity and environmental science; and environmental markets, enterprise, and policy. Among its inaugural investigations are new energy storage technologies (aided in its work by the Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials) and carbon dynamics, a key to understanding the underlying dynamics of global warming.

To date, one institute — the Institute for Public Engagement — has been established. Its goals include fostering service to citizens and organizations; facilitating publicly engaged teaching and community-based research; and sustaining medical and legal clinics in the community. A diversified group of scholars in the arts and humanities — English, religion, women’s and gender studies, and theatre, among others — have proposed the founding of a Humanities Institute to foster collaborative, multidisciplinary research on global topics such as human rights and popular culture and have applied for funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Peace
Haven
Buck Cochran ('82) finds his calling in a community where sustainability is about more than farming.

By Maria Henson ('82)
Photos by Ken Bennett
WHITSETT, N.C. — All the chickens have gone missing, which means no more eggs and the suspect a fox on the lam. On this day, a volunteer has defied the July heat wave and sunk the tires of his pickup in what is likely the only muddy spot between this sun-baked 89-acre farm and the Burlington city limits four miles away. He’s stuck.

No sweat, even in this heat. Buck Cochran, Wake Forest chemistry major (’82), former naval flight officer and mission commander, former FMC Corp. chemical salesman, Duke Divinity School graduate, ordained Presbyterian minister and now accidental farmer of the sustainable variety, is on the cell phone ready to assist, calmly requesting details. He’ll motor to the rescue as soon as he helps the remaining volunteers set up for the shared lunch inside an old barn. Outside, a Moravian star hangs from the roof, a dove-white origami beacon to passersby on N.C. Highway 61.

Everyone is welcome at Peacehaven Community Farm, a vision birthed by Susan Elliott, who worried — even
before she became ill — what would happen to her son with cerebral palsy after she was gone. She died from breast cancer in September 2009 but not before she had fallen in love with this land on the shores of Lake Mackintosh, persuaded her husband, Tim, to buy it to pursue her dream of building a housing community for special needs adults and lit up at the possibilities when Cochran announced his resignation to his congregation one Sunday. “That’s when Susan looked at me and said, ‘He would be perfect. He could run this for us,’” Tim Elliott says.

His wife envisioned not only a nonprofit that would provide housing but also a working farm to give residents and volunteers meaningful labor — and relationships. Never mind that Cochran lacked agricultural know-how.

Cochran, 50, is a quiet man more interested in listening than talking. He’s attentive, not overtly distracted by technology, as organized with computer files as he is with the farm tools. He is thoroughly present. In his t-shirt, jeans and work boots, he lopes across the land like the farmer he is becoming.

“I don’t know much about farming, but I know how to hire good people,” he says, amused at where he sits on the agricultural learning curve. Two young graduates of N.C. State University, both specialists in horticulture with a devotion to sustainable farming methods, are his teachers and his first employees.

In 2007 Cochran felt called to leave the 2,000-member Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, where he had been associate pastor ministering to youth and their families for six years. He felt a divine nudge to do something else. What, he did not know. Such a calling was not unfamiliar. It had happened after his son, Trey, was born with Asperger syndrome, a form of autism spectrum disorder. He quit the corporate world and moved his wife, Cathy, a nurse who is director of pediatrics at Moses Cone Health System, Trey and daughter Cameron to Durham so he could attend seminary. “Trey started me on this journey,” he says.

The Elliotts hoped Cochran might join their pursuit to create a community where adults with intellectual and physical disabilities could live, Elliott says, “in a place that feels like home.”

When he first approached Cochran with the idea, Elliott says, “You could just see the creative juices start to flow.”

Across the country families with children with developmental disabilities have few options for services after their children reach 21. “There’s such a need for this,” Cochran
Cochran signed on, which meant building a nonprofit from scratch, assembling a board, researching federal and state laws, hiring staff, talking with parents, working with funders. “You’re inventing as you go,” says Peacehaven board chair Gail Haworth, who founded The Servant Center in 1995 to provide transitional and permanent housing for Greensboro’s disabled and low-income people. Cochran has a dreamer’s passion for the project combined with the skills of a planner who has to enact a business strategy, she says. “He also brings a spiritual part to it — the ‘You’re a part of something grand!’”

“I have no doubts about this succeeding,” says Haworth. “Peacehaven is a very peaceful place, and part of it is that Buck is putting it together.”

The idea to make the site a sustainable farm in which poultry and livestock are moved systematically to new grassy areas, fertilizing as they go, and crops are grown without pesticides quickly captured the interest of neighbors and congregants. The farm’s momentum in part has been sparked by the booming national interest in “slow food” and healthy produce locally grown and sold. Eventually Peacehaven might send goods to market, perhaps even start a wool fiber cottage industry. The crucial ingredient now and for the future is collaboration—volunteers, some of whom might someday seek extended stays on the property, working alongside residents who contribute according to their ability to the farm’s operation.

Peacehaven’s closest model is L’Arche, a French word that means “the ark,” a global network of 137 ecumenical and interfaith communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities share their lives in homes, workshops and day programs. Eighty-two-year-old founder Jean Vanier began the movement in 1964 when he invited two men who had been confined to an institution after the death of their parents to come live with him. The Globe and Mail named Vanier Nation Builder of 2008 for inspiring Canadians through his social visionary work, and prompted Michael Higgins in Commonweal Magazine to label Vanier a man “who has spent his life calling into question society’s penchant for ranking, honors and success … He is the consummate subversive of the value system that equates human dignity with utility.”

An Inspiration

L’Arche communities inspired Buck Cochran and the founders of Peacehaven. Jean Vanier in “Our Life Together: A Memoir in Letters” describes the philosophy:

“To come to L’Arche, to live and work at L’Arche, is to come face to face with brokenness: first that of the members with intellectual disabilities, then eventually our own. It can create a deep transformation….I remember a young man with cerebral palsy, his body all contorted; looking into his eyes, I saw peace within him. Someone might ask, how can a man in such pain be at peace? And I’d say that if you just see the contortion, then all you see is the brokenness. There is something deeper than brokenness. He accepted himself as he was, and I accepted him and appreciated him as he was.”

Cochran grew up with no connection to farming: ‘I’m learning every day.’

The plan calls for placing individual houses for six to eight residents and assistants — about 30 people in all — in a sun-drenched grassy cove surrounded by loblolly and shortleaf pines. The building phase is at least a year away, maybe two. The uncertainty seems not to have rattled Peacehaven’s leaders, who are guided by faith that resources and answers, such as guidelines for selecting residents, will become clear when the time is right.
Cochran learned about L’Arche when his son was young, and he later visited a L’Arche community in Washington, D.C. He wants Peacehaven, like L’Arche, to foster relationships and provide a loving, supportive environment. “We want to be a place where (residents’) lives are valued, and we couldn’t do this without them,” he says. “A big ethic of L’Arche is how folks with disabilities can be our teachers.”

On the first Saturday in March, 70 people showed up at Peacehaven to volunteer. “That was the day we broke ground, the day I looked out and saw the people on the hill and wept,” Cochran says.

Now, volunteers come on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to tend the vegetable gardens teeming with pole beans, banana peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and okra. Some bring family members who have disabilities and want a chance to work. The farm has goats, sheep, Black Angus cattle, pigs, geese, three dogs and a cat. The murdered laying hens will be replaced, the new chickens enclosed in an upgraded, electrified portable coop designed to vex the fugitive fox. Already, with the regular volunteers showing up and sharing a potluck at the end of every session, community is taking shape.

As he guides a visitor around the farm, without prompting, Cochran reflects on his own teachers and education at Wake Forest. When he was a boy growing up in Troy, N.C., he admired Earle Connelly (‘48), his father’s best friend and a city leader. “I wanted to be like him, to be that kind of man,” he says. “I developed — this is going to sound hokey — joy for learning that has allowed me to do these different things. I’ve been in radically different vocations. My time at Wake shaped me and formed me. I remember sitting in freshman comp and reading Flannery O’Connor with (the late) Dr. (John A.) Carter. The way Dr. Carter laughed over an O’Connor passage made Cochran think, “There’s something deep inside of him that I want.” He found it: lifelong learning and “an opportunity to be shaped by the motto of the school so that your education is something you can put to use serving others.”

About three miles down the road from Peacehaven is the Brick Reformed United Church of Christ, where Kristin Gerner Vaughn (MDiv ’02) is pastor. “I’m just ecstatic to see this coming to life and to get to be a part of it,” she says of Peacehaven. Some of her congregants are volunteers, willing to work for the future residents — “people we’ve not yet met” — because of Cochran’s and the Elliotts’ vision.

Buck Cochran “stands there with God’s grace on his face and welcomes people,” she says. “He really is living out Pro Humanitate.”
Learning
The sound of Andean music with its panpipes and notched flutes drifted from tents on the front lawn. Colored banners swayed in a hot summer breeze. And inside Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Frederic Church’s “The Andes of Ecuador” awaited 1,225 first-year students.

In the past, Wake Forest assigned its new students books, movies or essays for its summer “reading” project. This was a first: a painting as the assignment. During the summer, new students were asked to watch a number of videos and read short passages about the painting. The summer academic project concluded with the visit to the museum with their faculty and upperclass student advisers. Reynolda House, an affiliate of Wake Forest, partnered with the University on the project.

“In a way the summer academic project is a warm-up or trial run for what happens in the more intense environment of the Wake Forest classroom,” said Perry Patterson, associate dean for academic advising. “We are focused on looking at the work of art through many different academic perspectives.”
A Scholar’s View
By Jennifer Raab

For many years new students at Wake Forest have participated in a collective academic experience during orientation by reading a book, viewing an important film or attending a lecture, then discussing their responses with their academic advising groups. But this year brought something different.

To begin the story of the 2010 academic project, “Encounters@Wake,” we have to go back a couple of centuries, to 1853, when the young American landscape painter Frederic Edwin Church set off for South America. Profoundly influenced by the journeys of Alexander von Humboldt and Charles Darwin, Church trekked through the jungles and mountains of Colombia and Ecuador for more than six months, making sketches as his scientific predecessors would have collected specimens. Upon his return, the artist undertook his largest and most ambitious canvas: “The Andes of Ecuador” (1855).

Frederic Church designed his works to have both scientific and religious connotations. In “The Andes of Ecuador,” all the precise botanical and geological details are bathed in celestial light. The painting’s success encouraged Church to adopt a new theatrical exhibition strategy: displaying his major canvases alone, swathed in velvet curtains, and charging an admission fee. Visitors brought opera glasses to immerse themselves in Church’s detailed landscapes — the 19th-century equivalent of watching a 3-D movie. Church’s paintings traveled around the country and even across the Atlantic. Tens of thousands of people went to see them.

“The Andes of Ecuador” now hangs at Reynolda House Museum of American Art, a University-affiliated museum with a world-class art collection displayed in the historic 1917 home of R.J. and Katharine Reynolds.

To prepare Wake Forest students for the viewing of Church’s painting, the University dedicated a section of the new-student website to the academic project. Throughout the summer, students had access to high-resolution images of the painting, excerpts from books written by the most influential scientific and literary figures of the 19th century, and videos created by professors from across the University highlighting the interdisciplinary nature of the painting. Videos spanned a range of topics, from Andean ecology and the perception of color to visual literacy and the economics of art. President Nathan Hatch headlined this impressive group of scholars by discussing the connection between the painting and his own area of research — 19th-century theology — and by emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary inquiry to a Wake Forest education.
I Looked and Learned  
By Melvin P. Washington (’14)

In August hundreds of other first-year students and I endured a grueling march up a hill, into the woods (I don’t like bugs) and through a museum, all to see one painting: “The Andes of Ecuador” by Frederic Church. As captivating as the South American vista was, I was more impressed by the way this painting fit into the overall Wake Forest orientation experience.

Most schools have convocations and lectures with smiling-yet-distant professors, but Wake Forest orientation went a bit further. While mindlessly dragging my aching body along the trail, I couldn’t help but notice a multitude of smiling faces and people offering cups of water and kind words. The closer we got to Reynolda House Museum of American Art, more gathered to help and introduce themselves.

I’m no art critic, but I could have enjoyed the piece on my own. The burgundy mountains in the background, the majestic waterfalls and the bottomless cliffs were just as breathtaking when viewed online in the solitude and serenity of my residence hall as they were when I was in the museum surrounded by countless other students.

What I couldn’t get from the viewing in my room were the kindness, expertise and eagerness of the Wake Forest staff. Until today, I would have never understood how I could use a paper-towel roll to focus the eye for a more in-depth and lively viewing of a work of art. That impressed me.

I feel my experience with this painting was reflective of the overall orientation process, which augurs well for the rest of my four years. Orientation proved Wake Forest could provide new perspectives on things once overlooked by an untrained eye. The viewing seemed to showcase the educational model of the University, where a caring, qualified and friendly staff is easily accessible to anyone who has so much as a simple question.

Church’s painting did much more than please my eyes; it was a crucial supplement to an orientation that eased my anxieties regarding professors and the curriculum. I guess one could say Church’s brilliant depiction of an exotic landscape, ironically, made me feel right at home.

Jennifer Raab was the Betsy Main Babcock Postdoctoral Curatorial and Teaching Fellow at Reynolda House Museum of American Art from 2009 until September 2010. She received her Ph.D. from Yale University in 2009 and wrote her doctoral dissertation on Frederic Church. She is now a research fellow at the John F. Kennedy-Institut at the Freie Universität in Berlin.

The cultural and historical contexts might be different, but the questions are often the same. Encounters@Wake enabled students to see how a single work of art can engage issues of science and exploration, religion and spectacle, politics and perception. By looking carefully and closely, details can become the source of revelation.

Jennifer Raab (gesturing) and first-year students discuss ‘The Andes of Ecuador’ during orientation.

This was a pioneering project. To our knowledge, the use of a painting for orientation has been done only once before. Last fall, the University of Pennsylvania introduced its first-year students to another famed 19th-century painting, Thomas Eakins’ “The Gross Clinic” (1875), from the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This collaboration between University and museum provided a model for Wake Forest and Reynolda House.

Why ask students to look at a work of art? Because developing the ability to become critical viewers and thinkers is an essential part of a liberal arts education. The most basic skills needed to look at and interpret a 19th-century painting are, in fact, very similar to those needed to visually analyze the images we encounter every day, whether on computers, television screens or billboards.

The class of 2014 can boast of these characteristics: 81 percent graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class; 22 percent are North Carolinians; 22 percent are students of color and 3 percent are international students.

Melvin P. Washington II, a first-year student from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., plans to study political science.
Last April when Brian Yablonski (’89) heard first reports of the catastrophic BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, his heart sank. An avid outdoorsman who has spent seven years helping to set and enforce Florida’s conservation policy, Yablonski knew that the millions of gallons of crude pouring into the Gulf meant big trouble. But instead of being paralyzed by the tragic headlines, he became fiercely energized to defend the coast.
Ben Twingley
A moment later he’s holding one of the ping-pong balls gently between thumb and fingers and transferring it to a high-tech container. Within a few hours, this turtle egg and many others will be rolling in a climate-controlled truck to Florida’s Atlantic Coast, where they’ll hatch and be released into waters safe from the BP oil spill.

It’s tricky work, and Yablonski’s face is already wet with perspiration. “Look at my hands, they’re shaking!” he quips as he concentrates on transferring the loggerhead egg safely. “OK, that one’s ready. Next stop, Cape Canaveral!”

He eyeballs the stack of turtle eggs for a few moments, and his broad face lights up with pure happiness. “Have I got a great job, or what?

With these loggerhead excavation and relocation projects, he says, “we’re hoping to save a generation of sea turtles.”

He gazes at the green waters and again to the nest dug by a mama loggerhead weeks earlier. The giant turtles, which can reach up to seven feet and 500 pounds or more, breed at sea before the females lumber ashore to deposit their eggs.

“At the commission, our goal is to serve as the voice of the wildlife,” says Yablonski, “and it’s our responsibility to protect these marine habitats at all times.” As an appointed and unpaid commissioner, he helps direct the agency’s formal conservation activities, which include setting statewide conservation policy, crafting wildlife regulations, enforcing fishing and hunting laws, and now helping Florida respond to history’s largest accidental oil spill in marine waters. He also advocates “doing everything we can to protect our vital natural resources from the oil, and to make sure that the polluter is appropriately punished for the destruction caused by this tragic incident.”
The gung-ho outdoorsman made news in June when he went public with demands for “more and bigger skimmers” and a quicker response from BP for the cleanup. In both his public role and his private life, he seeks to rally Floridians to protect their coastline from the spill — and to make sure that such a disaster never happens again.

“Lots Of Questions” . . . But No Answers

It’s dawn on sparsely populated St. George Island, just off the Florida Panhandle near Apalachicola, and the sky to the east is a day-glo swirl of vivid pinks and cream-white clouds. Twenty feet above the purling surf-line, a convoy of 10 brown pelicans goes chugging past. A spooked crab skitters down the sand, and two bottle-nosed dolphins cavort just beyond the waves. For a few minutes on this late-July morning, it’s difficult to believe there are up to 185 million gallons of oil lurking there in the Gulf.

But Yablonski — a political science major who minored in philosophy at Wake Forest and loves to talk about the “ethical complexities” involved in balancing the needs of “pure capitalism” with the urgent need to protect the environment — is quite aware of the ecological danger. “Right now, we’ve got a tremendous volume of sub-surface oil somewhere out there in the Gulf,” he says, “and nobody knows where it will end up.”

Then, as he lifts another turtle egg to the high-tech crate: “The jury is still out on whether the wildlife will be able to escape a worst-case scenario.” He lists the questions around how the oil might affect marine life, sediments, wetlands “and the water column itself.” Then he pauses to concentrate on adding another loggerhead egg to the batch of 202 that will be rescued here today. “We’ve got lots of questions and no answers,” he says. “But we aren’t going to wait around. As an old-fashioned, conservative Republican, I’ve always been a big Teddy Roosevelt fan… and I like what he said about situations where you can’t know everything but have to act.

“Teddy said, ‘Do what you can with what you have, but do it now’… and that’s the attitude we’ve taken at the commission from day one.

“There will be plenty of time at the end of the day to talk about blame and to talk about ‘who shot JR.’ But right now, we need to act. We need to save as many animals as we can.”

Grateful For A “Massive Army” Of Volunteers

Born in Philadelphia and raised mostly in the Washington D.C. suburbs, where his father was an antitrust lawyer and his mother a public school teacher, Yablonski arrived at Wake Forest in 1985, already a veteran of political life on Capitol Hill. He spent two high school summers as an intern with Rep. Henson Moore, R–La.

As a young man who’d enjoyed the congressional aide’s thrill-a-minute lifestyle, he felt naturally drawn to political science. “I had the good fortune to study under both Professor Katy Harriger (now department chair) and (Emeritus Professor) Jack Fleer,” he recalls, “and they were both inspiring. Katy got me interested in constitutional law — which led me to law school later — and Jack assigned me to study the history and politics of Florida in enormous detail.

“Thanks to them, I wound up studying constitutional law at the University of Miami, and then as a gubernatorial policy adviser to Jeb Bush (1999–2002). I’m also grateful I could minor in philosophy… and attend small classes where you couldn’t sit in the back and hide!”

Armed with his liberal arts training, Yablonski, a self-described “highly persistent” young man and a descendant of celebrated labor activists who sought to improve life for coal miners, took a daring step by applying for a White House staff position as a personal assistant and intern to President George H.W. Bush at age 21. Yablonski got the job, and he says it was the president who encouraged him to stay involved in politics — advice that eventually led to his job as Jeb Bush’s policy aide in Tallahassee.

An oil containment boom surrounds New Harbor Island, La.

It was there that his passionate attachment to the outdoors (he’s tracked grizzlies in Wyoming and fished for trout in Montana) led him to apply for one of the seats on the commission, to which he was appointed in 2004 and later tapped for a second term, overseeing with his fellow commissioners the state agency that employs 1,900 people and boasts a $300 million annual budget to enforce Florida’s rules for protecting fish and wildlife. Perhaps Yablonski’s
most notable achievement on the environmental front in recent years is a successful state constitutional amendment to give private landowners tax breaks for land set aside permanently for conservation. He was the sponsor.

He credits wife Kim, a freelance journalist, with helping him balance his “day job” as vice president for public affairs at the Tallahassee-based St. Joe Company, a major developer in Florida, with his volunteer work on the commission. St. Joe’s visible role in creating new housing developments and other major construction projects in Florida — the company owns 550,000 acres in the state and occasionally has been criticized for lack of environmental sensitivity — might lead some critics to question Yablonski’s ecological allegiances. But as an ardent advocate of “free-market environmentalism” and as a fan of novelist Ayn Rand’s “pure capitalism,” he insists that his publicly owned company has a compelling self-interest in protecting the environment … and that its “market-based” support for defending the state’s natural resources “actually represents the most effective form of environmentalism in today’s complex, global economy.”

Yablonski volunteered for the conservation commission “because I think we have an obligation to serve as stewards of our natural resources.” In fulfilling his role, he has been working with Florida’s official multi-agency team of “First Responders” to track the oil in the Gulf and protect wildlife. Equipped with helicopters, fixed-wing airplanes, dozens of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and more than a score of offshore vessels, the First Responders, who represent half a dozen different state agencies, have counted oiled birds, rescued turtles, collected fish tissue samples for federal hydrocarbon testing and performed a hundred related tasks since the disaster began.

“One of the most heartening things about this disaster is the way people from all over Florida have responded,” says the policy wonk-turned-environmentalist over a plate of seafood at Boss Oyster House in Apalachicola. “We’ve got thousands of volunteers and dedicated scientists and conservation officers at work along the Panhandle, and we’ve been amazed to see how they’ve been energized to help the fish and wildlife of Florida.

“We’ve got a massive army out here fighting to save the turtles and the birds — and we aren’t going to stop until it’s safe for them to go back in the water!”

Tom Nugent, based in Hastings, Mich., writes frequently about science for the Chicago Tribune, MIT Technology Review and other publications.

On May 7, I got a seemingly routine assignment from an editor with the news section of the science journal Nature, which I’ve written for as a freelancer for more than a decade. Past articles have taken me around the world from Colombia to Fiji, but usually once the story is done I move on within a few weeks. I had no idea a simple Friday e-mail would transform the next year — and quite possibly more — of my life.

I had already written a quick article about the likely ecological impacts of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. My editor’s new request was that I venture to Louisiana to cover scientists studying the spill.

We settled on a group of oceanographers heading out to the spill zone to gauge how certain areas looked ahead of the oil so that future impacts could be measured, and to figure out where the oil was already going. The only catch was that to join the expedition I needed hazardous waste training — a strict Coast Guard requirement for all entering the zone. Oh, and I’d need to be in the tiny village of Cocodrie, La., two hours south of New Orleans, within less than 24 hours.

After much back and forth discussion about a $1,000 private training course, they finally let slip that I could do it cheaply online. About forty-five minutes later I was driving from my home in Melbourne, Fla., to the airport.

The training never mentioned the word oil, but it was as boring as tar. I had to run out an eight-hour clock to get my certificate, so I stayed logged on every chance I got, including walking through airports, but I made it to Cocodrie in plenty of time.

The oceanographers that graciously allowed me to tag along were part of the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology, a cooperative effort between the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Once at sea, my job was to send daily blog posts via the ship’s satellite connection and then do a two-page article for the magazine’s next issue. Things happened so quickly that I was on the 115-foot R/V Pelican, owned by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, before I started to wonder if the work would be interesting enough to sustain the blog. It turned out I needn’t have worried.

There were plenty of grim observations to hold everyone’s attention. Our first day out we saw streaks of reddish-brown

Birth of ‘The Blowout Experiment’

By Mark Schrope (’93)
oil in various forms, some dotted with dead jellyfish known as by-the-wind sailors. That night the dozens of response ships at the spill lit the sky like a small city. As we steamed that direction the next morning, the stretches of thick oil grew larger, and an overpowering smell of oil at times filled the ship. As a native Floridian with many fond memories of the Gulf, they were painful views.

The most pivotal moment came on May 13. That’s when instruments revealed what appeared to be oil in some form trapped about 3,000 feet down. The finding came as a shock because most people, including BP, expected all the oil to float. From that point on, all the team’s work focused on tracking the deep plume of what turned out to be very diffuse oil droplets and methane, traces of which stretched for more than 20 miles out from the crippled wellhead.

News of the discovery spread quickly around the world after I reported the find, but it’s possible that a New York Times article that went out two days later had more to do with that than my blog posts. ...

The day I got home, I did an interview with Rachel Maddow on MSNBC, a show I had never even seen because, to my children’s dismay, we don’t have cable. Later that night, a literary agent contacted me and asked if I had considered doing a book on the spill. I hadn’t, in part because I was in the early stages of developing another book.

But my academic and personal background seemed a perfect match for the story, depressing as it is in many ways. We decided to move forward. I continued to cover the spill for Nature, while frantically putting together a book proposal, which led to a deal with Rodale in July. The book is tentatively called “The Blowout Experiment: Tracking the Oil, Science, and Stories of the Gulf Catastrophe.”

I’ve now flown across the spill zone on a research flight, traveled to remote fishing villages in Mexico to learn about the aftermath of a similar spill in 1979, and made multiple trips to the Gulf with my 1974 Wellcraft powerboat to see the impact of the oil spill on beaches and marshes — and people — firsthand.

Over the next several months I’ll be tagging along on more expeditions into the Gulf, and I’ll continue exploring the coast and meeting with the many people affected by this disaster. For those interested in following along, visit www.TheBlowoutExperiment.com.

Mark Schrope graduated with a BS in biology. Besides Nature, he has written for a range of magazines such as Popular Science, Sport Diver, New Scientist, Outside, and Caribbean Travel + Life.
When Matt Gallagher (’05), a history major and English minor from Reno, Nev., first signed up for Wake Forest’s ROTC program, he wanted to become a JAG lawyer to follow in the footsteps of his attorney parents. But two weeks into his freshman year, 9/11 happened. The terrorist attack, along with the University’s Pro Humanitate motto, made him change his mind. “I started thinking above and beyond myself. I wanted to give back to my country,” says Gallagher. “So I joined the front lines of the armored cavalry.”

While serving as the leader of his Army platoon, Gallagher started a blog. Though it began as merely a way to keep his family and friends informed during his deployment (December 2007 to March 2009), his online journal quickly became popular and controversial, sparking an international uproar — and a book deal.

“You once gave your platoon an order to kill. What was it like to make, literally, a life or death decision in a matter of seconds?”

Matt Gallagher (left) now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. Above, Lt. Gallagher during service in Iraq.
**STIRRING THINGS UP**

**Did you realize your blog was gathering a large following?**

I installed a hit counter so I could tell that a growing number of people were clicking on my site daily. The blog has gotten nearly 200,000 page views to date. I’ll never forget the day I got a comment from someone who wasn’t my mother — that was cool.

**What was the event that prompted your now-infamous blog post?**

My battalion commander wanted to promote me to executive officer. It would have been an “off the line” job, meaning I’d be away from my platoon and in charge of gear. I had no interest. I told him: “I’ll do the best I can, but you should know that I’m not planning on staying in the Army forever, so maybe this job would be better suited for someone who is staying in and could use this opportunity to move up the ranks.” Then he chewed me out for not wanting to make the Army my lifelong career.

**Why didn’t you want to stay in the Army?**

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**What did you do after your battalion commander yelled at you?**

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**Do you think your battalion commander made the wrong call by shutting down your blog?**

Yes. It was a decision made by a reactionary bureaucracy that isn’t in tune with 21st century media.

**If you were in your battalion commander’s shoes, how would you have handled it?**

I would have blogged back at the soldier. Or I’d have made him write an apology. You can’t kill the Internet — once it’s out there, it’s out there.

**Did you challenge your battalion commander’s decision?**

No. The controversy had become such a distraction compared to the seriousness of my daily life that I didn’t want to aggravate or prolong the problem.

**Explain the irony of what happened next.**

By shutting down my blog, my battalion commander ended up drawing even more attention to it. The blogosphere went nuts — people were posting on their own sites about whether or not it was ethical for the military to make me stop writing.

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**So your battalion commander found out about the blog post?**

Yes. Supposedly he was reading a Salon.com article in which a writer had linked to my post. As a result, he told me to shut down my blog.

**But, technically, did your blog post break any military rules?**

No. I may have insulted my boss, but I didn’t violate “operational security,” the military’s blogging rules — I didn’t describe who or where we were.

**Now that you’re no longer with the military, does the blog still exist?**

Yes. Somebody created a mirror site off a Google cache. I got operational control of it once I left the Army. You can still read it at kaboomwarjournalarchive.blogspot.com.

**LIFE AT WAR**

This summer, General Stanley McChrystal was fired by President Obama for airing grievances publicly to Rolling Stone magazine. He was, like you, penalized for speaking his mind and disrespecting authority, albeit on a much grander scale.

I wasn’t surprised by what he said, but I was surprised that he said it to a journalist on the record.

There are some harsh scenes in the book. One detainee is so terrified that he soils himself. A platoon member is accidentally set on fire. An injured Iraqi storms onto your base while his intestines spill out of him. But those moments are tempered by tender and even funny experiences. Like the parts where Iraqi children swarm around you, begging for candy or Beanie Babies. Or when after a stressful mission, you rock out to a Spice Girls song in your armored vehicle.

Throughout the book, I wanted to show both sides of life as a soldier. War can be brutal, but also hilarious.
You once gave your platoon an order to kill. What was it like to make, literally, a life or death decision in a matter of seconds?

My instincts kicked in. Only later did I have time to second- and third-guess myself.

At one point in the memoir, you help a platoon member pick up a bomb. You’re pretty sure it won’t detonate, but not 100 percent sure. Where does that courage come from?

I was the lieutenant, and I told myself that I would never ask one of my soldiers to do anything that I wouldn’t do myself. You just have to turn off that fear and do it.

You yawn a lot throughout the book, diagnose yourself with insomnia, and sip coffee, chai tea and energy drinks called Rip-Its. You also have to walk around in full uniform on summer days when temperatures regularly soar past 100 degrees.

War is incredibly draining. You need those stimulants to perk yourself up and stay alert, because most of the time you are physically and mentally spent — not to mention filthy.

In one scene, you notice graffiti in a port-o-john: America isn’t at war. Soldiers are at war. America is at the mall. Does U.S. apathy and ignorance bother you?

Yes. It’s an unintended consequence of having a voluntary force. People who lack a direct connection to the war are often unengaged. To a certain extent, I understand. People have lives. The economy is tanking. Pelicans are dying in oil. The last thing they want is more bad news. But every now and then, I get on my self-righteous soapbox.

You describe moments of subtle defiance in the book. Under your uniform, for example, you wear socks featuring the Guinness beer logo and pink boxer shorts with skulls on them.

It was a way of reminding myself that I was an individual. I could get the job done and do it well, but still be Matt. The military has a group culture — everyone wears the same uniform, cuts their hair the same way, eats the same food, speaks the same coded language — so it’s easy to forget who you are sometimes.

You spout acronyms. Some are serious, like AO (area of operations), and some are humorous, like BCGs (birth control goggles — eyewear so ugly it deters the opposite sex). Was it hard to learn the lingo?

It took me a year to master it all. I carried a notebook and repeated phrases out loud.

What did you miss most while you were in Iraq?

Guinness. And shade — there are hardly any trees over there.

How has war changed you?

In some ways, it ages you. I’ve experienced a lot for a twenty-something. But when you’re in the military, so much is structured and done for you. So in other ways, I feel younger than my peers. I haven’t bought clothes in four years. I’ve never had to pay rent or bills. It’s like I’ve gone back in time.

Do you miss being in the Army?

I miss the thrill, the camaraderie, and the sense of purpose. But there’s a lot I don’t miss. Today, I definitely enjoy growing my hair out and sleeping in.

ON WRITING

Have you always wanted to write?

Yes. One summer between years at WFU, I tried to write the “Great American Novel.” It was terrible. I submitted it to lots of literary agents, but only one, William Clark, was kind enough to send me a note back. He rejected it, but still, it was nice. I’ve since burned every page of the novel, but it was good for my development as a writer.

How did your book deal for Kaboom come about?

A month after The Washington Post article came out, many literary agents e-mailed me about turning my blog into a memoir. One of them, coincidentally, was William Clark. He didn’t remember me, but I never forgot his name. So I signed with him, and 10 months later, Da Capo agreed to publish it. After I returned from Iraq, I wrote the first draft in four months, while memories were fresh. The book hit store shelves in April of this year.

What’s next for you?

I’m in graduate school this fall at Columbia University in New York City. I’m getting a master’s degree in Islamic studies. Whether that degree will lead me to a government job or a think tank or academia, I don’t know yet.

Do you plan to write more in the future?

Yes, I’m taking another crack at that novel. This time, I’m writing about veterans and the madness of New York City. Hopefully it’ll be better than my first.

Jane Bianchi is associate health editor at Family Circle Magazine in New York City.

‘Funny, harrowing’

“Mr. Gallagher is too modest, and too ironic, to tout his own accomplishments, so I’ll do it for him: He is a classic representative of the U.S. military, a force that imposed its will, both physical and moral, to shatter al Qaeda in Iraq and quash the Shiite-Sunni civil war and that is now withdrawing with honor, leaving Iraq a much better place than under Saddam Hussein.”

—The Wall Street Journal

His “exceptional narrative technique makes the soldier in-group cant both believable and coherent.”

—Library Journal

“Kaboom is funny and profound, urbane and vulgar, witty and worthwhile.”

—Air Force Times

“As funny as it is harrowing.”

—Entertainment Weekly

To learn more about Gallagher’s memoir, “Kaboom: Embracing the Suck in a Savage Little War,” visit kaboombook.com. Gallagher plans to sign copies of his book in the Wake Forest Bookstore at 3 p.m. on Oct. 7.
A Reaffirmation of Mission

The Wake Forest Board of Trustees, at its summer conference in July, reaffirmed the University’s dedication to its core mission of educating the whole person, strengthening the teacher-scholar model, expanding financial aid for students, and offering new classrooms and meeting places on campus. The board also approved the exploratory phase of a major capital campaign. “We cannot achieve our dreams if they are not your dreams,” President Nathan Hatch told the trustees and guests. Following are excerpts from speeches at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C.

On minds and hearts

The English poet John Masefield once noted: “There are few earthly things more beautiful than a college.” I think he is right. We at a place like Wake Forest have the astounding privilege of welcoming outstanding young people — potential leaders of the next generation — into a community and a conversation that have animated the halls of Wake Forest since 1834. What greater challenge can you imagine than “forming,” and I use that word advisedly, forming the minds and hearts of young people of such talent and commitment.
EDWIN GRAVES WILSON (*’43), provost and professor emeritus delivered a much-heralded speech titled “The Essence of Wake Forest.”

On words that guided him as a freshman

When I began to think of the Wake Forest I know and love, two words came at once to my mind: friendliness and honor. I heard them for the first time as Wake Forest words on the night of my own freshman orientation. “At Wake Forest,” Professor Jasper Memory said, “You say hello to everyone you meet.” And Pete Davis, the president of the student body, told us about the honor system: “We do not use proctors. We trust you. Just sign your name. That’s enough.” And — for many years — every Wake Forest freshman was given a badge to wear. The badge had two words on it: friendliness and honor. The friendliness we spoke of was not just about saying “Good morning” or waving a hand in greeting. Nor was it merely a sign of Southern hospitality or student camaraderie. It incorporated the faculty also. The student yearbook, in fact, introduced the faculty section with the words “Our Friends the Faculty.”

On enduring friendship

I do not wish to make unsupported claims for Wake Forest or for our faculty, but I do believe that “friendliness” between students and teachers is still part of our collegiate environment. The other day, I received, as I often do, a letter from a recent graduate. This one said: “I’ve told many folks that, if I had to make my college decision over 100 times, I would 100 times choose Wake Forest. It was a perfect setting for a young man from the rural environment of Anson County who wanted to broaden his horizons. Upon arrival I found myself woefully unprepared academically but also at once I found the opportunity (to learn and to grow).” He then mentioned by name 10 professors—from seven different departments — who had helped and inspired him. Perhaps a better word than

On the ‘essential ingredient’

Students are the essential ingredient in the magic of this place. As we look to the future, we must find ways to enable them to afford to come to Wake Forest. At the moment our financial aid endowment per student is among the lowest of any top-ranked university. The packages we offer students require more loan commitment than any of our peers. We are competing against Vanderbilt and Rice, which are about $3,000; Georgetown and Emory, which are about $4,000. Davidson requires no loans from any student. It is essential that we recommit ourselves to the preservation of opportunity for any qualified student.

At the center of our efforts to preserve opportunity will be the Endowment for Wake Forest Scholars, which will reduce debt burden for students who fall into the gap between ability to pay and the current availability of need-based financial aid.

On the teacher-scholar model

We at Wake Forest believe that personal attention and interest is essential to the learning process. The magic of the teacher-scholar model is not simply that faculty devote somewhat more time to teaching than research. The magic of the engagement we seek is that faculty are actually interested in — and committed to — their students. We know that the most powerful predictor of academic success at any level is when teachers believe that students can achieve. …

We intend to create the Presidents’ Trust for the Teacher-Scholar Ideal, combining support from many quarters to recruit and retain the exceptional teacher-scholars who make this community distinctive.

On the stewardship of Reynolda Campus

Over the last fifty years in Winston-Salem, Wake Forest has crafted a campus with a very special sense of place. It resembles the powerful sense of community and grace of the old campus; and it draws graduates to return, not only for sporting events and class reunions but also in highly symbolic, almost spiritual, ways. Alumni return to think through important decisions, to celebrate times of joy and commemoration, and to gain solace when tragedy strikes.

Architect Hugh Jacobsen has said that great places are built by communities one step at a time; and when you look at them it’s like reading the hopes, aspirations, and pride of everyone who built them. We are blessed to have a campus that has this kind of history and magical connection.

Our recently completed campus Master Plan has addressed the future of this magical place with the dignity and historic continuity it deserves. As we care for a campus community in which many of the facilities are about to turn sixty years old, we are committed to stewarding the rich resource of the Reynolda Campus.
“friendliness” is “friendship.” I think that Wake Forest is a place for friendship. And, when I look at the two words we have chosen to define the Wake Forest faculty member — teacher and scholar — I speculate that maybe we should add a third word: friend. That may well be the best word of all.

On a higher calling

As I look at our nation, at our world, as they appear today, I see an increasingly urgent opportunity — and need — for men and women like Wake Forest students — who, to be sure, in (Ralph Waldo) Emerson’s word, “think” but also represent character, affection, justice, principle. I would say indeed that principles are more important to our students — and, of course, to us too — than high grades or intellect, as valuable as they are. Almost every day, it seems — in newspapers or on television — we read about someone—an athlete, a writer, a professor, a banker, a businessman, a candidate for office, a governor, a congressman, a minister, a priest—a person of presumed intellect—a person who thinks—who none the less-led by thoughtless passion, by selfishness, by greed—turns away from family, friends, and obligations and betrays a public trust. Almost every failure we hear about — almost every fall from grace — whether in Raleigh or in Washington or on Wall Street or even sometimes in our hometowns — is a moral failure, not an intellectual failure. And these failures, unfortunately, are bipartisan and interfaith, and they ignore Emerson’s warning: “Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.”

On the reinterpretation of the motto

Originally, Pro Humanitate was meant to echo the words of Jesus to his disciples: “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” “And the disciples went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere.” Today, Pro Humanitate is still Wake Forest’s much–cherished motto, and the original interpretation is still being heard by some who wish to “proclaim” the good news of the Gospels, but it is no longer for most Wake Foresters an invitation to proclaim and to convert. Rather it tells us to be friends to all humanity, to treat humanity with honor, to teach, to help, to serve. And nothing is more encouraging to me than to know students and alumni who hear the words Pro Humanitate and then, with friendship and honor, put those words into practice.

As we look to the future, I hope that we will remember “friendliness” and “honor” and Pro Humanitate as cornerstones of what I think of as the uniqueness of Wake Forest as a University. I do not like to talk about “peer institutions,” and may I say that for me national rankings of universities are invariably shallow and partial and not to be trusted. Wake Forest really has no “peers.” There is no other school quite like us. We stand alone. We are what we are. We do not exist in relation to other schools; we succeed or we fail only in so far as we are true to our own commitments, to our own ambitions, to our own destiny, to friendship and honor… Let us, as we move toward our goal of being — in Nathan Hatch’s words— “a collegiate university,” be not just one among many but, at heart, the same Wake Forest we have always been.
DAVID BROOKS, op-ed columnist for The New York Times and commentator on "The Newshour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, gave the keynote address on the need to educate emotions.

On the Intelligence Quotient

IQ is a terrible predictor of how somebody is going to do in life. There have been vast numbers of studies about this, and the general surveys find that IQ predicts between 4 and 20 percent of the variation of job performance. It has some role in predicting who will do well, (but not) the real mental dispositions that explain success in thinking and doing well: Are you curious? Are you open-minded? Do you adjust the strength of your conclusion to the strength of the evidence? Are you comfortable with ambiguity? Are you modest in the face of partial knowledge?

On a moral education

We’re really good at talking about technical stuff. We’re really bad at talking about moral stuff, and so I think we’ve … trained in many ways a really marvelous generation of young people … but in the most important things in American life they’re left entirely on their own. And so I was really pleased to hear Nathan (Hatch) talk about educating the whole person. Because that really is a way out of the hyper-professionalization of childhood.

On the need to educate the emotions

The central evolutionary truth is that our unconscious emotions matter most, and the central humanistic truth is that we have the ability to improve our emotions, to educate them to make ourselves better people. Now we have a bias in our culture away from that. We’re good at talking about material things; we’re good at talking about reason. We’re really bad at talking about emotion and character. And yet these are the skills that actually explain how people do in life. …

Making smart decisions is not primarily about being hyper-rational. It’s about having very educated emotions. And those emotions are things, some of which come naturally, but some of which we train. We train by reading books, by seeing art. We train by our culture, by our emotional reactions to things. There’s a whole line of research on how Chinese and Americans see things differently. If you take a fish tank for example and show a Chinese person the fish tank, they’re likely to describe the context of the fish tank, the different fish in the tank, the nature, the environment of the fish tank. You show an American the fish tank; the American points to the biggest fish and describes that. We have a very individualistic way of perceiving the world.

If you take the words cow, duck and grass, and ask an American and a Chinese person to put two of those words together, Americans will tend to pick cow and duck because they’re both animals. They go together. Chinese will tend to pick cow and grass because cows eat grass. This is a generalization: Chinese tend to see relationships whereas Americans tend to see just individuals. And we’re trained by that, by our emotions gravitating toward certain things. And this process, this choice architecture beneath our choices, is more important than the rational calculation we may do.

So the smart person who’s truly wise isn’t the person with the most candlepower, the highest IQ. The people who succeed in business and in most areas of life, even academia, are people with … an awareness of what goes together and what doesn’t. It’s basically an awareness of what’s going on inside and therefore an awareness of what’s going on in the world.

On character

We like to think our character is formed by … we study ethical dilemmas. We listen to sermons. We apply moral laws. We do moral reasoning, but this isn’t true either. Part of our morality begins deep inside with these moral emotions. … We’re basically born with a sense of these moral sentiments — about fairness, about harm, about authority and respect, about purity and disgust, about in-group and out-of-group relationships, who’s with us and who’s not. And we’re born with these sentiments and these emotions, but they have to be cultivated.
Historic grant supports The Character Project

Because understanding character lies at the heart of human identity, philosophers, psychologists and theologians have long wrestled with how to define good character and how to improve character.

Professors Christian Miller (philosophy), William F. Fleeson (psychology) and Michael R. Furr (psychology) have been awarded a $3.67 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation — the largest ever received at Wake Forest for a humanities project — for The Character Project, an exploration of the nature of character. Miller, Zachary T. Smith Faculty Fellow and associate professor of philosophy, is the principal investigator on the grant and will direct the three-year project.

“When we think about how to understand human behavior, one of the first things we tend to mention is someone’s character and character traits such as honesty, courage or laziness,” Miller said. “We are very excited about using the complementary perspectives of psychology, philosophy and theology to better understand what our characters are like and how we can improve ourselves as persons.”

The multifaceted approach to understanding character will include:
• Competitions for scholars around the country seeking funding for research on character;
• Research projects by Wake Forest psychology and philosophy professors;
• Two research conferences and a summer seminar;
• An essay competition with nine prizes of $3,000 each.

“Character and how to develop it are at the core of who we are as human beings,” said President Nathan O. Hatch. “This award spotlights Wake Forest’s pairing of a classical liberal arts education with a focus on the education of the whole person. Christian Miller’s groundbreaking work and the Templeton Foundation’s support of innovative scholarship will advance our understanding of foundational issues for our society.”

The project’s first initiatives will be to conduct psychology research at Wake Forest and to fund proposals in psychology on the existence and nature of character and the relationship between character traits and beliefs, desires, identities, emotions, behavior and situations.

Lab-on-Bead research expedites matches between drugs, disease markers

New research accepted by the Journal of Molecular Recognition confirms that a revolutionary technology developed at Wake Forest University will slash years off the time it takes to develop drugs — bringing vital new treatments to patients much more quickly.

Lab-on-Bead uses tiny beads studded with “pins” that match a drug to a disease marker in a single step, so researchers can test an infinite number of possibilities for treatments all at once. When Lab-on-Bead makes a match, it has found a viable treatment for a specific disease — speeding up drug discovery by as much as 10,000 times and cutting out years of testing and re-testing in the laboratory.

“It helps the most interesting new drugs work together to stick their heads up above the crowd,” said Jed C. Macosko, an associate professor of physics at Wake Forest and primary inventor of the Lab-on-Bead technology. “Each type of drug has its own molecular barcode. Then, with the help of matching DNA barcodes on each nanoscopic bead, all the drugs of a certain type find their own ‘home’ bead and work together to make themselves known in our drug discovery process. It’s kind of like when Dr. Seuss’s Whos down in Whoville all yelled together so that Horton the elephant and all of his friends could hear them.”

Macosko and Martin Guthold, an associate professor of physics at Wake Forest and the co-inventor of Lab-on-Bead, will work with the biotechnology startup NanoMedica Inc. to test how drug companies will use the new tool. The company has relocated to Winston-Salem from New Jersey; Macosko serves as the company’s chief innovation officer, and Guthold is its chief science officer. The company has one year to work with the technology to bring it to market or relinquish the rights to the patent.

Lab-on-Bead screens millions of chemicals simultaneously using plastic beads so small that 1,000 of them would fit across a human hair. Pharmaceutical companies would use the technology to identify treatments and diagnostics for conditions ranging from cancer to Alzheimer’s.

One of the targets the research team has focused on is a breast cancer cell called HER2. “We want to find a molecule that detects that cancer cell,” Guthold said. “In that circumstance, you could use Lab-on-Bead as a diagnostic tool.”

The North Carolina Biotechnology Center, a private, nonprofit corporation funded by the N.C. General Assembly, provided $75,000 in funding for the project. Harvard University in Boston and Université de Strasbourg in Strasbourg, France, are providing the chemicals being screened in the Lab-on-Bead process.

“There are an infinite number of possibilities for combining carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen and other elements into different shapes that interact differently in the cells,” Macosko said. “Those shapes could block cancer — they could block all kinds of things.”
Embodying Pro Humanitate

Don Leonard (‘65) sponsors program to recognize student service

Trustee Don Leonard (‘65, P ’89, P ’92) has created The Pro Humanitate Honor Roll Program to formally recognize exemplary community service close to home or around the world.

The program recognizes students who contribute a certain number of volunteer hours each semester. Outstanding students receive awards and a cash prize to donate to the nonprofit of their choice. “I was especially interested because we obviously honor our athletes, and we give special recognition to our scholars,” Leonard said. “But when I asked the question, ‘Does anyone recognize those students who give so much time and energy to community service?’ I found that, with the exception of a few awards, Wake Forest did not have a mechanism for recognizing a large pool of students invested in service.”

The initiative arose from a meeting of the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees, Leonard said. One of the proposals from students was to create a system to recognize student-service work, a project Leonard had been contemplating.

Students who participate in the program sign up through the honor-roll website so their activities can be recorded and validated. Students who contribute more than 50 hours of unpaid service in a semester are placed on the Pro Humanitate Honor Roll.

Once a student has earned a spot on the honor roll, he or she is eligible to be nominated for a Service Excellence Award. Service awards go to an outstanding male and female student in the first-year, sophomore and junior classes. Recipients receive a $500 prize to donate to a nonprofit.

Leonard, a real-estate developer based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., can’t even recall the first time he volunteered to help a charitable organization. But he knows the rewards through the years. “I have really benefited more than the people that we’ve served because I’ve developed so many good friendships,” he said. “I feel like I’ve gotten a lot more out of it than I’ve put in.”

The Christman Award, established several years ago in honor of Ed Christman (‘50, JD ‘53), who retired after 49 years as chaplain in 2003, — is now part of the honor-roll awards program. It is given to a senior in recognition of his or her contributions of service over four years. The winner receives a $500 award and another $750 to donate to the nonprofit of their choice.

2009-10 Winners

Edgar Christman Award for Service

A.J. Warr (’10)
Puyallup, Wash.
Charity donation: Shalom Project, Specifically for Wake Saturdays
Warr served in leadership roles with Presbyterian Student Fellowship and Campus Kitchen and volunteered with Crisis Control and Wake Saturdays. He also volunteered with the Orphanos Foundation in Honduras and Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. He spent the fall 2008 semester volunteering with a missionary group in Haiti.

Vincent Ganzon, Junior
Monroe, N.C.
Charity donation: Crisis Control in Winston-Salem
Ganzon was a member of the Volunteer Service Corps and planned several service projects as the co-chair for the service committee. He held several other leadership roles on campus and was a SPARC (Students Promoting Action and Responsibility in the Community) leader last summer. He also planned and led a Wake Alternative Break to Chicago to volunteer with Casa Central over spring break.

Leah Beachley, Junior
Hagerstown, Md.
Charity donation: El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza in Honduras
Beachley helped start a new student-service group called Students Helping Honduras, which organized fundraisers for children. She also led a service trip to Honduras during spring break and participated in the City of Joy service trip to Calcutta, India, during winter break.

Jung Kim, Sophomore
Salisbury, Md.
Charity donation: Big Brothers Big Sisters in Winston-Salem
Kim volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Winston-Salem. He also spent time as a bedside volunteer at the hospital, and he volunteered at Casa Central during the Wake Alternative Break trip to Chicago.

Lisa Northrop, Senior
Asheville, N.C.
Charity donation: Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center
Northrop volunteered with the Volunteer Service Corps, Alpha Phi Omega and the Ronald McDonald House. She also led a Wake Alternative Break service trip to Franklin, W.Va., where the group volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. She served as the Wake Forest representative on North Carolina Campus Compact’s student advisory board.

— Andy Morrissey
With solar panels on the roof to heat water and touch screens in the hallways for monitoring energy usage, Wake Forest’s newest residence hall has the latest in green technology.

South Hall reflects the University’s commitment to sustainability and was designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Design) certification — silver level standards. “This is going to help students understand what it means to live in a sustainable environment,” said Donna McGal- liard, dean of residence life and housing. “Sustainability is not just a fad or passing trend. We want to be good stewards and teach students to be good stewards of the environment.”

The new residence hall houses about 200 first-year students in double rooms. The four-story building, located beside Collins Residence Hall, has a two-story parlor; a classroom; a media room; a recreation room; and two study rooms and two kitchens/lounges on every floor.

Natural light is an essential part of the design, said Ryan Swanson, University architect. Double-paned sustainable living: South Hall goes green
‘The Barn’ will be new on-campus social venue

As part of an initiative to provide additional space for on-campus social events, Wake Forest is beginning construction on The Barn. The building, to be located in the wooded area on campus between University Parkway and Palmer and Piccolo residence halls, will be a site for live music, trivia night contests and parties. Construction is scheduled to begin in October and end by late spring 2011.

The building is part of a plan announced in August to strengthen campus life and increase community vibrancy. The new building will provide students with the safety of an on-campus venue within walking distance of residence halls.

Preliminary plans include a porch and large open area with stage for bands and DJs. Spaces for ping-pong and pool tables and a video game area are under consideration. “We want our campus life to be exciting,” said Ken Zick, vice president and dean for student affairs. “Our goal is to keep students on campus with an enriched repertoire of campuswide activities, and this new on-campus social venue will allow student groups to host parties and celebrations. We are responding to student requests to build such a place.”

Student Government President Natalie Halpern (’11) was involved in the early planning stages. “I’ve talked to a lot of student groups, and they can’t wait to schedule events,” Halpern said. “I’m very excited the administration has decided to do this to help move the social scene back onto campus. It will set us apart from a lot of other campuses.”

A well-lit path will lead to the facility from central campus. Emergency call boxes will be placed along the pathway, and The Barn will be equipped with exterior security lighting. The environmental impact of the building will be minimized, incorporating energy-efficient features such as a rainwater collection system. Cross-country trails affected by the new building will be rerouted and improved.
Associate provost, academic deans named

A new associate provost and a number of academic deans in the College, Graduate School, School of Law and Schools of Business were appointed effective July 1.

Jennifer Collins was named to a three-year term as Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives. Collins, who joined the faculty in 2003, will work with faculty from across the University to develop academic programs. She will retain her title as professor of law and will continue to teach in the law school. She succeeds Michele Gillespie, the Kahle Associate Professor of History, who is returning to the history faculty after her three-year term as an associate provost.

Wake Forest College

Rebecca Thomas (P ’12), Professor of German and Russian, was named to a three-year term as Associate Dean for Faculty Development. Her responsibilities include professional development for faculty; tenure and promotion processes; faculty leaves, awards and fellowships; and supporting diversity in the faculty. Thomas joined the faculty in 1993 and had previously served as chair of the German and Russian department. She succeeds Professor of Biology Herman Eure (’74), who has returned to the biology faculty.

Randall Rogan, Professor of Communication, was named to a three-year term as Associate Dean for Academic Planning. His responsibilities include the faculty recruitment and hiring process; accreditation and program reviews; and enrollment and course management. Rogan joined the faculty in 1990 and had previously served as an associate dean in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He succeeds Paul Ribisl (P ’88, P ’91), the Charles E. Taylor Professor of Health and Exercise Science, who has returned to the health and exercise science faculty.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Bradley Jones (’84), The Tatum Faculty Fellow and Professor of Chemistry, was named Associate Dean for Recruiting and Program Publicity. His responsibilities include working with program directors to increase student quality and diversity; serving as the point of contact for Graduate School-related matters on the Reynolda Campus; and implementing the recommendations of the Masters and Doctoral Task Forces. Jones joined the faculty in 1989 and previously served as chair of the chemistry department. He succeeds Linda McPhail (MS ’73, PhD ’76), who has returned to the biochemistry faculty at the School of Medicine.

Dwayne Godwin was named Associate Dean for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Professional Development. He is also professor of neurobiology and anatomy at the School of Medicine. He previously served as an assistant dean in the Graduate School and director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. His responsibilities include directing the PhD/MBA program; providing professional development activities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows; serving as the point of contact for Graduate School-related matters on the Bowman Gray campus; and implementing the recommendations of the Master’s and Doctoral Task Forces. He succeeds Randall Rogan who has been named an associate dean in Wake Forest College.

School of Law

Suzanne Reynolds (JD ’77), Professor of Law, was named to a three-year term as Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Reynolds, who joined the law faculty in 1981, will focus on curricular and academic issues affecting students and faculty. She succeeds Professor of Law Ron Wright, who is returning to full-time teaching.

Charles Iacovou, Associate Professor of Management, has been named Senior Associate Dean of Faculty, effective Jan. 1, 2011. His responsibilities will focus on faculty excellence in teaching, research and service. He was most recently Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Business Programs. He will succeed Michelle Roehm, who will return to teaching full-time as professor of marketing.

Scott Shafer, Professor of Management, was named Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Business Programs. His responsibilities will include oversight of all graduate business programs, including the MBA programs on the Reynolda Campus and in Charlotte, the Master of Science in Accountancy program, and the MA in Management program. He has served as the program director for the MA in Management program since 2006.

Matthew Merrick joined the Schools of Business in the newly created position of Senior Associate Dean for Students, effective Oct. 1. He will be responsible for student life and will direct the admissions, student affairs and career services offices. He was formerly managing director for MBA Career Services at Harvard Business School, and has most recently been an independent strategy consultant with Education Testing Services.

David Clark, formerly an assistant vice president in the University’s Student Life Division, was named Assistant Dean of Administration. He will oversee the financial and budgetary, facilities and information technology departments in the Schools of Business.
New alumni receive postgraduate fellowships

Twelve Wake Forest alumni have been awarded Fulbright scholarships — the most prestigious international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government — to teach English or conduct research abroad.

The alumni, all of whom graduated last May, were awarded scholarships through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Wake Forest has had 60 Fulbright scholars since 1992, including the 12 this year and 12 in 2008.

Most received English Teaching Assistantships to teach English at high schools abroad:
Alexandra G. Calistri, English major from New Fairfield, Conn. — Italy

Morgan E. Clark, German major from Seattle. — Germany

Katherine P. Dydak, political science major from Quinton, Va. — Russia

Monica R. Giannone, political science major from Madison, N.J. — Morocco

Andrew R. Haverly, elementary education major from Southington, Conn. — Panama

Mark T. Hoover, political science and French major from the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Andorra

Megan E. Huber, political science major from Rockville, Md. — Malaysia

Matthew T. Liberti, English major from Overland Park, Kan. — Turkey

Caroline B. Mercer, Russian major from Sanford, N.C. — Georgia

Matthew H. Secrest, chemistry major from Englewood, Co. — France

Two May graduates received Fulbright scholarships to conduct research abroad:
Emily A. Mihalik, studio art major from Alexandria, Va. — Kazakhstan

Zahir R. Rahman, political science major from Baltimore. — Morocco

Two other alumni who graduated in May were selected as alternates:
Samantha C. Glazer, political science major from Norwalk, Conn. — Vietnam

Monica Petrescu, economics major from Vernon Hills, Ill. — Germany

The Fulbright scholarships are funded by the U.S. Department of State. In addition to the Fulbright scholarship, a number of other Wake Forest students received awards for English teaching positions that are selected and funded through other countries’ governments.

Two students who graduated in May received English Teaching Assistantship positions from the Austrian Fulbright Commission:
Sarah A. Clark, German major from Signal Mountain, Tenn. — Austria

Courtney M. Vris, French major from Wilton, Conn. — France

Virginia H. Browne, French major from Winston-Salem, also received an English Teaching Assistantship, but she will attend graduate school instead.

In addition, two students who graduated from the Master Teacher Fellows program in August received English Teaching Assistantship positions from the French Foreign Ministry:
Jordan A. Lucas, Wilmington, N.C. — France

Lucy T. Shepley (’09), St. Louis, Mo. — France

Henson (’82) named associate VP, editor-at-large

Maria Henson (’82) has been named associate vice president and editor-at-large. She will oversee Wake Forest University Magazine, teach journalism and blog about alumni and the campus community.

After graduating from Wake Forest, Henson spent her career at newspapers as a reporter, Washington correspondent, columnist, editorial writer and editor. She won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing and edited the series that won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

Henson was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, an Arthur Burns Fellow in Germany and a Jefferson Fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii. In 1992 she was Wake Forest University Woman of the Year and later served on the College Board of Visitors. Most recently she was deputy editorial page editor at The Sacramento Bee.

Maria Henson (’82)
Absorbing the culture of India

The stage is set for India to play a significant role in global business, politics and culture, says communication professor Ananda Mitra (’86, MA ’87), who, along with his wife, Swati Basu, took 11 students to India as part of his summer class, “Communication, Culture and Sustainability.”

While in India, students visited the sites most tour groups visit, but it was the personal connections that made this trip unique, said Mitra. While in India, students met Mitra’s mother and cousin’s family, and Basu’s parents. They learned about daily life in India from mentors who are both from Wake Forest and from India.

Basu, who is a research professor in the physics department, said she was excited to share the sights and sounds, both urban and rural, unique to her homeland. Basu and female students explored Indian culture from a woman’s perspective.

“In India, love blossoms directly from the soil and no matter how rich or poor, each and every person we met along the way had blossomed with the same heritage,” wrote Carrie Stokes (’12). “A friend is a friend, no analysis necessary except respect in return. I realized that until this trip I kept myself incredibly guarded, didn’t open up or become too friendly with a stranger until I had time to judge them from a distance for a while. In the polychronic, all or nothing Indian culture, there is no time to think through and judge — you either jump while holding hands or sit back alone and watch and wish you had.”

Mitra, who conducts research in the outsourcing of American jobs to India, says the trend to move work to that country will continue, though the transfer of work may be less noticeable.

“Whether this is a good thing or a bad thing doesn’t matter. It’s a thing that’s happening, and students must be prepared,” he said. “Our trip was an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Indian culture and to learn how to negotiate unfamiliar situations in a new environment. It is critical for young people today to learn about India. It is a culture that will be very important in their professional lives.”

Service learning in Nicaragua

Eleven students and two professors traveled to Managua, Nicaragua, this summer for a service-learning experience combining health care, communication and service.

With communication professor Steven Giles and health and exercise science professor Gary Miller, the students studied global health issues and used a variety of communication techniques to promote healthier lifestyles among the local people.

“There are both positive and negative aspects to life in developed, industrialized areas versus rural ones,” Miller said. “Good health isn’t just about whether a person has the willingness to walk or bike or eat healthy, but whether the environment in which he or she lives supports these kinds of activities. Even with the right environment, people often need to be educated about healthy choices.”

Giles worked with students to communicate better lifestyle choices such as the importance of hand-washing and appropriate hygiene. The students volunteered with local children, worked in gardens and assisted with food-aid programs.

The summer-study program in Nicaragua was supported by the Pro Humanitate Center, the Lilly Endowment and the Office of International Studies.
Mentor award honors Noftle, professor of chemistry

Decades of working with undergraduates in his chemistry research has earned Professor Ron Noftle national recognition. He was one of 12 educators named a 2010 Senior Scientist Mentor by The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. “Many (senior) faculty no longer teach courses nor take on graduate students. Their wealth of experience and knowledge, however, makes them a unique and valuable educational resource for undergraduates,” said Mark Cardillo, executive director of the Dreyfus foundation. “This program provides for the development of a relationship between these senior scientists and the students as they engage in perhaps their first research experience to generate new knowledge.”

The award includes $20,000 in funding that Noftle, who has taught at Wake Forest since 1967, will use to continue his research into new materials for use in batteries and solar-cell power generation. He is collaborating with researchers at Wake Forest’s Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials and with faculty working to establish a Center for Energy and the Environment.

Melissa Donaldson, a chemistry major who graduated last May and is attending MIT to earn a doctorate in chemistry, worked with Noftle in his lab for three years. “He’s like MacGyver,” she said of Noftle. “Give him a toothpick and a rubber band and he’s good to go. He’s a creative mentor.”

Robin Simon (sociology) in The New York Times
According to research by Robin W. Simon, sociology professor, and Anne E. Barrett, a sociologist at Florida State University, “It appears that young men benefit more than women from support, and that they are more harmed than women by strain in ongoing romantic relationships.” Their study, which surveyed 1,611 men and women age 18 to 23 in the Miami area, found that thorny relationships take a far greater toll on men.

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Daniel Kim-Shapiro in The Medical News
The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health is funding nine research grants to improve the safety of red blood cell transfusions. Harbert Family Distinguished Chair and Professor of Physics Daniel Kim-Shapiro and a collaborator at the University of Pittsburgh have been awarded a $2.8 million, four-year grant to study why the quality of stored red blood cell transfusions degrades over time and to investigate ways to make transfusions using older blood safer.

Michael Green (School of Law) in The New York Times
Michael Green commented on the Gulf oil spill and suggested that BP might try to argue in court that other companies involved in the drilling process were negligent — for example, the manufacturer of the blowout preventer — and might say that such equipment was designed, manufactured or installed poorly.

Andy Chan (personal and career development) in the Palm Beach Post
2010 college graduates are facing a tough job market. Nevertheless, they have an advantage over other job-seekers, according to Andy Chan, vice president for career development: They are among the age group most likely to be hired in the coming months. “Organizations are very interested in hiring young people because they have a lot of energy and are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.”

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Students in Pat Lord’s (PhD ’86) biology class last spring learned some things that they hadn’t expected. They learned how the vagaries of nature — unseasonable cold, a blast of pre-summer heat, hungry rabbits — can nearly ruin weeks of work.

They learned about the energy-efficiency of growing food locally. And they learned that reaching out to the community through the gift of food can be an immensely satisfying experience.

Lord realized that most of the students in her Biology 101 class were taking it only to fulfill a requirement, so she decided to focus the class on food — growing it, cooking it and serving it — to make it more interesting and relevant. Lord trained as an ACE Fellow in 2008, which emphasizes incorporating service-learning into the classroom, so she also included a volunteer/community service component in the class.

Taking cues from a documentary, “Food Inc.,” the class covered such topics as genetically engineered crops, the huge amount of oil and gas used to move food from where it is grown to where it is consumed, the evolution of strains of bacteria that affect food, and health concerns related to food, such as diabetes, obesity and cancer.

As part of the course, half of her students did traditional biology lab work to reinforce what they learned in class while the other half worked in flower and vegetable gardens at Reynolda Gardens or at the campus garden, located across Polo Road from campus.

In the campus garden, through hands-on experience, they learned about plant nutrition, recycling and decomposition through composting, and the plant life cycle from seed to mature plant. They planted seeds for lettuce, carrots, spinach and English peas; tended the plants that sprouted; and brought food scraps and dead leaves and bits of cardboard to compost.

For the service-learning component of the class, the students helped prepare meals and delivered them to the Azalea Terrace retirement community, the Children’s Home, AIDS Care Service and the Prodigals Community.

Some students got to know a client at Prodigals, which helps people whose lives have been affected by drug and alcohol abuse. Many of the students had never seen that side of life, Lord said. For them, “It was a life-changing experience to meet people like this,” she said.

Sophomore Nick Conte, from Union, W.Va., said he had no experience with gardening when he signed up for the class. “Especially with the sciences, give me something fun and interesting that might pertain to our daily lives,” he said.

On the end-of-the-year survey about the course, one student noted that the biggest surprise was “the large amount of detailed information that must be known about every kind of plant in order to be a successful gardener.”

“Besides learning some biology and providing a service, they found a different way to learn,” Lord said. “I wouldn’t have traded this experience for anything.”
Wake Forest moves up in U.S. News rankings

WAKE FOREST RANKS 25TH AMONG NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES in U.S. News and World Report’s most recent rankings of “America’s Best Colleges” and was again recognized for the quality of undergraduate teaching, placing 12th in the survey. The University ranked 28th in last year’s edition and has been ranked in the top 30 in the national universities category since 1996.

Two schools, the University of California–Los Angeles and the University of Virginia, tied with Wake Forest for the 25th spot.

U.S. News asked high school guidance counselors to rank colleges and universities, and Wake Forest ranked 30th on their list of top choices among national universities. In its overall ranking, the University had a strong showing in alumni giving rates, faculty resources and graduation rates.

“We appreciate being recognized for the deep faculty-student engagement and the commitment to educating the whole person that are Wake Forest’s highest values,” said President Nathan O. Hatch.

Wake Forest was previously ranked 25th in 1996 and 2002.

ZSR receives three grants in one day

THE Z. SMITH REYNOLDS LIBRARY RECEIVED THREE GRANTS — all on the same day — to fund a symposium showcasing the work of one of Wake Forest’s most famous alumni, the late poet A.R. Ammons (‘49), and to digitize collections of material from North Carolina churches and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The library received a $7,600 grant from the N.C. Humanities Council to help fund the symposium, “Single Threads Unbraided: A Celebration of the Work of A.R. Ammons.” The symposium, to be held Nov. 15 and 16, will feature Ammons’ poetry, art and letters.

The library also received two grants from the North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Online’s (NC ECHO) digitization program.

Applegate stepping down as dean of medical school

WILLIAM APPLEGATE WILL RESIGN AS PRESIDENT OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES AND DEAN OF ITS MEDICAL SCHOOL ON JUNE 30. He will return to a faculty position to focus his work on clinical geriatrics and comparative effectiveness research.

Applegate began his medical career in 1977 and came to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in January 1999 as chairman of internal medicine. He became medical school dean in April 2002. He was named interim president of Health Sciences in June 2007 and became full-time president in December 2008. “Bill has been an exceptional leader through a time of exciting growth and transition at the medical center,” said Nathan Hatch, president of Wake Forest. “I will miss his wisdom and insight into a wide range of University issues, and his gracious and sensitive handling of medical concerns and emergencies for Wake Forest faculty and students.”

John McConnell, CEO of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, said that Applegate has played a crucial role in guiding substantial innovation in the medical school curriculum as well as significant growth in extramural research funding. “His commitment to Wake Forest has been evident in his steadfast assistance and support for the many changes resulting from the Medical Center’s organizational re-alignment and expansion of its clinical mission,” said McConnell, who will chair a search committee to select Applegate’s successor.

Margaret Perry, longtime registrar, dies

FOR DECADES, the most important person at Wake Forest’s commencement ceremony may have been Margaret Ruthven Perry. The meticulous registrar, who died on Sept. 6 at 89, was responsible for making sure that each graduate received the right sheepskin from the president as he or she walked across the stage. She retired as registrar in 1998 after serving as a keeper of Wake Forest’s records for 50 years.

“She presided with efficiency and careful management over indispensable student records,” Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson (‘43) wrote in his book “The History of Wake Forest University, Volume V.” “Every spring at Commencement, we once more became indebted to her and to her staff for arranging diplomas with such precision that the graduation ceremonies could proceed without error.”

Perry joined the registrar’s office in 1947 as an assistant to Grady Patterson, the college’s first full-time registrar. When Patterson retired in 1972, she was the logical person to assume the position and became only the second woman administrator at Wake Forest, after Dean of Women Lois Johnson.

Hallie Arrington Hearn (‘76), who worked in the Registrar’s Office from 1977 to 2002, said Perry was dedicated and generous to a fault. “Students, parents, trustees, faculty, staff and the public had a champion in Margaret Perry,” she said.

Perry was married to Percival Perry, a longtime professor of history and dean of the summer session. He died in 2005.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by a son, Alexander (’80). She is survived by her son, William Percival Perry, and his wife, three brothers, and eight nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made to the Williams Adult Day Center, Senior Services of Winston-Salem, 231 Melrose Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

Sorority chapter closed

NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE Pi Beta Phi sorority closed the sorority’s Wake Forest University chapter in August. Approximately 130 students are members of the North Carolina Gamma Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

In a letter to the University, the national organization announced that its decision to close the chapter was the result of the chapter violating both Wake Forest and national Pi Beta Phi disciplinary sanctions.
A conversation with Alumni Association President
Arthur Orr (’86)

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and why you chose Wake Forest.

I live in the same Alabama county where my family has lived for almost 200 years. There was strong pressure for me to attend the “family alma mater” (that other gold and black university in Nashville) where several generations had attended. I looked elsewhere in the Southeast and was drawn to Wake Forest.

I fell in love with the place and people. What I took away from Wake Forest in 1986, prepared me professionally and personally. I have served in the Peace Corps, practiced law, worked for a large nongovernment organization in the developing world, started several business ventures, become a husband and a father, become an elected official and tried to live up to the Pro Humanitate motto of our Wake Forest. Attending Wake Forest was a blessing, and it’s time to pass that blessing on to others through our service.

Q: Why is it important to you to volunteer on behalf of Wake Forest?

Admittedly, not too many alumni hail from Alabama; consequently, it was critical for me to stay connected to the University. Being a loyal Deacon Club member since graduation, though rarely being able to attend athletic events, was important. Once my life became more settled after years of living overseas, becoming involved with the Alumni Council was a great way to plug back into the University. I also served as the local Alumni-in-Admissions representative for a few years. In sum, there are numerous ways to be engaged with Wake Forest and help it continue to grow and prosper in the days ahead. And, contrary to what some may think, our University needs its alumni to help and support it after graduation.

Q: What is the Alumni Council and what are its goals?

The Alumni Council is the leadership body of the Alumni Association, whose membership includes all who have attended Wake Forest. Approximately 60 alumni serve four-year terms on the Alumni Council, which functions as a conduit between the alumni body and the University. This year we welcome over 15 alumni to the Council and greatly appreciate the support of those who preceded them.

The Alumni Council works directly with the National Clubs Organization to develop programs, communications and volunteer opportunities throughout the country. We also try to identify meaningful ways for alumni to re-engage with the University.

I would like to thank Kim Boatwright Shirley (’85, P ’13), former Alumni Association President, for her leadership. I look forward to serving as your president for two years. I welcome your suggestions about volunteer opportunities and your interest in becoming more involved. Please feel free to e-mail me at alumni@wfu.edu.
1940s
Altha Satterwhite Gallagher (’45) has moved back to Florida. She published her fifth online book, “Faces of Fear in the Bible” (Xulon Press). The daily devotionals represent ten types of fear one can experience.

1950s
Wilbur J. Eschen (’50) has been named Alumnus of the Year for Suffern High School in Suffern, NY. He attended his 70th class reunion with his three sons: James (’71), Richard (’74) and Thomas.

J. Cecil Jeffords (’50) is the retired president of Jeffords Insurance Agency in Winston-Salem and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. At age 84 he took the Triad Flight of Honor, a Rotary service project to send veterans to Washington, DC, to visit military memorials.

Betty L. Siegel (’52) presented a paper, “The Global Ethical Leadership Imperative: Launching a Movement for Global Ethical Leadership and Social Responsibility,” at a conference in South Africa. She gave the 2010 commencement speech at Mercer University’s Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. She continues her work in schools at The Delmarva Review, a literary magazine published by the Eastern Shore Writers Association. He is the author of “The Night Blooming Cereus” and other stories.

Ray W. Benfield (’59) received his MDiv from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and his PhD from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a part-time chaplain at Brookridge Retirement Community and a frequent interim pastor in Winston-Salem. He says his four-year experience at Wake Forest sent him out into the world to preach the “good news” of Jesus Christ.

1960s
William Rufus Phillips (’60, MA ’63) reports that he, his brother, John Dalton Phillips Sr. (’49), and his sister, Anne Radford Phillips (’58), are now all members of the Half-Century Club. They come from a family of Wake Foresters: grandfather Matthew Dalton Phillips (1875), father Albert Rufus Phillips (1913), and uncles Matthew Dalton Phillips Jr. (1914) and Ernest Nicholas Phillips (1921, BS ’28). His grandson, John B. Winslow, is a sophomore.

Jerry Markatos (’62) received the 2009 International Human Rights Award from the Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina for his support of struggles in Latin America and the Middle East. He served on the boards of Witness for Peace-Southeast, the Carolina Interfaith Taskforce on Central America and organized events for Pastors for Peace. He is co-founder and chair of Balance and Accuracy in Journalism.

S. Leroy Smith (’62) co-founded Winston Wealth Management LLC, a financial services firm specializing in advanced retirement and estate planning, in Winston-Salem.

David M. Zacks (’64, JD ’67, P ’13) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA. He has also been named co-chair of the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors.

W. Louis Bissette Jr. (’65, P ’94) is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He received the 2010 Citizen Lawyer Award from the N.C. Bar Association for exemplary public service to his community.

Leland H. Cox Jr. (’66) received the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto from the governor’s office. His career accomplishments include executive director of the S.C. Humanities Council in Columbia, first president of the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville, and president and headmaster of Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville.

William K. Davis (JD ’66) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He is among the top 10 attorneys in business litigation, a N.C. Super Lawyer and the 2010 Triad Area Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year.
What is the Half-Century Club?

The Half-Century Club is an umbrella group that includes all alumni who graduated from Wake Forest at least 50 years ago. Alumni automatically become members at their 50-year reunion and remain members until they die.

Why is the Half-Century Club important?

This organization helps keep alumni in touch with each other and Wake Forest’s programs and progress. In the last couple of years, I have learned about amazing new things going on at the University and found that I enjoy seeing my contemporaries from the Old Campus even more now than I did in earlier decades. Homecoming and mixing at the Half-Century Club hospitality rooms with friends from years ago add an extra dimension and flavor to life after 70.

Are you excited to lead the Half-Century Club?

As I became older I realized how much fun it was to see my classmates, fraternity brothers and friends from five decades ago. I think more can be done to encourage older alumni to attend Homecoming and enjoy participating in the life and growth of their alma mater. I truly believe that almost all my contemporaries feel a kinship with their friends, coaches and teachers of our era, and that Wake Forest can profit from being reminded of the legends, spirit, pranks and athletic prowess of the time we occupied the campus.

What do you hope to accomplish?

My first goal is simply to get more older alumni back for Homecoming and to realize the fun of reuniting with friends and the University. We can all benefit from sharing and learning about the University as it has become one of the most prestigious institutions in the country. I want to see older alumni and present-day students and faculty reconnected as a Wake Forest family. I would like to see other Half-Century Club events added — perhaps at different times during the year. At Homecoming, on Oct. 8, we will have Athletics Director Ron Wellman speak at our luncheon, and we will have a Half-Century Club hospitality room at the Sundance Hotel.

Tell us about your Wake Forest experience.

For me, Wake Forest was a life-defining experience. I hitchhiked to the Old Campus from Tennessee at age 17 with little idea of who or what I was. I had the opportunity to do what probably cannot be done today. I was able to work in a restaurant and pay all my college expenses while I was a student. What I could not pay for, the school gave me. I left the new campus four years later exposed to the important ideas, literature and science of Western civilization. I had an entirely new perspective on life and values through contact with the likes of Professors Smiley, Wilson, Earp, Roebuck, Stroupe, Allen and Reid.

I was followed to Wake Forest by two sisters, who gave me two Deacon brothers-in-law. My daughter graduated in 1982 and rewarded me with a Deacon son-in-law. One grandson graduated in 2008, and another is scheduled for 2011.

How have you been involved with Wake Forest over the years?

I help with Wake Forest events in Nashville, Tenn., where I am a retired lawyer. I have been proud to stay connected to Wake Forest and see her change and grow in prestige and size. I was on the College Board of Visitors for eight years, chairman for two. Because of my debt of gratitude, Lynda and I have endowed a scholarship for students from rural areas of the South, and I have been a Legacy Society and President’s Club member. I was honored to be co-chair with Dee LeRoy (’57) of our 50th class reunion in 2007. A year is not complete unless I get back to Homecoming and have other extended visits with my friends from college.
Robert Wayne Edwards ('66) has been retired for two years but recently returned to full-time athletic administration as director of athletics at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

Carol Claxon Polsgrove ('66) is professor emerita at Indiana University. She published her third book, “Ending British Rule in Africa: Writers in a Common Cause” (Manchester University Press).

Curtis P. Cheyney III (JD '68) is the managing partner of Swartz Campbell LLC in Philadelphia. He has been named a Super Lawyer every year since 2005. He received a Certificate of Honor from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute for two decades of service in continuing legal education.

James “Jimmy” Yeatts II (JD '68) has served 41 years as an attorney and retired as the assistant district attorney for District 17-B, serving Surry and Stokes counties. He lives in Mount Airy, NC.

James N. Martin Jr. ('69, P '98, P '01) is professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of the division of maternal-fetal medicine at the Winfred I. Wiser Hospital for Women and Infants, University of Mississippi Medical Center, in Jackson. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Preeclampsia Research from the Preeclampsia Foundation. He is president-elect of The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, to become president in 2011 at the annual meeting in Washington, DC.

1970s

James E. Cross Jr. ('70, JD '73) is a partner with Royster Cross & Hensley LLP in Oxford, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer. He and his wife, Deb, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Christine Severn Waters ('70, P '01) is a retired teacher. She has been elected to the Pitt County (NC) Board of Education.

Kenneth W. Banner ('71) has been named treasurer and chief investment officer of NewBridge Bank in Greensboro, NC.

Dianne E. Ford ('71) is coordinator of serials and government documents and science liaison librarian at Elon University. She hosts house concerts to fund the Burlington-Alamance Sister City scholarships.

Walter W. Pitt Jr. (JD '71) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

Robert Benson ('72, JD '75) has formed a full-service law firm, Benson Brown & Faucher PLLC in Greensboro, NC. His partners are Drew Brown ('99) and James Faucher ('00).

Jean Andrews ('73) received her MS in vocational rehabilitation counseling from East Carolina University and went on to experience other areas including cosmetology, real estate, computers, the culinary arts and nursing. She wrote a poem, “Love,” to thank the Wake Forest community for “guidance and education.”

Saleem Peeradina (MA '73) is an associate professor of English at Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI. He has published his fourth book of poetry, “Slow Dance” (Ridgeway Press, MI).

1980s

J. Clark Fischer (JD '80) is chief judge of the Department of the Navy, and Michael Quinn ('82, JD '85) is assistant judge advocate for civil law. The U.S. Navy JAG Corps states that “this shows great credit on the caliber of legal professionals” deployed from Wake Forest, and it is “unusual to have two of our top ranking officers out of a leadership team of six from the same law school.”

Barbee Myers Oakes ('80, MA '81) gave an invited talk, “Investing in Human Capital in the South: Strategies to Cultivate Young Black Leaders,” at the sixth annual Black Policy Conference at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Steve Berlin ('81, JD '84, P '07) is a managing partner with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers in Business by Chambers USA.
Rhodes Craver (JD ’82) is managing partner of Kennedy Craver Belo Craig & McKee PLLC in Durham, NC. He and his wife, Ann Windon Craver (’79, JD ’82), are co-chairs of the Parents’ Association and representatives on the Board of Trustees for the Asheville School in Asheville, NC, where their son, John, is a student.

Van J. Crotts (MBA ’82) is president of Crotts & Saunders Engineering in Winston-Salem. He has been elected chairman of the American Machine Tool Association.

Gary K. Joyner (JD ’82) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

Linda Daugherty Lenzmeier (’82) has a mural in her recreation room, “Deacons Dominate,” that was painted by her sister, Susan Daugherty Brown (’84).

Becky Garrison (’83) has published two books: “Jesus Died for This?” (Zondervan, August 2010) and “Starting From Zero with 0” (Seabury Books, September 2010).

Lindsey Locklear (’83) is general manager of Pembroke Hardware in Pembroke, NC. The store won a nationwide competition, True Value’s Best Hardware Store in Town, and he went to Chicago to accept the award.

Mickey L. Smith (’83, MBA ’91) is a co-founder of Winston Wealth Management LLC, a financial services firm specializing in advanced retirement and estate planning in Winston-Salem.

John W. Stewart III (’83) has been named president of the University of Montevallo, Alabama’s only public liberal arts university.

Brian A. Gallagher (JD ’84) has been named senior vice president of government affairs for the American Pharmacists Association.

Jennifer Mills Grabosky (’84) is with NBC Sports covering golf and works for the Augusta National hosting “Masters TV.”

Thomas Grella (JD ’85) is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He has been named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Mike Todd (MBA ’85) is director of national sales for Speedway Motorsports Inc. in Charlotte, NC.

Robert Wilkie (’85) is vice president and business development director for large Department of Defense program integration opportunities in the Washington, DC, office of CH2M HILL, a global full-service consulting, design, construction and operations firm. In 2009 he received the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal.

Randall D. Avram (JD ’86) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

Herman Goins (’86) has been named a member of Breslow Starling in Greensboro, NC.

Laurie Hockman (’86) is a choreographer and musician in New York. She co-presented “Cloud Cover,” an atmospheric evening of music and dance, at Green Space in Long Island City, Queens.

Teresa Lazzaroni (JD ’86) is a member of the tort litigation team and has been named a partner of Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP in Atlanta.

James E. Meadows (JD ’86) is a partner with FSB Fisher-Broyles in Atlanta. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Outsourcing and one of The Best Lawyers in America for information technology law.

Bobbi Acord Noland (’86, JD ’89) is a partner and member of the commercial finance practice group with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta. She has been named one of Chambers USA’s Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers.

Thomas A. “Tad” DiBiase (’87) is deputy general counsel to the U.S. Capitol Police, a force sworn to protect Congress and its members. He also consults about cases

Wanted: Innovative Ideas

This year the Alumni Council launched the Innovation Fund, designed to foster innovative programs and offer funding by the Alumni Office. Each club has an opportunity to propose event ideas to the Committee.

From the proposals received this year, “The Forum,” submitted by the Charlotte Club, and “Deaconfest 2010,” submitted by the Chicago Club, were selected. “The Forum” seeks to provide a network for alumni and parents who have started their own businesses or who serve as the senior managing executives of established businesses. Ideally, participants will be able to proactively grow their companies by facilitating relationships and commerce among the participants.

“Deaconfest 2010” will be an annual summer picnic designed to increase club participation by appealing to a greater number of Chicago area alumni, current students, incoming freshmen, families and friends.

Contact the Alumni Office (alumni@wfu.edu) and submit your idea for a club event in your area.
with police and prosecutors on “no body” murders and blogs (www.nobodymurdercases.com).

Beatrice Hair (’87) is the 2010 N.C. Small Business Person of the Year and founder of the Salisbury Tutoring Academy. She was congratulated by President Obama in the Rose Garden when he met with the U.S. Small Business Administrator winners in Washington.

Kent Lee Hipp (’87) is with GrayRobinson PA in Orlando, FL. He has been named a Florida Super Lawyer and one of The Best Lawyers in America in eminent domain and condemnation law.

Susan Bramlett Epps (’88) has been in the physical therapy department at East Tennessee State University for 14 years. She is on faculty in the Department of Allied Health Sciences, is director of the East Tennessee State University 1000, a university seminar program, and serves as the faculty athletic representative.

Andrew Hart (’88) was appointed chaplain, with the rank of captain, in the Civil Air Patrol.

Amy K. Smith (JD ’88) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate.

Mike Lambert (’89) is chief financial officer for Connecture Inc. in Atlanta. He lives in Roswell, GA, with his wife, Cathy, and three children: James (14), Libby (12) and Molly (7).

Jonathan Yarbrough (’89) is with Constance Brooks & Smith LLP in Asheville, NC. He has been listed for the first time as a Best Lawyer in labor and employment law.

1990

Martha Davis Akin is teaching elementary physical education and coaching middle and high school cross-country at Landmark Christian School in Peachtree City, GA.

Steve Lindsley has released his third CD of original music, “Feet & Hands & Stuff” (www.stevelindsley.com).

1991

Jennifer Jennell Daley is a namesake of 4moms, a baby product company in Pittsburgh. She explains their latest products, the mamaRoo infant seat and the cleanwater infant tub, in online videos (www.4momsonline.com).

Thomas B. Phelps is a senior vice president for BB&T in Owensboro, KY. He is the senior credit officer in BB&T’s Western Kentucky Regional Credit Department.

Stephen W. Simpson is director of clinical training and assistant professor in the School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. He is a freelance writer and author of three books. He and his wife, Shelley, have five-year-old quadruplets.

Amy Peacock Trojanowski is the corporate controller for Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont business in Des Moines, IA.

Fred M. Wood (JD/MBA) is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood in Charlotte, NC, and co-chair of the business litigation team. He has been named one of America’s Leading Lawyers and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

1992

Christopher King is the senior telecom services analyst at Stifel Nicolaus in Baltimore. He was named the top diversified telecom services analyst by The Financial Times for earnings accuracy.

Melissa Tuttle (MBA ’02) is director of store communications for Lowe’s Home Improvement. She and her husband, Mark Shaw, live in Huntersville, NC.

1993

Thomas William Harley received his MDiv and MA in Christian education from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA.

Irene V. Holliman received her PhD in history from the University of Georgia. She has accepted a position at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick.

Bruce M. Jacobs (JD) is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, WV. He was recognized by Chambers USA for commercial litigation law and named a Super Lawyer by Law & Politics for business litigation, bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights and banking law.

Louis “Joe” Landreneau received his National Board Teacher Certification in Secondary English. He teaches AP English at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, SC.

Phyllis Stump (MALS) published a book, “Called: The Story of a Mountain Midwife,” in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway — construction began Sept. 11, 1935. The book is an expanded version of her play, “They Call Me Aunt Orlene,” which was performed during the celebration.

1994

Ed Ergenzinger (PhD ’99, JD ’02) is director of intellectual property at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute. His daughters, Ellie (8) and Kate (6), asked if that meant they had to root for Duke, but of course the answer was “No!”

Bonita J. Hairston (JD ’97) is chief of staff, serving as principal aide and adviser to the chancellor, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Eric W. Iskra (JD) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been selected as one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

Michael J. McCormick (JD) is the managing partner of the bankruptcy department of McCalla Raymer LLC in Atlanta. He specializes in representation of mortgage servicers.

Brian C. Miner is a partner in the corporate and securities practice group of Reed Smith LLP in Philadelphia.

1995

Doug Fordham teaches art history at the University of Virginia. He published his first book, “British Art and the Seven Years’ War: Allegiance and Autonomy” (Penn Press).

Vida A. Jennings has been elected district governor for District 58 Toastmasters in South Carolina.

Douglas E. Nauman (MBA) is a partner with Daggett Shuler Koonz Nauman & Bell PLLC in Winston-Salem. He practices personal injury and insurance law.

1996

John McCaskill Hughes is a partner with Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP in Denver.

Keith C. Pilkey (JD) is a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.
Wake Forest on Wall Street

It was Wake Forest day at the New York Stock Exchange on July 27 when the University and Annaly Capital Management Inc. presented a panel on “The Credit Crisis: Where Are We Now, Where Are We Going?” Leaders in the finance industry, including several alumni, discussed inflation, credit availability, the strength of banks, hedge funds, and the importance of cash assets. The panel was held in conjunction with the New York Club and Wake On Wall Street (WOWS), a connected networking community developed by alumni Matt Hultquist ('01), Dave Hanson ('05), Brian Lenker ('04) and Bryant Schlichting ('06).

Panelists included Michael A.J. Farrell (P '10), chairman of Annaly Capital and a member of the Wake Forest Schools of Business Board of Visitors; Michael Genereux ('88), senior managing director of The Blackstone Group; Loyd Henderson ('96), senior vice president of Oaktree Capital; James Woolery ('91), partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, LLP; and Jim Dunn, vice president and chief investment officer at Wake Forest. Dagen McDowell ('91), FOX Business Network anchor, moderated the panel. (Webcast of the discussion is available at www.business.wfu.edu)

Hultquist, a research analyst at Sasco Capital in Fairfield, Conn., says WOWS’ goals are to open lines of communication for alumni, faculty and students in the world of finance and to increase awareness of the Wake Forest brand; to work with alumni and career services teams to expand and diversify hiring channels and partners; and to provide students, parents and alumni with tools to prepare for or enhance a career in finance.

WOWS maintains an extensive electronic member database as well as Facebook and LinkedIn sites for sharing relevant articles and keeping members up to date about events, internships and job postings. “As we reach out to more students through on-campus events, the launch of a student/alumni mentorship program and more NYC educational/career events, our Facebook page will be a great way for students to connect with our group and to stay updated,” says Hultquist, who majored in analytical finance.

“Our ability to attract over 350 interested alumni and parents in less than nine months has been a function of our local networking events, our social media presence and word-of-mouth marketing,” he adds. “We have already seen many involved alumni and parents increase existing recruiting efforts or start new programs at their companies as a result of this connected community, and we have facilitated a number of undergraduate and MBA trips, interviews and résumé drops.”

To join the Wake On Wall Street e-mail list or to learn how you can help Wake Forest and WOWS, please visit:

http://www.facebook.com/WakeOnWallStreet
http://www.linkedin.com/WakeOnWallStreet
Laura Zuckerman is assistant vice president of federal relations for AT&T in Washington, DC. She is responsible for lobbying members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

### 1997

#### Louis C. Abramovitz (MBA)

#### Lane Choplin
Has been named Teacher of the Year at the Hillside Conant School in Atlanta, serving children and adolescents with emotional, psychological and behavioral problems.

#### John F. Hiltz III
Is a founding member of Hiltz & Wantuch LLC, a law firm in Chicago focusing on bankruptcy-related matters.

#### Roberta B. King (JD ’02)
Is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named the 2010-11 chair of the N.C. Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division.

#### Heather Barnes King (MA)
Teaches AP Calculus and Algebra I at West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, NC. She was named 2010 Teacher of the Year for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system.

#### Andy Ralston
Is with Gross McGinley LLP in Allentown, PA. He has been appointed to a five-year term on the board of directors of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown.

### 1999

#### Drew Brown
Has formed a full-service law firm, Benson Brown & Faucher PLLC in Greensboro, NC, with partners Bob Benson (’72, JD ’75) and James Faucher (’00). He practices business litigation and personal injury and has been named one of N.C. Business Magazine’s Legal Elite.

#### Jennifer Bumgarner
Was a Rhodes Scholar and received an MS in social policy from the University of Oxford. She has been appointed assistant secretary for energy to oversee the N.C. Energy Office, the state’s weatherization program and the state’s Energy Policy Council. She lives in Clayton, NC.

#### Francesco Ferrini (LLM)
Is with Studio Legale IuraPlus, a private practice firm in Milan, Italy.

#### Natarsha D. Nesbitt (JD)
Is corporate counsel at CCS Medical, a mail-order durable medical equipment supply company and pharmacy, in Florida.

#### James E. “Jami” Harris (MBA)
Is senior vice president and chief financial officer of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated in Charlotte, NC. He was among the finalists for Charlotte Business Journal’s CFO of the Year Award.

#### Erika Hille Rinker
Received her PhD in Germanic languages and literatures from Washington University in St. Louis. She has worked at the University of Alabama at Birmingham since 2008 and will continue as an assistant professor of German in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

#### Kevin G. Williams (JD)
Is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star in business litigation.

### 2000

#### Emily Appelbaum Brennan
Is in-house counsel for HCC Surety Group in Timonium, MD.

#### W. Taylor Campbell III (MSA ’01)
Is senior financial advisor for E.L. Davis & Co. in Winston-Salem. He is a six-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table for outstanding client service, ethics and professionalism.

#### Adrienne Brooke Cashion
Received her DVM from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. She is an associate veterinarian at VCA Sacramento Animal Medical Group in Carmichael, CA.

#### James Faucher
Has formed a full-service law firm, Benson Brown & Faucher PLLC in Greensboro, NC, with partners Bob Benson (’72, JD ’75) and Drew Brown (’99). He practices business litigation and personal injury and has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

#### Mark Spence Hartman (JD)
Is a founding member of Davis Hartman Wright PLLC in New Bern, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in real estate law, a member of the Young Guns and a Law and Politics’ Super Lawyer Rising Star in banking law.

#### Joseph “Jody” Moore (MBA ’08)
Is the emergency management coordinator at Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Triad Business Journal’s Triad Area Forty Leaders Under 40.

#### Corena Norris-McCluney (JD)
Has been named counsel with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. She is a member of the labor and employment team. She received Triad Business Journal’s 2009 Women in Business Award.

#### Emily Parks
Is owner and business organizing consultant with Organize for Success LLC in Raleigh, NC. She was elected professional development director for the N.C. chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

#### Jessica Jackson Shortall
Is the director of giving for TOMS Shoes, a company providing shoes to children in need around the world through its one-for-one business model (www.toms.com), donating a pair of shoes for each pair a customer buys.
2001

Jenny Everett graduated as a Baker Scholar from the Harvard Business School. She and her husband live in Atlanta.

Douglas R. Hunt (MBA '08) is the sales and marketing administrator with BB&T Capital Markets, BB&T Corp. in Winston-Salem. He was promoted to senior vice president.

Ryan Mails received his MA in history from UNC-Greensboro. He has a workshop, Mails Woodwork, in Greensboro, NC, where he designs and crafts furniture by hand using 18th and 19th century tools.

Rebecca Keyser Parsons received her PhD in oral biology from the School of Dentistry at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Stacey Bailey Pharr (JD) is a member of Pharr Law PLLC in Winston-Salem. She practices general civil litigation handling matters in construction law and real estate litigation.

Mark Roberson (MBA) is chief executive officer and CFO of PokerTek Inc., a provider of electronic table games to the casino industry worldwide. The Charlotte Business Journal has named him CFO of the Year in the small public company category.

Alexander Roth (LLM) is a member of the criminal law department of Berlin’s Federal Department of Justice.

Lauren Lee Younger is a program manager at CareFusion, a medical device company in San Diego, CA. She is also a group fitness instructor and personal trainer.

2002

Lee Briggs and Brent Thomas (’02) were roommates who made a virtual “bucket list” of life goals, including biking across the country. The Washington Post reported they completed the 3,820-mile journey from Kitty Hawk, NC, to San Francisco. They have celebrated turning 30.

Laura Weems Dayton received her DVM from the N.C. State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a veterinarian in Durham, NC.

Kate Echeverria received her DVM from the N.C. State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She has an equine internship at Southern Equine Service in Aiken, SC.

Brian C. Ellsworth (JD) is a partner with Alston & Bird LLP in Charlotte, NC. He is a patent attorney with a specific emphasis on mechanical and electro-mechanical intellectual property. He and his wife, Lisa (JD ’02), have three children.

Victoria Huntley Manning is a primary grant writer for the Cabarrus County Health Alliance in Kannapolis, NC. Through the Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program and a grant for the Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan of Concord, NC, they will serve as a pilot community for eventual wide-scale use of health information technology. This program funds communities at the cutting edge of electronic health record adoption and health information exchange.

William J. “Joe” Parker III was promoted to a major in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Lee, VA.

2003

Rob Benedict received his master’s in engineering management with a focus in crisis, emergency and risk management at George Washington University.

Dan Blynn (JD) is a senior associate in the advertising law group of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in Washington, DC, and is an adjunct professor at George Washington University.

2004

Norris Adams (JD) is a partner with Essex Richards PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

Ashley Phillips Wheeler received her DVM from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. She will complete a small-animal rotating internship at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Maitland, FL.

2005

Robert A. Brooks received his MBA from the Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management. He is in the marketing division at the United Parcel Service global headquarters in Atlanta.

Nathaniel Herring (MBA) is city president of Fifth Third Bank in Jacksonville, FL.

Jennifer Kalcevic (LLM) is in-house counsel in the cosmetics department of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA Legal Department.
Cap on head? 
Suit of red? 
Must be... 
Santa’s Helper!

By Andy Morrissey

Some of James MacPherson’s fondest memories of Wake Forest involve Santa suits and marathon wrapping sessions. MacPherson (‘02), a starting quarterback for the Deacons from 2000 to 2002, is among the hundreds of student-athletes and members of the athletics department who volunteer annually in the Santa’s Helper program, which marks its 25th anniversary in December.

They collect donations and toys, then don Santa suits and distribute presents to children the Salvation Army recommends. More than 100 students and student-athletes participate each year, and alumni include Tim Duncan (‘97) and Chris Paul (‘07).

“Some of the best times I can remember are getting together on that Friday night to wrap presents,” said MacPherson. “It’s a pretty special thing that Chip Rives started.”

Rives (‘87, MBA ’89) was a fullback on the football team when he launched Santa’s Helper, with the help of Winston-Salem resident Robert Egleston (’78), after reading about a similar program in San Antonio.

“It’s not some random guy showing up with presents. It’s Santa Claus, and there’s a magic to that,” said Rives, a Massachusetts businessman born on Dec. 24.

Egleston, now president of Santa’s Helper, said that since 1986 nearly 22,000 children have received presents. Playing the role of Santa has become a tradition among student-athletes that’s handed down, he added, and reflects Wake Forest’s motto of Pro Humanitate. “That notion, that you give back to your community, is so strong at Wake Forest,” Egleston said.

His memories of playing Santa inspired MacPherson to create a Santa’s Helper program in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz., three years ago. Playing Santa thrills him and reminds him of some tough times in his childhood when his father struggled with cancer and family finances were tight. Some of his dad’s coworkers bought presents for the MacPhersons.

“Heck yeah, I know what that’s like. ... It’s a great thing they’re doing at Wake Forest. It’s amazing that it’s been going for 25 years.”

You can help Santa’s Helper distribute holiday gifts with a tax-deductible donation to Santa’s Helper, 950 Avon Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104, or contact Robert Egleston, Robert.Egleston@datamax.com or Julie Griffin at griffijd@wfu.edu.
Fusako Kirinuki (LLM) is project manager of the international legal group of Toyota Tsusho Corp. in Tokyo.

Hideyuki Kohata (LLM) is in the legal section of the Nippon Electric Glass headquarters in Japan. He served two years as director of Nippon's subsidiary company in Malaysia.

Erika A. Olson (JD) has been a lawyer in Charlotte, NC, for five years. She was named the Mecklenburg County Bar Young Lawyers Division Young Lawyer of the Year.

Anne Shelton Richardson received her MD from the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine. Her child psychiatry residency is at Virginia Commonwealth University/MCV Hospital in Richmond, VA.

Gregory S. Russell received a fellowship to pursue a PhD in instructional technology from the University of Texas at Austin.

Kathleen Andrews Warren is vice president of Cardinal Captial Management in Raleigh, NC.

2006

Kapri Gunn Bailey received her master's in child development from Tufts University. She plans to continue her career in childhood education.

Marla DuMont is an executive producer's assistant for a television comedy series, "Two and a Half Men," and a television sitcom, "The Big Bang Theory."

Lindsey Elizabeth Hardegree received her MFA in performing arts management from the UNC-School of the Arts. She is the events coordinator and board administrator for the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. She owns Tizzy Consulting, a virtual assistance firm for creative companies and arts organizations.

Jason M. Loring (JD) is an associate in the commercial finance practice group of Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta.

Julie Davis (JD) is an associate practicing labor and employment law with Ford & Harrison LLP in Atlanta.

Sam Marrero received a U.S. government National Security Education Program Boren Fellowship for his master's thesis research on the social effects of Egypt's liberalizing trade and economic policy. The fellowship allows him to be in Cairo, Egypt, until August 2011 in exchange for a commitment to U.S. federal government service.

Jill Braddy McLeod received her MD from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. She is a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia, SC.

Sachyoe Nishie (LLM) is a legal officer in the international law department of Nippon Sheet Glass Co. in Tokyo. She is also serving as secretary to the executive committee.

Mariya Orlyk (LLM) is senior attorney at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in Kiev, Ukraine.

Kyle A. Young received his JD from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law and is an associate at Miller & Martin PLLC in Nashville, TN. He was named one of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

2007

Elese Epps (JD '10) is an associate with Watson Roach Batson Rowell & Lauderback PLC in Knoxville, TN.

Akelo Lynn Harris received her MS in public health policy from the UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. She is a project manager with Northwest Community Care Network and lives in Winston-Salem.

Alexandra Elizabeth Hoffman received her master's of public health from the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health. She received the Health Promotions, Education and Behavior Department's 2010 Master's Student of the Year Award. She is pursing a master's in the physician assistant studies program at East Carolina University.

Yuanyuan "Iris" Li (LLM) is pursuing a second LLM at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Theodore Shih (JD) is with Lowndes Droslidk Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL. He attended the mayor's proclamation event declaring the month of May as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of Orlando.

Christina Stenhouse is a WorldTeach volunteer. After a month of training near the capital city of Majuro in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, she will spend a year with a Marshallese host family in a rural town teaching English to help promote eco-tourism and other sustainable livelihoods.

Kristie Tobias was fourth runner-up at the 2010 Miss International Pageant. She will continue advocating HIV/AIDS awareness and education during her year as Miss North Carolina International.

2008

Sam Cronin is a midfielder with the San Jose Earthquakes Major League Soccer team in California.

L. Wesley Harris Jr. was the head wrestling coach at the N.C. School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. He has returned to Winston-Salem as a first-year graduate student in the Wake Forest Department of Counseling.

Tolga Berlo Mesen (MD) is an obstetrics and gynecology resident at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

Stowe Nelson has been nominated for an Off-Off Broadway New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Sound Design of his play "Samuel and Aladair: A Personal History of the Robot War."

Anchalee Tweesan (LLM) attended a conference on bankruptcy law by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

2009

Daniel Taylor Applegate completed an apprenticeship at Actors Theatre of Louisville. He has moved to New York City to pursue a career in acting.

Joel Ernst is a free agent with the Major League Baseball Cincinnati Reds.

Brandon Ghee was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the National Football League draft.

Kevin Harris was selected by the Florida Tuskers in the seventh-round draft of the United Football League.

Nannette Hill won her first professional golf tournament at the DURAMED Futures Tour City of Hammond Classic.

Suthi lamcharernying (LLM) is training to become a judge in Thailand at the Judicial Training Institute in Bangkok.

Bakhzytchan Kussainov (LLM) is a staff attorney with Tengiz-Chevron Ltd., a Chevron affiliate.

Will Miller (JD) practices law with Terre Yde’s firm in Kernersville, NC. Technology has played an important role since he lost his sight in 2003. He can now “read” documents, business cards and correspondence by scanning the hard copies and then his laptop “reads” them to him.

Martin Rinscheid (LLM) is writing his doctoral thesis on copyright law.

John Russell signed with the National Football League Green Bay Packers.
Meet Elliott Estes (MBA ’06), co-president, Wake Forest Club of Washington, DC.

Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself and how you have been involved with Wake Forest.

I received my MBA from Wake Forest in 2006 and served as the president of the MBA Program’s Student Government Association during my second year. I am currently a member of the Alumni Council for the Schools of Business. I work in Bethesda, MD., as an associate director of RLJ Development LLC.

Q: What is the best alumni event you attended?

Reynolds Professor of History Paul Escott came to Washington to deliver a talk on “The Lincoln Icon: Thinking about Myth and Reality in Our History.” Professor Escott did a superb job, and the event was a great balance between being educational and an opportunity to meet new people. In fact, my wife and I stay in touch with several people we met at that event, including new friends Kevin (’98) and Whitney Maxwell.

Q: Like many Wake Foresters, you are trying to balance many competing interests. Why did you decide to be the co-president of the Club of DC?

Wake Forest opened a lot of doors for me, so I knew I wanted to stay active and continue to find new ways to serve a Wake Forest community that has played such an integral role in my life. Besides when my wife told me I had to match (at minimum) the number of days of golf I play per month with my volunteer hours. I realized, why not Wake Forest?

Q: What excites you about becoming more involved locally through the club?

I see it as a great opportunity to bring the spirit of community and connection that I have experienced through my association with Wake Forest to where I live. There are a ton of events that ignited and continue to stoke my passion for the school—from my first admissions event, to the great classroom experiences, to the golf weekends with classmates that continue today. I know there is a way to replicate that energy in the DC metro area.
Hines named director of donor services

Darnell Hines Jr. has been appointed director of donor services. Hines comes to Wake Forest from The Ohio State University, where for nearly six years he was director of donor relations and reunions at the Moritz College of Law, overseeing the law school’s gift acknowledgements, publications and stewardship reports on the use of endowed and non-endowed funds.

He created a program there to increase the number of annual fund donors and the size of their contributions. Hines also has extensive experience in special events, leadership giving societies and the creation of individualized stewardship plans.

“In Advancement, we seek to engage our donors in the excitement of investing in the University’s future,” said Hines. “Recognizing the contributions of our donors and connecting them to our community through excellent stewardship is vital. I look forward to working with our alumni and friends as well as the University community in this capacity.”

In 2007, Hines was elected to the board of directors of the Association of Donor Relations Professionals (ADRP). He has served as chair of the professional development and governance committees and as a member of the finance and nominations committees.

He has chaired two Ohio regional (ADRP) workshops, presented at the 2009 ADRP’s annual conference and served on the 2009 and 2010 faculty for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Donor Relations Conference, receiving a faculty star both years.
Births/Adoptions

Patricia Ballard Fleischman ('91) and Andrew Fleischman, Louisville, KY: a son, Harris Hughes. 3/18/10. He joins his sister, Bess (3).

Julian David Beck ('92) and Laurie Fischer Beck ('92), Atlanta, GA: a son, Anderson Julian. 1/16/10. He joins his brother, Owen (3).

Rachel Boring March ('92, JD '96) and Michael March, Raleigh, NC: a son, Joseph Owen. 1/25/10. He joins his brother, John (5).

Greg Matthews ('93) and Anna Matthews, Advance, NC: a son, Zachary Daniel. 3/15/10. He joins his brother, Ty (4).

Paul Blackburn ('94) and Kim Blackburn, Columbia, SC: a son, William Ty. 12/21/09. He joins his brother, Wes (3).

Danielle Blood Flynn ('94) and Michael Flynn ('95), New York: a son, Colin Blood. 12/30/09. He joins his brother, Brendan (2).

Jacqueline Coley Moore ('94) and Lonnie Moore, Chula Vista, CA: a son, Riley Reed. 4/8/10. He joins his brother, Declan (2).


Michael L. Briggs ('95) and Kathryn Wilson Briggs, Casselberry, FL: a daughter, Elizabeth McBryde. 8/13/10

April Stephenson Culver ('95, JD '00) and Chad Culver, Smithfield, NC: a daughter, Ava Suzanne. 11/4/09

Amy Barnard Hughes ('95) and John McCaskill Hughes ('96), Denver: twin sons, David Armstrong and Matthew Jones. 10/11/09. They join their brothers, Jack (5) and Ryan (4).

Everett “Rett” B. Padgett III ('95) and Ashley Padgett, Belews Creek, NC: a son, Alden Finch. 3/31/10. His grandfather is Everett B. Padgett Jr. ('66).

Jeremy Schwer ('95) and Christine Schwer, Washington, DC: a daughter, Alexandra Laine. 5/19/10. She joins her sister, Taylor (3).

Michael S. Warner ('95) and Amelia Wall Warner ('95), Cinnaminson, NJ: a daughter, Emmeline Amelia. 10/8/09. She joins her sister, Eileen Olivia (2).

Daniel Lee Briggs ('96) and Laurie Long Briggs ('97, MSA '98), Lexington, NC: a son, Jack D. II. 5/26/10. He joins his sisters: Sidney (6), Lyndon (4) and Hadley (2).

Geoffrey Connor ('96) and Tammy Kubiszyn Connor ('96), Birmingham, AL: a son, Samuel Joseph. 4/15/10. He joins his sister, Charlotte (2).

David Matthew Jackson ('96) and Amy Bungarder Jackson ('97), Roanoke, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth Pierce, and a son, Charles Stewart. 5/21/10. They join their brother, Will Nolan (2).

Charlotte Dillon Little ('96) and Randy Little ('97), New York: a daughter, Avery Louise. 3/3/10. She joins her sister, Reagan (3).

Shannon Marruojo ('96) and Daniel Marruojo, Apex, NC: a son, Oliver Stephen. 6/2/09. He joins his brothers, Max and Christian.

Jenny Schuh Spalding ('96) and Sean Spalding, Napa, CA: a son, Oliver Ronan. 11/11/09. He joins his brother, Kelly (2).

Martin Kyle Thompson ('96) and Christine Matthews, Greenville, SC: a daughter, Amelia. 11/21/09. She joins her brothers, Dominique (14) and Andy (14).

Ryan J. Clancy ('97) and Manda Kalvestrand Clancy ('98, MAEd '04), Lansdale, PA: a daughter, Evangeline Agnés. 11/24/09

Nicole Funt Miller ('97) and Matthew Miller, Pittsburgh, PA: a son, Harrison Scott. 12/6/09

Michael Pleacher ('97) and Kristine Pleacher, Albuquerque, NM: a son, Stewart Thomas. 2/10/10

Calling All Peace Corps Volunteers

Wake Forest is organizing events in 2011 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps and its long and rich history with the University. Wake Forest consistently ranks among the top private universities with the largest percentage of graduates who have served or currently serve in the Peace Corps.

Please contact us to let us know about your Peace Corps service, your country assignment and the years you served. If you know of other alumni who were Peace Corps volunteers, tell us that, too. We will keep you informed about anniversary events as they are scheduled.

Contact:
Jennifer L. Richwine ('93)
Assistant Vice President, University Events
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Jaak Rannik (’97) and Coral Marie Rannik, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: a son, Viktor. 3/29/10. He joins his sister, Lia (4), and brother, Jaak Andrew (2).

Abdulaziz Albosaily (LLM ’98) and Hessah Al-Marzooq, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: a daughter, Talah. 9/09

Kathryn Tompkins Edgecombe (’98) and Jason Edgecombe, Atlanta: a daughter, Madelyn Anna. 5/9/10. She joins her brothers, Jay (5) and Mills (3).

Beth Schwartz Foley (’98) and William Foley, Long Island, NY: a daughter, Jane Elizabeth. 9/21/09

William E. Harrington III (’98) and Julie Harrington, Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Anna Davis. 2/16/10

Kevin Malone (’98, MD ’02) and Amanda Kennedy Malone (’98, MD ’02), Annapolis, MD: a daughter, Megan Elizabeth. 3/27/10. She joins her brother, William (3).

Greg Sage (’98) and Trisha Smithson Sage (’99), Franklin, TN: a daughter, Mary Garland. 3/19/10

Amy Wilhelm Sharon (’98, MSA ’99) and David Sharon, Madison, NJ: a daughter, Emma Ruth Amy. 6/5/10

Stephen William Willis (’98) and Courtney Jones Willis, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Berkley Stephen. 8/3/09

Marissa Ruke Conrad (’99) and Michael Conrad, Orlando, FL: a daughter, Arden Elise. 4/7/10

Eric Envall (JD ’99) and Erica Envall, Washington, DC: a son, Parker Harris. 7/23/10. He joins his brother, Spencer Thomas (2).

Thomas Hawk (’99) and Elizabeth Hawk, Atlanta: a daughter, Margaret Fleming. 5/4/10

Suzanne Moffatt Occhialini (’99) and Robert Occhialini, Atlanta: a son, Bennett Robert. 3/11/10

Allyson Fayard Sonntag (’99) and David Sonntag (’00), Wake Forest, NC: a son, Parker Hart. 7/10/10. He joins his brother, Asher (5), and sister, Anna (3).

Emily Appelbaum Brennan (’00) and Michael Brennan, Baltimore: a son, William Henry. 11/6/09

David Darr (’00) and Amanda Armbruster, Raleigh, NC: a son, Dawson Jack. 11/25/09

Joseph “Jody” Moore (’00, MBA ’08) and Christy Moore, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. 9/17/09

Robert Matthew Van Sickle (’00) and Katherine Clark Van Sickle (’00), Winston-Salem, NC: a son and a daughter, Owen Conor and Ella Kate. 9/24/09

Kerri Murphy Sheraden (’00, MBA ’03) and Christopher Sheraden, Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Katherine Marie. 3/13/10

Jessica Jackson Shortall (’00) and Clay Shortall, Austin, TX: a son, Otis Jackson. 7/10.

Brad Stephenson (’00, MDiv ’05, MAEd ’06) and Lauren Russell Stephenson (’05), Lewisville, NC: a son, Jeffrey Davis. 5/12/10

Suzanne Garro Tobin (’00, MSA ’01) and John Tobin, Naples, Italy: a daughter, Erin Marie. 3/23/10. She was delivered by Suzanne Pugh (MD ’04). She joins her sister, Grace.

Robert Matthew Van Sickle (’00) and Katherine Clark Van Sickle (’00), Winston-Salem, NC: a son and a daughter, Owen Conor and Ella Kate. 9/24/09

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Dennis Healy (‘01) and Jessica Healy, Kingston, MA: a daughter, Hannah Margaret. 4/8/10

Ross Inman (‘01) and Hope Walters Inman (‘02). New York: a son, Cassius Daniel. 6/12/10

Elizabeth Eads Parker (‘01) and Justin Christopher Parker (‘02). Asheville, NC: a son, Finn William. 6/4/10. He was delivered by Dolly Pressley-Byrd (‘95).

Alexander Roth (LLM ‘01) and Britta Roth, Potsdam, Germany: a daughter, Lotte. 11/16/09

Allison Dale Taylor (‘01) and Ryan Taylor, Lexington, KY: a daughter, Caroline McKay. 5/9/10. She joins her sister, Cate (2).

D. Michael Tucker (JD ‘01) and Audrey Tucker, Colorado Springs, CO: a daughter, Molly Elizabeth. 6/9/10

Samuel J. Turner (‘01, MD ‘05) and Kristen Stewart Turner (‘01). Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Caroline Stewart. 1/29/10

Ben Wright (MA ‘01) and Meg Carriere Wright (‘02). Atlanta: a son, Nathan Scott. 4/12/10

Xinyi Wu (LLM ‘01, MSA ‘04) and Jordan Duan, Beijing, China: a son, Alex. 4/7/10

David R. Beran Jr. (‘02) and Lindsey Watkins Beran (‘02). Dallas: a daughter, Blythe Virginia. 2/20/10

Laura Weems Dayton (‘02) and Hampton Drew Dayton (‘03). Durham, NC: a son, Wyatt Robert. 3/24/10

Brian C. Ellsworth (JD ‘02) and Lisa Wetzl Ellsworth (JD ‘02). Charlotte, NC: a son, Nathaniel Ralph. 12/30/09. He joins his sister, Grace (5), and brother, J.D. (3).

Eamonn Haley (‘02) and Laura DeGeorgia Haley (‘02). Hoboken, NJ: a son, Grant Joshua. 1/9/10

Elizabeth Parker Horton (MDiv ‘02) and Dan Horton, Lexington, NC: a son, Parker Alfred. 12/23/09. He joins his brother, Patrick Earl, and sister, Megan Elizabeth.

Heather Wilkie Huff (‘02, MSA ‘02) and Darren Huff, Wilmot, NH: a daughter, Madden Ann. 4/23/10. She joins her brother, Andrew Robert (2).

Kimberly Storer Kryder (‘02) and Gus Kryder (‘04). Phoenix, AZ: a daughter, Virginia Quinn. 11/14/09

David McKenzie (‘02) and Anna Christzberg McKenzie (‘03). Baltimore: a son, John Roscoe. 5/2/10

Matt Reger (‘02, MBA ‘06) and Carrie Reger, Charlotte, NC: a son, Westall Matthew. 1/9/10

Jake Stump (‘02, JD ‘05) and Christie Marzahn Stump (‘02). Orlando, FL: a daughter, Kate Elizabeth. 4/5/10

David McDaniel (‘03) and Sarah Cucinella-McDaniel (‘03). Denver: a son, Joel Talley. 7/10/10. He joins his brother, Elliott.

Meredith Travis Orlowski (‘03) and Robert Orlowski (‘04). Havertown, PA: a daughter, Marilyn Grace. 5/19/10

Christopher John Schneider (‘03, MSA ‘04) and Emily Saunders Schneider (‘03). New Orleans: a son, Mackay Owen. 4/13/10. He joins his brother, Samuel (2½).

Susan Foster (‘04) and Scott Petts, Cranford, NJ: a daughter, Matilda Grace. 2/15/10

Marc Gillis (‘04, MD ‘08) and Laura Gillis (‘04). Winston-Salem, NC: a daughter, Heidi Marcia. 2/25/10

Manuel Moctezuma (LLM ‘04) and Paulina Castro (LLM ‘04). Mexico City, Mexico: a daughter, Paulina. 3/11/10

Erin Wiseman White (‘04) and Jim White, Casselberry, FL: a daughter, Madison Elizabeth. 4/13/10

Samuel Chacon (LLM ‘05) and Ines Vargas Christleib, Mexico City, Mexico: a daughter, Fatima. 11/18/09

Marcy Tamara Adams Mays (‘05) and Jeremy Mays, East Bend, NC: a son, Jackson Thayne. 3/11/10. He joins his brother, Aaron (9).

Kevin Shute (MD ‘05) and Emily Shute, Winston-Salem, NC: a son, Everett Anderson. 3/17/10. He joins his sister, Addison (2).

Jason M. Loring (JD ‘06) and Julie Davis Loring (JD ‘06). Atlanta: a son, Oliver James. 5/23/10

Hani Aqil (LLM ‘08) and Khan Younis, Gaza: a daughter, Sara. 11/24/09

Deaths

Vernon Williams “Doc” Taylor Jr. (‘34, MD ‘36). Aug. 6, 2010, Elkin, NC. He was the last living charter member of the Wake Forest Deacon Club, a member of the Alumni Council and a trustee emeritus. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Wake Forest in 1978. He was a past president of the N.C. Medical Examiners Association and the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Moultrie H. Truluck (‘34). April 14, 2010, Asheville, NC. He was a dentist in Charlotte, NC, before opening a practice in Asheville in 1940. He completed training at the University of Michigan and became a periodontist. He retired in 1992 after 54 years of practice.

Burgess Guy Leonard Jr. (‘35). July 5, 2010, Edenton, NC. He worked at the Elliott Co. in Edenton for more than 45 years and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was predeceased by four siblings: Iona Speas, Edward L. Wells Jr. (‘28), Helen Wells (MD ‘46) and Paul Wells (‘35). He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia; two children; and four grandchildren.

H. Macon Becton (‘36). April 25, 2010, Wake Forest, NC. He is survived by two daughters; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Cary Whitehead Becton (‘41).

Joseph S. Brock (‘38). Nov. 25, 2009, Silver Spring, MD.

Edwin Gray Jones (‘38). Aug. 8, 2010, Anderson, SC. He graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored Baptist churches in Littleton, NC; Gaffney, SC; Hartwell, GA; and three churches in Anderson including Centerville, where he was founding pastor. His survivors include two sons, Edwin III (‘58) and Robert; two daughters, Martha and Peggy; two stepchildren; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

William Henry Wells (‘35). July 5, 2010, Edenton, NC. He worked at the Elliott Co. in Edenton for more than 45 years and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was predeceased by four siblings: Iona Speas, Edward L. Wells Jr. (‘28), Helen Wells (MD ‘46) and Paul Wells (‘35). He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia; two children; and four grandchildren.

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Darrell W. Middleton ('38), Nov. 8, 2009, Laurinburg, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force building ships during World War II and as a historian in Florida and Italy. He completed his master’s in church business administration and served Presbyterian churches in Winston-Salem and Orlando, FL.

Michael J. Bolint Jr. ('40), May 15, 2010, Tampa, FL. He was a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, having served during World War II, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. He was a pilot and engineer for 30 years.

Ben Lee Connelly ('40), Feb. 11, 2010, New Bern, NC. He was a bomber pilot and a major in the U.S. Air Force.

Harold Raymond Conley ('41), April 18, 2010, Powell, TN. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was commissioner of public works for the City of Lockport and later head of the traffic division for the Florida Department of Transportation.

James Palmer Kirk ('41), May 28, 2010, Bloomingdale, GA. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and retired after 37 years as a missionary.

J. Graham Lane ('42), June 21, 2010, Wilson, NC. He spent 39 years in the trust department of BB&T in Wilson, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife; sister; and brother, Wiley Leon Lane Jr. ('40, JD '42). He is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

Joseph Howell Way III ('42), May 17, 2010, Richmond, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia Dental School. He was a dentist in Richmond for 50 years.

William Donald Edmondson ('43), Aug. 15, 2010, Tarboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He was a retired building and planning engineer with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co.

James Edward Hobgood ('43), Aug. 2, 2010, Cold Spring, NY. He served in the U.S. Navy and became a Japanese interpreter stationed in Japan. He was a pursuer with Pan American and then in sales in Istanbul and Saudi Arabia. He was manager of the N.Y. showroom of ErwinLambeth Furniture, joined Mitsui Trading Co. and retired from Springs Industries.

Ralph B. Holmes ('43), April 29, 2010, Ashland, VA. He received his DDS from the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry and was a dentist for over 40 years in Arlington, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a captain in the Air Force Dental Corps during the Korean War.

Joseph Washington Chandler Jr. ('44), April 9, 2010, Eden, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked at Chandler Drug Store, was a pharmaceutical representative, and purchased the Draper Drug Store. He later opened the Joe Chandler Pharmacy and retired in 2007.

Thomas Linney Reece ('44), June 28, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He received his MDIV from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was an associate professor of Bible at Gardner-Webb University. He was pastor of Bethel Baptist and Front Street Baptist in Statesville, Gorman Baptist in Durham and Tabernacle Baptist in Roanoke, VA. He worked in mental health and substance abuse for the state of North Carolina and was director of the Walter B. Jones Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Greenville, NC.

Thomas Shull Johnston ('45, JD '49), June 6, 2010, Jefferson, NC. He served in the Aviation Cadet Corps of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He practiced law with his father, Ira T. Johnston (1915), and then with his son, John, until retirement. He was mayor of the Town of Jefferson and was inducted into the N.C. General Practice Hall of Fame.

Thomas Hall Johnston ('45, JD '49), June 6, 2010, Jefferson, NC. He served in the Aviation Cadet Corps of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He practiced law with his father, Ira T. Johnston (1915), and then with his son, John, until retirement. He was mayor of the Town of Jefferson and was inducted into the N.C. General Practice Hall of Fame.

David Andrew Harris Jr. ('46), July 13, 2010, Charlotte, NC. He played basketball and football at Wake Forest and was named to the All-Southern Conference, the first team AP All-America Blocking Team and was an honorable mention AP All-American. He received his master’s from Appalachian State University and was with the Charlotte Clippers for two years. His 45-year career in education began as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Thomasboro High School and continued at Harding High School. He was director of athletics for 24 years with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System where he retired in 1991. He received the Charlotte Optimist Golden Circle Award, the Charlotte Rotary Club Public Service Award and the Charlotte Athletic Club Humanitarian Award. He was named N.C. High School Football Coach of the Year twice, National High School Athletic Director of the Year, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Sportsman of the Year, N.C. Athletic Director of the Year and the N.C. High School Athletic Association Athletic Director of the Century. He was named the Wake Forest Deacon Club Member of the Year in 1997 and served as chair of the Touchdown 2000 Campaign. He was inducted into the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame, the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame, the N.C. High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and the N.C. Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Mary Arden; two children, Arden Browder and Andy Harris; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Phil Hughston Scholarship Fund at First Baptist Church Charlotte; the N.C. High School Athletic Association Endowment Foundations; Shriner’s Hospitals For Children; or the David A. Harris Jr. Athletic Endowment Fund, Wake Forest University, 499 Deacon Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC 27105.

Wake Forest Historical Museum to open

The board of directors of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society invite all those interested in the history of Wake Forest to attend the formal opening of the new Wake Forest Historical Museum on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2:00 p.m. in Wake Forest, N.C.

The day will begin with a worship service at Wake Forest Baptist Church at 11 a.m. There will be a brief ceremony at the Calvin Jones House (Wake Forest Birthplace) followed by the ribbon-cutting for the new 7,000 square-foot museum facility.

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Pelham Thomas Jones ('49), May 16, 2010, Marshallberg, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy before completing his degree at Wake Forest and his MAEd at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was principal of Dabney High School, Aulander High, Northampton High and in 1969 at Smyrna School in the central office for Carteret County schools. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three children, Tommy, Nancy Piner ('74), and Karen Davis; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Richard C. Letaw ('49), July 22, 2010, Vienna, VA.

Manly Eliehue Murphy ('49), March 24, 2010, Morehead City, NC. He worked for 29 years at Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, VA. He served as a pastor of several churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

Richard “Bud” Phillips ('49), May 10, 2010, Greenville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He became the football coach at Rose High School in 1957, the athletic director in 1970 and retired in 1991. He was named the N.C. Athletic Director of the Year in 1982 and 1987. He received the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association’s Distinguished Service Award in 1982, the NiAAA’s State Award of Merit in 1988 and was inducted into the NCHSAA’s Hall of Fame. In 2008 he was inducted into the Rose High School Walk of Fame. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Amelia; a daughter; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1801 S. Elm St., Greenville, NC 27858; J.H. Rose Athletic Department, 600 W. Arlington Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834-5724; or to Wake Forest University, Campus Recreation, PO Box 7455, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7455.

Richard Brandon Rankin Jr. ('49), May 25, 2010, Concord, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and received his MD from Duke University Medical School in 1953. He went to Bolivia on medical mission trips and was a county commissioner in Cabarrus County for four years. He practiced ophthalmology with his father in Concord. He retired in 1992 and was a consulting physician for Hospice of Cabarrus County.

John Frank Yeatess Jr. ('49, JD '52), April 2, 2010, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was an assistant city attorney, a legal advisor to the clerk of court and a retired judge for the 18th Judicial District of North Carolina. He loved photography, fishing and baking.

Geraldine Curlee Barris ('50), May 7, 2010, Raleigh, NC. She retired in 1994 after 20 years with IBM. She is survived by two children; four grandchildren; a sister; and two brothers, Warren and Lewis Curlee (MD '50).

Henry C. Doby Jr. (JD '50), July 17, 2010, Albemarle, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a radio operator. He practiced law for more than 50 years and served as a city attorney for the City of Albemarle for 47 years before retiring in January 2010.

Bishop David Edens ('50), July 12, 2010, Amarillo, TX, and Columbia, MO. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received his master’s from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, received graduate training in counseling and psychotherapy at The Merrill Palmer Institute and received his PhD from Columbia University. He was the minister of counseling at Trinity Baptist in San Antonio, TX, and professor and head of family and community studies at Stephens College in Columbia, MO, where he retired in 1991. He had a private practice in marriage and family counseling until 2004. He is listed in American Men and Women of Science and Outstanding Educators of America. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Buckner Edens ('50); two daughters; and four grandchildren.

Robert Edward Jones ('50), April 13, 2010, Apex, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked with the N.C. Department of Corrections, served as a counselor and superintendent of Umstead Youth Center, and retired in 1988.

Glenn Bowman Reinhard ('50), June 28, 2010, Dover, PA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He played in the Canadian Football League and was an assistant football coach at York High School. His career as an automobile salesman was with Fishel’s, Ammon R. Smith in York for 40 years, and then he retired from Lefever Brothers in Dillsburg.

Carolyn Timberlake Bullard ('51), June 4, 2010, Charlotte, NC. She taught high school English and French for a few years in Stanly and Mecklenburg counties. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Claud V. Timberlake Sr. (1911); two brothers, C.V. Timberlake Jr. ('35) and Willard Cook Timberlake ('39); and a sister, Phyllis T. Ross ('49). She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Byron L. Bullard ('51); two children, Byron L. Bullard Jr. ('76) and Leigh T. Bullard (MBA '80); and four grandchildren.

Spencer Byron Ennis ('51, JD '53), May 22, 2010, Burlington, NC. He was a retired district court judge for the N.C. Judicial District 15A. He is survived by his wife, Stasia.

James Wiley Kelly ('51), July 2, 2010, Seacrest, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. His career was in the pharmaceutical industry.

Marion Brooks Person (*51), April 2, 2010, Fayetteville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was in the 106th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star. He retired from the N.C. Department of Human Resources and was the former Cumberland County Clerk of Superior Court.

Wilson Lanning Stewart Sr. (*51), June 2, 2010, Greensboro, NC. He received his divinity degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX, and had student pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas. His first church was First Baptist in Walkertown, NC. Over the next 50 years he pastored numerous Baptist churches in the Greensboro area.

Thank you, club leaders

The Alumni Council and the Alumni Office would like to thank the following club leaders, who are ending their terms, for their time and leadership. They have been instrumental to the success of Wake Forest in their communities.

Rosalyn Frazier ('93), Co-President of the Charlotte Club
Tom O'Shea (MBA ’91), Co-President of the New York Club
Joe Mims ('08), Young Alumni President in Houston
Lauren Milner ('07), Young Alumni President in Chicago

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Loutrelle “Joe” Stribling (MD ’51), June 17, 2010, Carthage, MS. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He completed his residency at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta and began a family practice in Utica. He moved to Jackson in 1952 and then to Carthage in 1964 where he remained until his retirement.

Elfreda Kiser Swindller (’51), May 9, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She worked at N.C. Baptist Hospital and retired with 20 years of service from the Veterans Administration. She was a volunteer in the lab at Mocksville Hospital. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Mocksville, 412 N. Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028 or Brenner Children’s Hospital, Office of Development, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

William Romayne Taylor (MD ’51), April 22, 2010, Aberdeen, SD. He was named Intern of the Year in 1952 while at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. He completed internal medicine residencies at St. Luke’s Hospital in Fargo, ND, and Wood Veterans Affairs Center in Milwaukee. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps until 1962. He had a private practice in Aberdeen, was founder and medical director of the renal dialysis unit and medical director of ICU at St. Luke’s Hospital and the Physicians Plaza. He was recognized for holding his South Dakota medical license for 50 years.

Samuel B. Jordan Jr. (’52), July 29, 2010, Atlanta, GA. He graduated from the Southern Baptist and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminaries. He was a chaplain at The Kentucky State Mental Hospital in Danville. He was a pastor for over 30 years at South Elkhorn Baptist in Versailles, KY, Southside Baptist in St. Petersburg, FL, South Miami Heights Baptist in South Miami Heights, FL, and Livingston Avenue Baptist in Lutz, FL.

Charles M. Robinson (MD ’52), June 27, 2010, Iowa City, IA. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served as a financial officer on several U.S. Navy ships. He had an internship at Yale Medical School and a private general practice in Columbus, OH. He was regional medical director for Travelers Insurance Co. in Chicago.

Patrick Henry Sasser Sr. (’52, MD ’55), June 5, 2010, Goldsboro, NC. He completed his internship in Detroit and served two years in the U.S. Air Force. He practiced family medicine for 42 years in Goldsboro and retired in 2000. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia S. Delacey. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia; two sons; and five grandchildren, including Wake Forest junior Ginny Delacey.

Robin Whitley Hood (’53), June 27, 2010, Raleigh, NC. He established Robin Hood Enterprises in the late 1950s which included: Whitley Hood Insurance, Robin Hood Truck Stop and Restaurant, Robin Hood Oil Co., Thermo King of Benson, Robin Hood Container, Tobacco Acres and Robin Hood Pro Shop. He was mayor of Benson from 1971 to 1979 and was named the Town of Benson’s Citizen of the Year in 1973.

Lawrence Harding Knott Sr. (’53), July 27, 2010, Durham, NC. He served as pastor for Piney Grove and Mt. Vernon Baptist in Sampson County, First Baptist in St. Pauls, NC, and Westwood Baptist in Durham. He served as part-time chaplain at the VA Hospital in Durham until 1993. He is survived by a son, Larry H. Knott Jr. (MD ’72); three daughters, Betsy, Jane Fitch and Jane Herring; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John Francis Herrlein (’54), May 14, 2010, Arlington, VA. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for 23 years with Newton Asphalt. He started his own business in 1982, Herrlein Asphalt Co., where he was owner and operator until his death.

Julian Robert Swain (’54), July 7, 2010, Austin, TX. He received his master’s from Baylor University, did postgraduate work at Florida State and served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He was director of the Vanguard Theatre at the University of Tennessee at Martin and was honored as its founder during a campus reunion. He taught theatre at Trinity University in San Antonio, was founder of the 1st Repertory of San Antonio, was artistic director of Zach Scott Theatre in Austin and a professor of drama and theatre arts at Austin Community College.

Charles R. Williams (JD ’54), June 29, 2010, Bunlevel, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a teacher and a retired attorney having worked for the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy and the Army Reserves.

Milledge Clark Newton (MD ’55), Aug. 2, 2010, Macon, GA. He completed his internship at the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate Hospital and his internal medicine residency at N.C. Baptist Hospital. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years and practiced internal medicine for 35. He was on staff at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, the Middle Georgia Hospital and Charter North Side Hospital. He was also a founding trustee of Coliseum Park Hospital and a physician for the Southern Railway.

Carol Lamar Teeter (’55, JD ’59), July 21, 2010, Bermuda Run, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He founded the Legal Aid Society of Winston-Salem in 1962 and had a private practice from 1966 until his death. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two children, Julie Haymore and Stuart (JD ’89); four grandchildren; and two brothers.

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Robert Gregory Davis ('56), June 4, 2010, Ayden, NC. He was a retired requisition coordinator with E.I. DuPont and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Robert Merritt Taylor ('57), May 10, 2010, Palm Harbor, FL. He was president of International Fabrics in High Point, NC.

John Marshall Clark ('58), July 12, 2010, Pfafftown, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a licensed CPA and partner with Strand Skees Jones and Co. for 19 years, vice president and chief financial officer with Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan for 15 years, and was retired from BB&T. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Doris; two daughters, Kathy Bailey and Jodi Clark ('83); and three grandchildren.

Sidney Minor Cutts Jr. ('58), June 3, 2010, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was in human resources at Burlington Industries. He continued to work as a human resource consultant for many companies until his retirement in 1970. He raised Black Angus cattle and developed land for a community in Granville County. He is survived by two children, Sidney and Cameron; six grandchildren, including Wake Forest freshman Sidney "Beau" Minor Cutts IV; and two step-grandchildren.

Betty Kerley Daniel ('58), May 8, 2010, Brevard, NC. She taught English in Richmond, VA, and at Buncombe Technical Institute in Asheville, NC. She held staff positions at the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, HandMade in America and the Asheville Citizen-Times. She was a leader in the revitalization of downtown Asheville and a co-founder of Bele Chere, the annual downtown festival.

Ben Davis Farmer Jr. ('58), May 29, 2010, Burlington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He and his wife, Sue, were ministers to residents at Hillhaven of Alamance in Graham, NC.

Roy Martin Rawls ('58), April 20, 2010, Williamsburg, VA. He was with Ernst & Whitney Certified Public Accountants, Piedmont Airlines, Eastern Airlines and several other airlines in the 1970s and 80s. His last employer was Wrather Corp. of Beverly Hills, CA. He was a member of the Wake Forest Society, Legacy Society and a former member of the Alumni Council.

Robert Allen Hewett ('60), June 27, 2010, Greensboro, NC. His entire career was in sales with Maintenance Supply Co.

William E. Schowald ('61), May 6, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He retired from Western Electric Co. (AT&T) in 1982. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a volunteer for local organizations.

Fredrick Thomas Gaskins ('62), July 26, 2010, Rock Hill, SC. He was a principal and assistant superintendent for over 20 years in Chester, SC. He taught math in Rock Hill, SC, until retirement. Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest Fund for Student Aid, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Beth Heitman Frank ('63), May 25, 2010, Clemmons, NC. She was a percussionist in the Winston-Salem Symphony, a homemaker and worked for a short time in real estate. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Leroy Frank ('61): two sons, John and David; and three grandchildren.

Al Berg Baker ('64), Sept. 19, 2009, Ahoskie, NC.

Jimmie Lee Spillman ('64), July 12, 2010, Greensboro, NC. He was a retired supervisor for Sprint and worked in retail and wholesale communications. He was a pediatrician, anatomic pathology, clinical pathology and pediatric medicine. He was a pediatrician, worked in a medical examiner’s office and worked with The Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. In 1986 he moved to California and worked for the U.S. Indian Health Project and the Correctional Medical Facility.


Russell Laverne Stout Jr. ('72), July 20, 2010, Oskaloosa, IA. He was a pediatrician, worked at Greatbridge High School in Virginia and retired from the Oskaloosa School District in 2006. He was an actor in over 150 plays and served as director for many productions with the Oskaloosa Community Theatre. He and his wife, Mary, provided a home for many of the OCT plays at Stout’s Asiles of Paradise, and they enjoyed searching for antiques for Stout’s Antiques.

James “Bo” Callison ('73), April 22, 2010, Elizabeth City, NC. He received his master’s and principal’s certificate from East Carolina University. He taught at Hollinsburg Middle School in New Madison, OH, Franklin Monroe High School in Pittsburg, OH, and Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City. He retired in 2007 from the Currituck County school system as director of career and technical education. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca; three children; two grandchildren; and a sister, Ann Callison Taylor ('71).

Linda Bartlett Cohen (MD ’74), July 29, 2010, Fremont, CA. She was a pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente in San Jose, CA. She was instrumental in the Kaiser Temperament Counseling Program to help parents, doctors and teachers better understand and benefit children.

Bruce Lee Halverson ('74, MA ’80), June 28, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He worked for Forsyth Industrial Systems/CenterPoint Human Services and served on numerous mental health boards. He is survived by his wife, Roger; and his parents.

Steven Arthur Miller ('74), May 3, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He received an MBA from the University of Georgia and a PhD in education from UNC-Greensboro. He was an instructor and administrator for 31 years with Davidson County Community College.

James Carlton McIlumb Sr. ('75), April 16, 2010, Raleigh, NC. He was a member of the Wake Forest Deacon Club. He is survived by a son, J. Carr Jr. (JD ’07), and a daughter, Sarah.

Christopher A. Wadsworth ('76), Jan. 20, 2010, Pipesville, PA.
Russell Leroy Dunham ('79), Jan. 8, 2010, Knoxville, TN. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a critical safety engineer with A.C.T.S. in Aiken, SC. He is survived by his wife, Terri; three children, Melissa, David and Patrick; two grandchildren, Maleigha and Zane; and four brothers: Greg, Jeff ('82), Mark and Douglas.

Terrence P. O'Rourke (PA '81), April 20, 2010, Boonville, NY. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a physician's assistant in several locations, including Faxon Hospital of Utica, NY, and he had a private practice in Boonville.

Deborah L. Jones (MBA '86), July 26, 2010, Advance, NC.

Betty Ball McCarter McGee (JD '89), July 23, 2010, Hendersonville, NC. She completed her law degree at age 47 and was with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem. She is survived by two daughters, Laura Elizabeth McGee ('95) and Sharon Tyler McGee ('97); a son, John McGee; and two grandchildren.

Mark Sizemore (PA '89), May 13, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He was a physician’s assistant in the neurosurgery department of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Ashley; and two sons, Wake Forest sophomore Christopher and Nicholas.

Cindy N. Bostic (PA '90), April 28, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She was a physician’s assistant and an animal advocate.

Dana Conner Richardson ('90), June 26, 2010, Concord, NC. She was the assistant director of Habitat for Humanity of Cabarrus County.

Caitlin G. Schmidt ('92, MD '96), April 8, 2010, Columbia, SC. She practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Columbia, SC. She closed her practice in 2006 to devote time to family, friends and her cancer treatments. She was a volunteer and raised breast cancer awareness as Palmetto Health Foundation’s 2008 Featured Survivor. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Dianne Petrucelli Cole (MAEd '93), July 6, 2010, Fayetteville, NC.

Brandon Shane Morrison (MBA '03), April 19, 2010, Bentonville, AR. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a professor at Harding University.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Pauline Eichmann Binkley, Aug. 28, 2010, Wake Forest, NC. She was treasurer and membership and acquisition chair of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society and a member of the board of directors from 1976 until 1992. She was instrumental, along with Kathleen Mackie Lake, Ruth Snyder and Annie Gill Harris, in the restoration of the historic house, saving it from destruction after the move to Winston-Salem. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olin T. Binkley ('28), former president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, and recipient of an honorary Wake Forest Doctor of Divinity degree. She is survived by two daughters, Pauline B. Cheek ('56) and Janet B. Erwin ('60); five grandchildren, Edith, Edwin Cheek ('86), Elizabeth, Vicki and Gill; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a sister.

Margaret Elizabeth McKinney Blackburn, Aug. 31, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She was born in Kentucky but moved to Wake Forest, NC, in 1948. Along with other Wake Forest families, she relocated to Faculty Drive in Winston-Salem in 1956. She taught in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system for almost 20 years, primarily at North Forsyth High School where she taught English, chaired the department and sponsored the student council. She is survived by three sons, Glenn ('63), Jim ('66) and Bill; and three grandchildren, Jeff ('97), Stacy ('01) and Jenifer.

Peter Brunette, June 16, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He was the Reynolds Professor in Film Studies with joint appointments in the departments of art and communication and was the director of the film studies program. He was spending the summer in Europe at various film festivals and died unexpectedly while attending the Taormina Film Festival in Italy. Brunette, who was 66, joined the Wake Forest faculty in 2004 after teaching for nearly 30 years at George Mason University. On deciding to come to Wake Forest, he said “there was a real sense of intellectual community among the faculty,” and he was “looking forward to Wake Forest’s sense of close-knit smallness.” He also taught briefly at the Sorbonne in Paris, the University of Maryland and was artistic director of the Cinema Club in Washington. Brunette was scheduled to spend the fall semester teaching Italian cinema and Italian literature at Wake Forest’s Casa Artom house in Venice. Peter Kairoff, professor of music and director of the Casa Artom program, said he was a perfect choice to teach there and was looking forward to spending the semester in Venice. Brunette graduated from Duquesne University in 1965, received his master’s in English from Duquesne and a PhD in English and film from the University of Wisconsin. He wrote several books on filmmakers: Roberto Rossellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Francois Truffaut and Wong Kar-Wai. His most recent book was a biography of Austrian director Michael Haneke. Brunette once said “film is the dominant cultural form of our time.” He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynne Johnson, and is survived by a sister, Rose Dean.

Michael David Corrigan, Aug. 7, 2010, Toms River, NJ. He graduated from Toms River High School and was a Wake Forest sophomore. He is survived by his parents, David and Nancy, and his sister, Tara.

Jean Blackburn Holcomb, June 11, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She was a naval medical officer serving on a nuclear submarine in the 1950s and then division chief of infectious diseases at The University of Florida. In 1971 he became chairman of medicine at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, and in 1985, he became dean of the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He retired in 2003 and was honored by the American College of Physicians with the Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award. He wrote many articles, chapters in medical textbooks and edited three books. He was named the Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine, Fellow of the Royal College of Medicine, Fellow of the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars and Master of the American College of Physicians.

Lewis “Tink” Kanoy, Aug. 31, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He was station engineer for WSJS radio for 29 years, both during and after his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a devoted Moravian and ham radio operator who used that technology to connect doctors in Winston-Salem with Moravian missionaries in South America and beyond. In the early 1970s he became the first full-time chief engineer for WFDD-FM of Wake Forest University, helping take WFDD from a student-run campus station to an increased signal that kept them on the air 24 hours a day. His wife was a secretary in the dean’s office at Wake Forest and they both retired in 1981. He was preceded in death by his wife,
Ethel. He is survived by two children, Jacob and Diana; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister. He donated his body to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine as part of the Anatomical Bequeathal Program.

Louis Max Kent, April 18, 2010, Clemson, SC. He graduated from Mercer University and the Medical College of Georgia with an internship at the Emory University Grady Memorial Hospital. His orthopaedic residency was at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, SC. He was an orthopaedic surgeon in Anderson, SC, until 1997. Memorials may be made to Clemson University Methodist Church, PO Box 590, Clemson, SC 29631 or to the Orthopaedics Discretionary Fund, Development and Alumni Affairs Office, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157-0121.

William A. Kloppman Sr., July 25, 2010, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His first job was sales trainee at Kloppman Mills, a company started by his father that became a division of Burlington Industries. He was division president in 1963, president of Burlington Industries in 1974 and served as chairman of the board and CEO until 1986. He served on educational boards and was a trustee at N.C. State University. He is survived by his wife, Anne; three sons; two daughters; and a grandchild. He and his wife established the William A. Kloppman Jr. (JD ’70) Law Scholarship at Wake Forest in honor of their deceased son.

Selma Kon, July 10, 2010, New York City. She is survived by three children, Stanley, Neal (a surgeon at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center) and Ellen Gursky; and seven grandchildren: Rachel, David, Matthew Gursky (’05), Laura, Joshua, Ariel and Jason Kon (’10). Memorials may be made to the Heart Center, Wake Forest University, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Suzanne P. Lynch, June 15, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She worked at SunTrust Bank in Salisbury before working at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, where she retired in 1993. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Research Fund, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Office of Development, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157 or to Hospice and Palliative CareCenter, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

Walter Michel Roufail, Aug. 19, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He immigrated to the United States in 1959, interned in Kentucky, did his residency in Jacksonville, FL, and became a fellow in gastroenterology at Duke University. He then moved to Winston-Salem and worked in a private practice until 1996. He retired in 2008 as professor emeritus of internal medicine gastroenterology from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. In 2006 the gastroenterology mentoring award was renamed the Walter M. Roufail Teaching/Mentoring Award in Gastroenterology. In 2008, the graduating class dedicated their yearbook to him as a “small reminder of the role he has played in our lives ... and will continue to play as we become practicing physicians.” He served as director of Senior Services of Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret, and an infant son. He is survived by two daughters, Emily Seelbinder and Betty Sutton; a son, Henry; and four grandchildren.

Ben M. Seelbinder, June 12, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. He was professor emeritus of mathematics at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, graduated from Delta State University and received his PhD from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was teaching mathematics at the University of Alabama when the late Ivey Gentry (’40), chair of mathematics at Wake Forest, visited him. Six years later Gentry wrote Seelbinder a one-line letter offering him a place at Wake Forest. Seelbinder said he didn’t remember sending any transcripts, letters or recommendations, but just said “yes” and came to Wake Forest, teaching from 1959 until 1989, where he was also director of records and institutional research. He was a founding member of the N.C. Association for Institutional Research. After retirement, he demonstrated the skills of an 18th-century tailor at the Single Brothers House in Old Salem. He calculated at one point that he had produced by hand at least six lined waistcoats, three linen nightshirts and three pairs of britches while talking to thousands of children as they toured the shop. He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Margaret, and an infant son. He is survived by two daughters, Emily Seelbinder and Betty Sutton; a son, Henry; and four grandchildren.

Opal C. Weatherly, April 9, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC. She was a retired library technician for the Wake Forest University School of Law. She and her husband, Royce Raymond Weatherly, the superintendent of buildings at Wake Forest from 1947 to 1981, moved with the College to Winston-Salem in 1956. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by a son, Royce Jr. (’80); a daughter, Marcia; and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Wait Chapel. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Church, PO Box 7326, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.
Symposium celebrates poetry, art of A.R. Ammons

“Single Threads Unbraided,” a celebration of the work of poet and alumnus A.R. Ammons (‘49, D. Litt. ’72), will be held Nov. 15–16 at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library. The symposium marks a homecoming for all things related to Ammons and will examine his poetry, art and letters as well as his contributions to American culture and the arts.

Scheduled speakers include Helen Vendler, A. Kingsley Porter University Professor at Harvard University; Eric Wilson (MA ’90), Thomas H. Pritchard Professor of English at Wake Forest; and Kenneth McClane, W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Literature at Cornell University and Ammons’ close associate, who will discuss his legacy as a poet and artist.

Events will include a discussion of Ammons’ paintings, an original one-act play by Michael Huie (‘84) based on Ammons’ letters to his future wife, and a reading of favorite Ammons poems by Richard McBride and Wake Forest students.

Register at the Wake Forest Professional Development Center website. Ammons Symposium: cloud.lib.wfu.edu/blog/ammons
Registration: https://pdc.wfu.edu/register/1869